

The News Letter, September 2013

Apparently autumn doesn't officially begin until the Equinox around the 23rd September so we have almost a full month of summer left to enjoy. And with luck we will see a continuation of this season's good weather. In happy accord with this opportunity to enjoy the countryside, this month's edition seems to have a theme of making the most of our outdoors...

Enjoy a panoramic view!

At the end of the month is our annual chance to get a completely different view of our parish by climbing up the steps of the Church Tower to the top. This is quite an adventure for children and an occasion for trepidation even for adults, but well worth the effort, especially if it's a clear day. Fortunately there will be refreshments available when you finally emerge back at 'base camp'. For details please see the church-wardens' report on page 5.

Village Clean up

Naturally our views are only going to be as good as we make them and the village has very much benefitted in recent years from the annual and now twice-annual litter picking and general tidy-up days organised by the parish council. "Many hands make light work" and there's often a lot of enjoyment to be had working with others to clear an area, so to see if you are free on that day turn to page 17 and read all the details.

Clay Pigeons Quiz night

For the shooting fraternity the game season is starting and it's time to get some practice in! In true YFC spirit a day has been organised that will combine sporting enjoyment and raising money for some worthy charities. To read about this and everything else the Young Farmers are doing see page 11.

Art Shows

If you like to surround yourself with the beauty of the countryside even on the wettest and darkest of days then you have several opportunities to fill your house with art this autumn. Close on the heels of the recent art show at Dunsford are three weekends at Caribarn Studio during this coming month (see page 18) and then, if you are prepared to travel a little further afield there

are details of another exhibition in the Teign Valley in our News from Elsewhere on page 22.

Village Show Results

A celebration of all that our parish produces was seen at the recent Village Show, with possibly the most entries ever (former show secretaries are hereby challenged to look out ancient score sheets and advise me if I am mistaken!). Turn to page 12 to read all about the show, and see the full results on page 13.

Thinking ahead to Harvest

The fields are a-buzz with tractors and combines even as I write this and no doubt the next few weeks will see the harvest over for another year and the autumn crops being sown. The churches of the parish, however, wait until the beginning of October before celebrating the end of harvest and are both holding their thanksgiving services in the same weekend. With a male voice choir, a harvest supper, and the traditional service at the parish church all happening at different times please see pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 for more information.

With best wishes for September from Jenny and the News-letter team.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 20th September at 6PM.
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Regular Meeting dates

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| Parish Council Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969 | <i>every second Monday evening in the month</i> |
| Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446 | <i>every second Saturday in the month</i> |
| Playgroup Contact: Christine Grist 281205 | <i>Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.00 – 11.30, Thurs 9 – 3.20 “Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Wednesdays. All during term time only</i> |
| Scouts Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706695928 | <i>every Monday evening during term time</i> |
| Cubs Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375 | <i>every Thursday during term time</i> |
| Pilates Contact Adele 07976 427941 | <i>every Friday morning, 9.25 am and 10.30 am, during term time</i> |
| West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264 | <i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i> |
| Horticultural Society Contact: Persis Bower 24303 | <i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i> |
| West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637 | <i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i> |
| Short Mat Bowling Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582 | <i>every Wednesday, Sept – May</i> |
| Baby Clinic The Surgery 24272 | <i>every Thursday 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)</i> |
| Young Farmers Contact: Rachel Retter 07792 518439 | <i>every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings</i> |
| Cubs Contact: Keith Chard 01392 811287 | <i>every Thursday evening during term time</i> |
| Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840 | <i>usually every last Thursday and/or Friday of month 9.30 – 12.30</i> |

***Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page.
Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what
goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?***

The Mobile Library

Crockernwell: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

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| Stanbury's Orchard | Arrives 15.05 | Departs: | 15.25 |
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Cheriton Bishop: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

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| Glebelands | Arrives: 15.35 | Departs: | 16.05 |
| Hescane Park | 16.10 | | 16.40 |

[amended June 2013]

Diary Dates for September

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| Wednesday 4 th | Acorn Lunch | Coach House | 12.30 pm |
| 7-8 th , 13-15 th , 20-22 nd | Open Studio weekends | Caribarn Studio | 11 am – 6 pm |
| Wednesday 11 th | Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's | | |
| Saturday 14 th | Devon Historic Churches Ride & Stride | | |
| Sunday 15 th | Quiz Night | Old Thatch Inn | 8 pm |
| Monday 16 th | "Pop in for a Chat" | Spalding Hall | 2 – 4 pm |
| Monday 16 th | A Talk - Gardening in the shade | Spalding Hall | 8 pm |
| Tuesday 17 th | Acorn Annual General Meeting | Walled Garden, Dunsford | 7.30 pm |
| Thursday 19 th | Acorn Lunch | Kings Arms | 12.30 pm |
| Saturday 21 st | Autumn Litter Pick | Stone Cross | 9.30 am |
| Sunday 22 nd | YFC Clay Pigeon Shoot | Bowbeer Farm | 10 – 4 pm |
| Wednesday 25 th | Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's | | |
| Friday 27 th | Macmillan Coffee Morning | Caribarn Studio | 10.30-12 noon |
| Sunday 29 th | Open Tower Afternoon | Parish Church | 2.30 |
| | | (Concert at 4.30 pm) | |

Diary Dates for October

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| Friday 4 th | Decorating the Church for Harvest | Parish Church | 2 pm |
| Friday 4 th | Harvest Thanksgiving Service | Village Hall | 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 5 th | Harvest Supper | Village Hall | 6.30 for 7 pm |
| Sunday 6 th | Harvest Festival | Parish Church | 6 pm |
| Wednesday 8 th | Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's | | |
| Saturday 12 th | SCF Craft Fair | Village Hall | 10 – 4 pm |
| Saturday 19 th | Singing Day | Parish church | |
| | | (With performance at 4.30 pm or so) | |

Forthcoming Events for 2013

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| Saturday 2 nd November | Christmas Fair | Village Hall | 10 - 4 pm |
| Saturday 16 th November | Hort. Society Annual Dinner | Village Hall | |

If your organisation has a one-off event planned for later this year why not let other organisations know in advance so that dates don't clash?

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area
please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: www.cheritonbishop.org.uk
Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: anthonydbott@aol.com

District Councillor's comments

As we enter the later stages of summer we can say this year that we have had a really good summer – in direct contrast to 2012!

We are grateful to MDDC for the newly erected fence of galvanised steel on one side of the children's play area bordering the car park. I have asked MDDC to also erect a fence at the bottom of Glebelands where the steps go down to the Church Lane. It is certainly needed now and would improve still further this area with the colourful flower border that has been created there.

At the time of writing this I am sorry to say the street lights from the shop to Glebelands on the Yeoford Road have still not been repaired. I will contact Devon County Highways again and remind them of their promise that the lights would be working by August 13th!

The Planning Committee at Mid Devon approved the planning application at Medland Lane at its July meeting, which was arranged earlier than expected. It involves the construction of two farm buildings and a farm manager's house. The Action Group were at the meeting in good number and asked relevant questions and, along with Councillor Mitchell and myself, they spoke against the application. Since the approval was granted, concerns have been registered with Mid Devon Planning over their decision.

On Saturday, September 21st we have our Autumn litter-pick. The various groups, organisations and shows in Cheriton Bishop are all well run – something you should all be proud of, but with the litter-pick, we all need to continue to pull together to maintain the high standard that Cheriton Bishop has shown for many years.

Derek Coren Cllr MDDC

West Down Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving Service

On Friday October 4th at 7.30pm

In Cheriton Bishop Village Hall
with

Exeter Male Voice Praise

Refreshments at the close

Quiz Night Returns!

The Old Thatch is pleased to announce the return of the Fun Quiz on Sunday September 15th starting at 8pm. Entry is £1 per player with prizes not only for the top team, but also others too!

There's a second chance to win with the Snowball jackpot which starts at £20 and will accumulate! See you there!

Singing Day Saturday 19th October

A reminder than it is now time to let me know if you want to join us in the Church on 19th October as we prepare a rehearsed sing through of **Mozart's Requiem**. We have an excellent conductor - in charge of the choir and music at Plymouth's RC Cathedral - good food available during the breaks and probably a large choir as the event is likely to be popular. There is no charge although most people respond to my invitation to make a donation to cover the costs of the day and generate funds for the Church. I can easily email you the details (billjeffery@talktalk.net) or phone me 01647 24414.

For those who would just like to hear the results of a day's hard but enjoyable work we shall give our 'performance' at 4:30 or so, so please mark the date in your diaries.

Bill Jeffery

Churchwarden's News.

I am sure that some will have noticed that the churchyard has not been as well kept as usual this year. Due to the weather, the grass grew too long early in the season and then was difficult to get under control again. We also left one area to grow wild as an experiment. In the northern end of the churchyard, between the church and the school, there are many graves with kerbstones which are close together, making it impossible to mow and difficult to trim. The P.C.C. would like to remove the kerbstones, (but NOT the headstones), but is anxious not to cause distress to those who have relatives buried in that section. Most of those graves date from the early 1930s to the 1960s, so are half a century old and the current whereabouts of the relatives is often unknown. If you have a family grave with kerbstones in that section, or know of anybody who does could you please get in contact with one of the churchwardens? When we have consulted with as many families as we can trace, we then have to get permission from the church authorities to change things so it will be a fairly long process.

Do you have problems remembering the times of church services? Does this stop you from coming to church? We are currently considering whether it is possible to have services at the same time each week. As Martin has 4 parishes plus Oldridge and Pathfinder churches we all have to agree and only if a majority of churches want to try a new pattern can we change. As part of the consultation process all the regular members of the congregation are being approached by somebody from the P.C.C., but if you are an occasional attendee and would like us to take on board your ideas please contact one of the churchwardens.

September 14th Devon Historic Churches sponsored 'Ride and Stride'. Details from Janet.

On September 29th, Sunday afternoon, there is an Open Tower afternoon. Starting at 2.30pm the tower will be open for those wishing to climb to the top. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church, and at 4.30pm the church choir will sing a short concert before the bell ringers give us a demonstration of their skills. There is no charge. Choir practices will be on Friday evenings during September at 7pm in church – you are welcome to come and sing with us even if you worry about the high notes and do not read music!

The first weekend in October is Harvest Festival. The church will be decorated on Friday 4th at 2pm and we hope some of those who came to the flower arranging sessions will want to help.

Janet Jeffery 24414 Alan Greenslade 24002

Call for Choristers

The Church's Occasional Choir welcomes everybody prepared to give up their time on 4 or 5 Friday nights to prepare music for an up-coming Church festival. There is no audition and many now coming regularly were absolute beginners with no choral experience who don't read music but like to sing a tune. If you want to give us a try, we're preparing for our 'Open Tower' concert and for Harvest Festival at the moment. We'll make every effort to welcome you.

Bill Jeffery

Cheriton Bishop
Annual Harvest Supper

In the
Village Hall

Saturday 5th October 2013
6.30 for 7 pm

Local produce prepared by local cooks

Home Grown Entertainment & Auction

*(If you have any vegetables you would like to donate
for auction please bring them along)*

£5 per head – Children under 11 years half price
*Cider and Apple Juice will be provided,
but you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine if you prefer.*

**If you would like to bring a pudding to share,
that would be much appreciated**

*There are only 80 seats so please book early
to avoid disappointment!*

Ring Tim Gorrington 24789 or Jenny Grist 281110

*Any profits will go half to Action Aid
and half to Farm Crisis Network*

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP
AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY 1st

| | | | |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 9am | Whitestone | <i>Trinity 14</i> | |
| 9.30 | Holcombe Burnell | Holy Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringe |
| 11am | Tedburn St Mary | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | Family Service | Revd Martin Wood |
| 6pm | Cheriton Bishop | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| | | Evening Prayer | Lay Led |

SUNDAY 8th

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|------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8am | Tedburn St Mary | <i>Trinity 15</i> | |
| 9.30 | Holcombe Burnell | Holy Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringe |
| 9.30 | Whitestone | Holy Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringe |
| 11am | Cheriton Bishop | Parish Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | Family Service | Revd Martin Wood |
| | | Prayer and Fellowship | |

SATURDAY 14th

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| 6pm | Whitestone | Saturday Surprise | Revd Martin Wood |
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SUNDAY 15th

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| 9.30 | Cheriton Bishop | <i>Trinity 16</i> | |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | Parish Communion | Canon John Tutton |
| 6pm | Holcombe Burnell | Harvest Praise | Revd Martin Wood |
| 7pm | Tedburn St Mary | Evensong | Lay Led |
| | Village Hall | Praise | Revd Martin Wood |

SUNDAY 22nd

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|------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8am | Cheriton Bishop | <i>Trinity 17</i> | |
| 9.30 | Tedburn St Mary | Holy Communion | Revd Prof Tim Gorringe |
| 11am | Holcombe Burnell | Parish Communion | Revd Martin Wood |
| 3pm | Pathfinder | Family Service | Revd Martin Wood |
| 6pm | Whitestone | United service | |
| | | Harvest Praise | Revd Martin Wood |

SUNDAY 29th

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| 10.30am | Whitestone | <i>Michael and All Angels</i> | |
| | | Team Communion | Revd Martin Wood |

EACH THURSDAY

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| 10.30 | Pathfinder | Holy Communion | Revd Martin Wood/ Canon Geoffrey Moore |
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A warm welcome to all who attend our services. Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.

From the Rector

Letting go and moving forward

As we make the transition from summer to autumn there is sometimes both a reluctance to let go of the possibilities summer brings and an apprehensive acceptance to embrace autumn. It is the same with many other transitions from the familiar to the unknown. If your children move to a different school over the summer holidays, they may be excited by the new opportunities a new school offers, or the thought of the unfamiliar may bring real anxieties.

These transitions in our life situations or in the world around us have to be negotiated; we have no choice. We do not often have the ability to stop them or opt out, we have to carry on. But equally we recognise that the changes themselves are more often temporary, winter will replace autumn and the Christmas holidays will replace the school term. Very few changes will last forever, most will change and change again. For this reason we are constantly growing and learning. It is never a good place to be where we stop growing and learning, because sadly we get left behind. A good reminder of this fact, is to revisit a place we have not been to for many years, it will be familiar but also different. There will be new people we do not know and new buildings that have been built and old things replaced and trees will have matured into greater stature.

I was walking through a park and came across a plaque that said that the tree was grown from an acorn by the primary school in 1904. The tree was large and beautiful and the school children will have grown up and died. I was left to admire its beauty and marvel at the legacy that had been left through it. Those children in 1904 had unwittingly left a legacy for many to enjoy. It is also true that we do not know what will last and what will fade away. It is worth challenging ourselves with what sort of legacy are we leaving future generations.

We are reminded that one of the things that lasts forever is love. We remember loving acts that we have received for all our lives, often long after that person has died. It is somehow a glimpse of the eternal. It is no wonder that we regard God as both loving and forgiving. There is a sense of both the eternal and endless possibilities as we think of God. I think we need to consider two questions when we deal with change in our lives. Firstly, are we leaving a legacy that enables others to flourish and grow? Secondly, are we being drawn away from God or drawn closer to God? I think in our heart of hearts we know the right answers to these big questions.

Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday)

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for September 2013

Sunday 1st September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Robert Blake

Sunday 8th September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Steve Aplin

Sunday 15th September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

Sunday 22nd September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service
Mr Maurice Hockridge

Sunday 29th September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service
Mr Roy Down

Home prayer fellowship meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm

And please remember!: Friday October 4th Harvest Thanksgiving with Exeter Male Voice Praise (details on page 4)

If there are any families in the village who need more information regarding the meetings or transport, please contact one of the above telephone numbers.

Holy Trinity Yeoford

Songs of Praise at Yeoford was a wonderful service led by Revd. Nigel Guthrie. The congregation had chosen hymns remembered from Sunday school. The tea was served in church as the rain prevented us having it in the garden.

We said farewell to John and Ali Lacy who have done so much for Yeoford for many years. A presentation in gratitude was made and we will miss them.

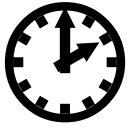
The Café will start on September 9th in the church from 9 till 12 every Monday morning. We hope many of our readers will be able to come and join us for coffee or tea and cakes. Everyone will be very welcome so come for a chat and a catch up with your friends and neighbours.

Services for September:

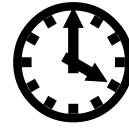
September 15th 9-30 Holy Communion

September 22nd 9-30 Harvest Festival Holy Communion

Welcome to all
Carol Price



pop in for a chat and a drink



**and catch up on all the local news,
maybe meet someone you haven't met before**

**at
The Spalding Hall
between 2pm and 4pm
on Monday 16th September**

There will be **no charge** but, at the request of several of our regular attendees, we shall now be putting out a receptacle for any small no-obligation donations towards costs.

Good choice of drinks - in addition to the usual tea and coffee we have decaf and hot chocolate, herbal teas and cool juices, plus biscuits.

Open to absolutely everyone! It will be a pleasure to see who pops in.

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| Need a lift from your home? | ring Paul 24405 beforehand and we'll arrange to come and fetch you whenever you are ready to come and go |
| A carer? | could you do with some 'time out'? |
| Taking the dog for a walk? | call in on your way home |
| New to the village? | come and say hello |
| Out for a stroll? | call in on your way past |
| Picking the kids up from school? | come in for a few minutes while you wait |
| Just fancy a chat? | come on down Church Lane (the Spalding Hall is next door to the school)! |

Cheriton and Tedburn YFC update

First of all thank you to everyone that supported our Charity Barn Dance back at the beginning of July. It was a good evening and thanks must go to the Strong family for allowing us to hold the event at their farm. A profit of £860 was made on the night, which will be put into our charity account to add to the money we have already raised.

We have recently had our Group Rally at Okehampton Show where members entered classes from tallest thistle to chocolate chip cookies. The club was well represented and won the shield for the club with the most points. Chris Berry also picked up the cup for the boy with the most points and Holly Gilbert won the cup for the junior with the most points, so a very good day for the club.

The season of speaking competitions has started again and we had a great start by winning the Group round of the Braintrust competition and having 3 members selected to go on to the next round. We then had the Group round of Call My Bluff and Junior Public Speaking and C+T's teams came 2nd and 3rd in the Call My Bluff and 1st in the Junior Public Speaking. Louise Putt and Holly Gilbert were chosen to go through to the county round for Junior Public Speaking and Bryony Berry, Vicki Gilbert and myself were selected to go on to the county round for the under 21 Call My Bluff team.

It'll soon be Tedburn Fair and this year we have got a cake stall and are doing a sheep shearing demonstration, so come and see us there.

Coming up on Sunday 22nd September we have our annual Charity Clay Shoot at Bowbeer Farm, Drewsteignton, 10 till 4. This year the profit will be split between the two young farmers' charities of the year (Motor Neurone Disease Association and Spring Intensive Care Unit) and the Papworth Hospital Charity Trust. These three charities have all been chosen to support three local men. There is a BBQ and raffle on the day as well as the shooting. Teams of four can enter or you can enter as individuals. There is £100 prize money for the winning team and £30 for the top over- and under-21 individual.

It is always good to have new members join the club and as the new YFC year approaches we welcome anyone between the ages of 10 and 26 to come along and join in. If you are interested or want any information call/text the club mobile 07792518439.

Rachel Retter – Secretary

Winter Craft Fair

Following our successful spring events **Cheriton Bishop Embroidery Group** have decided to hold a **Winter Craft Fair** from **10.00 – 4.00** on **Saturday 2nd November** in **Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**. There will be individually handcrafted goods for sale as well as trade stands, an exhibition, hamper raffle, produce stall and the usual yummy refreshments. Do come for Christmas presents or even to just treat yourself!

Barbara Cross

(More details in the coming months)

CHERITON BISHOP HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show: A new show secretary's perspective or 'Oh my goodness I had no idea what went on behind the scenes'

What a fantastic show, 55 people entered a whopping 463 entries ranging from vegetables, fruit, flowers, produce and crafts. It was great to see new faces, those that hadn't entered for a while, children; along with the regular show goers.

As the hall filled with tense excited 'exhibitors' the months of preparation and huge effort by all the committee came together to create a lovely show. The Village Show HQ, a.k.a. the table and chair cupboard, swung into hi tech action with laptops, spread-sheets and printers at the fore to do the vital calculations after the judging. And then fizzled out. We think the hall cupboard feng shui just didn't work for the rather sensitive printer! All I can say is it's a good job a very calm former show secretary and treasurer were on hand with paper and pencils!

Next year should we do online entry forms, virtual exhibits, prize money via paypal and print your own certificate at home?**NO WAY!** Its far more fun as it is!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a great day

Louise Smith

READY STEADY GO...

'Hort Soc' meetings are ready to go. We begin a new season of talks on 16 September. We begin with Joan Tolley talking about Shade Loving Plants. Joan is a talented embroiderer as well as a keen gardener. Many in Cheriton Bishop know her and we are looking forward to an informative and interesting evening. She will be bringing some plants to sell to members, so bring your purses.

The club meets on the third Monday of the month at the Spalding Hall.

We love to welcome new members. Please call Persis Bower on 01647 24303 if you would like to join us, or turn up on the night. Subscription is £5.00 a year.

One of the benefits of membership is to receive a discount on your seeds, with the group sending in their orders together to DT Brown. Seed Catalogues will soon be available at our up and coming meetings – so be sure to join and receive your copy!

Something to look forward to later this autumn is the Annual Dinner, which will again be held in the Village Hall. This year the date is Saturday November 16th.

The meetings diary for this year includes a gardening quiz, making Christmas decorations with plants from the garden, a talk on grafting plants and much more.

During September you might like to think about putting in a few more daffodil and other spring flower bulbs with the Spring Show in mind. The show takes place at the end of March so be sure to grow some varieties that are expected to flower then!

Jane Jones

Village Show Results

(Arrangements are being made to get the cups engraved and they will be with the winners soon)

| AWARD | <i>For</i> | <i>Runner up</i> | <i>No of points</i> | <i>WINNER</i> | <i>No of points</i> |
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| Pre-School Mug | Most points under fives | Amy Lockyer | 6 | William Jeffrey | 15 |
| Charlotte Cup | 5 – 7 years | Thomas Carter | 5 | Jack Lockyer James Unsworth | 8 8 |
| Junior Cup | 8 – 11 years | Libby Ley | 8 | Adam Barclay | 24 |
| Senior Cup | 12 – 14 years | William Barclay | 17 | Thomas Barclay | 19 |
| Flower Cup | Most points flowers | Persis Bower | 17 | Joyce Ganderton | 61 |
| Vegetable Cup | Most points in vegetable section | Steven Reed | 59 | Nick Vaughan | 104 |
| Wilf Rice Fruit Bowl | Winner of Class B26 | Janet Grist | 7 | Nick Vaughan | 10 |
| Checkers Cup | Best exhibit in Cookery & Preserves section | | | Sally Burton with her cupcakes | |
| Floral Art Cup | Most points in Floral Art section | Persis Bower | 16 | Jennie Cornewall-Walker | 20 |
| Pett Cup | Most points in Flower & Floral Art sections | Persis Bower | 33 | Joyce Ganderton | 65 |
| Ladies Cup | Most points in Cookery & Handicrafts sections | Janet Grist | 38 | Sally Burton | 50 |
| Joker's Cup | Most points in the Joker's Cup classes | Robert O'Neil | 7 | Ruth Unsworth | 10 |
| Novice Cup | Novice with most points in all sections | - | | Steven Reed | 59 |
| The Banksian Medal RHS | Most points in Flower & Vegetable sections, by exhibitor who has not won the medal in the last two years | Steven Reed | 74 | Nick Vaughan | 104 |
| Challenge Cup | Winner of the most points overall | Nick Vaughan | 114 | Joyce Ganderton | 126 |

Acorn Lunches

WEDNESDAY 4th September at
The Coach House 12.30

Chicken and Ham Pie, Dessert, Tea or Coffee
£6.50

I NEED YOUR BOOKING BEFORE MONDAY 2nd

THURSDAY 19th September at
The Kings Arms 12.30

Carvery

I NEED YOUR BOOKING BEFORE MONDAY 16th

Telephone Jean on 01647 24586. Tell her if you need a lift.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Are now having 2 lunches a month: 5th September Woodleigh Coach House and 19th September Kings Arms for a carvery. If you would to come along please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are 11th, 25th September and 8th October. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 12th, 26th September and 10th October. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Strawberry Hill – This month it will be Tuesday 10th, 24th September and 8th October. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

Acorn Services - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586.

New acorn website - We're pleased to announce that we now have our new website up and running. You can find us on www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Can you spare some time to be an Acorn volunteer ? - We need more volunteers to help run our expanding community support activities. Flexible times and with no regular commitment – just help when you can. A wide choice of activities from which to choose. Mileage allowance paid when using your car for patient transport to surgery, etc. Support and guidance from our professional part time staff. Training provided where appropriate. Helping those in need can be a rewarding 'feel good' experience. Interested? Call Jackie on 252701 for more details.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO PEOPLE'S LIVES, ITS GOOD TO VOLUNTEER

Acorn Annual General Meeting – Is to take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th September at The Walled Garden, Dunsford. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Jackie on 252701.

THE “SILLY SEASON” AGAIN!!!

It must be when Jeremy Paxman’s holiday beard has become one of the most discussed topics in the media!!

Usually we say that criminals don’t recognise late summer as not eventful. They make it eventful by cashing in on people leaving windows (and doors!) open and of course, going away on holidays leaving their homes very vulnerable.

The good news is that we have had no reports in our Villages of any criminal activity!

ROAD SAFETY

The objective of Neighbourhood Watch is to try to keep the villages safe and secure. This includes safety on the roads – some will remember we campaigned for a safer crossing at the junction of Yeoford Road and the C50 (the main road). Cllr Coren took the lead on this and came up against a barrier of lack of funds but he did at least get the “SLOW” sign re-instated legibly!

Now we have another “accident waiting to happen”. After the main road through the village, was resurfaced recently, the “White Lining” crew did not reinstate the continuous white line between Woodbrook Road and the “traffic calming” going towards Crockernwell.

This now means that vehicles can legally park on both sides of the road, outside Checkers Stores – and they do!! This, in our view, is highly dangerous not only because it is on the brow of a hill, but also it means that traffic “exiting” the shop car park does so “blind”. Furthermore, traffic turning right out of Yeoford Road is unsighted too. That is not to mention the speed at which traffic travels in both directions on this section of road.

Cllr Nick Way is convening a site meeting with Highways to hopefully sort this one out.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER, TONY HOGG, addressed a meeting in our Village Hall back in May. For those that did not attend, just to remind you that he is the voice of the people in our relationship with the Police – he has the power to translate our opinions, views and priorities into the Police and Crime Plan.

His Annual Report has now been published in which he says “I am fully aware that many people still have to be convinced about how effective the P&CC’s job can be, and I am confident that I will be able to prove the cynics and doubters wrong and make a positive difference”.

You can read his report by going to www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk and typing in “Annual Report” – it makes interesting reading!

AND FINALLY something different! (after all, it is the Silly Season!!)

Did you know, research has shown that singing in a choir is as good for your heart as doing Yoga?*. And in another bit of research, it was found that singing can be a stop to snoring! What is more, you don’t have to stay up all night singing!** So a couple of good reasons to join Bill Jeffery’s Occasional Church Choir, with practice starting on Friday 30th. August at St. Mary’s, 7.00 p.m. All welcome!

Brian W Bryon-Edmond, Deputy Co-ordinator NHW

*source “Frontiers of Neuroscience”

** source Malcolm Hilton ,Consultant Otolaryngologist, RD&E Exeter.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity say a very big THANK YOU to all the residents of the Supported Housing Scheme in Glebelands for their wonderful generosity in organising the special 'Send Off' and their gifts following my departure as their Resident Supported Housing Officer.

It has been a privilege to have spent the last 28 years in a job that I have truly loved and shall miss doing my welfare visits immensely. There have been many changes to the Supported Housing Service during my time and so many residents have come and gone from here in that time too. I can honestly say with my hand on my heart that I have had the best Supported Housing tenants of any of the Mid Devon District Council schemes – anyone would think I had hand picked them!!!

I would like to wish you all the very best for the future as the Service evolves once again, stay well, and remember I am still living here and my door is always open for a chat!

Thank you all once again

Carole Pye

Devon Air Ambulance Trust

At a recent function held to celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary, a collection was made for the above Trust, resulting in the magnificent sum of £600.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed so generously.

John and Betty Shepherd

Neighbourhood watch members as carers

In response to the Neighbourhood Watch article last month I'd like to give my view on the proposal/suggestion to give NHW members "carer status".

This small idea is hopefully going to start a debate and bring into the open the very tip of the iceberg of a much larger problem – How can we make a society that properly looks after its most vulnerable members?

It sounds like just another ploy by the Government to duck out of their responsibility regarding the care of the elderly and sick and conveniently dump it off onto voluntary groups. Also, on a practical level it would prove entirely unworkable as, presumably, every member would need to be CRB checked. On a cynical level it would open up all sorts of possibilities for criminals to get in on the act.

I think the Government should stop coming up with wild ideas and get on with planning properly for dealing with the ageing population which is going to grow and become an ever more serious problem as we all live longer.

I would say that their proposal has partly come about as they now realise that in closing so many of our 'cottage' hospitals they are forcing many elderly and sick people back into the community when they actually still need care and help.

Even elderly but relatively able people who want to remain in their own homes rather than move to a nursing home are not adequately covered. My own mother who is 92 and lives on Dartmoor cannot get any daily assistance from Social Services (even though she is entitled to it) because none of their employees will drive up onto the moor. She has to pay privately for the pleasure of being helped to get dressed each morning. I wonder how many people in the country are affected in this way when 'The System' fails at the grass roots level?

Anyway, back to the Neighbourhood Watch and *our* community! My hope is that we can all just keep on being the kind and caring group of people that we are now. Looking after each other when necessary without having to be 'organised' or 'registered' to do it.

And finally, a big thank you to all the people who, over the years, have helped me when I have needed it. THANK YOU.

Jan Mitchell

A name for our Gnome!

A big thank you to Elliot Ford for naming our adopted Gnome. We still have no idea where he came from but he appears very happy in our garden (he's always smiling anyway!).

Elliot named him "GREG". Thanks Elliot.

Sally Sellick

News from Elsewhere

Charity Garden Party

The Charity Garden party on the 13th July at Longdown raised £901 for ELF and the Samaritans. Many thanks to all those who supported the event in any way.

Jane and Pam

Doddiscombsleigh Art Show 2013

Parents, staff and children at Doddiscombsleigh Primary School are delighted to announce that the Doddiscombsleigh Art Show will be taking place at the Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow from the 1st to 3rd November 2013. At the new location there will be art work for sale from seventy predominantly South-West artists showcasing a broad spectrum of work including watercolours, pastels, oils, lino prints, etchings, pencil drawings, recycled plastic art, polymer clay, woodwork, photography, sculptures, jewellery and glassware.

Jo Clunie, Chair of the Art Show, comments "The range of phenomenally talented artists that we have attracted this year is incredible. The variation of work is breath-taking, from the beautiful oils of David Morgan, to the Science Fiction Fantasy Art of John Hurford to the incredible pencil drawings of Brian Ainsworth and we are particularly delighted to be exhibiting the amazing photography of Cheriton Bishop artist Andrew Gilbert. We pride ourselves on exhibiting a broad spectrum of art, across all price brackets so that there really is something for everyone".

A visitor from the 2011 show commented "you have to see it to believe it, what an INCREDIBLE art show – far better than any other art show I have ever attended and everyone is so welcoming and lovely. The atmosphere of fun, laughter and enjoyment is contagious".

The Art show will also incorporate a Craft Shop selling a range of unique and beautiful items, a delightful Café offering homemade light snacks, and Craft Activities for children in the afternoons. The show is open from 10am to 5pm on 1st and 2nd November and 10am to 1pm on 3rd November. For further information please visit www.doddiscombsleighartshow.co.uk or visit us via our Facebook page.

Holcombe Burnell Concerts in the Church.

Friday 4th October
7.30 pm

Ben and Alfie
(Vocals, Double bass and Violin)

Classically trained but arrange own music which has a strong
folksy feel, but textures of classical music are evident.
Inspired by old folk tunes, jazz, West African and South American Music

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