

**Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell**

# *Newsletter*

**December 2023 & January 2024**

*Double edition*



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# Useful Information

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## Doctors and Healthcare

**Doctors Surgery:** To make an appointment or speak to a doctor, 01647 24272, Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm (except Bank or statutory holidays)

**Out of Hours:** Call 111. **Emergency:** Call 999

**The Patient Group:** Amanda Vooght (Chair), 01647 24593, Steve Colderick (Secretary), 01647 24818

**TALKWORKS Depression & Anxiety Service** (South & West Devon): 0300 555 33 44

**Minor Injuries Unit:** Okehampton Medical Centre, 8.15am to 6pm, Monday to Friday

## Emergency Services

**Electricity:** 0800 365 900

**Gas:** 0800 111 999

**Water:** 0344 346 2020

**Highways Agency:** 0300 123 5000

**Streetlights, potholes:** 0345 155 1004, [csc.roads@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk)

## Police

**Non-emergency:** 101

**Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Jean Martin, 01647 24586

## Schools and Local Organisations

**Cheriton Bishop Primary School:** 01647 24817 (term time only)

Head Teacher: Peter Halford, Secretary: Mrs Jane Fielding, PTFA: Dee Studholme-Côté

**Cheriton Bishop Pre-school:** Play Leader: Christine Grist, [christine.grist@thelink.academy](mailto:christine.grist@thelink.academy)

**Acorn Community Support:** 01647 252701

**Beavers, Cubs & Scouts:** Ollie Milverton, 07706 695928

**Young Farmers:** Rebecca James, 07841 591772

**Walking Group:** Dennis Milton, 01647 272844 and Jon Whitehead, 01647 281454

**Farming Community Networks (FCNs) helpline:** 0300 111999 or Joanne Jones, 07897 540278

## Churches

**Anglican Team Ministry:** Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop, 01647 24119, Tuesday to Sunday  
Church Warden: Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

**West Down Chapel:** Derek Coren, 01647 24264

## Halls & Meeting Rooms

**Village Hall:** General enquiries: Jon Whitehead, 01647 281454. Booking: Peter O'Neill, 01647 243694

**Spalding Hall:** Jean Martin, 01647 24586 (if no reply after 24 hrs, call Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405)

**Flagmasters** Eddie & Fiona Hall, 01647 252966

## Local Authorities

### Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

Toby Ball, 01647 244100

Ian Cowley

Roger Marshall, 07707 893306

Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405

Peter O'Neill (Chair), 07932 660550

### Crockernwell Parish Councillors:

Peter Brennan (Chair), [p.brennan@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](mailto:p.brennan@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

### Parish Clerks:

Jane Clark (Cheriton Bishop), [clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk)

Lou Butler (Drewsteignton), 07764 683412

Jane Clark (Tedburn St Mary), 07932 386023

### Mid Devon District Councillors:

Martin Binks, [mbinks@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:mbinks@middevon.gov.uk)

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Stuart Penny, [spenny@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:spenny@middevon.gov.uk)

### Devon County Councillor:

Frank Letch (Cheriton Bishop), [frank.leitch@devon.gov.uk](mailto:frank.leitch@devon.gov.uk)

James McInnes (Drewsteignton), [james.mcinnnes@devon.gov.uk](mailto:james.mcinnnes@devon.gov.uk)

### West Devon Borough Councillor:

Steve Guthrie, [cllr.steve.guthrie@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.steve.guthrie@westdevon.gov.uk)

### Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA



# Welcome to the Newsletter

## Season's Greetings!

This is our double issue for December 2023 and January 2024 - and it is the biggest ever - enjoy!



There are a few items & events on the front cover, but there is so much more going on over the Christmas and New Year period. So, stay safe and well and enjoy a fabulous few weeks of Christmas cheer with family and friends (old and new)!

**Thursday 7th December** is 'Christmas Jumper Day', but you can celebrate on whatever day works for you! Please visit: [www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day) if you'd like to find out more.

Looking forward to 2024, the next newsletter deadline is on **Saturday 20th January**, which does seem far away, but it will be here before you can say 'Jack Frost'

Much love and best wishes,

Lucy x



## Classified Ads

**Looking to buy?  
Something to sell?  
Items to Free-Cycle?**

**FREE**

If you would like to advertise your items in our Classifieds section, please email: [cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com)

## Newsletter Team

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### Ads in the White Pages (per issue):

- Black & White: Full page = £25
- Black & White: Half page = £12.50
- Colour: Full page = £50

Please email [cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com)

### Flyer Inserts

**We can insert an A4 Flyer, single or double-sided. Please supply 200 copies**

- Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £10

Please email Jo at [cheritonads@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonads@gmail.com)

## Yellow Pages Ads

If you would like to advertise in our Yellow Pages section, please email [cheritonads@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonads@gmail.com)

# Regular Diary Dates

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## Meetings, Hobbies & Interests

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**Art @ Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton:** Every last Friday of the month 9.30am - 12.30pm

Contact: Sue Bloomfield - 01647 24840

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**Beavers (6 - 8 yrs):** Every Thursday (term time only). Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

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**Cheriton Bishop Baby & Toddler Group:** Fridays, 9am - 11am, School Hall. Find us on Facebook

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**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club:** The first Tuesday of each month at The Kings Arms

Contact: Jean Martin - 01647 24586

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**Cubs (8 - 10 yrs):** Thursdays (term time only). Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

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**Curry & Quiz Night:** The third Sunday of each month at The Old Thatch Inn

Contact: The Fun Quiz @ The Old Thatch on Facebook.

To be added to the *WhatsApp* group list, message JT - 07717 148550

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**Folk Group - Folkus:** Every Friday evening from 8pm

Contact: Jenny Grist - 01647 281110 or email - [jennyjanegrist@outlook.com](mailto:jennyjanegrist@outlook.com)

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**Gardening Club:** Every third Monday evening in the month (Autumn & Winter)

Contact: Janet Jeffery - 01647 24414

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**Open Mic Night:** Monthly at The Old Thatch Inn. Check Newsletter and Facebook for dates.

Contact: Steve Colderick - [colderick@btinternet.com](mailto:colderick@btinternet.com)

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**Parish Council:** Every second Monday evening in the month

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**Pre-School:** Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3.15pm, Contact: Christine Grist - 01647 281205

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**Scouts (10 - 14 yrs):** Monday evenings (term time). Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

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**Short Mat Bowling** - Mondays, 2pm - 4.30pm, Village Hall. Contact: David Tripp - 01647 24582

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**Tea @ The Hub - Acorn:** Fortnightly on a Friday, 2-4pm at YFC Hub

Contact: Mandy or Fran - 01647 252701 or 07775 813 676

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**Walking Group:** For daytime walks see the CB Walking Group Facebook page

Contact: Dennis Milton - 01647 272844 or Jon Whitehead - 01647 281454

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**West Country Embroiderers:** Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

Contact: Elaine Clark - [elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk). Website: [wcecheritonbishop](http://wcecheritonbishop)

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**Young Farmers:** Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening in the month

Contact: Rebecca James - 07841 591772

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### *Keep this Info Page Up-to-Date*

Please email [cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com) if you need to add a fixture, or update / delete details and information in this section. Thank you.

# Dates for your Diary

## December 2023

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3rd	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch	7pm
5th	Acorn Christmas Lunch	The Kings Arms	12.30pm
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8th	Tea @ The Hub	YFC Hub	Page 12
9th	A Causley Christmas	St Mary's Church	7pm
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10th	PTFA Xmas Quiz	The Old Thatch	Page 7
11th	Acorn Christmas Carols	Higher Ashton	7pm
12th	Acorn Outing	Otter Nurseries	Page 12
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16th	Xmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30am
16th	Christmas Fayre	YFC Hub	1-4pm
17th	Curry & Quiz Night	The Old Thatch	Page 8
18th	GC Decoration Making	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
20th	Shopping at Sainsburys	Acorn	Page 12

## January 2024

2nd	WCE Meeting	YFC Hub	12-4pm
8th	Short Mat Bowling	Cheriton Bishop VH	2pm
9th	Acorn New Year Lunch	The Kings Arms	12.30pm
13th	Asian Street Food	Ground Up Cookery	Page 4
15th	Gardening Club Quiz	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
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## Copy Deadline

All articles and information for the **February 2024** edition of the newsletter, needs to be received before:

**Saturday 20th January 2024**

### Editorial:

Lucy Cooper  
cheritonnews@gmail.com  
**01647 272765**

### Advertising:

Jo Carter  
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## Mobile Library

### Tuesday 23rd January

Village	Stop	Arrives	Departs
Drewsteignton	Square	12:10	12:30
Clifford Bridge	Clifford Bridge	13:30	13:50
Crockernwell	Stanbury's Orchard	14:10	14:40
Cheriton Bishop	Glebelands	14:50	15:45

### Visits in 2024:

20th February,  
19th March, 16th April,  
14th May, 11th June,  
9th July, 6th August,  
3rd September,  
1st & 29th October,  
26th November

# What's On?

## Christmas Tree Lights & Raffle

**Saturday 2nd December, 6pm,  
Hescane Park, Cheriton Bishop**

Come and enjoy a sausage roll, mince pie and a cup of mulled wine with carol singing. Please bring your own cup!

*With grateful thanks to Barry Lamacraft for the donation of this years Christmas tree.  
All donations to Devon Air Ambulance.*



## Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

Our next walk will be on **Sunday 3rd December** at Fingle Bridge followed by our customary carvery lunch in the Fingle Bridge Inn. Anyone wishing to join us for lunch, please let us know ASAP in order to reserve a place. You do not need to walk first!

For the next few of months, our walks depend on the weather, so please see our *Facebook* page or join our mailing list for updates.

**Jon & Dennis**



## Christmas Concert Dunsford Singers

**Sunday 3rd December, 4.30pm, St Mary's Church, Dunsford and Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm, TVCH, Christow**

The bright carolling baroque mass, *Messe De Minuit sur des Airs de Noël*.  
Featuring: **Marc-Anthoine Charpentier** and orchestra with christmas carols.

**[www.dunsfordsingers.co.uk](http://www.dunsfordsingers.co.uk)**

## Open Mic Night

**Sunday 3rd December,  
7pm start, The Old Thatch Inn**

It's a great night of music and fun with our talented, local musicians. There's also the opportunity to dust off your guitar and have a go. We have a small PA set up available, or you can play acoustically if you prefer. Hope to see you there!

Open Mic will be taking a break in January, so look out for us the February 2024 issue.

**Steve Colderick, [colderick@btinternet.com](mailto:colderick@btinternet.com)**



## Ground Up Cookery School

### Christmas Baking Workshop

**Sunday 3rd December, 9am - 1pm, £60**

The skills that you will take home include, baking, pastry making, making a crème pat, chocolate ganache and boozy cream and cake decorating. Whilst having Christmassy fun and we will do all the clearing up! Children are welcome if paying full ticket price and accompanied by a full paying adult.

For more details and booking, please visit: **[www.groundupcookeryschool.co.uk](http://www.groundupcookeryschool.co.uk)**  
Call: **01647 782022** Email: [taste@groundupcookeryschool.co.uk](mailto:taste@groundupcookeryschool.co.uk)  
Higher Fingle Farm, Crockernwell, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6NP

### Asian Street Food

**Saturday 13th January, 9.30am - 4pm, £155**

This delicious style of cooking is all the rage now. So, join us and travel the world in one day, learning how to make some of the worlds finest street food dishes using authentic ingredients and techniques to create a range of dishes from across Asia. A full day of top tips and chef's secrets to make life in the kitchen easier!





# What's On?

## Christmas Festivities



*at Holcombe Burnell Church*

**From Monday 4th December**

Memory Tree: Please visit and adorn the tree with your memory

**Saturday 16th December**

**11am - 1pm** Climb the tower and view the bells

**1pm - 4pm** Christmas Carol flower arrangements with tea, coffee and cakes

**Sunday 17th December**

**11am - 1pm** Christmas Carol flower arrangements with tea, coffee and cakes

**6pm** Candlelight Carol Service followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

*Come and join us in celebrating Christmas*

## Acorn Friends & Neighbours Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday 5th December, 12.30pm,  
The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary**

- Roast Turkey with Cranberry Stuffing & All-the-Trimings
- Rump Steak, Pepper Sauce, Chips & Tomato
- Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard
- Black Forest Christmas Sundae
- Tea or Coffee

£17 per person. Additional drinks ordered and paid for at the bar.

Please book before **30th November** with your lunch order, and to let me know if you will need a lift.

**Jean Martin**  
**01647 24586**



## Teign Valley Men's Sheds

**Wednesdays 6th, 13th & 20th December  
Every Wednesday in January  
9:30am to 12:30pm, Embercombe,  
Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ**

Coffee and tea will be available. Transport is available if required – a minibus (courtesy of Acorn) is available most weeks, at a cost of £5 per week. See contact details below.

### What are Men's Sheds?

'Sheds' are kitted-out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills – and for a bit of banter over a cup of coffee or tea. The current focus is on woodwork.

If you have skills to share, or you have very little or no experience and want to learn, then you will be very welcome! There is an annual membership fee of £10, and a session fee of £5 for each session.

### Contact Information

For further details or to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email [teignvalleyshed@gmail.com](mailto:teignvalleyshed@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome – don't miss an opportunity to meet new friends and learn / share some practical skills.

**Steve Cook**

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

# What's On?

## Christmas Tree Festival

**Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th December, Crediton Parish Church, EX17 2AH**

**Thu, Fri & Sun: 11am - 6pm**

**Saturday: 10am - 6pm**

Light refreshments (soup, sandwiches, and cakes) will be served in the Boniface Centre from 10am - 4.30pm each day (2pm - 4.30pm on Sunday).

Admission is free and there is disabled access to the church. As well as the trees in church, Bridge Books will have a selection of books and Christmas gifts, the church shop will also be open and there will be a bric-a-brac stall.

## Christmas Concert with 'Ad-Hoc' & CYO



**On Thursday 7th December at 7pm,** Local group 'Ad Hoc' will present a concert with the *Crediton Youth Orchestra*. £8 per ticket. Children go free. Bar during the interval. *All proceeds will go to Hospiscare*

For any queries or to book in a group please email [creditontreefestival@gmail.com](mailto:creditontreefestival@gmail.com)

## 'A Causley Christmas'

**Saturday 9th December, 7pm,  
St Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop**

Join Jim Causley in celebrating the Christmas season as he entertains you with lesser known West Country carols, and medieval & secular carols from around the British Isles.



He will also perform moving Christmas poems by his relative, the late Cornish poet Charles Causley as well as a gurt dollop of festive fun with songs of over-indulgence and even a spot of panto too!

If you are feeling a little dismayed with the over-commercialisation of 'Christmas present' then join Jim for a journey through Christmas past that will be guaranteed to get you in the festive spirit at the Parish Church, by candle light, with mulled wine & mince pies!

Tickets £12 from Chris: **01647 24419**  
Email: [chrisbrook.127@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbrook.127@gmail.com)

## The Chagford Singers Christmas Concert



**Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm,  
St. Michael's Church, Chagford**

Please join **The Chagford Singers** for an evening of Christmas and Advent music including:

*JS Bach: Sleepers, Wake!*

*Handel: Selection from Messiah*

*Holst: Long Ago Prophets Knew*

*Rutti: I Wonder as I Wander*

*Selection of Carols*

Tickets £10 (including mulled wine & mince pies) are available from Sally's Newsagents, Chagford or on the door.

For information about the concert and choir, please visit [www.chagfordsingers.co.uk](http://www.chagfordsingers.co.uk)



# What's On?

## PTFA Christmas QUIZ NIGHT

**Sunday 10th December, The Old Thatch,  
from 6.30pm - The Quiz starts at 8pm**

A fun & festive quiz night in support of the  
*Cheriton Bishop Primary School PTFA*  
with quizmaster JT from 'The Fun Quiz'!

Join us for a roast from 6.30pm (pre-  
booking required), £16 for roast and quiz  
entry or £3 per person for quiz only.

Book your team: [ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com](mailto:ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com)  
and please let us know of any dietary  
requirements if dining.

### Prize Draw Raffle

Tickets are on sale now for our Christmas  
Raffle - £1 per entry.

The draw will be on 15th December. Email/  
PayPal us at [ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com](mailto:ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com)

## Acorn Community Christmas Carols

**Monday 11th Dec, 7pm - 9pm, The  
Great Barn, Higher Ashton, EX6 7QP**

We are excited to announce our very  
first Acorn Community Christmas with:  
*The University of Exeter Chapel Choir*

We look forward to celebrating with you  
and your families at what promises to  
be a magical evening.

Tickets are £12 from our website at:  
**[www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)**

Mulled wine and mince pies included.

*Tickets are selling fast!*

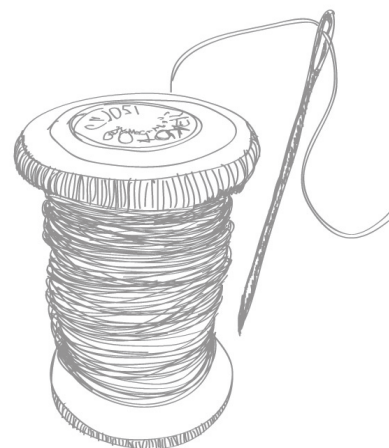


## West Country Embroidery, Textiles & Mixed Media

West Country Embroiderers was established 50 years ago as  
a friendly, welcoming and accessible organization promoting  
the art of traditional and modern embroidery. Sadly, the  
organization, which spans Dorset, Devon and Cornwall with  
over 25 groups, has closed due to lack of volunteers to take  
Committee roles. The 10 groups in Devon have  
decided to continue as independent groups, supporting each  
other with events, tutors and hopefully a website in the near  
future. Our Cheriton Bishop group has not quite decided on  
our new name, but from January 2024, will re-launch.

We are one of the largest groups in Devon with 24 members  
and hope to grow a little during the coming year. Please  
contact me via email if you interested in joining us or drop into  
the session.

**Elaine Clark**, [elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk)



## Christmas Party

**Tuesday 12th December,  
12 noon - 4pm, YFC Hub**

## January Meeting

**Tuesday 2nd January,  
12 noon - 4pm, YFC Hub**

# What's On?

## *Xmas Coffee Morning*

**Saturday 16th December,  
10.30am to 12 noon,  
Spalding Hall**

Mulled wine &  
mince pies...  
Raffle...

All are Welcome!

Raising funds for  
the Spalding Hall



## **Devon YFC**

## *Christmas Fayre*



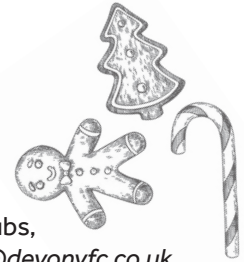
**Saturday 16th December, 1 - 4pm, YFC Rural Hub,  
Cheriton Bishop (opposite The Old Thatch Inn)**

Festive fun for all the family!

- Local gifts & crafts
- Raffle
- Festive refreshments

Devon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs,  
Telephone: **01647 24120**, Email: [admin@devonyfc.co.uk](mailto:admin@devonyfc.co.uk)

Registered Charity No: 1098759. Company Number: 4699221



## *The Fun Quiz!*

## **CURRY and Quiz Night**

**Sunday 17th December &  
Sunday 21st January 2024,  
from 6.30pm, The Old Thatch**

The Fun Quiz hosts quizzes on the third Sunday of each month, with really tasty curry options served from 6.30pm. The Quiz starts at 8pm.

### **Get the Latest Info**

Join the **WhatsApp** group to book your team table. Message JT on **07717 148550** to go on the list!

**Future Dates:** 18th February,  
17th March, 21st April

## *Gardening Club*

## **Decoration Making**

**Monday 18th December 7.30pm  
Spalding Hall**



As usual we shall be making wreaths and other seasonal decorations and enjoying some mulled wine and seasonal nibbles.

This evening is open to everybody without charge, including young people.

There will be plenty of greenery and help available but bring anything special you would like to add plus scissors and secateurs.

## **Annual Quiz**

**Monday 15th January, 7.30pm, Spalding Hall**

Members of Drewsteignton Gardening Club are invited too. The quiz is between teams of four, so it doesn't matter if you are not an expert gardener, the trick is to be in the same team as somebody who is!

There are prizes for the winners and booby prizes for the team who come last, with cakes and coffee in the middle for all.

**Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414**

# What's On?

## Short Mat Bowling

**Monday 8th January 2024, 2pm - 4.30pm, CB Village Hall**

Existing members, please diarise the above date and time to start bowling in our newly refurbished hall. You will each be contacted by phone nearer the time to confirm if there are any changes to the date.

If you are interested in joining our club, please contact me on **07775 813 676** or **01647 24582**, prior to any attendance. We can then confirm your interest and discuss our procedures.



Wishing you all a Happy Christmas. We look forward to resuming our club in the New Year.

**David Tripp**

*Chairman of Cheriton Bishop SMBC*

## Acorn Friends & Neighbours

### New Year Lunch

**Tuesday 9th January, 12.30pm,  
The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary**  
*One week later than usual*

Join friends and neighbours for lunch at the pub with Acorn Community Support. We meet the first Tuesday of every month.

We would love to see new faces, so call me on **01647 24586**, tell me your choice of menu, and come join us.

We have a choice of 3 mains and 2 desserts for £11 per person. Menu choices are:

- Cottage Pie and Seasonal Vegetables.
- Chefs Fishcake with Chips and Salad
- Baked Camembert in a box with Warm Baguette
- Fruit Crumble and Custard
- Ice Cream

Please call before **5th January** with your order, and to let me know if you need a lift.

**Jean Martin, 01647 24586**

## The Chagford Singers

### Calling All Singers!



**Wednesday 10th January, 7.30pm - 9.30pm,  
Jubilee Hall, Chagford**

Do you enjoy choral singing? Would you like to spend Wednesday evenings each week singing with like-minded people? Then consider joining the Chagford Singers.

We welcome new members across all voice and age ranges. Although previous experience and/or sight-reading skills are useful, anyone interested in learning and performing choral music is welcome. The level of experience varies within the choir and we support each other in mastering the music.

Rehearsals are relaxed, friendly and (we like to think) good fun! We start rehearsing Haydn's Creation for a performance on **11th May**, and will hold a workshop on **29th June**.

If you have been thinking of taking up or resuming choral singing, please come to a rehearsal or two and get to know us, or contact our Secretary at [chagfordsingers@icloud.com](mailto:chagfordsingers@icloud.com). More information about the choir is at [www.chagfordsingers.co.uk](http://www.chagfordsingers.co.uk)



# What's On?

*'DADS' Present...*



## CINDERELLA

'DADS' are back with their much loved and anticipated Dunsford pantomime, entertaining audience members from all over Devon and beyond.

As always, we will bring you a family friendly panto with familiar characters, well known songs and lots and lots of laughs for all ages.

This year we bring you Cinderella with an original script by Meg Sharland, directed by her big sister Chloe, and filled with a wonderful cast.

*Don't delay in booking your tickets as we do sell out fast.*

**Matinee performances at 2.30pm:**

Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th and  
Saturday 20th January

**Evening performances at 7.30pm:**

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th,  
Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and  
Saturday 20th January

**Dunsford Village Hall, EX6 7DB**

...And yes, we will be serving our famous pasties during the interval together with a raffle, which this year will be supporting *Devon Air Ambulance*.

Tickets are priced at £7 and £8 and are available from 1st December at:  
**[www.dadsonstage.co.uk](http://www.dadsonstage.co.uk)** or by phone on  
our ticket line: **01392 425281**.

*The cast crew and everyone at DADS  
look forward to welcoming you!*

# What's On?

## Village Hall News Update

### Thank you Bill...

Our treasurer, Bill Jeffrey, has decided to retire at the end of the year and we thank Bill for all his work in the past.

We are delighted that Peter O'Neill has stepped into the role of treasurer and will also take bookings from now - Peter can be contacted on **01647 24369**.

### Completion of Work

The work is progressing well, but unfortunately the final touches will not be complete for our planned re-opening in December. We have therefore decided to postpone our event until **20th January**. This will give us time to ensure that we present our hall in a finished state.

Although the toilets will be re-floored and re-decorated by the insurers, the replacement of the sanitary ware is not covered. It is our hope to renew the toilets and wash basins early in the new year, and will invite interest from local firms and trades people to tender for the work. Find further updates on the village Facebook page.

### Cleaner Required

We are in need of a cleaner for the hall in January and are inviting interested locals to contact us. The role will be flexible hours on a self employed basis.

**Jon Whitehead**



## Book Sale

**Saturday 3rd February,  
10am to 3pm,  
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Admission 50p for over 18's!

Books may be left at *South Orchard, Cheriton Bishop*. If anyone has any jigsaw puzzles surplus to requirements, perhaps there could be a table for these too. Anyone going to Sainsbury's please can you check if they have any boxes.

As is the custom, all proceeds will go to an organization within the Parish, not yet chosen.

Please check social media or local noticeboards for any changes to this event.

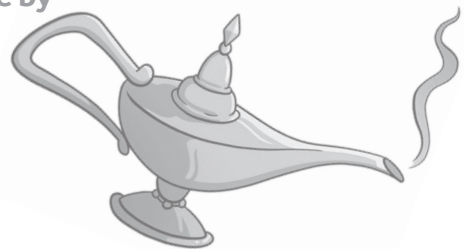
**Persis Bower**  
South Orchard  
**01647 24303**



*Whitestone Players Present...*

# ALADDIN

Pantomime by  
**Alan Frayn**



**Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th February,  
7.30pm / 2.30pm Sat Mat,  
Whitestone Parish Hall, EX4 2JS**

Tickets: Adults - £6, Child - £3 (under 16)

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestone-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestone-players)  
07977 439 419 [facebook.com/whitestonepanto](https://www.facebook.com/whitestonepanto)**

*Supporting Whitestone Church Roof Appeal*

# Update from Acorn



*“I heard a bird sing in the  
dark of December.  
A magical thing.  
And sweet to remember.*

*We are nearer to spring than  
we were in September.  
I heard a bird sing in the  
dark of December.”*

Oliver Herford

And then it was December and the end of another year! What a great year it has been in Acorn Land.

Clients from both ends of our ‘patch’ started off with the famous Dunsford Panto in January and since then have weaved their way through the year visiting every possible local attraction, landmark and beauty spot.

They have patted ponies and dogs, eaten ice creams on the beach and the moors, made cakes and cards, eaten a multitude of lunches and laughed their way around Devon.

If you would like to join in, then just call us to find out what is available to suit YOU! Phone **01647 252701** to book any of the activities you are interested in.

## Fund Raising

Fund raising has been very exciting this year with our early summer Wimbledon Raffle (Centre Court Tickets) which was a great success and ending with our Christmas Carols event on 11th December, (see pg 7) which we are so looking forward to.

## Welcome

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome four new trustees to the board, **Wendy Endacott, Sue MacPherson, Jessie Peake & Jackie Thomas.**

## Thank You

The stars of the year, as always, are our wonderful, patient and kind Volunteers. Once more we salute you, for without you there would be no Acorn! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts – you simply are the very best!

*“Volunteers are not paid, not  
because they are worthless, but  
because they are priceless”.*

## New Event for Christmas!

We are so excited to be hosting our very first **Acorn Community Christmas Carols** (see page 7 for details).

## Upcoming Events for December & January

### All Acorn Areas:

- **Tea @ the Hub:**

Friday 8th December

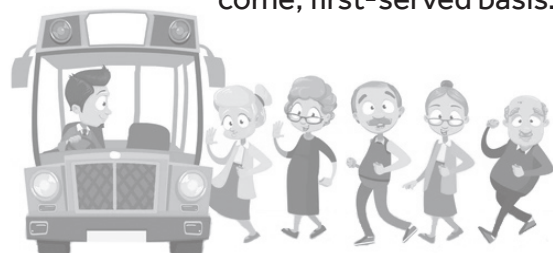
Fridays 5th & 19th January 2024

2-4pm at the YFC Hub, Cheriton Bishop.

Join us for tea, talk, coffee & cake and a mingle making new and catching up with old friends. No need to book. Just turn up.

## Book Your Activities...

Please contact Mandy or Fran at the Acorn Office on **01647 252701** if you would like to book a seat on the minibus for shopping, coffee mornings, lunches or trips. Spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.





# Update from Acorn



## Activities from Cheriton Bishop

- **Lunch Clubs:**  
Tuesday 5th December  
Tuesday 9th January 2024  
The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary  
Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586**  
to book (a few days in advance please).
- **Shopping at Sainsbury's:**  
Wednesdays 6th & 20th December  
Wednesdays 3rd, 17th & 31st January 2024  
The bus will collect you from home and  
return you with your shopping.
- **Outings:**  
Tuesday 12th December – Otter Nurseries  
Saturday 13th January – Cinderella  
Pantomime in Dunsford

## Activities from the Teign Valley

- **Lunch Clubs:**  
Tuesday 12th December –  
The Union, Moretonhampstead  
Tuesday 23rd January – Venue TBC
- **Shopping at Sainsbury's:**  
Friday 8th & Wednesday 20th December  
Fridays 5th & 19th January 2024
- **Outings:**  
Monday 18th December – Bernaville  
Garden Centre, lunch at The Stables  
Saturday 13th January – Cinderella  
Pantomime in Dunsford

- **Coffee Morning:**  
Tuesdays 5th & 19th December  
Tuesdays 16th & 30th January 2024  
The Teign Valley Community Hall  
Activities such as Bingo, Quizzes and much  
more with plenty of chatter to go with your  
coffee and cake! Our members always  
LOVE to see new faces.
- **Memory Lane Café:**  
Thursday 14th December  
Thursdays 11th & 25th January 2024  
If you know of someone who you feel may  
benefit from this targeted club, then please  
call **01647 252701**.

## Seasonal Closure

Acorn offices will be closed from:  
**1pm on Thursday 21st December 2023**

The office re-opens at **9am** on  
**Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

*Remember Acorn continues with all its usual  
services such as befriending, transport to  
medical appointments, prescription delivery  
for the housebound, equipment loan and Time  
for You sitting service, so please do call us*

*If you just want a chat, you know where we are.*

Best wishes,

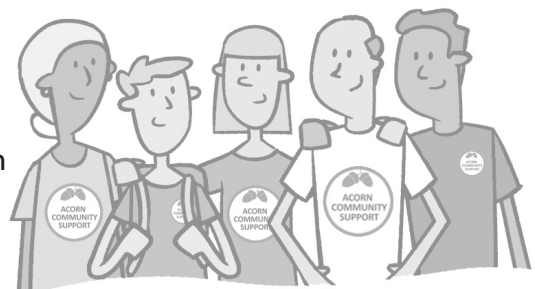
**The A(corn) Team**

## Looking for Ways to Get Involved in Your Community?

### There's no better place than Acorn

We are truly grateful to all our fabulous volunteers.  
If you would like to contribute some time to Acorn  
Community Support by becoming a volunteer then  
please contact the office on **01647 252701**.

*We'd love to hear from you...*



# Letters to the Editor

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## Farmers and Landowners: Land Needed for Community Allotments



Cheriton Bishop Parish Council has agreed to proceed with the Community Allotments project. We are now asking for proposals from local farmers and landowners who would be willing to rent an area of at least one acre for the allotments.

The Council will arrange a contractor – or pay the owner, if preferred – to install a perimeter fence (where needed) and fencing to divide part of the area into plots of around 25m x 5m. A water supply will be required and the Council will meet the costs of extending this to the site from the nearest source, if necessary.

The Council welcomes proposals – and understands that some flexibility may be needed – with the ideal site having the following characteristics:

- Less than 1 mile from the village centre
- Reasonably level (or at least a consistent shallow slope!)
- Reasonably well drained (most of the year)
- Close access to a road, with the potential for bringing vehicles on site in the summer, and possible parking off site close by

The site would be rented and maintained by the Council, with a volunteer committee from allotment holders managing membership, plot rentals and site rules. There would be no permanent buildings erected on site by allotment holders.

If you would like to make a proposal, or just have a chat about a possible site, please contact Peter O'Neill, [poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk](mailto:poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk), **07932 660550**

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## Providence Chapel Wins Award

Congratulations to Providence Chapel, on the outskirts of Throwleigh. This tiny, old-fashioned chapel has recently won a National Church Award for encouraging visitors with a warm welcome.

Providence Chapel won the **Open for Visitors Award** for England, and then beat the winners of the other home countries to be the overall winner. There are six classes of awards, and 200 churches nominated.

The chapel has hosted Chris Chapman's photographic exhibition, which documents life in rural Devon, for the last two years. Opening alternate Saturdays during the summer, it has welcomed more than 1,750 visitors.

Follow them on Facebook and be sure to visit next summer. The refreshments are worth a visit on their own!



**Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414**

# Letters to the Editor

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## Tedburn St Mary WI



Last month's meeting was held on a very miserable evening and it was pleasing that many members attended where we welcomed our speaker, Jennifer Davey.

Jennifer talked about the Alexander Technique, which she has been practising for 40 years. Practising the Alexander Technique can improve neck pain, back pain and other musculoskeletal problems. The technique helps to unlearn any unhelpful habits we have picked up to improve posture and movement. Jennifer was a very enthusiastic and entertaining speaker, and she has offered to hold a workshop for WI members, and if enough people are interested it could be arranged in the New Year.

Interesting items this month: a visit to the Bath Christmas Market; walking and craft meetings; and, the carol concert in Exeter Cathedral where the WI Devon Federation will enjoy a wonderful service and enjoy the singing of the WI Choir.

The December meeting will be a social one with mulled wine and refreshments.

In January we will enjoy a post Christmas Meal at 'The Twisted Oak' (this is instead of our normal meeting). Also in the New Year, beauty and pampering sessions are on offer at Exeter College, where students can practise their expertise on members.

The WI garden has been very colourful this year and the shrubs, trees and flowers are filling the beds. In the Spring the bulbs will be popping through for everyone to enjoy.

### New Members

As always, we love to welcome new members and there are lots of activities on offer, good speakers and friendship as well.

Remember, the first meeting is free to enable you to decide whether to join our WI. Just contact either Jane or Sue.

Jane Burrow, President: **07814659526**  
Sue Smith, Secretary: **01647 61646**

Cheriton & Tedburn YFC



## Charity Kindling Sale



**£5 per bag**

**with local delivery available**

*All sales are in aid of our charity*

Please contact:

Georgia - **07795 650866**

Chantelle - **07908 436017**

[cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com)

## Sing With Us!

Rehearsals for the summer begin on **Monday 22nd January 2024, 7.30pm, Dunsford VH**

The Dunsford Singers meet on Monday nights and practice our parts between rehearsals. There are no auditions. To give you an idea of numbers we have at the moment about 14 sopranos, 10 altos, 7 tenors and 5 basses. If you want to talk about joining and fees, call Toria on **01647 221228** or visit: [www.dunsfordsingers.co.uk](http://www.dunsfordsingers.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/dunsfordsingers/](https://www.facebook.com/dunsfordsingers/)





# Letters to the Editor

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## *Exciting Opportunities at Stone Lane Gardens*

### **Trustee Roles for 2024**

In the New Year, Stone Lane Gardens will be looking for five new trustees to join their friendly and committed local team. As a charitable company there is a need for strategic oversight by trustees to maintain this precious collection of birch and alder trees set in a naturalistic garden and to host artistic exhibitions and events for the enjoyment of visitors and volunteers.

At present we are a group of six trustees and we're looking for five more who can bring organisation skills, imagination and enthusiasm to help the charity to thrive. New trustees will be invited to focus initially on the following areas.

- New Income Streams and Venue Hire
- Marketing and social media
- Property management
- Fund raising
- Exhibitions and events

The 5-acre Stone Lane Gardens is an extraordinary place and a very important local resource. It is an exciting environment to be involved with, enabling visitors and volunteers to connect with nature and the arts.

Please email [admin@stonelanegardens.com](mailto:admin@stonelanegardens.com) and one of our trustees will be delighted to introduce you to the Stone Lane Gardens and to chat to you about the role.

**Richard Cox**

## *Parish Councillors Needed*

To volunteer, all you need is to be a local person who wants to contribute to the community that you live in – flexible and straightforward training is provided if you need it.

We try to make our meetings as informal as possible (although there are some rules we have to follow as a public body).

We also do our best to work as a friendly team, even when we might have different views.

The main thing we share is a deep regard for the place we are fortunate to live in and a belief that members of the community have a responsibility to be involved.

Please consider joining us. Contact the Chair, Peter O'Neill, **07932 660550**, [poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org](mailto:poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org), or the clerk, Jane Clark, [clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org](mailto:clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org)

## *Cheriton Bishop Facebook Page*

The Facebook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area.

It has been created to remind people of events that are taking place, clubs etc, somewhere to post photographs of the village, gardening, nature, if you need help that someone in the village maybe able to assist with, plants to swap or sell, pretty much anything really. If you would like to be part of this Facebook group, please send a request to: **[www.facebook.com/groups/433590694063276](https://www.facebook.com/groups/433590694063276)**

# Letters to the Editor

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## News from the Moor

The team at Parke will be hosting a local Christmas tree grower at weekends from the end of November who will be selling lovely local Christmas trees. It's a perfect excuse to take a stroll by the river and warm up in Home Farm café.

Castle Drogo will be decorated in a traditional style ready for Christmas. We are fortunate to have lots of photos, letters and diaries which tell us how the Drewe family decorated the castle and we try to match their style as much as possible. We will also be welcoming local choirs, musicians and singers who will perform for us. With the backdrop of the gorgeous architecture, it makes for a little piece of magic. The castle is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the run up to Christmas in December but please check the website for full opening times. There are rumours that a jolly chap in a red coat with a big beard will be visiting us too!

At Castle Drogo, we have a full close down from 8th January when all the behind the scenes work takes place with floors polished, deep cleans and maintenance completed. This includes the visitor centre, toilets,

garden, café and shop. The estate remains open at all times, but you won't be able to get a cuppa afterwards so make sure you bring a flask. We then re-open in full from 5th February - this includes the castle - a perfect opportunity to explore before the Easter holidays.

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to everyone for their support this past year. All of our visitors are great of course, but we especially like to welcome our neighbours who pop in regularly and chat with the teams.

I would like to say a special thank you to our incredible volunteer team who share their love and knowledge of these places every day. We really could not do it without them and it has been wonderful to welcome new people to the team.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and new year.

Best wishes all,

**Paula Clarke**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor

**01647 434130**

[paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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## North East Dartmoor Care Needs Somewhere for our Staff to Live!

Do you have a house or flat that you let out, and would be willing to rent at an affordable rate to a key worker - who, through the care they provide in people's homes, will be making a big difference to our community? This could be in or near Moreton, Chagford, Lustleigh, Manaton, the Teign Valley, Cheriton or Tedburn.

We have several people from outside the area who would like to move here and care for our older and vulnerable people in their

homes. There are more people wanting care than we are able to help at the moment, so we urgently need to attract more staff to this important job.

If you can help, please email us at [lily@nedcare.org](mailto:lily@nedcare.org) or call on **01647 279211**.



# Letters to the Editor

## *Cheriton Bishop Village Hall*

The Village Hall re-opens in January (see page 11). In order to welcome back previous users and attract new users, the first two bookings for previous regular users will be free and the first booking for new local users will be half price. This applies for the first two months after opening. We have also simplified the booking rates – please see below.

- Regular users of the hall will get a 10% discount on 10 or more sessions.
- Equipment such as tables, chairs, table settings, etc. *may* be available for off-site hire. Prices on application.

Enquiries: Jon Whitehead - **01647 281454**

Booking: Peter O'Neill - **01647 24369**

Session	Residents & Local Organisations	Half Session (max 2 hours)	Commercial
Morning (7am-12 noon)	£25.00	£12.50	£50.00
Afternoon (12.30pm-5.30pm)	£25.00	£12.50	£50.00
Evening (6-11)	£30.00	£15.00	£60.00
Morning + Afternoon	£35.00		£70.00
Afternoon + Evening	£40.00		£80.00
Day + Evening	£60.00		£120.00



## THE BODY SHOP AT HOME™

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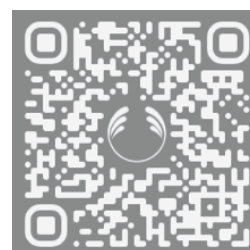


**deniseturner1987@gmail.com**



**Body Shop at Home with Denise Turner**

We have just released our **Christmas gift guide** and have an amazing range of affordable gifts to choose from!



# Letters to the Editor

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## *The Spalding Hall*

### **Xmas Coffee Morning**

We are having a Coffee Morning and raffle on **Saturday 16th December, 10.30am to 12 noon**. Please come along and support. Any donation of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

### **Committee Members**

We are in need of committee members. If you have a passion for helping to keep the Spalding Hall as part of this community then please make contact.

**Ruth Unsworth, 01647 24773**

### **Hall Hire**

Session	Cost
Hourly rate	£7.50
Morning (7am-12 noon)	£22.00
Afternoon (12.30pm-5.30pm)	£22.00
Morning and afternoon	£35.00
Evening (6pm-11pm)	£25.00
Day + Evening	£60.00

Chairs, crockery, cutlery and tables may also be available to hire for use off site.

For bookings and other enquiries please contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586**.

## *Free Parking in Run Up to Christmas*

To support local Christmas programmes and to enhance trade in the market towns of Mid Devon, 24-hour free parking will be available in the Council's long-stay car parks in the run up to Christmas at:

**Crediton:** St Saviour's Way Car Park

**Cullompton:** Station Rd Car Park

**Tiverton:** Multi-Storey Car Park

This year, we're adding an extra day to make it five Saturdays of free parking:

- **Saturday 25th November**
  - Christmas in Crediton, 2pm till late
  - Cullompton Xmas Celebration, 10am-1pm
  - Tiverton Xmas Light Switch on, 1pm to 6pm, with Electric Nights Street Food Christmas Special at the Pannier Market, 5pm to 9pm
- **Saturday 2nd December**
- **Saturday 9th December**
  - Tiverton Farmers Market Xmas Special
- **Saturday 16th December**
- **Saturday 23rd December**

*Normal parking charges apply on all other days of the year.*

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## *Seeking New Adventurers!*

### **New Members aged 14-18 & Adult Volunteers**

The Explorer Scouts in Cheriton Bishop are looking for new members and volunteers.

Why not drop in to a session to find out if it's for you? Everyone in the group is very mature and friendly and you definitely don't need to have been in Scouts before.

We'd also love to have more adult volunteers (of any age) to help run the group - this can range from just helping with one or two activities to becoming a full Scout leader (we give a lot of training so no experience of Scouting is necessary!). Please get in touch via email.

**James Jillians**  
[james.b.jillians@gmail.com](mailto:james.b.jillians@gmail.com)



## Christmas is Coming and the Scammers are at Large!

*"I mostly shop online and I'm always looking for a bargain especially at this time of year. However, I'm worried about scammers; what do I look for to avoid getting caught?"*

More and more of us are shopping online – it's convenient and can save a lot of time. However, scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated with their tactics which can make them hard to spot. What you can do, though, is take steps to protect yourself.

The golden rule is that if it seems too good to be true it probably is. This goes for products that are 'must haves', are sold out at major retailers or are heavily discounted.

If you're buying from a site you haven't used before, do some research first. See what the company's returns and refunds policy is and look up the company's address which should be displayed on their website and make sure it is a street address and not a PO Box. Read reviews, not just the ones on their website but check out other review sites.

Be wary of people contacting you out of the blue on social media or via text and email and scammers will often ask you to pay in unusual ways like sending money through a transfer service such as MoneyGram or Western Union

or even pay via vouchers. They may well put you under pressure to buy quickly; take your own time.

Scammers are clever and sneaky and regularly adapt making them harder to spot. Anyone can get scammed so if you do get caught don't feel embarrassed or ashamed. Rather, get practical; report it either to Citizens Advice [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam) or to Action Fraud [www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/action-fraud/](http://www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/action-fraud/)

If you have transferred money within the last 24 hours contact the police on **101** but if you feel unsafe use **999** and don't forget to contact your bank even if more than 24 hours have elapsed.

Here at CA TNMWD we get asked all kinds of questions and get to hear about all kinds of scams amongst other things. If you have a problem and need our help, our local AdviceLine is free; just ring **0808 27 87 999**.

**Rosanna Teale**

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

## Volunteer With Us

**Would you like to help us help people with their problems?**

We at CA TNMWD are getting increasing numbers of calls and are always keen to hear from people who are interested in volunteering with us to help meet the growing demand for our services. If you would like more information, contact [recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk)

*We would love to hear from you!*

**Volunteers are at the heart of all we do.**



## Thoughts of Christmas & the New Year

Christmas and New Year are not only times to celebrate, but also to reflect. It is always alarming to note how quickly we seem to go from one year end to another but when you pause to see how much is crammed into that intervening period, it can be quite uplifting.

Not every publication produces a monthly edition so not all the publications that support the CA TNMWD advice columns show each one, however, very soon, they will also be put up on our website so still accessible to all.  
([www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk))

Our advice columns this year have focussed on a range of topics; shoddy workmanship, employment issues, the risks of being let down on holidays abroad, scams, dealing with cost-of-living issues, the perils and pitfalls of buying second hand vehicles – we have really covered a great deal of ground and it is hoped that sharing this information and sharing the access routes to our services has helped people.

Recognising the huge increase in demand for our services due to the cost-of-living crisis and seeing that the problems people bring to us are increasingly complex as a direct result of this and therefore take more time to explore, advise and resolve, we continue our drive to recruit and train more volunteers. We are always keen to hear from people who would like to volunteer

with us and our trustee board is made up of volunteers too.

Trustees at CA TNMWD play a very active role in the running of the charity, attending four trustee board meetings a year, two strategy days where our strategy in moving the charity forward is discussed, as well as participating in specific working groups such as premises or workforce wellbeing. They also join the local office quarterly team meetings and the whole of organisation team meetings so they are an active bunch but if you would like to join them, we would like to hear from you. The experience of our trustees is very varied which is important in achieving balance in our decision making. Whether your interest lies in joining us as a volunteer or in joining our trustee board, your first port of call is [recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) we very much look forward to hearing from you.

CA TNMWD is here to provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to anyone who needs it and increasing numbers of people are turning to us for help. Our website provides links to some key areas as well as options to contact us and request advice via email.

[www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk) Our local AdviceLine is free, just call **0808 27 87 999**

## Struggling to Top Up Prepayment Meters?

### You might be able to claim fuel vouchers...

We know many of you will be struggling with the cost of living again this winter, with energy costs continuing to take up a large amount of the household budget. People on prepayment meters who are struggling to top up may be entitled to receive fuel vouchers from us.

We are able to issue £98 of energy vouchers to households at their first contact (subject to ID checks), and then following an energy advice session with a member of our team we may be able to issue a further two sets of £98 vouchers.

Our specialist energy team can also help you find ways to save money on your household bills. Call **01237 879233** or email [fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk)

# Surgey News...

## *Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice*

Over recent years local GP surgeries have been working collaboratively as part of a Primary care network. We are linked to the North Dartmoor group. Part of the initiative is to support additional roles within the primary care team. We wanted to make you aware of what additional services you can now access.

1. Pharmacist - Ann Smith is with us every Thursday and available for appointments to review medication and deal with queries. She will be supporting us with reviews and quality improvement work. (Direct Access)
2. Paramedic - We will have Sam working with us on Wednesday and Fridays. He will be supporting the on the day clinic and housebound visits and reviews.
3. First contact physio (David and Adam) - We have physios based in Cheriton Bishop on Mondays and Tuesdays. You are now able to get rapid assessment of musculoskeletal issues and onward investigations. (Direct Access)
4. Well-being co-ordinator (Becky) - providing support and signposting for those needing additional support, Loneliness, dealing with chronic illness and well-being. (Direct access)
5. Child and Adolescent Mental Health - Clare provides face to face support for young people. This would be after a referral from the GP.

*Any feedback around our services will be gratefully received.*

## **Contact us**

Telephone: 01647 24272  
Email: [d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net](mailto:d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net)  
Web: [www.cheritonbishop.co.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.co.uk)

## *Opening Times*

**Contact: 01647 24272**

Email: [d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net](mailto:d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net)

Website: [www.cheritonbishop.co.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.co.uk)

## **Cheriton Bishop**

**Monday to Friday: 8am - 6pm**

**Monday:** Dr Clunie / Dr Hamilton (am) / Dr Rolls / Dr Stuart (am)

**Tuesday:** Dr Rolls / Dr Clunie / Dr Hayter / Dr Hamilton (pm)

**Weds:** Dr Stuart / Paramedic Sam

**Thursday:** Dr Hamilton (am) / Dr Pouncey (am) / Dr Hayter / Dr Rolls

**Friday:** Dr Rolls / Dr Clunie or Dr Hayter / Dr Pouncey / Paramedic Sam

## **Enhanced Access**

**Monday: 7am to 8am**

**Tuesday: 6.30pm - 8pm**

## **Christow**

**Monday & Tuesday: 8.30am - 12 noon**

**Wednesday to Friday: 4pm - 6pm**

**Monday:** Dr Hayter / Dr Rolls

**Tuesday:** Dr Hamilton

**Wednesday:** Dr Clunie

**Thursday:** Dr Pouncey

**Friday:** Dr Rolls / Dr Clunie or Dr Hayter

## **Our Services:**

- Dispensary
- Minor Injuries
- Minor Ops
- Womens Health
- Vaccination and Immunisations
- Chronic Disease and Long Term Condition Management
- Paramedic – Medical Triage
- Pharmacist
- First Contact Physio – MSK
- Well-Being Co-ordinator – support for loneliness, chronic illness and well-being
- Adult Mental and Young Persons Mental Health
- Community Midwife

# Surgery News...

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## *Surgery: Seasonal Opening Times*

The Surgery will be closed for the Christmas Break at **6pm** on **Friday 22nd December** and will re-open on **Wednesday 27th December** at **8am**.

We will be closed for the New Year Holiday on **Monday 1st January**.

*The surgery staff would like to wish you all  
a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*



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## Health & Lifestyle

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### *2023 Reflections*

In preparation for writing this article, I was glancing back at some of the previous articles that I have written over the past 4 years. One stood out to me, titled: '2020 Reflections'. 2020 – what a rollercoaster year that was!

Like 2020, 2023 has not been without its' challenges, yet we can always choose to reflect on things that happened that bring us strength and positivity. Gratitude brings with it a host of beneficial mental and physical changes, so here are some reflections of gratitude for 2023:

- **Rain:** Although it can be frustrating sometimes, nothing can grow without the rain (and we've had plenty of it this year!)
- **Where we are:** Isn't Devon incredible? People come from far and wide to holiday here and yet we're lucky enough to live in this beautiful county. This was a reflection from 2020 also, but it's still true!
- **Human connection:** This was also a reflection from 2020; when human interaction was restricted, and people told me regularly that I was the first person to

interact with them in weeks. I am fortunate enough to connect with people every day, and I'm truly grateful to be interacting with my friends, family and community in an unrestricted manner

- **New life:** Many of my friends this year have welcomed babies into their families - what a joy that is to witness! It's pretty easy to feel gratitude when you're holding a smiling newborn. Also, my partner and I got a puppy which has been joyful (not without challenges!), and we're certainly filled with gratitude for her!

### **What can you add to the list?**

Even though 2023 has been a very different year to 2020, the reasons to be grateful in 2020 still apply in 2023. I think this is because regardless of what's happening, there is always something to be grateful for.

*Season's greetings and happy solstice to everyone. With love and appreciation!*

**Joe Arnold**

Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro, Dartmoor Chiropractic



# Neighbourhood Watch

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## Fly Tipping

Here we go again. Some 'don't care individuals' are travelling around presumably during the hours of darkness with vans, tipper trucks or trailers loaded with all kinds of rubbish and dumping illegally on someone's land to save money by not disposing of it properly.

These individuals do not care about the trouble and expense they are causing to the owner of the land where the stuff is dumped. The environment (and certainly not the lovely countryside that makes up Devon) is not on their minds when dumping, only to get rid of their loads.

This happened late in October very close to Cheriton Bishop. An assortment of rubbish containing boarding, plastic trims, guttering, pipes, coffee cups, plus bags of all kinds of rubbish and what was more serious were further bags found to contain asbestos.

All of this was dumped in a field gateway and so became someone else's problem. In this case, the rubbish was dumped on private land (not on a Local Authority public road or verge), and therefore, the private landowner was responsible for its clearance and required to pay all costs for removal by a specialist company.

As asbestos existed this required further procedures to be followed including to a certified disposal site. The bill reflected this amounting to £550.00 plus VAT

### Please Note:

This can happen to any owner of a property when unscrupulous individuals want to get rid of their rubbish and save disposal site fees. There are so many open property entrances around and if not immediately available there are the quiet highways and verges to be taken advantage of.

If you require any rubbish to be taken away from your property, check and see for yourself that the specialist company produces a CBDU 'Carrier Broker Dealer Upper' Licence from the Environment Agency as a registered Waste

Carrier which contains their name, registration number and expiry date. If possible, only pay the waste company an initial amount with the final payment when they return with proof that the rubbish has been disposed of correctly and lawfully. This should ensure that the stuff is not now someone else's problem !

Remember that the Local Authority will only remove rubbish dumped on public land.

## Storm & Wind Damage

We have had a number of storms and high winds through 2023 and criminals can take advantage of the situation where property damage may have occurred.

Beware of cold callers claiming to be specialist roofers, tree surgeons and other trades people coming around after storms or high winds have been experienced. These are uninvited individuals and call to try to take advantage of the situation if damage is sustained or expected. Often they try to convince the owner there is a problem when in fact there isn't or they can fix the damage quickly at a good rate. Have nothing to do with these people, they are unscrupulous and say "No, I am not interested" Report to Citizens Advice **0808 223 1133**, or the police.

## Safety

Always be observant & vigilant and keep your eyes open when out and about. We are all encouraged to report a crime, any suspicious behaviour or vehicles around. It is up to us all to do our part and be on our guard when we are out and about. Report to the police.

## Contacts

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

Police: **101** or **999** for an emergency

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*The Neighbourhood Watch  
team wishes you the  
season's greetings.  
Keep well & safe!*

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# In the Garden

## The Bare Bones of the Garden

**In December the structure of the garden is clearly visible. If there is anything you want to change then this is the time...**

The dying herbaceous foliage can be cut back, plants that are taking over can be thinned out, dug out and given away.

If you have beds which have proved difficult to manage because they are too wide, you could perhaps put a wood chip path through them. If you have a chipper you can use prunings from fruit trees and woody shrubs to create a sympathetic path surface. This means you can walk through your plants to reach weeds more easily, without compacting the soil. It is very satisfying to prune, chip and end up with a new path as well.

If you don't have enough evergreen plant material to provide plant structure during the winter, then now is the time to plan what to plant where. Many of our best winter flowering shrubs are scented so it makes sense to plant them near hard paths which you can access easily. Sarcococca and Daphne are both evergreen and very fragrant.



## Winter Jobs

- Continue to mulch the garden whenever possible and clear leaves to make next year's leaf mould.
- Don't forget to insulate your outside taps and pipes before they freeze.
- Feed the birds & make sure they have access to water, especially when it freezes.
- Use a pressure washer on hard surfaces to make sure they don't get slippery in wet weather.

If you don't want to go out and work in a cold wet garden perhaps you could spend some time cleaning and sharpening your tools ready for a warmer, drier day!

**Sally Rix**

## Plots For Rent

- *Cost of a supermarket cabbage: 80p*
- *Cost of ½ allotment: 63p per week*

The 63 pence per week includes water and you know where your vegetables have come from and what's been put on them! We have plots available for rent, don't delay sign up today. Email: [tedburnallotments@gmail.com](mailto:tedburnallotments@gmail.com)

**Nigel Cause**

Secretary, Tedburn SM Allotment Association



# *Cheriton Bishop School*

## Current Themes

Our themes for the next half term will be celebrations, family occasions and festivals. The children will all be exploring crafts and activities based around birthdays, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, and Christmas, as well as following the children's interests along the way as usual. We will also be looking at our toys, asking 'which ones are our favourites?' 'Have they changed from our parent's toys?'

## Rules & Expectations

We are continuing with our drive of high behavioural expectations for all children.

## Panto Trip

On Wednesday 6th December, we will be going to the Northcott Theatre in Exeter to watch Dick Whittington.

## School Car Park

If you use the car park to pick up your child, please consider others. The school bus found it difficult to get into the car park due to inconsiderate parking. Thank you.

## Communication

We value close working relationships with parents and carers, and we want to ensure that information about your child gets to their class teacher.

You can email the school office at [admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy](mailto:admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy). Please do not contact staff directly or via social media. I appreciate your support with this.

**Peter Halford**

Executive Headteacher



## Our 'Hive' Values

Joy  
Community  
Curiosity Integrity  
Ambition Respect



**As a school, we strive for the highest standards for our children in a happy and safe learning environment.**

We aim to provide a secure and supportive school which enables every child to experience success and fulfil their full potential.

We use our **'Hive Values'** to communicate the things that are important to our school and community. We teach the children the learning behaviours which sit behind these values so we are all able to demonstrate, articulate, celebrate what makes Cheriton Bishop a special place to be.

# Message from St Mary's

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## Getting Ready for Christmas

Everyone and everything seems to be counting the days down to Christmas Day. How we count varies. The most popular method of throwing us into panic is to quote the number of shopping days left before Christmas. Another favourite, particularly when there is chocolate involved, is an Advent calendar where the days are counted up to Christmas Eve. The church counts the Sundays in Advent and Christmas follows after the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Christmas is also marked by many deadlines like the last day to order and receive an item before Christmas. The postal and delivery deadlines are key to getting your presents delivered on time. If you want to send surface mail to Europe, sadly you are already too late and you have missed the deadline! The 18th of December is the parcel deadline for the UK and 1st class mail UK deadline is the 20th of December. Every year there are tales of woe as deadlines and deliveries are missed, much to the disappointment of expectant friends and family. It is amazing how something so simple like giving a present can become quite difficult. Or, perhaps having a special meal is remembered for the trouble of getting the ingredients together! I remember talking to the butcher who told me how people forgot to collect the turkey!

It is worth remembering the first Christmas, a young woman expecting a baby goes home to the relations. It sounds simple until everyone else is doing the same thing and returning to their home

town at the same time! It always sounds to me that the same lady had an early delivery which she seemed unprepared for in terms of place and support.

Christmas should be about happiness and joy – not about deadlines and organisational nightmares. At the heart of the celebration is the gift of a child called Jesus to Mary and Joseph. The deadlines come later on Good Friday, but Christmas is the celebration of a gift and new hope. Christmas is about birth and a beginning; it has nothing to do with an ending.

Instead of it being described in terms of deadlines and to-do lists, it is about a lifeline. It is a lifeline that God offers to each of us. The most important thing that you can do with a lifeline is to grab it and hold on for dear life. To watch and admire a lifeline and see it pass by is to lose a chance to grab hold of your life. The lifeline that connects us to God also connects us to our friends and family.

Christmas is a great time to reconnect with friends and family, to savour life. At the heart of it comes joy and thanksgiving for the love of those around us and a gift from God. We are drawn into wonder at the gift of life and hope in the shape of a baby. A baby called Jesus who is full of hope and potential.

**Rev. Martin Wood**

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop  
**01647 24119** (Tues - Sun). [revwood163@gmail.com](mailto:revwood163@gmail.com)

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## Churchwarden's Ramblings

The collection for the **Royal British Legion**, from the War Memorial and church came to £254.61.

On **Saturday 9th December** there is the 'Causley Christmas' Concert at the church by Jim Causley.

The Carol Service at St Mary's will be at 7pm on **Thursday 21st December** with seasonal refreshments afterwards, everyone welcome.

On **Christmas Day** there will be a Christingle Communion Service at 10am.

If you would like to join the bell-ringing team please come along when you hear the bells on a Thursday night.

The Food Larder, set up at the church is available to all and is located in the church porch for use by anyone whose own larder is being stretched.

*I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.*

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**



# Church Messages

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## *Holy Trinity, Yeoford*

The Family Service will be at **11.15am** in the New Year for a trial period. We are hoping that more families will be able to join us at the later time.

We are looking forward to decorating a Christmas tree with members of Holy Trinity and The Messy Church at Yeoford. The tree is for **The Christmas Tree Festival** at Holy Cross, Crediton, which runs from 7th till 10th December.

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at our services or events.*

**Carol Price, 01647 24468**

### **Christmas Lunch**

**Monday 4th December, 12.15pm for 12.30pm,  
Yeoford Village Hall**

### **Carols & Coffee**

**Monday 11th December, 10am,  
Peppercorn Cottage, Woodland Head**

### **Services for December**

**Sunday 10th December, 5pm:** Carol Service by candlelight followed by mulled wine & mince pies  
**Sunday 24th December - 4pm:** Crib Service  
**9pm:** Holy Communion for Christmas

### **January Services**

**Sunday 14th, 9.30am:** Holy Communion  
**Sunday 28th, 11.15am:** Family Service

### **Messy Church**

**Sat 20th, 3pm - 4.30pm, Yeoford Village Hall**

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## *West Down Evangelical Chapel*

**Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6HG. Telephone: 01647 24264 or 01647 24660**

*Please call on either of the numbers shown for information about any of our services*

After the cancellation on September 17th of our Sunday missionary service with Chrissie Mulindabigwe, due to flooding around Exeter, we were able to re-book her for Sunday 12th November when she gave a very challenging, informative and illustrated talk about the work with widows and orphans in Rwanda, teaching them new skills so they become self-sufficient.

A collection had been taken at a previous service and we were able to pass on to Chrissie £600 for the work in Rwanda.

*We wish everyone a Happy Christmas  
and a happy & peaceful New Year*

### **December 2023**

**Sunday 3rd, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Freddie Hawkins

**Sunday 10th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 17th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Rev David Cole

**Sunday 17th, 3pm:**

Carol Service with Rev David Cole  
Refreshments at the close

**Sunday 24th, 11am:**

Communion & Morning worship

**Sunday 31st, 11am:**

Communion and Morning worship

### **January 2024**

**Sunday 7th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Gerald Downs

**Sunday 14th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with John Allan

**Sunday 21st, 11am**

Communion & Service with Rev David Cole

**Sunday 28th 11am:**

Communion & Service with Rev Maurice Harrison

### **Friends and Neighbours**

**Wednesday 10th January, 2pm to 4pm**

# Services at St Mary's

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## St Mary's, Cheriton Bishop & North Kenn Mission Community Churches

**Welcome to St Mary's:** We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services. Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during *highlighted* service times.

### December 2023

#### Sunday 3rd: Advent 1

9.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

#### Sunday 10th: Advent 2

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Oldridge	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

#### Thursday 14th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 17th Advent 3

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Communion	Revd Martin Wood
4pm	Tedburn St Mary	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood

#### Tuesday 19th

7pm	Whitestone	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Thursday 21st

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
7pm	Cheriton Bishop	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood

#### Sunday 24th: Christmas Eve

3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Crib Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Carols	
5pm	Holcombe Burnell	Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9pm	Tedburn St Mary	Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.15am	Whitestone	Communion	Revd Martin Wood

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# Services at St Mary's

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(December 2023 continued)

## Sunday 25th: Christmas Day

10am	Cheriton Bishop	Christingle Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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## Sunday 31st: Christmas 1

10.30am	Whitestone	Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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## January 2024

### Thursday 4th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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### Sunday 7th: Epiphany

9.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

### Sunday 14th: Epiphany 2

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Revd V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

### Thursday 18th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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### Sunday 21st: Epiphany 3

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn Methodists	Covenant Service	
11am	Whitestone	Community Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

### Sunday 28th: Candlemas

10.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Team Communion	Preb P Rapsey
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# CB Parish Council

## Community Projects Update Summary

Here is a brief status update on the current projects supported by the Parish Council:



- **Memorial Cross repairs / improvements:**

No further planning / ownership issues expected. Council to allocate costs in the 2024 Precept discussion in December and publish a draft plan for comments.

- **Allotments:**

Planning issues resolved, funding to be agreed in December, currently a request for site proposals from Farmers / Landowners has been published – see separate article.

- **Automatic Speed Warning Signs:**

Council funding approved, delay currently caused by lack of response from Highways Department in approving sites. DCC and MDCC Councillors to chase.

- **Local History Archive:**

The Council plans to support a Village Hall open event to publicise the project in the new year. To be organised by a local volunteer committee and other interested persons.

**Peter O'Neill**

Parish Council Chair

## Cheriton Bishop History & Community Archive



### Interested in Collecting & Preserving Local History?

**Perhaps you and your family have a collection of memories, photos and documents?**

#### Setting Up a Community Archive...

The idea would be to collect local history in the form of recordings, photos, documents and other media.

These would be sorted, stored and made freely available to community members both on request and perhaps by displays and talks if there is enough interest.

The project will need volunteers to be involved in forming a management group to decide the archive's purpose and scope – and also volunteers to collect and organise the materials. If you would be interested in helping in any way, or have questions or suggestions, please contact any Parish Council members via [www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk/YourCouncillors.aspx](http://www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk/YourCouncillors.aspx)

**Peter O'Neill** (PC Chair), **07932 660550**

**Oswald Chung** (Archive Proposer)  
**07795 432151**



# CB Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop on Monday 13th November 2023, 7pm

Present: Cllr P O'Neill, Cllr P Mitchell, Cllr T Ball, Cllr I Cowley, Cllr F Letch (DCC), M Binks (MDDC), J Clark (parish clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. **To receive and accept apologies:** Cllr R Marshall (away) Approved.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest:** NONE
3. **Public Discussion:** The applicant for the planning application item 7.2 on the agenda attended and took questions from the council.

A member of Drewsteignton Parish Council attended, to point out that in the 8 parishes close to Cheriton Bishop there was a sizeable amount of financial reserves. They wished to draw the parish council's attention to this so that if a suitable project presented itself, that could benefit all the parishes involved, it may be worth considering a joint venture, if one was identified.

He also updated the parish council on the success of the recent fund-raising efforts for the purchase of the Drewsteignton public house, The Drewe Arms, and that the new landlord will be Simon Saunders.

4. **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting Minutes 9th October 2023 - to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record:** UNANIMOUS by a show of hands.
5. **To receive reports from MDDC Councillors - for information only:** Cllr Binks apologised for his recent absence due to illness. He reported that the recent effort to retain mobile libraries had not been successful due to lack of funding and dilapidated vehicle stock.

Cllr Mitchell suggested alternatives to the travelling library, for example, if the Local Authority could fund hiring village hall for the purpose of books swaps, etc. Cllr Binks responded saying that using local facilities has strong support from MDDC. The majority of village halls are used less than 50% of the time, so, local initiatives would be a good idea although it is unlikely there would be funding at Local Authority level. The Chair said he had heard that the books from the mobile library may be distributed to parish councils.

The Chair asked Cllr Mitchell if he would look into funding for a library in the village hall for hall hire and asked him to do a report. Cllr MITCHELL TO ACTION

MDDC have recently begun a review process of governance in its departments.

6. **To receive a report from DCC Cllr F Letch - for information only:** A copy had previously been circulated to councillors. Cllr Letch summarised. DCC is currently 50 officers short, putting pressure on those currently working.

All parish councils in his ward are under-represented and co-option can be used to fill these vacancies. Cheriton Bishop currently has three vacancies and this puts more pressure on existing councillors.

It is the time of year when all councils, County, District and Parish, are looking at budgets and planning for 2024-2025. The top tier councils have their council tax capped at 2.99%. As we know inflation is well above that figure and so we can expect some changes in the services provided.

As a member of the children's scrutiny committee and an ex-teacher he is concerned at the level of education in Devon and in particular the overspend in provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A report on this has been requested.

There are two areas of encouragement. Figures in from the care sector show and improvement in recruitment and the county is retaining the £2 fare cap for buses until December 2024.

As winter approaches, Cllr Letch will not be holding his surgeries. For those who have problems and would like to contact him, his home telephone number is **01363 775739**, or e-mail [frank.letch@devon.gov.uk](mailto:frank.letch@devon.gov.uk).

# CB Parish Council

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## 7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – to consider the following applications upon which the Council is asked to comment:

7.1 Reference: DCC/3863/2016

Proposal: Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission DCC/3863/2016 to increase the amount of septic tank waste that can be imported onto and processed at the site in any calendar year from 1500 tonnes to 4000 tonnes

Location: Old Tellams Yard, Road from Pitton Cross To Hook Farm, Cheriton Bishop.

In the discussion, there was support for the application because it is a local business providing local employment and septic tank waste is a form of recycling with waste going back on the land as an alternative to chemicals, often processed outside the UK. There was also concern about the potential impacts on water quality. Following the discussion, the council resolved to support the application by a vote on the following wording (For 3 and Against 1).

*"Cheriton Bishop Parish Council supports this application, with the following observations:*

- 1. Given the Environment Agency High Priority status for protection of water quality in our local area, our assumption is that the applicant will carry out an operational review (based on up-to-date mandatory sludge and soil sampling) to ensure that the proposed increased quantity of sludge injection poses no additional risk to water quality in terms of either faecal or PTE (Potentially Toxic Element) contamination.*
- 2. If possible, the Parish Council will request a copy of an internal or compliance assessment carried out once the new level of operation is established, as reassurance that the risks above are being managed successfully".*

CLERK TO ACTION

7.2 Reference: 23/01556/FUL

Proposal: Retention of a temporary rural workers dwelling

Location: Land at NGR 278922 95182 (Heartland) Tillerton Steep Cheriton Bishop Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 278983 / 95138

Following a discussion, the parish council saw no reason to oppose the application. Additionally, the application is subject to time limited reviews and inspections by the local authority. The council resolved to support the application. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. CLERK TO ACTION

### Planning Decisions:

Reference: 18/01633/OYT

Proposal: Reserved matters for the erection of 2 dwellings following outline approval

Location: Land at NGR 276783 94569 – Little Mounson, Cheriton Bishop

Decision: Approved by MDDC

Reference: 23/01036/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: Southcombe, Cheriton Bishop

Decision: Approved by MDDC

Reference: 23/01129/FULL

Proposal: Demolition of barns and erection of 3 dwellings following grant of Class Q Prior Approval (20/01161/PNCOU)

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 274761 94383 Pitton Barton Cheriton Bishop. Full permission Granted by Mid Devon District Council.

8. **Speed signs. Update on project:** The Chair reported that there had been no progress and that the parish council is concerned that the safety of residents is being eroded due to the slowness of the responses from DCC. DCC Cllr Letch said there is a new Vehicle Automated Sign in Newton St Cyres. Cllr Binks to provide an update on Newton St Cyres. MDDC CLLR BINKS TO ACTION

9. **Memorial Cross Plans – update on project:** Cllr Ball reported that he had checked whether planning permission was required for the planned improvements. However, it was agreed that the planned changes were not of a level that triggered the need for an application. The Chair will arrange to have the plan drawn up and presented to the parish. Following a discussion, the council resolved to carry out the project and to consider the costs as part of the budget round for 2024-2025. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER COSTS AND DISCUSS AT THE DECEMBER MEETING WHEN SETTING THE PRECEPT REQUEST

# CB Parish Council

- 10. Local History Archive Project:** The Chair reported that the proposed archive for the village is generating interest. This will not be a parish council owned project but the council is happy to support a team of volunteers. The Chair has approached the village hall committee who may be able to provide storage space. The council is supported the suggestion of funding a village hall event in the new year event to publicise the project. COUNCIL TO ACTION
- 11. Allotments:** The Chair thanked DCC Cllr Letch for his advice. It has now been decided by DCC that as long as the parish council maintain the allotment area, they do not have to own it in order for small sheds to be permitted development. Maintenance will include appropriate fencing and water provision, etc. Although there is one potential site, a request for other landowners to come forward will be publicised in the magazine and Facebook pages. Funding to be considered as part of the budget round to be discussed at the December meeting. CLERK AND COUNCIL TO ACTION
- 12. To consider and discuss budgetary implications for 2024-2025 with a view to agreeing precept for 2024-2025 at the December meeting:** The council needs to update the reserves allocation to planned projects in the coming year. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the December meeting. CLERK TO ACTION Chair asked all councillors to give thought to projects requiring funding next financial year with a view to agreeing the precept at the December meeting. COUNCILLORS TO ACTION Cllr Mitchell suggested a project update to be published in the village newsletter. The chair agreed this would be a good idea. CLERK and CHAIR TO ACTION
- 13. Repairs and Maintenance:** No work currently required.
- 14. Street naming:** The council had been notified that the names for consideration of the new addresses for the planned housing development are under consideration by Mid Devon District Council. The parish council felt it was not necessary for it to become involved with this process as it is the decision of the Local Authority.
- 15. Council vacancies – to consider how the council can recruit new councillors:** Chair wrote an article for the village newsletter about the current three vacancies. There is also information on the parish council website.
- 16. Accounts 22/23 - to approve the following payment:** APPROVED by a show of hands. UNANIMOUS. Clerk noted that DM Payroll services payment, listed below, had cashed their cheque, having previously asked for payment to be deferred until electronic payment could be done, so payment listed below now VOID.

Payee	Service	Budget	Amount
Clerk - Salary (July & August)	Staff	Staff	£629.66
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	Staff	£78.60
Clarity	Newsletter black & colour pages (2 issues)	Newsletter	£156.16 & £104.60 = £260.76
DM Payroll Services	Payroll & PAYE	Staff	VOID £40.00
Wilson Garden Services	Maintenance of play park – 18 Jul, 9 Aug & 22 Aug	Play Park	£120.00
Spalding Hall	Hall hire, collation & storage	Hall hire	£68.00

- 17. To receive a report from the Chairman:** None
- 18. To receive reports from Councillors:** Cllr Mitchell requested that the names of the two new Flagmasters be added to volunteers list in the newsletter CLERK TO ACTION
- 19. Correspondence/Clerk's Report:** for information only. Article re cost-of-living payments sent to village newsletter. Councillors were advised to use the dedicated emails for all council business.

Date of Next Meeting at 7 pm at Spalding Hall unless notified otherwise: **11th December 2023**

## County Councillor's Report

Cllr Letch's surgeries will begin in the Spring. Please contact him via email or telephone below.

**Cllr Frank Letch MBE**

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## December 2023

Dates:				
4th / 5th	✓		✓	✓
11th / 12th	✓	✓		
18th / 19th	✓		✓	
*27th / 28th	✓	✓		✓

## January 2024

Dates:				
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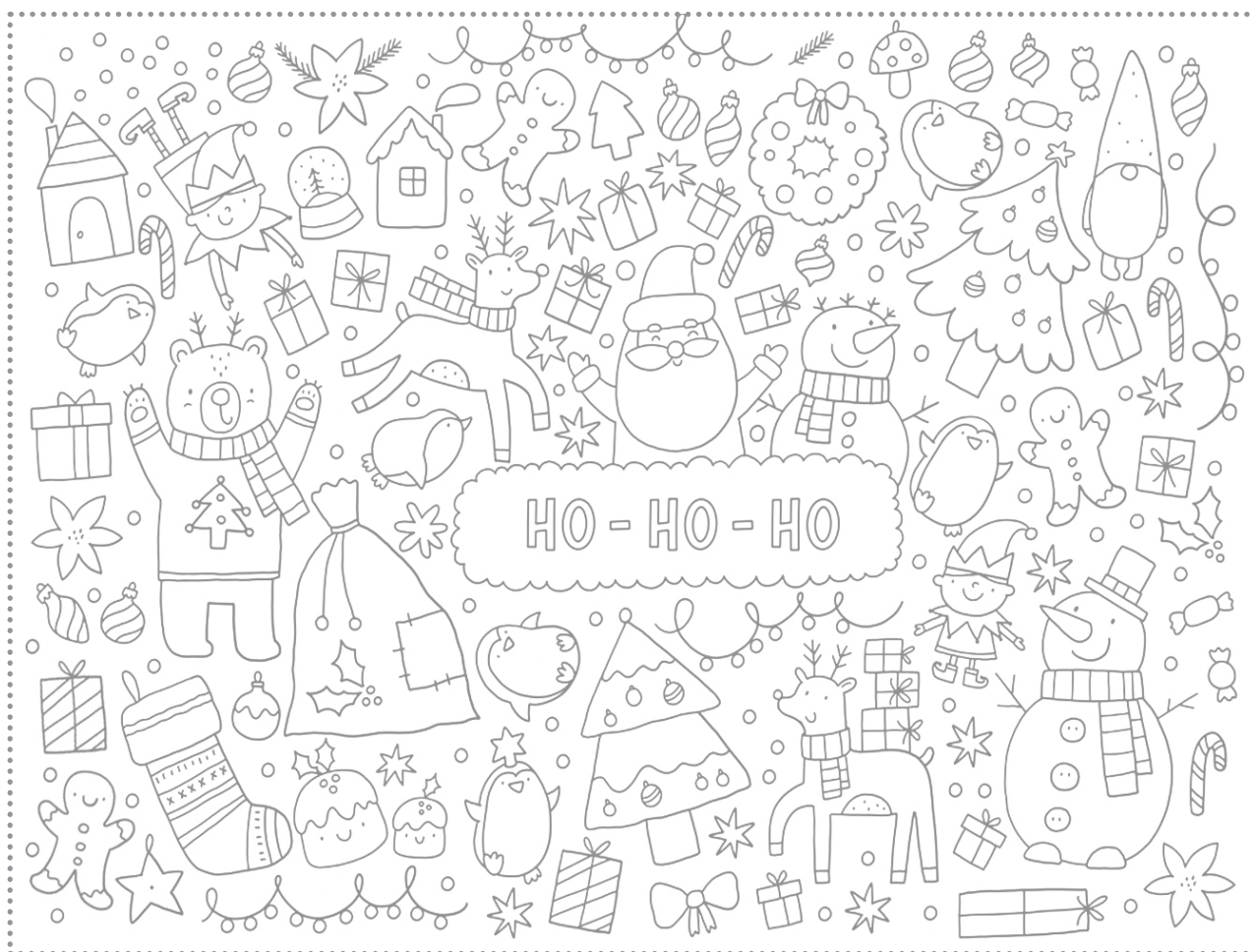
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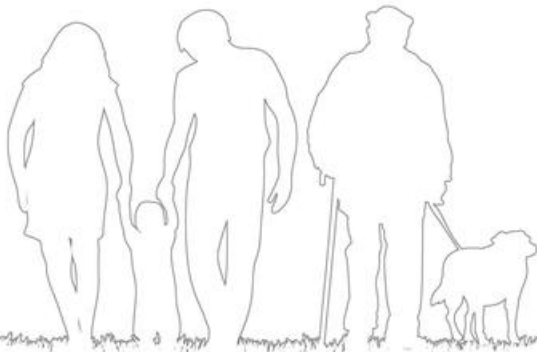
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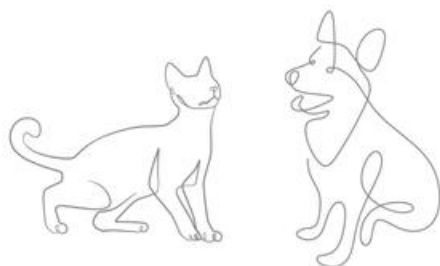
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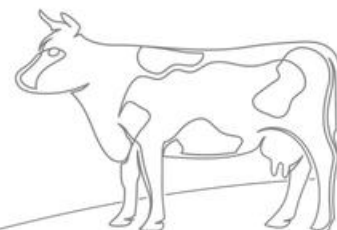


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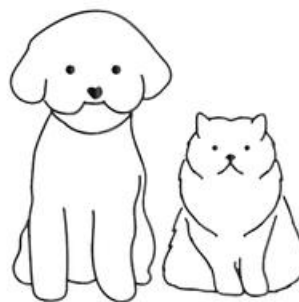
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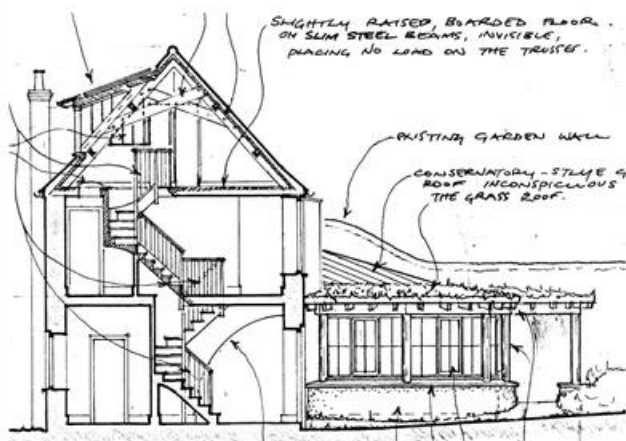
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