

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

February 2024



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Useful Information

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

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

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

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House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Welcome to the Newsletter



Hellebore

Spring is on the way! I have Crocuses and other bulbs popping up. There's definite greenery poking up through the soil. My Primroses and Hellebore are flowering. Hellebore is one of my favourite plants in the garden, and it makes the top of my list for a number of reasons:

- Really hard to kill
- Beautiful, simple flowers that come in a pretty range of colours
- Evergreen foliage (no 'dry sticks' to look at during the winter months!)
- Tough, slightly spiky leaves which deter cats from 'toilet' damage!

I would love to invest in more unusual varieties, but January finances are curtailing my trip to the garden centre!

Lucy x

Classified Ads

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

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

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- Black & White: Half page = £12.50
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Please email 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

Yellow Pages Ads

If you would like to advertise in our Yellow Pages section, please email cheritonads@gmail.com

Regular Diary Dates

Meetings, Hobbies & Interests

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

Contact: Sue Bloomfield - 01647 24840

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

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

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

Contact: Jean Martin - 01647 24586

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

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

Folk Group - Folkus: Every Friday evening from 8pm

Contact: Jenny Grist - 01647 281110 or email - jennyjanegrist@outlook.com

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

Contact: Janet Jeffery - 01647 24414

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

Contact: Steve Colderick - colderick@btinternet.com

Parish Council: Every second Monday evening in the month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Country Embroiderers: Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

Contact: Elaine Clark - elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk. Website: wcecheritonbishop

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

Contact: Rebecca James - 07841 591772

Keep this Info Page Up-to-Date

Please email 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

February 2024

2nd	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
3rd	Book Sale	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	10am - 3pm
4th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch Inn	7pm
5th	Castle Drogo re-opens	Castle, Garden & Visitor Centre	
6th	Acorn Lunch	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
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10th	Churchyard Working Party	St Mary's Church	10am
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14th	St Valentine's Day		

Don't forget your Valentine!



14th	Shopping at Sainsburys	Acorn	Page 6
16th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
18th	Curry & Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	6.30pm
19th	Gardening Club	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
21st	Lent 'Come & See'	Pathfinder Church	3pm
21st	Lent 'Come & See'	Zoom meeting	7pm
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28th	Lent 'Come & See'	Zoom meeting	7pm
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Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

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What's On?

Book Sale

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

Admission 50p for over 18's!

Book donations may be left with me at *South Orchard, Cheriton Bishop*.

If anyone has any jigsaw puzzles surplus to requirements, perhaps there could be a table for these too. If you would like books collected or need boxes to bring books on the day, please contact me.

*All proceeds will go to
The Spalding Hall Fund.*

**Persis Bower
01647 24303**



Open Mic Night

**Sunday 4th February,
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!

**Steve Colderick
colderick@btinternet.com**

Churchyard Working Party

**Saturday 10th February,
10am, St Mary's Church**

Tasks will include trimming hedges, removing ivy from walls, cutting overgrown grass areas, pruning shrubs and doing some path cleaning.

Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided, please bring your own tools; as usual, do as much as you want but please stay for lunch. (This is a Raffle Free event)

**Alan Greenslade
01647 24002**



Teign Valley Men's Sheds

**Wednesdays in February, 9:30am to 12:30pm,
Embercombe, Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ**

WEATHER PERMITTING. If the weather is looking difficult, please contact the email address below, or ask to be added to the Men's Shed WhatsApp group.

The Shed is located at Embercombe in Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ – on the first floor of the large building just beyond the main car park. 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 session. 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 details, to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email teignvalleyshed@gmail.com. All are welcome – don't miss an opportunity to meet new friends and learn / share some practical skills.

Steve Cook

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

The Teign Valley Men's Shed has received funding from the Lottery Fund, the Devon Communities Fund and the Mid-Devon Healthcare Trust, and donations in kind from Wickes

What's On?

Acorn Friends & Neighbours

Lunch Club

**Tuesday 6th February, 12.30pm,
The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary**

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 to 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:

- Chicken Casserole with Mashed Potatoes & Peas
- Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas
- Veggie Burger with Skinny Fries
- Chocolate Sponge Pudding and Custard
- Ice Cream

Please call before **31st January** with your order, and to let me know if you will need a lift.

Jean Martin, 01647 24586

The Fun Quiz!

Curry & Quiz Night

**Sunday 18th February from 6.30pm,
The Old Thatch Inn**

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**

Gardening Club

Monday 19th February 7.30pm, Spalding Hall

I am sure everybody has seen the small yellow booklets on sale or given away at plant nurseries advertising local gardens being opened for charity.

There are booklets for each region of the country and Julia Tremlett is coming from the National Garden Scheme to talk to us about how it works and the money raised for charity. Everybody is welcome to come without charge.

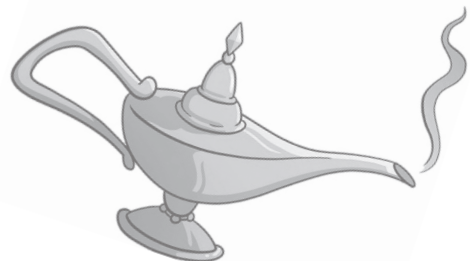
The Spring Show: A reminder that the Spring Show will be held at the end of March. (Details next month).

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

Whitestone Players Present...

ALADDIN

Pantomime by Alan Frayn



**Tuesday 6th - Saturday 10th February, 7.30pm / 2.30pm Saturday Matinee,
Whitestone Parish Hall, EX4 2JS**

Tickets: Adults - £6, Child - £3 (under 16) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestone-players
07977 439 419 - facebook.com/whitestonepanto

Supporting Whitestone Church Roof Appeal

Update from Acorn



“Go to the Winter woods: listen there, look, watch, and ‘the dead months’ will give you a subtler secret than any you have yet found in the forest.”

*William Sharp (writing as Fiona Macleod)
- Where the Forest Murmurs*

Already its February 2024! January threw some weather at us!! But at Acorn we don't care because we can still get out unless it's dangerous, of course! Safety first!

We managed the Panto – a double whammy of both ends of the patch going on the same day. We had lunches (like we needed them after Christmas – but got to keep our energy up) and Coffee Mornings/Afternoons. It may be winter outside but in our heart its Spring!

Our line-up for February is below! 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.

All Acorn Areas:

- **Tea @ the Hub:** Fridays 2nd & 16th February, 2pm-4pm. Young Farmers Hub, Cheriton Bishop. Join us for tea, coffee & cake. Mingle with friends old & new. No need to book.
- **Memory Lane Café:** Thursdays 8th & 29th February. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call **01647 252701**.

Activities from Cheriton Bishop

- **Warm Spaces:** Fridays 9th & 23rd February, 2.30pm-4pm, Exeter School. Afternoon tea and entertainment.
- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 6th February The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few days in advance please). Next Lunch will be on Tuesday 5th March.
- **Shopping at Sainsbury's:** Wednesdays 14th & 28th February. The bus will collect you from home and return you with your shopping.
- **Outing:** Tuesday 13th February - Powderham & Dawlish.

Activities from the Teign Valley

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 6th February – The Twisted Oak, Ide.
- **Warm Spaces:** Friday 2nd February, 2.30pm-4pm, Exeter School. Afternoon tea and entertainment. (Only one this month due to Half-term at the school).
- **Shopping at Sainsbury's:** Mondays 12th & 26th February
- **Outing:** Monday 19th February – destination TBC
- **Coffee Morning:** Tuesdays 13th & 27th February, 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.

Book Your Activities...

Please contact Mandy or Fran at Acorn 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.



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.

Looking to Volunteer?

If you think that you could spare an hour or two and would love to know more about volunteering, please visit www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved or contact **01647 252701**.

Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team

Letters to the Editor

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, **07932 660550**

Cleaner Required

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

Jon Whitehead
01647 281454



Help!

After the book sale, there are always books left, and in past years, the charity 'FORCE' has collected the books for sale in their shop in Heavitree - but sadly they have discontinued this service.

So what do we do with the hundreds of books collected? We would like our storage spaces back, so do not hold back at the **Book Sale** in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd February... Take as many books as you can manage - we've collected some wonderful titles.

But, does anyone know of an organisation that would like boxes of books for their own fundraising?

This is an urgent appeal as we would like to know what to do with left-over books immediately after the sale.

Let me know...

Persis Bower, 01647 24303

Letters to the Editor

Sharing Your Memories

Do you feel a bit deflated in the new year? Maybe you miss the cheer and hustle associated with the festive season, feel wiped out or even underwhelmed after all the build-up. What better way to overcome the winter blues than by sharing your memories over a cuppa?

The Reminiscence Project is an ongoing project run by Crediton Library which collects memories of people living, or who used to live, in Mid Devon. Volunteers visit people in their own homes or in the community to chat about their school, jobs, or anything else they'd like to talk about. The conversations are recorded and stored online in a digital collection. This is open to the public for all to access, whether they want to find out about how their local area has changed over the years, whether they'd like to know what it was like to live in a certain time period or whether they just enjoy hearing other people's stories.

If you would like to set up a time to have a chat with one of our volunteers, or if you'd like to find out more about the project, you can get in touch via email: crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or phone: **01363 772578**.

Izzy FitzGerald

Reminiscence Project Coordinator, Crediton Library
librariesunlimited.org.uk

Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, this project has been made possible thanks to money raised by National Lottery players.

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



Parish Councillors Needed

We need members of the community to join the Parish Council.

Get involved with what happens in your village!

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:

Peter O'Neill, PC Chair

07932 660550

poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org

Jane Clark, PC Clerk

clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org

Letters to the Editor

The Village Hall is Open!

After what seems an eternity, the newly refurbished hall was re-opened on Saturday 20th January 2024.

What an excellent job the contractors have done for us with many improvements having been negotiated and absorbed into the costs.

New chairs have been purchased along with new curtains and the net result is a much warmer, lighter more inviting atmosphere.

Apart from an excess on the contents policy, the net cost to the hall funds has been nil.

Roughly 80 people of all ages joined us for drinks and snacks. There was a slide show showing the fire and subsequent rebuilding which provided much discussion.

Thanks to everyone for their approving comments, they are much appreciated.

New bookings were taken on the day and many suggestions for future events were suggested and discussed.

Village Hall AGM

Thursday 15th February, 7pm

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Upcycle Your Old Cards for Charity

I have worked with a charity in South India for many years which provides homes, education and support for tribal children. I collect birthday cards, especially children's ones and all other cards except Christmas cards. We have a group in Bath who remake them to raise money for the children.

It costs a £1 a day to support a child and that's the price of the cards. If you have any cards that you would like to donate, please drop off at Sunnyvale, Church Lane (the house with black and white metal railings).

The group hope to achieve £100,000 of sales this year and would be very grateful for more donations. If you wish to cut the backs off, please leave 1 -2 cms (1/2 inch) so they can upcycle them.

Thank you

Elaine Clark

Sunnyvale, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop

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**

Letters to the Editor

News from the Moor

I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed the respite after the rain and high winds of December. As we begin a new year, I'd like to take this opportunity to share a highlight from the end of 2023.

In November, we hosted our annual St Clement's Day event at Finch Foundry. St Clement's Day sees blacksmiths from all around the area, and some from further afield, come along to compete, meet and create in the historical environment of Finch Foundry. St Clement's Day was traditionally a feast day set between Halloween and Christmas. As Clement was the patron saint of metalworkers and blacksmiths, the day was an opportunity for them to enjoy a day of feasting and traditions such as firing of the anvil, dressing up and parading as 'Old Clem' and asking for donations for an evening of celebration.

We start the St Clement's celebrations with the firing of the anvil and then begin the competitions - two hours of forging to create a saleable item and the snail race where the fastest snail maker wins. At the 2023 celebration, after a day of creative competing, Adam Greenwell was awarded with the fastest snail prize, Greg Clarke's snail was deemed the best looking and Steve Wilson from the Cornish blacksmith collective was awarded with item of the day.

We would like to thank Mike Jecks for firing the anvil, Bill Murray for the judging, all the brilliant blacksmiths, volunteers and helpers for making such a great event and all of our wonderful visitors for supporting the event.

Looking Ahead to 2024

We are busy getting ready to re-open various sites ready for the new season.

Castle Drogo is opening earlier this year with the visitor centre, garden and castle fully open from **Monday 5th February**.

The Ranger teams across the whole of the Moor are busy doing all of the winter tasks. This includes the management of ash trees which have Ash Dieback. Some of these trees are in very tricky locations, including some by the road to Castle Drogo so thank you to all our neighbours for their support and patience during the road closure so we can undertake this work safely.

Easter is early this year at the end of March so here's hoping for lovely weather for the start of Spring.

Best wishes everyone,

Paula Clarke

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor

01647 434130

paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Cheriton Bishop Village Website

For more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area, please visit our website: **www.cheritonbishop.org.uk**

If you have anything you would like to add to our website, (information, village life images etc), please contact the newsletter or visit **cheritonbishop.org.uk/contact/**

Postcards of the village: **cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/**

Letters to the Editor

A30 Cornwall & Devon: Ash Dieback Replanting

National Highways operates, maintains and improves England's motorways and major A-roads, we also manage the trees on our verges. National Highways recognises the environmental value of trees and we manage our trees through their whole life cycle, to control safety risk and optimise their environmental value.

We are embarking upon a programme of Ash Dieback removal, and although the issue still requires careful monitoring, we have now completed most of our clearance work.

Over the coming months we will begin replanting the areas most affected by this work. We will plant just over 3,000 new trees along the A30 in Devon and Cornwall, to include local species such as Hazel, Crab apple, Holly, Hawthorn, Honeysuckle, European Spindle, Hornbeam and several others in lesser numbers. These species have been carefully

chosen to ensure local habitats are encouraged to flourish, they will be planted in a variety of sizes. The work will take place on verges with some rolling lane closures in place. To find out more visit <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/>

Ash dieback is a national issue and more information from the Forestry Commission can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-ash-dieback-in-england.

Tree Council: Ash Dieback - A Tree Owners Guide

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Tree-Council-Ash-dieback-tree-owners-guide-FINAL.pdf>

Andrea McAllister

Communications Manager, South West National Highways
www.nationalhighways.co.uk

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

The Village Hall re-opened in January (see page 9). 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

Letters to the Editor

The Spalding Hall

The members of the Spalding Hall committee would like to replace the French doors this year. There have been concerns in the past that the hall can be cold at times due to the draught from the doors. As they are not fire doors, we are looking to replace them with a window.

Fundraising

The Christmas coffee morning was a great success. Thank you to all who supported and many thanks again to those who donated raffle prizes. We raised £185.

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**.

Road Closure

Airband are planning to apply for a road closure permit within the next 6 months. Once the permit has been accepted, we will let you know the specific dates and timings.

Binneford Cross To Road Down Cross EX6 6LP

Charlotte Skinner

Streetworks & Permitting Coordinator
CharlotteSkinner@1servco.com



Airband are an internet service provider who have been commissioned by local county councils to construct a new ultrafast fibre network in your area. The build is focused on bringing speeds of up to 900Mbps to areas where fibre connections are not available.

In order to provide the internet service, we will need to close the road located near you within the next 6 months. Works will be conducted during the night and access to premises will be maintained throughout the duration of the closure. We will inform you soon with the dates and duration of the closure required.

Airband are always happy to discuss the disruptions caused to ensure that everyone's voices are heard so please get in contact if you have any queries: devon.team@airband.co.uk

Project Reference: NF048

Seasonal Blues...

"I have built up a bit of debt and I'm panicking. I did cut back but Christmas was still expensive. My rent has gone up and my pay cheque doesn't stretch as far as it did. I am doing everything I can think of but it's not enough. What can I do?"

Just about everyone feels the pinch after Christmas but this one has been particularly tough. The good news is that there are steps that you can take and at CA TNMWD we have a dedicated debt team who can help you further if needed. But firstly, what can you do?

- List your debts and as much detail as you can such as any missed payments, amount currently owing, account detail/reference number and whether the creditor (person you owe money to) has so far taken any steps to recover the money owed to them.
- Prioritise your debts so that your rent/ mortgage, energy bills and council tax are paid first. Contact your suppliers to see if they can help to work out manageable ways to help you and your local council may also be able to offer help/advice and maybe look at reducing your council tax – worth a call.
- Look at any credit card debt, store cards, payday loans, other unsecured loans and missed 'buy now pay later' payments.
- Whilst looking at money going out, consider money that could be coming in; you may be entitled to claim certain benefits especially for help with your energy and living costs.

Benefit calculator (entitledto.co.uk) This link takes you to our free and anonymous calculator on our website. Or visit www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk click on 'get advice' and click on 'benefits calculator'. When you click on 'get advice' you will see a separate tab for debt advice which will give you a referral page.

If you need to contact us for help and advice you can ring our free, local AdviceLine on **0808 27 87 999** or click on the 'get advice by email' link on our website. We have a link to our page on Energy Advice which gives you a referral option and there is a dedicated number **01237 879233** to book a call back if you think you may be eligible for fuel vouchers to help with energy costs.

Our advisers and volunteers at CA TNMWD are fully trained to help people with problems like this as well as the wealth of other problems people are facing.

If you would like to find out more about joining our team, contact us via email to recruitment@ruralcabdevon.org.uk in the first instance. We would love to hear from you!

Rosanna Teale

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

Volunteer With Us

Would you like to help people?

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

We would love to hear from you!

Volunteers are
at the heart of
all we do.



Neighbourhood Watch

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

The newly refurbished and almost rebuilt Village Hall is now open and ready for use. Those of you who visit on the open day on 20th January, will see at first hand the upgraded facilities in a building that is warm, with good lighting and facilities. It is already being used with much praise for the building. We understand that bookings are now being taken, so make use of the hall and book by contacting Peter O'Neill on **01647 243694**.

Vehicle Theft

In January, around 7am, vehicles were taken in Newton Abbot and Tedburn St Mary. The vehicles had been left unattended on the owners driveways or forecourts with engines running and in an attempt to de-ice the windscreen. Criminals got into the cars and drove off. The police are appealing for further information.

The lesson to us all is not to leave a car unattended with the engine running whilst de-icing. Also, not to leave the car unlocked on any occasion as thieves may be watching. Your insurance company is likely to have strong views on cars left with keys in the ignition.

Sellers

Police are asking everyone to be alert to some people around that are claiming to be deaf and showing ID cards. At present they are operating just outside of our area. These individuals are attempting to sell paintings and ask for money. People should be vigilant, and if possible, note details of any vehicles used by these people to report to the police.

Letter 'a'

Something that has been drawn to NW attention: if you receive a letter, email or other communication which uses rounded letter 'a's (without a tail over the top), it may have come from criminals abroad. Some devices do not have the 'a' with a tail and therefore the items you receive are likely to be fake.

Potholes

The number of potholes existing between Jan 2020 and Dec 2022 stood at 2.4 million. Potholes can damage shock absorbers, suspension springs, tyres, distort wheels and affect catalytic

converters. A claim on your vehicle insurance can be made but could affect your excess and also no claims bonus if you have any. A claim to the Local Authority, who have their own pothole processes, is possible for repair costs. It is advisable to keep all receipts for repairs whichever route you take to carry out repairs. The average claim stands around £3,000.

Cash Point Fraud

This is a big worry still, although the number of cash points has reduced. Lost or stolen cards are the most common to take money out of an ATM or in a branch.

A scam known as skimming involves the fitting of a device in the ATM to record the magnetic strip details on the card. A hidden tiny camera above the keypad records your PIN number as it is entered. Another way is for fake keypads to be fitted over the real one which records your pin as it is entered.

Old methods of someone hovering close by or distracting you can all lead to stealing your card. Be very wary and careful all of the time and if you think the situation is wrong, use another ATM in a different location and report the problem.

Walking

Although it is already getting lighter these days, it is still worth remembering that you must be seen when walking in our lanes and on the roads.

Drivers of vehicles also have to deal with low sun levels, intermittent sunshine coming through foliage and weather conditions. We all want to stay safe when out walking, so always try to wear light coloured clothing, and better still, wear bright reflective tops or tabards.

Safety

Always be observant & vigilant and keep your eyes open. 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 any findings to the police.

Contacts

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

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

Surgery News...

Opening Times

Contact: 01647 24272

Email: d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net

Website: 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

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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
- Women's 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

Patient Advice:

Are You Up-To-Date With Your Adult Vaccinations?

We offer vaccinations for all eligible patients – call the Surgery to book

Shingles

Did you know that more than 50,000 cases of shingles occur in the over 70s every year in England and Wales. Symptoms include: rashes or blisters on one side of the body, burning or shooting pain, itching, fever, fatigue or headache, in addition, almost 30% of individuals develop a painful complication called Post Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN).

Generally, this pain continues for 3 to 6 months, but it can last even longer. On average, cases last 3 to 5 weeks.

Most people only get shingles once, but you can get it more than once. The risk of shingles is higher in those with conditions such as diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis.

Pneumococcal Disease

More than 5,000 cases of IPD Pneumonia are diagnosed each year in England. Pneumonia symptoms include: a high temperature, a cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, an aching body, feeling very tired, loss of appetite or feeling confused (common in older people).

Complications can follow a mild illness and lead to more serious infections. The risk of Pneumococcal disease is greater for adults aged 65 years or older and for those with conditions such as COPD.

Contact:

Telephone: **01647 24272**

Email: d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net

Website: www.cheritonbishop.co.uk

Health & Lifestyle

Your Unique Gift!

I'd like to share an uplifting revelation that I had just after the new year. I spend a fair chunk of my time listening to podcasts and reading books on self-development and personal growth. A lot of the material and advice states that each of us have a unique gift and purpose that we must seek within ourselves, so we can share it with others and make a difference in the world.

I don't know about you, but for me this feels, and has for a long time, really quite daunting! How am I supposed to figure out what it is that I do that's completely unique?

I have spent a lot of time and energy being what I like to call a 'meaning making machine', i.e. trying to figure out why it is I'm here, and what my purpose is in life. These are huge questions, and I can see how we spend so much time trying to figure out what life is and then forgetting to live it.

On a bright crisp January morning, it suddenly dawned on me what my purpose was. And it was so simple, yet for me so profound. I had discovered my unique gift. This is a gift that no one else ever had, no one else has, and no one else ever will. A purpose that is completely one-of-a-kind. Something

exclusive to me
...and that is...
being me!

I have spent so much of my life trying to figure out what it is that

I do which contributes to the world and makes a difference. Yet now I'm sure it's less about doing, and more about being. Not so much what you do, but who you are.

So, what's your unique gift? Being you!

To each be ourselves authentically and in our wholeness, I'm sure we need to surround ourselves with the people, the experiences and the environments that polish our uniqueness and allow us to fully shine with aliveness and vitality.

We can all make a difference, whether big or small, in our very own special and exceptional way just by being the truest versions of ourselves. So, enjoy sharing the gifts that only you can share!

With love and appreciation!

Joe Arnold

Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro, Dartmoor Chiropractic



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...



In the Garden

Preparing for Spring

February is the time to finish pruning hardy shrubs, hedges and fruit trees. Also late flowering clematis can be pruned back to about 18" (45cm) from the ground, cutting to just above a bud.

Prune back the yellow winter flowering jasmine (*jasminum nudiflorum*) when it has finished flowering. Cut out any damaged wood then tie in your chosen framework. Shorten side shoots on this frame to 2" (5cm) from the main stem to keep the plant looking tidy. Summer flowering jasmines can also be pruned now. This is a different method as entire stems can be cut back at the base to avoid a tangle.

Autumn fruiting raspberries can be cut to the ground now. These fruit in late summer/autumn on canes which grow this year. Don't cut summer fruiting raspberries though as these will fruit on canes which started growing last year. You could also plant new canes but you should cut them back to 9" (22cm) from the ground after planting. If they produce flowers you should remove them to help the plant establish. They will reward you with a good crop next year.

Snowdrops seem to be late coming into flower this year but after you have enjoyed their brave little flowers, think about dividing up the clumps. They will make an even better display next year.



Top dress shrubs that are planted in containers. Just scrape off the top inch (2.5cm) of soil and replace it with fresh compost. This could contain slow release fertiliser too, to save you feeding during the growing season.

Dahlia tubers can be started into growth now. Tubers should have a piece of stem attached. Lay them on compost in shallow trays and spray with water occasionally to encourage new growth. They need plenty of light and don't forget to label them. Perhaps you could buy some exciting new varieties or you might have managed to keep some from last year. There is a lot to look forward to!

Sally Rix

Question...

What can you get for less than 80p a week which will:

- Help you get fitter
- Get you outdoors in the fresh air
- Provide fresh fruit & vegetables

Answer: An allotment.

Half plots are available in Tedburn St Mary.

Email: tedburnallotments@gmail.com or call **07979597458**

Nigel Cause, Secretary, Tedburn SM Allotment Association



Cheriton Bishop School

Cheriton Bishop Primary School is a vibrant school with a warm and friendly family atmosphere.

Our focus is on the whole child, a holistic approach and the care the children receive set us apart.

All of the staff here have a passion for providing real, engaging and exciting activities which brings learning alive and makes it stick! Our Hive Values were created and then distilled by the whole community and are central to how we support the children's development.

We believe that our pupils should clearly understand their responsibility for learning by actively engaging with our creative curriculum. They are encouraged to value their educational opportunities and enjoy the learning experiences it provides. In return we offer an excellent team of staff who work incredibly hard to provide a broad range of activities and challenges within a safe, stimulating and positive learning environment.

We greatly value and actively promote the partnership between home and school because we understand that it is only through joint support that every child will reach their full potential.

We hope that the years spent with us will be happy for you and your child.

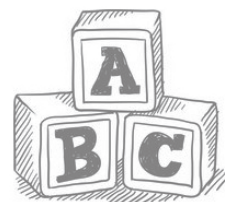
Communication

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.

Peter Halford

Executive Headteacher



Pre-School Spaces Available!

**Caring for children from
ages 2 - 5 years**

We are a friendly, pre-school dedicated to providing fun and exciting activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Curriculum. All in a spacious setting with a wide variety of equipment and secure outside play area.

We respond to the individual needs of every child within a caring, safe and stimulating environment. We offer care Monday to Friday, term time only, between the following sessions:

Morning: 9am to 12 noon

Afternoon: 12 noon to 3pm (includes lunch)

All Day: 9am to 3pm

Funding can be used for these sessions or charged at £4.75 per hour.

Additional 30 minutes: 3pm - 3:30pm
- £2 extra charge when funding is not available.

After School Clubs: Pre-school children are able to attend after school clubs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We look forward to welcoming you in to visit our setting. If you have any questions or would like to book your child into our Pre-school, please contact us at admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy.

Message from St Mary's

A Short Month With Plenty To Do

This year, February has a few memorable events. The most obvious being that it is a leap year making it a twenty-nine-day month. This will be especially helpful to all those people who have a birthday on that day.

I particularly like leap years as you avoid the mistake of putting February dates in your diary in March. Normally, if you get the wrong month the date and day do not match up and you see your mistake immediately. It is not much fun being a month early or a month late for an appointment! There is also the end of the Christmas Season on the 2nd of February.

This year Lent starts on Wednesday 14th February. It makes for interesting choices as it coincides with Valentine's Day. I am pretty sure which one will be more observed!

Easter is quite early this year being on the last day of March. The origin of Lent was in baptismal preparation, which happened at Easter. This preparation for Easter was seen to have great benefits for the baptismal candidates. The Church broadened the scope to include the whole congregation in these preparations. Lent is viewed as a time for self-examination and repentance by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's word. Lent should be equally positive in terms of taking up a challenge, like trying to make someone

smile each day, with an act of kindness. It is time to realign our lives with what God wants us to do with our lives. There is a sense of refocusing on what is important and getting rid of life's distractions. I find without a conscious effort, things around me drift away from where they should be. Lent is a time for gathering up the important elements and looking around to see how we can make a difference to those around us.

It is easy to become self-absorbed in what we are doing and miss what is around us. Lent gives us the time to pick our heads up and see what needs doing and to look to see what God is trying to do.

We are running a Lent Course 'Come and See'. Come and See is used several times in the bible as an invitation. An invitation is a powerful thing. It can be the start of a transformative journey, the beginning of a long-lasting friendship, or maybe the opening of a door that leads to new adventures. The phrase 'Come and See' can be seen repeatedly in scripture, especially in the Gospels. Each occasion can remind us that the fullness of life, and our salvation, start with an invitation to follow Jesus. Why not give the Lent course a chance?

Rev. Martin Wood

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop
01647 24119 (Tues - Sun). revwood163@gmail.com

Lent Course 2024 'Come & See'

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There will be two sessions on Wednesdays. One in person at **3pm, Pathfinder Church** and a **7pm Zoom meeting**. Please email revwood163@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Wednesday 21st February: When did you last feel close to God?

Wednesday 28th February: When is the right time to share your faith?

Wednesday 6th March: What would happen if a whole community invited Jesus?

Wednesday 13th March: Who would you tell first?

Wednesday 20th March: What are you looking for?

Services at St Mary's

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.

February

Thursday 1st

10.30am	Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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Sunday 4th - 2nd before Lent

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Rev V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Lay Led
6pm	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Lay Led</i>

Sunday 11th - Next before Lent

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Rev V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Rev Martin Wood
11am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>Rev Martin Wood</i>
3pm	Pathfinder		Prayer and Fellowship
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Rev Martin Wood

Wednesday 14th - Ash Wednesday

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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Sunday 18th - Lent 1

9.30am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>	<i>Rev Martin Wood</i>
11am	Whitestone	Parish Worship	Rev Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Rev Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Sunday 25th - Lent 2

9.30am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Lay Led</i>
9.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion BCP	Rev Martin Wood
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Rev Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
6pm	Whitestone	Evening prayer	Rev Martin Wood

Thursday 29th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

The Christmas Day collection in aid of the Children's Society came to £149.52, it was really nice to see so many smiling faces at the service.

Churchyard Working Party

We will be holding a Churchyard Working Party from 10am on **Saturday 10th February** to replace the one abandoned in November.

The Lent Course

The Lent Course this year explores the phrase 'Come and See'; held weekly at Pathfinder Church from Wednesday 21st February at 3pm and on Zoom at 7pm, details elsewhere in the newsletter, contact revwood163@gmail.com for Zoom link.

The Food Larder

The Food Larder is located in the church porch

for use by anyone whose own larder is being stretched. We would welcome donations, including tinned meats, fruit and custard etc.

We are grateful to the Surgery for their kind offer to accept donations, please hand items to the receptionists.

Churchyard Gates

The churchyard gates are still away and being worked on by the 'Men in Sheds' to provide a sympathetic repair, we have paid for some new Oak and there will be some more costs. We would be pleased to receive any donations towards the work either using BACS
A/c Name: St Mary's PCC Cheriton Bishop
A/c No: 04716302, Sort Code 56-00-49
Ref. Church Gates, or by posting in the church offerings box (in wall opposite the door).

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

All our Christmas services were well supported, especially the crib service on Christmas eve. It was wonderful to see the children singing *Away in a Manger* around the crib. We look forward to our special service for **Mothering Sunday** on **10th March**.

It was very sad to hear that Jean Yuen has died. She was such a wonderful support to Yeoford.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Monday 5th February, 12 noon for 12.30pm
Community Lunch

Mondays Café Company, 10am to 11am
(If there is no Community Lunch)

Services for February

Sunday 11th, 9.30am: Holy Communion

Sunday 25th, 11.15am: Family Service

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

February Communion & Service

Sunday 4th, 11am, with Mark Stanbury

Sunday 11th, 11am, with Chris Down

Sunday 18th, 11am, with John & Jane Wibberle

Sunday 25th 11am, with Peter Boddington

Friends & Neighbours

Wednesday 14th February, 2pm to 4pm

Everyone welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

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 this project which will 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

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

Oswald Chung (Archive Proposer)
07795 432151

CB Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Village Hall, Cheriton Bishop on Monday 15th January 2024, 7pm

Present: Chair Cllr Peter O'Neil, Cllrs. I. Cowley, P. Mitchell. R. Marshall. Mid Devon District (MDDC) Cllr M Binks.
No members of the public were present. Jane Clark, Clerk

1. **To receive and accept apologies.** None
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Public Discussion:** None
4. **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting Minutes 11th November 2023 - to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record.** Approved. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands.
5. **To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.** Cllr Binks reports. MDDC has been restructuring senior management roles and now is reviewing a secondary management level and there will be further reviews. Recycling is greatly improved and MDDC in top 140 authorities out of 480 councils.
6. **To receive a report from Devon County Councillor Letch (DCC) - for information only.** A copy had previously been circulated to councillors.
7. **Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – to consider the following applications upon which the Council has been asked to comment.** No new applications
Reference: 23/01792
Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use
Location: Drummer's Well, Cheriton Bishop
Approved by Mid Devon District Council for proposed replacement of external cladding.

Reference: 23/01782/FULL
Proposal: Retention of change of use from agricultural land to equestrian use and all-weather, open-air sand school.
Location: The Threshing Barn, Cheriton Bishop.
Approved by Mid Devon District Council
8. **Speed signs. Update on project, to include a review of actions if there is no response to requests for SCARF approval.** Cllr Marshall reported that a request for a SCARF assessment was put in 6 months ago and the parish council is still waiting for a response. The Chair asked that the parish council write to Cllr Letch and copy the appropriate committee to ask MDDC to ask for a date when the SCARF meeting is to take place as the parish council wishes to arrange for installation of the posts to house the sign as soon as possible.
CHAIR TO DRAFT LETTER AND SEND CLERK FOR DISTRIBUTION
9. **To consider the Village 'Bring and Share' event regarding date and who will organise and manage the event and any associated costs.** The Coronation Bring and Share event was popular in 2023. So, it was agreed to hold a similar event in 2024. The venue will be The Hub and it was agreed that the event should take place towards the end of June. Approved. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. CHAIR TO ARRANGE VENUE HIRE AND CONTACT ORGANISERS.
10. **Memorial Cross Plans – update on project and consideration of costs to be allocated to 2024 expenditure or included in reserves.** Cllr Marshall to discuss arrangements with Mr Ball who had previously been involved with the organisation of this project. The project is aiming to be self-funding by raising funds through the sale of memorial stones. The parish council is keen to begin work on this project as soon as possible. Following a discussion, the parish council agreed to put a reserve in the budget capped at £5,000. Approved. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. CLERK TO ACTION

CB Parish Council

11. Allotments – update on project and consideration of costs to be allocated to 2024 expenditure or reserves. The Chair reported that the land identified as appropriate for allotments and had been agreed has now been revoked by the landowner. Cllr O'Neill to look into other options and report back. Allocation of £12,000 for fencing and water to be recorded in as an allocated reserve. Approved. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. CLLR O'NEIL TO ACTION. CLERK TO RECORD RESERVE

12. To consider and discuss budgetary implications for 2023-2024 with a view to agreeing precept for financial year 2024 -2025, to include new projects, such as allotments, etc.

Following a discussion, the council agreed the precept request for next year to be a 10% increase. Approved Vote for 3 and 1 against.

Reserves to be allocated as follows £12,000 Allotments, £5,000 Memorial Cross Project £5,000 VAS, Village Gate Signs £3,000 . CLERK TO INFORM MDDC RE PRECEPT. CLERK TO RECORD RESERVES

13. Repairs & Maintenance.

A parishioner is seeking permission to trim trees on the boundary between his home and the play area. Cllr Cowley to look into this and report back to council. CLLR COWLEY TO ACTION

Clerk reported the annual safety inspection of the play area will take place in March.

The village gate signs are in disrepair. Cllr Marshall reported the cost would be around £1,000 each to replace, including installation. Cllr Cowley asked if the existing signs could be refurbished but Cllr Marshall thought refurbishment would be a similar cost and new gates would be easier to maintain. Cllr Cowley asked Cllr Marshall to look into the cost of refurbishment and Cllr Marshall agreed to get costs for both replacement and refurbishment and report back at the next meeting. CLLR MARSHALL TO ACTION.

14. Accounts 22/23 - to approve the following payments.

Council to note that due to the cancellation of the December meeting the payments shown below cover November and December 2023. Approved. UNANIMOUS

Payee	Service	Budget	Amount
Clerk - Salary	November Salary	Staff	£314.63
	December salary plus back pay		£314.63
	Back pay to 1.4.23		£183.71
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	Staff	£78.80 £124.40
Clarity	Newsletter	Newsletter	£88.75
Mid Devon District Council	Uncontested election expenses May 2023	Reserves	£137.35
WPS Westward	Newsletter paper	Newsletter	£238.56
Spalding Hall	Hall hire	Office & travel	£68.00 £68.00
J Dixon	4 hours – clerk support for retrospective financial data input to start of financial year for cash books and bank reconciliation	Office & Travel	£55.92
Vision ICT	Website admin	Office & travel	£64.80

15. To receive a report from the Chairman - for information only.

Cllr O'Neil commented on how good the newly refurbished village hall looks.

16. To receive reports from Councillors - for information only. Cllr Mitchell asked if there was money available to support rural communities to provide places for reading and book storage since the mobile library service has now ceased. Cllr Binks to look into this and report back. CLERK TO CONTACT MDDC AND DCC TO SEE IF ANY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. CLLR BINKS ALSO TO ACTION.

17. Correspondence/Clerk's Report. None

Dates of meetings all at 7pm at Spalding Hall unless notified otherwise: 12th February and 11th March 2024

Devon County Council

County Councillor's Report

Councillors

There is no doubt that December brings a rather different mood to council meetings. However, I am rather concerned at the number of parish councillors we have (which seems to vary greatly).

I attended two parish council meetings; the meeting of Crediton Hamlets was attended by just about all councillors. Maybe they were attracted by the temptation of festive nibbles and drinks after the meeting! Copplestone was attended by just 3 councillors but that was the minimum allowed, so the meeting went ahead. Sadly the meeting of Cheriton Bishop Parish Council had to be cancelled because there were not enough councillors to make the meeting quorate. I think we should make a new year's resolution for 2024 to increase the number of parish councillors to its full quota.

SEND Overspend

I did attend the Devon County Council full council meeting and from it picked up two very interesting cabinet member reports. The first followed questions that I asked about the overspend of SEND. The staggering projected overspend total is £162.6 million! In theory this has to be cleared by March 2026 but it seems there is a safety valve plan which involves discussion between the Department of Education and the county council. The council has plans to bring forward 20 projects but as yet no details. The aim of the projects is to bring the budget back in line and reduce the deficit over the next five years.

Highway Management

The other report was from the Cabinet member for highway management. This again contains some staggering figures. Since 1st April 2023 the council has received

1,229 claims for damages to vehicles or personal injuries due to road defects. The combined value of these claims is just over £1.1 million; to date £48,000 has been paid. Quite a difference between those two figures. On potholes the figures are again not very comforting. So far in this financial year 28,801 potholes have been reported. As of 1st December 2023 there were 1,505 potholes awaiting repair with the contractors. I hasten to add that not all of these are in our area! Ha ha!

Local Issues - DIY Waste

You may have seen an interview with a Conservative member of the Cabinet and the leader of the Liberal Democrats on Devon County Council on *Spotlight* recently. Amazingly they were both singing from the same song sheet - namely, they were berating the interference of central government in local issues.

The matter concerned a government ruling (it became law on January 1st) decreeing that recycling centres must now take domestic DIY waste free of charge. This has several consequences. Firstly, it will mean the loss of about £1 million of income, it will also mean that the county council will have to dispose of the material, which comes at a cost. But, there is perhaps one positive in that it may reduce fly tipping of the DIY waste we often see around our country lanes.

Resolutions for 2024

I hope you all have had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you all a happy new year. Do make some sensible new year's resolutions for 2024, resolutions that you can keep!

Cllr Frank Letch MBE

Devon County Councillor

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Waste Collection

Collection days for this area are Monday or Tuesday depending on your postcode. You can find your collection day here: www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/check-collection-dates/

Please remember to put your waste and recycling containers out at the kerbside where they can be seen easily, either after **6pm** the night before, or before **6am** on your collection day.

February 2024

Dates:				
5th / 6th	✓	✓		✓
12th / 13th	✓		✓	
19th / 20th	✓	✓		
26th / 27th	✓		✓	✓



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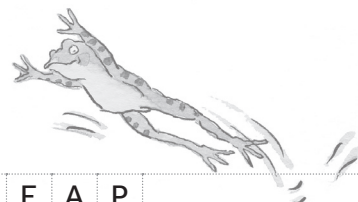
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			to warm up
			interperting sound
Y	E	A	R



L	E	A	P
			part of a plant
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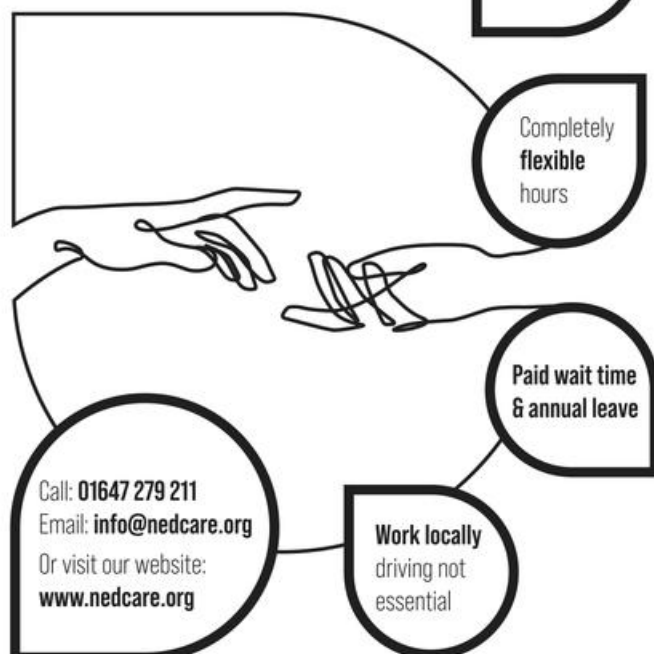
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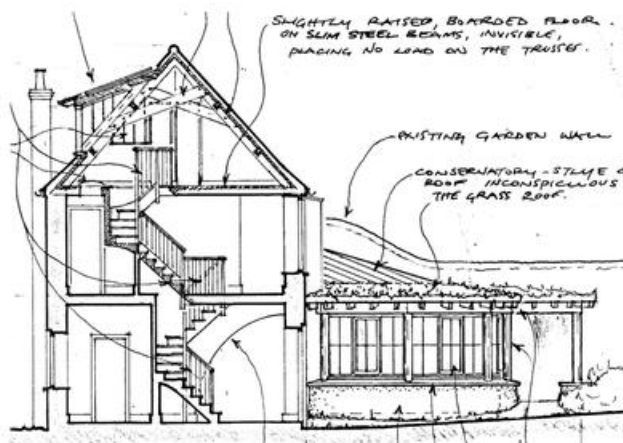
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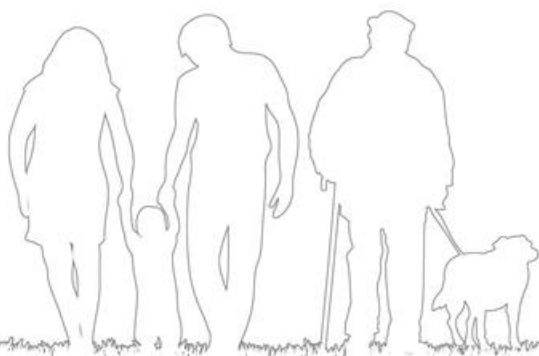


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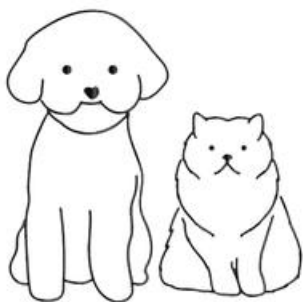
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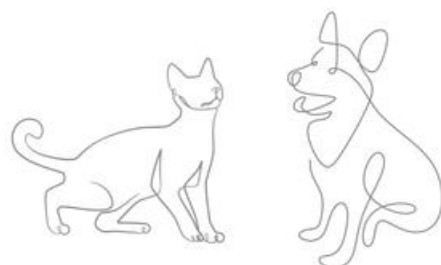
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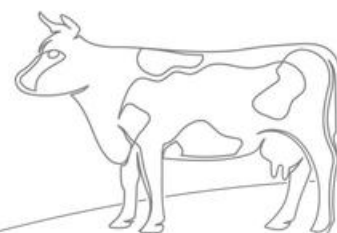


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