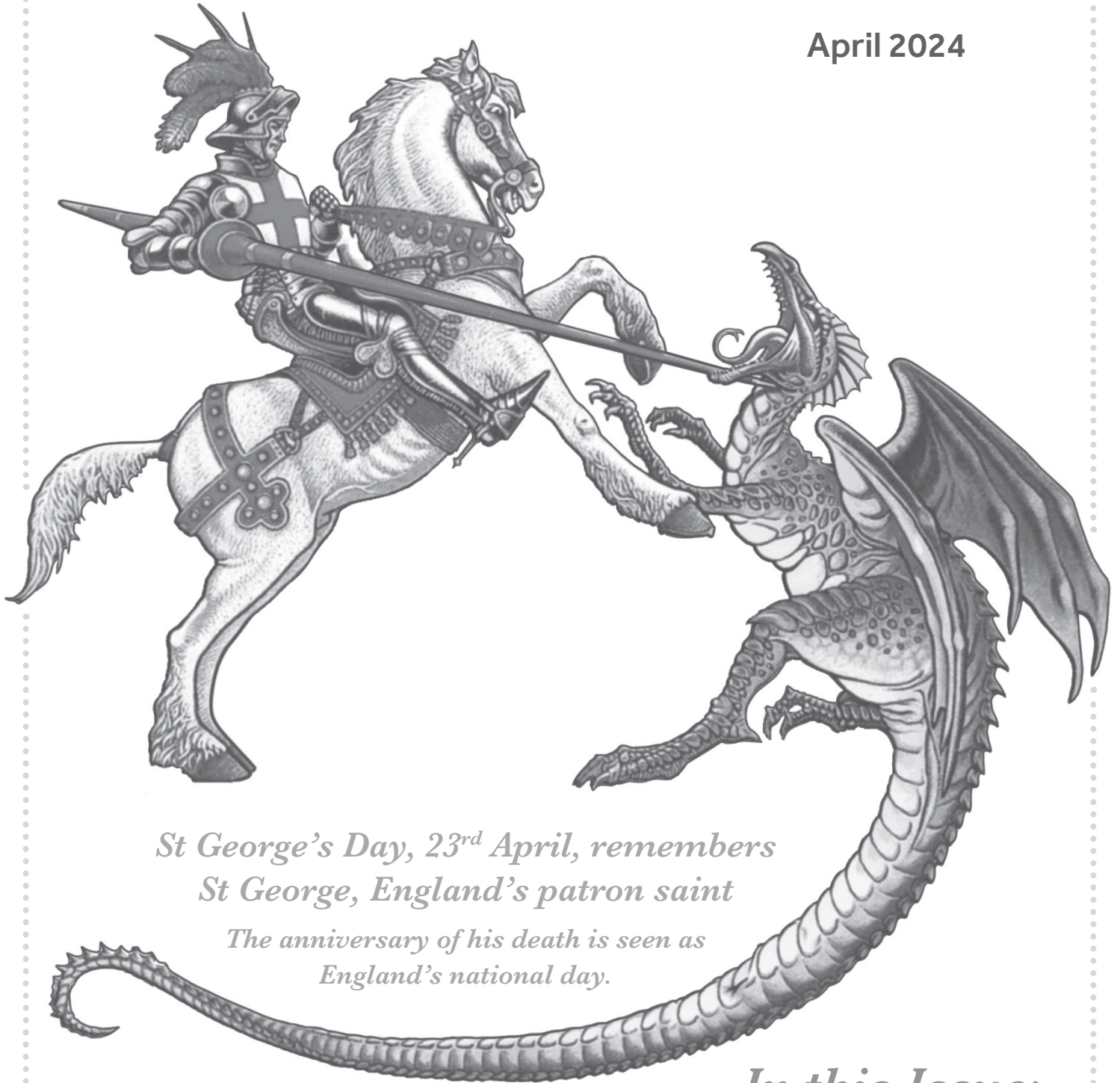


**Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell**

# *Newsletter*

**April 2024**



*St George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, remembers  
St George, England's patron saint*

*The anniversary of his death is seen as  
England's national day.*

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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

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**Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111

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## Schools and Local Organisations

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

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**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

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**Anglican Team Ministry:** Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop, 01647 24119, Tuesday to Sunday  
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### Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

# Welcome to the Newsletter

Well, the weather is slowly getting warmer, but still very wet. At least we're seeing flowers emerging which is lovely.

This month sees the last Curry & Quiz Night (a week later than usual) until it returns in September. Call the Old Thatch to book your table.

Lots and lots of information and events for you in this issue. Enjoy!

**Lucy x**

## ***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)**

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# 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. To book a table, please contact: 01647 279460

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**Dartmoor Creative Textiles:** Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

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

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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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**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

## April 2024

2nd	DCT 'Eccentric Ladies'	YFC Hub	12 noon - 4pm
2nd	Acorn Lunch Club	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
2nd	Women's Institute	Tedburn St Mary	Page 10
5th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
7th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch Inn	7pm
10th	Shopping at Sainsburys	Acorn	Page 9
11th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 9
11th	Annual Church Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
13th	'Soup & Pudding' Evening	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	Page 6
15th	Gardening Club	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
16th	Acorn Outing	Newton Abbot, Plants Galore and Bovey Tracey	Pg 9
19th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
20th	Newsletter Deadline	May edition deadline for information & articles	

There will be disruption to normal service at the Doctor's Surgery between 20th & 30th April during the process of updating the computer system.

24th	Shopping at Sainsburys	Acorn	Page 9
25th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 9
27th	Coffee Morning & Plant Sale	St Mary's Churchyard	10am to 12 noon
27th	Village Tidy Up	Stone Cross, Cheriton Bishop	9.30am
27th	Spring Plant Sale	Drewsteignton Village Hall	10am
27th	DCT Spring Fayre	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	10am - 4pm
28th	DCT Spring Fayre	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	10am - 4pm
28th	Curry & Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	From 6.30pm

This event is a week later than usual and will be the last Curry & Quiz Night until September.

## Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

**Saturday 20th April 2024**

**Editorial:** Lucy Cooper  
cheritonnews@gmail.com, 01647 272765

**Advertising:** Jo Carter  
cheritonads@gmail.com, 01647 24774



# What's On?

## Acorn Friends & Neighbours Lunch Club

**Tuesday 2nd April, 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:

- Lasagne
- Fish & Chips
- Veggie Burger, Salad & Chips
- Lemon Sponge Pudding & Custard
- Ice Cream

Please call by **Thursday 28th March** with your menu order, and to let me know if you will need a lift.

**Jean Martin, 01647 24586**

## Cheriton Bishop Walking Group



We are now trying to work out some new walks for the Spring when it hopefully dries up a bit.

If you have some favourite walks in the area, please share them with us. Please see our Facebook page or join our email list for regular updates.

**Jon & Dennis**



## Teign Valley Men's Sheds

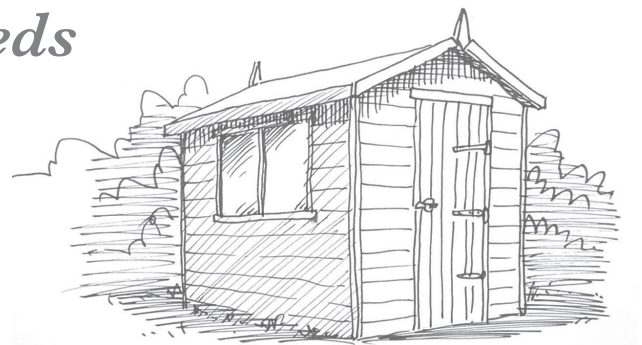
**Wednesdays in April, 9:30am to 12:30pm,  
Embercombe, Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ**

The Shed is located 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.

### 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.

For details, to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email [teignvalleyshed@gmail.com](mailto: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?

## Dartmoor Creative Textiles

### Eccentric Ladies

**Tuesday 2nd April, 12 – 4pm, YFC Hub**

This month we welcome Wendy Major to our group. She is a very accomplished embroiderer and will be guiding us through stump work to make 'Eccentric Ladies'. Stump work is also known as raised embroidery and uses an array of different materials and embroidery techniques to give a three dimensional finish. The afternoon promises to be quite an adventure as members let their imaginations run riot.



### Spring Fayre

**27th & 28th April, 10am - 4pm, Village Hall**

We are also looking forward to our Spring Exhibition at the end of April. Cancellation of previous events due to Covid and the fire at our hall means that we will have a large amount of exhibits. We also have groups from Ottery St Mary, Ashburton and Torbay exhibiting as well. There will be delicious refreshments starting with bacon butties through to lunch time favourites with homemade quiche, lasagne, ploughman's and jacket potatoes. Tea and coffee accompanied by homemade cakes will be available until 4pm. Doors open at 10am and there will be demonstrations at different times throughout the weekend and lots of crafting stalls. Free entry.

*Throughout the year we have a variety of textile demonstrations and hands on experiences, hopefully providing something for everyone. Contact me by email below if you are interested in joining us or drop into a session.*

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

*Dartmoor Creative Textiles - Formerly the Cheriton Bishop branch of 'West Country Embroiderers'*



## Open Mic Night

**Sunday 7th April, 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.

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



## Short Mat Bowls

If you are interested in joining our Short Mat Bowls 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.

**David Tripp**  
Chairman of Cheriton Bishop SMBC

# What's On?

## Events at St Mary's

### *Annual Church Meeting*

**Thursday 11th April, 7.30pm, The Spalding Hall**

This is your chance to come along to hear about the church and to ask any questions about its activities.

### *Coffee Morning & Plant Sale*

**Saturday 27th April, St Mary's Churchyard**



This event is a bit earlier in the year than previously and as usual, we ask if you would kindly take some cuttings to share and donate on the day. Come along to buy some plants. All proceeds are in aid of church funds.

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**

## *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...*



## Gardening Club Events

Apologies for the cancellation of the Spring Show. Spring has been early this year and most daffodils were already out in mid-March so would have died off by the end of the month. It is better to have no show than a really poor one. The next thing to look forward to is the **Soup & Pudding Evening...**

### *'Soup & Pudding' Evening*

**Saturday 13th April, Village Hall**

The dinner usually has a choice of 20 or more puddings, with a choice of several soups. Open to everybody.

The tickets cost £8 for as much as you would like of either.

Please contact Sally Burton on **01647 24724** to book a place to help with catering numbers.



### **Next month...**

### *Cream Tea & Mini-Show*

**Saturday 18th May, Jendia (garden), Cheriton Bishop (or the Village Hall if wet)**

All are welcome.

More details about this event will be in next month's newsletter.

**Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414**



# What's On?



## Spring Plant Sale

### Drewsteignton Garden Club

The very popular Spring Plant Sale has all sorts of plants for sale at *bargain prices!*

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
10am until sold out!

*Come early... Don't miss out!*



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## Village Tidy Up - April 2024

**Saturday 27th April, from 9.30am,  
The Stone Cross**

Please help us look after our village and join in if you can, bring your own tools. Remember to take safety precautions to protect yourself and others who are helping out.



Do let us know if you have any suggestions for areas that need particular attention.

For more information contact:

**Tim Vooght, 01647 24593**  
**Peter Endacott, 01647 24580**

## CURRY and Quiz Night

**Sunday 28th April from 6.30pm,  
The Old Thatch Inn**

Really tasty curry options served from 6.30pm. The Quiz starts at 8pm

Join the 'Fun Quiz' **WhatsApp** group to book your team table. Please message **JT** on **07717 148550**

To book our team's table for Curry & Quiz night, please call The Old Thatch on **01647 279460**

# Save the Date...



**Spring Celebration**  
***Haydn's 'The Creation'***

**Saturday 11th May, 7.30 pm,**  
**St Michael's Church, Chagford**

Please join us as we celebrate Spring with this wonderful work in the lovely setting of St. Michael the Archangel Church, Chagford.

Haydn's oratorio depicts and celebrates the creation of the world with a libretto generated from the Book of Genesis, psalms, and Milton's 'Paradise Lost'. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are £10 each, available through TicketSource <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/devon/st-michael-the-archangel-church/haydns-creation-chagford-singers/2024-05-11/19:30/t-krlgzka> or may be purchased at the door (doors open at 7pm). For additional information, visit [www.chagfordsingers.co.uk](http://www.chagfordsingers.co.uk)

## *Three Cheers to 10 Years!*

### **Deb & JT's 10 Year Anniversary Party**

It's hard to believe, but Deb and I will have been married 10 years in May!

To celebrate we are hosting a party at the Old Thatch on **Saturday 11th May.**

For those with youngsters, there'll be a bouncy castle in the garden from mid-afternoon and for the more mature, the evening entertainment is headlined by the one & only Johnny Fuller Band (aka Johnny & the Chic Sisters), with a local guest star as warm-up act!

Everyone is welcome – **JT**



## *Cheriton Bishop Village Website*

For more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area, please visit our website: [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://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/](http://cheritonbishop.org.uk/contact/)

Postcards of the village: [cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/](http://cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/)

# Update from Acorn



*“April, the angel of the months, the young love of the year”*

Vita Sackville-West



Well – March was a bit wet, wasn't it? But it didn't stop Acorn – didn't even slow us down. We went on outings, lunches, drank coffees and ate cake (the lifeblood of Acorn is CAKE!) For April maybe we can be a bit more ambitious and adventurous but there will always be CAKE!

Our line-up for April is below! If you would like to join in, then just call **01647 252701** to book the activities you are interested in.

## Activities from Cheriton Bishop

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 2nd April, 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 7th May.
- **Shopping is at Sainsburys:** Wednesdays 10th & 24th April. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.
- **Outing:** Tuesday 16th April, Newton Abbot with a trip to Plants Galore and Bovey Tracey.

## All Acorn Areas:

- **Tea @ the Hub:** Fridays 5th & 19th April, 2-4pm at the Young Farmers Head Office Building in 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.
- **Memory Lane Café:** Thursdays 11th & 25th April. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below.

## Activities from the Teign Valley

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 2nd April – The Union, Moretonhampstead.
- **Shopping at Sainsburys:** Mondays 8th & 22nd April. *Please note the Sainsbury's shopping day will now be fortnightly on a Monday.*
- **Outing:** Monday 15th April – Shaldon Beach and The Ness pub for lunch.
- **Coffee Morning:** Tuesdays 9th & 23rd April at 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.



## Looking to Volunteer?

If you, or someone you know think that you could spare an hour or two a week or month and would love to know more about volunteering, please visit

**[www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved)** or contact **01647 252701**.

Best wishes,

**The A(corn) Team**



# Letters to the Editor

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## Thank You! From YFC

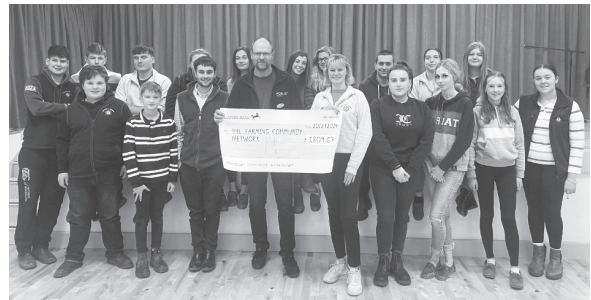


We recently celebrated last year's fundraising for our chosen charities: **The Firefighters Charity** and **The Farming Community Network** by presenting £1,890.67 for each amazing charity!

We had a quick talk as to where our money will be used and it was amazing to find out more about what these fabulous charities do too.

Thank you for the local communities, friends, families and our members who have supported us with our fundraising events!

**Chantelle Rae**



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## Tedburn St Mary Women's Institute

The WI March meeting was all about sheep. Lisa Hutchins was our speaker and she was very entertaining. Lisa described how after university she became a fitness and tennis coach. She was introduced to sheep and started with 4 and now has 100. She described how funny the sheep are and they all have names. It soon became clear that there is no money in fleeces because the shearers are paid £1.50 per fleece and yet the wool board pays just 12p. Lisa did some research and learnt about spinning, carding and all things wool, currently she runs workshops for like-minded people and does presentations and has been very successful.

We are starting to plan some activities for the coming year and the Spring Council meeting in Ilfracombe is happening soon. The council meetings usually mean a good day out. Lots of WI's meet and are treated to very good speakers and news from the whole of our Devon Federation.

Also planned is our 97th birthday dinner in June at the 'Travellers Rest', and we are planning to visit Den Brook Wind Farm for our

'Out Meeting' in August together with a pub lunch.

Locally 2 members will be judging the children's entries at the Spring Garden Show and it is our turn to organise the April Farmer's Market raffle.

The usual walks, craft and knitting meetings will be taking place.

### Waste Management

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 2nd April** when the Speaker will be Elizabeth Turner who will speak about Waste Management. I am sure it will be very informative and will inspire us to try to recycle even more items.

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**



# Letters to the Editor

## The Spalding Hall

Our recent coffee morning was a great success. It was lovely to see people enjoying coffee, tea and cake whilst chatting together.

We raised £180.90 which is a brilliant amount. Thank you to all those who attended.

## Breakfast & Coffee Morning

Our next event is breakfast and coffee in the garden of 1 Woodpecker Way (weather permitting). This will be on **Saturday 11th May** from 9am-11am.

Please come along if you can.

We are continuing to raise funds towards replacing the French doors with a window. We would value your support.

**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.

## Bookings:

Jean Martin - **01647 24586**



## Cans 4 City – Collection Point

What if we told you that you could support your local football club by recycling your empty drink cans?

**Cans4City** is based in Exeter and is a joint initiative between Exeter City Football Club and Exeter City Council.

The scheme provides fans with a free way to support their local football club - by recycling their empty drink cans.

Over the years they have collected more than 19 tonnes of drink cans and raised over £15,000 as a result!

Read more about Cans4City and other incredible recycling groups turning their cans into cash in our latest blog post: <https://everycancounts.co.uk/cash-for-cans/>

Drop your aluminium drinks cans into the collection box in **Cheriton Bishop Surgery Reception** where our receptionist and Exeter City super fan, Chris, will collect them and deliver to St James Park.

## Dog Fouling in the Village

### Please pick up after your dog

It is an offence where a dog defecates for anyone in charge of a dog to fail to remove dog faeces immediately anywhere within Mid Devon in any public place or on any land where the order applies.

A maximum fine of £1000 applies.



# Letters to the Editor

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## *Doctor Clunie Supports Acorn As He Retires*

**Huge thanks & congratulations to Dr Clunie, as he retires on 31st May. Over the (many) years Dr Clunie has raised much needed funds for Acorn. Below will be a brief history of his slightly off the wall endeavours.**

To mark his retirement after 26 years at the practice he will again be raising funds for Acorn by cycling 2360 miles in one go from home to Bari in Southeast Italy.

It all began when Acorn were looking to buy their first minibus back in 2001 and needed to raise a substantial amount of money and Dr Clunie said he would help.

Firstly, he and his long distance running chum Rob Hitchings decided it would be a good thing to run from one side of the Dartmoor National Park boundary to the other. So, in June they did just that, running from Lydford to the Manor Inn, Ashton. In 2002, Dr Clunie decided he would run the London Marathon and completed that in 3 hours 5 minutes.

Both these events and some grant applications enabled Acorn to purchase their very first minibus.

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*Inevitable knee issues brought his running career to a premature end and so the first of many bicycles was purchased.*

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In 2008, Dr Clunie persuaded his son Ben, at the tender age of 16 to cycle John O'Groats to Lands End raising money jointly for Acorn and the RNLI. This was duly completed over 10 days, cycling 100 miles a day. In 2014 the two Doctors: Hayter and Clunie thought it a grand idea to cycle 260 miles around the perimeter of Devon, again raising funds for Acorn.

Perhaps the most bonkers endeavour of all, in 2019 Dr Clunie decided to cycle half-way

up Mount Everest, using Bridford Hill as his mountain. It comprised 27 cycles up and 27 cycles down. A total of 4200m of vertical climbing and over 54 miles. Lastly, he did the Acorn cycle of 300 miles in September 2020 over a weekend cycling 152 miles a day.

All of these challenges have raised significant sums that have helped Acorn immeasurably over the years including helping buy and replace two minibuses.

So here we are. The Doc has decided to hang up his stethoscope but not his cycling helmet.

He has generously committed to raising his last tranche of funds for Acorn by cycling from home in Devon to the coastal town, Bari in Southeast Italy via Paris, Geneva, Milan and Rome. He will be accompanied by his good friend, Olaf and the plan is that it should take them 3-4 weeks. There will be several places where you can follow their trip and keep up to date with the Doc's daily blog:

The two surgeries will have a very humorous and visual wall map, updated daily with their progress and escapades.

If you prefer online, then you can visit: **[www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)** or visit the Facebook pages of Acorn and the Cheriton Bishop Surgery.

If you wish to support Dr Clunie and donate to Acorn, you can do so by putting hard cash in the collecting buckets at the surgeries or you can donate digitally via the donate button at **[www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)**

**Acorn Community Support**

*Always Lending A Helping Hand*

# Letters to the Editor

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## News from the Moor

I hope that you are all well.

The brief glimpse of Spring seems to have vanished. As I write this, it has been raining for 5 hours. Thank goodness for the daffodils bringing some brightness and joy.



## Lydford Gorge Path Closures

Speaking of the weirdness of the weather, we've had to take proactive action against the effects of climate change at Lydford Gorge. Extended periods of drought followed by heavy rain have taken a toll on the thin soils and steep slopes of the gorge.

It has required increasing costly interventions, in both time and money, to open safely to visitors each year. The path along the river, between Whitelady Waterfall and Pixie Glen, has suffered several significant landslips in recent years and we've made the tough decision to close this part of the route.

## New Visitor Trails

A new operating model started in March with two beautiful feature trails, the Devil's Cauldron trail and the Waterfall trail, available for visitors. The higher path through the woodland, that links the Devil's Cauldron entrance and Waterfall entrance (renamed the Lyd link), and the path to Tucker's Pool will open as two-way routes during quieter times only as these paths are so narrow.

Visitors will still be able to enjoy the temperate rainforest as the trails to the Devil's Cauldron and Whitelady waterfall both have some lovely temperate rainforest habitat. The Devil's Cauldron trail is better to see lower plants like mosses, liverworts and ferns that love the damp and shady environment there. The Waterfall trail is better to see trees and plants, especially wild

flowers in spring, that thrive in the humidity created by the waterfall.

## Guided Tours at the Forge

Finch Foundry re-opened for the new season at the end of March and the team there are eager to share the sights and sounds of the forge with visitors on the guided tours.

Castle Drogo is gearing up for Easter with the usual trails around the grounds and lots to see and do in the castle itself – including trying on a top hat similar to the one Mr Drewe wore!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Finally, our Ranger team in the Teign Valley have a couple of new volunteer opportunities including Volunteer Ranger, Workshop Volunteer and a Trail Inspector role.

If you are interested, or know of anyone that might be, the team have a drop-in event planned on **Tuesday 30th April** for a 'Meet the Team' and 'Task' day. The Ranger team will be in the woods from 10am until 2pm completing some footpath maintenance and woodland aftercare.

You can find Rectory Woods by using **What Three Words**: *reduction.questions.ambitions*.

Please use the Car Park at Fingle Bridge and wear stout footwear, waterproofs and gloves. Ranger Lucy will then be at Fingle Bridge Inn from 2pm if you'd rather drop in for a chat there.

If you can't make that date but would like to know more about volunteering, please drop me an email.

Best wishes everyone.

**Paula Clarke**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
**01647 434130**  
[paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk)

# Letters to the Editor

## Cheriton Bishop Village Hall News

Our booking system and hire rates can include short duration bookings together with half or full days. We can accommodate other durations, please ask! We also have a Facebook page where we will post updates and the public can comment.

**Jon Whitehead**

### 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

## 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.

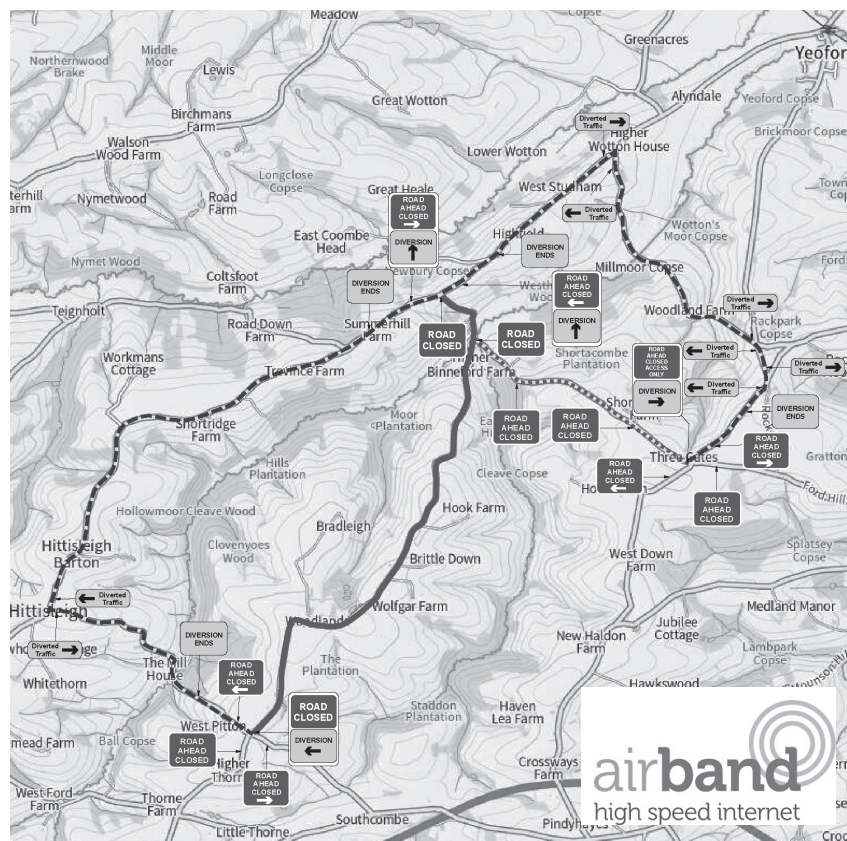
### Binneford Cross To Road Down Cross EX6 6LP

**Charlotte Skinner**

Streetworks &  
Permitting Coordinator  
[CharlotteSkinner@1servco.com](mailto:CharlotteSkinner@1servco.com)

*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](mailto:devon.team@airband.co.uk)

*Project Reference: NF048*





## Council Tax

Our 'regular' monthly Advice Column focuses on Council Tax and what to do if you cannot afford to pay the increased amount in the forthcoming financial year. (Essentially, it boils down to contacting your local council to see if you are eligible for any discounts – there are a number of options available). However, for our Mid Devon connections, we have some really exciting news that could be of much wider benefit to Mid Devon residents, so we are taking this opportunity to share it with you.

CA TNMWD operates as a charity and whilst we benefit from some local authority funding, we need to supplement this and consequently, we invest a great deal of time and effort applying for grants from a wide range of funding bodies. We were absolutely thrilled, therefore, when we learned that we had been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund specifically to provide dedicated services in Mid Devon. This project is called Improving Financial Wellbeing and focuses on advising on debt and energy issues as well as income maximisation.

We have a team specifically designated to work in Mid Devon so any inquiries that are

received via our AdviceLine (free and local on **0808 27 87 999**) are directed to that team. We have an outreach office in Criddon that people can book their own appointments for (every Wednesday) and the link for that will soon be up on our website and face to face appointments can be arranged elsewhere in Mid Devon on a case by case basis. The following link takes you to a place where you can self-refer – **Mid Devon - Improving Financial Wellbeing - Rural Devon Citizen's Advice ([citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](http://citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk))** You can also email [middevonifw@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](mailto:middevonifw@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk)

As ever, we continue to recruit volunteers to help us to meet demand not only in Mid Devon but across Torridge, North and West Devon too so if you would be interested in joining us for maybe one day per week, please do get in touch. Email [recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) – we'd love to hear from you! Full training and ongoing support is provided, you will make new friends and will be putting something back into our community.

**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](mailto:recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk)

*We would love to hear from you!*

Volunteers are  
at the heart of  
all we do.



# *Surgery News...*

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## *Dr Clunie's Retirement*

After a touch over 26 years at the practice and over 33 years working in the NHS, I have decided that the time is right to hang up my stethoscope. So, Friday 31st May of this year will be my last working day.

All those years ago, being asked by Simon Dudbridge to be his partner was one of the best (and lucky) things to have happened in my entire working life. Being allowed to serve the various communities that make up our practice has at different times been joyful, very hard, very fulfilling, occasionally frustrating and everything in between. Within all that though it has been a huge privilege.

I'm immensely proud of what the whole team over the years has managed to do for our population. That means everybody: reception staff, nurses, the admin team, the practice manager, community nurses the dispensary team along with the GP's and all the new allied staff. I'm proud of us being able to continue an approach to family medicine that maintains standards of access, continuity of care and above all managing to put patients first despite continuous Government restrictions. I know from feedback, the yearly National Patient Survey and our own surveys that we have been consistently appreciated and valued and that has been very important to me.

I am very happy to say that Dr Sam Pouncey will be taking over my role in the practice. He has worked with us now for some time, and I couldn't think of a better doctor to whom I hand over my baton.

I feel as partners we are purely custodians of the Cheriton Bishop and Teign Valley Practice. Before me came Simon (Dudbridge) and Robin (Miller) whom many of you will remember. From my reflections on being a custodian of this amazing practice, I look back with pride. I have certainly done my best.

To Dr Hayter and Dr Pouncey, I happily hand over to them both. They inspire me in their

work and compassion, and I know that you, our patients, will be well cared for.

To mark the occasion of my retirement it would be remiss of me not to do something suitably silly to raise funds for Acorn Community Support, a charity that the practice is so grateful to have within our community, who do so much in offering social, practical and emotional support to our patients. So, to keep with the tradition, I am planning to cycle, a week after my retirement, from Exeter to Bari, Puglia in Southeast Italy. It is 2,350 miles – it should take me about 3-4 weeks. If you would like to support my endeavours (and help mark my retirement) there will be collecting buckets in the usual places across the practice. You can also donate via the Acorn website at [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

Thank you to all of you - staff, patients and Acorn volunteers. You have ensured it has been the privilege of my life.

**Dr Jason Clunie**

*Happy Retirement*

## *Addendum*

The retirement of Dr Clunie from our practice will be felt by many of you who have been in receipt of his compassion and medical expertise.

We will have a 'Comments / Thank You' book at each surgery from Monday 1st April which will provide you all with the opportunity to write a personal message to him.

## **Dr Clunie: Retirement Do**

**Friday 31st May, 1pm to 3pm,  
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

You are all welcome to come and wish Dr Clunie the very best in his retirement and thank him for all he has done for our community.

# *Surgery News...*

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## *\* Important Warning \**

### **Disruption To Normal Service Between 20th & 30th April**

We are in the process of moving over to a new computer system that we use for all your medical records and prescriptions. This is so we can improve our services and bring our systems completely up to date.

We are preparing for this to ensure a smooth transition and minimise disruption. As we swap between systems, we will have a gap from 20th to 30th April when new data cannot be added and we will need to reduce non-essential activity during this time.

#### **How will it affect you?**

1. We plan to issue double the amount of your repeat prescriptions to ensure you have supplies over this period.

2. Routine appointments, annual reviews and bloods will be deferred over this period until the new system is live.
3. The practice of course will be open and will deal with any urgent problems.
4. Online services will cease during this period for ordering repeat medication, accessing test results and health records, booking GP or Nurse appointments.

We are confident that the new system will help us improve the care we can deliver going forward. Thank you for your understanding and support.

***Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice***

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## *Patient Advice:*

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

We offer vaccinations for all eligible patients. Please 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](mailto:d-icb.cheritonbishop@nhs.net)

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

# *In the Garden*

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## *April's New Shoots & Roots*

Well if the rain in March dampened your enthusiasm to get out into the garden, there is still plenty of time in April! The soil should be warming up and seeds will begin to germinate.

Leeks can be sown outside now in a nursery bed. When they grow to 10 cm, they are ready to be transplanted. Keep sowing lettuce, broad beans, peas, radish a few at a time so that you have a good succession of vegetables to harvest at their best during the summer. Thin out the seedlings (these can be used in salads) and keep them watered.

Tender vegetables such as sweetcorn, courgettes and runner beans are better sown at the end of April. These are fast growers and don't want to be emerging before the risk of frost has passed. Tomatoes, peppers and aubergines need a longer growing season so it might be better to buy plants now rather than sowing seeds.

If you do have tomato plants in a greenhouse, keep potting them on and make sure they have plenty of light so that they don't become etiolated. If you want to grow tomatoes outside then you can sow seed now but make sure it is one of the hardier varieties.

Earth up your early potatoes so that you prevent them going green. Maincrop potatoes can still be planted now. Push twiggy prunings in around pea shoots to support them. Sweet peas can be planted out now and they will appreciate similar support. Unless you want a few long stemmed show sweet peas, pinch out the tips to encourage more side shoots.

Overwintered pelargoniums will be sending out new shoots now. Trim these back to a more compact shape and take the opportunity to take some cuttings. These should be inserted into some gritty, well drained but moist compost. Keep the cuttings uncovered (unlike most herbaceous cuttings) and in a warm place until they have rooted. If you want to repot phalaenopsis orchids, now is a good time when they have finished flowering. Trim the roots and repot into a bark based orchid compost.

Dead head your daffodils when they have finished flowering but don't forget to leave the foliage to die back and feed the bulb ready for next year. This will take about 6 weeks so please be patient! Meanwhile, enjoy the wonderful cherry blossom!

**Sally Rix**

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### *Question...*

What can you get for less than 80p a week which will help you get fitter, get you outdoors in the fresh air and provide fresh fruit & vegetables...

**Answer:** An allotment.

Half plots are available in Tedburn St Mary.

Email: [tedburnallotments@gmail.com](mailto:tedburnallotments@gmail.com) or call **07979597458**

**Nigel Cause**, Secretary, Tedburn SM Allotment Association





# Neighbourhood Watch

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After all the rain that we have had over the last few months, you may be thinking of getting away for a few days or perhaps longer. We hope that your home security is also on your mind...

## Securing Your Home - Checklist

**Windows:** closed and locked, window sensors activated, garage and shed windows locked.

**Doors:** front and rear doors double or deadlocked, all doors to your home locked, door keys kept out of sight but to hand in an emergency.

**Interior:** put lights and radio on a timer or use smart bulb with timers; activate your alarm; valuable items are out of sight; chargers and cables for phones and laptops out of view; photographic and written record of valuables.

**Exterior:** lights on movement sensors; eliminate concealment areas around the property; packaging from expensive items kept out of sight; vehicles locked and valuables removed; side gates, sheds, outbuildings and garages locked; items that could be used to break in are put away.

**Neighbours:** inform them when you are going away and to keep an eye on your property; don't post your away details on social media; don't arrange for deliveries whilst you are away.

## Rogue Traders & Cold Callers

Stay vigilant for door step traders offering home and garden services. These people often provide poor services, employ deceptive tactics and over charge for their work. Don't agree to any work offered by unsolicited doorstep callers.

Don't rely on recommendations on social media and don't be swayed by glossy flyers or websites. Certainly do not pay cash or agree to go to a bank or pay by bank transfer any money before the work is well on its way.

If you are concerned that rogue traders are in your area, note their details and vehicle registration if possible and report to the police. Some may say that they are working for the local authority, contact the council direct to verify.

The best way when looking for work to be carried out at your home is to obtain three quotes from reputable firms that you trust and make a decision in your own time. Don't be rushed. They should have the right skills, qualifications, insurances and if removing waste have a waste carriers licence. Full contact details are provided, not just a mobile number and a 14 day cooling off period is provided.

At the moment the police are reporting cold callers are in Mid Devon offering tarmac!

## STOP • THINK • FRAUD

If you receive a suspicious call or message, think carefully before providing any information and personal details. If you have any doubts at all, hang up the phone or close down the computer or device used to contact you. Don't call a number someone has provided or click on links. Check the organisation directly by using details that you know are correct. A message from a family friend may ask you to send money, use known contact details to check if it's the person that you know.

If you do receive a strange or suspicious call or message do not take these at face value. Instead try to think if you want to take this any further, is it really an organisation or person that you know, or the offer is too good to be true. Be on your guard.

## Some Sober Statistics

- Over 5 million people a year fall victim to scams.
- The internet is responsible for 84% of identity theft in the UK.
- Only 5% of scams are ever reported.
- In one year, 1 in 17 adults were victims of fraud.

## SP Energy

This company offers a free priority services register (PSR) to be signed up to which offers support in the event of a power cut. You will not be restored any quicker, but they say that they will let you know what's happening in your particular area and keep you notified. Phone: 03301 010167

## Heating Oil

The police report that a farm in Mid Devon has had fuel oil stolen recently. You are reminded to check the amount of your oil regularly. The tank should be screened if possible, consider fitting security lighting and fit locks on lids and just make it difficult for criminals to gain access.

## Safety

NW appreciates that this issue is a bit sombre in its content but felt that a few reminders would be appreciated. We all can slip a bit!

Always be observant & vigilant and keep 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

# Church Messages

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## Churchwarden's Ramblings

The Annual church Meeting will be held in the Spalding Hall on **Thursday 11th April** starting at 7.30pm. This is your chance to come along to hear about the church and to ask any questions about its activities in Cheriton Bishop.

### Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

The coffee morning and churchyard plant sale is on **Saturday 27th April**, 10am to 12 noon, as usual we will be pleased to receive any plants you are able to donate on the day.

Coffee will be served in the Spalding hall.

### 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.

Is there anyone reading this who would like to play the church organ at St Mary's, maybe you play piano or a keyboard? Please contact us.

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**

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## Holy Trinity, Yeoford

There were a good number of families in church on Mothering Sunday. We celebrated with cake while the children made plant pots filled with felt flowers for their Mothers and Grandmothers after we had a service of thanksgiving.

**Carol Price, 01647 24468**

### Community Lunch

**Monday 8th April**  
**12 noon for 12.30pm start**

### Café Company

**Mondays, 10am till 11am**  
(if there is no Lunch)  
No café on Easter Monday

### Messy Church

**Sat 27th April**, Village Hall, 3pm till 4.30pm

### Services for April

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

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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*

**Sunday 7th, 11am:** Communion and Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 14th, 11am:** Communion and Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 21st, 11am:** Communion and Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 28th, 11am:** Communion and Service with Peter Boddington

Further information on date of Home Prayer fellowship will be notified.

### Friends and Neighbours

**Wednesday 10th April, 2pm to 4pm** - Everyone welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

# Message from St Mary's

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## *April Showers & New Life*

The month of April is often associated with lots of rain or should I say showers. The Lent themes of mercy and forgiveness still run through this Eastertide. However, Easter although celebrated on the last day in March, is also celebrated for fifty days until Pentecost (Sunday 19th May).

One of the key themes of Easter is new and abundant life. It is no coincidence that Easter and Spring go hand in hand.

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*As we watch Spring bring new life and new growth, I marvel at its delicacy and intricacy.*

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There is also a real freshness to the new greens that we see all around us. I am always aware of how fast things grow at this point, they appear to almost grow as we watch. What lies behind this new life are the key ingredients of light, warmth, water and nutrients. It feels like the winter stores up goodness waiting for spring to unleash it with brighter warmer days.

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*Like nature around us,  
Spring puts new life and  
new hope within us.*

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We look forward to starting up things that the winter curtails, we often have fresh resolve to tackle a new project. The lighter evenings allow us time to be outside later in the day. We feel a little like being roused from our winter hibernation.

This Eastertide has the same theme of a new and abundant life. One of the key messages is that Jesus goes looking for his disciples after the resurrection. His disciples had been scattered and were afraid for their lives. Some of them had denied any knowledge of Jesus and some were on their way home, they'd had enough.

They were by any measure failures and had let their friend Jesus down badly. Surely in modern terms, Jesus' first task would be to gather a new group of followers who were up to the task and were not like those other failures. But Jesus does something quite remarkable, he meets and walks alongside his disciples in their failures and draws them from despair to hope. He transforms their sadness into joy and excitement.

He demonstrates practically two key themes of Easter, forgiveness and transformation. We are told that if we want to know what God is like, look at Jesus' life. After the resurrection, Jesus becomes the shepherd in the parable of the lost sheep. For Jesus it was not just about finding his lost disciples, it was about turning them around and focusing them on what God wanted to do with them, to take his message to the world.

We are not just found by God and then we wait around for heaven. God has a purpose for us, to share his love with the people we know and meet. Surely our world still needs transformation?

**Rev. Martin Wood**

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

# 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.

### April Services

#### Sunday 7th: Easter 2

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	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>

#### Thursday 11th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 14th: Easter 3

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

#### Sunday 21st: Easter 4

9.30am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>	<i>Revd M Greig</i>
11am	Whitestone	Parish Worship	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

#### Thursday 25th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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#### Sunday 28th: Easter 5

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



# CB Parish Council

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## *Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting*

**Held at the Village Hall, Cheriton Bishop on Monday 11th March 2024, 7pm**

Present: Chair Cllr Peter O'Neil, Cllr R Marshall, Cllr. Mitchell. DCC Cllr Frank Letch and MDDC Cllr Martin Binks.  
A member of the public present. Attending. Jane Clark, Parish Clerk

- 1. To receive and accept apologies.** Cllr I. Cowley.
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest (see code of conduct and guidance notes).** NONE.
- 3. Public Discussion:** Nothing raised.
- 4. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting Minutes 12th February, 2024 - 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.** MDDC Cllr Binks reported that the Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) budget had been balanced and the council tax would increase by 2.99% (approx. £234 a year on a Band D property). He said this was a positive result given the pressure on local authority finances.

He reminded the parish council that with effect from 26th February, refuse collections will no longer take 'side waste'; that is bags stacked alongside the bins.

Mid Devon District Council has recently received £25,000 from Urban Tree Challenge towards planting trees in urban areas. He was told this will fund 66 trees (£300 a tree). The planting will be in urban areas with a target that all urban area should have 30% tree canopy to support the environment in both hot and cold periods.

- 6. To receive a report from Devon County Councillor Letch (DCC) - for information only.** A copy had previously been circulated to councillors. Cllr Letch reported that there has been great cooperation between all parties and officers to get the books balanced at Devon County Council and was pleased to say that nothing had been transferred from reserves.

There is still an issue with bags of rubbish not being separated for collection with recyclable rubbish placed with non-recyclable rubbish.

Cllr Letch's meeting with the Highways Officer did not go ahead but will take place within the next two weeks. His focus will be on issues of safety on the A377.

He confirmed that the Locality Fund will be £8,000 for the year and that he will strive to ensure that it is spent fairly across his ward. Cllr Mitchell asked if he could apply for funding to do with projects and a library associated with Spalding Hall. DCC Cllr Letch invited him to put in a request via email for his consideration.  
CLLR MITCHELL TO ACTION

Clerk to place request to parish council for Spalding Hall project funding on the April agenda. CLERK TO ACTION

Cllr O'Neill reiterated the council's request for support for the new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and said they will also be placing an application. CLLR O'NEILL TO ACTION

- 7. To consider the quotes for work at play area.** Cllr Cowley. Deferred to April meeting. Cllr O'Neill asked the clerk to request that the quotations information be shared with the council before the April meeting. CLERK AND CLLR COWLEY TO ACTION.
- 8. As requested in item 13 of the minutes for the February meeting.** The council to consider how village facilities, such as the village hall, might be used to offer courses and training to parishioners; the discussion instigated by Cllr Mitchell.

The training available and of benefit to the village would include issues such as snow clearance, village maintenance, etc. Following a discussion the Chair asked this item to be placed on to the April agenda to identify which courses are available and relevant. CLERK TO ACTION

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**9. To consider a contribution towards the replacement of Church gates.** £150 has been raised and another £300 is required. Cllr Marshall proposed that the vicar put in a request for the outstanding amount. Approved in principle. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. CLLR MARSHALL TO ACTION

**10. Speed signs. Update on project.** The project has not heard back from MDDC regarding the installation sites. Cllr O'Neill proposed that the council purchase the signs so the council is ready to install as soon as the relevant SCARF permission is received. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands. CLLR MARSHALL & CLLR O'NEILL TO ACTION

**11. Memorial Cross Plans. Update on project.** Cllr Marshall said he is waiting for a third quote to come in. To be put on the April agenda for a decision. CLERK TO ACTION

**12. Village gateway signs. Update on project.** Cllr Marshall reported that he is still waiting for a quote for the work. To be put on the April agenda for a decision. CLERK TO ACTION

**13. Allotments. Update on project.** Still unable to finalise a site. Two sites are currently being investigated, including an extension to the land rented from the Church Commissioners for the village green. The Chair asked councillors and the wider public to contact the parish council (details on the PC website) if anyone can suggest suitable sites. This could be an existing field or part thereof, with a minimum area of one acre.

Cllr Mitchell suggested a potential site close to The Rectory and Cllr O'Neill is also to approach Bunny Homes regarding any land that may be available. CLLR O'NEILL TO ACTION

**14. Village 'Bring and Share' event. Update on project.** The Chair wished to record the parish council's thanks to Sally Burton for agreeing to organise catering and to the YFC Rural Hub for subsidising the venue cost. The date is now confirmed as Sunday 23rd June, 2024. Chair will update the newsletter and website with the event. CLLR O'Neill TO ACTION

**15. Repairs & Maintenance.** To consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets.

Cllr Mitchell reminded the Chair about a project to develop and store a village archive, making the point that if the archive was managed by the Parish Council people would feel more secure donating historical items and documents. The Chair suggested that it was too big a task for a councillor to take on and that it would perhaps be necessary to retain professional support for the project, i.e. an archivist, etc. To be added to April agenda. CLERK TO PLACE ON AGENDA. CLLR O'NEILL TO PRODUCE A REPORT FOR COUNCIL

The clerk to check if the play area is included in the maintenance contract as well as information regarding the condition of the equipment. CLERK TO ACTION

**16. Accounts 22/23 - to approve the following payments (including those paid previously but not included on agenda for approval as noted below).** Approved UNANIMOUS by a show of hands.

Payee	Service	Amount	VAT	Total
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary & wfh allowance	£338.96		£338.96
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VisionICT	Hosted email accounts for 2023-2025	£108.00	£21.60	£129.60
Lawrence Wilson	Maintenance Cheriton Bishop Play Park	£60.00		£60.00

**17. To receive a report from the Chairman: for information only.** Cllrs O'Neill and Marshall have been in discussion with the management of Woodleigh Park with regard to the extension of opening period and increase in capacity. The Chair reported they were told that there are no current plans to apply for permission to allow main or permanent residency in the holiday park. During the meeting it was suggested to the Woodleigh's manager that a leaflet with details of village services such as the shop and pub, details of the surgery, etc, could be a useful item for those using the site and benefit local businesses. CHAIR TO FOLLOW UP

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**18. To receive reports from Councillors: for information only.** Cllrs Mitchell and Marshall are both actively trying to recruit more councillors. All councillors to encourage interest in taking up the role.

**19. Correspondence/Clerk's Report: for information only.** There was a query regarding the whereabouts of a set of handbells but the PC responded that this issue had been previously investigated without success. A current enquiry to bell ringers also drew a blank. The clerk to inform the correspondent.

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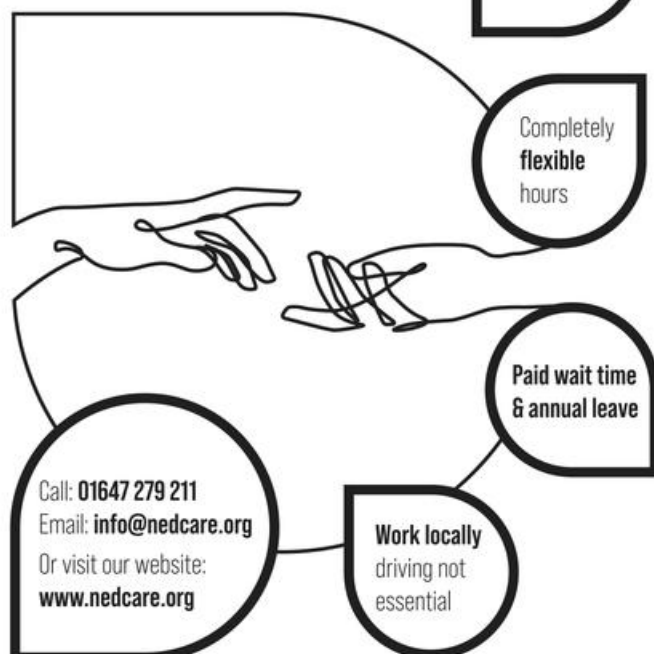
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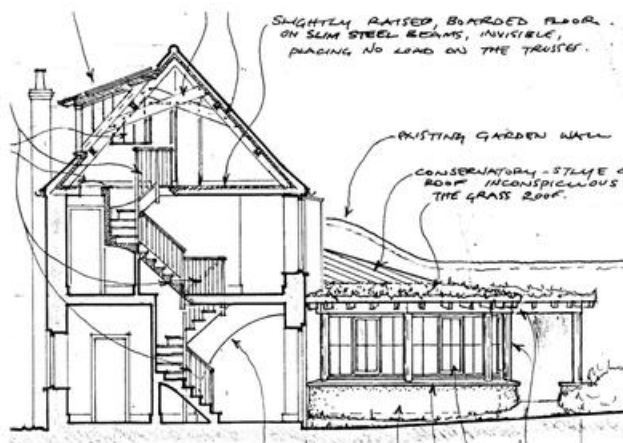
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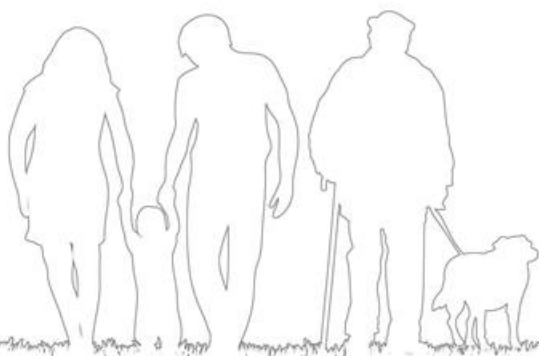


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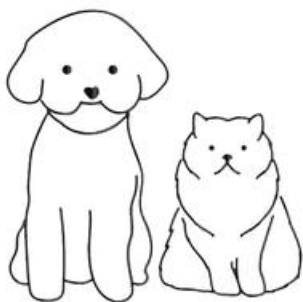
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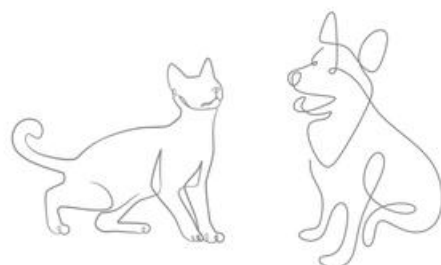
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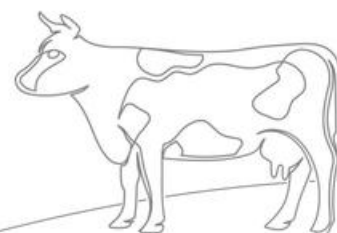


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