

**Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell**

# *Newsletter*

May 2024



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# Useful Information

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## Doctors and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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## Schools and Local Organisations

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**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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## 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)

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## Local Authorities

### Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

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Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405

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# Welcome to the Newsletter

Dare I say it, but there's been the occasional spot of sunshine and a blue sky here and there... Spring has really started. Flowers and blossom everywhere, bees dive-bombing my hi-vis jacket - I've even seen butterflies dancing around each other! I can definitely see Summer on the horizon on a day like today - it's sunny right now, but there's still a bit of a chill in the shade or when a cloud passes.

Looking at this glorious May Newsletter, there's a lot going on again. There are quite a few events listed in the 'What's On' section - we've even got a wonderful 10th Wedding Anniversary party at the pub on the 11th. JT and Debs have organised a fantastic event and I personally, can't wait to help them both celebrate the occasion! Well done and much love to you both!

If you have got something to celebrate, and want to share with the Village, please do send me an email - we all love a bit of uplifting news.

Please enjoy the good weather we are having, it's so nice to see people out and about while I'm walking the dogs. We really do live in a lovely part of the world, and you are all at the very heart of our great community spirit! Sorry, I've just been to Pilates and I'm feeling very Zen.

Much Love,

Lucy x

## Classified Ads

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

**FREE**

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

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

### Flyer Inserts

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

- Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £10

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

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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 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)

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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

## May 2024

3rd	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
5th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch Inn	7pm
7th	DCT 'Turned Appliqué'	YFC Hub	12 noon - 4pm
7th	Acorn Lunch Club	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
7th	Women's Institute	Tedburn St Mary Village Hall	Page 11
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9th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 9
11th	Breakfast & Coffee Morning	No.1 Woodpecker Way	9am-11am
11th	Haydn's 'The Creation'	St Michael's Church, Chagford	7.30 pm
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17th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
18th	Cream Tea & Mini Show	Jendia (garden) or Village Hall if wet	Page 7
20th	Newsletter Deadline	June edition deadline for information & articles	
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24th	Pizza & Prosecco Quiz Night!	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	7pm for 7.30pm start
30th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 9
31st	Dr Clunie's Retirement Do	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	1pm to 3pm
24th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	<b>3pm - 5pm</b>

*Note the change of time to allow for people to attend Dr Clunie's retirement do*

## June 2024

Cheriton Bishop Community Event      Sunday 23rd June, 2-4:30pm, YFC Hub

### Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

**Monday 20th May 2024**

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# What's On?



Cheriton & Tedburn YFC

## *Pig Racing!!*

**Friday 3rd May, 7pm for 7:30pm start, CB Village Hall**

Place your bets and cheer on your winning pig.  
Guaranteed to be a fun night! £5 entry.

Bets can be made on all races. Pigs can be purchased before hand, prizes to be won for winning pig. Raffle.

*All profits to go towards Devon YFC scholarship*



OPEN  
MIC  
NIGHT



**Sunday 5th May  
7pm start  
The Old Thatch**

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*

## Acorn Friends & Neighbours *Lunch Club*

**Tuesday 7th May, 12.30pm, The Kings Arms, Tedburn**

Join us 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:

- Ham, egg & chips
- Scampi & chips
- Emmental & Cheddar soufflé & dressed salad leaves
- Chocolate sponge pudding & custard
- Ice cream

Please call by **2nd May** with your menu order, and to let me know if you will need a lift.

**Jean Martin, 01647 24586**

## *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/)

# What's On?

## Men's Sheds

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

### 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.

Coffee & tea available. A minibus (courtesy of Acorn) is available most weeks if required, at £5 per session.

For details, to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email [teignvalleyshed@gmail.com](mailto:teignvalleyshed@gmail.com). Don't miss an opportunity to meet friends and learn / share 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*



## Dartmoor Creative Textiles

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Fayre in April. We have so many talented and enthusiastic members and it gives us an opportunity to show case the range of crafts we encompass.

### Turned Appliqué with Laura Horner

**Tuesday 7th May, 12 noon to 4pm, Spalding Hall**

We will be learning the technique of turned appliqué. This skill is often used when quilting and is an effective way of producing a neat edge when creating fabric designs. Intricate designs can be created, often one piece of fabric can be cut and the edges turned to make wall hangings and pictures. We will be using the technique to decorate a bag.

*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'*

## CB Walking Group

With the longer days, we have now started our evening walks and this will be the norm until Autumn. However, there may be the odd daytime walk, so keep an eye on our Facebook page, or join our email list for advance notice. If you would like to join us, you will be very welcome!

**Jon & Dennis**

## 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?

## Notice of a Parish & Community Assembly



**Wednesday 8th May, 7pm to 7.30pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

### Who is invited?

All residents of the village and the local community

### What is a Parish & Community Assembly?

It's a legally required opportunity to meet and hear from your parish councillors and discuss local issues for Cheriton Bishop. Councillors will be reporting on projects, answering questions and explaining our role. Join us for tea & coffee!

### Why is this important now?

Your parish council needs to find up to four additional councillors – at present we have only half of our entitlement.

### Why is that a problem?

We are being delayed in community projects as we can't meet when two or more of our team aren't available. Also, four male councillors 'of mature years' aren't the best way to ensure that a wide range of your interests and views are represented.

### What projects are you working on?

Installing speed warning signs, Improving the Memorial Cross area, Providing allotments, Managing hedges around the Play Area, Organising a village party, Replacing the village entry signs...

### Who can be a councillor?

Anyone over the age of 18, living in or near Cheriton Bishop parish.

### How much time is involved?

Attending a reasonable number of our council meetings on the 1st Monday of the month. Anything else is optional, but our projects can be interesting and enjoyable. Training is provided if required.

### Become a Parish Councillor...

If you are interested, but can't attend the meeting, please have a chat with any councillor or our clerk (details on our website), or contact our Chair, Peter O'Neill, by email to: [poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk](mailto:poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk), or call: **07932 660550**

## Spalding Hall Breakfast & Coffee Morning

**Saturday 11th May, from 9am-11am, No.1 Woodpecker Way**

Breakfast & coffee morning in the garden of 1 Woodpecker Way (weather permitting). Bacon, sausage and egg baps. Table top sale. 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.*





# What's On?

## *Three Cheers to 10 Years!*

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

It's hard to believe, but Deb & I have been married 10 years this month!

To celebrate the occasion, 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*



## **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-krigzka> or may be purchased at the door (doors open at 7pm). For additional information, visit [www.chagfordsingers.co.uk](http://www.chagfordsingers.co.uk)

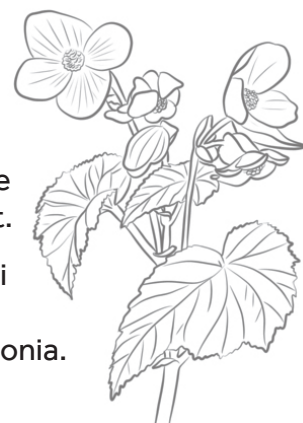
## *Cream Tea & Mini-Show*

**Saturday 18th May, Jendia (garden), Cheriton Bishop**

Come along to enjoy home baking, a plant table and flower displays. The garden of Jendia is next to the Village Hall where it will be held if it is wet.

Plug plants (to grow-on for display in August) will be available at the Mini Show but if you would like to get ahead, please contact either Janet on **01647 24414** or Sally on **01647 24724**. This year, the plug-plant is a Begonia.

We look forward to seeing you.



# What's On?

**Cheriton & Tedburn YFC**

## *Pizza & Prosecco Quiz Night!*

**Friday 24th May, 7pm for 7:30pm start, CB Village Hall**

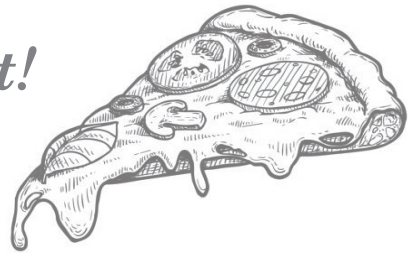
*This year's event is in aid of Alison and Katie's NFYFC volunteering trip to Nepal.*

£8 per person, teams of 4-6. (Glass of Prosecco and a slice of pizza included)

Other refreshments and extra pizzas will be available!

Please contact Alison on **07947995464** to book your team in.

*For those who would like to support this trip, we would greatly appreciate any donations via our go fund me page - <https://gofund.me/83a9840e>*



**Save the Date...**

## *You're Invited to the Village Tea Party!*

**Cheriton Bishop Community Event**

**Sunday 23rd June, 2-4:30pm,  
YFC Rural Hub, Cheriton Bishop**

Following last year's success, there's going to be another Village Tea Party. Please bring a plate of food to share.

- Hot & cold drinks provided (BYO wine / beer)
- Music, Children's Games
- Everyone welcome to this **FREE** event

*Thanks to all event volunteers,  
Devon YFC & Cheriton Bishop  
Parish Council.*

*Donations welcome -  
to be shared between  
local groups.*



**Save the Date...**

## *Dunsford Show*

**Saturday 29th June**

**Promising a Day of Family Fun in the Heart of Dartmoor National Park**

Prepare for a quintessential country show experience as Dunsford Show returns for another year of excitement and entertainment. Nestled amidst the breathtaking landscape of Dartmoor National Park, this beloved event offers families the perfect opportunity to enjoy a fun-packed afternoon in the countryside. Main acts include; Wardour Garrison's interactive historical demonstrations, Taiko South West, Vintage and classic car display, Bubbles the Pixie. Dunsford School Maypole dancers and country dancers will showcase their talents, vintage games stalls and highly anticipated Dog Show. Refreshments include BBQ, traditional cream teas, local ales, cider, Pimm's, strawberries, ice cream, and much more!

Located just off the B3212 after Briton Street Lane, the show field is easily accessible - look out for signs on approach!

**Don't miss out on this unforgettable day of countryside charm and family-friendly entertainment at Dunsford Village Show**

# Update from Acorn



*“May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive”*

Fennel Hudson

We are not going to mention the weather, but suffice to say very little stops the wonders of Acorn. We have been to the beach (for a quick look) we have shopped, laughed, lunched, played games, laughed a lot more and yes, eaten CAKE!

Let's do it all again, hopefully with some of that warm, yellow stuff called SUNSHINE.

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

## All Acorn Areas

- **Tea @ the Hub:** Fridays 3rd & 17th May, 2-4pm & 31st May, 3-5pm (later time due to Dr Clunie's Retirement Do) at the YFC Hub, Cheriton Bishop. Join us for tea, talk, coffee, and catch up with friends - old and new. No need to book just turn up.
- **Memory Lane Café:** Thursdays 9th & 30th May. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call **01647 252701**.

## Activities from Cheriton Bishop

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 7th May, 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 4th June.
- **Shopping at Sainsburys:** Wednesdays 8th & 22nd May. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.
- **Outing:** Tuesday 21st May. Drive on the Moors, stopping at Warren House Inn and Widecombe in the Moor.

## Activities from the Teign Valley

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 14th May – The Taw River, Sticklepath.
- **Shopping at Sainsburys:** Mondays 6th & 20th May.
- **Outing:** Monday 20th May – 'Bluebell Drive' Haytor/Hound Tor (Holwell Lawn) and Ullacombe Farm for refreshments.
- **Coffee Morning:** Tuesdays 7th & 21st May 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 the Acorn office on **01647 252701** if you would like to book a seat on the minibus for shopping, coffee mornings, lunches or trips.

Spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



## 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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## *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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## *Tedburn St Mary Women's Institute*

The April WI Meeting was a surprise to all; our Speaker who was giving a talk about 'Waste Management' was unable to attend. We were not informed until the morning of the meeting that she needed to cancel, and it was therefore decided to hold a social evening.

Rachel brought cardboard, recycled from Covid test boxes, felt tip pens, scissors and wallpaper to decorate. The Crafters among us made cardboard birds.

Jane brought board games and Sue provided quizzes. The competition entries were made from re-cycled materials. The 31 members and 2 guests who were present all agreed that it was a fun and enjoyable evening.

The Federation events on offer include a holiday to Kent and a trip to the 'National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire'.

The Spring Council Meeting is being held in Ilfracombe this Year and 2 members will attend an excellent day and will meet members from other Devon WIs.

During this month the craft group are being treated to a lesson on chocolate making. A member has kindly volunteered her husband to teach our group as he is a Chocolatier.

Future events for Tedburn include our 97th Birthday Meal at the 'Travellers Rest' in June and a visit to the 'Denbrook Wind Farm' in August. 2024 is proving to be a busy and interesting year with lots to look forward to.

The next meeting is the AGM, cheese and wine will be enjoyed after the formalities. The Committee are looking forward to welcoming everyone to reflect on the last year and all the events which have been on offer. Membership has grown substantially and we look forward to meeting many more ladies during our future WI evenings.

If you are thinking of joining us, remember the first meeting is free. We normally meet once a month at the Village Hall, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm. Please contact Jane or Sue, for further details:

**Jane Burrow**  
President  
**07814659526**

**Sue Smith**  
Secretary  
**01647 61646**

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## *Summer Opening Times*

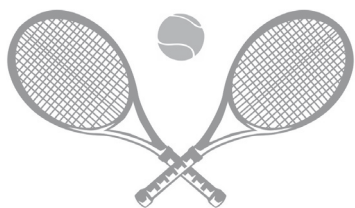
We are now open for food and drink **7 days a week!**

**Bar:** Monday to Sunday, 12pm-10pm

**Kitchen:** Monday to Saturday, 12-2.30pm, 6pm-9pm, Sunday 12-6pm



# Letters to the Editor



## Tedburn St. Mary Tennis Club

### Hello Tennis Fans...

It's hard to believe but its already the time of year to start thinking about getting outdoors and playing some tennis in the sun!

In the past year we have had both courts refurbished and repainted. They are in wonderful condition and just waiting for you to come and join us for a game.

We are a small friendly club and we love to have new members join us. You can become a member for just £70 a year as an individual or £140 as a family. There are then no more costs for the whole year, what a bargain!

As a club we run Club sessions on a Sunday morning and a Wednesday afternoon where any members can come along and play with other members. We co-ordinate this now through a What's App group which any member can join. Or you can just play with your own family or other friends who are members.

For a membership form or further information, please email [tedburntennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:tedburntennisclub@gmail.com).

Our courts are in a beautiful position, so why don't you come along and see for yourself and join this lovely village tennis club. Hope to see you soon!

**Phil Dyson, 07527 268 413**

## 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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## News from the Moor

As I write this update, there is a rare day of sunshine after what has been a very tricky Easter holidays with several days of high winds and weather warnings. We have had to close on quite a few days in order to make sure our staff, volunteers and visitors are kept safe. On a more positive note, when we have been able to open, various trails have been very popular and there have been lots of happy families taking part in the activities hidden around the grounds and gardens.

Easter weekend was nicely busy at all of our places and, once again, huge thanks to our neighbours who have been so welcoming and patient with our visitors trying to get to us and find somewhere to park. We chatted with several local folks who had come out for a nice early walk or horse ride before the crowds arrive – it really helps us to manage the car park and entrance areas. May will bring another 2 bank holiday Mondays so thanks again in advance to our locals for their support.

In other news, we are just starting a project in collaboration with Oxford University focused on the way stately home nurseries were used during the Second World War. The nurseries at Castle Drogo were used for children evacuated from large cities such as Liverpool and London with 45 children relocated to the

safety of Drogo. We have some photographs, letters and articles about life at Drogo during this time but we would love to hear about any other local stories or memories related to this.

The nursery school at Castle Drogo was run by Mary Drewe and Miss Brotherston, who later both relocated to Exmouth to set up a school there. We are also keen to hear from people who might remember this; in particular, from people who remember Mary and Miss Brotherston – what were they like? What are your memories of them? If there is anything you would like to share, please do drop me a line or pop in to chat with the team.

Finally, a very early date for your diary. The annual celebration of St Clement, the patron saint of blacksmiths, will be taking place at Finch Foundry on Saturday 23rd November. We are once again hosting our local blacksmiths as they mark this special day full of demonstrations, dancing and the traditional firing of the anvil. We'd love to see you there so please save the date.

Best wishes everyone,

**Paula Clarke**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor

**07826 945107**

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

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## Cheriton Bishop Facebook Page

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

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



# Letters to the Editor

## Crediton Library Reminiscence Group

Did you know, Crediton Library hold a monthly Reminiscence Group? It's a chance to have a chat about your memories in relaxed, friendly company over a cup of tea. Each month we explore a different theme using photos, books, objects or music. Attendees can also bring along items or photos they'd like to share.

Upcoming dates and themes are:

<b>10th May</b>	Film, TV & Radio
<b>14th June</b>	Recipes & Food
<b>12th July</b>	Music
<b>9th August</b>	Holidays
<b>13th September</b>	School

Reminiscence Groups take place at the library on the second Friday of each

month, 2-3pm. You can also book a 1-1 Reminiscence Interview with one of our volunteers, to chat more generally about memories from childhood and school through to work and family (or anything else you'd like to reminisce about). These 1-1 conversations are audio recorded at home or at the library and added to an online collection.

Part of the Reminiscence Project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. For more information, or to book a place at a Reminiscence Group session, please email [crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk) or call **01363 772578**.

**Izzy FitzGerald**

Reminiscence Project Coordinator, Crediton Library

## 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**

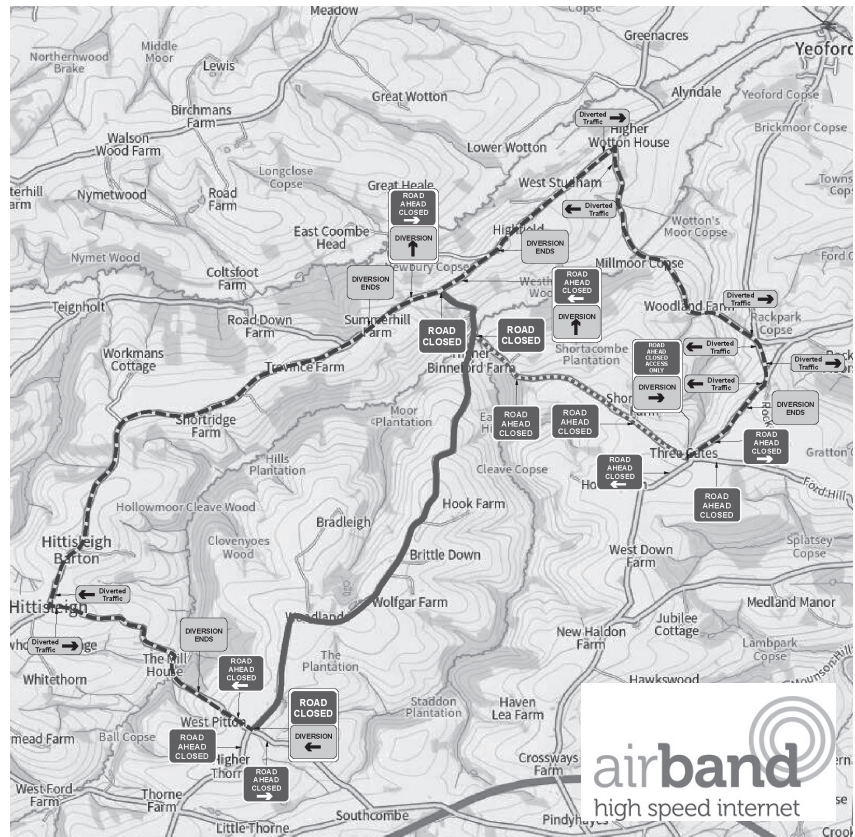
Streetworks &

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*





## Help & Advice in Our Local Community

Regular readers of these community columns will know that we help people with a vast array of problems. Many are finance related, especially since the increase in the cost of living has impacted on households across the area.

People by and large do not know what benefits or financial assistance is available that they may be able to claim and even if they think they may be able to get help, they often don't know how to go about applying for it or are simply too proud to ask. Quite often, eligibility for certain benefits opens the door to other assistance and in today's world, the problems that people present to us are becoming increasingly complex.

We have specialist teams to advise on things like debt and energy as well as help that is available to people with special needs such as people with cancer or other life limiting illnesses. We can help with housing problems and social needs and if we can't provide the help that is needed, we can refer people to other organisations that are more specialised in particular areas.

In our articles we have talked about shoddy workmanship, rights that people have when holidays don't measure up, employment issues and what to be aware of when buying a car. We are here to listen and give free, impartial advice to anyone who needs it.

For us, the start of a new financial year is a time to reflect on what we have achieved in the previous financial year in terms of the numbers of people we have helped, the problems we have advised on and the impact that has had. We are continually striving to improve our efficiencies and find more ways to help more people. This year we introduced a new email advice service for instance, and we are looking at ways to make getting advice more accessible, for example, by making more information available on our website.

We also understand that not everyone is computer savvy and sometimes people just want to be able to talk to somebody on the telephone or in person which is why we have an ongoing recruitment and training programme to grow our volunteer numbers. All our volunteers get full training and ongoing support and volunteering with us can lead to paid employment opportunities. You don't need to be an expert in any particular field, you just need to care and have a willingness to listen; our training and support will see you through the rest.

If meeting new people and helping within our local community appeals to you, please contact [recruitment@citizensadvicecymwd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@citizensadvicecymwd.org.uk).

**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.



# In the Garden

## The Month of May Blossom

We see May blossom (*Crataegus*) all along the lane hedges at this time of year. In gardens, Wisteria is in full bloom and Laburnum has long racemes of yellow flowers, often buzzing with bees. Bluebells and foxgloves appear in woodland and under hedgerows.

Climbing plants such as clematis, vines and roses, need to be tied in to keep them on their supports rather than smothering neighbouring plants. Use a figure of 8 tie so that the plant stem isn't damaged by friction with the support.

Herbaceous plants need support sooner rather than later too, preferably using pruned twigs from your garden. They will quickly grow up and hide their support material. Early flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, Kerria and Spiraea can be trimmed back now.

In ponds, duckweed and blanket weed will be growing. Use a stick to twist blanket weed around and lift it out, leaving it on the edge for 24 hours before composting it. This gives any water creatures a chance to crawl back into the water. During the summer, lily pads will expand and leave less opportunity for the weeds to grow.

Strawberries benefit from a mulch around them to keep their fruit off the soil.

Traditionally of course, this was straw, but you can use whatever you have available (I am trying alpaca fleece this year) if you think it will deter slugs and keep the fruit dry and clean.

Raspberries might be more fruitful if you prune out some of your canes. They tend to become congested which leads to fewer, smaller fruit as the canes compete for light, air and nourishment. It is also easier to clear away weeds in more open rows of canes.

Tender vegetables, such as sweetcorn and squash, can be planted outside this month after the risk of frost has passed. Dahlias and tender annuals should be safe by about mid May too. Tomatoes could be in their growing position in the greenhouse once there is room.

Whatever the weather, there is definitely plenty to do in the garden in May, even if it is just keeping on top of weeds. There should also be lots to see, whatever you choose to grow in your allotted patch.

**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 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



# *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 have a 'Comments / Thank You' book at each surgery 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.

# Health & Lifestyle

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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)

## *Blue Zones*

Have you ever heard of Blue Zones? I hadn't until a few weeks ago when I was talking to a friend about health, and she mentioned the topic. She said that the Blue Zones are places on the planet where the people, according to research, live happier, healthier and longer lives. I was intrigued by this, so decided to have a look online to see if I could find out some more information. I discovered that these Blue Zones had 4 common denominators associated with the lifestyles and behaviours of the people.

- Eat wisely (lots of vegetables, correct portions, moderated alcohol consumption etc.)
- Move naturally (walking, gardening, dancing etc.)
- Connect with others (spending time with family, connecting with people who adopt a similar philosophy to you, be part of a community etc.)
- De-stress and have a sense of purpose

We may not be in an official Blue Zone, but we are unbelievably fortunate to live in a part of the world where all these things are accessible to us. We have an abundance of nature around us to enjoy, wonderfully active village communities to get involved in, and some of the best food produce in the country.

It's possibly unrealistic and impractical to completely change our lifestyle to incorporate all of the above 4 themes into our routines, but we could all take a small action daily (eg 1 more vegetable with dinner, walking an extra 5 minutes a day, schedule a cuppa with a friend, feeling grateful for what we have) towards happier, healthier and potentially longer lives!

With love and appreciation!

**Joe Arnold**

Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro, Dartmoor Chiropractic

# Message from St Mary's

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## Springing into Action

As I looked forward to May, I have always marvelled at the RHS Chelsea flower show. I have never been but always watch the highlights on the television. It is amazing to see gardens created from nothing in just three weeks.

What you do not see is the elaborate plan which has been in place for a year, the skilful care to slow plants down in a fridge or to speed plants up in a hot house.

What you do see is a place that you could imagine yourself sitting in and enjoying nature and maybe escaping the hectic pace of life. Even better you get to enjoy it without the hard work and difficult choices to bring it into being!

The important question for May is will it be cold or mild. I am a rather poor gardener and would not want to offer any advice. However, my father was always insistent that you can still get a sharp frost in May and he would wait for the end of the month to plant out his cherished seedlings.

By contrast early in May, my father-in-law would be planting out all his annuals that he had just bought from the garden centre. If I am really honest, I cannot remember a time when my father-in-law lost any of his early planting. Yet despite the evidence to the contrary, I am still very cautious and will wait until the end of the month.

### When Do You Spring Into Action?

In the Church year, both Ascension Day and Pentecost are early, on the 9th May and 19th May.

As we look back to Easter, Jesus' disciples and their shortcomings are all too painfully clear. Yet Jesus comes, finds and restores his disciples despite their failures.

On Ascension Day, we see a new confidence in the disciples as Jesus sends them out to tell the whole world about God and Jesus. Jesus tells them to wait for Pentecost, to receive the Father's promise of power from on high. They only have to wait ten days but we are told that the disciples undertake this task with joy seeking God's help.

It is such a contrast to Easter when they were fearful and lost.

On Pentecost, they speak to the crowd about the crucified and resurrected Jesus. The crowd listen and some of them believe in the testimony and become followers. Jesus' followers spring into action, inspired by Jesus' example.

Like the disciples, we often get things wrong and are sometimes dispirited. Yet the assurance of God helping us gives us the confidence to keep going, keep trying and not fear failure.

Is it time to spring into action, to be inspired by the created world which surrounds us?

We need to be generous and compassionate, just as God is towards us.



### 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.

### May Services

#### Sunday 5th: Easter 6

9.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i> (Donkey Day Swap)	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

#### Thursday 9th: Ascension Day

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 12th: Easter 7

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Revd V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.15am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i> (Donkey Day Swap)	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>

#### Sunday 19th: Pentecost

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

#### Thursday 23rd

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 26th: Trinity Sunday

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

# Church Messages

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## Churchwarden's Ramblings

A shorter Ramblings this month.

Beware the service swaps with Tedburn St Mary on the **5th** and **12th** of May.

### Church Organist Needed



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 get in contact with me or Martin.

### 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.

*Rev Martin Wood can be contacted Tuesday – Sunday on **01647 24119**.*

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**

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## Holy Trinity, Yeoford

We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival on Trinity Sunday with a service of thanksgiving. We will begin by serving Trinity Cake and Coffee. There will be a craft for the children followed by a service of Thanksgiving.

### Messy Church

**Every month from October till April**

### Community Lunch

**Monday 13th May, 12 noon for 12.30pm**

### Café Company

**Mondays, 10am till 11am**

*(if no Community Lunch or Bank Holiday)*

### Services for May

**Sunday 12th May, 9.30am**, Holy Communion

**Sunday 26th May**, Patronal Festival

**Sunday 26th May, 11.15am**, Family Service

**Carol Price, 01647 24468**

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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*

### May Services

**Sunday 5th, 11am:** Communion and Service with Gerald Downs

**Sunday 12th, 11am:** Communion and Service with David Cole

**Sunday 19th, 11am:** Communion and Service with John Allan. **3pm:** Home Prayer fellowship

**Sunday 26th, 11am:** Communion and Service with John Sale

### Friends and Neighbours

**Wednesday 8th, 2pm to 4pm** - Everyone welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat

# CB Parish Council

## Meeting Cancellation

Unfortunately, our Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th April was cancelled as 2 Councillors have given apologies and this means we do not have the minimum 3 required. Business on the agenda will be transferred to the May meeting.

**Jane Clark**, Parish Clerk



## History & Community Archive

### Interested in Collecting & Preserving Local History?

**Do 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 needs volunteers to collect and organise the materials

If you would be interested in helping in any way, or have questions or suggestions, please contact any Parish Council members via [www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk/YourCouncillors.aspx](http://www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk/YourCouncillors.aspx)

**Peter O'Neill**  
Parish Council Chair  
**07932 660550**

**Oswald Chung**  
Archive Proposer  
**07795 432151**

## 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/](http://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.

Dates:				
<b>*7th / *8th</b>	✓		✓	
<b>13th / 14th</b>	✓	✓		
<b>20th / 21st</b>	✓		✓	✓
<b>*28th / *29th</b>	✓	✓		



Food waste is collected weekly from your blue food caddy



Recyclables are collected fortnightly from your black & green recycling boxes



Chargeable garden waste is collected fortnightly from your brown wheelie bin



Non-recyclables are collected every 3 wks from black wheelie bins or reusable sacks

\* Late collections due to bank holidays



# Devon County Council

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## Councillors Report – March

### SEND Budget Cuts

Now that the council tax bills have arrived there is no need for speculation but rather to wait and see how the cuts impact on services. At a recent meeting of the County's Children's Scrutiny Committee we looked at the huge SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability) overspend.

It is predicted that by April 2025 this figure will be about £207 million! The county council has been in consultation with the Department for Education and negotiated a Safety Valve agreement. This will not be a quick fix but will take six or seven years to bring down the overspend to 0. It is a three pronged attack on the problem with £98 million coming from central government over the next six years, money from Devon County Council taken from reserves and sales of assets and savings from the overall operation of children's care. I must admit that several people on the committee were rather sceptical about this final part of the solution.

### Young Carers

Still on the theme of children I was delighted to attend a young carers webinar. I was staggered to learn that there are about 1 million children (under 17 years old) who have a variety of caring duties. We were treated to a presentation by six young carers to describe their challenges, the impact of caring on their own lives and possible solutions. There was a young carers action day earlier in the month. I would like people to look at the website [www.carers/youngcarerscovenant](http://www.carers/youngcarerscovenant), which you can sign. I'm going to press for this at district and county level.

We are repeatedly told as councillors that we are corporate parents. I am hoping to turn this into something more concrete rather than just a few words.

### Buses

Stagecoach and the county council have been in negotiations with central government for funding to help with zero carbon objectives. I'm pleased to say that Stagecoach has received £5.3 million which will enable them to introduce electric buses in North Devon, Torridge and Exeter.

### Road Conditions

I attended a briefing from the two senior highways officers. The first thing they admitted is that they are overwhelmed by the number of defects and condition of our major roads. In the previous financial year they had fixed 40,000 safety defects (mostly potholes of course) but already this year which has a month to go the figure had jumped to 53,000.

They have 20 gangs out repairing the safety defects who sometimes work at weekends in order to make an impact on the figures. The one thing they reiterated is that everybody from the senior highways officers down to any member of the public has the same power to report a safety defect. The computer system does not differentiate between highways officers, councillors and members of the public.

There is also a section on the website for reporting gullies. You can check on each individual gully to see when it was last emptied. Guidelines are that those on the major roads are looked at monthly, other busy roads such as the A377 once a year, country roads again once a year and town roads once every three years. It is always helpful to go online to get an exact number of the gully so that the officers can easily go to the correct location.

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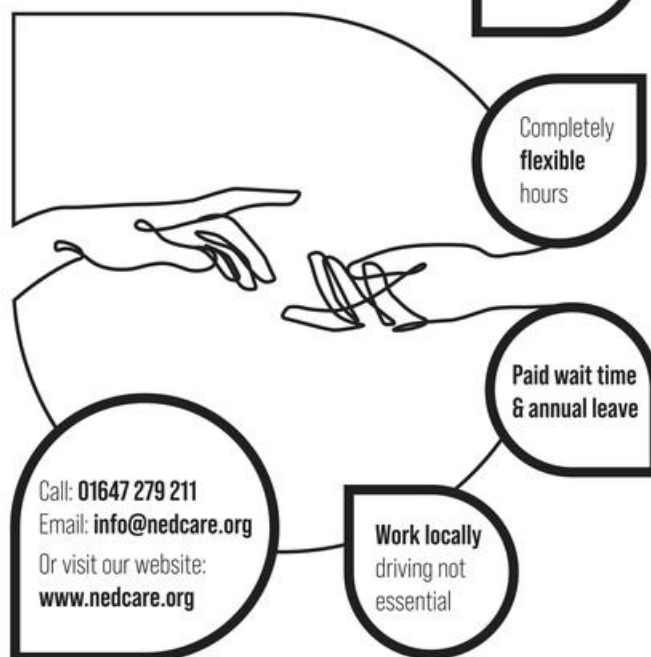
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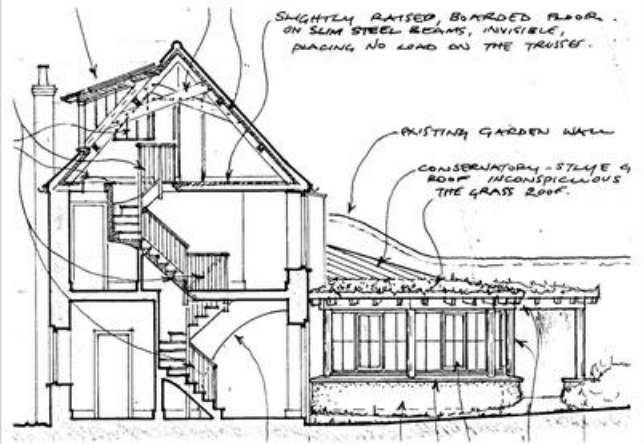
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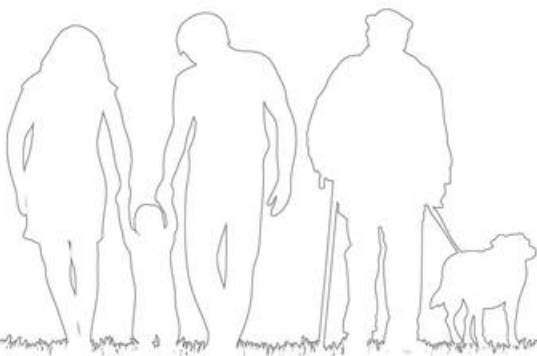


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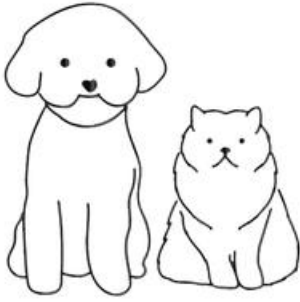
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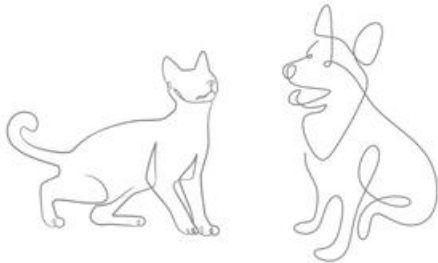
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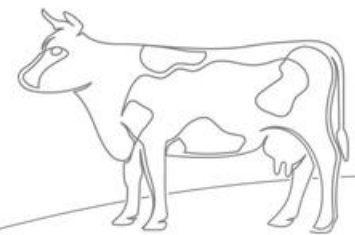


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