

**Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell**

# *Newsletter*

**September 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

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**Highways Agency:** 0300 123 5000

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## Police

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**Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111

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

## Schools and Local Organisations

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Contact: [admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy](mailto:admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy)

**Acorn Community Support:** 01647 252701

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

**Young Farmers:** Chantelle Rae, 07908 436017

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

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

## Churches

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

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

## Halls & Meeting Rooms

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

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

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### Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

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Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405

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Jane Clark (Tedburn St Mary), 07932 386023

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

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### Devon County Councillor:

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

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### Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

# Welcome to the Newsletter

Welcome back to the September issue, I hope all enjoyed the summer months. Not the warmest perhaps, but my fruit trees have loved how wet it's been!

We have a lot of interesting articles and great events this month, including:

## Acoustic Evening

**Sunday 8th September, 6pm-8pm,  
The Old Thatch Inn**

*Live music, great food & drinks and a super relaxed atmosphere.*

We also have a few 'Save the Date' events lined up in October:

## Autumn Tidy Up

**Saturday 5th October, from 9.30am,  
The Stone Cross**

## YFC Dinner & Dance

**Saturday 5th October, The Waie Inn,  
EX17 6DF, from 7pm till midnight**

## Harvest Service

**Sunday 6th October, 6pm, St Mary's  
Church followed by...**

## 'Bring & Share' Supper

**The Spalding Hall**

## Quiz & Curry Night

**Sunday 6th October, from 6.30pm,  
The Old Thatch Inn**

Lucy x

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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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- Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £10

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## Yellow Pages Ads

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# Regular Diary Dates

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## Meetings, Hobbies & Interests

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

**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club:** The first Tuesday of each month at The Kings Arms  
Contact: Jean Martin - 01647 24586

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

**Curry & Quiz Night:** The first 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

**Dartmoor Creative Textiles:** Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month  
Contact: Elaine Clark - [elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk)

**Explorers (14-18 yrs):** Every other Thursday evening (term time)  
Contact: James Jillians - [James.b.jillians@gmail.com](mailto:James.b.jillians@gmail.com)

**Folk Group - Folkus:** Every Friday evening from 8pm  
Contact: Jenny Grist - 01647 281110 or email - [jennyjanegrist@outlook.com](mailto:jennyjanegrist@outlook.com)

**Gardening Club:** Every third Monday evening in the month (Autumn & Winter)  
Contact: Janet Jeffery - 01647 24414

**Open Mic Night:** Monthly at The Old Thatch Inn. Check Newsletter and Facebook for dates  
Contact: Steve Colderick - [colderick@btinternet.com](mailto:colderick@btinternet.com)

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

**Pilates:** Wednesdays (*term time only*), 6:30pm, CB Village Hall. Booking: [www.adelespilates.co.uk](http://www.adelespilates.co.uk)

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

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

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

**Squirrels (4-6 yrs):** Every other Saturday morning (term time).  
Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

**Tea @ The Hub - Acorn:** Fortnightly on a Friday, 2-4pm at YFC Hub  
Contact: Mandy or Fran - 01647 252701 or 07775 813 676

**Walking Group:** For daytime walks see the CB Walking Group Facebook page  
Contact: Dennis Milton - 01647 272844 or Jon Whitehead - 01647 281454

**Young Farmers:** Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening in the month  
Contact: Chantelle Rae - 07908 436017

## 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

## September 2024

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3rd	DCT - 'Tulip Project' & Macramé	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	11.45am - 4pm
3rd	Acorn Lunch Club	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
6th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
8th	Acoustic Evening	The Old Thatch Inn	6pm - 8pm
9th	Wild Gardening by Baz Payne	Whiddon Down Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 7
12th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 7
14th	Tedburn St Mary Village Fair	Tedburn St Mary, EX6 6EL	Noon till dusk
17th	Acorn Outing	Teignmouth	Page 7
20th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
25th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 7
26th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 7

### Spalding Hall for 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 & tables may be available to hire for use off site.

**Booking:** Jean Martin - **01647 24586**

### Newsletter Copy Deadline



**Please send information and articles for the October edition before:**

**Friday 20th September**

**Editorial:** Lucy Cooper  
[cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com), **01647 272765**

**Advertising:** Jo Carter  
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### Cheriton Bishop Village Hall for Hire

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

**Enquiries:**  
Jon Whitehead  
**01647 281454**

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

# What's On?

## Short Mat Bowls

Our new season of bowling will start on **Monday 2nd September** in the Village Hall.

If you would like to come and join us, please contact me on **07775 813 676** or **01647 24582** for more information.

**David Tripp**  
Chairman, Cheriton Bishop SMBC



## Dartmoor Creative Textiles



### Creative Macramé

**Tuesday 3rd September, 11.45am - 4pm,  
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

We restart our meetings back in the Village Hall after enjoying our summer garden visit to Nymet Rowland. This month we have a session on macramé. This technique was very popular in the seventies and is making a resurgence incorporating weaving into macramé.

Macramé is a textile craft based on making decorative knots using string or macramé cord. It allows you to create patterns to make everything from the classic plant hanger to bags, jewellery and wall hangings.

We will start a little earlier this month as Helen from Castle Drogo is coming to talk about the 'tulip project' before we start knotting.

You can contact me via email below if you 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'*

## Acorn Friends & Neighbours Lunch Club

**Tuesday 3rd September, 12.30pm,  
The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary**

Join us for lunch at the pub with Acorn Community Support. We would love to see new faces, so call me to tell me your choices from the menu below, and come join us. Choose from three mains and two desserts for £11 per person.

### Menu Choices:

- Chef's Pie & Mash with Peas & Gravy
- Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas
- Slice of Margherita Pizza & Salad
- Choc Nut Sundae
- Ice Cream

Please call by **30th August** with your menu choices, and to let me know if you will need a lift.

**Jean Martin, 01647 24586**

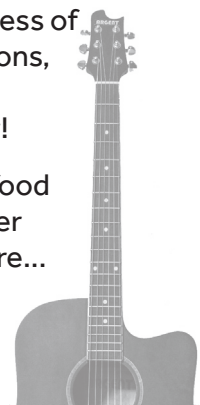
## Acoustic Evening



**Sunday 8th September,  
6pm - 8pm, The Old Thatch Inn**

Following the success of our acoustic sessions, we are excited to announce another!

Live music, great food & drinks and a super relaxed atmosphere... the perfect way to unwind before the busy week ahead.



# What's On?

## Men's Sheds

**Thursdays in September, 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 tea or coffee. 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*

## Gardening Club

It was good to see some new faces joining in at the Village Show this year.

Thank you to all who exhibited, visited or helped prepare for it in any way.

### Wild Gardening by Baz Payne

**Monday 9th September,  
7.30pm, Whiddon Down  
Village Hall**

We are combining with Drewsteigton Gardening Club who will be hosting us, and all CB members are welcome for free, with £3 for non-members.

**Janet Jeffery  
01647 24414**

## Tedburn St Mary Village Fair

**Saturday 14th September, 12 noon till dusk, EX6 6EL**

Family Fun • Food & Drink

Dog Show: Entries from 12 noon. Judging from 2pm

Land Raft Challenge: Main Ring at 1.30pm

Live Music: Black Friday • The Breeze • Headrush

Please follow signs  
in the Village and not  
your SAT NAV

For more  
information, please  
visit Facebook [@TedburnFair](https://www.facebook.com/TedburnFair)

**Challenge  
the Kids!**  
**Main Ring at 5pm**  
Egg Throwing, Limbo  
Wheelbarrow Race,  
Little Kids Races,  
Tug of War

Entry: £7  
Under 14's FREE

# Save the Date...

## Village Tidy Up

**Saturday 5th October, from 9.30am,  
The Stone Cross**

It's nearly time for the Autumn Tidy-Up and we will need as many volunteers as possible - young and old! Please bring your own tools and let us know of any areas in the village which need attention.



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

## Cheriton & Tedburn YFC's Dinner & Dance

**Saturday 5th October**  
**7pm for 7.30pm sit down**  
**The Waie Inn, EX17 6DF**

Black Tie Event, Three Courses, Guest Speaker, Auction, DJ. Party & dance until midnight!

£30 per ticket

Message via Facebook to book your ticket or table



## Harvest Festival

**Sunday 6th October, 6pm service, St Mary's Church**  
**Followed by a 'Bring & Share' supper at the Spalding Hall**



Please come along and celebrate. It is open to all and you don't need to have been at the service to join in. In place of Harvest goods we will welcome donations of tinned and dried foods for use in the Food Larder.

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**



## The Fun Quiz is Back!

**Sunday 6th October, from 6.30pm, The Old Thatch Inn**

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

### Get the Latest Information

Join the **WhatsApp** group to find out how busy it is on the night.  
Message JT on **07717 148550** to be added to the list!

**Future Dates:** 3rd Nov, 1st Dec 2024, 5th Jan 2025, 2nd Feb, 2nd March, 6th April

# CURRY and Quiz Night



# Update from Acorn



*“By all these lovely tokens,  
September days are here.  
With summer’s best of weather  
and autumn’s best of cheer.”*

*Helen Hunt Jackson*

## Thank You Jason!

By now you will all know that our wonderful, intrepid champion of all things Acorn, Dr Jason Clunie raised in excess of £19,000 with his cycle from Exeter to Bari in South East Italy. His amazing commitment and YOUR generosity are beyond words. Thanks pale into insignificance in light his heroic efforts, constant donations and most importantly, words of encouragement. At Acorn HQ we are humbled and ecstatic, grateful and joyful at the success. Thank you all!

## All Acorn Areas

### Tea @ the Hub

**Fridays 6th & 20th September, 2-4pm,  
YFC Hub in Cheriton Bishop**

Join us for tea, coffee and cake. Mingle with new friends and catch up with old friends. No need to book just turn up!

### Memory Lane Café

**Thursdays 12th & 26th September**

If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below.

## From Cheriton Bishop

### Lunch Club

**Tuesday 3rd September, The Kings Arms,  
Tedburn St Mary.** Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few of days in advance please).

### Shopping at Sainsbury’s

**Wednesdays 11th & 25th September**

The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

### Outing

**Tuesday 17th September**

Teignmouth – Fingers crossed for sunny day!

## Book Your Seat...

Seats on our minibus are allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book a seat for any of our trips, lunches or coffee mornings, then please contact Mandy or Fran at the Acorn office on **01647 252701**.



## From the Teign Valley

### Lunch Club

**Tuesday 3rd September**

The Union at Moretonhampstead

### Shopping at Sainsbury’s

**Fridays 13th & 27th September**

The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

### Outing

**Monday 16th September**

Darts Farm and George & Dragon for lunch.

### Coffee Mornings

**Tuesdays 10th & 24th September**

**Teign Valley Community Hall**

Activities such as Bingo, Quizzes and more with plenty of chatter to go with your coffee and cake! Our members always LOVE to see new faces.

Best wishes,

**The A(corn) Team**

## 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 Mandy or Fran at the Acorn office on **01647 252701**.

# Letters to the Editor

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## *Dartmoor Burial Chamber Unearthed*

Archaeologists have unearthed a 'stunning' Bronze Age burial chamber on one of Dartmoor's most isolated hills. Experts discovered a stone-built box, sometimes known as a cist, at Cut Hill during a three-day dig last month.

Radiocarbon dating of charcoal found inside suggests the chamber, used to bury the dead during prehistoric times, is about 3,900 years old.

Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA), which led the project, said the discovery had been prompted by reports of a feature being visible in the peat.

### **Fascinating**

The authority said the find had parallels to the cist unearthed at Dartmoor's Whitehorse Hill in 2011, which uncovered items including cremated human bone, a woven bag and amber beads.

Excavation director and archaeologist Dr Lee Bray said:

*"We were all pretty speechless when we lifted the capstone and looked inside.*

*Not only is the cist bigger than we expected, but it contained multiple pieces of wood that appear to have been deliberately shaped and cut.*

*This prompts more questions - could the wood have been an object that was dismantled and deliberately placed inside the grave? If so, what was it and who did it belong to?"*

Dr Bray said there was every chance the chamber could be found to contain further objects and artefacts once the team explored further.

*"It's a stunning discovery with the potential to be every bit as fascinating as the finds at Whitehorse Hill,"*

DNPA said the contents of the cist had now been removed for further examination.

**BBC Devon**

## *Upsetting News from St Mary's Church*

I hope that you have all had the great Summer Holiday wished for, however I now have some sad news.

Between Monday 12th and Thursday 15th August, some of the loose items in the church were damaged.

I hope that the damage was accidental, but in reality it is difficult to comprehend an accident which would snap the wooden stick of the candle snuffer, which has been in the church for approaching 50 years, into three and to bend the brass top. In addition the top of the wooden staff on one of the 'Churchwarden's Staves' has been split. I will post pictures on the Village Website for you decide if it was deliberate.

We also found a pet food box and sachets scattered around in the churchyard.

Two messages please, although it is unlikely that whoever is responsible will be reading this. Firstly, we try to open St Mary's daily to provide a peaceful space for everyone, the risk is that for insurance purposes we will have to lock the church and to only open it for services. Secondly, the items in the 'Food Larder' are free to use by anyone but please do not waste the food, even if it is pet food.

**Alan Greenslade**  
**01647 24002**  
Churchwarden

# Letters to the Editor

## Community Allotments Project

Do you have available land or know anyone who has?



Cheriton Bishop Parish Council is still seeking a landowner to help us provide allotments for local families and individuals. We are looking for an area of at least one acre to rent on a flexible basis. Another possibility might be the donation of a plot of land to the community, named for the donor or someone else as a memorial.

The Council will arrange a contractor – or pay the owner, if preferred – to install a perimeter fence (where needed).



Allotment plots would be approximately 25m x 5m. We will also meet the costs of extending a water supply to the site from the nearest source, if necessary.

We welcome proposals – and we understand that some flexibility may be needed – with the ideal site having the following characteristics:

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

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

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

## 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/)

# Letters to the Editor

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## News from the Moor

This month has a bit of a Castle Drogo focus as we have some new things to share with you, if you're curious to find out more about the last castle to be built in England...

### New to the Collection

Castle Drogo has recently been given a generous donation of over a thousand items that have been away from the castle for more than 60 years. These include all kinds of personal objects from a banjo that travelled to the trenches in the First World War, to diamonds and cherished family toys. These items are part of the Nursery corridor exhibition and will be open to the public most days, however, we rely on our fantastic volunteers to be able to open these spaces.

For the first time ever The Study at Castle Drogo has been opened as an exhibition space. It includes items that have recently been conserved, and items that have rarely been on display. The Study will be open everyday until Sunday 3rd November.

Throughout the castle the team will be opening some of the most unique and beautiful cabinets in the collection, for visitors to look inside. The cabinets will be open daily until Sunday 3rd November. If you've ever wondered what's behind the door, now's the time to come take a look.

### Volunteer Open Day

On Friday 6th September the castle will be holding a volunteer open day. If you'd like to find out about what volunteering means at Drogo, come along between 11.30am – 2.30pm, have a chat with the team, join a tour or taster to give you a feel for the different roles you can get involved with. We are particularly keen for weekend and garden volunteers. To learn more, get in touch at [drogovolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:drogovolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk) or look at our opportunities online.

### Tree Management

Out on the estate, the gardens and grounds, the team are getting ready for their annual programme of tree management work which will begin again in September. This is where we check the health of trees, deal with any disease and

squirrel damage, and make sure footpaths and key viewpoints are clear. This will start with work in Cod Wood so look out for any diversions.

### DEFRA Funding

We were really pleased to tap into some DEFRA funds, coordinated by Dartmoor National Park Authority, to start improving the visitor experience for disabled people and people with additional needs at Fingle Bridge. The first stage of an accessible footpath into the upstream meadow at Fingle Bridge has been created, reaching an open glade picnic area where accessible benches will be located to enable visitors to connect with nature and enjoy Fingle with ease. This is part of our 'Everyone welcome' strategy, the National Trust's commitment to inclusivity and diversity. We have plans for further work to be completed over the next couple of years as we secure further funding, but this first stage is a good move in the right direction.

### FREE Entry Days

Finally, we have a series of free entry days coming up in September as part of Heritage Open Days. Lydford is open for free on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September and Finch Foundry on Sunday 15th September. Castle Drogo will have free entry on Wednesday 11th September and the Hydro Turbine House upriver from Fingle Bridge will be open on Sunday 15th September. September tends to be a bit quieter so a great time for local folks to venture back out after the summer holidays. My top tip is to arrive 2pm when other visitors are having tea and cake!

### Thank You

Finally, thank you to everyone who spread the word about the shuttle bus we ran during Great Big Green Week. As the week went on, we had more and more people using the service and we gathered some really helpful feedback and insight into what people want and need.

Best wishes all,

**Paula Clarke**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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# Letters to the Editor



## Preserving Memories of Devon Branch Lines

The Folklore Library & Archive is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant from GWR's Customer & Community Improvement initiative, which seeks to support rail-related community engagement projects.

The money will fund a heritage project focused on collecting and preserving people's memories of Devon branch lines, with particular focus on the Exeter – Okehampton line, which is the first to be reinstated after falling victim to the Beeching cuts of the 60s and 70s.

The Folklore Library & Archive, which is a registered charity, is hoping to record people's recollections about the line, and to digitise and preserve old cine film and photos. The charity is also happy to receive donations or loans of artefacts.

Project manager Tracey Norman said, *"The Okehampton line is unique, as it's the only branch line which has been reinstated so far, and there will still be people living who travelled on it prior to its closure, experienced its loss in 1972, and can now travel on it once again.*

*We want to capture those special memories, preserve them and make*

*them available to future generations of train enthusiasts, researchers and historians."*

*"We'd also love to hear from any rail-related groups,"*

*"As well as a wealth of fascinating memories, they are also likely to have extensive collections of photos and video footage, which we can assist with preserving, digitising and safely archiving for the future."*

The charity is inviting anyone with memories to share about Devon's branch lines, especially Okehampton, to get in touch – passengers, staff, volunteers, drivers, and those who campaigned for the line's reinstatement.

A short video presentation explaining the project can be found on *The Folklore Library & Archive* website at [www.folklorelibrary.com](http://www.folklorelibrary.com), and anyone interested in sharing memories or artefacts with the project can contact Tracey Norman at [devonrailwayheritage@gmail.com](mailto:devonrailwayheritage@gmail.com).

**Izzy FitzGerald**  
Project Assistant  
Devon Railway Heritage



# Letters to the Editor

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## Tedburn St Mary Women's Institute

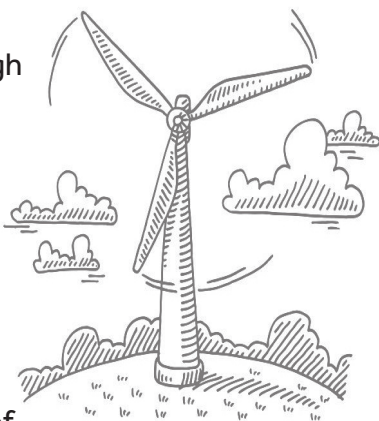
Beautiful weather and an interesting day was enjoyed by 23 members of Tedburn WI. We travelled to Sampford Courtenay and ate a very tasty lunch at the New Inn. As always there was much to talk about, catching up on personal and local news. The village is very pretty, very well kept with a lovely old church. Many of us, including me, had never visited before and everyone was very impressed.

We then travelled to Denbrook Wind Farm at North Tawton. We were met at the entrance and issued with Hi Viz vests and hard hats. Health & Safety is paramount.

The 9 windmills are 80 metres high with foundations 5 metres underground to make them stable.

The sails were whizzing round while we were there. 9000 KW of electricity is generated each year and is enough to fuel thousands of houses.

The environment has priority, and the windmills are re-cycled at the end of their lives. Planting in the field encourages



insects, and bat and bird boxes are plentiful. Maintenance is carried out twice a year, the staff were very informative and attentive.

## Medical Detection Dogs Speaker, Keith Hayman

### Tuesday 3rd September

With their incredible sense of smell dogs can detect the minute odours now understood to be associated with many cancers and other diseases. Bio Detection Dogs are trained to detect the odour of volatiles associated with the disease present in urine, faecal, skin swabs or breath samples.

## Tedburn Fair

### Saturday 14th September

As always our WI will be on site and offering tea, coffee, sandwiches, pasties, sausage rolls and of course lots of cake. Do pop in to our tent to enjoy a sit down and our very tasty treats. (See page 5 for further details).

If you are thinking of joining us, remember the first meeting is free. Please contact Jane for further details **07814659526**. We normally meet once a month at the Village Hall, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm.

### Rachel Purser

Secretary

**01647 61868**

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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)



## Reflections On Our Service

In September, Citizens Advice will be celebrating 85 years of providing free, confidential, non-judgemental advice to anyone who needs it regardless of personal circumstances.

The nature of advice people have sought has moved with the times through World War 2, post war changes, the 'swinging' sixties, and the changing social and economic changes throughout each decade thereafter. Sometimes geography played a big part in the nature of problems that people have asked for help with. For example, during times of industrial unrest there have been marked contrasts to the problems experienced by people in urban, industrial areas compared to people in rural and farming communities.

More recently, the gap between these areas has closed. The cost of living crisis is impacting on people countrywide and people and families across the country are sharing the challenges of coping with rising energy costs and spiralling bills in general.

At this time of year families are also having to deal with issues brought about as children go back to school or change schools altogether. Trying to fund the cost of new school uniforms on top of meeting day to day living expenses puts an additional strain on family budgets that are already stretched.

Family holidays can no longer be taken for granted and keeping children active and engaged throughout the summer break is challenging on many levels. It can also cost money.

One of the first things that we do at CA TNMWD is run a benefits check to see if additional funding is available and if so, advise on how best to go about claiming it and, if needed, helping with that claim.

Schools, by and large, are far better in touch now and many have excellent arrangements in place selling second hand uniforms. Recognising that just about everyone is feeling the pinch one way or another, increasingly people are reaching out for whatever help they can get – hopefully without shame or embarrassment.

Here at CA TNMWD, we listen to people's problems – often a big step helping people to move forward. Sometimes people can find their own way forward having accessed information on our website [www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk), but we also recognise the fact that people very often need the reassurance of personal help, reassurance and guidance whether that be via our AdviceLine **0808 2787 999** or via a face to face meeting.

The problems may have changed over 85 years, but the fundamental ethos remains the same.

If you would like to join us helping people across our area, we would love to hear from you.

All our volunteers have full training and ongoing support so take the first step and email [recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk) and see where it takes you!

**Rosanna Teale**

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

## Volunteer With Us

### Would you like to help people?

We at CA TNMWD are getting increasing numbers of calls and are always keen to hear from people who are interested in volunteering with us to help meet the growing demand for our services.

Contact [recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk). We'd love to hear from you!

Volunteers are  
at the heart of  
all we do.



# Neighbourhood Watch

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We hope that you all have had a great holiday and remained safe and well with no nasty experiences to spoil things.

## Theft

By the time that you read this you may know that the village shop was broken into during the early hours of Friday 16th. A stolen car was used to break the bottom panel of the door with the only thing apparently taken were a quantity of Vapes. It is understood that this has happened previously to another shop where Vapes were targeted.

Also very recently in our area, a large trailer was stolen even though it was well hidden. However, the thieves knew of its whereabouts and broke down a field fence and when they reached the road they left the field gate open in their rush. Fortunately there were no animals in the field.

It is thought there are persons going around looking for items whether on farms or on private property which can be taken. It is understood that a drone is also being used to identify where suitable items are.

These two occurrences illustrate that thieves take no account of how much damage, cost, worry or inconvenience is caused to the owners providing they get what they want.

## Impersonation Scam

NW has mentioned this before. Here is a reminder about trying to protect yourself:

1. Your bank, building society or police will never ask you to transfer money to a 'safe account', ask for your pin, password or passcode.
2. The bank will not phone you to ask you to approve a payment. Only approve payments that you have made yourself.
3. Contact your bank or other organisation directly using a known phone number or email address.
4. Don't give remote access to your computer or devices or to install software, following a cold call or unsolicited message or text.
5. Don't approve a payment in a mobile app that you did not make, by registering beforehand for biometrics within the app for extra security.

To report a fraud or scam, call **159, 101** or **999**.

## BT Digital Voice Switch Over Project

BT are providing small drop in events to help reassure the public about the digital voice switch over. They are targeting rural areas who are likely to have missed similar events in towns and regions. NW have been asked to set up these events with recruited volunteers who have been trained.

The switch over rollout is known to be causing concern, especially being left 'cut off' in the event of a power cut and with only poor mobile coverage. It is hoped that the NW drop-in events will help to reduce many of the worries.

## Amazon

With purchases increasing on line, scammers are more than ever trying to take advantage of 'Prime' membership with unexpected emails, calls and texts from impersonators claiming to be from Amazon. These could refer to a change in membership or expiry or may ask for verification by providing personal or payment information. To avoid being scammed, visit Amazons 'Message Centre' on **Amazon.co.uk**. To confirm your Prime membership log into your Amazon account. If you think a contact has not come from Amazon then report it to them at [amazon.co.uk/reportascam](https://amazon.co.uk/reportascam).

## Burglary

Protection and taking a little bit more care of your property against this type of offence can easily be carried out. Report any suspicious activity such as individuals or vehicles you may see around. Thieves often target addresses during the hours of darkness. A burglar alarm sounder on a property is a deterrent as are motion sensor light/s and doors with doorbell cameras. Keep vehicle keys well out of sight and not near the inside of an external door.

Always if possible park your vehicle within your property boundary or better still within the garage. A car tracker can be installed, or some vehicles have this device already fitted. If this is the case, download the software to your mobile phone and learn how to use it.

## Lets Talk

The police are supporting a programme which aims to help parents and guardians understand more about the challenges young people are facing today, including drugs, alcohol and mental health. The free toolkit and sessions are available by visiting the 'Lets Talk' section on Safer Devon website to access the toolkit and register for the online sessions.

## Safety

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

## Contacts

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

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



# Health & Lifestyle

## Discover the Joy of Pilates

### Your Midweek Me-Time in Cheriton Bishop

Hello, busy mums and anyone else in need of some well-deserved 'me-time' or struggling with bad back, aches and pains or simply want to get stronger and fitter in a safe and fun environment on your door step!

If you've ever thought about trying Pilates or just need a midweek boost, I've got some fantastic news. We've moved our local Pilates class to a new time and location:

**Every Wednesday, 6:30pm,  
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

*It's the perfect opportunity to take a break and focus on YOU*

#### Why Pilates? Why Now?

Pilates is like a secret weapon for both your body and mind. Whether you want to strengthen your abs, ease that nagging back pain, or simply feel more energised, Pilates has it all covered. It's all about controlled movements, deep breathing, and targeting those core muscles, think of it as a workout and a mini-meditation session all in one!

For those concerned about bone health or wanting to stay toned and strong, we also use small hand weights and resistance bands in our sessions. These little extras help build muscle, boost bone strength, and add some extra oomph to your workout. Plus, every class is tailored to suit every level, whether you're just starting out or you're a seasoned pro.

#### Why Wednesday Evenings?

We know mornings can be hectic, especially if you're juggling kids, work, and a thousand other things. That's why we've moved the class from Thursday mornings to Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. It's the perfect time to unwind after a long day and do something just for you. Picture this: the kids are settled,

the day's stresses are behind you, and you get to escape for an hour of stretching, strengthening, and maybe even a bit of Zen.

#### Location, Location, Location!

Our new venue is the freshly revamped Cheriton Bishop Village Hall. It's bright, modern, and has everything we need to make your Pilates experience top-notch.

And here's the best part, there's plenty of parking available as the doctor's surgery next door is closed at that time. No more driving around in circles looking for a spot, just park, pop in, and let the relaxation begin.

#### What to Expect

Each week brings something new in our six-week term. We mix up the formats, so it's never the same old routine. This keeps things fun, fresh, and exciting! Booking is super easy on my website, and you can even try out a free session online if you want to see what Pilates is all about before committing.

#### Join Us!

So why not give yourself the gift of an hour dedicated to feeling good? Whether you're looking to tone up, ease back pain, or just enjoy some peaceful me-time, our Wednesday evening Pilates class is here for you. It's all about strengthening your body, calming your mind, and having a little fun along the way.

Ready to join? Head over to [www.adelepilates.co.uk](http://www.adelepilates.co.uk) to book your spot, grab your mat, and get ready to feel amazing. We can't wait to see you there!

Remember, Pilates is not just a workout, it's your midweek treat. See you on the mat!

xx **Adele** xx

ADELE'S  
Pilates

# Health & Lifestyle

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## Breathe Yourself to Sleep

It's 2:30am in the morning. It's warm in bed, it's quiet and dark outside, and the people of your community are sound asleep and happily snoring... except, it seems, for you. You are wide awake thinking about 'that thing that happened' or 'that thing you forgot to do', or 'that thing you need to do'. And this goes on until 5am... Mind whirring; not switching off; and thoughts going around in circles.

This is not uncommon! There can be complex and multiple reasons why this can happen, and the regularity of this happening varies from person to person. I am not a sleep expert, but as this used to regularly happen to me, I would like to share a practical breathing and visualisation technique which allowed me to drift back off to sleep.

- Close your eyes and visualise a square, in a colour of your choosing, in your mind.
- Visualise tracing or drawing the edges of the square: start at the bottom left corner, move up the left side to the top left corner, go across the top to the top right corner, go down the right side to the bottom right corner, and then go across the bottom back to the bottom left corner. Repeat a few times.
- Now, add your breathing to this visualisation:

when you draw the left side of the square and along the top, breathe in a deep breath for 4 seconds. When you draw your square down the right side and along the bottom back to the beginning, breathe out for 4 seconds.

- Continue breathing in this way: breathe in for 4 seconds up the left side and along the top, then breathe out for 4 seconds down the right side and along the bottom.
- Continue with the practice keeping the coloured square clear in your mind, and always keeping your breathing gentle, comfortable and not strained.

This technique can produce a relaxing & stress-reducing response in the body and can keep the mind focussed and concentrated so it's not flitting between lots of different thoughts.

I can't guarantee it'll work for you, and this technique may not be for everyone, but perhaps give it a try the next time you find yourself awake when you want to be asleep to see if it makes a difference.

With love and appreciation!

**Jess**

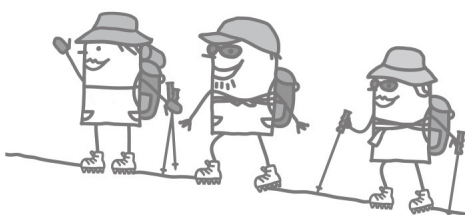
Dartmoor Chiropractic

[www.dartmoorchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.dartmoorchiropractic.co.uk), 07308148159

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## Walking Group

The Autumn months offer excellent walking and hopefully better weather, so we will try to do some newer and longer walks before Winter. As always, all are welcome to join us. Visit our Facebook page for details, photos and previous walks.



**Jon & Dennis**

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## Anyone For Tennis?

### Tedburn St Mary Tennis Club

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 through a WhatsApp group which any member can join. Or, you can play with your own family or other friends who are members. Our courts are in a beautiful position, so come along and see for yourself and join this lovely village tennis club. Hope to see you soon!

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

**Phil Dyson, 07527 268 413**



# In the Garden

## New Planting for September

We have been lucky, in the West Country, to have had some cooler, wetter weather this summer to keep our gardens fresher.

Herbaceous plants are still luxuriant in their growth and full of colour, whereas in some summers, and even some places in Britain, gardens are now tired and looking past their best.

Cut back summer flowering perennials such as geraniums and day lilies. Japanese anemones will fill the gaps and if you have dahlias in pots, these can be placed to give a boost of colour where you need it.

### Shrubs

From September, you can sensibly buy new shrubs and perennials and plant them without so much risk of losing them to drought. If it is dry, pour plenty of water into the planting hole before you plant your new shrub, and give it a good mulch after watering it. The plant will still be growing and so will settle in well before winter.

Any shrubs in containers will have needed feed during the growing season. Now, however, you should stop feeding to prevent plants producing tender young shoots that will be damaged by frost and winter winds.



Towards the end of the month, if the soil is damp, you can move shrubs around without doing too much damage to their growth. Some perennials, such as asters, can be lifted and divided if they have finished flowering.

As our autumns seem to get warmer and milder, this process can start later and continue through the winter if conditions are right.

Enjoy the rich autumn colours in the warm and gentle waning light of September.

**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



# Church Messages

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## Churchwarden's Ramblings

I hope that you have all had the great Summer Holiday wished for, however I now have some sad news. Between Monday 12th and Thursday 15th some of the loose items in the church were damaged (page 8).

### Harvest Service & Supper

The Harvest Supper this year will be a 'Bring and Share' event in the Spalding Hall on Sunday 6th October following on from the

6pm Harvest Service at St Mary's, it is open to all and you don't need to have been at the service to join in. In place of Harvest goods we will welcome donations of tinned and dried foods for use in the Food Larder.

If you have spare vegetables please consider sharing them in the box on the seat opposite the Food Larder.

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**

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## Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Songs of praise at the end of July was a joyful occasion enjoyed by all.

### Community Lunch

**Monday 2nd September, 12.15pm for 12.30pm.** All donations will go to Devon Historic Churches

### Coffee Company

**Monday 9th September, 10am - 11am**

### Messy Church (October)

**Saturday 12th October, Village Hall, 3pm - 4.30pm.** The first of the season! Messy Church will run every month throughout the winter.

### Fund Raising Day

**Saturday 14th September**  
The Church will be open with refreshments on offer for the Devon Historic Churches fund raising day.

## Services in September

**Sunday 8th September, 9.30am:** Holy Communion

**Sunday 22nd September, 11am:**  
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*

### Friends & Neighbours

**Wednesday 11th, 2 - 4pm:**  
Everyone welcome to join us.  
Come for a cup of tea and a chat.

## September

**Sunday 1st, 11am:**  
Communion & Service with David Ball

**Sunday 8th, 11am:**  
Communion & Service with David Cole

**Sunday 15th, 11am:**  
Communion & Service with Matthew Pitts from Echoes, a talk on home and overseas Missionary work.  
**3pm:** Prayer Fellowship

**Sunday 22nd 11am:**  
Communion & Service with John Allan

**Sunday 29th 11am:**  
Communion & Service with Josh Manning

## October

**Sunday 13th October:**  
Harvest Thanksgiving with Exeter Male Voice Praise.  
Speaker: the Right Reverend Nick Mckinnell.  
Refreshments available afterward.



# Message from St Mary's

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## All Change

The month of September sees many changes taking place. The most obvious is the move from Summer to Autumn.

We see the nights drawing in, by the end of the month there is more nighttime than daytime. For many people, the loss of daylight paints a rather gloomy picture for the next few months.

As we lose the warmth of the sun the temperatures start to drop. I particularly notice that nights get much cooler. I lived in Macclesfield several years ago and we would get a frost early in September, a reminder that Winter was not far around the corner.

The equinox also signals the highest tides in the year and often the storms come in off the Atlantic Ocean around this time. This means that the sea looks even more powerful and threatening.

For many people, the academic calendar plays a large part in their lives. For people who work in schools, colleges or universities or students who go to learn, September marks the beginning of another year. This also has a big effect on people's families as suddenly there are many tasks to be done and remembered in the morning before going to school.

When I was at school my Mum would write reminders on bits of paper and put them in my cereal bowl at breakfast. However good your system of organisation is, you still sometimes have to endure the terrible feeling of forgetting something important and having to suffer the consequences.

There is also a real sense that days seem to get longer, you have to get up earlier to be ready, you get home later and you have work to do for school.

The things you want to do often have to wait for the weekend or even the holidays.

It can feel that you have little control over what you do. Interestingly, the seasonal cycle is slowing down in terms of light and warmth while the learning and developing cycle is rapidly increasing. It should not come as a surprise that there will be quite a tension between these opposing forces.



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*As we look for help when we struggle with our daily life, we can turn to God.*

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As we look at the Bible, we often see people struggling against forces that seem to be working against them. There is great assurance that God works with us as we struggle. What is very interesting to me is that often the bible wants us to learn and develop ourselves to deal with our struggles.

As we look at the life of Jesus a great part of his work was teaching people about God and how to align themselves with God's way for the world.

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*We are encouraged to keep growing and learning, not just as young people, but throughout our lives.*

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When we stop learning, we start to give up on living. It is worth remembering every day is a school day. What are we going to learn today?

### **Rev. Martin Wood**

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop  
**01647 24119** (Tuesday to Sunday)  
[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.

### September

#### Sunday 1st: Trinity 14

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

#### Sunday 8th: Trinity 15

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Preb P Sourbut
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

#### Thursday 12th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 15th: Trinity 16

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
6.30pm	Whitestone	Choral Evensong Exeter Cathedral Choir	Revd Martin Wood

#### Sunday 22nd: Trinity 17

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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	Harvest	Revd Martin Wood

#### Thursday 26th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 29th: Trinity 18

10.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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# CB Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 7pm at the Spalding Hall

Present: Chair Cllr P O'Neil, Vice Chair Cllr R Marshall, Cllr. P Mitchell. Devon County Council (DCC) Cllr Frank Letch, Teignbridge District Council (TDC) Cllr Binks. One member of the public present.

Attending: Jane Clark, Parish Clerk

1. **To receive and accept apologies.** None.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Public Discussion:** Nothing raised.
4. **PLANNING APPLICATION/S**

Ref no. 24/00900/FULL. Thorne Cross Farm, Cheriton Bishop. Erection of extension to B8 storage units. Following a discussion the council saw no reason to object and supported the application unanimously.

5. **PLANNING DECISIONS APPROVED BY MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall. Replacement of shed with a pre-fab garage.

6. **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting 17th June 2024 - to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record.** Approved unanimously by a show of hands.

7. **To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.** Nothing to report.

8. **To receive a report from Devon County Councillor F. Letch (DCC) - for information only.**

At a meeting concerned with public health, children's health from 0 to 19 years was discussed. Pre-natal and early months of childhood are well catered for with all young children seen at home by the age of nine months. 29 libraries in Devon have weighing facilities so that parents can go and weigh their baby and have an accurate check on progress. Some libraries also have 0 to 5 years groups. With my new role as chairman of the Corporate Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Scrutiny committee, I will be looking at changing our highways maintenance contract, looking at policies for motorhome owners and having an eye on the budget.

Because of the constant number of complaints about potholes, overgrown hedges and poor road surfaces, I have been investigating the county council's website and looking, in particular, at highways and reporting problems. There are 16 headings for problems that you can report. I urge people to report and to keep the reference number of their complaint and if nothing has happened in a reasonable time, let us say 10 days, do contact me with the reference number so that I can pursue it for you.

9. **To consider a donation request from the primary school towards a school pantomime trip.**

Cllr Marshall. The school is seeking a donation towards an outing for the school. The council recognised that the school actively fund raises to subsidise what it can offer. A £500 donation towards the pantomime trip was discussed and approved unanimously by a show of hands. CLERK TO ACTION PAYMENT.

10. **Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets.**

Cllr Marshall reported that the Vehicle Speed Sign project is now underway. Following a discussion, the council approved the project to go ahead as soon as plans are in place with the various agencies involved and approved to fund the work as previously discussed. Final figures to be provided by Cllr Marshall to the clerk and will be covered by the reserve. Approved unanimously by a show of hands. CLERK TO ACTION.

The improvements to the Memorial Cross area are proving to be too expensive to expedite at the moment. However, in order to improve the area in the shorter term the council discussed and then resolved to remove the old benches and purchase new benches for the site. Approved unanimously by a show of hands. CLLR MARSHALL AND CLERK TO ACTION.

# CB Parish Council

## 11. Accounts - to approve the following payments. Approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Payee	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary and working from home allowance	£416.96	No	£416.96
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£84.80	No	£84.80
Clarity Copiers	Newsletter – hard drive, black & colour pages	£75.45	£15.09	£90.54
Sally Burton	For expenses associated with village event	£13.00	No	£13.00
Spalding Hall	Newsletter storage and collation	£106.00	No	£106.00
Spalding Hall	Donation towards improvements work	£800.00	No	£800.00
Spalding Hall	Hall hire	£15.00	No	£15.00

## 12. To receive a report from the Chairman: Chair reported that the village party was a great success. Its success means that this is likely to become an annual event.

Devon County Council offers training for a road warden scheme and the Chair was pleased to report that he had already had 5 volunteers come forward. Chair to follow up and report back to council.

Bunny Homes have still not cut back the hedge in Church Lane. The Chair has organised for this work to be done and the bill will be met by Bunny Homes as it is their responsibility.

Nothing back from any contacts for suitable land for the allotments. The village archive is progressing and the Chair will keep the council updated.

## 13. To receive Councillors reports: Cllr Mitchell has planted two trees in the village. These replace two which were previously felled due to development. He is interested in placing trees on the verges in the village.

## 14. Correspondence/Clerk's Report: for information only. Clerk has written to the Web Editor of the village website but yet to have a response. Chair having previously agreed for him to go ahead with changes and improvements to the village website.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Post meeting item 10: The cost of the Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign has been quoted at £3,450, ex VAT.

**Dates of meetings, 7pm at Spalding Hall:** 9th September, 14th October and 11th November 2024

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING DURING AUGUST

## Road Warden Scheme

### Would you like our local roads to be better and safer?

One option is to wait for DCC Highways to get around to doing something, after all, it is their responsibility. Another option is to get it done ourselves...

If we find a few practical people who'd like to help, we can set up a Road Warden team.



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# Devon County Council

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## Councillors Report

It seems to me that there are two very distinct roles to being a councillor. The first is to represent the people of my division by listening to their problems, complaints and observations and acting to resolve them. This I do by meeting people casually in the street, in the shops and also by holding surgeries in CREDITON, COPPLESTONE and BOW.

I receive a lot of correspondence through e-mails and always ask people to include my right to forward in their missive. I also get telephone calls but much prefer people to then reiterate their point in an e-mail as I then have a written record and something that I can pass on to the correct officer. As you all know, my contact details are easily available.

The other side of the role is to attend meetings where we learn a lot of information, which we can pass on and also question a lot of the decisions made by the executive. I have been to several very interesting meetings recently. Two of them concerned the railway.

We are lucky in CREDITON to now have a half hourly service to Exeter and £18,000 has been spent on our station. Passenger numbers on the Tarka line are up to 800k, an increase of 50%.

The railway company is also looking at the impact of crossing the railway lines for those with mobility challenges. They are also thinking of a way of increasing the number of disabled parking spaces on the south side of the station which at the moment only has one.

I was quite surprised in another railway meeting to learn that a cow on the line near CULLOMPTON cost 800 minutes of disrupted services and 13 cancelled trains. It seems that trespassing on railway lines is a frequent and costly event.

On a positive note, 40 train drivers are being trained along with 60 railway staff. There is to be an upgrade of rolling stock on our line but no date as yet.

At a health care meeting I was pleased to note that people in Mid Devon live on average just over one year longer than the rest of Devon and Devonians live a year longer than the national average.

We also have a lower percentage of drug-related deaths at just 22 in Mid Devon. But even in this we cannot take much comfort. Mid Devon's suicide rate is easily the lowest in the county.

I attended the first Cabinet meeting under the new leadership. The most interesting item was the launch of the corporate plan 2024/25. There are five proposed corporate priorities in the action plan.

1. Secure better outcomes for our children through working with key partners.
2. Develop an investment plan for our road network. I'm sure we all look forward to that!
3. Improving and modernising our processes through digital solutions. I'm not sure that I understand that.
4. Working with citizens - 2024/25 focus on highways and transport. This may well tie into option number two.
5. Building relationships with partners to facilitate improved and targeted community services.

These are clearly noble aims and I am sure that the relevant scrutiny committees will keep an eye on the executive's progress.

### **Cllr Frank Letch MBE**

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### September

Dates:				
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9th / 10th	✓		✓	
16th / 17th	✓	✓		
23rd / 24th	✓		✓	✓
Monday 30th	✓	✓		

### October

Dates:				
Tuesday 1st	✓	✓		
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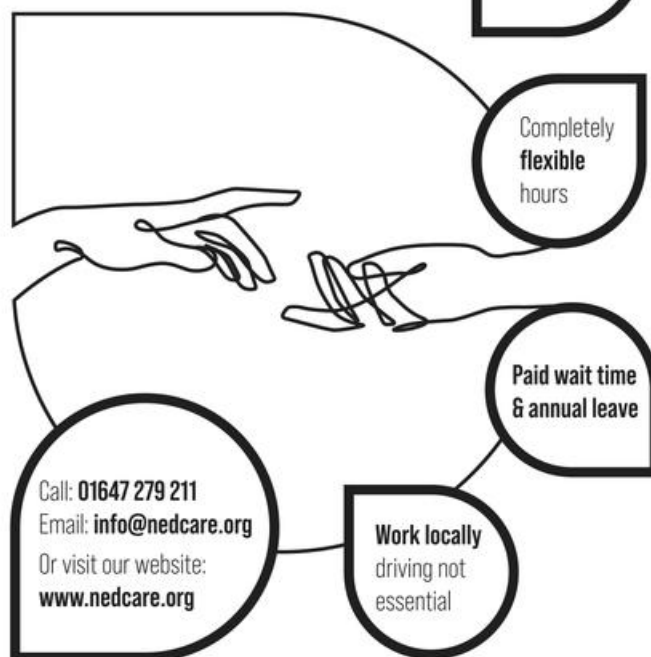
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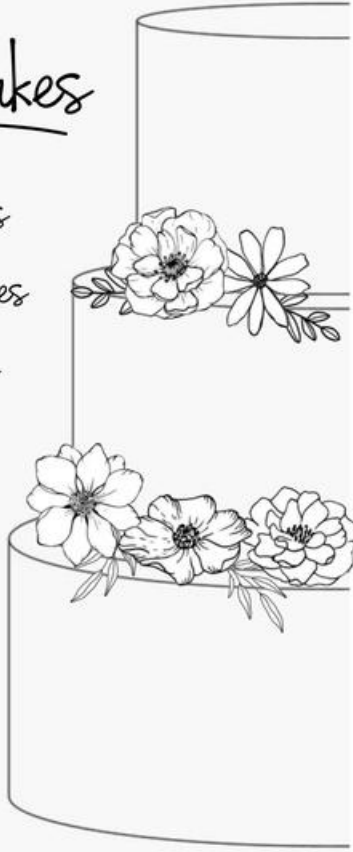
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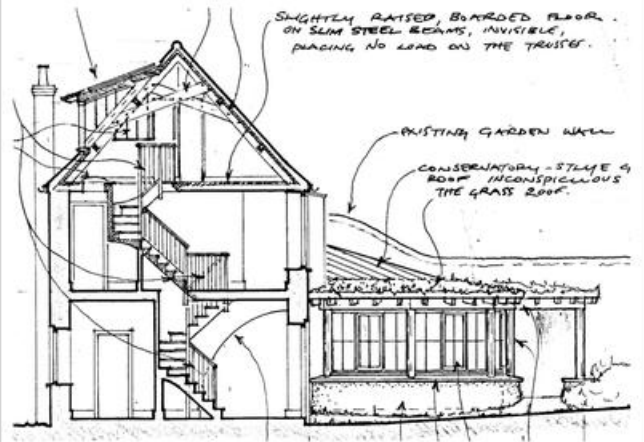
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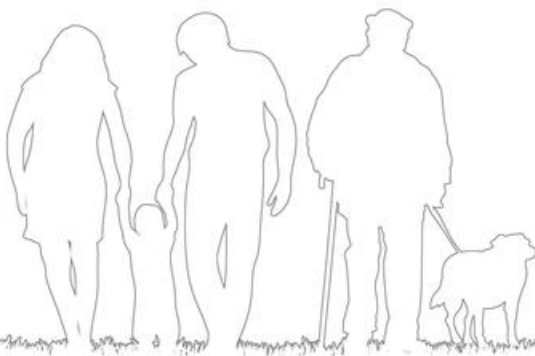


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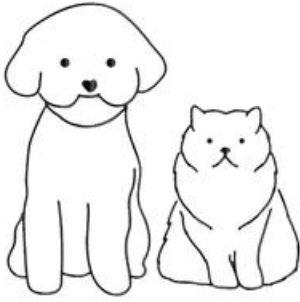
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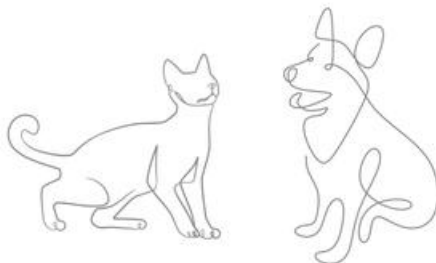
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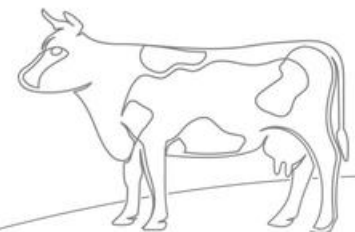


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