

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

February 2025



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Useful Information

Doctors and Healthcare

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

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

The Patient Group: Amanda Vooght (Chair), 01647 24593

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

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

Emergency Services

Electricity: 0800 365 900

Gas: 0800 111 999

Water: 0344 346 2020

Highways Agency: 0300 123 5000

Streetlights, potholes: 0345 155 1004, csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

Police

Non-emergency: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Neighbourhood Watch: Jean Martin, 01647 24586

Schools and Local Organisations

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

Head Teacher: Mr Alex Cross, Secretary: Mrs Jane Fielding. Contact: admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy

Acorn Community Support: 01647 252701

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

Young Farmers: Lily ford, 07495708029

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

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

Churches

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

West Down Chapel: Derek Coren, 01647 24264

Halls & Meeting Rooms

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

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

Flagmasters Eddie & Fiona Hall, 01647 252966

Local Authorities

Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

Ian Cowley

Adrian Fry

Roger Marshall, 07707 893306

Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405

Peter O'Neill (Chair), 07932 660550

Crockernwell Parish Councillors:

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West Devon Borough Councillor:

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Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Welcome to the Newsletter

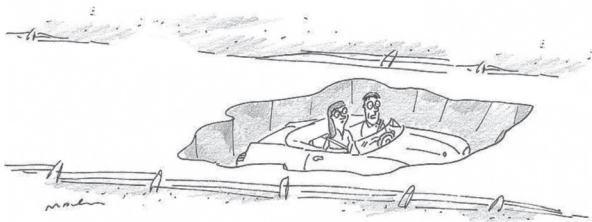
Hello 2025! I know we've been here for a month already, but this is the first issue of the year for the Newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

February is here and there's lots to love about it, including: St Valentines Day on 14th; The Whitestone Players panto runs from Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th (page 6); and Open Mic Night at The Old Thatch Inn returns on 16th.

No Pancake Day this month as Shrove Tuesday falls on 4th March this year. I don't see any harm in practicing the pancake toss skills throughout February though!

Events and activities at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall have really taken off, so check their notice board for information. They have an article featured on page 11.

I would like to nominate 'Pothole' as the word of the month! There's a useful article about how to claim compensation for damage to your vehicle (page 12), and also some interesting information about how to get involved with a local group who fix these pesky potholes! (page 30).



Lucy x

Classified Ads

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

FREE

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

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Advertising Rates

Ads in the White Pages (per issue):

- Black & White: Full page = £25
 - Black & White: Half page = £12.50
 - Colour: Full page = £50
- Please email cheritonnews@gmail.com

Flyer Inserts

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

- Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £10
- Please email Jo at cheritonads@gmail.com

Yellow Pages Ads

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

Regular Diary Dates

Meetings, Hobbies & Interests

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

Cheriton Bishop Pre-School & Primary School: Contact: admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy

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

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

Folk Group - Folkus: Every Friday evening from 8pm
Contact: Jenny Grist - 01647 281110 or email - jennyjanegrist@outlook.com

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

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

Parish Council: Every second Monday evening in the month

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

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

Yoga: Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, CB Village Hall. Booking: www.devonrootsyoga.co.uk/bookings

Young Farmers: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening in the month. Contact: Lily Ford - 07495708029

Please Keep this Info Page Up-to-Date

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

Dates for your Diary

February 2025

2nd	Curry & Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	From 6.30pm
3rd	Short Mat Bowls	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	2pm
4th	Acorn Lunch Club	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
4th	DCT - Gold Work	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	12 noon - 4pm
4th	Yoga	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
5th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 9
5th	Pilates	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
11th	Acorn Outing	Otter Nurseries	Page 9
11th	Yoga	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
12th	Pilates	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
13th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 9
14th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
16th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch Inn	From 7pm
17th	Gardening Club	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	7.30pm
18th	Yoga	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
19th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 9
19th	Pilates	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
22nd	YFC Dung Sale!	Orders: cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com	Page 21
25th	DCT - Textile Seascape	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	10am - 4pm
25th	Yoga	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
26th	Pilates	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	6.30pm
27th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 9
28th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm

Pantomime: 4th - 8th February

Robinson Crusoe & The Pirates'

Whitestone Parish Hall

See page 6 for details

Newsletter Copy Deadline

Our next issue is the March 2025 edition, so please send information, events and articles by:

Thursday 20th February

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

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



What's On?

The Old Thatch
Presents...



The Fun Quiz!

CURRY and Quiz Night

**Sunday 2nd February, 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. Book your table early if you want the Curry option!

Get the Latest...

Join the **WhatsApp** group to find out how busy it is on the night! Message 'Quizmaster' **JT** on **07717 148550**

Future dates:

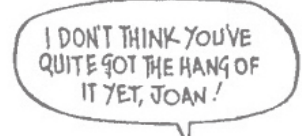
March 2nd and April 6th

Short Mat Bowls

**Monday 3rd February, from 1pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

On the **1st Monday of each month** we are offering an hour-long practice session at the Village Hall, commencing at 1pm. With tuition to hone your skills and learn the etiquette before the full session, which commences at 2pm.

Please contact me if you wish to attend on **07775 813 676** or **01647 24582**.



David Tripp

Chairman, Cheriton Bishop SMBC

Would You Like to Play Bridge?



**Tuesdays, 7.30pm,
Morchard Bishop Parish Hall**

Would you like to come and play Bridge at our friendly club? With a free lesson beforehand for those who want it. Come along and give us a try.

John Chater, 01363 877096

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 6pm-11pm	£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?

Acorn Friends & Neighbours *Lunch Club*

**Tuesday 4th February, 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:

- Chicken Casserole, Mash & Peas
- Fish, Chips & Peas
- Halloumi Burger & Fries

- Jam Sponge & Custard
- Ice Cream

£11 per person

Please call by **1st February** to place your order and if you will need a lift.

Jean Martin, 01647 24586

North Dartmoor Walking Group

The group is open to anyone, not just Cheriton Bishop residents, and we would welcome anyone to join us, particularly some younger people. Our walks are typically about 2 hours and 4-5 miles and not too arduous. We share transport so if you do not drive, please contact us!

Please see our FaceBook page, *Cheriton Bishop Walking Group* to see pictures and reports.

Jon & Dennis



Dartmoor Creative Textiles

We welcomed over 20 members and visitors to our wet felting afternoon in January, led by one of our members. Everyone successfully completed a felted bowl after a lot of soap, rolling and massaging.

Gold Work

**Tuesday 4th February, 12 noon - 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

This month, we have another of our members, Val Loader, guiding us in gold work techniques. This is a 'play' session, giving everyone an opportunity to manipulate the materials although I expect the gold work may be used in quite untraditional ways.

Textile Seascape - Day School

**Tuesday 25th February, 10am - 4pm, Cheriton
Bishop Village Hall**

Later in the month, we have our first Day School of the year. We are really fortunate to have renowned multimedia textile artist, Alison Whatley tutoring us to create a seascape. Devon based Alison works primarily with textiles and was a participant in Sky Arts Landscape Artist of the year 2024. Her layering technique of fabrics and use of recycled materials will make this a very enjoyable day.

We have an annual subscription of £45 which equates to about £4 for the afternoon.

You can contact me on the email address below if you interested in joining us or drop into the session.

Elaine Clark
elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk

What's On?



Hatha Yoga

Mat Work

**Tuesdays 4th, 11th,
18th & 25th February,
6.30pm - 7.30pm,
CB Village Hall**

**Welcoming Yoga classes
for everyone to enjoy!**

Steady-paced, friendly class,
balancing strength-building
and restorative postures.

All classes are mixed ability –
beginners are encouraged to
join us!

£8.50 per session

Please contact me or visit my
website for more information.

Katie Furler

07923 886720

www.devonrootsyoga.co.uk



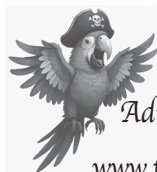
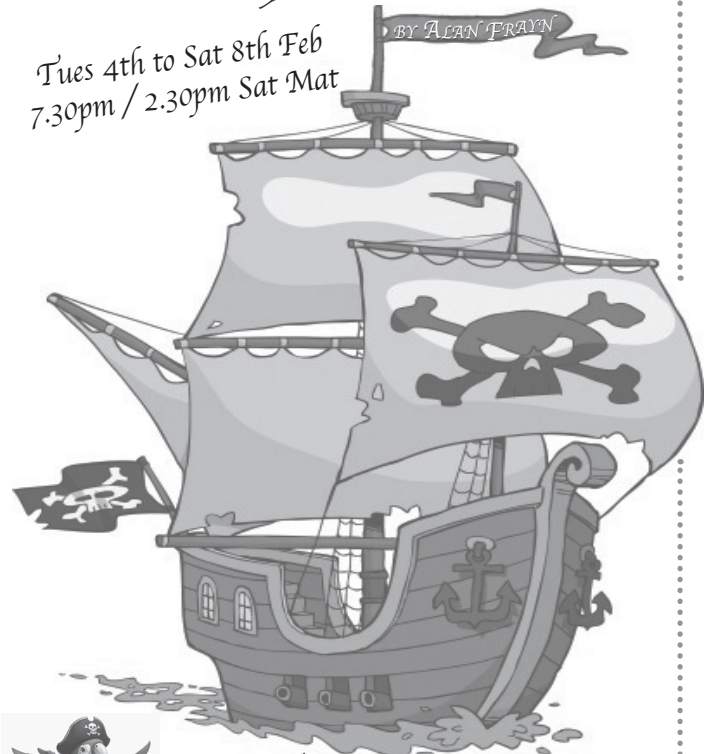
Whitestone Players Present

Robinson Crusoe

Whitestone
Parish Hall
EX4 2JS

And The Pirates

Tues 4th to Sat 8th Feb
7.30pm / 2.30pm Sat Mat



Tickets:

Adults £7, Children £3.50 (under 16)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestone-players

[Facebook.com/whitestonepanto](https://www.facebook.com/whitestonepanto). 07977 439419

Supporting Prostate Cancer UK & National Autistic Society



The Spalding Hall

Bookings: Jean Martin - **01647 24586**

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

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

What's On?

Men's Sheds

**Thursdays 6th, 13th & 20th & 27th February,
9:30am to 12:30pm, Embercombe, 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.

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



The Old Thatch
Presents...

OPEN
MIC
NIGHT



**Sunday 16th February, 7pm,
The Old Thatch Inn**

It's a great night of music and fun with our talented, local musicians.

Dust off your guitar and have a go. We have a small PA set up available, or you can play acoustically if you prefer.

Open Mic is on the third Sunday of each month.

Hope to see you there!

Steve Colderick

colderick@btinternet.com

ACE Archaeology Club

Saturday 8th February, Broadwoodkelly

Clearing at Moistown and some more contour surveying. Wear old clothes and boots. Bring lunch/drinks and chair as you require.

Please book with janet.jdggf@btinternet.com. To join ACE, subscription is per person for a year is £10. Please email acemembership99@gmail.com.

Erica Williamson

acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com

Whitestone Gardening Club

**Monday 17th February, 7pm,
Whitestone Village Hall**

Please join us this month where we will be discussing growing vegetables.

This meeting will be followed by our AGM.

Ron Bramhall

What's On?

Gardening Club

Monday 17th February, 7.30pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall



We are having a talk by the
Barn Owl Trust.

Free to members, but £3 to non-members. Older children accompanied by an adult are welcome, no charge for full-time students. Come and learn about these beautiful birds.

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

Devon YFC Courses



**4 Mental Health
Emotional Resilience**

**Thursday 27th February, 6pm - 9.30pm,
YFC Hub, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JH**

We are able to offer this FREE course with thanks to funding provided by **PETE'S DRAGONS**

What is covered in this course:

- Practical ways to develop and maintain emotional wellbeing.
- Stigma around emotional issues and barriers to seeking help.
- The importance of early intervention and connectedness.
- Positive ways to cope with stress or emotional distress.

Please email admin@devonyfc.co.uk

**Food Safety & Hygiene
Level 2 Catering Course**

2 hour - Online Course, £24 per person

Suitable for anyone who handles, prepares or serves food in the catering industry.

Log in details will be emailed once payment has been received.

Please email training@devonyfc.co.uk

Save the Date

Coffee Morning

**Saturday 1st March, 10:30am until
12 noon, The Spalding Hall**

**Coffee, Tea,
Cakes & Raffle**

Raising funds for
The Spalding Hall

*Everyone
welcome!*



ACE Archaeology Club

Saturday 8th March, Woosten Woods

Andy Crabb is taking us on a woodland adventure with various archaeological features. More details to follow.

ACE Archaeology Club provides opportunities to meet others interested in archaeology. We are an active group based in central Devon, meeting on the second Saturday of the month. If you would like more information, or would like to join, please email acemembership99@gmail.com. The membership subscription is £10 per person for a year.

Erica Williamson

acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com

Update from Acorn



“In February, there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret.” *Patience Strong*

Hello and Welcome to February. Already the year has roller-skates on and we are heading rapidly for Spring! What a lovely thought. But whilst we are waiting, we are not wasting our time. Indeed we are full steam ahead for a lovely (short) month of fun!

All Acorn Areas

Tea @ the Hub, 2pm - 4pm, YFC Hub

Fridays 14th & 28th February

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 13th & 27th February

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 4th February, The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary

Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few of days in advance please). Next lunch is 4th March.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Wednesdays 5th & 19th February

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

Outing

Tuesday 11th February. Dartmoor trip with lunch at the Warren House Inn.

From the Teign Valley

Lunch Club

Tuesday 18th February

The Welcome Stranger, Liverton.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Fridays 7th & 21st February

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

Outing

Wednesday 5th February

Newton Abbot Plants Galore and lunch TBC.

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays 11th & 25th February

Teign Valley Community Hall

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

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

Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team

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**.



Letters to the Editor

A Little Update From Young Farmers



This month we have our annual dung sale (£4 a bag) on the 22nd of February where we will be delivering bags around local villages. Its not to late to buy some yours! Contact cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com to order.

We are also hosting our annual Members v's Advisory Skittles Competition!

Some of our members schedules are very busy with pantomime rehearsals as they are preparing for county round of the pantomime competition being held at Exmouth Pavillon on the 15th and 16th of February.

Lily Ford
Cheriton & Tedburn YFC

Welcome to Our New Parish Councillor



Cheriton Bishop Parish council is very pleased to welcome our newly co-opted Councillor Caroline Royle, who joined the team at our January meeting. Here's a brief introduction from her:

"After taking early retirement I relocated from Hampshire to just outside Crockernwell in December 2023 along with my husband, two adult children and greyhound. My background is in higher education, charities and human resources. I feel volunteering in the community is very important and rewarding and I hope I can make a contribution with my experience and commitment." **Caroline Royle**

The Parish Council is still keen to fill vacancies and bring the team to full strength – particularly as we start to consider what projects to support from the local funding which MDDC levied on the Bunny Homes development.

Please give some thought to joining us and helping us make good decisions on behalf of our local community.

Any of our councillors will be happy to have an informal chat about what's involved, or contact our Clerk, Jane Clark, at clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk, or on **07932 386023**.

ACE Archaeology Club

ACE Archaeology Club is an active group based in central Devon. Our aim is to find and record archaeology in this part of Devon (and farther afield), and also to encourage others to get to know and look after the fantastic heritage that exists in the area.

The Club provides opportunities to meet others interested in archaeology, to visit sites of interest and to take part in excavation and other aspects of practical and experimental archaeology.

Our members range from enthusiastic amateurs to professionals, all of whom are happy to pass

on and share their knowledge. ACE meets on the second Saturday of the month, where we meet will depend upon the activity, as we have no headquarters as such. As well as our regular meetings, there are various ongoing projects to get involved with.

If you would like more information, or would like to join ACE, email The Membership Secretary on acemembership99@gmail.com. The subscription per person for a year is £10.

Erica Williamson
acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com



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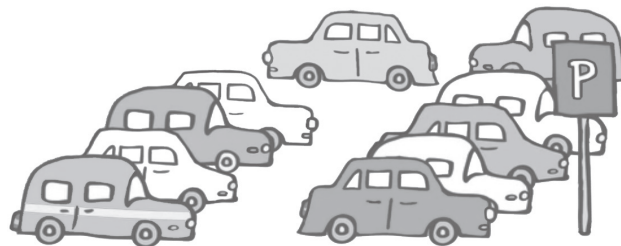
Village Hall News

It is now a year since our re-opening and the hall's popularity is increasing with activities most days and many bookings for parties and other events.

We are continuing to improve facilities and have replaced the old shed with a new garage for storage for society's and club's equipment. We have fitted heater guards and stair guards to make the hall safer for youngsters and we are delighted that the baby and toddler group now have regular meetings.

However, our popularity has caused the problem of congestion in the car park.

It is not generally realised that the car park is owned by the village hall and the surgery pays us a contribution towards maintenance.



We are working very closely with the surgery, but priority will always be for those paying to hire the hall. As such there will be spaces reserved by 'no parking' cones on certain days of the week.

Please would users of the surgery respect these cones. There has been no overall reduction in spaces and the surgery staff have agreed to not use the car park at busy times, therefore there should be adequate spaces for patients, but please only park when necessary.

Jon Whitehead

Local History: A Memorable Evening...

The inauguration of our newly created Cheriton Bishop Community Archive was held at the Village Hall on the 17th January 2025. A talk, given by Karen Wilson from the Tedburn St. Mary Historical & Information Society, was on the subject of 'keeping history alive' including a slide presentation together with some historical documents and photographs.

It was a lovely evening, very informative yet entertaining. Karen was very knowledgeable and a great speaker, I could have easily spend another hour or so listening to her.



We had also a collection of historical photographs and documents on display from our own archive, with good support from the village including two volunteers and a couple of residents who wanted to donate some materials for our archive collection and share their stories. It was a very inspiring evening, and it will hopefully motivate us to go forward from strength to strength.

We would like to thank those who attended, and of course, Karen Wilson, who made it a very memorable evening. I am also very pleased to welcome our new volunteer, Christine Jillians to the team.

Please contact us if you have any local items of interest and would like to donate originals or copies to our history and community archive.

Oswald Chung, 07795432151

Christine Jillians, christinejillians@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

The Problem with Potholes!

As our road network seems to be deteriorating rapidly I thought I would submit this article I received from Which about Potholes and how you can claim compensation, which may be of benefit to readers. Residents of Devon should be encouraged to report potholes as frequently as they come across them on the **Report A Pothole** page of the DCC website.

This will prevent Devon CC from claiming they were not aware of the pothole and wriggle out of the claim that way and residents should be encouraged to claim to force Devon CC to spend more on the rebuilding of our dreadful road network.

Andrea Wood

The number of pothole compensation claims to councils in Britain doubled in a year, new RAC research has revealed. A Freedom of Information (FOI) request by the RAC found that 20,432 claims were submitted to 18 local authorities with the largest road networks in 2023, compared with 8,327 in 2022.

Potholes form over time due to weather and wear and can cause a lot of damage to vehicles. If a pothole damages your car, you claim compensation from your local authority, but the RAC's latest research reveals a high number of rejected claims and pitiful payouts from councils.

Pothole claims are on the rise - but most are rejected. Many councils saw a significant increase in compensation claims compared with the year before. But just as pothole damage claims have increased, so too have the proportion of claims refused by councils.

Why Do Councils Reject Claims?

Under the Highways Act 1980, councils are permitted to refuse claims if they weren't aware that the pothole existed. Of the 8,172 claims rejected by nine councils (who responded to the RAC's question), 74% were refused on these grounds.

It is important to report any potholes you come across to your local authority so that motorists who might experience vehicle damage have a better chance of securing compensation.

When payouts were issued, they often fell short of realistic repair costs. The RAC believes a typical repair bill for pothole damage, beyond a puncture, would total £460 - but the average payout from councils was calculated at just £260 each.

New Funding Pledged

The RAC says its research is a 'stark reminder' of the ongoing poor condition of many of the UK's roads. In the recent Autumn Budget, Chancellor Rachel Reeves pledged £500 million to fix one million potholes in the next financial year.

Simon Williams, the RAC's head of policy, says:

'We have long argued that local authorities need greater certainty of funding so they can tackle the root cause of the UK's pothole plague. For this reason, we're pleased they'll receive £500m to soon start the process of improving their road networks.'

It is vital that this money is used by councils not to merely fill potholes, but to carry out preventative maintenance – through surface dressing roads at regular intervals to stop roads falling apart in the first place. Roads that are beyond reasonable repair should be resurfaced.'

Make A Successful Claim

Despite low success rates, it's always worth making a compensation claim if your vehicle is damaged by a pothole. To have the best chance of a successful payout, make sure you:

- Collect pothole evidence - note exactly where the pothole is, take pictures of it and the damage it has done to your vehicle.
- Report the pothole to your highways agency or local authority. If your bike has been damaged, report it to Cycling UK's Fill That Hole.
- Get a quote for a repair to fix the damage to your vehicle. If you've had to get the damage fixed urgently, keep the receipt
- Make a claim to your local authority by checking its claims procedure. You could also consider making a claim via your car insurance policy, however, you can't claim through both your insurer and the local authority.
- Appeal a rejected claim. Ask to see details of the council's road inspection reports to see whether the council did follow it as it should have. If it hasn't, you can appeal its decision by taking the claim to the small claims court. We suggest you seek legal advice first.

Whether your vehicle is damaged or not, it's important to report any potholes you come across to the relevant local authority. This is to prevent councils from rejecting claims on the basis that they weren't aware of the pothole existing.

Letters to the Editor



DEVON &
SOMERSET
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

How Should We Respond to Automatic Fire Alarms?

We responded to an average of 16 false alarms every day last year due to automatic fire alarms

Read about our proposed changes and complete a short survey by visiting www.dsfire.gov.uk/about-us/AFAconsultation. The consultation closes at midday on **Wednesday 9th April 2025**.

For further information, please visit our website at www.dsfire.gov.uk or call **01392 261287** or send an email to rightresponse@dsfire.gov.uk.

Paul Compton

Head of Communications & Engagement, Project Executive – Right Response

Reminiscence Project

Did you know that Crediton Library are building a collection of memories from people living in Mid Devon?

The Reminiscence Project volunteers chat with people at the library, in their own homes, at care homes and anywhere else people feel comfortable.

These chats can be about any memories you'd like to share. Typically, we start at childhood and move through key events and life events, but if there are specific things you'd like to talk about, we'd love to hear it! The chats are audio recorded, transcribed and added to an online collection for everyone to enjoy.

As part of the project, the library also runs a free 'Drop In' on the first Tuesday morning of each month. People can drop by for a chat and a good reminisce. There is usually a set theme to get us started, but conversations can veer off anywhere!



If you would like to sit down over a cuppa with one of our volunteers, to preserve and share your life experiences, or if you are part of a group who would be interested in trying a Reminiscence Group session, please get in touch via email to crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or call us on **01393 772578**.

Izzy FitzGerald

Reminiscence Project Coordinator
Crediton Library

This project has been made possible thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Letters to the Editor

Volunteers Needed

For BT Digital Voice Switch Over Training

Neighbourhood Watch are seeking volunteers to be trained to help people to switch to the new fibre system, leaving old copper landlines behind.

NW is trying to help people understand the technological change in how we connect with each other. To this end, trained volunteers are being recruited to answer some of the worries and concerns that people will no doubt have about the new system that is coming soon.

Volunteers will need to be good communicators who are available during

the day. Once volunteers have attending the training session, they will have strong, knowledgeable back-up.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should first contact Emily.Barker@ourwatch.org.uk.

Training is due to start early in 2025.

The aim is to help at switch-over time and to make people feel informed, supported and connected.

Dennis Milton
Neighbourhood Watch



Tedburn WI – February 2025

Christmas and New Year celebrations have been enjoyed and now saved into our memories. The nights are slowly getting lighter although the mornings are still very dark.

2025 has started in earnest with high winds, much rain and of course ice and snow. 21 members braved the snowy and icy conditions and enjoyed a New Year lunch at the 'Travellers Rest' which was very delicious and, as you can imagine, there was lots of chatter and we all agreed it was great to meet everyone again.

At the beginning of February some members will be visiting Uplowman and enjoying a talk on designing an Italian Garden and lunch is included. I will let you know next month how much the day was enjoyed.

The 2025 programme has been agreed and there are lots of interesting speakers for us to listen to during our meetings.

February Meeting

Missionary Child

Tuesday 4th February

This meeting is with speaker Pete Kiff, who I am sure will be very interesting to listen to.

Competition

Our competition is making as many words from 'Salvation Army'. Hopefully there will be lots of entries.

As always we love to welcome prospective members and remember the first meeting is free. Please contact Jane Burrow for further details on **07814 659526**.

Rachel Purser
Secretary
01647 61868

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Letters to the Editor

News from the Moor

I hope that you are all well and had a happy and healthy new year. 2025 certainly arrived with a bang with high winds, snow, ice and heavy rain interspersed with the occasional ray of sunshine. Our Ranger and Garden teams are busy working their way through all the storm damage so please look out for various path diversions as they clear fallen trees and broken branches.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the choirs, groups and performers who helped to create a beautiful Christmas at Castle Drogo. There were many lovely musical performances which visitors really enjoyed and a gorgeous display of handmade tulips, created by members of *Dartmoor Creative Textiles*, down the main stairs, recreating the tulips the Drewe family always had for Christmas. It was wonderful to see many people venture out between Christmas and new year too. A special thank you to the staff and volunteers who came in to make it possible for us to open the castle.

Opening Dates

We now focus on the year ahead as the National Trust marks 130 years since it was founded by 3 incredible volunteers. On Dartmoor, Spring is firmly on its way with buds and bulbs appearing everywhere. Here are a few dates for your diary so you know when various places are open:

- **Parke**, just outside Bovey Tracey, is open from dawn until dusk all year round if you need some fresh air and a stroll through the woodland and riverside paths.
- **Castle Drogo** partially re-opens on Monday 3rd February, 10am – 4pm, with the café, shop, garden and part of the castle. We then fully re-open on Monday 24th March, 10am – 5pm, with new displays to mark 50 years since the National Trust opened Drogo to the public.



- **Lydford Gorge** will open both the Devil's Cauldron and Waterfall trails, 7 days a week, from Saturday 1st March, 10am – 4.40pm. Always check the website in case of high winds!
- **Finch Foundry** opens Wednesday to Sunday from Wednesday 19th March, 11am – 4pm.
- **The Teign Valley estate & Fingle Woods** are open every day from dawn until dusk.

Celebrating Castle Drogo's 50th Anniversary

On Friday 28th March, it will be exactly 50 years to the day since the Trust first opened Drogo in 1975. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our neighbours and local communities for all of the support you have given us over those 50 years. You have been patient and kind on busy days when visitors park in funny places or get lost, and helped us to care for Drogo by visiting, bringing friends and family with you, buying a cuppa in the café, making a purchase in the shop, or donating books for the second hand bookshop.

Free Entry!

As a sign of our appreciation, we would like to invite you for a community free entry day on Friday 28th March. Castle Drogo will be open from 10am until 5pm. **Just bring along a copy of this magazine to get your free entry.**

Many of us will be in 1970s dress if you fancy dressing up too. Not compulsory of course! It would be fun though so dust off those flares, put on your platform shoes and join us for a brief travel back in time to 1975.

Best wishes all,

Paula Clarke

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
07826 945107, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Happy New Year!

Inevitably perhaps, debt and energy are the two key problems people are bringing to us.

The cost of living continues to rise, and pensioners who missed out on winter fuel payments have come to rely on us as energy costs continue to rise.

If you are struggling and getting into debt please take action sooner rather than later. Our specially trained debt advisers can help you navigate what seems a minefield and remember, our advice is confidential, professional and totally non-judgemental.

Our website has some useful links and information so check out **www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk**

We are also able to issue fuel vouchers please get in touch to see if you are eligible. Our AdviceLine is a free, local number: **0808 27 87 999**.

We are delighted to announce that we have new outreaches opening this year so people can access us directly in their own area.

In Crediton we are at the Age Concern office in the Lady Mills Centre every Wednesday. Drop-in is available 9.30am – 12 noon and afternoon appointments are available which can be booked via our website.

We are at the Cullompton Community Centre on the third Friday of each month between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The last Friday of each month sees us at Lapford in the Ark Community Café from 10am – 2pm.

Ongoing dates have still to be confirmed. Our other outreach offices are on our website and news of new outreach offices can be found on social media.

Sadly, we are unable to meet demand, which continues to rise as more and more people seek our help. We have an ongoing recruitment campaign to encourage more people to come and volunteer with us.

Volunteers make new friends, learn new skills and have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping people in their community.

If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please contact recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk or check out our website for more information.

Maybe the New Year is an ideal time to broaden your horizons!

Rosanna Teale

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

Volunteer With Us

Would you like to help people?

To continue our work, we constantly need to recruit volunteers. We provide full training and ongoing support.

If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact: recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk.

We'd love to hear from you!

Volunteers are
at the heart of
all we do.



Neighbourhood Watch

Don't Read This... Although Perhaps You Should!

Now We Have Your Attention So Neighbourhood Watch will start...

An interesting article on a person's safety came to our notice which we want to share. This subject is very much in the news and rightly so.

In November, there were 43 silent 999 calls where the police were needed at the scene immediately.

Most of the calls were from people suffering domestic abuse, who couldn't say much or anything at all, who urgently needed police help in a desperate situation or to confide in officers what had happened to them.

Did You Know ?

Calling 999 from a mobile

If you don't speak or answer questions, press **55** after calling **999** and your call will be transferred to the police as you need help and are in a situation where you can't talk.

The police should be able to find your location. By pressing **55** lets the operator know your call is genuine and urgent.

Calling 999 from a landline

If you don't speak or answer questions but the operator can hear background noise, they will transfer your call to the police.

If you replace the handset the line remains open for 45 seconds afterwards to enable you to return. Calling **999** from a landline gives the police your location.

NOTE When making such a call try to listen carefully to the questions and instructions from operators so they can assess your call and arrange help.

NW Safety Note

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

Cheriton Bishop Village Website

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

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

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

Surgery News

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice

Opening Hours

Cheriton Bishop

Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm

Late Clinic on Tuesday evenings

Christow

Monday & Tuesday, 8.30am – 12pm

Wednesday to Friday, 2pm – 6pm

*We run an urgent on the day service,
8am – 11.30am every day.*

Practice Services

- Dispensary
- Minor Injuries
- Minor Operations
- Women's Health
(including Coil and Implant fitting)
- Vaccinations and Immunisations
- Chronic Disease and Long Term
Condition Management
- Clinical Pharmacist
- First Contact Physiotherapist (MSK)
- Wellbeing Co-ordinator
(support for loneliness, chronic
illness and wellbeing)
- Adult and Young Persons
Mental Health Coaches
- Dietician - Monthly
- Community Midwife

Contacting Us

To help us deal with the large number of enquiries, please go to our website www.cheritonbishoppactice.co.uk and click on 'contact us' and complete the request. Alternatively, our Healthcare Co-ordinators can text you a link. Those unable to use service this can call reception.

The information that you provide will enable the Duty Doctor to deal with your request in the most efficient way.

Routine Appointments

Routine appointments can be booked up to 28 days in advance and some appointment types are available to be booked online, these include:

- Blood Tests
- Routine Telephone Appointments
- Child Immunisations
- Late Clinic Appointments
- Womens Health
- Physiotherapist



Contact:

Telephone: **01647 24272**

Website: www.cheritonbishop.co.uk

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

Health & Lifestyle

Nature Connection

I recently went on a walk in the beautiful woodland local to my house. This walking route is one I do several times a week to get some fresh air, get moving and exercise my dog. I walked out of my house, across the road and into the woodland. The next thing I knew, I was coming out of the woodland and heading back to the house. This was about 30 minutes later. I realised I had done the whole walk completely distracted by thoughts about to-do lists, dinner planning, work tasks, social events etc.

Even though I did what I set out to do (get some air and exercise) I'd done it so unconsciously and mindlessly that I didn't have the awareness to appreciate the nature all around me or connect with it in any way.

There are a huge number of benefits associated with connecting with the natural world around us, too many to mention! Some benefits include stress reduction, improved creativity, boosted immunity, improved mood and a clearer head-space.

As I discovered, it can sometimes take effort to appreciate the outside environment around us, particularly if we have things on our minds, so I decided that the next time I went out I'd use a framework, working with my 5 senses, to make my walk a more mindful one.

Here is the framework I use if you'd like to try it: For 5 minutes the next time you're out in nature, or just outside in general, consciously explore your surroundings with your 5 senses, using 1 minute for each sense:

- 1. Sight:** What can you see around you? Notice the objects, shapes, colours, textures, depths, sizes etc.
- 2. Hearing:** What can you hear around you? Notice all sounds, man-made or natural, in the distance and closer to you.

- 3. Smell:** What can you smell around you? Notice all smells pleasant, unpleasant, subtle, strong etc.
- 4. Touch:** What does the environment feel like? Notice different textures, temperatures etc.
- 5. Taste:** What do things taste like? Are there any edible fruits or edible leaves around to try? Possibly an ambitious one, and of course only to be done if you're a confident forager and have no doubt of what it is you're sampling!

This a quick and useful framework to make sure that on every walk I now do, I slow down to experience nature, quieten my thoughts, and feel the wonderful benefits to my wellbeing!

Enjoy connecting with nature!

With love and appreciation,

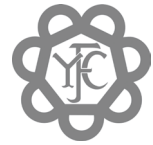
Joe Arnold

Dartmoor Chiropractic
07308148159



Health & Lifestyle

Devon YFC Training Opportunities



Devon YFC has recently launched its new and improved '**Devon YFC Training**' branch which provides a variety of courses, training and CPD for YFC members and non-members.

Although Devon YFC Training's focus is primarily rural skills and agri-related subjects, we can arrange courses to meet any training need.

We are proud to work alongside Devon Agricultural and Rural Training Trust (DARTT) and Dartington Cattle Breeders Trust (DCBT) who offer funding to support participants.

Devon YFC Training is a Lantra training provider and can offer available Lantra courses either at the learners' premises or we can source premises to hold a course.

To check out our upcoming courses, please visit www.devonyfc.co.uk/yfc-training/

Denise Turner

Administration & Finance Officer

Devon Roots Yoga



Welcoming Yoga classes for everyone to enjoy!

Friendly and down to earth Yoga classes. Steady-paced Hatha Yoga sessions, balancing strength-building work and restorative postures. All classes are mixed ability – beginners are encouraged to join us!

Mat Yoga

Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

£8.50 per session with flexible multi-class discounts available.

Seated Yoga

Wednesdays, 10am - 10.45am, Pathfinder Village Club

For those with reduced mobility. £5 per session.

Please contact me or visit my website for more information.

Katie Furler | 07923 886720 | www.devonrootsyoga.co.uk



In the Garden

Time to Start Gardening Again!

Now the days are getting longer and lighter there are tentative signs of life in the garden.

Any dead stems on herbaceous plants should be cleared away now before new shoots start growing. There will be spaces between the plants where there is still an opportunity to spread a mulch before growth spreads. Removing a few weeds now and mulching will pay dividends later in the year.

Roses can be pruned from February. Remove any dead stems and very thin ones and aim to give your plant an open healthy framework. Only ramblers shouldn't be pruned now or you will cut off their flowering shoots.



Late flowering clematis can be cut back to 18" (45cms) so that they produce flowers lower down where you can see them. Don't cut back the early flowering clematis montana or clematis alpina or you won't have flowers in the spring.

Deciduous grasses can be cut back before new shoots appear. If you want to move/

divide them, it is best to wait until late spring when they are growing strongly.

Dahlias can be gently started into growth under cover. Place tubers on soil in containers and water sparingly to encourage new shoots.



When snowdrops have finished flowering it is the ideal time to lift and divide them. They will appreciate the space and flower better next year.



Summer flowering shrubs such as sambucas and buddleias can be cut back to a solid base.

If you are feeling optimistic you can start sowing seeds of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and aubergines. It might be safer to wait until March though when they have more chance of growing away strongly. You can however put some early potatoes on a window sill to chit (produce shoots) ready to plant out in March.

Spring is really coming soon!

Sally Rix



Dung Sale

Saturday 22nd February

£4 per bag

FREE delivery to Cheriton Bishop, Tedburn St Mary and surrounding villages.

Please place your order with Lily Ford on **07495 7087029** or order via email to cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com



Vacancies

Join Our Team As A Phlebotomist!

Are you a skilled and caring individual with a passion for making a difference? We're looking for a Phlebotomist to join our friendly team. This is the perfect opportunity for someone local who values a supportive environment and a chance to contribute meaningfully.

What We Offer:

- A welcoming workplace close to home.
- Competitive salary and benefits.
- Full training and ongoing support.

Key Responsibilities:

- Collecting blood samples with precision and care.
- Ensuring patient comfort and safety.
- Maintaining accurate records and following procedures.

What We're Looking For:

- Phlebotomy experience or a willingness to train.
- Compassionate and patient-focused attitude.
- Excellent attention to detail and organizational skills.

Location: Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice.

Hours: 12 per week

Do you want to be part of a vital healthcare team and help support your community? We'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Sharon Gavin-Jones, Practice Manager on **01647 24272** for more information.



Support Your Community

There's no better place than Acorn

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

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



Care and support
through terminal illness

Volunteer With Us

We're looking for volunteers, aged 18 or over, who can give three hours each week to chat to people who have been recently bereaved on the telephone.

Visit mariecurie.org.uk/volunteering and 'search all roles' to find your role or email Email: southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk.

Charity reg no. 207994 (England & Wales)

Message from St Mary's

No Pancakes in February!

Easter is in late April this year. It is the sixth latest date for Easter, but it is not that rare. If your birthday is on 20th April, the last time Easter landed on your birthday was not long ago in 2014 and before that 2003. Then you have to go back a very long time back to 1930. The next occurrence will be 2087 in 52 years quite a long wait, make the most of this Easter Birthday!

Back to the pancakes: because Easter is later, Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is on 4th March. The date of Easter is a moveable feast and everything else has to try and fit around it, which is often easier said than done. Take for instance the school term. The Spring term can be very short. With a late Easter this year, the term is twelve weeks long, two or three weeks longer than usual. Consequently, the first half term of the summer term is just five weeks long with three bank holidays to fit in.

In the church year, Easter often feels hot on the heels of Christmas. When Easter is as late as this year, there is a month between the end of Christmas and the beginning of Lent. The church calls this ordinary time when there is no special season. On the face of it, this does not seem very interesting. Yet writing this article between Christmas and New Year, when I have been busy and pressurised by work, the idea of a quieter simpler time is enormously appealing.

We can only stretch ourselves beyond our normal capacity for a short time. Doing anything excessively always results in some form of damage. If we ignore the warning signals, we start making bad judgments, forgetting important things and often becoming ill.

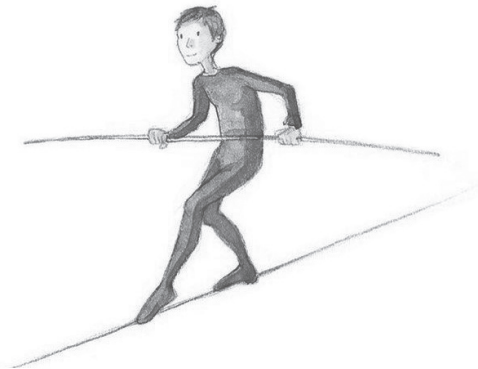
Our lives need to be accentuated by highlights that encourage and enthuse us.

We have to endure the low points in our lives. For most of the time, our lives should be normal and balanced. Too much of the good stuff can be exhausting and make us complacent. Too much of the bad stuff can make us feel low, withdrawn and lead to depression and illness.

Life has, for the most part, to be lived normally.

What is normal?

This is a cause of great debate but I think we know what is right and good for us and we should aspire to get that balance.



As part of normal living, there needs to be a good spiritual dimension. We need to keep the lines of communication open to God. God is not just there for a crisis and important times.

It is just as important to share our small worries and simple thanks on a daily and regular basis. It is important to develop a real relationship with God and include Him as an integral part of our everyday lives.

Ordinary time reminds us that we need to cultivate a good and healthy lifestyle that incorporates a real spiritual dimension. A little and often works so much better than crisis management.

Rev. Martin Wood

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop
01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday), revwood163@gmail.com

Services at St Mary's

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

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

February

Sunday 2nd: Candlemas

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
10am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Rev Martin Wood
3pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Rev Martin Wood

Thursday 6th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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Sunday 9th: 4th before Lent

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

Sunday 16th: 3rd before Lent

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Rev M Greig
11am	Whitestone	Parish Worship	Lay Led
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Lay Led

Thursday 20th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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Sunday 23rd: 2nd before Lent

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion CW	Rev P Rapsey
10am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Rev P Sourbut
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

The collection from the Christmas Eve Christingle Communion service came to £143.55 in aid of the Children's Society. Many thanks to all who helped with the decorations and a big thank you to Keith and Sarah for their donation of the tree.

Looking ahead to Spring, the Churchyard plant sale will be in May and once again would ask if you could please plant a few extra seeds and pot on seedlings to donate to the sale.

Please read the Service List with some care, the Evening Services will generally be at 3pm over the winter period.

The Food Larder (located in the church porch) is available for anyone to use. If you would like to support the Larder by making a donation, tinned and packet goods can be left with the receptionist at the Drs Surgery.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

The Christmas Celebrations started with the Christmas Lunch. We had a delicious lunch with the children from Yeoford school singing carols between the courses, it was very much appreciated by all. Thank you to all who made this such a great occasion.

The Carol service was well attended as was the Crib service on Christmas Eve and with the Christmas Eve Communion it was a special time to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Community Lunch

Monday 3rd February, 12.15pm for 12.30pm.
Everyone welcome

Coffee Company

Mondays, 10am - 11am
unless there is a Community Lunch

Messy Church

Saturday 15th February, 3pm-4.30pm,
Yeoford Village Hall

Services in February

Holy Communion

Sunday 9th February, 9.30am

Family Service

Sunday 23rd February, 11.15am

West Down Evangelical Chapel

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

Please call on for information about our services.

Friends and Neighbours

Wednesday 12th, 2pm – 4pm

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

February

Sunday 2nd, 11am:

Communion & Service with Gerald Downs

Sunday 9th, 11am:

Communion & Service with John Allen

Sunday 16th, 11am:

Communion & Service with
John & Jane Wibberley

3pm: Prayer Fellowship led by Kate Boddington

Sunday 23rd, 11am:

Communion & Service with Chris Down

CB Parish Council

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 9th December 2024 at 7pm at the Spalding Hall

Present: Chair Cllr P O'Neil, Cllrs R. Marshall, P Mitchell and I Cowley. Two members of the public present.
J. Clark, Parish Clerk

1. To receive and accept apologies.

Devon County Cllr F. Letch, Mid Devon District Cllr (MDDC) M. Binks, Cllr A. Fry, approved.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest. None.

3. Public Discussion: Nothing raised.

4. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/01684 Land at Thorne Moor Cross, Cheriton Bishop

Prior notification for erection of an agricultural storage shed.

Following a short discussion, the council found no reason to comment and are content to leave to MDDC planning officers.

PLANNING DECISIONS

24/01323/FULL Medland Lane, Cheriton Bishop.

2024 Variation of conditions 1 and 2 of planning permission 13/00147/FULL (Erection of a farm manager's dwelling) relating to pre-occupation requirements and to allow substitute plans relating to alterations of internal layout, repositioning of windows and addition of balcony.

Granted by Mid Devon District Council

24/00791/FULL Woodleigh Touring Park

Extension of caravan park on West and South sides of existing large pond to site 13 static caravans and on North and West sides of existing small pond to site 4 glamping pods with new access and parking.

Granted by Mid Devon District Council.

5. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting 11th November, 2024.

To consider the approval of the November meeting minutes as a correct record.

The council resolved to approve the minutes unanimously.

6. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors: for information only. None.

7. To receive a report from Devon County Councillor (DCC) Letch.

For information only. Received and noted.

8. To review and update project for installation of VAS signs.

Cllr Marshall. Installation of the posts is complete and the speed warning sign will begin monthly positioning in each area shortly.

9. An update on the community history archive.

Cllr O'Neil reported that Karen Wilson from the Tedburn History and Information Society will be giving a talk on 'Keeping History Alive' for anyone interested in the area's history. This will take place at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall on Friday 17th January, 2025 from 6.30 onwards. The parish council previously resolved to meet the cost of this.

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10. Update on the Road Warden scheme.

Cllr O'Neill reported that the project is ongoing, following the completion of training. Delivery of materials is being organised and hopefully the team will be able to commence work to fill potholes in the new year.

Cllr O'Neill made the point that the team currently comprises of three members and more volunteers would be welcome to increase their repair capacity. Contact Parish Clerk on **07467 011595**.

11. Update on the Memorial Cross area project.

Work commences on 12th December and should be complete within five days. Cllr Marshal to liaise with the clerk to order the benches when required.*

The finger post on Church Lane has blown over. Clerk to inform Highways. There is also a village gateway sign at Crockernwell that requires attention. CLERK TO ACTION.

12. To approve 2025-2026 budget. Deferred to January

13. To approve the precept request for 2025-2026. Deferred to January

14. To consider concerns expressed about lack of street lighting by bus stop outside YFC Hub.

Cllr O'Neil reported that comments have been received about lighting around the bus stop by the YFC Rural Hub as there is a gap in the street lighting at this point. As current street lighting is unlikely to be increased by DCC, the Chair proposed that an alternative light source – such as solar charged battery and LED lighting – should be investigated. CLLR O'NEILL TO ACTION.

The council also wish to enquire with Highways about the provision of street lighting. CLERK TO ACTION

15. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets. None

16. Accounts - to approve the following payments. The council resolved to approve the payments unanimously.

Payee	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Jane Clark	Clerk's salary	£378.02	No	£378.02
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£88.00	No	£88.00
Clarity Copiers	Newsletter page	£47.93	£9.59	£57.52
Spalding Hall	Storage and collation for newsletter	£53.00	No	£53.00
Spalding Hall	Hall hire	£15.00	No	£15.00
CB Village Hall	Hall hire for village archive meeting	£30.00	No	£30.00
Karen Wilson	Archivist's presentation	£50.00	No	£50.00
DSigns	Posts for vehicle operated signs	£835.00	£167.00	£1,002.00

17. To receive a report from the Chairman.

Cllr O'Neil asked if the council should consider facilitating support when it is needed during local problems such as electricity or water service disruptions. The council resolved to publish the contact numbers of the support services and the services they offer that can help during extreme weather conditions and encourage residents to register where appropriate. CLLR O' NEILL TO ACTION

18. To receive reports from Councillors. None

19. To receive report from clerk.

The clerk reported that the newsletter team had been supplied with a financial report to take into account the recent advertising income and she has been requested to update this regularly.

Dates of next three meeting on the second Monday of the month at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop:

13th January, 10th February 2025 and 10th March 2025.

* NB Following this meeting the work at the Memorial Cross area has been halted while Highways reconsider the specification.

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Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7pm at the Spalding Hall

Present: Chair Cllr P O'Neil, Vice Chair Cllr Roger Marshall, Cllrs P Mitchell, I. Cowley and A Fry and Mid Devon District (MDDC) Cllr M Binks and Caroline Royle.
No members of the public present. J. Clark, Parish Clerk

1. To receive and accept apologies. Devon County Council (DCC) Cllr F. Letch. Approved.

2. To record the co-option of a new councillor.

Following the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office the council resolved to co-opt Mrs Caroline Royle onto the parish council with immediate effect unanimously by a show of hands.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest. None.

4. Public Discussion: None.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Notification of intention to fell 2 Elm trees and 2 Ash trees within the Conservation Area. Brackenwood, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop.

The council saw no reason to comment and are happy to leave the decision to Mid Devon District Council.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS

2 24/01552/HOUSE Medland Manor, Cheriton Bishop

Installation of ground mounted solar panels

Granted by MDDC.

2 24/01627/PNCOU Haven Lea Farm, Cheriton Bishop.

Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1 dwelling under Class Q.

Granted by MDDC.

7. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting 9th December, 2024.

To consider approval of the December meeting minutes as a correct record. The council resolved to approve the minutes by 3 votes for and 2 abstentions; due to being absent from that meeting.

8. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.

Cllr Binks reported that he is involved in the development of the new structures for local government.

A general discussion ensued.

9. To receive a report from Devon County Councillor Letch (DCC).

For information only. Received and noted.

10. To report on the successful implementation of the mobile Vehicle Operated Signs project.

Cllr Marshall reported that the new speed warning monitor has been installed and tested. The intention is for it to be rotated around four sites in the village where posts have been installed. Data recorded can be downloaded and shared with the County Council and the Police. The Chair extended his thanks for all the work that Cllr Marshall has put in to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

11. Update on the Memorial Cross area project.

Cllr Marshall reported that work began in December. More recently, the work has been stopped at the verbal request of a DCC Highways Officer. The parish council had met with the Highways Officer prior to work starting to ensure that required criteria was being met. At that time the Highways Officer had no objections. The council is disappointed with this outcome and has written to Highways several times asking for further

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information but received no response at the time of the January meeting. The Chair expressed concern about the ongoing hire of the site barriers, which is costing the community over £200 per week.

The Chair proposed that if the council does not receive a reason for the cessation of the work, or a date as to when it may continue, that the work recommence. The council resolved to serve notice to MDDC that work will commence again on Monday 20th January, 2025 unless a satisfactory reason for the delay is received.

CHAIR TO ACTION

Cllr Marshall updated the council on the cost of the work. It has now been identified that further work is required to replace the back wall of the memorial site at a cost of a further £5,200. The council resolved to continue with the additional work unanimously by a show of hands.

12. To consider the proposal for a solar powered light to be fitted to the bus stop outside YFC Hub.

Cllr O'Neill. Cllr O'Neil had previously reported that concerns that the area around the Young Farmers' Hub area does not have a streetlight and this meant that the bus stop was in darkness. Highways were contacted regarding the possibility of installing a new streetlight but this was deemed highly unlikely. As a consequence, the parish council is proposing that a solar light is installed at the bus stop to address this issue. Cost is approx. £750.00. The council resolved to go ahead with installation unanimously by a show of hands.

CHAIR TO ACTION

13. To consider the approval of the parish council budget for the financial year 2025-2026.

The clerk presented a budget forecast for the 2025-2026 financial year. Following a discussion, the council agreed to move the allotments reserve to top up general reserves, as funding for allotments is likely to be available from Bunny Homes S106 allocation. With this change the council approved the budget presented unanimously by a show of hands.

14. To consider and approved the precept request for the financial year 2025-2026.

The council resolved to increase the Precept by 5% unanimously by a show of hands.

15. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets. None.

16. Accounts - to approve the following payments.

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Spalding Hall	PC Hall Hire	£15.00	No	£15.00
Spalding Hall	Storage and collation for newsletter	£53.00	No	£53.00
RMP Landscaping	Refurbishment of Memorial Cross area	£9,000.00	£388.00	£9,388.00
CB Village Hall	Hall hire for village archive meeting	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
T TQ Excel	Road Warden Training – Cllr O'Neill	£246.00	No	£246.00

17. To receive a report from the Chairman.

The Chair reported that an article giving a contact for vulnerable households to be placed on the Priority Lists of service providers in the event of power or water supply interruption, etc. had been published in the village newsletter. The extension of the 20mph speed limit in the village has been approved. He is attending a meeting at County Hall in January to discuss and agree the details and timescale. He will also be attending the Community Land Trust AGM meeting this month.

18. To receive reports from Councillors. None

19. To receive report from clerk: for information only.

The clerk reported that the VAT return would be completed and forwarded to HMRC during January.

Dates of next three meetings, second Monday of the month at Spalding Hall:

10th February 2025, 10th March 2025 and 14th April 2025

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Community Allotments Project

Do you have available land or know anyone who has?

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council is 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.

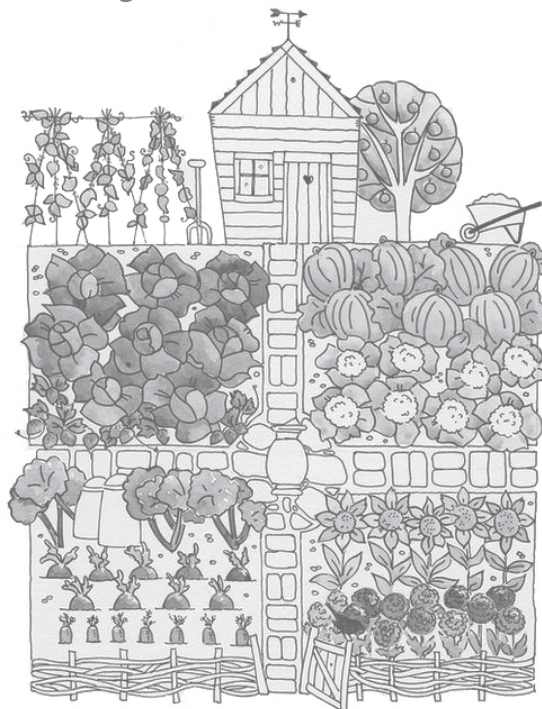
The Council will arrange a contractor – or pay the owner, if preferred – to install a perimeter fence (where needed). Allotment plots would be approximately 25m x 5m. We will also meet the costs of extending a water supply to the site from the nearest source, if necessary.

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.
- Level, or consistent moderate slope.
- Reasonably well drained.
- Road access, for bringing vehicles on site and possible parking 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 by email, poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk, or call **07932 660550**. Thank you.



Road Warden Scheme

Would you like local roads to be better and safer?

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Please email Jane, our Parish Clerk to clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk

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January Councillors Report

OFSTED

During this bleak and chilly month there have been several issues raising their heads. The OFSTED saga continues. Readers will remember that I have written about it several times. We had expected a full report in October but there were objections from senior officers about the content and the attitude of the OFSTED inspectors. In order to counteract this Children's Services have received another OFSTED inspection which began on the week beginning 13 January this year. We have no report of course; we do not even have a report of the original OFSTED inspection in October. We shall keep pressing and hope for a positive outcome.

Devolution White Paper

The national issue is the Devolution White Paper which the government is bringing forward. It looks as though district councils will soon be no longer with us. As a district councillor and a county councillor I have been following the PATH of both these upper tiers. The districts have sent a letter to the Minister by 10th January as instructed.

Devon county council has also sent a letter but with a very different slant. County had asked for a postponement of the May 2025 elections but this request has been refused and so there is likely to be quite a change in May this year. The issue is in place of the districts we will have one or two statutory authorities. Whatever the outcome residents must remember that whatever body takes over they will probably only have to be responsible for the mandatory services they have to offer.

What will happen to those other soft services such as play areas, open spaces and leisure centres will have to be thrashed out. It is likely that they will be cascaded down to the lower tiers who will then have to precept to pay for

them! I think we all agree that in Crediton we have two jewels in the crown in Newcombes Meadow and leisure centre (both owned by MDDC) and we would dearly want to keep them both.

Balancing Budgets

As the chairman of the main scrutiny committee I have had to attend several budget meetings. Following the October announcements by the government there were certain changes to predicted budgets. It seems so far that all officers are happy that they are working towards balanced budgets but it is not an easy process. The upper tiers of course are limited by how much they can increase their precept. Whatever they can't find will be passed down to the lower tiers, which are not capped so shall still have to pay I am sorry!

I attended a very interesting meeting today about the new payment system that county is going to bring in fairly shortly. This moving over of data and arranging of processes has taken a long time but will go live fairly shortly. It is of course only the responsibility of officers and I am making sure as a scrutiny chair that we keep an eye on all risks. I am very wary of IT and keep reminding myself of the Post Office Horizon scandal!

At the moment, Winter means that I will not begin my usual surgeries. I do have a little money left in my locality fund if there is the community projects out there needs some funding.

Cllr Frank Letch MBE

Crediton Rural, Devon County Councillor

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10th / 11th	✓		✓	
17th / 18th	✓	✓		✓
24th / 25th	✓		✓	

March

Dates:				
3rd / 4th	✓	✓		
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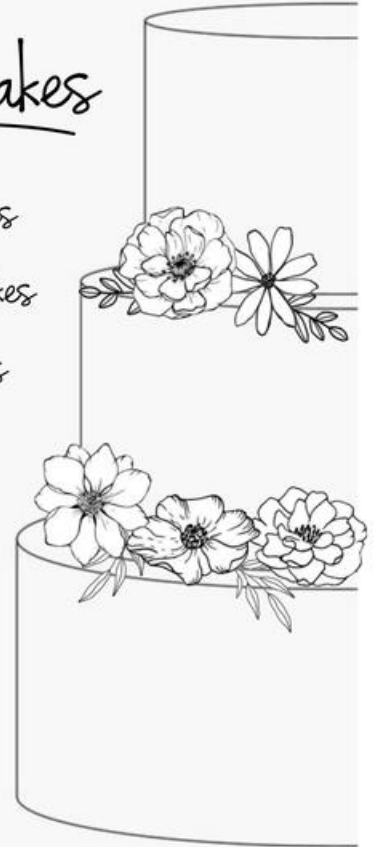
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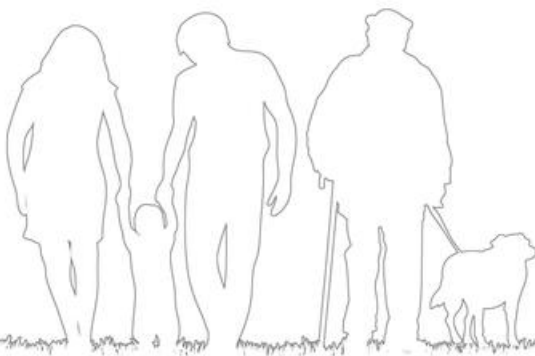
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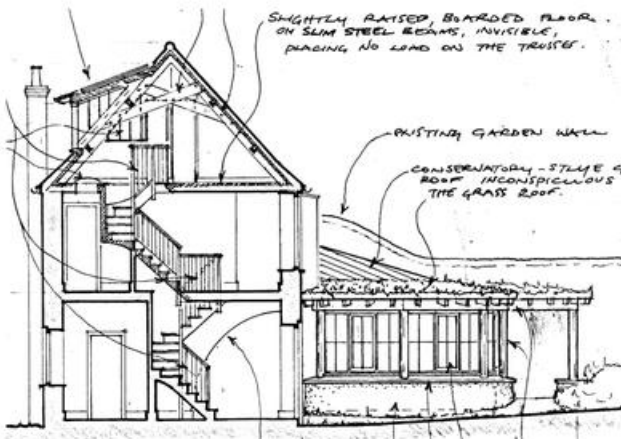
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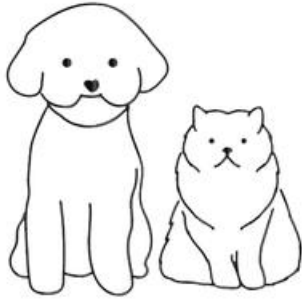


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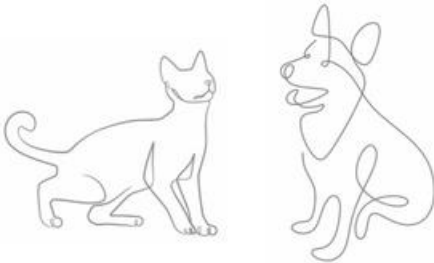


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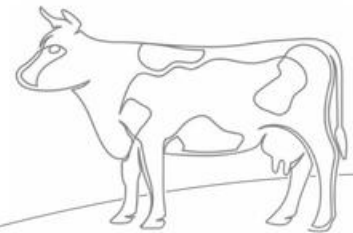
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