

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

# Newsletter

March 2025



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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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

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Adrian Fry

Roger Marshall, 07707 893306

Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405

Peter O'Neill (Chair), 07932 660550

### Crockernwell Parish Councillors:

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### Devon County Councillor:

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

James McInnes (Drewsteignton), [james.mcinnnes@devon.gov.uk](mailto:james.mcinnnes@devon.gov.uk)

### West Devon Borough Councillor:

Steve Guthrie, [cllr.steve.guthrie@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.steve.guthrie@westdevon.gov.uk)

### Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

# Welcome to the Newsletter

A few significant dates to mention that are coming up this month, March 2025:

## St. David's Day

1 March 2025. St David is the patron saint of Wales. Expect plenty of red dragons adorning Welsh flags, as well as parades of daffodils, leeks and flags.

## Pancake day

4th March. Shrove Tuesday falls on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which varies from year to year.

## International Women's Day

8th March. The world is benefiting from the women in history who championed gender equality and freedom.

## St. Patrick's Day

17th March. The national saint of Ireland is celebrated in traditional fashion with festivals, parades, carnivals and concerts.

## First Day of Spring

20th March. The first day of spring in the UK astronomically occurs on the vernal equinox, marking the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

## Mother's Day:

Sunday, 30th March. A special time to show appreciation for the wonderful women in our lives.

Lucy x

## Classified Ads

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

**FREE**

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

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# 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

**Cheriton Bishop Baby & Toddler Group:** Fridays (term time), 9:30am to 11:30am , CB Village Hall

**Cheriton Bishop Pre-School & Primary School:** Contact: [admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy](mailto: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](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)

**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](http://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](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

## March 2025

1st	Coffee Morning	The Spalding Hall	10.30am till 12 noon
1st	St David's Day		
2nd	Curry & Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	From 6.30pm
2nd	YFC's Big Breakfast!	Tedburn St Mary Village Hall	9am - midday
3rd	Short Mat Bowls	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	See page 4
4th	Acorn Lunch Club	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
4th	DCT	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	12 noon - 4pm
4th	Pancake Day		
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8th	Archaeology Club	Woosten Woods	See page 6
8th	International Women's Day		
11th	Acorn Outing	Dawlish and Powderham Farm Shop	Page 10
13th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 10
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
17th	St Patrick's Day		
19th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 10
20th	First Day of Spring		
21st	Local History Exhibition	St Marys Church, Cheriton Bishop	10am to 5pm
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22nd	Local History Exhibition	St Marys Church, Cheriton Bishop	10am to 5pm
27th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 10
28th	Castle Drogo - Community Free Entry Day - 1970's theme		See page 12
28th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
29th	The Spring Show	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	See page 9
30th	Mother's Day		
30th	The Clocks Go Forward 1 Hour!	Daylight Saving Time	1am

## Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

**Thursday 20th March**

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# What's On?

## 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!*

*We hope to see you there...*



The Old Thatch  
Presents...



## The Fun Quiz!

# CURRY and Quiz Night

**Sunday 2nd March, 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**

**Last date until Autumn:**  
Sunday 6th April 2025

## Cheriton & Tedburn YFC's Big Breakfast!



**Sunday 2nd March, 9am - midday,  
Tedburn St Mary Village Hall**

Join us for English breakfast, baps, and refreshments! We look forward to seeing you there!

*We are fundraising for Choices and Cheriton & Tedburn YFC*



## Short Mat Bowls

**Monday 3rd March, 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

# What's On?

## Acorn Friends & Neighbours

### Lunch Club

**Tuesday 4th March, 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:

- Chefs pie of the day, mashed potatoes & vegetables
- Fish, chips & peas
- Vegetable Wellington
- Crème Brûlée & shortbread
- Ice cream

£11 per person

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

**Jean Martin**  
**01647 24586**



## Dartmoor Creative Textiles



February was a busy month with Val introducing members to goldwork and Alison Whateley running an inspirational Day School on 'seashores'. We hope that she can return later in the year as her course was oversubscribed.

### AGM, PAT Testing

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

This month, we have our AGM, PAT testing and Fair preparation. This is an opportunity for members to bring along unfinished projects or gain assistance and advice on techniques such as mounting and framing work.

Our Exhibition takes place during the weekend of the 17th and 18th May. Before that date, we have sessions on Embroidery painting and Creative Darning. The later has become very trendy, I am sure many of you will remember parents darning socks, this is 21st century creative darning!

If you are interested in joining the group, please come along to the Village Hall or contact me via the email address below.

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

## 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?

## Teign Valley Men's Sheds



**Every Thursday in March (weather permitting), 9:30am to 12:30pm, Embercombe, EX6 7QQ**

If you are already a member, look out for an email or WhatsApp message if bad weather means we have to cancel or contact us via email below.

### What are Men's Sheds?

'Sheds' are kitted-out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills - and for a bit of banter over a cup of 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).

#### 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*

## 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**

## Archaeology Club

**Saturday 8th March, Woosten Woods**

Andy Crabb is taking us on a woodland adventure with various archaeological features.

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](mailto:acemembership99@gmail.com).

The membership subscription is £10 per person for a year.

#### Erica Williamson

[acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com](http://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com)

## 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?



The Old Thatch  
Presents...

OPEN  
MIC  
NIGHT



**Sunday 16th March, From 7pm,  
The Old Thatch Inn**

Open Mic Night a great night of music, fun and entertainment with our talented, local musicians.

Feel free to dust off your guitar and have a go! We have a small PA set up available, or you can play acoustically if you prefer.

Open Mic is on the third Sunday of each month.

*Hope to see you there!*

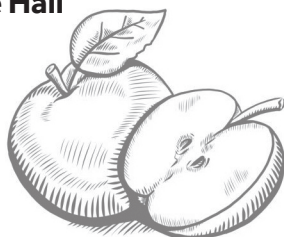
**Steve Colderick**  
[colderick@btinternet.com](mailto:colderick@btinternet.com)

## Whitestone Gardening Club

**Monday 17th March, 7.30pm,  
Whitestone Village Hall**

The March meeting will be focussed on 'Fruit Trees & Bushes'.

**Ron Bramhall**



## Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

We enjoyed a good evening with the Barn Owl Trust and were delighted with the number of people who came. The secret of encouraging these beautiful birds is to encourage small rodents such as voles and shrews, which form the bulk of the owl's diet. These small creatures need sheltered runs under long and dead grass, a perfect excuse not to mow too often or too exactly to the boundaries.

### The Care of Trees

**Monday 17th March, 7.30pm, Spalding Hall**

For our last Winter talk, Peter Northcott is coming to talk about the care of trees. Nearly all of us have trees on the boundary even if not in the actual garden and Peter will be answering questions after his talk.

**Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412**

## YFC Courses



**Lantra Level 2 Award in  
Rodent Management**

**Friday 21st March, 9:30am - 3:30pm,  
Devon Rural Hub**

Any abilities and experience. 1 day - £148.00.  
Funding from DCBT available.

**Lantra Level 2 Award in Welfare of  
Animals in Transit – Short Journey**

**Friday 21st March, Devon Rural Hub**

£165.00. Funding from DCBT available.

**Lantra 13-15 year old Tractor Driving**

**Tuesday 22nd April, Gooseford Dairy,  
Whiddon Down, EX20 2QQ**

1 day course - £160. Funding from DCBT available. Open to all. For more information please go to [www.devonyfc.co.uk](http://www.devonyfc.co.uk)

# What's On?



## Opening Information

### Lydford Gorge

Both the Devil's Cauldron and Waterfall trails will be open, all week, from Saturday 1st March, 10am - 4.40pm. Check the website in case of high winds!  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/lydford-gorge](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/lydford-gorge)

### Teign Valley Estate & Fingle Woods

Every day from dawn until dusk.

### Finch Foundry

Open Wednesday to Sunday from 19th March, 11am – 4pm

### Castle Drogo

The café, shop, garden and part of the castle are now open. We then fully re-open on Monday 24th March, 10am – 5pm, with new displays to mark 50 years since the NT opened Drogo to the public.

### North Dartmoor

## Walking Group

We welcome anyone to join us. 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**

## Local History Exhibition

**Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd March, 10am to 5pm,  
St Marys Church, Cheriton Bishop**

Local History Exhibition with Parish Registers, cake stall, book stall and craft stall.

Refreshments available - coffees, teas, ploughmans lunches and cream teas.

**Marilyn Brook**



### The Folklore Library & Archive

## Devon Railway Heritage Archive 'Grand Gala Launch'

**Saturday 22nd March, 4pm - 9pm,  
Creddon Library, Belle Parade, Creddon EX17 2AA**

The Folklore Library & Archive is proud to announce the launch of its new Devon Railway Heritage Archive, which focuses on the hidden heritage of Devon's branch lines.

The project was kindly funded by Great Western Railway's Customer & Community Improvement Fund.

We cordially invite you to our Grand Gala Launch, to celebrate and showcase the work undertaken to create this new collection.

- VR / artefacts / entertainment / exhibitors / refreshments
- Explore the new archive!
- Record your own anecdote to donate!
- Chat to exhibitors and rail enthusiasts!

Our focus has been on capturing as many different voices as possible, from on-track maintenance workers to drivers, from campaigners and volunteers to passengers. This has enabled us to create a unique archive of a diverse collection of memories, anecdotes and artefacts, providing many new and, sometimes, unexpected insights into life on and around Devon's railways.

**Izzy**

*Devon Railway Heritage Project, Folklore Library & Archive*

# What's On?

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## *Table Top Sale*

**Saturday 29th March, 10am - 1pm, Longdown Village Hall**

We have 20 tables available to rent at £10 each. Craft stalls can also participate.

Anything not sold must be taken away by the table holder.

Please book tables via Ian on **01392 811611** or Judith on [Jbetney@aol.com](mailto:Jbetney@aol.com)

**FREE Entrance - Come for a mooch around, grab a bargain!**

**Refreshments for sale - bacon butties, tea, coffee, cake!**

## **Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club**

### *The Spring Show*

**Saturday 29th March, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**



Spring Show schedules will be available from the second week of March. Last year the show had to be cancelled because a fierce storm a few days before destroyed most of the spring flowers in the garden so we are hoping for kinder weather this year. There will be tea and cake in the hall so come along in the early afternoon to enjoy the sight and smell of the flowers.

**Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412**

# Save the Date...

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## *Clapper Chaos Handbell Concert*

**Saturday 26th April, 7.30pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

More details to follow in the next issue of the Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell Newsletter.



# Update from Acorn



*“Each breeze in March carries the promise of a brighter tomorrow.” Unknown*

March the month we have been waiting for, the start of a new season and the promise of things to come. Welcome March!!! New places to visit with old friends and making new friends as Acorn “marches” into another month of fun times!

## All Acorn Areas

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

**Fridays 14th & 28th March**

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 March**

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

**Rainbow Club - Carers Support Group**

**Friday 21st March**

Do you care for a partner or a close family member? Perhaps a monthly get together with other carers in a similar position might be just what you need. Free informal / confidential chat with a cup of tea. Please call the office number below to learn more.

**From Cheriton Bishop**

**Lunch Club**

**Tuesday 4th March, The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary**

Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few of days in advance please). Next lunch is 1st April.

**Shopping at Sainsbury's**

**Wednesdays 5th & 19th March**

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

**Outing**

**Tuesday 11th March.** Dawlish (stopping on the way at Powderham Farm Shop for coffee).

**From the Teign Valley**

**Lunch Club**

**Tuesday 18th March**

The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary.

**Shopping at Sainsbury's**

**Fridays 7th & 21st March**

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

**Outing**

**Wednesday 5th March**

Dartmoor drive and lunch at Ullacombe Farm.

**Coffee Mornings**

**Tuesdays 11th & 25th March**

**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.

## *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**.

## *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**.

Best wishes,

**The A(corn) Team**

# Letters to the Editor

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## *Cheriton Bishop Baby & Toddler Group*

We're so excited to share that our Cheriton Bishop Baby & Toddler Group has had a fantastic start! Since launching just a few months ago, we've had the pleasure of meeting so many new parents, grandparents and carers, and of course, their little ones.

It's been wonderful to see our group grow and create such a warm and welcoming space for families in the community.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us so far, and also to those who responded to our call for donations. Your generosity has made such a difference, and we're so grateful for all the wonderful items and support we've received. It's truly heart-warming to see how much people care about our group!

Attending a baby and toddler group has so many benefits – it's not only a great way for

little ones to socialise, develop new skills, and burn off some energy, but it's also a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to meet others, share experiences, and build lasting friendships. We've seen so many smiles and new connections already!

If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to welcome you! We meet Friday mornings from 9:30am to 11:30am (term time only) at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall.

We're suitable for newborns all the way up to school age. The cost is £3 per parent/carer + child, and 50p for any additional siblings. Under 6 month olds go free.

For more information, search for Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group on Facebook.

We hope to see you there!

**Anna Whitehead**

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## *Reminiscence Project*

**Crediton Library are building a collection of Mid Devon memories...**

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](mailto: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

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## News from the Moor

It has been a busy winter of work at all the National Trust sites across the Moor. On top of the usual tree management and storm related work, we have also had many brilliant community groups in, helping us with the planting of native broadleaved saplings at various sites in the Teign Valley. Huge thanks to all the volunteers from groups such as Explorer Scouts, Chagford Youth Club, DNPA Youth Rangers, Montgomery Primary and many more. Over 1000 trees have already been planted and more groups are booked in over the next few weeks.

If you have meandered through the gardens at Finch Foundry recently, you may have noticed some winter work afoot there too. Winter is a good time for carrying out bigger garden projects and we are taking advantage of the season to do some essential garden maintenance.

Many of you will remember that the inimitable StOC group hedge-layed the car park side of the Secret Passage a couple of years ago. Hedge laying is an old rural technique for maintaining thick boundaries between fields to stop livestock from wandering. The practice is a dying art but is an important method for providing habitats for a variety of small mammals and insects. At that time, we left the picnic area side of the hedge standing to provide a screen whilst the car park side thickened up and grew up again. The time is now ripe for continuing the work of maintaining this old hedgeline and we have coppiced some of the larger saplings. These trees are sycamore, ash and holly and all will regrow from the base to produce shoots. Other smaller shoots have been hedge-layed to produce a dense hedgeline.

We have also been working on the yew by the entrance to the Quaker graveyard. In recent years this had grown enormously, but on looking through old photos of Finch Foundry,

we found some images of the yews not long after they were planted.

From these photos it is obvious that they were originally planted as a hedge. With this in mind, we have reduced the height of the yew and cut it back so that we can re-train it into a hedge. Yew is a very resilient plant and can be cut right back to the trunk - a process known as stumping back or boning back. We have done this to all of the hedges at Castle Drogo and it is a horticultural technique that tends to be used every 30 years or so to stop yew hedges growing out of shape. The height reduction of the yew at Finch is a relatively light touch, but should produce equally good results!

Watch this space to see the new hedges develop over the course of this season and many years to come!

## Castle Drogo: Community Free Entry Day

Finally, just in case you missed it in the February edition, we would like to invite you for a community free entry day on **Friday 28th March** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Trust becoming owners of Castle Drogo and opening up to the public. Drogo will be open from 10am until 5pm and all you need to do is bring along a copy of this magazine to get 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](mailto:paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk)



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# Letters to the Editor

## Tedburn WI March 2025

Last month's meeting was well attended and we introduced our speaker Pete Kiff who lives locally and who told us of his childhood in India. Pete's parents were Salvation Army missionaries who were posted to India along with their three children.

Pete enjoyed a wonderful childhood, with lots of freedom and friends and was in India in the 60's and 70's. Communication was by telegram or letter (no mobile phones). There were two schools, one for boys and one for girls and he boarded from the age of seven. Cricket and church services happened on Sundays also lots of cycling.

We saw lots of photos and India looks a very interesting place to visit, apparently the temperature fluctuates, in the hills it can be 2 degrees but at lower level of course very hot. We really enjoyed Pete's reminiscences and were treated to an interesting insight into life in India during his childhood.

New outings on offer range from a walk on Dartmoor to see the bluebells, a river cruise on the River Exe and members have the opportunity to buy tickets for the Women's Six Nations Rugby at Twickenham in April. Our August meeting will be enjoying a guided tour of Powderham Castle.

Our speaker in March is Bridget Cole and she will tell us about her *Life with Sheep & Wool*. I am sure it will be of great interest to lots of members, particularly those involved with farming.

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

## Sylvia Tripp

David, Michael, Andrea & family would like to thank everyone for their cards and letters of sympathy received after Mum passed away on 6th February 2025.

We have had so many people say how much they remember Mum for being kind and always so smart and elegant that it gives us comfort to know how highly Mum was regarded in Dunsford & Cheriton Bishop.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday 13th March, 11am at Dunsford Church should anyone wish to attend.



## Responding 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](http://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](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk) or call **01392 261287** or send an email to [rightresponse@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:rightresponse@dsfire.gov.uk).

### Paul Compton

Head of Communications  
& Engagement,  
Project Executive



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# Letters to the Editor

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## Would You Like to Join a Village Book Club?

We could meet in Spalding hall once a month, having read an agreed book. Along with the discussion about our book, we could make it even more interesting by having a beer, wine, juice... or, if we met on a Thursday, we can get fish & chips as the van is in the village... or, we have tea, coffee and cake!



*The worlds our oyster.*

Spalding Hall, for those who do not know it, is at the top of Church lane and a cosy, friendly little place for smaller groups, and very reasonable for to us to hire, 2 hours @ £7.50 per hour. Sadly it seems to have been forgotten about, and unless we use it, we could easily lose it.

Please send an email to [spaldinghall123@gmail.com](mailto:spaldinghall123@gmail.com) or give me a call if you would be interested in joining a BOOK CLUB.

**Jean Martin, 01647 24586**

## Village Hall News

The popularity of the Village Hall has caused a problem of congestion in the car park.

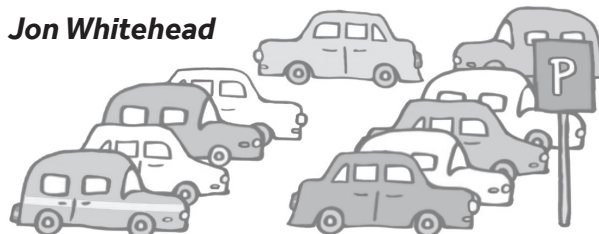
It is not generally realised that the car park is owned by the village hall and the surgery pays a contribution towards maintenance.

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**



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## Vacancies

### Booking Secretary & Treasurer Required

The Cheriton Bishop Village Hall Management Committee are looking for a Booking Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested and would like to be part of the Committee to help run our wonderful village hall, please contact Jon Whitehead on **07792 785740** or email: [j.whitehead53@btinternet.com](mailto:j.whitehead53@btinternet.com)

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## Classifieds

**FOR SALE** FLO gas ceramic coals heater, new & unused, W 15" x H 27" x D 12" (39cm x 68cm x 30cm): £30 ono. Buyer to collect please. Cheriton Bishop **07742454711**

**FOR SALE** FLO gas 13kg cylinder, new & unused, will fit fire or buy alone: £25 ono. Buyer to collect please. Cheriton Bishop **07742454711**

**FOR SALE** Clothes rail, portable, collapsible, as new: £10 ono. Buyer to collect please. Cheriton Bishop **07742454711**

# Letters to the Editor

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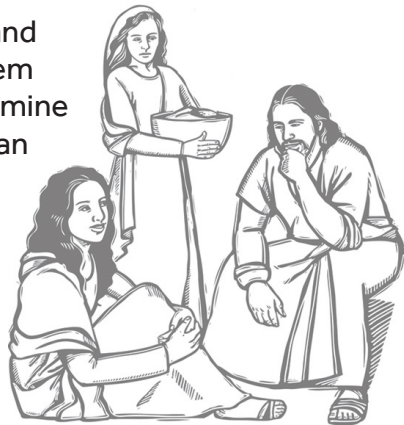
## Lent Course 2025: Mary, Martha & Lazarus

We encounter these three figures in the bible three times. They are clearly friends of Jesus.

We will look at these passages and see what we can learn about them and our discipleship. We will examine the bible texts to see what we can learn about faith and Jesus.

There will be five sessions on Thursdays at 3pm at Pathfinder Church.

**Alan Greenslade**  
01647 24002



### Dates:

**Mary or Martha?**  
Thursday 13th March

**Mary & Martha**  
Thursday 20th March

**Lazarus Death**  
Thursday 27th March

**Raising Lazarus**  
Thursday 3rd April

**Made whole together**  
Thursday 10th April

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## 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/](http://www.devonyfc.co.uk/yfc-training/)

**Denise Turner**  
Administration & Finance Officer

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## 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/)





## People often think of volunteers as being retired professionals but we have a number of students volunteering with us...

Students benefit from the training they receive from us and the interaction with clients, staff and fellow volunteers helps build confidence to stand them in good stead when they enter the workplace in their chosen field. To have volunteer experience with Citizens Advice looks impressive on their CV as employers recognise the benefits of volunteering with us and it reflects well on an individual who has taken steps to widen their own experience whilst helping people in their community.

Whilst learning about the problems people have with debt, energy, housing and all the other types of problems they bring to us and seeing how we advise people is quite an eye opener for young people who are often themselves, embarking on a more independent way of life.

As a student volunteer, there is the chance to witness at first hand potential career opportunities within our charity, not only in terms of advisory work, but in the areas of marketing, IT, finance and general administration. There are often opportunities within our specialist services which cover a wide range of issues and not forgetting

our advocacy work with our research and campaigns as we strive to make society fairer by addressing inequalities and injustice.

It is also worth remembering that our clients are of all ages and walks of life and it may be that a younger client would relate better to a student volunteer. Our paid staff and volunteers have very varied backgrounds and experience and whilst we are dealing with serious problems in people's lives, being able to help them is very satisfying and ours is a very friendly and relaxed working atmosphere.

## Have we piqued your interest?

### Would you like to find out more about us and the work we do?

There is a wealth of information on our website [www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk) or you can email [recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk) We would love to hear from you and it might just open up a whole new world for you!

If you are experiencing problems and could do with our help, you could also visit the website which has a lot of practical guidance and useful links or you could ring our free, local AdviceLine on **0808 27 87 999**.

### **Rosanna Teale**

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon



# 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](http://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.cheritonbishoppactice.co.uk](http://www.cheritonbishoppactice.co.uk)

## *Cheriton Bishop Facebook Page*

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



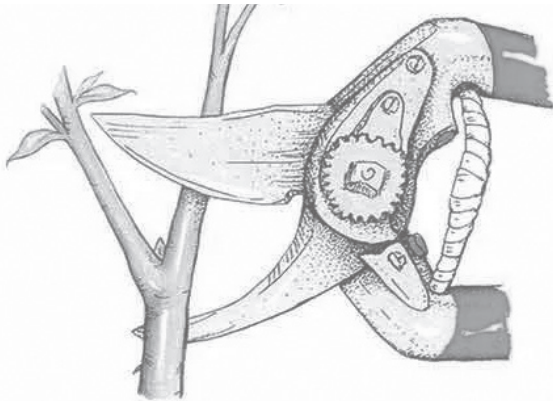
It has been created to remind people of events that are taking place, clubs etc, somewhere to post photographs of the village, gardening, nature, if you need help that someone in the village maybe able to assist with, plants to swap or sell, pretty much anything really. If you would like to be part of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

# In the Garden

## March Into Spring!

Even though the days are getting longer, cold weather is still quite likely in March. On a sunny day it is tempting to sow lots of seeds and plant tender plants full of flower from the garden centre, but beware cold winds and chilly nights. If the ground is not too wet, shrubs, trees and perennials can be planted and should grow away quickly as Spring progresses.

Bright stems of willow and cornus can be cut back now before they come into leaf. This will encourage new stems with good colour to grow ready for next winter. Eucalyptus grown as a multi stemmed shrub can be pruned back now almost to the ground. The new silver juvenile shoots are very attractive.



Onion sets can be put into prepared ground in March. They work best if you make a hole and drop them in. If you push them into the ground, the growing roots often just push them out again! Clumps of chives can be lifted and divided to revitalise them.

Split primulas when they have finished flowering towards the end of March. Dig up the whole clump and pull rooted sections apart, removing decaying foliage, then replant where needed.

Summer flowering perennials can be similarly divided as they begin to grow. You may need to discard the woody central section and just replant the fresher growth on the outside of the clump.

If you are planting containers with perennials, remember to give them plenty of drainage. Adding slow release fertiliser and water retentive crystals will help to keep your display looking good throughout the year.

Enjoy sowing all those seeds you have accumulated during the winter and watch the green shoots magically emerge!

**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



# Message from St Mary's

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## Lent Begins

This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. You might think that Lent is very late this year, and you would be right. Easter is much later this year, on Sunday, 20th April. Hopefully, you will fill up on pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March, and be all set for the forty days of Lent ahead of us.

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*You might ask what Lent is.  
It is something that has evolved  
rather than been created.*

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At first, this season of Lent was observed by those preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship. Easter was used to welcome people into the Church's life. It was recognised that this preparation before Easter was a helpful discipline.

Over time the Church recognised that, by carefully keeping these days, all Christians could benefit. There is a sense in which all people can benefit by observing Lent.

In some small way, our communities would also help. In getting ready for Easter, Christians are encouraged to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

It is fair to say that the most well-known disciplines are self-denial and fasting which are sometimes associated with giving up chocolate for Lent. As you can see, these are just a few of the many things to do in Lent.

I want to draw your attention to the last two items, reading and meditating on God's holy word. Perhaps coming to a Lent course might encourage you to read and meditate on God's word.

This year the Lent course will look at Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Come and see if it suits

you. There is no commitment to come each week, come when you can. If the Lent course is not for you, then try to read part of the Bible each day. *Might I suggest reading Mark's gospel, the shortest? In my Bible, it starts on page 33 (New Testament) and ends on Page 53. Which is conveniently 20 pages long, so you could read half a page every day of Lent.*

If the Lent course is not for you then perhaps you might think of other things to take up and do during Lent. Lent often has negative undertones and giving things up adds to a sense of bleakness.

Perhaps taking up something might add a more positive dimension. It is surprising how doing something little, can make a big difference. Here are a few of my suggestions: ring someone up that you have not talked to in a while, offer to help someone you see struggling, treat someone you love and tell someone how you appreciate their work or help.

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*There are endless possibilities  
to enrich other people around  
us and that will make a much  
happier world.*

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Do something good for someone else and Lent!

**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.

### March

#### Sunday 2nd: Next before Lent

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

#### Wednesday 5th: Ash Wednesday

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 9th: Lent 1

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

#### Sunday 16th: Lent 2

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

#### Thursday 20th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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#### Sunday 23rd: Lent 3

10.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Team Communion	Rev Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	

#### Sunday 30th: Mothering Sunday

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

# Church Messages

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## Churchwarden's Ramblings

### Fundraising Meeting

**Tuesday 11th March, 7.30pm, Spalding Hall**

St Mary's is Grade I Listed, and a building has occupied the site for over 1000 years. As time passes the expenses have become a real burden and we come to rely on fundraising to help meet the running costs, if you would like to help please come along to the meeting, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

### Check The Services List

The Services have been switched around this month so please read the Service List with some care; the Evening Services will generally be at 3pm over the winter period.

### Lent Course

Martin will be running a Lent Course, at 3pm each Thursday at Pathfinder Church from 13th of March, full details can be found on page 15.

### History Exhibition

There will be a History Exhibition at the Church on 21st & 22nd March, see page 8 for details.

### Food Larder

The Food Larder which is 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.

### Plant Sale

As we head into spring, the Churchyard plant sale will be in May and we would be most grateful if you could please plant a few extra seeds and pot on seedlings to donate to the sale.

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**



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## Holy Trinity, Yeoford

I hope when you read this Spring will be just around the corner. Our Family Service will be held on Mothering Sunday, 30th March, after refreshments at 11am. Everyone welcome!

**Carol Price, 01647 24468**

### Community Lunch

**Monday 3rd March, 12.15pm for 12.30pm**

Everyone welcome

### Coffee Company

**Mondays, 10am - 11am**

Unless there is a Community Lunch

### Messy Church

**Sat 22nd March, 3pm-4.30pm, Yeoford Village Hall**

## Services in March

### Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th March, 9.30am**

### Family Service

**Mothering Sunday 30th March, 11.15am**

We will start with coffee, tea, squash and cake, at 11am, followed by a service when the children will make a gift for their mothers or carers. Everyone is welcome.

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## West Down Evangelical Chapel

**Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6HG**

Telephone: **01647 24264** or **01647 24660**

*Please call on for information about our services*

## March Services

**Sunday 2nd, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 9th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 16th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Peter Boddington

**3pm:** Prayer Fellowship led by Kate Boddington

**Sunday 23rd, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Peter Boddington

**Sunday 30th, 11am:**

Communion & Service with Rev David Cole

## Friends and Neighbours

**Wednesday 12th, 2pm - 4pm**

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



# *CB Parish Council*

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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'Neill, Vice Chair Cllr Roger Marshall, Cllrs P Mitchell, I. Cowley, A Fry and C. Royle.  
Three members of the public were present. Attending. J. Clark, Parish Clerk

**1. To receive and accept apologies.** None

**2. To receive Declarations of Interest (see code of conduct and guidance notes).** Cllr P O'Neill declared an interest in Item 10 and would, therefore, not participate in the discussion.

**3. Public Discussion:**

- A member of the Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club explained that the expenses to put on the Annual Village Show are now increasing to the point of becoming prohibitive, as they are affecting the normal self-funding of Club Activities. A request was made that the Parish Council should cover the cost of hall hire for the Village Show, as it is open to all local people and children.
- A member of the public reported that the Cheriton Bishop Toddler Group is seeking funding. The group has recently moved from the School to the Village Hall. Equipment such as children's tables and chairs, storage boxes, mats and cushions, are needed to operate in the new venue. The village hall has pledged £150 and the Parish Council was asked if a donation would be possible.
- A member of the public brought a planning application to the parish council's attention. Councillors were concerned that changes to the approved access point to the road may result in potential significant loss of hedgerow and some trees, outside the scope of the plan, in order to achieve the required vision splays. The council is to write to Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) to request a review of the situation with regard to the lack of safe and suitable access to the site in question. CHAIR TO ACTION

**4. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Notification of intention to fell 2 Elm trees and 2 Ash trees within the Conservation Area.  
Brackenwood Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop.  
No objections from MDDC

Intention to fell 1 Leylandii tree  
Within the Conservation Area Dudshall Cottage Church Lane Cheriton Bishop  
No Objections from Mid Devon District Council

**5. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting 13th January, 2025 - to consider approval of the January meeting minutes as a correct record.** The council resolved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as a true record unanimously by a show of hands.

**6. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.** None received.

**7. To receive a report from Devon County Councillor Letch (DCC).** Received and noted.

**8. An update on the roll out of the 20-mph limit extension.**

Cllr O'Neill circulated a copy of the map showing the detail of the extended 20 and 30 mph zones, as drawn up by DCC Highways. The project has to undergo a formal process, including publicising the extension in the local press. The Chair has been told that it is hoped that the speed limits will be actively in place during 2025, or at the least by April 2026.

**9. Update on the Memorial Cross area project.** Cllr Marshall reported that the work at the Memorial Cross is now complete. The project went over time and budget due to the extended hire of barriers and additional contractor costs when a DCC Highways Officer issued a verbal stop notice without a clear reason. The

# CB Parish Council

council resolved to inform DCC of the unanswered correspondence with Highways in attempts to clarify and resolve the situation and to request DCC to reimburse the extra costs incurred. In response to questions from Cllr Cowley, Cllr Marshall confirmed that seating was on order and will be installed shortly. Cllr O'Neill also explained that the project is now complete as planned, and that any improvements could be considered as a future project. CHAIR AND CLERK TO ACTION

- 10. To consider a donation towards toys for Cheriton Bishop Parent and Toddler Group and another from the Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club.** The Chair declared an interest in this item and handed the meeting to Vice Chair Cllr Marshall.

Cllr Marshall suspended Standing Orders to question the representative from the Garden Club. Following a discussion, Cllr Marshall proposed that the parish council cover the cost of the hire of the village hall for the three days for the village show. This council resolved to approve this proposal unanimously by a show of hands with one abstention for a declared interest.

Cllr Marshall proposed that the parish council make a single donation to the Toddler Group of £250 to go towards equipment. This council resolved to approve this proposal unanimously by a show of hands with one abstention for a declared interest.

The Vice Chair reinstated Standing Orders.

- 11. To discuss how the parish council should approach the S106 funding levied on Bunny Homes.** The Chair asked councillors for their ideas and suggested that a 'task group' be set up to consider the options. This group can comprise both councillors and parishioners. Cllr Cowley wished for further information with regard to the sum involved. Cllr O'Neill to contact MDDC for further information with clerk's support. CHAIR AND CLERK TO ACTION

The council resolved unanimously to form a task group to look into how the council will manage the funding. All councillors volunteered join the group, with the first meeting arranged to start at the Village Green at 10.30am on Saturday 1st March. CHAIR TO ACTION

- 12. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets.** NONE

- 13. Accounts - to approve the following payments.** The council resolved to approve the payments unanimously by a show of hands.

Payee	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary and home working allowance	£378.02	No	£378.02
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£88.00	No	£88.00
DM Payroll	Payroll services	£60.00	No	£60.00
VisionICT	Add new email for Cllr Royle	£6.67	£1.33	£8.00
MDDC	Dog bin weekly emptying	£260	£52.00	£312.00
RMP Landscaping	Removal of wall, installation of new footing, new block and stone wall, installation of granite setts, concrete pads for new benches and new turf plus Chapter 8 barrier charges and additional concrete pads for benches and staff costs.	£9,345.00	No	£9,345.00
Clarity Copiers	Black and colour pages for newsletter	£49.78	£9.96	£59.74
Spalding Hall	Hall hire for parish council meeting	£15.00	No	£15.00
Spalding hall	Collation and storage of newsletter	£53.00	No	£53.00

- 14. To receive a report from the Chairman.** The Chair reported that a tree requiring safety had been identified by the management agents of the village green. The landowner has agreed to have the tree examined by a specialist and the Clerk will inform the agents to contact the landowner for future correspondence. CLERK TO ACTION

The solar light in the bus stop by the YFC Hub will be ordered and installed. The chairman confirmed that it would be an internal light and will be controlled by a timer so that it is only lit (during the winter) from 30 minutes prior to the first bus at 7am and from dusk until after the last bus at 6.45pm.

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**15. To receive reports from Councillors:** Cllr Marshall reported that the vehicle activated speed warning sign will shortly be moved to another of the four sites different sites. Cllr Mitchell suggested that school warning road signs be requested from Highways, and that they should be reminded that the village gateway and the 30mph signs are still waiting to be replaced. CHAIR AND CLERK TO ACTION

Cllr Mitchell requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Bunny Homes for their good management of the road closures associated with the housing development. CLERK TO ACTION

**16. To receive report from clerk:** The clerk shared a financial report with the council showing the council's financial position as at 31st January 2025.

**Dates of next three meeting (second Monday of the month at Spalding Hall):** 10th March, 14th April and 12th May 2025.

## 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](mailto:poneill@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk), or call **07932 660550**. Thank you.



# Devon County Council

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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**

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\* Late collections due to bank holidays

## March

Dates:				
<b>3rd / 4th</b>	✓	✓		
<b>10th / 11th</b>	✓		✓	✓
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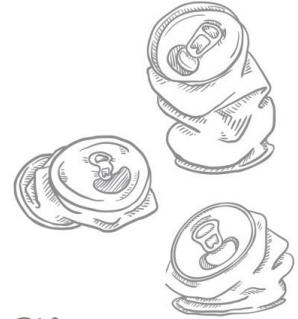
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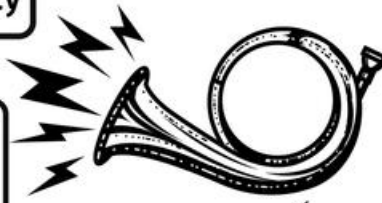


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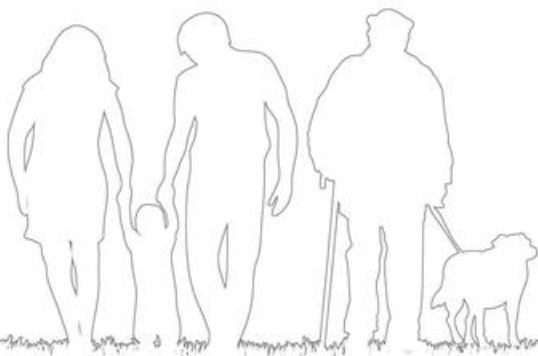
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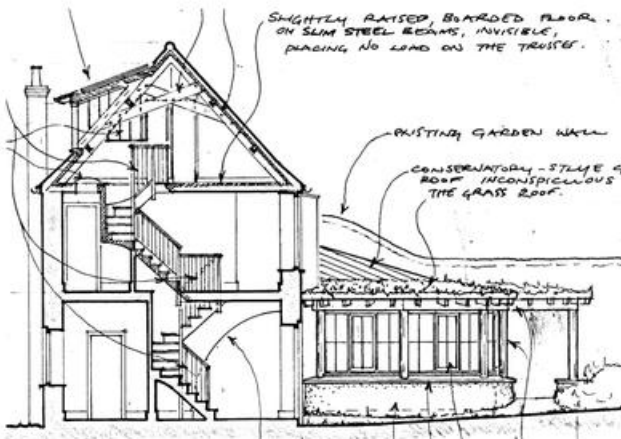
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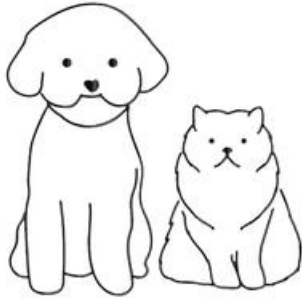


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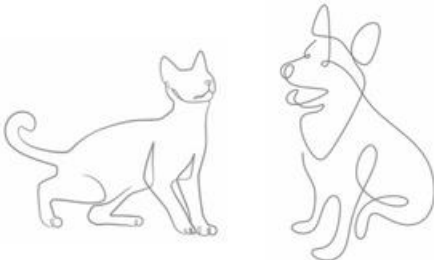


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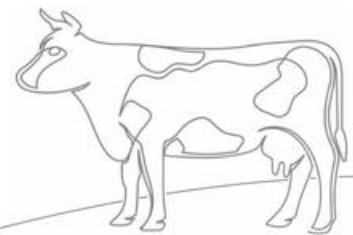
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