Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

April 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

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Emergency Services

Electricity: 0800 365 900 **Non-emergency:** 101

Gas: 0800 111 999 **Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111

Water: 0344 346 2020 **Neighbourhood Watch:** Jean Martin, 01647 24586

Police

Highways Agency: 0300 123 5000

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

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:

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Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Welcome to the Newsletter

Dates to Note this April...

It's the last Curry & Quiz Night on Sunday 6th (until September). Book your table early if you're having the curry!

Dee is running a two-morning workshop for children to learn all about, and take part in group singing.

We've got the amazing 'Clapper Chaos' handbell concert happening at the Village Hall. Check them out on Facebook and YouTube.

Don't forget it's Easter too, and Easter Sunday is on 20th.

There's loads more in this issue, and there's even two pages of 'Save the Date' events to look out for.



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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Yellow Pages Adverts

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

Advertising in 10 issues:

1/4 page = £50

1/2 page = £95

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• Black & White: Full page = £25

• Black & White: Half page = £12.50 Please email cheritonnews@gmail.com

Flyer Inserts

We can insert an A4 Flyer, single or double-sided. Please supply 250 copies

Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £10

Please email Jo to 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 Baby & Toddler Group: Fridays (term time), 9:30am to 11:30am, CB Village Hall

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 a 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.

[Updated March 2025]

Dates for your Diary

April 2025

1st	DCT - Creative Darning	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	12 noon - 4pm
1st	Acorn Lunch Club	The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary	12.30pm
2nd	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 11
3rd	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	3pm
5th	Dip Resin Daffodils - YFC Course	Young Farmers Club Hub	1pm - 3pm
6th	Curry & Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	From 6.30pm
7th	Short Mat Bowls	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	See page 6
9th & 10	Oth Group Singing Workshop	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	:30am - 11:30am
10th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 11
10th	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	3pm
11th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
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12th	Village Tidy Up	The Stone Cross	From 9.30am
12th	Easter Bonnet Cake Decorating	Young Farmers Club Hub	1pm - 3pm
14th	Sustainable Gardening	Whitestone Village Hall	7.30pm
15th	Acorn Outing	Dartmoor & lunch at The Warren House In	n Page 11
16th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 11
20th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch Inn	From 7pm
22nd	YFC, 13-15 year old Tractor Driving	Gooseford Dairy, EX20 2QQ	9am - 4pm
24th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn	Page 11
25th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
26th	Clapper Chaos, Handbell Concert	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	7pm for 7.30pm
30th	Shopping at Sainsbury's	Acorn	Page 11

Save the Date - May 2025

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale	Saturday 10th May, Churchyard & Spalding Hall
A special concert with the Chagford Singers	Saturday 10th May, 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall, Chagford
Village Bring & Share Party!	Sunday 11th May, 2pm - 5pm, Young Farmers Club Hub
Teign Valley Photography Competition	Capture Our Community! Closing Date: May 15th

Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

Sunday 20th April

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Dartmoor Creative Textiles



Creative Darning

Tuesday 1st April, 12 noon - 4pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

We welcome Annie Morris to our group for a workshop on embroidery painting. She is an extraordinary textile artist who often paints fabric and embroideries it or uses old textiles to embellish.

This will be an inspirational afternoon and hopefully some of our outcomes will be on display at our exhibition in May.

Spring Fayre

Our Exhibition takes place during the weekend of the 17th & 18th May. Not only is it an opportunity to showcase our work, we have several craft stalls and of course, delicious refreshments. From 10am, bacon butties followed by lunches and handmade cakes.

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

North Dartmoor Walking Group

Our walks are typically about 2 hours and 4-5 miles and not too arduous. We welcome anyone to join us. 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

Acorn Friends & Neighbours

Lunch Club

Tuesday 1st April, 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:

- Lasagne, Salad & Garlic Bread
- · Scampi, Chips & Peas
- Baked Camembert
- · Sticky Toffee Pudding
- Ice Cream

£11 per person

Please call me by **26th March** to place your order and to let me know if you will need a lift.

Jean Martin 01647 24586



Bridge Club!

Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Morchard Bishop Parish Hall

Would you like to 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

Teign Valley Men's Sheds

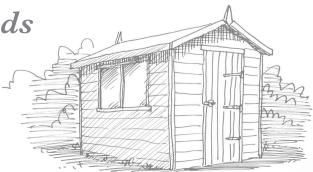
Every Thursday in April (weather permitting), 9:30am to 12:30pm, Embercombe, EX6 7QQ

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.

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.

YFC Course

Dip Resin Daffodils



With The Craft Room Workshops & Supplies tutor Claire Budd.

Two daffodils with a glass vase will be ready to take away at the end of the session.

All materials and tools are included.

Price: £35 per person.

Please note this course is for people over 12 years old.

Please book via our website: www.devonyfc.co.uk/yfc-training/





Sunday 6th April, from 6.30pm, The Old Thatch Inn

With really tasty curry options served from 6.30pm - book your table if you want the Curry option! Quiz starts at 8pm.

This is the last date until Autumn!

Join the *WhatsApp* group! Message 'Quizmaster' *JT* on **07717 148550**

Short Mat Bowls

Monday 7th April, from 1pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall



We offer an hour-long practice session from 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

Village Tidy Up

Saturday 12th April, 9.30am, The Stone Cross

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

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

For more information, please contact:

Tim Vooght, 01647 24593

Peter Endacott, 01647 24580



Does Your Child Love To Sing?

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th April, 9:30 - 11:30am, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall



Join me for a fun, two-morning workshop this Easter to learn all about Group Singing!

Why should kids sing?

- Boosts confidence, creativity
- · Improves mental health
- Helps focus and concentration
- Its FUN!

What's Involved?

- Singing techniques such as breathing, diction & harmonies
- Vocal exercises and games
- Learn a song together that will be performed at the end of day two,

£30 for both mornings.
To book your space, please email deedenette@gmail.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

YFC Course

Easter Bonnet Cake Decorating

Saturday 12th April, 1pm - 3pm, YFC Hub, Cheriton Bishop

With Bizzie Baking.

All materials including a 4" cake and tools.

Cakes will be on a board and boxed to take away at the end of the session. £30.

Please book via our website: www.devonyfc.co.uk/yfc-training/

Whitestone Gardening Club

Sustainable Gardening

Monday 14th April, 7.30pm, Whitestone Village Hall

A talk about the concept of using gardening practices that cause no harm to the earth and its inhabitants while attempting to enhance it.

Ron Bramhall



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









13-15 year old's Tractor Driving

Tuesday 22nd April, 9am - 4pm, Gooseford Dairy, Whiddon Down, EX20 2QQ

1 day course - £160. For more information, please visit our website: www.devonyfc.co.uk

Funding available from Dartington Cattle Breeders. £75 per member will be reimbursed after completion of the course. Non members can apply for funding by emailing admin@devonyfc.co.uk.

Alice Smith presents

Clapper Chaos - A Handbell Concert

CHAOS

Saturday 26th April, 7pm for 7.30pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

Think you know handbells? Wait until you've heard this!

Four people, 44 bells & 25 chimes playing music from Film, TV, Classical & Pop.



Tickets £10 including buffet.

Please email Andrew at pindyhayes@gmail.com or call 07976 800029

Raising money for Alice's conservation trip to Borneo



Welcome to 'Connection Café'

Wednesday 30th April, 10am - Midday, Waterfall Tea Room, Lydford Gorge

Providing a safe space for people to get together, chat and connect with others. There will be books, board games or art activities.

Free to attend, and the tea room will be open for those who would like to buy a hot drink.

The Café will be held on the last Wednesday of the month. Future dates: 28th May, 25th June.



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**

Save the Date...

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Saturday 10th May, Churchyard & Spalding Hall

We would still 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



Music of Peace & Beauty with the Chagford Singers



A special concert featuring Karl Jenkins'...



Saturday 10th May, 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall, Chagford

Chagford Singers will honour the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two (VE Day was on 8th May 1945).

This great work, performed by choir and instrumental ensemble, was the result of a commission from the Royal Armouries Museum for a composition centred on the theme of world peace.

In addition to **'The Armed Man'**, the concert will include a small selection of songs on the themes of love, peace and beauty. Howard Goodall's gorgeous setting of **'Love Divine'** is one of these, along with John Rutter's **'For the Beauty of the Earth'** and Ola Gjeilo's sublime **'Ubi Caritas'** and **'Northern Lights'**. A short instrumental piece for two flutes, cello and piano will also complement these.

The concert promises to be a highly enjoyable occasion, which should not be missed!

Tickets are £15 (inclusive of programme and light refreshments), available from Sally's Newsagents Chagford, on the door, or online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chagfordsingers



Save the Date...

Cheriton Bishop Community Event



Village Bring & Share Party!

Sunday 11th May, 2pm - 5pm, Young Farmers Club Hub, Cheriton Bishop

We are taking the opportunity of the national VE Day celebrations from 5th to 11th May to invite you to our 3rd annual Village Party!

Please bring a plate of food to share

Hot & cold drinks provided (BYO wine / beer) Live Music, Children's Games Everyone welcome at any time - *Free event*



Many thanks to volunteers, Devon YFC and Cheriton Bishop Parish Council. Donations welcome – to be shared between local groups.

Teign Valley Photography Competition

Capture Our Community!

Closing Date: May 15th

Having reviewed the spaces within our Practices we would like to make the communal areas of our practice more vibrant and reflective of the amazing area we call home. To do this, we're launching a photography competition and inviting both seasoned professionals and budding amateurs to unleash their creativity!

Prizes for Best Adult entry and Best Child entry (under 16)



How to Enter:

Submit a photo (or photos) that captures something special about the area within the boundaries of our practice. Your subject could be people, buildings, landscapes, or even a secret favourite spot - whatever showcases the beauty and uniqueness of our community.

Winning entries will be proudly displayed in the waiting rooms of our surgeries!

We can't wait to see the area through your lens. Get snapping!

Update from Acorn



"Every tear is answered by a blossom, Every sigh with songs and laughter blent, April-blooms upon the breezes toss them. April knows her own and is content." Sarah Chauncey Woolse

And then it was April! So much to enjoy in April. The flowers, the birds and, hopefully, the rise in temperatures. There will be Easter themed coffee mornings and of course there will be CAKE! Acornland is fuelled by fun and cake, what could be better?

All Acorn Areas

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

Fridays 11th & 25th April

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 10th & 24th April

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 11th April

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 1st April, The Kings Arms, **Tedburn St Marv**

Contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a few of days in advance please). Next lunch is 6th May.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Wednesdays 2nd, 16th & 30th April

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

Outing

Tuesday 15th April. Dartmoor drive and lunch at The Warren House Inn.

From the Teign Valley **Lunch Club**

Tuesday 15th April

The Claycutters Arms, Chudleigh Knighton.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Fridays 4th & 18th April

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

Outing

Wednesday 30th April

Powderham (farm shop and walk around). Table booked for lunch return via Haldon (time permitting).

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays 8th & 22nd April **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.

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

Spalding Hall News

Thank you to all those who attended our recent coffee morning and to those who gave donations of money and raffle prizes. We raised £165 which will go towards ongoing expenses of running the Hall. A fantastic amount!

At our committee meeting in January, Janet Jeffery stood down as a committee member. Martin Wood thanked Janet for being on the committee for the last 20 years.

Jean Martin informed the committee that she would like to retire as treasurer and

booking officer but would like to remain on the committee. Martin thanked Jean for holding this position for the last ten years.

The Spalding Hall therefore has a vacancy for a new committee member who would be willing to be our treasurer and booking officer. If you are interested and would like to join our friendly committee then please contact me.

Ruth Unsworth

Call: 01647 24773

or email: ruthunsworth67@gmail.com

Tedburn WI - April 2025

WI members enjoyed our meeting after a beautiful day and were able to enter the hall in the light. It's such a relief that the gloomy days of January and February are now over.

Our speaker last month was Bridget Cole who told of her life with sheep and wool.

A truly remarkable and inspiring lady, Bridget married a sheep farmer and had 3 children while working on the family farm. In her spare time she worked as a seamstress for 'Berketex'.

After a long career on the farm retirement beckoned and her eldest son took over the farm, sadly her husband died within a year and Bridget was at a loss. She took her grandchildren to survey Plymouth University spoke to a tutor and was offered a degree course in design and specialising in wool.

Her course saw her travelling to various countries and English counties to learn all she could about weaving and production.

Bridget is so clever and very passionate about the wonderful qualities of wool, and her ambition is to open a factory employing local labour on Dartmoor, wouldn't that be great!

Two members attended a talk in Uplowman about designing an Italian Garden. It was thought that the garden was in Italy but it is

actually in Ipplepen! Such a surprise. Apparently, it is open to the public, so maybe a visit for another day? The day was enjoyable, with a three course lunch included. A very sociable time was had by all.

We will be providing some cakes for the St. Georges Day celebration at the Village Hall in April, I am sure it will be a very pleasant afternoon.

The craft and walking days are planned and we are gathering interest if ladies will be interested in forming a lunch club. There is a bluebell walk on Dartmoor to look forward to in May.

The National AGM is to be delivered via Zoom and we are planning for a day and venue to view the proceedings.

Alan Quick from the 'Crediton Courier' is our speaker in April and I am sure he will have lots of experiences to tell us about.

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

Rachel Purser Secretary 01647 61868

Tigers Explorer Scouts

Our village has a thriving Explorer Scouts group – an inclusive social club for 14 to 17 year olds, focussed on outdoor activities including regular camps. We have 20 members, meeting on Thursday evenings

and always welcome new joiners!



So Far This Year:

- Cycled the Tarka Trail in North Devon over 2 days
- · A canoe expedition along the River Dart
- Planted 100s of trees with a National Trust ranger
- Helped as Young Leaders with younger Scout groups
- · Climbing, clay modelling and an Escape Room event
- Taking part in Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh

There is a real need for youth groups so that young people can set aside their mobile phones, make friends and gain confidence.

Unfortunately, there has been a big decline in adults volunteering in recent years and we are struggling to keep the groups going.

If you know anyone who might be interested in occasionally volunteering with any of our Scouts groups at Cheriton Bishop, please let us know. Volunteers can be any age and don't need any special Scouty skills or experience working with young people. Just a love of the outdoors and a bit of enthusiasm!

I've been helping for 3 years now, planning and organising the activities and it is so rewarding to see the Explorers try new experiences and have so much fun.

For more information, please contact me: tigersexplorers@gmail.com, or **07970 808203.**

James Jillians

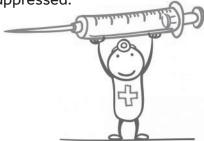


Surgery News

Covid-19 Spring Vaccinations

The Spring Covid Vaccination will be available at this practice from April 2025 until June 2025.

You will be eligible to have this vaccine if you are aged 75 or over, or under 75 and immunosuppressed.



Did You Know?

We are part of a pilot where text messages from the surgery are being sent via the NHS App, meaning that receiving a text will no longer rely on you having mobile signal.

REMEMBER to turn on your notifications so you are aware of messages being sent from the surgery.

How to manage your notification preferences

- · Log in to the NHS App.
- Select the **Account** icon in the top corner
- Select Settings
- Select Manage notifications
- Follow the link to your device settings.

Turning your notifications on or off may take up to 24 hours to take effect.

News from the Moor

As I write we have had a full week of sunshine. It's a miracle! Spirits have been lifted, Spring flowers are everywhere and we have high hopes that this year will continue to be kind.

Castle Drogo

At Castle Drogo, we are busy preparing the Nursery Rooms on the top floor of the castle to open at the end of March. The Night Nursery will focus on the parallel timeline of 1920s when the castle was being built and the Drewe family moved in; 1970s when the National Trust opened Drogo to the public; and today as we continue to care and share this incredible place. Personally, I am particularly looking forward to some 70s fun.

Fingle Woods

Out on the estate in Fingle Woods, there is a section of Permissive Bridleway from Clifford Bridge which is now closed with immediate effect. This section of track, by the holiday lodges, is privately owned and permission for public access has now been revoked.

The National Trust have provided an alternative route which, due to the presence of sensitive wildlife, will become active after the bird breeding season has ended (1st of August 2025). During the bird breeding season, access into Cod Wood and to Steps Bridge is available at the Coleridge Car Park at the top of Small Ridge Hill. Please follow all signs and directions to help us protect our breeding wildlife at this sensitive time of year.

Lydford Gorge

Over at Lydford Gorge, the team there have been busy setting up a fenced, off-lead area for visitors with dogs. This provides a much-needed space for dogs to let out some energy before heading on to the gorge walks. It is at the Devil's Cauldron entrance in the Orchard and will be open during our normal opening hours for visitors.

Connection Café

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we are starting a Connection Café at Lydford Gorge in the Waterfall tea room. It will take place on the last Wednesday of the month, from 10am until 12 midday. Upcoming dates are Wednesdays 30th April, 28th May, 25th June.

The purpose is to provide a safe space for people to get together, chat and connect with others. Everyone is welcome to pop in!

Hosted by Julia from our tea room team, it will be light touch with books, board games or even an art activity.

It's free to attend, and the tea room will be open for those who would like to buy a hot drink. This is a new venture for us so let's see where it goes!

Best wishes all,

Paula Clarke

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

Lent Course 2025: Mary, Martha & Lazarus

We encounter these three figures in the bible three times. We will look at these passages and see what we can learn about them and our discipleship.

The sessions are at 3pm at Pathfinder Church.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002



Raising Lazarus Thursday 3rd April

Made whole together

Thursday 10th April

Starting a Village Book Club...

Would you be interested in meeting once per month at the Spalding Hall to discuss a previously agreed book? Please register your interest by sending an email to *spaldinghall123@gmail.com* or give me a call.

Jean Martin, 01647 24586



How Should We Respond 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

Devon YFC Training Opportunities

Devon YFC has 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.



Devon YFC 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, visit www.devonyfc.co.uk/yfc-training/

Denise Turner

Administration & Finance Officer





Surgery News Update

We Need Your Help!

Reducing Wasted Appointments & Improving Access for All Patients



However, recently we have noticed an big increase in appointments not being attended with little or no notice, this badly affects not only our ability to serve you, but also the access we can offer to our other patients in need.

In the past month alone, **86 appointments** have been missed or cancelled without sufficient notice, which has equated to nearly **19 hours of valuable time** that could have been used to treat other patients.

We fully understand that life happens, and there are sometimes unavoidable situations. However, missed appointments without adequate notice create significant disruptions. Each missed appointment is a lost opportunity to help someone else who may need care. This is especially critical in a healthcare environment where access and timely services can make a difference in patient outcomes.



How You Can Help:

We encourage all our patients to help us reduce the number of wasted appointments by:

- 1 Providing Notice: If you can no longer attend your appointment, please let us know at least 24 hours in advance so we can offer the slot to another patient.
- 2. Using Appointment Reminders: Take advantage of our reminder services via phone or text to ensure your appointment is on your calendar.

The Benefits of Reducing Wasted Appointments:

- More timely care for all patients.
- Reduced waiting times for appointments.
- A more efficient system, allowing us to focus on providing better services.

We appreciate your co-operation in helping us make the most of our resources and ensure that every patient gets the care they need in a timely manner. Together, we can continue to provide exceptional care for everyone.



Neighbourhood Watch

With winter almost behind us and hopefully, much better and warmer weather not far off – our holidays are looming! Neighbourhood Watch felt that a few reminders on crime prevention would help us all.



Burglary

Protect your home. Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists.

- Lock windows
- · Deadlock or double lock doors
- Interior & exterior lights are put on a timer
- Inform neighbours that you will be away and to keep an eye on the property

A home's impression will influence a burglar whether it is targeted such as - it seems unoccupied, has no apparent security, doors and windows left open and areas around can provide good screening.

Car Crime

- Always protect your car by locking it when you leave it
- · Park in a well lit area
- Don't leave items on show but secure in the boot
- Fit anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels
- Secure items outside of vehicles on roof racks, tailgate racks, top boxes or in tool chests
- Keep car keys out of sight in the home

Keyless car theft can be avoided by remembering - distance of keys from the car, signal can be blocked or turned off and use a signal blocking pouch for the key that stops the key transmitting its code and use a steering wheel lock.

Cybercrime

There is such a lot of information on this subject, so we have set out a few quick and easy steps you can take to secure your accounts.

- Protect your password
- Create a separate password for email accounts
- Use three random words that can be easily remembered
- Turn on two-factor authentication by providing a second factor of information requirement

Scams

NW encourages you to 'stop and think' if something doesn't FEEL, SEEM, LOOK, or SOUND right. It most probably is not. This gives you time to trust your gut instinct and think the situation through.

Be aware that Scammers can say that they are doing you a favour, other people are doing this, your only chance is to act now, they can act friendly to you so that you like them and they ask you to do something for them. Don't click to open a strange or unexpected email and if the contact is by telephone then put the phone receiver down.

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

NW Safety Note

Always try to be observant and 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

Citizen's Advice



Increased Council Tax

All our bills are creeping up and Council Tax increases are also anticipated. There are, however, several options to potentially reduce Council Tax bills.

If you're an adult living alone, your bill can be reduced by 25%. Simply notify the council that you are living alone and the date that became effective. You will be entitled to the discounted rate from that time even if it was some time ago.

Some people are 'disregarded' when calculating Council Tax. This includes under-18s, full-time students, long-term hospital patients, people with severe mental impairments and many more.

Check if you can pay less council tax - Citizens Advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/council-tax/check-if-you-can-pay-less-counciltax/

If everyone in a home is disregarded the bill will be reduced by half. If everyone in a home is a student or severely mentally impaired there will be no Council Tax to pay. If you live with an adult who isn't disregarded but who is on a low income or receives certain benefits you might be able to get a 'second adult rebate.' Getting a second adult rebate on your council tax - Citizens Advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/council-tax/check-if-you-can-get-second-adultrebate-on-your-council-tax/

If you or someone you live with is disabled and your home has been adapted, you can ask to be placed down one band. Ask your Council about Council Tax Reduction for people on low incomes.

They will ask questions about your income and circumstances; if you are eligible, they will reduce the amount you have to pay. There are also different rules that apply when you've reached State Pension Age. Check your State Pension age - GOV.UK www.gov.uk/statepension-age

A 'discretionary reduction' is available whereby your council can reduce or cancel your Council Tax if you can provide evidence that you're suffering severe hardship and can't afford to pay your bill. If you don't get this you can still appeal to a valuation tribunal who, if they agree with you, can order the council to reduce or cancel your bill.

Applying for Council Tax Reduction - Citizens Advice **www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/ council-tax/applying-for-council-tax-reduction**

You can always contact us on our AdviceLine, **0808 27 87 999** (free and local), or via our website **www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk** or call in at one of our offices. Opening hours are also on our website.

If you would like to help people with problems like this do get in touch! Check out our website or contact recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd. org.uk. More and more people are asking for our help, so we need more volunteers to try and meet demand. You will receive full training, make new friends and learn new skills; one day a week is all it takes!

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.



Health & Lifestyle

Spring into Spring

Spring has definitely sprung! I am thoroughly enjoying seeing the flowers poke their heads out, the insects buzzing around happily, and the increasing days of warm sunshine after what has seemed like an extremely long winter period!

I don't know about you, but I have also noticed that people seem generally chirpier, more vital and uplifted. The word 'hope' keeps cropping up; the consensus seems to be that people are feeling more hopeful.

Spring is often seen as a time for rebirth, renewal and growth, particularly for wildlife. However, if we too work with these concepts, and turn this sense of hope into positive action, we could see a huge number of benefits in our lives.

What opportunities and possibilities could open up for us if we clear out what's stagnant in our lives, let go of what no longer serves, and begin each day with a sense of rebirth, renewal and growth?

A big question, but the outcomes could be wonderful beyond our imagination!

Examples could be new and exciting relationships, healthier eating and drinking habits, positive exercise regimes, nurturing existing connections, and fresh day-to-day routines.

Little positive changes, done consistently, can create healthy and nourishing habits that stick.



Enjoy clearing out and working with the hopeful and exciting energy of Spring!

With love and appreciation,

Joe Arnold
Dartmoor Chiropractic
07308148159

Tedburn St Mary Tennis Club

Come & Join Us!



We are friendly village club with two outdoor hard courts in great condition and beautiful views over the countryside.

We have Wednesday club sessions from 11am to 1pm and Sundays from 10.30am to 12.30pm, so you can meet and play with other players. You can join by yourself, with friends or as a family or just hire the courts by the hour.

We keep our costs as low as possible to ensure as many people as possible can play. Membership rates are:

- · Family membership £150 pa.
- Individual membership £75 pa.
- Concessionary rates: Under 18's, students or those in receipt of universal credit get 50% off of the above fees.

We offer an Enhanced Membership which allows regularly visiting friends or family to have a game.

You can also hire the courts through our email address at an hourly rate of £15, (£7.50 with concessions) without becoming a member.

Join us today, you will always get a friendly welcome! To find out more, to join the club or to hire a court, please email: tedburntennisclub@gmail.com

Phil Dyson

Chair, Tedburn St Mary Tennis Club

Health & Lifestyle

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice

Opening Hours

Cheriton Bishop

Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm Late Clinic on Tuesday evenings

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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.cheritonbishoppractice.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

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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**

In the Garden

Full Bloom Ahead!

There are plenty of things to do in the garden in April with growth bursting forth in every direction. Vegetable seedlings can be planted out if you have started them under cover, or you can start to sow outside when the soil is warm. Lettuce, radish, beetroot, broad beans and peas are tough enough to germinate outside now. If your early potatoes have shoots emerging, keep earthing them up to protect them from late frosts and to prevent them turning green.

Sweet peas and edible pea plants will need twiggy prunings to help them climb up towards your sturdy supports, and might need tying in with string.

Containers and hanging baskets can be planted up in April with summer bedding if you have somewhere frost free and light to grow them on. Otherwise, wait until May before buying tender plants. Cold April nights might still be too much for them!

If you have trees/shrubs in containers, they will appreciate some fresh compost. Scrape away the top layer and replace it with appropriate compost. After a few years you will probably have to remove the plant from its pot and tease the old compost off the base to renew most of the soil.

That is a much bigger job though, especially with a large container.

April is a good time to split hostas, just as the shoots are emerging. This will invigorate the plant and give you the opportunity to move hostas to different positions. After a cold dry spell in March, apparently we might not be inundated with quite as many slugs and snails as last year! We will see!

Clearing out your pond can be done in April. Any wildlife and plants need to be carefully removed and stored in containers of pond water. Surplus plants can be temporarily left nearby to allow small creatures to return to the pond. Clean out the sludge from the bottom of the pond, taking care not to damage the liner, then refill with rainwater if possible. Any plants returned to the pond should settle in well at this time of year.

Take time to enjoy the glorious cherry blossom, the bright green shades of unfurling foliage, and the brilliant hues of emerging tulips.

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...



Half plots are available in Tedburn St Mary. Email: tedburnallotments@gmail.com or call **07979597458**



Secretary, Tedburn SM Allotment Association





Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

As Martin said in his letter, we are halfway through Lent. There are a variety of services leading up to Easter on 20th April some of which are shared across the Churches in the Team. At Cheriton Bishop there is a 9.30am Communion Service on Easter Day followed by seasonal refreshments and including an Easter Egg Hunt.

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.

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

The Churchyard coffee morning and plant sale will be on Saturday 10th May in the Churchyard and Spalding Hall, we would still 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

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of the Christian year when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising to life from his death on Good Friday.

The service on Easter Sunday will be a Family Holy Communion. We will include the children with activities and an Easter egg hunt. Everyone is very welcome and we will celebrate the wonderful message of Easter.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Community Lunch

Monday 7th April, 12.15pm for 12.30pm All are welcome

Coffee Company

Mondays, 10am - 11am

Unless there is a Community Lunch or Bank Holiday

Messy Church

Saturday 12th April, 3pm-4.30pm, Yeoford Village Hall

Services in April

Holy Communion, Sunday 13th, 9.30am

Family Communion, Easter Sunday 20th April, 9.30am

West Down Evangelical Chapel

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

Please call on for information about our services

April Services

Sunday 6th, 11am:

Communion & Service with London City Mission

Sunday 13th, 11am:

Communion & Service with John Allan. Sunday lunch followed by Prayer Fellowship led by Kate Boddington

Sunday 20th, 11am:

Communion & Service - Rev David Cole Easter Celebration, 3pm: with Rev David Cole

Sunday 27th, 11am:

Communion & Service with Mark Stanbury

Friends and Neighbours

Wednesday 9th, 2pm – 4pm Everyone welcome to join us. Come for a cup of tea and a chat

Message from St Mary's

The Last Half of Lent Leading to Easter

April encompasses the second half of the season of Lent, from after Mothering Sunday to Easter Day on 20th April. It is seventeen days of the forty days of Lent (the Sundays in Lent are not part of the Lenten observance or fast).

The journey's midpoint is always important because you get nearer to your goal rather than your starting point. After the midpoint, it is usually quicker to go on than to turn back. Easter and Holy Week suddenly draw closer.

As the name Holy Week suggests, it is a religious observance which lasts a week. The idea is to follow the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

It starts with Palm Sunday (13th April) which remembers the people welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem with great joy. There is a sudden change of mood as the clouds gather around Jesus as the plot against him thickens.

On Maundy Thursday (17th April) we remember Jesus at the Last Supper with his disciples and Judas Iscariot betraying him to the Jewish authorities.

Good Friday (18th April) remembers Jesus wrongly accused and found guilty by the Roman governor. He was executed by crucifixion on a cross. He was hastily buried in a borrowed tomb.

On Easter day (Sunday 20th April) the tomb was found empty and Jesus was seen alive.

The journey through Holy Week is often a harrowing time.

The events of Jesus' last earthly week echo some of the events of our lives. We can become isolated and challenged for sticking to our values and beliefs in the face of popular opposition. Sometimes people conspire against us, usually to make our lives more difficult. We may have experienced being falsely accused of things we have not done and sometimes wrongly found guilty. It is very easy to identify with the victim, but it is much harder to place ourselves in the position of the perpetrator.

We can easily forget what we have done to others consciously or unwittingly.

We are called to bring these dark parts of our lives to God for forgiveness. The events leading up to and including Good Friday speak to us of all that is wrong in us and the world. There is no denying that we need salvation!

Easter Sunday presents us with the hope of a new life through the resurrection.

Hope has always been part of the promise of a relationship with God.

This is a change in the way we view our lives and heaven. Jesus gives proof of this new life and the grace to receive it. Yet, this is frequently outside our own experience, making this new order so much more difficult to believe. It requires faith rather than proof, which is quite a stumbling block for many.

However, the Easter stories help to turn doubt into faith.

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.

April

Thursday 3rd				
10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood	
Sunday 6th: Lent 5				
9.30am 10am 11am <i>6pm</i>	Holcombe Burnell Whitestone Tedburn St Mary Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Family Service Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood Lay Led Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood	
Sunday 13th:	Palm Sunday			
9.30am 9.30am <i>11am</i> 3pm 3pm	Holcombe Burnell Whitestone Cheriton Bishop Pathfinder Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Service Prayer and Fellowship Joint Palm Service	Revd V Lee Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood	
Monday 14th:	Holy Monday			
7pm ¯	Holcombe Burnell	Compline	Revd Martin Wood	
Tuesday 15th	: Holy Tuesday			
7pm	Cheriton Bishop	Compline	Revd Martin Wood	
Wednesday 1	6th: Holy Wednesda	у		
7pm	Whitestone	Compline	Revd Martin Wood	
Thursday 17t	h: Maundy Thursday	1		
10.30am 7.30pm	Pathfinder Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood	
Friday 18th: G	iood Friday			
2pm	Whitestone	An hour at the cross	Revd Martin Wood	
Sunday 20th:	Easter			
9.30am 9.30am 11am 3pm 6pm	Cheriton Bishop Holcombe Burnell Whitestone Oldridge Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood Revd V Lee Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood	
Sunday 27th: Easter 2				
9.30am 9.30am 11am 3pm 6pm	Cheriton Bishop Tedburn St Mary Holcombe Burnell Pathfinder Whitestone	Morning Prayer Parish Communion CW Family Service United Service Evening Prayer	Lay Led Revd P Rapsey Lay Led Lay Led	

CB Parish Council

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7pm at the Spalding Hall

Present: Chair Cllr P O'Neill, Vice Chair Cllr Roger Marshall, Cllrs I Cowley, A Fry and C Royle. MDDC District Cllr Cairney for Cllr F Letch. Attending. J Clark, Parish Clerk

- 1. To receive and accept apologies. DCC Cllr Frank Letch
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest. None
- 3. Public Discussion: A member of the public asked if the parish council would consider placing extra lighting in the centre of the village. They expressed their worry about safety of pedestrians walking in the dark area, where there is a gap in the street lighting from close to the Rural Hub along the main road to the front of the Moor Park. They had received a response from the DCC Lighting Team suggesting that the local Councils could fund a new light. The Chair noted that three other councils are involved as the Moor Park site is within Tedburn St Mary Parish Council boundary and so Tedburn Parish Council, Teignbridge District Council and Mid Devon District Council all have potential interests in the project.

Following a discussion the parish council resolved to contact the two district councils and Tedburn St Mary Parish Council, to see if they are willing to consider a joint venture to address this concern and if they would be willing to contribute towards the cost. An existing telegraph pole might be used to mount a solar powered light to reduce the cost. CHAIR TO ACTION

A teacher from the village primary school asked if the council would be willing to offer an opportunity to pupils where they may become involved in a local project as part of their Devon & Torbay Civic Award activity, which has a community involvement requirement. This particular award will be completed by June and she asked the council if there was a suitable project with which the pupils could become involved. Suggestions included recycling in the village. It was also proposed that the pupils might become wish to be involved in the current project to allocate S106 funding from Bunny Homes to local open space facilities at the Village Green by researching and proposing potential facilities or equipment. The Chair said he would develop a briefing along these lines to present to the pupils. The council suggested that the children could prepare a case around how proposals could be delivered. CHAIR TO ACTION

The teacher also asked if the parish council would consider involving the older children in community activities in the longer term and she emphasised that the school would like to become more involved in village projects.

4. Planning

0067/25 Pocombe Cottage, Cheriton Bishop Replacement single storey rear extension, new first floor window serving existing bedroom and associated works.

Following a discussion the parish council the council had no concerns regarding the application and is happy to leave the decision to the Dartmoor National Park Authority.

- 5. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting 10TH February, 2025 to consider approval of the February meeting minutes as a correct record. The council resolved to approve the minutes unanimously.
- **6. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.** Cllr Cairney, standing in for Cllr F Letch, reported that the establishment of potential unitary authority(s) under the Local Government Review is ongoing.
- 7. To receive a report from Devon County Councillor Letch (DCC). Received and shared.

CB Parish Council

- 8. To discuss plans for the annual 'bring and share' Village Party 2025 that is sponsored by the parish council. Following a discussion, the parish council resolved to link the event to the national VE Day celebrations and to hold the event on Sunday 11th May, 2025 at The Rural Hub. The Chair will book the venue for the event. Cllr Marshall suggested that the parish council involve the school in the event and this was unanimously agreed. CHAIR TO ACTION
- 9. Repairs & Maintenance the pedestrian gate and fence at the play area is to be fixed. Council waiting for a quote.

Cllr Cowley is getting a quote for a section of fencing to fill the gap in the play area hedge left when the electricity pole was removed. The budget for this work to be capped at £150. The council resolved to approve the work on this basis unanimously by a show of hands. CLLR COWLEY TO ACTION.

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

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
VisionICT	Hosted email accounts for Mary 2025-April 2026	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00
Clarity Copiers	Black and colour pages for newsletter	£34.91	£6.98	£41.89
YPO	Printing equipment / stationery for newsletter	£208.55	£41.71	£250.26
Mrs Jane Clark	Travel expenses and misc office expenses	£71.23	No	£71.23

11. To receive a report from the Chairman: for information only. Little Mounson boundary issue raised previously has been raised with MDDC Planning Officer by the Chair. He reported that, at the moment, there is nothing to address but if there is a contravention then MDDC will take action. The lighting for the bus shelter has been confirmed but purchase will be done in September as lighting is only required in the winter.

Cllr Marshall reported that the response from Highways regarding the cessation of work at the Memorial Cross at the request of Highways was not been satisfactory. The Chair to report back if further information becomes available.

- 12. To receive reports from Councillors. Cllr Royle reported on the first meeting of the task group to consider options for deciding on the allocation of the s106 money from the Bunny Homes housing development. The group's current suggestion would be to consider funding improvements and additional facilities (as discussed earlier in the meeting) at the Village Green and Play Area. The council resolved to support in principle the issues raised at the meeting.
- 13. To receive report from clerk. None.

Dates of next three meetings: 14th April, 12th May and 9th June 2025

Road Warden Scheme

Would you like local roads to be better and safer?

Free training, equipment, materials and insurance are provided so that the team can identify and repair minor potholes and other problems - and have a faster response from DCC for larger ones. If you are interested, visit www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme.

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



Devon County Council

Councillors Report

As you know I'm a member of three councils Crediton Town Council, Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council. All three councils have been wrestling with the same challenges, namely to produce a balanced budget and to safeguard as many of the services they supply to the expected level.

The simplest is possibly Crediton Town Council where the clerk, who is also the responsible financial officer is given a list of priorities from the councillors and then sets out a budget that will hopefully cover them all. The budget was discussed and agreed so therefore council can claim its precept, this is the amount you pay. People always get worried about percentages and figures and I have to say I'm a simple man and go for the money not percentages. As you will see, the town council has made a small rise, and this had to be expected due to central government increases and a desire to keep up our services.

The Mid Devon District Council is a slightly more difficult situation as they have statutory commitments but also a number of voluntary things that they do such as leisure centres, open spaces and things of that sort. The main statutory requirements are planning, recycling, licensing, enforcement and housing. Fortunately we have a very good bunch of councillors who, even though they are not all from the same party, managed to discuss sensibly and constructively with officers and have produced an excellent budget with no need to go into reserves. I'm not going to the

figures here but if you wish to, you can go online and find out exactly what has been decided.

Devon County Council has been more difficult because the numbers are huge and also the numbers on the floor of the council are different in that we have three or four different groups who do not always agree. The process is the same, the budget goes before each scrutiny committee, who make their comments, and this goes to the Cabinet who note comments and then makes recommendations to full council and here is where some extra discussion does take place. Much to everyone's surprise an amendment to retain the £8000 Locality Fund was proposed and it passed!

The one area of concern which I have discussed briefly is of course the OFSTED. The first inspection took a blazing October, officers were not happy not just with the result but the with the way the officers from OFSTED carried out their inspection. It was decided to set up a new OFSTED which came into play in January but we have still heard nothing. The long grass gets longer and longer.

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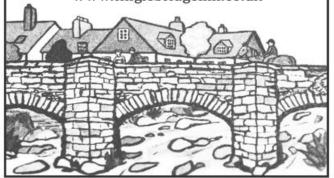
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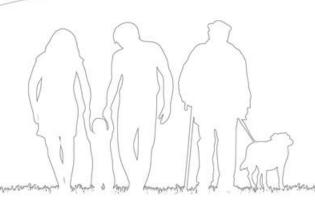
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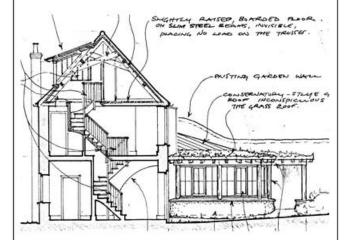
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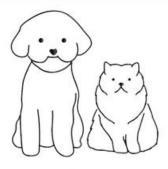












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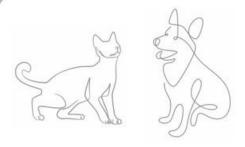


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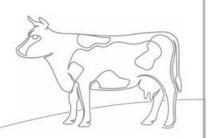
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