

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

February 2026

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St. Valentine's Day
14th February

Useful Information

Doctors and Healthcare

Doctors Surgery: To make an appointment or speak to a doctor, 01647 24272, or via the NHS App 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

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Highways Agency: 0300 123 5000

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

Police

Non-emergency: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Neighbourhood Watch: Jean Martin, 01647 24586

Schools and Local Organisations

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

Head Teacher: Mr Alex Cross, Secretary: Mrs Megan Spinner. Contact: admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy

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

Chair: Anna Southall. Contact: ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com

Acorn Community Support: 01647 252701

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

Young Farmers: Lily Ford, 07495708029

North Dartmoor Walking Group: Jon Whitehead, jonwhitehead28@gmail.com, 07792 785740

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: Online booking: <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/MainPanel/13887>
Telephone: Jo Carter, 07899 074835, Email: cheritonbishopvillagehall@gmail.com
General enquiries: Jon Whitehead, jonwhitehead28@gmail.com, 07792 785740

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

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Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

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Caroline Royle

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House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Welcome to the Newsletter

Hello lovely readers! I hope you've all had a great start to 2026. It's been a bit wet and windy, but nothing we're not used to. Make sure to keep warm and cozy and wear high vis if you're out and about in the evenings.

If you're up very late and it's a clear night, take a few pics of the sky to see if you can capture the Northern Lights - it may look like a normal dark sky, but a photo could reveal the wonderful colours of the Aurora Borealis. Set an alarm for midnight!

Other spectacular astronomical events this month are highlighted with a bright 'Snow Moon' on Feb 1st, Mercury will be at greatest eastern elongation on Feb 19th - offering the best visibility for this elusive planet. A triple conjunction of Mercury, Venus, and Saturn occurs in late February - followed by a 6-planet alignment of Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mercury, Uranus, and Neptune (for optimal viewing of the alignment and conjunction, look low on the western horizon just after sunset).

Next month will bring us back around to the Spring Equinox on 20th March which is, according to some, the first day of Spring, marking the point when the day and night are approximately equal in length. Daylight Saving Time comes into play on Sunday 29th March when our clocks will be moving forward by one hour at 1am giving us more light in the evenings! Hurrah!

Lucy x

Classified Ads

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

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

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1/4 page = £55

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• Half page = £12.50

• Quarter page = £6

Email: cheritonnews@gmail.com

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• Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £25

Please email: cheritonads@gmail.com

Regular Diary Dates

Meetings, Hobbies & Interests

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

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

Cheriton Bishop 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

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 (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

Walking Group: For daytime walks see the North Dartmoor Walking Group Facebook page
Contact: Jon Whitehead - jonwhitehead28@gmail.com, 07792 785740

Yoga: Mondays, 11.45am - 12.45pm, CB Village Hall. www.devonrootsyoga.co.uk/bookings

Young Farmers: Monthly, every 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening. Contact: Lydia Gough - 07903 227415

Quiz Night: The Old Thatch Inn (September - April). Contact: The Fun Quiz @ The Old Thatch on Facebook. To be added to the WhatsApp group list, message JT - 07717 148550

Please Keep this Information Page Up-to-Date

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

Dates for your Diary

February

1st	Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	Page 4
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3rd	Dartmoor Creative Textiles	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	12 noon - 4pm
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3rd to 7th:	Whitestone Players Pantomime: <i>Hansel & Gretel</i> - Whitestone Parish Hall		Page 6
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12th	CB Village Hall Committee: AGM	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	8pm
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13th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm
14th	'Love Songs' from Nicola Howard	Holcombe Burnell Church	Page 7
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25th	Wellbeing Wednesdays	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	10am
26th	Memory Lane Café	Acorn Community Support	Page 9
27th	Tea @ The Hub	Young Farmers Club Hub	2pm - 4pm

March

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14th	Coffee Morning	The Spalding Hall	10:30am until 12 noon

Newsletter Copy Deadline

Please send information, events & articles for the **March** edition by:

Friday 20th February

Editorial: Lucy Cooper cheritonnews@gmail.com
01647 272765

Advertising: Jo Carter cheritonads@gmail.com



What's On?



The Old Thatch
Presents...

The Fun Quiz!

Quiz Night

Sunday 1st February

The Sunday menu (Roasts and other selections) will be available until 7.30pm. Book a table for food *any time up to 7pm* and if only coming for the quiz you can book a table from 7.30pm onwards.

Quiz starts at 8pm.

Entry is £2 a person - cash only :)

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

Hiring Spalding Hall

**Spalding Hall, Church Lane,
Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6HY**

Bookings:

Please call Jean Martin on **01647 24586**

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

Short Mat Bowls

**Mondays 2pm - 4.30pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Newcomers are welcome - please contact me beforehand on **07775 813 676** or **01647 24582** - we offer an hour-long practice session from 1pm, with tuition to hone your skills and learn the etiquette before the full session at 2pm.



David Tripp

Chairman, Cheriton Bishop SMBC

Walking Group

Our walks are typically about 2 hours and 4-5 miles and not too arduous.

We share transport, so if you don't drive please get in touch. We welcome anyone to join us.

Jon Whitehead

jonwhitehead28@gmail.com

07792 785740



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?

Dartmoor Creative Textiles

The New Year started with an amazing session on Gelli printing. Several new members attended and everyone came away with several prints on paper, fabric or Ty beck. The latter will be used in March to make into brooches or artwork.



Stitch Circus, PAT Testing & AGM

Tuesday 3rd February, 12 noon - 4pm, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

Our February meeting will have several elements, the AGM, a Stitch Circus led by some of our experienced stitchers and PAT testing.

The Stitch Circus will embrace the foundation stitches that build up to more complex designs. We are looking forward to Alison Whatley's Day School in March which is fully booked. She is an inspirational tutor, and this will be her third visit to Cheriton Bishop.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me via email.

Elaine Clark, elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk

Acorn Community Support

Acorn Lunch Club

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

Join friends and neighbours for lunch at the pub. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month and 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

- Chicken Casserole & Vegetables
- Fish & Chips with Peas
- Vegetable Wellington with Basil & Tomato Sauce with Chips
- Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard
- Ice Cream

Please call me by 30th January to place your order and to let me know if you need a lift.

Jean Martin, 01647 24586

Bridge Club

**Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Morchard
Bishop Sports & Social Club**

Would you like to play Bridge at our friendly club?

The Bridge Club is a sociable group offering friendly games for all levels, with a free lesson beforehand for those who want it.

The atmosphere is always friendly and never too serious; there is a bar, and we stop for refreshments half-way through.

We are looking for more members so if you think you might be interested in trying us out, please give me a ring or e-mail me. You need not have played the game before and do not need a partner. Come along and give us a try.

John Chater, 01363 877096

What's On?

Whitestone Players Present



Hansel & Gretel

By Alan Frayn

February 2026

Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th, 7.30pm
& 2.30pm (Saturday Matinée)

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/
whitestone-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitestone-players)

Whitestone Parish Hall, EX4 2JS

Supporting



Teign Valley Men's Sheds

Every Thursday in February
from 9:30am to 12:30pm

A new Year – and a new opportunity to share and learn some practical woodworking skills in a friendly and welcoming environment!

The Shed is located at Embercombe in Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ – on the first floor of the large building just beyond the main car park. Coffee and tea will be available. Transport is available if required – a minibus (courtesy of Acorn) is available most weeks, at a cost of £5 per week. See contact details.

What are Men's Sheds?

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

The current focus is on woodwork. If you have skills to share, or you have very little or no experience and want to learn, then you will be very welcome! There is an annual membership fee of £10, and a session fee of £5 for each session. For further details or to register an interest, or to arrange transport, email teignvalleyshed@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome! Don't miss an opportunity to meet new friends and learn/share some practical skills.

Steve Cook

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

What's On?

Friday Social Nights

Social & Quiz Night!

**Friday 6th February, 7.30pm,
Longdown Village Hall**

Usual social evening with a quiz included (no entry fee). Make up your own team or come along and join another.

Prize for winning team. Bar is open, hot pasties on sale.

'Love Songs' from Nicola Howard

**Saturday 14th February, 4pm,
Holcombe Burnell Church**

Nicola Howard singing songs by Cole Porter, Bernstein and songs of love.

Tickets £7.50 including refreshments.
Call Jane **01392 811246** or Cynthia
01392 811302 for tickets.

CB Village Hall Committee

Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 12th February, 8pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Everyone is welcome to attend, especially anyone interested in becoming a Trustee/Committee member.

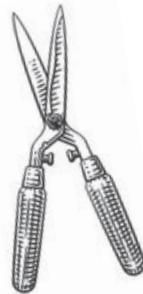
Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

Tool Sharpening

**Monday 16th February,
7.30pm, Spalding Hall**

Dave Budd will be giving an informative and helpful talk about sharpening your gardening tools.

Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412



Cheriton Bishop Village Hall Hire

To book the hall or to check availability, please visit the Cheriton Bishop Village Website, then find the Village Hall link. If you would like a regular booking, please contact Jo Carter.

Cheriton Bishop Village Website: <https://cheritonbishop.org.uk/>

Booking link: <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/MainPanel/13887>

Jo Carter, cheritonbishopvillagehall@gmail.com, 07899 074835

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



What's On?

Wellbeing Wednesdays

**Wednesday 25th February, from 10am, Cheriton Bishop Village Hall
Wednesday 4th March, from 10am, Christow Village Hall**



The Acorn team has a wealth of experience in supporting families and couples to overcome the challenges that arise when someone we love begins to show symptoms of Dementia.

10am: Tea, Coffee & welcome

11am: A relaxed discussion in safe surroundings; providing insight into symptoms to look out for, managing tricky situations at home, when and where to find help, and importantly, how to care for yourself as a carer

1pm: Delicious bring and share lunch

AcornCommunitySupportDevon
www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

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Save the Date...

Coffee Morning

**Saturday 14th March, 10:30am until 12 noon
The Spalding Hall**

- Coffee, Tea, Cakes, Raffle and a tabletop sale!
- Raising funds for The Spalding Hall
- Everyone Welcome!



Update from Acorn



“There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming, Summer.”

Gertrude Jekyll

Acorn is rolling merrily along the year. We are always striving to make sure that our clients enjoy the best of times together with our volunteers who are the BEST!

See below for this month's feast of fun!

All Acorn Areas

Memory Lane Café

Thursdays 12th & 26th February

If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below. This club is on the 2nd Thursday and the last Thursday of the month.

Tea @ the Hub, YFC Head Office, Cheriton Bishop

Fridays 13th & 27th February, 2pm - 4pm

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

Rainbow Club - Carers Support Group

Friday 20th February

Do you care for a partner or a close family member? This 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 to learn more.

From Cheriton Bishop

Lunch Club at The Kings Arms, TsM

Tuesday 3rd February

Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few of days in advance please). Tuesday 3rd March will be the next one.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Wednesdays 4th & 18th February

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

Outings

Tuesday 10th February: Teignmouth and the Smugglers Inn for lunch

Warm Spaces

Friday 6th February at Exeter School. Please ring the office for more information.

From the Teign Valley

Lunch Clubs

Tuesday 3rd February: The Claycutters Arms

Outings

Wednesday 18th February: Dartmoor Drive to Haytor and lunch at Ullacombe Farm

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays 10th & 24th February, 10.30am to 12pm, Teign Valley Community Hall

Activities such as Bingo, quizzes and much more with plenty of chat to go with your coffee and cake! Our members will make you very welcome.

Shopping

Friday 6th February (Tesco, Newton Abbot)

Friday 20th February (Sainsbury's, Alphington)

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

Warm Spaces

Friday 27th February at Exeter School. Please ring the office for more information.

Book Your Seat...

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**. Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team

Letters to the Editor

The Role of Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Dear Resident,

What have we done this year?

Over the past 12 months we have:

- Worked with Devon County Highways to extend the 20-mph speed limit within the village, and to reduce from 60mph to 30mph on the remaining stretches of the two roads as far as Four Cross Way.

Scheduled for completion in 2026:

- Renovated the War Memorial and replaced bench seats.
- Automatic speed monitoring has been in operation.
- Supported the annual village 'Bring & Share' party.
- Allocated funds to the Baby & Toddler Group for its move to the Village Hall and to the Village Show in support of the Gardening Club.
- Reviewed numerous planning applications, listening to residents' concerns and raising them with the relevant planning authorities.
- Liaised with Bunny Homes site manager concerning mud on the road and delivery times to the site.
- Started work on a plan for the allocation of £40,000+ open space funding from Bunny Homes.
- Worked with year 6 primary school classes on a community project.
- Two new Councillors have joined us and we have bid farewell to two other Parish Councillors.



Are you interested in getting involved?

We are looking for new councillors to join us...

We are a friendly and open-minded group and would really welcome new people to help us make a difference to the village and bring some new ideas and perspectives to the table.

The Parish Council meet at 7pm on the first Monday of each month in the Spalding Hall. Everyone from the village is most welcome to attend.

No experience is necessary.

Just bring your enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference!

For further information contact:

Jane Clark,
clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk

Peter O'Neil, 07932 660550



Letters to the Editor

The Spalding Hall

The Spalding Hall for many years has been an important part of village life, bringing people together for activities, events, and social occasions. However, the Hall is currently underused, and without increased community support its future may be at risk.

To keep The Spalding Hall open and avoid the possibility of it being sold, we need more regular use. This is a great opportunity for villagers to start new clubs or groups, such as fitness or yoga classes, arts and crafts, book or board-game clubs, table tennis, coffee mornings, children's activities. Even one-off or occasional groups can make a real difference.

The Hall offers an affordable, accessible space in the village. By choosing to use The Spalding Hall, you are helping to protect a valuable community asset and keep it thriving for future generations.

If you would like to hire the Hall, please get in touch via email: spaldinghall123@gmail.com

Ruth Unsworth

Secretary to The Spalding Hall

ACE Archaeology Club

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

The Club provides opportunities to meet others interested in archaeology, to visit sites of interest and to take part in excavation and other aspects of practical and experimental archaeology. Our members range from enthusiastic amateurs to professionals, all of whom are happy to pass on and share their knowledge.

If you would like more information, or would like to join ACE, please send us an email: acemembership99@gmail.com. The subscription per person for a year is £10. Check our website and Facebook page for updates www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com.

Erica Williamson

Tedburn WI

Tedburn St Mary WI celebrated the festive season - Christmas and New Year, with a lunch party at The Travellers Rest. Members were served a delicious meal by the pub, and everyone had a most enjoyable time. Many thanks to all the staff at The Travellers Rest, who worked so hard to make it such a special occasion. It was much appreciated.

Tedburn St Mary WI members have also participated in a craft session and walk, getting 2026 off to a busy start.

Our regular meetings are held in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm. As always, we love to meet prospective new members, and you will be warmly welcomed if you would like to attend. There are lots of activities on offer at Tedburn St Mary WI every month, including good speakers, walks, and knitting and craft sessions.

Remember that the first meeting attended is free, to enable you to decide whether to join our WI. Just contact either Jane or Rachel.

Jane, 07814659526

President

Rachel, 01642 61868

Secretary

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Letters to the Editor

News from the Moor

I hope that you have all had a happy and healthy Christmas and new year. Thank you to everyone who visited Castle Drogo over Christmas to take part in some 1970s joy. It was wonderful to see so many local folk dancing in the Service Corridor to 70s tunes. It was the perfect way to wrap up our 50th anniversary year.

Time is flying and the team are busy working away preparing for re-opening after winter closures. Floors have been polished, kitchens have been deep cleaned, paths have been cleared. Castle Drogo visitor centre and gardens open 31st January with the Castle opening 13th February; Finch Foundry opens 11th March, Lydford Gorge on 14th March.

Regular visitors to Castle Drogo may have noticed the gradual decline of the Holm Oaks on the main drive. This decline is a result of general age, pest damage and wind stress, and we lose on average one tree every 2-3 years. In between that, significant limbs can fail, and branches snap out. As a result of this we will be felling and replacing the trees over the next 5 years, starting with the trees at the end of the drive where it joins the road. We will start with the tree immediately on the right of the drive entrance, as this tree has extensive internal rot.

We will phase the work, so that when all trees in an area are felled, we replant with young

Holm Oaks to reflect the original Lutyens designed layout. We will pollard these new trees once

established, in order to better manage them long into the future. This will help to keep them to a manageable size and reduce the stress on them due to wind exposure. These young trees, as they grow away, are great carbon sinks as they generally absorb and store more carbon than an older tree.



Finally, a bit of joy, as a wonderful art exhibition will be in the Castle for March. We have worked with a collective of artists called 'Herding Cats' who have been inspired by some of the lesser-known stories of Drogo, particularly of the women of Drogo, and have created art pieces in response. It promises to be a beautiful and interesting way to discover more about the history of Castle Drogo which launches on 1st March. I hope that you have a chance to come and see the pieces during March.

Best wishes all,

Paula

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

Visit The Cheriton Bishop Village Website

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

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

Village postcards can be found online: cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/

Letters to the Editor

St Mary's Church Grand New Year Draw



May I thank everyone loudly for their very kind donation of prizes to our Church Grand Draw on the 11th of January. The community gave in spectacular form. Not just giving us a prize but in the process sponsoring other businesses to provide prizes, so that a local business benefited as well as our draw.

County Scaffolding who are just outside the village kindly gave two meals at the Thatch. (They have a new chef at the moment and are offering a superb 2 course meal in January for £22.

DJB gave two breakfasts at The Coach House and Peter Guscott Construction and Fencing gave a voucher for a massage from Active Muscle Therapy at Chagford. The list of wonderful businesses that so kindly gave and church members that also provided prizes are listed.

We really were exceptionally lucky with all who gave such brilliant prizes, some gave more than one prize as you will see from the list Annie Martin gave us 5 prizes. Lots of people will be enjoying her honey. If you want to buy some you can buy it at Oinkers who also gave two £15 meat vouchers.

Please support these local businesses whenever you have the chance to do so, as their kindness helped us raise £908. There are lots of very happy people around Cheriton Bishop at the moment that are very pleased with their prizes. Can I also thank all of you that supported the church by buying tickets. We couldn't have raised this money without you.

Plant Sale Fundraiser

Our next Fundraiser will be the plant sale, followed by the Exhibition of Wedding Dresses *Friday 1st May through until Sunday 3rd May*. We already have dresses pledged, the oldest one being from 1902 I believe. If you would like yours included do let me know **07854954477**.

We are also looking to anyone that could lend us mannequins over this period. We will be displaying dresses with flowers and any photos that anyone would like to loan us. I will update you with more details in due course. I hope this will also be a lot of fun and an enjoyable event for the community.



Thank you all again for your support. It really is appreciated.

Julie Drake

On behalf of Cheriton Bishop PCC Grand Draw

Letters to the Editor

St Mary's Church Grand New Year Draw

Donator

YFC
Haldon Racecourse
The Beauty Room
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Cheriton Bishop Shop
Homeleigh Garden Centre
The Kitchen Store System 6
Louise Harper

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Chocolate hamper
Two passes
Treatment
Avon goodies
Cheese selection
£25 gift voucher
Drogo family passes
Cream Tea for Two
Pair of silver earrings
Silver bangle
Pair of silver earrings
£10 voucher
Cream Tea voucher
Bottle of wine
£25 Sainsburys vouchers
£25 M&S vouchers
Bottle of leave-in conditioner
Two passes
Coach House breakfasts for 2
£15 meat voucher (x2)
Box of brownies
Pet food hamper
Tote bag of animal goodies
Passes
Honey gift sets (x 2)
Two jars of Honey (x3 sets)
Hairdressing voucher
Chocolates
Bottle of Baileys
£25 voucher
Tin of biscuits
Old Thatch £50 voucher
4-pack of Blood Orange (x2)
Deep-Tissue Massage
Family pass
Prosecco and Chocolates
Marble game
Prosecco and Chocolates
Cream Tea for Two voucher
Tote bag of Goodies
£200 voucher (4 person)

Donations from Church members

Basket of fruit, Cinema tickets, Books, Glass dish, Dinky toy (x2), Clinique purse with contents, Bottle of Champagne (x2), Clinique moisturises, Bottle of wine (x5), Bullseye game, Bluey toy and book, Super hero mug, Large bar of Aero, Large bar of Dairy Milk, Box of Jelly Babies, Box of Wine Gums, Cake slice and forks, Pair of Bee decorated mugs, De-icer, The Scarecrow's Wedding book, The Hare's New Dress book, Mug, Sport Quiz & chocolate pennies, Jigsaw & Cadbury Cream Eggs, Tractor mug & chocolate pennies, Candles, Pestle and mortar, Grow your own Pesto kit, Tub of Childrens sweets, Tin of Roses, Box of Biscuits, Set of Whiskey Miniatures, Bottle of Malt Whiskey (x2), Dessert wine, Box of Rowntrees Fruit Pastels, Box of Ferrero Rocher, Tin of F&M ground coffee, Tin of ground coffee, Baylis & Harding Bubble Bath (x2), Drinking beakers, Dove purse and toiletries, Plant (x2), Chocolates

Accessing Foodbanks

Heating or eating; it is a stark choice faced by increasing numbers of people as the costs of both continue to rise. Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon (CA TNMWD) is working with Trussell in North Devon and we have an adviser available at Foodbanks in Bideford, Ilfracombe, South Molton, Braunton and Holsworthy. We also have a presence in the Tavistock food bank on Friday mornings.

Foodbanks are community organisations that can help if you can't afford food or if you need emergency food, but a referral is usually needed before you can use one. You can get a referral for yourself and any family members you live with including your partner.

You can be referred to a food bank by CA TNMWD or from your GP, local council, housing association or social worker.

Whichever organisation refers you will give you a voucher – but be careful to check if it is only valid on a particular day. CA TNMWD has advisers in attendance at food banks to make people aware of any benefit that they are eligible to claim, advise on other help that is available such as referring to our Energy Team for advice on energy savings or getting fuel vouchers if you qualify. Very often people have no idea what help is available to them and that is where we come in; if we cannot

help you directly, we can usually signpost you to other organisations that can. The aim is to give people alternative solutions to relying on a food bank.

When you visit a food bank you will need to let them know about any allergies or dietary requirements. A food parcel usually contains enough food for three days and you may also be able to get essential toiletries like toothpaste or deodorant.

Some food banks have a limit on the number of times you can visit but a chat with our Adviser will hopefully have opened up other avenues to help.

People are coming to CA TNMWD in greater numbers with problems that are increasingly complex. As ever, our plea is that if you could volunteer for maybe one day a week to please get in touch. There is information on our website www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk or you can contact recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk. Volunteers get full training and ongoing support, they make new friends and know that they are making a valuable contribution to their local community. Why not join the team?

Rosanna Teale

Citizens Advice Torridge, North,
Mid & West Devon

Volunteer With Us

Would you like to help people?

To continue our work, we constantly need to recruit volunteers. We provide full training and ongoing support. If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact: recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk.

We'd love to hear from you!

**Volunteers are
at the heart of
all we do.**



Neighbourhood Watch



Emergency 'Preferred' Contact

Have you ever noticed that the NUMBER 5 on your cordless phone (not mobile phone) there is a RAISED DOT that your finger can detect. Therefore the 5 button is locatable in the dark or during a power cut or when help is required.

For the 5 button to work, you must enter someone you wish as a contact by adding their phone number onto the NUMBER 5 button for use in an emergency (just press the 5 button and add the contact number).

In an emergency situation press NUMBER 5 followed by the green call button and automatically your preferred person would be contacted and able to help you. This could be a big help if a situation arose in the dark, a power cut or help is required. It is an alternative to your mobile phone which may not be with you or is low on battery.

Church Lane Path Extension

The new pedestrian path situated on the inside side of the hedge and formed within Bunny Homes development is now open.

At present it is a bit narrower due to security fencing. The crossing to the play area has yet to be completed. For safety the path should be used whenever possible since there is two way traffic where the road is now widened and large lorries are coming and going from the site. Unfortunately the path terminates

at the new entrance. You cross this and then walk back onto the old road. This was pointed out to Bunny Homes on several occasions but fell onto deaf ears.

Stronger Passwords

It is likely that you are still using old passwords perhaps, some many years old.

Consider changing your passwords:

Upgrade your email password to 'Three Random Words' which combined together is much stronger.

Stop Reusing Passwords: Banking & Email passwords should be unique (not used elsewhere)

Save Them: Let the browser/password manager or phone remember the rest of the password.

If you have lost money or given out your financial details to scammers, inform your bank and financial firm straight away. Remember you can reach the bank's fraud department by calling **159**.

That's all for this edition. Neighbourhood Watch hope that you all stayed safe and well over the holiday.

Always be observant and vigilant and keep your eyes open when out and about.

Contacts

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

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

Cheriton Bishop Facebook Page

The Facebook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area. It has been created to remind people of events that are taking place, clubs etc, somewhere to post photographs of the village, gardening, nature, if you need help that someone in the village maybe able to assist with, plants to swap or sell, pretty much anything really.

If you would like to be part of this Facebook group, please send a request to:
www.facebook.com/groups/433590694063276

Health & Lifestyle

Reducing Wasted Appointments

Here at Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice, we are committed to providing the best care possible to each and every one of our patients. A missed appointment is a lost opportunity to help someone else who may need care.

How You Can Help:

We encourage 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.

We appreciate your co-operation in helping us make the most of our resources. Together, we can continue to provide exceptional care for all.



In the Garden

Start A New Growing Season

February can still be very cold but the days are getting longer and signs of growth are stirring under the good earth. Look out for snowdrops and narcissi braving the cold ground outside. Meanwhile indoors you can start vegetables such as peas, broad beans and lettuce. Peas resent root disturbance so it works well to sow them in a short piece of gutter in a greenhouse. When the pea seedlings are big enough they can be slid out of the gutter and into a shallow trench outside.

Early potatoes can be placed on a windowsill in an egg box. They will start to shoot (or chit) and be given a head start when the soil is ready for them to be planted out.

Prune autumn fruiting raspberries now, cutting the old canes down to the ground. They will grow new shoots that will mature over the summer and produce fruit from late

summer onwards. Leave summer fruiting raspberry canes as they fruit on last year's growth.

Prune roses before they start shooting too much. Winter jasmine can be cut back to fit its allotted space. Summer flowering shrubs such as buddleia can be pruned back. Shrubs such as Cotinus and Sambucus (Elderflower) can be cut to about two buds to keep them compact and improve the size and quality of their foliage. Catalpa (Indian Bean Tree) and Paulownia are other trees that can be kept smaller but grow impressively huge leaves if pruned in early Spring.

When your snowdrops have finished flowering you can divide up congested clumps. They will repay you with rejuvenated, bigger, stronger flowers next winter.

Sally Rix

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

The Christmas Day collection, in aid of the Children's Society, enabled over £230 to be sent to the Charity. It was really nice to see so many smiling faces at the service.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Grand Draw, and especially to our hard working promoter, Julie Drake. There is a more detailed thank you elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Changes in the Service Schedule

The Lent Course this year explores the seven signs or miracles of Jesus in John's Gospel; held weekly 3pm at Pathfinder Church from Wednesday 25th February, and 7pm in a Zoom Meeting online, please email revwood163@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

Food Larder

The Food Larder is located in the church porch for use by everyone. We would welcome donations of dried and canned goods, we have plenty of pasta at present. We are grateful to the Surgery for their kind offer to accept donations, please hand items to the receptionists.

May Coffee Morning

In May we will run our coffee morning and plant sale in aid of church funds, and as usual ask if you would kindly sow a few extra seeds and take some cuttings to share and donate on the day.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Churchwarden

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Messy Church is coming back. We will meet in Church on 21st February at 3pm. We have a new team and hopefully we will be able to run it more often. The Village Hall is not available but we have enough room in church this time. This will be instead of the Family Service just for this month.

Carol Price, 07806 856256

Café Company

Mondays from 10am - 11am
(except when there is Lunch Club)

Community Lunch

Monday 2nd, 12:15 for 12.30pm

Messy Church

Saturday 21st, 3pm

Services for February

Sun 8th, 9.30am: Holy Communion

West Down Evangelical Chapel

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6HG

Telephone: 01647 24264 or 01647 24660

*Communion is held at all morning services.
Please call for information about our services.*

February 2026

Sun 1st, 11am: Morning Worship with Rev John Passmore

Tues 3rd, 10.30am: Ladies Bible Study at Venbridge House

Sun 8th, 11am: Morning Worship with Dr John & Jane Wibberley

Sun 15th, 11am: Morning Worship with Lesley Davey
An Illustrated talk on the work of Mercy Ships

Tues 17th, 10.30am: Ladies Bible Study at Venbridge House

Sunday 22nd, 11am: Morning Worship with Mark & Judith Stanbury followed by Chapel Lunch (please book with Kate) and Prayer fellowship

Friends & Neighbours

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

Messages from St Mary's

Making Good Habits

It is said that we are creatures of habit. Habits can be both good and bad. It is thought that the brain carries out actions without you having to think about them. These become our habits.

The subconscious is considered the most reliable part of the mind. As you practise doing something, you're transferring that action to your subconscious. People often say the more I think about it, the harder it is. It is helpful for us to have good habits.

A simple example of a good habit could be brushing our teeth twice a day. Our teeth and our dentists really appreciate that good habit. It is a habit that prevents future problems. Given how good it is, you might be surprised to hear that only about 75% of adults maintain this habit.

When I think of habits, I find it much easier to focus on the bad habits. A quick list of some of the bad habits: eating unhealthily, drinking too much alcohol, not drinking enough water and not taking enough exercise.

Like most things in life, doing good needs extra effort, which often makes good habits harder to achieve. Conversely, doing little to help ourselves can lead to the development of bad habits. It is all too easy to fall into bad habits!

Which brings us to Wednesday, 18th February, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. When I go into school and explain the church seasons, I explain Lent as the season for



watching and waiting. We are waiting for Easter. The watching part is a little harder. We are watching to see how we are doing in our relationship with God. We are looking for areas where we can stop doing wrong. We also want to improve and develop in new ways.

It is always good to help others and ourselves into better situations. A traditional approach is to give something up or start something new for Lent. You commit to doing this for the forty days. I wondered how long it took for things to become a habit. It was thought to be three weeks, but recent research suggests sixty-six days. So, a good Lenten observance is well on the way to becoming a new habit. Sadly, if you do not maintain it, it is unlikely to become a lifelong habit.

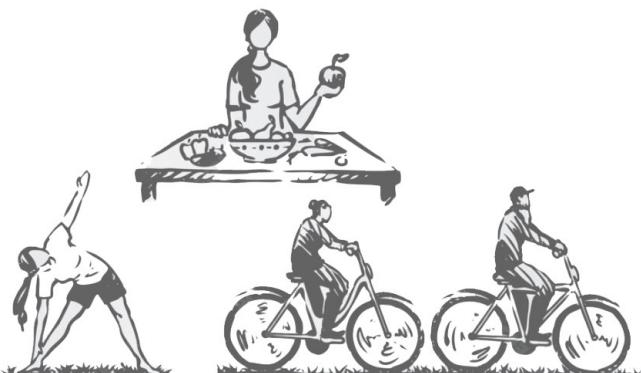
I am sure Lent is always a timely reminder that we need to review & adjust our relationship with God.

The wonder is that God does not tire of my below-average performance but rather encourages me to make the most of life and see how things grow and develop.

So why not do something good for Lent? It might become a good habit, and it will certainly help you and other people.

Rev. Martin Wood

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



Services at St Mary's

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

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

February Services

Sunday 1st - Candlemas

10.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Team Communion	Rev V Lee
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Thursday 5th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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Sunday 8th - 2nd before Lent

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Rev V Lee
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Rev P Sourbut
11am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>Lay Led</i>
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer & Fellowship	
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Sunday 15th Next before Lent

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

Wednesday 18th - Ash Wednesday

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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Sunday 22nd - Lent 1

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

Support Your Community

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

We'd love to hear from you...



CB Parish Council

Minutes of the CB Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th January, 7pm, Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop

Present: Chair Peter O'Neil, Vice Chair Cllr Roger Marshall, Cllrs A. Fry and C. Royle
One member of the public present

Attending: Parish Clerk – J Clark

1. **To receive and accept apologies.** DCC Cllr J. Cairney and MDDC Cllrs S. Chenore and M. Binks.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Public Discussion: A member of the public raised the issue of the financial pressures on the Spalding Hall.**
They asked if the council could make a regular commitment to supporting the viability of the hall to remain in use. The Chair requested the Spalding Hall Committee to supply a report supported by figures and send to the clerk. Clerk to place on the February agenda. CLERK TO ACTION

They also shared their concern about a muddy section of the Crocky Dip footpath. The Chair responded that the footpath is a Dartmoor National Park (DNPA) responsibility. The Council will contact the DNPA to find out who is responsible for the upkeep and see if action can be taken to improve this section of the footpath. CLERK TO ACTION

They also asked if a footpath from the village to the proposed site of the new farm shop close to Woodleigh Junction can be considered. The clerk to contact MDDC AND TDC Planning to obtain further information as to whether this is an option and what needs to be considered and report back to council. CLERK TO CONTACT MDDC PLANNING

They also asked if the parish council would give consideration to enhancing the village Christmas decorations, such as a Christmas tree on the memorial cross area, more lights, etc. The council felt this may be considered once the s106 money received. No action to be taken at this time.

4. Planning

- 4.1 25/01698/PIP Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 dwelling
East of Hill View Cheriton Bishop
Following a discussion the council agreed that as the site falls within the development boundary the council had no objections in principle but wants strongly to emphasise that it should not set a precedent for further development outside the development boundary. The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to support the application with the caveat outlined above.
- 4.2 25/02773/FULL Removal of condition)b) of planning permission 88/03049/FULL relating to an agricultural occupancy tie.
Crossways Farm Cheriton Bishop.
Following a discussion, it was agreed that the council felt no need to comment.
- 4.3. 25/01780/HOUSE Erection of two-storey side extension following demolition of single storey lean-to and timber shed.
Oak Tree Cottage Hittisleigh Exeter.
Following a discussion, it was agreed that the council felt no need to comment.

5. Planning Decisions

Notification of intention to remove 1 Sycamore tree; reduce height of 1 Horse Chestnut Tree by 3m; pollard 3 ash trees in garden and 1 ash on boundary within a Conservation Area.
Dudshall Cottage, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop.
Granted by MDDC

CB Parish Council

6. To consider the draft minutes of the December Parish Council meeting as a correct record.

The council resolved to approve the minutes of the December meeting as a true record unanimously by a show of hands.

7. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors - for information only. Received and noted.

8. To receive a report from Devon County Council (DCC) - for information only. Received and noted.

9. To discuss communication issues when dealing with DCC Highways.

Over the previous two months, both The Chair and The Parish Clerk have written to DCC Highways asking for a response to previous emails regarding the scheduled 20mph limit extension (which is in response to significant safety concerns), replacement of Cheriton Bishop village gateway signs to include the missing 30 mph sign and permission to replace a damaged finger post, but once again no response has been received.

The parish council has sought input from DCC Highways on several occasions regarding Highways matters and has had unhelpful or incorrect responses. In 2024, during a project to improve the Memorial Cross area in the village, which had already been verbally approved by the local Highways officer, work was halted without notice by DCC Highways. The interruption not only caused inconvenience but increased the overall cost of the project. Prior to the work being completed, the Parish Council had requested input from DCC Highways but again there was no response. In the end work had to go ahead without Highways input because there were safety issues to be addressed as part of the work included the rebuilding of a wall. Despite several attempts by the council to find out why the work had been stopped, again there was no response, so the parish council went ahead and completed the work.

As a result, the Council asked the clerk to write to the Leader of DCC explaining these problems and particularly stressing the parish council's safety concerns about the delayed 20mph limit extension and the missing 30 mph sign which could invalidate the speed limit both on the main road and in the area of the 20mph extension. Speeding is a serious local concern and Cllr Marshall reported that the results from the vehicle activated speed signs in the village show clearly that close to half of the vehicles driving through the village are breaking the speed limit. CLERK TO ACTION

10. To agree parish council's priorities for the financial year 2026-2027.

The Chair shared the previously published list of priorities and councillors discussed the actions to be taken to support the council's priorities for 2026-2027. The council agreed the following priorities for the financial year 2026-2027 as follows:

- To seek to have the village gateway signs replaced by Highways.
- To organise the implementation of the new 20 mph speed restrictions.
- Focus of provision of allotments by identifying suitable and available land for the purpose within the parish boundary.
- To work with parties involved to scope the possibility of putting a pathway from the village to the proposed new farm shop close to Woodleigh Junction.
- To seek to raise the profile of parish council and the work it does and to encourage new members as the current council comprises only 4 out of a possible 7 members.
- To engage with the community to identify suitable projects for the community funding that will be available as a result of the Church Lane housing development.

The Chair asked councillors to review this list and consider if any other projects should be considered and report back at the February meeting with a view to approving the parish council priorities for the coming year and asked the clerk to place on February agenda. COUNCILLORS AND CLERK TO ACTION

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

Cllr Marshall reported that the finger post repair is in hand.

12. To receive and approve monthly income and expenditure report and bank reconciliation as at 31st December, 2025. The council resolved unanimously a show of hands to approve the bank reconciliation.

CB Parish Council

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

Service	Amount	VAT	Total
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary	£410.79	No £410.79
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£105.80	No £105.80

15. To receive reports from Councillors: for information only. Cllr Marshall reported that the speed signs data shows 46% of vehicles speeding. Cllr Marshal to share results with the clerk for inclusion in the letter to the leader of DCC and copy to Highways. (See above). CLLR MARSHALL AND CLERK TO ACTION.

Cllr O'Neil reported he had met with the owners of the Village Green with a view to extending the area but it that it was agreed that the council is unable to take the matter further.

16. To receive report from clerk: for information only. Nothing to report.

Dates of next meetings (second Monday of the month) at Spalding Hall: 9th February, 9th March 2026, 13th April.

Become a Parish Councillor!



Now is a great time to join our team...

The only qualifications for being a councillor are to have lived in the area for at least 12 months and to have an interest in supporting your local community.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month to discuss community projects and to advise Mid Devon District Council on local planning matters.

For more information, please email Jane, our Parish Clerk: clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk



Waste Collection

Collections & Info

Collection days for this area are Monday or Tuesday depending on your postcode.

You can find your collection day here:
www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/check-collection-dates/

Please remember to put waste and recycling containers out at the kerbside where they can be seen easily, either after **6pm** the night before, or before **6am** on your collection day.

* Late collections due to bank holidays



Food waste is collected weekly from your blue food caddy



Recyclables are collected fortnightly from your black & green recycling boxes

February 2026

Dates:				
2nd/3rd	✓	✓		
9th/10th	✓		✓	✓
16th/17th	✓	✓		
23rd/24th	✓		✓	



Chargeable garden waste is collected fortnightly from your brown wheelie bin



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

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Support your local football club - recycle your drink cans!

You might know that recycling your empty drink cans is good news for the environment, but did you know it can also be good news for your local community?

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money for a good causes!. Read more online at everycancounts.co.uk/cash-for-cans

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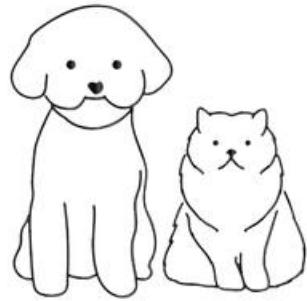
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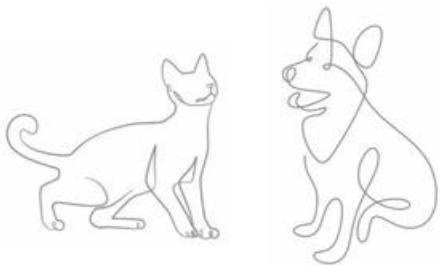
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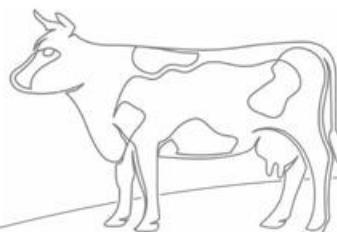
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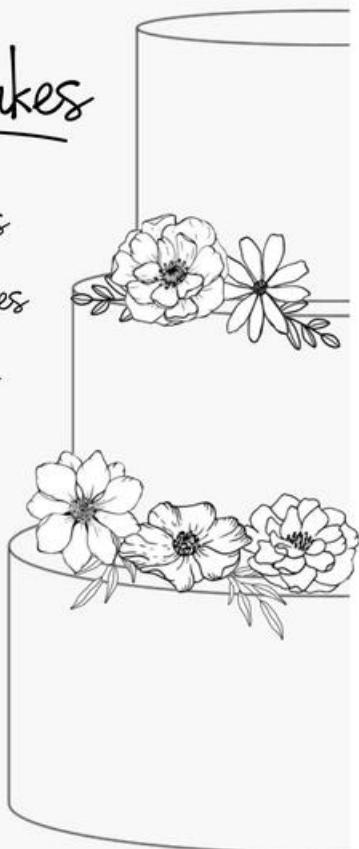
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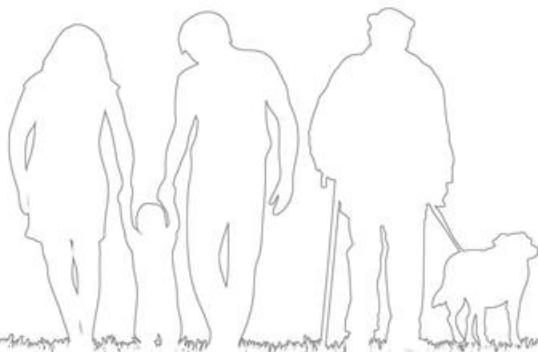
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