

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

March 2026



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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

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Electricity: 0800 365 900

Gas: 0800 111 999

Water: 0344 346 2020

Highways Agency: 0300 123 5000

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

Police

Non-emergency: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Neighbourhood Watch: Jean Martin, 01647 24586

Schools and Local Organisations

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

Head Teacher: Mr Alex Cross, Secretary: Mrs 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)

Flagmasters Eddie & Fiona Hall, 01647 24568

Local Authorities

Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

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Caroline Royle

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Jane Clark (Tedburn St Mary), 07932 386023

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Steve Guthrie, cldr.steve.guthrie@westdevon.gov.uk

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Welcome to the Newsletter

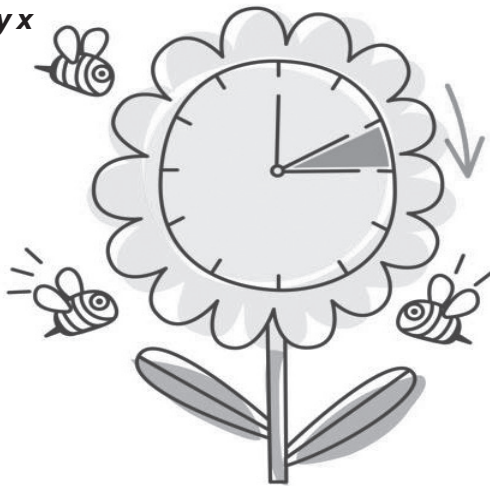
We're flying into 2026, and now there are even definite signs of Spring in and around the Village. Spring flowers are in bloom and I am sure I've seen the odd patch of blue sky in between downpours.

This March issue is packed with 'What's On?' events, and I've even added a reminder for Mother's Day on 15th March.

Another reminder for you is at the end of the month when the clocks 'spring' forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday in March - 29th. Yes, it's less time in bed, but it does mean that we can hope for warmer weather and sunshine on the way (fingers crossed).

Finally, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for our wonderful village, please attend their next meeting on 9th March at the Spalding Hall to get an idea of what you could be doing.

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

Newsletter Team

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Advertising Rates

Yellow Pages Adverts

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

Advertising in 10 issues

- ¼ page = £55
- ½ page = £100

Ads in the White Pages (per issue)

- Full page = £25
- Half page = £12.50
- Quarter page = £6

Email: cheritonnews@gmail.com

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

- 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: Amelia Speyer - amispeyer@gmail.com

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: 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

March

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14th	Coffee Morning	The Spalding Hall	10:30am until 12 noon
14th	Get Involved: Exhibition Meeting	St. Mary's Church	3pm
14th	'Into The Breach' - One-Man Show	Tedburn St. Mary Village Hall	7.30pm
15th	Mother's Day		
16th	Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
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28th	Cheriton Bishop Spring Show	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	2.30pm
29th	YFC's Big Breakfast	Tedburn St Mary Village Hall	9am to Midday

Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

Friday 20th March

Editorial: Lucy Cooper cheritonnews@gmail.com
01647 272765

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What's On?



The Old Thatch
Presents...

The Fun Quiz!

Quiz Night

Sunday 1st March

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**

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



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.

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



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

Our AGM was well attended, and membership numbers are very strong. Following our Stitch circus and designing sessions, we are ready to embark on the new banner for our group which we hope to complete in time for our October Exhibition. Designed around the flora, fauna and places of interest on Dartmoor, every member will have work included. Our group celebrates its 30th anniversary next year and we hope former members will attend our celebrations in 2027 and hopefully delve into the archives and memorabilia.

Towards the end of March, we have been invited to Cotehele, near Saltash, for a tour of their textiles and join their embroidery group for the afternoon. Numbers are limited so more members will visit later in the year.

March is a busy month as we welcome Alison Wheatley back to Cheriton for her third Day school – Dartmoor. Her technique and tips for layering fabrics and achieving stunning pictures are always popular and yet again, we have a waiting list!

Amelia, amispeyer@gmail.com

Acorn Community Support

Acorn Lunch Club

**Tuesday 3rd March, 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

- Gammon, Egg & Chips
- Salmon Fish Cake & Chips
- Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Slice
- Fruit Pie & Custard
- Ice Cream

Please call me by *27th February* 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?

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 person. 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

Wellbeing Wednesdays



**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](https://www.facebook.com/AcornCommunitySupportDevon)
www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Charity No: 1194245

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Coffee Morning

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

Coffee, Tea, Cakes, Raffle and a tabletop sale!

Everyone Welcome!



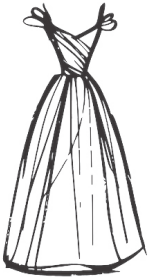
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What's On?

Get Involved: Wedding Dress Exhibition

Saturday 14th March, 3pm, St. Mary's Church

We will be having an open meeting within the Church and would welcome anyone who would like to attend. We will be discussing the Wedding Dress Exhibition which will be over the May bank holiday running from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd May inclusive.



There will be lots of jobs to do prior to and over the weekend, and if you would like to be involved we would be glad to welcome you wholeheartedly. You might feel that you would be happy to meet and greet people at the door and give out guide notes, or sell raffle tickets for half an hour. You may feel happy to help with either producing some refreshments or selling them. You may like to do a flower arrangement, which can be small or large or help us display the dresses for example.



It can be the smallest of contributions or larger, but if you would like to help in anyway and be involved with the buzz of putting this on, please do give me a call **07854 954 477** or **01647 24628**. Messages can be left on both.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 14th of March.

Julie Drake

On behalf of the PCC



“Into the Breach”

A professional one-man show

Saturday 14th March, 7.30pm, Tedburn St. Mary Village Hall

Set in a small village hall in Devon during WWII (1942). The play is actually set in Yeoford, which is called 'Lowford' in the show. In the play, George Crocker is keen to liven up his dull life, so he decides to join the local Drama Club. What happens then turns his world upside down.

The play is funny, moving, entertaining and with a bit of Shakespeare thrown in. It is a story of Devon village life, and the trials and triumphs of an amateur theatre company mounting a production of 'Henry V'. It has been touring for over ten years in more than a hundred village halls, over twenty in Devon alone. The author and professional performer, Mark Carey, has strong links with our area, including family in Yeoford.

For tickets (which are £12 each, and £6 for under 16s), please contact Charles Pallot on **07779 004641** or by email: tsmvillagehall@gmail.com or online at www.buytickets.at/stratfordtheatrecompany or www.stratfordtheatrecompany.org.uk

On the night, there will be a card/cash bar, and a raffle.

What's On?

Sunday 15th March



Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

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

Many thanks to Dave Budd who demonstrated how to sharpen various gardening implements at the February meeting. The last winter talk is with speaker Jane Green, a club member who has been developing a new garden for herself. The title of the talk is not yet confirmed, so look out for posters nearer the date.

Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412

Whitestone Gardening Club

Heritage Vegetables

**Monday 16th March 7.30pm,
Whitestone Parish Hall**

Heritage vegetables (or heirlooms) are traditional, open-pollinated plant varieties often dating back before the 1950s, treasured for their superior flavour, unique colours, and genetic diversity.

Unlike uniform, commercial hybrids, these old-fashioned varieties are generally passed down through generations, offering gardeners reliable, tasty, and often region-specific produce.

Ron Bramhall

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	£15.00	£50.00
Afternoon 12.30pm-5.30pm	£25.00	£15.00	£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

Use of catering equipment i.e. oven & dishwasher £10



What's On?

Lambing Bingo is Back! - £5 per card

How to order:

- Order online via **cbptfa.sumupstore.com** then take your receipt as proof of purchase to collect your bingo card(s) at the school office or preschool (your contact details provided at checkout will be used to invite you).
- Buy your bingo card directly with cash at school office/preschool, providing your name and mobile number at point of purchase*.
- You will then be invited to the Lambing Bingo Community *Whatsapp*.
- Each time a numbered ewe gives birth, we will post there.
- Mark your card as numbers are called through March and April.
- First to complete a line, two lines or get house wins a prize!



To claim a win:

Email a clear photo of your completed card to ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com

Claims for each alert will remain open until 8pm on the day of the alert. If multiple valid claims are received, a random draw will determine the winner. Winners will be verified against our master record and announced via WhatsApp.

Card sales may continue once lambing has started. New players will be informed of any numbers already called. Thank you for supporting the PTFA and good luck!

*Contact details will be used solely for the purpose of Lambing Bingo updates and will not be retained afterwards.



What's On?

Experience 'Sunrise' with Wurlitza!

A screening of the silent classic, paired with a live soundtrack

Saturday 21st March, from 6pm for 7.30pm start, Drewsteignton Church

Sunrise is silent film at its most poetic. Made with an unlimited budget, this fast-paced tale of temptation and reconciliation beautifully captures both rural idyll and bustling city with an array of clever cinematic touches. Sunrise was lauded as 'a film masterpiece' by the New York Times, winning three Academy Awards. Sunrise is still considered one of the finest films of all time.

Wurlitza have added music for a truly unique and memorable experience. Hailing from Cornwall, Wurlitza have been enchanting audiences since 2006 with their distinctive live soundtracks, they bring a modern twist to classic silent films, seamlessly blending genres from different eras.

Adult £14, Child (under 16) £8. Go to Eventbrite.co.uk – search Wurlitza

Doors open at 6.30pm for pre-performance drink.

The film will run until approximately 9.20pm with a 20-minute interval.

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase on the night from the cash bar.

All profits go to the Friends of Drewsteignton Church

Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

Cheriton Bishop Spring Show

**Saturday 28th March, 2.30pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**



Schedules will be available from the red box at the Village Hall or can be downloaded from the Village website. Entry forms should be posted through the letter box at Fallow End, Church Lane, not later than 7pm on *Friday 27th March*. There are many types of daffodils, but the judges first job is to look at the entries and make sure they are in the right class so don't hesitate to enter. There will be a presentation at 4pm.

Refreshments will be available so everybody is welcome to see the flowers and then enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412

Cheriton & Tedburn YFC's

Big Breakfast

**Sunday 29th March, 9am to
Midday, Tedburn St Mary
Village Hall**



English breakfasts, baps and refreshments. Please book by contacting Lydia on **07903 227415**

*Fundraising for Devon YFC
and Cheriton & Tedburn YFC*



Save the Date...



The Old Thatch Presents...

The Fun Quiz!

Quiz Night

Sunday 5th April

The Sunday menu 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**



Lino Printing & Stitching

**Tuesday 7th April, 12 noon to 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Our April meeting is Lino Printing & Stitching with Louise Nichols. Louise is a textile artist with a background in fashion and textiles, designing upholstery fabric, wallpaper, cards and wrapping paper.

Louise carves the lino block to then print onto fabric. She then embellishes her designs with embroidery creating stunning designs.

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

Amelia, amispeyer@gmail.com

Acorn Community Support

Acorn Lunch Club

**Tuesday 7th April, 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

- Lasagne Salad & Garlic Slice
- Fish Chips & Peas
- Pan fried Mushrooms on Garlic Ciabatta Slice
- Sticky Toffee Pudding & Ice Cream
- Ice cream

Please call me by *4th April* to place your order and to let me know if you need a lift.

Jean Martin, 01647 24586

Live Music Fundraiser!

**Friday 15th May, from 7pm
The Drewe Arms, Drewsteignton**

Live Music from 7.45pm:

- **Johnny & the Chic Sisters**
- **Susannah & the Noise**

£15 tickets

Scan the QR code to book:

Supporting Exeter Epilepsy Social. Raising funds for a vital local peer support group. Event organisers: Neuronostics



Update from Acorn



*“Daffodils, That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty.”* William Shakespeare, *The Winter's Tale*

I am hoping that by the time you read this, the wet stuff is history. As I type the sun is shining! Just as well as we have a full program of fun ready for you in March.

From Cheriton Bishop

Lunch Club at The Kings Arms, TsM

Tuesday 3rd March

Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few of days in advance please). Tuesday 7th April will be the next one.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Wednesdays 4th & 18th March

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

Outings

Tuesday 10th March: Moorland drive and lunch at Ullacombe Farm Shop

Warm Spaces

Fridays 6th & 20th March at Exeter School. Please ring the office for more information.

From the Teign Valley

Lunch Clubs

Tuesday 3rd March: The Welcome Stranger

Shopping

Friday 6th March (Tesco, Newton Abbot)

Friday 20th March (Sainsbury's, Alphington)

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

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays 10th & 24th March, 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.

Outings

Wednesday 18th March: Drive to Orcombe Point Exmouth and lunch at The Beach Pub, Exmouth

Warm Spaces

Friday 13th & 27th March at Exeter School. Please ring the office for more information.

All Acorn Areas

Memory Lane Café

Thursdays 12th & 26th March

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 March, 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 March

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.

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

New Newsletter Box!

The new Newsletter box has now had its final coat of red paint and is sitting proudly outside the Village Hall.

The Newsletter team would like to say a huge thank you to the team at *Teign Valley Men's Sheds* - please see page 6 for information about the group and how to get involved.

Newsletter Team



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

It has been a busy and sociable start to 2026 for the members of Tedburn St Mary WI. The ladies of this local group, numbering forty in total, have had lots on offer to them in the first two months of the new year.

A celebratory lunch was held in local inn The Travellers Rest during early January, which was very much enjoyed by all who attended with a second lunch outing planned for February. Sadly, the rain has been a bit too much of a challenge, and our monthly walk had to be cancelled.

Hopefully the weather will have improved by the time this is published, and Tedburn St Mary WI members will have been out, taking in the beauty of the local Devon scenery, inspired by our speaker at the February meeting, who was Brigitte Martin Powell. Brigitte gave an uplifting and informative presentation on her walking pilgrimage to Rome, supported by beautiful photographs of her travels, which was much appreciated.

Tedburn St Mary WI crafting sessions are always well supported, and continue to offer a variety of art and craft activities and projects for members to engage in.

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

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Letters to the Editor

News from the Moor

Hi everyone,

I do hope that you are all keeping well and have kept safe in the ridiculous rainy weather over the past couple of months. I am trying my best to keep positive, despite flooding and my garden looking like a bog. At least the reservoirs are filling up and daffodils are starting to appear to cheer us all up.

Volunteering!

As Spring heads our way, this is the perfect time of year to take up a new hobby. Volunteering is a brilliant way to learn new things, meet lovely people, and share your love of beautiful places.

We are currently looking for people to join our volunteer team at Castle Drogo so, if you fancy being one of our brilliant Room Guides or a buggy driver helping people to get around the site, please drop me a line.

Opening this month:

Finch Foundry opens 11th March,
Lydford Gorge on 14th March.

Easter Fun Trails

For those of you looking for Easter plans, we have a couple of trails taking place over the holidays. At Castle Drogo, make your way through the gardens and discover 10 activities all about the animals of the Teign

Valley – from tiny dormice to our iconic Dartmoor ponies.

At Lydford, you can be team Viking or team Anglo Saxon. Follow the trail around the orchard and have a go at the family-friendly activities to see who comes out on top.

The trails take place between 27th March to 19th April. Normal admission applies, plus £3.50 per trail, which includes an Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and dairy or vegan and 'Free From' chocolate egg.

'Herding Cats' Exhibition

Finally, a reminder about a wonderful art exhibition which 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 1 March. I hope that you have 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

Michael Beckett

September 1st 1932 to 1st April 2025

Mum and Dad moved to Cheriton in 2014. They loved the drive along the old A30 to Okehampton, and the views of Dartmoor.

Settling into village life with Millie the Airedale, a short trip from Exminster where they had retired to in 1996, they soon joined into the local village community, joining the church, mum flower arranging and dad joining the flower club and history club amongst others. Any event at the village hall they would support, and the local services of James Haytor and the amazing team at the GP surgery and shop were well used!

Dad was a very caring husband and spent many of the initial years looking after mum who sadly had a series of illnesses leading to her losing her mobility at the latter period. Undeterred, dad would take her out every day in the wheelchair and take her shopping to Exeter, to Darts farm and up to Castle Drogo. The Tom Cobleigh was a firm favourite, introduced by Celia Cross who has also sadly passed away now, but who was a great friend to them both with Nigel.

Dad certainly had eclectic interests and tastes and duly embraced life to the full. He and mum renewed their wedding vows in their 60th platinum year at St. Mary's church and afterwards at the village hall and they enjoyed

64 years before mum finally passed away in 2020.

Dad managed to battle his cancer and a further 5 years before he had a fall after a walk to the shop at 92 which sadly he didn't recover from. A huge thank you to Dan who did the garden who helped Dad get to hospital so we were all able to see him and say our farewells.

We wanted to thank the village community for all their support and help, and in particular during their later years. Living away in Warwickshire was often a worry, but we knew there was a great support network locally and they simply loved living in Devon and being able to reach St. Ives their favourite beach escape easily.

We have now reunited mum and dad together in St. Mary's church. John and I will enjoy coming back to see them.

A strange feeling when a generation passes. But a new one begins as mum and dad now have 2 more grandchildren who arrived in late 2025. They will be watching down and smiling I am sure of it.

Jane Beckett-Smith

John Beckett

Daughter & son of Michael & Angela Beckett

Classifieds

FOR SALE Ashford Traditional wooden spinning wheel with 4 spools, 'niddy noddy' holder, pair of hand carders and instruction manual. Excellent condition, £180 ono. Call Pat on **07581 239926**

SELLING OR FREE-CYCLING?

If you would like to list something here, please email cheritonnews@gmail.com. It is completely free! Don't forget to include a contact number

Counterfeit Goods – What Are Our Rights?

A scam by another name in other words! However, fake goods can be dangerous.

Take toys for instance; if they don't meet safety standards, they may pose a choking risk if poor manufacturing mean small parts are easily detachable. It's not just toys and games though. Clothing, footwear, e-cigarettes, perfumes and media devices are among the many ranges of goods that can be faked.

Sometimes it is easy to spot but not always:

- Watch out for suspiciously low prices on well-known brands and signs of poor quality.
- Spelling mistakes in the advert or on packaging are also warning signs.
- Compare photographs from official sellers and always try to buy from reputable sellers only.

If you do buy fake goods, you are entitled to a refund within 30 days of purchase. If it's been over 30 days but less than 6 months since your purchase, the seller can offer to provide you with a genuine item but if they can't they are legally obliged to refund in full. If it's more than 6 months since the purchase, they are only required to provide a partial refund depending on how long it is since the purchase and how much the item has been used.

A seller may argue that the item was obviously not genuine as it was sold so cheaply but they have still broken the law and the consumer's legal rights still apply. If this happens and you paid by debit card, contact your bank and ask to use the 'chargeback scheme.' This also applies if a credit card was used and it cost less than £100. If the purchase was made by credit card and was for between £100 and £30,000 you can contact the credit card company and ask for a 'section 75' claim to get your money back.

To report counterfeit goods or get help getting your money back contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service (citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-morehelp-about-a-consumer-issue/). You can also report the seller to Trading Standards who investigate criminal activity. (citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/).

This is just one example of the problems that people ask us for help with.

We are a volunteer led charity and demand for our services continues to grow. If you are interested in joining us at CA TNMWD as a volunteer, please contact recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk. Full training and ongoing support provided.

Rosanna Teale

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

Volunteer With Us

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



Attention:

Please read this before going onto the next page...

It's about helping to keep you contactable in an emergency and what you can do to achieve this.

External Key Safe

In an emergency what would happen if you could not get to the external door to unlock it for the emergency services or a neighbour? To save forced entry which could result in a delay in getting in, the key to the door is put in an external key safe.

The safe numbers must be given to the surgery for them to put on your records. If the emergency services are called, the numbers will already be on your records for their quick entry to your property. A trusted neighbour could also know the number.

Emergency Information

A small specially marked plastic pot contains a form that you fill in with your details and is then put in your fridge.

This arrangement is known to the emergency services.

If you are taken ill suddenly or an accident happens, this will provide vital details about you or who to contact. Two special unique

stickers are provided to be fixed to the fridge door near the handle and on an inside door in the hallway. Jean Martin (**0164724586**) has these pots to give away.

Did you know that emergency number **999** is unique to the UK only. When on the continent it is **112** (which can also be used instead of 999 in this country).

Emergency Phone Button

A big help if a situation arose in the dark, a power cut or help is required and the mobile phone is not with you or low on battery.

Remember the raised DOT on the number 5 button of your cordless phone for location. Just add a contact's number to the 5 button. In an emergency press the 5 button followed by the green call button and your contact would be called. See February's Newsletter.

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

Banks fraud department: **159**

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

The Joys of Spring!

By March the real joy of fresh leaves unfurling has begun. The days are longer, daffodils are blooming and although it can still be chilly, there is definitely excitement in the garden.

The bird feeder is full of activity from competing finches and tits. They will be building nests so any hedge trimming will now have to wait until autumn.

Prunings from shrubs (such as colourful Cornus and Salix) can be woven into an attractive container for fleece to hang in trees as helpful bird nest material.

March is perhaps the best time to mulch borders. Remove weeds and finish dividing plants

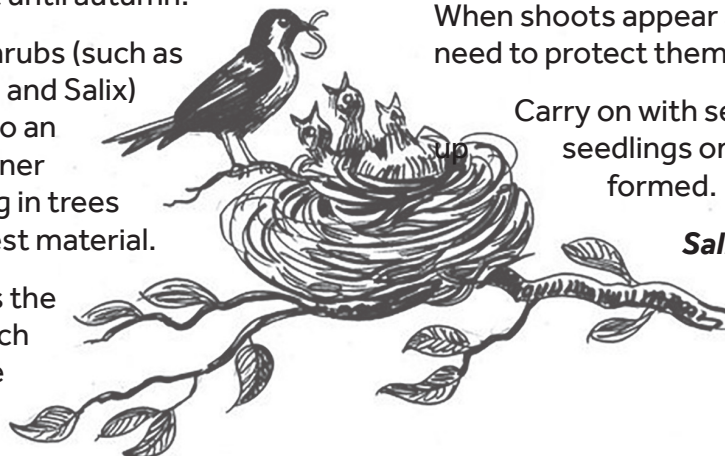
then you can apply a final mulch before there is too much new growth.

Dahlias can be started into growth under cover by spreading out healthy tubers over dryish compost.

Towards the end of March you should be able to plant out your chitted seed potatoes. When shoots appear above the soil you might need to protect them from frost.

Carry on with seed sowing and potting seedlings once true leaves have formed.

Sally Rix



Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

The Lent Course The course continues and explores the seven signs or miracles of Jesus in John's Gospel; Wednesdays 3pm at Pathfinder Church, and 7pm as an online Zoom Meeting, please email revwood163@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

Wedding Dress Exhibition

If you would like to get involved and help with the Wedding Dress Exhibition (1st-3rd May), please attend the meeting at 3pm on 14th March in the church. If you would like to display a dress or lend a display mannequin for the Exhibition, please contact Julie on **01647 24628**.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 9th April, 7pm, the Spalding Hall

The Churchyard Plant Sale

Saturday 9th May in aid of church funds. As usual, we ask if you would kindly sow a few extra seeds and take some cuttings to share and donate on the day.

The Food Larder

The 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.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Churchwarden

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Services are a bit different this month because our Family Service is on Mothering Sunday instead of the 4th Sunday. We would love to see many of you there.

Café Company

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

Community Lunch

Monday 2nd, 12:15 for 12.30pm

Services for March

Sunday 8th March, 9.30am
Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March, 11.15am
Family Service
Mothering Sunday: Come and make a gift for Mum! Coffee and cake from 11am

Carol Price
07806 856256

West Down Evangelical Chapel

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

March 2026

Sunday 1st, 11am:
Morning Worship with Paul Squires

Sunday 8th, 11am:
Morning Worship with John Allan

Sunday 15th, 11am:
Morning Worship with Rev John Passmore

Sunday 22nd, 11am:
Morning Worship with Peter Boddington followed by Chapel Lunch (please book with Kate)
2-3pm: Prayer Fellowship

Sunday 29th, 11am:
Morning worship with Ben Hoben

Ladies Bible Study, Venbridge House
Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st, 10.30am

Friends & Neighbours

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

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

Messages from St Mary's

Is Spring Here?

I was amused to see what comes after Christmas in the different shops in January.

As the aisles were cleared of unwanted Christmas tinsel and baubles, there was new stock waiting to take its place. In the supermarket, the Christmas sweets were immediately replaced with Easter Eggs. It is hard to imagine people thinking in the first week of January, 'I must buy some Easter eggs for April.'

In Poundland, the Christmas stock was replaced with gardening equipment and seeds. In the DIY shops, it is the season of redecoration and paint. Most exciting of all, was the chemist in which Christmas gifts for him or her were replaced with aisles of sun cream.

If I were given a choice in the first week of January, it would not be Easter eggs, gardening, or decorating; it would be somewhere hot where I would need plenty of sun cream!

The shops reflect what we might want or need as customers. In fairness to the shopkeepers, they are gearing up for Spring, although, by my timing, it is a little premature.

It is always intriguing as to when Spring has sprung. However, as Spring refers to both the season of weather and time, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth. None of that long list happens all on one day.

Spring has sprung when you determine what you base it on.

For most of us, it is when it gets warmer and brighter, which changes each year depending on which weather system is in control. Perhaps we need to rely on nature to

tell us when we see the bulbs appearing and blossoming in the trees. Again, it is not an exact science.

As we move through March, various events and dates will signal the arrival of spring.

From the point of resurrection, we will not have to wait much longer for Easter, which is on Sunday, 5th April.

The last week of March marks the beginning of Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday, 29th March. It is called Palm Sunday because, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, the crowds laid down palm branches and their coats to create a special path for Jesus' entry. It would be like the entrance of a King.

There is great excitement and expectation that Jesus is going to do something special. For many, they hoped that Jesus might liberate them from Roman oppression. They pictured God working against the oppressors in terms of power overcoming power. Those same crowds would call for Jesus' death by crucifixion.

Jesus came to show that love and forgiveness have more hope than mortal or earthly power.

March will end with the darkness of death hanging over Jesus. We have to wait for April to spring Jesus from the tomb. We will get a glimpse of God's amazing love.

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.

March Services

Sunday 1st: Lent 2

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

Thursday 5th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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Sunday 8th: Lent 3

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

Sunday 15th: Mothering Sunday

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

Thursday 19th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Wood
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Sunday 22nd: Lent 5

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

Sunday 29th: Palm Sunday

10.30am	Whitestone	Team Communion	Rev Martin Wood
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Joint Palm Service	Rev Martin Wood

Monday 30th: Holy Monday

7pm	Holcombe Burnell	Compline	Rev Martin Wood
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Tuesday 31st: Holy Tuesday

7pm	Cheriton Bishop	Compline	Rev Martin Wood
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CB Parish Council

Minutes of the CB Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th February, 7pm, Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop

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

Attending: Parish Clerk – J Clark

1. **To receive Declarations of Interest.** Cllr O'Neill declared an interest in item 4.1. as the site for the proposed property is not far from his home.
2. **Public Discussion: A member of the public commented that vehicle activated speed signs that recognise cars going at the correct speed by showing a smiley face may be an alternative to the current display in the village.** Cllr Marshall commented that this was an option at the time of purchase but the parish council decided to take the option showing the speed instead. The member of the public commented that the white lines in the village seem to be fading and in places are non-existent, particularly in the centre of the village by the public house. This is the responsibility of Devon County Council Highways. The parish council is currently waiting to hear back about many Highways issues. No further action regarding white lines to be taken at this time.
3. **To receive and accept apologies.** DCC Cllr Cairney and MDDC Cllr Chenore.
4. **Planning**
 - 4.1 26/00103/FULL Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings
Land at NGR 277077 93196 Adj Glenthorne Cheriton Bishop Devon

The council did not discuss this item as a declaration of interest resulted in the council being non-quorate and thus could not vote. The Chair wished to note that this is now a recurring problem and despite several attempts to publicise the lack of councillors and asking for people to consider becoming a parish councillor, there are still only four out of nine council members sitting for Cheriton Bishop.
 - 4.2 25/01698/PIP Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 dwelling
Land at NGR 277600 93021 East of Hill View Cheriton Bishop Devon

This is for information only. The parish council was not part of the consultation process for a Permission in Principle application. Granted by MDDC
5. **Planning Decisions**
 - 5.1 25/01738/FULL Erection of roof over existing farmyard and retention of hardstanding.
Morish Coombe Farm, Cheriton Bishop.
Granted by MDDC
 - 5.2 25/01743/FULL Coombe Farm, Cheriton Bishop
Erection of roof over existing farmyard and retention of hardstanding
Granted by MDDC
 - 5.3 26/00029/PNAG Approval for the erection of a covered silage clamp
Land at NGR 271888 92954 Treble Farm Hittisleigh (but within Cheriton Bishop boundary)
MDDC deemed permissible
6. **To consider the draft minutes of the January Parish Council meeting as a correct record.** The parish council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the minutes as a true record.

CB Parish Council

- 7. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.** Cllr Binks said the Local Government Review is underway and there is a link for people to comment on the MDDC website. Cllr Binks said he would forward information to be included in the Cheriton Bishop newsletter. Cllr Binks to send information to the clerk.
CLLR BINKS TO ACTION. CLERK TO FORWARD TO NEWSLETTER TEAM.

Cllr Binks said there had been complaints about funding for a surgery and pharmacy in Redlands. He had asked for more information on the finances but was told it was market sensitive information. He had registered many complaints from people in the Crediton area. Cllr O'Neill asked if elected MDDC councillors are involved in the vote? MDDC Cllr Binks replied that they were not.

Having heard this response, Chair Cllr O'Neill wished to record his concern that elected district councillors did not appear to be involved in significant decisions of the local authority.

The Chair asked the clerk to put an item about feedback on the Local Government Review on the March agenda. CLERK TO ACTION

- 8. To receive a report from Devon County Council (DCC) - for information only.** None

- 9. To discuss arrangements for the 2026 Village party.** The Chair updated the council saying that the day is popular and there is a reliable team of volunteers ready to organise the event. The council resolved that current process is very successful and to use the same approach and go ahead with plans for the 2026 event.
CHAIR TO INFORM VILLAGE PARTY TEAM

- 10. To discuss adding a children's crossing sign to the Church Lane VAS post.** Cllr O'Neill reported there is a warning sign for children/parent crossing missing. He suggested the parish council fund a replacement. Cllr Binks reported that Devon County Council no longer replace signs of this kind. The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to pay for and replace the missing sign and as Bunny Homes have acknowledged the issue they will help to fund the replacement also.
CHAIR TO ACTION

- 11. To consider if the parish council would like to participate in MDDC Cllr Chenore's suggestion to create a community award scheme.** Following a discussion the council agreed unanimously by a show of hands it is in favour of a community awards scheme and a shared awards event with other parishes in the ward. Clerk to inform Cllr Chenore. CLERK TO ACTION

- 12. To consider if the parish council wishes to nominate someone to attend the Royal Garden Party.** Following a discussion, a nominee was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

- 13. To consider proposed parish council priorities for 2026-2027 as outlined in the minutes of the January meeting and propose any others they wish to be added to the list with a view to agreeing the council's priorities for publication on the website.** The council resolved to adopt the priorities as minuted in the January meeting unanimously by a show of hands. Clerk to publish on the parish council website.
CLERK TO ACTION

- 14. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets.** Cllr Marshall updated the council on the expenditure and extent of mowing done by the parish council in the village, including the play area, grass verges and the Village Green. Following a discussion, the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to continue with the arrangements as they stand.

Cllr Marshall reported that no action has yet been taken with regard to replacing the broken finger post and he will update the council as soon as he hears from the contractors. ,

- 15. To receive and approve monthly income and expenditure report and bank reconciliation as at 31st January, 2026.** Expenditure Jan 2026 £554.59. Income 0. Bank reconciliation – shared, noted and signed by Chair. Comprising Allocated PC Reserves £5,150.00 + Newsletter Reserve £2,044.90 + General Reserves £20,893.15 = £28,088.05 as at 31st January 2026. The clerk shared the bank reconciliation and council resolved to approve this unanimously by a show of hands and the bank reconciliation was signed by the Chair.

CB Parish Council

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

	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary	£410.79	No	£404.56
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£105.80	No	£103.25
MDDC	Dog waste weekly bin empty	£260.00	£52.00	£312.00
Clarity Copiers	Copies of newsletter pages	£43.22	£8.64	£51.86
Lawrence Wilson	Playpark mowing	£70.00	No	£70.00

17. To receive reports from Councillors: for information only.

Cllr O'Neil reported he had attended a meeting with Tedburn St Mary Parish Council to discuss the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan. MDDC Binks pointed out that it is a big commitment and the cost is often felt to be prohibitive. Cllr O'Neill said that the neighbourhood plan has to align with the local authority's Local Plan. Following a discussion the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands not to pursue developing a Neighbourhood Plan at this moment in time.

18. To receive report from clerk: for information only. The clerk reported that she had contacted MDDC twice regarding the allocation process for s106 money and will report back to council when a response is received.

Dates of next three meetings (second Monday of the month) at Spalding Hall: 9th March, 13th April, 11th May.

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

Visit our next Council Meeting on Monday 9th March, 7pm, at the Spalding Hall, Church Lane.



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

March 2026

Dates:				
2 nd /3 rd	✓	✓		✓
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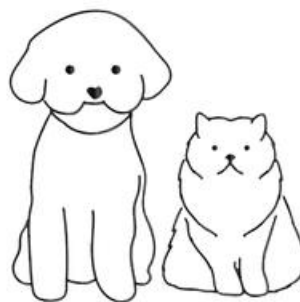
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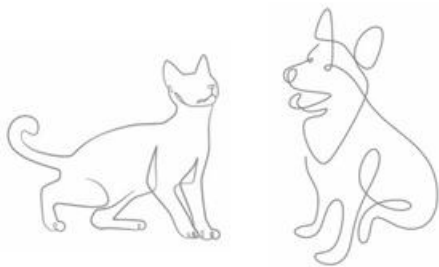
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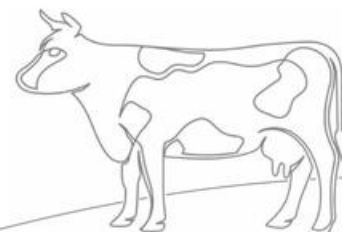
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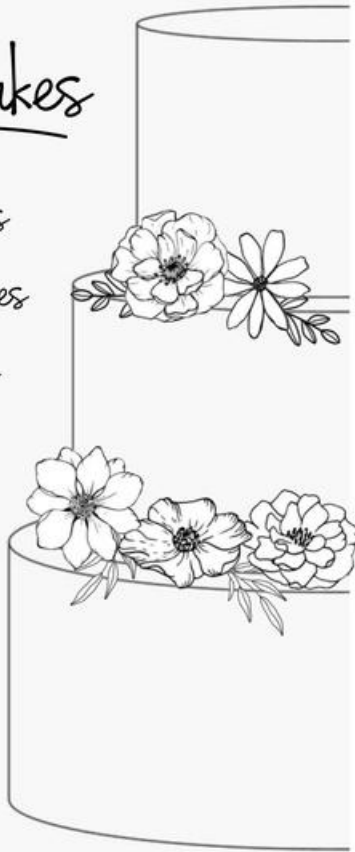
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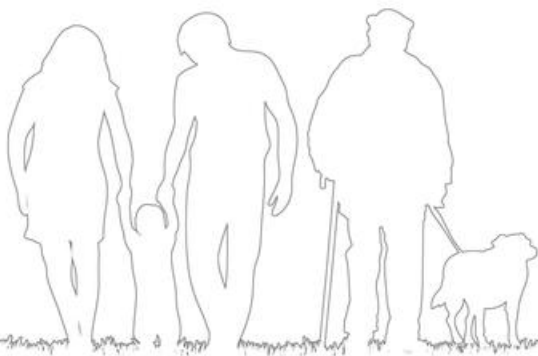
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