

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

May 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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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

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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

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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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Caroline Royle

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Member of Parliament:

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Welcome to the Newsletter

Well, the weather is definitely picking up and so have our 'What's On' pages. Lots to do and a whole 'Save the Date' page again!

I have managed to set aside some plants for the Churchyard Plant Sale and Coffee Morning. I've potted up lots of self-sown Hellebore. Do bring along any 'spare' plants you may have in your garden for the sale on 9th May.



Lucy x

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- ½ page = £100

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 - Quarter page = £6
- Email: cheritonnews@gmail.com

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- Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £25

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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/

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 second Tuesday of each month, from 7.30pm at The Old Thatch
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

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Save the Date...

6th June	Cream Tea & Mini-Show	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	2.30 to 4pm
9th June	DCT: Backgrounds	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	12 noon to 4pm
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Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

Wednesday 20th May

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

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What's On?

Wedding Dress Exhibition

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May
St Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop

The Wedding Dress exhibition is upon us. Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd May from 10am until 4pm and then on Sunday we will have the family service among the dresses and pew ends, from 11am followed on by the exhibition.

There will be a free coffee for those attending the service. There will also be hot pasties from 12 noon, in addition to other savoury and sweet treats, if you want to stop for lunch and chat to others.

We have had some lovely meetings and so many in the village have offered to help in so many different ways. We have extended the exhibition to provide a Wedding Hat display which I think will look very colourful.

The children are busy making their hearts and Martin and Laura Wood have the unenviable task of judging whose is best. Given all the classes at school and pre-school there could be over 100 hearts floating above us in the porch.

There will be a raffle to add to the fun.

In addition we will have the marriage registers available for inspection. You can take photos of any Certificates of interest should you so wish before we have to return them.

Entrance to the Exhibition is FREE, so please do pop in and see the lovely displays and look at the photos to see how we have all altered over the years. We look forward to seeing you in what we hope will be something quite special in the church.

Julie Drake

On behalf of the PCC



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.

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

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



What's On?



Fabulous Flowers

with Ann Reed

**Tuesday 5th May, 12 noon to 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Our May meeting will be led by Ann Reed, one of our exceptionally talented members. Her fabric flowers are so realistic and can be used in several ways. The Christmas tulips at Castle Drogo were inspired by Ann's creative skills. Members made over 100 tulips for the main staircase, going down to the dining room.

We are a friendly & welcoming organisation, open to all levels of experience. We promote a wide range of textile art including traditional and modern embroidery, through teaching and learning within monthly meetings, day schools and in association with other Textile groups in Devon.

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

Amelia, amispeyer@gmail.com

Acorn Community Support

Acorn Lunch Club

**Tuesday 5th May, 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

- Roast Chicken, Potatoes & Vegetables
- Salmon Fishcake & Chips
- Vegetable Wellington with Basil sauce & Chips
- Fruit Pie & Custard
- Ice cream

Please call me by *1st May* to place your order and to let me know if you need a lift.

Jean Martin
01647 24586

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?

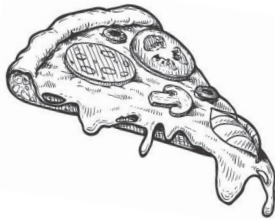
*Pizza &
Prosecco*



QUIZ

**Thursday 7th May, Yeoford Village Hall,
7pm for 7.30pm start**

£8 per person
Teams of 4-6
Raffle
Refreshments



Please book with Lydia on **07903 227415**

*Coffee
Morning &
Plant Sale*

**Saturday 9th May
from 10.30am
St Mary's Churchyard
& Spalding Hall**

In aid of church funds, and as usual we would be pleased to accept any donated plants.

**Alan Greenslade
01647 24002**



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?

Live Music Fundraiser!

**Friday 15th May, 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*



Afternoon Tea & BBQ

**Saturday 16th May,
3pm - 6pm, Underhill,
Church Lane**
(opposite Spalding Hall)

Hosted by
Paul & Jan Mitchell



*Raising funds towards
ongoing maintenance
of the Spalding Hall*



Teign Valley Men's Sheds

Every Thursday during May from 9:30am to 12:30pm

If you are already a member, look out for an email or WhatsApp message just in case we have to cancel, or email the address below.

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 & 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 below.

What are Men's Sheds?

'Sheds' are kitted-out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and

sharing skills - and for a bit of banter over a cup of 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

Save the Date...

Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

Cream Tea & Mini-Show

**Saturday 6th June, 2.30 to 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Now that spring has arrived the evening talks have finished, as we should all be so busy actually gardening that we have no time for meetings! However, there is an exception for the Cream Tea and Mini-Show.

To enter the show, walk round your garden on the morning of 6th, pick just one example of every type of flower in bloom, put it in a vase, (or jam jar), and bring it along to the cream tea.

The entries will be judged by the people visiting based on quantity of blooms and their quality.

There will be:

- a raffle
- plant stall
- gardening books
- cakes!

Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412



Building Backgrounds with Wendy Greaves



**Tuesday 9th June, 12 noon to 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Wendy is a member of the Society of Designer Craftsmen and an associate member of the Appledore Crafts Company. She explores and teaches using a range of textile processes, including embroidery (both hand and machine), resist, print, fabric manipulation and paint.

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

Amelia, amispeyer@gmail.com

Cheriton & Tedburn YFC's

Grand Summer Ball



**Saturday 20th June, 8pm - 2am
(last entry 10pm), Creedy Barton,
Shobrooke, Crediton, EX17 1AQ**

£40 per ticket. Smart Dress, DJ,
Live Band, Photographer,
2 courses of food included

Over 18's - Members and non-
members welcome

For tickets, please contact Lydia
on **07903 227415**

Update from Acorn



“May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope”

Emily Brontë

We had a great response to our Spring Raffle and would like to thank all who donated such stupendous prizes. We would also like to thank all the shops and outlets who sold tickets for us and finally we would like to thank those of you who purchased tickets. All funds generated by fundraising go back into Acorn to help support its clients.

From Cheriton Bishop

Lunch Club at The Kings Arms, TsM

Tuesday 5th May

Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a few of days in advance please). Tuesday 2nd June will be the next one.

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Wednesdays 13th & 27th May

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

Outing: Tuesday 12th May: Sidmouth

From the Teign Valley

Lunch Clubs

Tuesday 12th May: Canonteign Falls

Shopping

Friday 1st & 29th May Tesco, Newton Abbot

Friday 15th May Sainsbury's, Alphington

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

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays 5th & 19th May, 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 27th May: Cockington Court for lunch and stroll through the grounds and artisan shops

All Acorn Areas

Memory Lane Café

Thursdays 14th & 28th May

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 8th & 22nd May, 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 15th May

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.

Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team

Book Your Seat...

Seats on our minibus are allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book a seat for any of our trips, lunches or coffee mornings, then please contact Mandy or Fran at the Acorn

office on **01647 252701**



Letters to the Editor



Cheriton & Tedburn Young Farmers Club

Hi Everyone,

We have had a busy few months within Young Farmers recently, hosting events and raising money for charity.

Back in February we had a farm tour of Stuart's finishing unit, our entertainments re-run at Tiverton with Witheridge YFC and we also had our dung sale raising £596 for our chosen charity, the NHS Blood & Transplant Charity.

Then in March we had a club social at the Waie Inn sports hall where we played basketball and football. We then had our big breakfast at Tedburn Village Hall where we served 65 breakfasts over the morning.

Most recently, in April we had our Easter Bingo with lots of Easter eggs for prizes as well as roast dinners.

Coming up...

This month we have club socials at Exeter Racecourse and Exminster Golf Course and we are visiting Danes Castle Fire Station. We also have two events in the diary, a *Pizza & Prosecco Quiz* on **7th May** at Yeoford Village Hall and our *Grand Summer Ball* on the **20th June** at Shobrooke, please see posters and information in this newsletter for details.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we look forward to seeing at our upcoming events.

Ellen Pearce
Club Chairman

We welcome everyone aged 10-28 to our very active club with a meeting & socials each month. Message us if you'd like to join us! Please visit our website: www.devonyfc.co.uk/join-yfc-club/

Dartmoor National Park Authority

I am writing to let you know about an upcoming change to how Dartmoor National Park Authority will share information about newly registered planning applications and notifications.

We are introducing a weekly planning alert subscription service, which will allow consultees and members of the public to sign up to receive a weekly list of newly registered planning applications and notifications, organised by parish. The subscription service will be made available as soon as possible. Details will be on our website. www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning

Neighbourhood notification emails will continue until **1st May**, after which the new subscription service will become the primary way to receive regular updates.

We encourage anyone who wishes to continue receiving updates to subscribe once the service becomes available.

Best regards,

Anna Wych
Senior Planning Administration
Officer, Dartmoor National Park
Authority

Letters to the Editor

Tedburn St Mary WI

Members of Tedburn St Mary WI are having a busy and enjoyable year. A local group, now numbering over forty in total, have had plenty on offer to them via their WI in April 2026.

Tedburn St Mary WI aim to have a lunch out every month, providing members with the opportunity to relax and socialise, but also to give support to local businesses. This month the lunch outing is to be held at Homeleigh Garden Centre, which the group have visited before and really enjoyed.

Now that the weather is improving participation in the monthly Tedburn St Mary WI walk is possible. This April we went to Steps Bridge. The walk was a great success with 7 members, (plus a four-legged friend) walking in the beautiful Spring sunshine and admiring the daffodils.

Members also had a lot of fun when they joined the Bollywood dancing event hosted by the Alphington WI. Many thanks to the Alphington group for inviting us to this sociable event.

The speaker at the April meeting was Caryl Gibson, a qualified Cordon Bleu cook. Caryl delivered an entertaining and informative presentation in which she demonstrated how to cook a chicken dish. Members took away with them lots of useful cooking tips,

a copy of the recipe in order to make the dish at home and were able to sample the food, which was delicious. Thank you Caryl!

The 90th birthday of a Tedburn St Mary WI member was celebrated. President Jane, presented Sheila with a 90th birthday bouquet of flowers. Congratulations!

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. We also hope to start up a Book Club in the near future.

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

April PC Meeting



Regular readers will notice that there are no April Parish Council minutes in this issue of the newsletter. Unfortunately, we cannot meet without at least three councillors present and two of our four councillors were unavailable. We currently have four vacancies to fill, which would help considerably both for running meetings - but more importantly for ensuring we get a wide range of views and feedback for our work for the community.

As there are no minutes, here are a few notes about current activities:

- We are due to have an annual council AGM on May 11th, as well as a Parish Assembly. As these are rarely attended by more than a couple of community members, we've decided to also arrange a 'Parish Council drop in session', later in May. Hopefully this will encourage local people to share ideas (for example, on spending the Bunny Homes funding), ask questions, raise issues, or consider volunteering for projects or as councillors.
- The extension of the 20mph limit through Yeoford Road and Glebelands is due to take place this summer. Once completed, we also hope to restart SpeedWatch monitoring to encourage drivers to keep to the new limit.

- We finally have Highways permission to replace the fallen finger post to the church. However, we are still waiting for Highways action to replace the missing 30mph sign on the western entrance to the village.
- As mentioned above, we need to start making plans for the use of over £40,000 in Bunny Homes 'Open Space' funding, levied by Mid Devon on Cheriton Bishop's behalf. This is limited to new open space projects and we have already had suggestions from last year's Class 6 pupils for some possible projects.

Finally, if you do have an interest in helping your Parish Council, you can email our clerk on clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk, or for an informal chat call PC Chair, Peter O'Neill, on **07932 660550**. Councillors can currently be co-opted without elections and simply need to have an interest in helping our local community. There's also a requirement to live or work in, or near, Cheriton Bishop and to try to attend a reasonable number of our meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Peter O'Neill

Chair, Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Become a Parish Councillor!

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

The only qualifications for being a Parish 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. Interested? Please email Jane, our Parish Clerk: clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk



Letters to the Editor

News from the Moor

Hi everyone

Somehow, we have whizzed through the first 4 months of the year. Easter may not have been a scorcher, but the weather was generally kind and there were loads of families taking part in the trails at Castle Drogo and Lydford Gorge.

Thank you to everyone who came up to Drogo over the past 2 months to see the fascinating art exhibition, 'A Woman's Place', which was on display throughout the castle. It has been wonderful to hear people talking about those lesser-known stories and giving some fabulous women a moment in the spotlight. The exhibition will be finishing at the end of April. Thank you to the group of artists 'Herding Cats' for kindly sharing their work with us.

We have a new exhibition now live in the Night Nursery on the top floor of the castle. This space is full of some of the stored collection items which aren't normally on display. I must confess that my favourite section is the 'Killer Collection' display, which is all the items that contain poisons. Thank goodness for today's health and safety that these items are no longer made like that!

Out in the countryside, our Ranger team are seeing all of the signs of spring. The bird song is building, nests are being built and lambs are in the fields. Thank you to all our dog owners for keeping paws on the path to help our birds, butterflies and livestock.

Best wishes all,

Paula

Community, Participation & Volunteering Manager, Dartmoor
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We would love to hear from you!

Rosanna Teale
Citizens Advice Torridge,
North, Mid & West Devon

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at the heart of
all we do.**



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.

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Have you ever thought about what would happen to you if your ability changes suddenly, as through an accident or a fall or your health declines. A Power Of Attorney put in place beforehand will be a big help to those taking on the role to ensure your wishes are carried out.

It can only be set up whilst you have what's known as 'mental capacity' to weigh up information and make your own decisions. Power Of Attorney allows you, as the donor to give a trusted person, the attorney, the legal right to make decisions on behalf of you, the donor about finances, care, well being and best interest. Being clear about your wishes earlier will make it easier for your attorney to support you if you become unable to make decisions yourself.

This process is not difficult and should be set up properly using either a legal party or person that fully understands the documentation and how it is to be handled.

Without a POA in place if such a situation arose, it can become much harder for your family to support you. It's likely the courts will become involved to act on your behalf which can take a long time and incur costs. This is just a snapshot of the process that is straight forward if set up early enough. Worth considering and not delaying.

Covid Vaccination

A reminder that the free spring jab is now available and you will be invited to have it, depending on your age. The last date for vaccination is 30th June 2026. It is important to have it to reduce risk of serious illness as protection from past jabs reduces over time and viruses change.

Event Tickets

With the summer weather here after a very wet winter, a number of us will be going off to enjoy activities and events.

Unfortunately there are criminals around when purchasing tickets, so it is much safer to purchase tickets from official venues or a well known promoter. Caution is advised of any emails, texts or social media adverts for ticket availability or at reduced prices. Always pay by Credit Card or Paypal for protection. If a victim of a financial scam, contact your bank's fraud department by phoning **159**.

Horses & Vehicles

Every ride or walk on the road carries a risk and we all need to treat road safety seriously for our health and that of the horses and their riders. Wearing clothing that is easily seen when riding or out walking is important.

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Fly Tipping / Waste Dumping

This concern has been very much in the media recently and dealt with by NW issue recently. It is a blot on our lovely county and for that matter anywhere. When employing and paying a trades person or a man with a van, make sure they are a registered waste carrier. The Environment Agency keeps a register for people to check who is a registered and legitimate carrier. If waste dumping is noted, contact the EA on **0800 807060**. In a rural area such as ours do report all suspicious behaviour especially vehicles parked in unusual places to the local police or by phoning 101.

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**

In the Garden

Marvellous May

May is a month to really look around and appreciate the wild flowers along the roadside, the fresh green leaves of the trees and all the plants bursting with life in your garden. There is still time to sow seed and plant for this year but already many plants have flowered and are setting seeds.

All your tender plants that have been under cover should be safe to go outside in May. There are cannas which are sending up fresh leaves, tender salvias, aeoniums and citrus trees which will all be happier outside. Dahlias that you have had in pots inside for the last few weeks will be sprouting. They can now be planted out in the garden but you might want to take cuttings from these shoots, as long as you leave at least two to grow on the tuber. Take 10cm(3inch) young shoots and remove the lower leaves, cutting beneath a leaf node. Insert these into a pot of compost, cover with a clear plastic bag and leave in a warm place for a week or so. When they have rooted pot them up individually and leave them to grow on. They should grow quickly and flower later in the year. Dahlias are something to look forward to with all their bright variations, when many other summer flowers are fading.

Soft cuttings from the new growth of many shrubs and climbers can be taken in much the same way as dahlias, although probably not with such fast results.

Strawberries will be fruiting in the next few weeks and now is the time to mulch with straw (traditionally) or whatever you have to keep the fruit off the damp soil. Raspberries canes might need to be thinned out to allow air to circulate and to encourage stronger growth in the remaining canes.

Tomato plants can be planted into their final positions now. This might be in the greenhouse once the tender plants have been put out and have left space. If you are planting them outside, make sure you have a



suitable variety that will ripen in our climate. Courgettes can be planted outside too unless you have enough space to put them inside, as they do appreciate heat.

Clematis Montana can be pruned to fit its allocated space once it has finished flowering. Prune plum and cherry trees as the sap is rising (unlike most other trees) to avoid infection entering the wounds and causing disease.

Spring flowering plants such as Pulmonaria can be dug up and divided now, as can most ornamental grasses. Cut back the Pulmonaria foliage and water the plants well to encourage new leaves.

As everything is growing fast you might want to make some comfrey fertiliser to help them along. Put some cut comfrey (or nettle) leaves into a bucket, fill it with water and leave for 3 weeks until it is really smelly! Dilute the solution and water the plants that will appreciate it, particularly the ones in containers. I hope you enjoy the results!

Sally Rix

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

Please note the change in the usual times for the services on the 3rd and 10th.

The *Wedding Dress Exhibition* will be from 1st to 3rd May, full details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The *Churchyard Plant Sale & Coffee Morning* will be on 9th May from 10.30, in aid of church funds, and as usual we would be pleased to accept any donated plants.

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.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002
Churchwarden

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

The Church yard was looking good for Easter with the wild flowers carpeting the ground. We held an Easter Family Holy Communion, blessing the Easter Garden and lit the Pastoral Candle. Easter Eggs were hidden in the garden for the children.

Café Company

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

Community Lunch

**Monday 11th May,
12:15 for 12.30pm**

Services for May

Sunday 10th May, 9.30am
Holy Communion

Family Service

Sunday 24th May, 11.15am
Celebrating Pentecost the birthday of the church.
Craft for children
Coffee and cake from 11am

Carol Price, 07806 856256

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

May 2026

Sunday 3rd, 11am:

Morning Worship with Gerald Downs

Sunday 10th, 11am:

Morning Worship with Robert Partridge

Sunday 17th, 11am:

Morning Worship with John Allan followed by Sunday lunch (Please book with Kate)

2-3pm: Prayer Fellowship

Sunday 24th, 11am: Morning Worship with David Ball

Sunday 31st, 11am:

Morning Worship with Peter Boddington

Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesdays 6th & 20th May, 10.30am,
Venbridge House**

Friends & Neighbours

Wednesday 13th May, 2pm - 4pm: Everyone welcome to join us. Come for a cup of tea and a chat.

Martin's Musings

Easter, Ascension & Pentecost

Ascension Day - 14th May
Pentecost - 24th May

In the church's year, Eastertide continues until Pentecost. The day of Pentecost is seen as the culmination of the Easter season. In the bible, we are told that Pentecost occurred fifty days after Jesus' resurrection and ten days after his ascension. Pentecost is derived from the Greek word for 'fifty'.

The day celebrates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the disciples following Jesus' ascension. We remembered the 80th anniversary of D-Day two years ago. Easter is like the D-Day landings, which gave the Allies a foothold in Europe.

Jesus' resurrection gives us a glimpse of our eternal destiny.

Pentecost marks the power to move forward with God's help to change the world from bad to good. The D-Day landings did not bring victory, but they created a beachhead to fight forward toward that victory.

Pentecost is ranked as the third most important Christian festival. In second place comes Christmas, and in first place is Easter. I do wonder if Christmas is perceived as the most important. Certainly, in commercial terms, Christmas is much bigger than Easter. Pentecost is not ranked commercially. I would guess it is eclipsed by Mothering Sunday!

This is only the halfway point of the Lenten observance, with little or no religious significance. In comparison, Pentecost is not really marked or remembered. Looking back at its history, we can see it was much more important. By the seventh century, Pentecost had become such an important festival that the whole week following was set aside to observe it.



The law courts were not in session, and most work was prohibited.

By the 12th century, this was limited to just three days. In most European countries, the Monday (25th May) after Pentecost is still observed as a holiday.

In our country, the link with the bank holiday was broken in 1967, and it was formally replaced by a fixed 'Spring holiday' on the last Monday in May in 1971. However, this year the fixed bank holiday coincides with the religious bank holiday. In many calendars, the day is listed as 'Whitsun'. This comes from the phrase 'White Sunday' and refers to the practice of newly baptised people appearing in their white baptismal garments on that day.

In the Jewish calendar, the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week marked the beginning of the harvest and a festival celebrating its fruits. This was the second-most important festival for the Jews. (The most important was Passover.) This explains why so many people from all over the Roman Empire were in Jerusalem for the first Pentecost.

On the first Pentecost, we are told that 3000 people believed after Peter's first speech! An improbable beginning for any preaching career, yet with God's help, many improbable things can happen!

Rev. Martin Wood

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop
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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.

May Services

Sunday 3rd: Easter 5

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
10am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
11am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i> <i>(Donkey Day Swap)</i>	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 10th: Easter 6

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Lay Led
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.15am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i> <i>(Donkey Day Swap)</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>

Thursday 14th: Ascension Day

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 17th: Easter 7

9.30am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>
11am	Whitestone	Parish Worship	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Sunday 24th: Pentecost

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

Thursday 28th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 31st: Trinity Sunday

10.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Waste Collection

Collections & Info

Collection days for this area are usually on a 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.



Food waste is collected weekly from your blue food caddy



Recyclables are collected fortnightly from your black & green recycling boxes

May 2026

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11 th /12 th	✓	✓		
18 th /19 th	✓		✓	
26 th */27 th *	✓	✓		✓

* Late collections due to bank holidays



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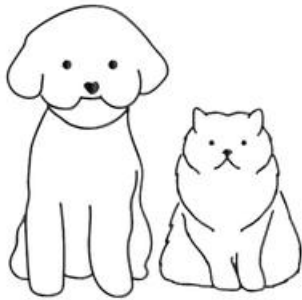
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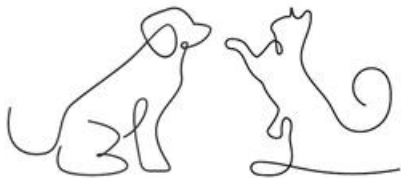
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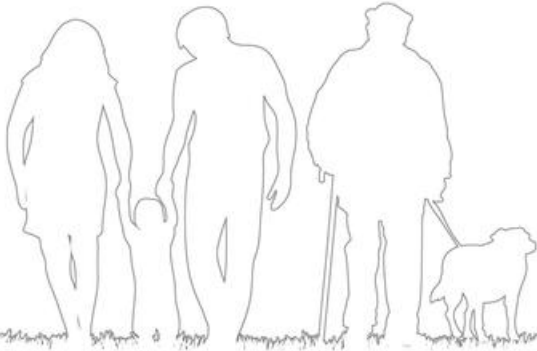


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