

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

November 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

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

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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: Su Willoughby. Contact: ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com

Acorn Community Support: 01647 252701

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

Young Farmers: Jenny Hawkey, secretary, 07376 881352

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

Farming Community Networks (FCNs) helpline: 0300 111999 or Joanne Jones, 07897 540278

Churches

Anglican Team Ministry: Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop, 01647 24119, Tuesday to Sunday
Church Warden: Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

West Down Chapel: Derek Coren, 01647 24264

Halls & Meeting Rooms

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

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

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Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillors:

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

Member of Parliament:

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House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Welcome to the Newsletter

I was a bit late collecting my hard copy of the October issue as I was away and I found that there were none left! We print approximately 250 copies at the moment, but as the village is increasing in size, I wondered if we're printing enough! Drop me an email if you have had trouble finding a copy. You can always access copies of the Newsletter online at <https://cheritonbishop.org.uk/newsletters/>

Also related to the newsletter, please let me know if you would like to be added to the 'Frequent Contributors' mailing list for a reminder about upcoming deadlines, or if you already receive the reminder but would like to be removed from the list.

Finally, please email me with any news, events and information that you would like to add to the newsletter! Any other feedback would be greatly appreciated.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the whole newsletter production team of volunteers - you are brilliant and amazing! 😊

Lucy x
cheritonnews@gmail.com



Joint Edition Copy Deadline

Please send information, events and articles for the **December & January** joint edition by:

Friday 20th November

Email: cheritonnews@gmail.com

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Email: cheritonnews@gmail.com

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- Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £25

Please email: cheritonads@gmail.com

Regular Diary Dates

Meetings, Hobbies & Interests

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

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

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

Cheriton Bishop Pre-School & Primary School: Contact: admincheritonbishop@thelink.academy

Cubs (8-10 yrs): Thursdays (term time only). Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

Dartmoor Creative Textiles: Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month
Contact: Amelia Speyer - amispeyer@gmail.com

Drumming Fitness Class: Thursdays 10am - 11am at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall
Book your place - email info@drummingwithsarah.co.uk

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

Milk on the Moove: Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm & Saturdays 9.30am - 10.45am
Located on the main road by the bus stop.

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

Teign Valley Men's Sheds: Thursdays, 9:30am to 12:30pm, Embercombe, Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ – on the first floor of the large building just beyond the main car park.

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

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 email cheritonnews@gmail.com if you need to add, update or delete info

Dates for your Diary

November

1st	Service of Light	St Mary's Church	6pm
2nd	Short Mat Bowls	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	2pm - 4.30pm
3rd	DCT: Book Binding	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	12 noon - 4pm
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Support Your Local Community

We are truly grateful to all our fabulous volunteers!



If you would like to contribute some time to Acorn Community Support by becoming a volunteer then please contact the office on **01647 252701**.

We'd love to hear from you!



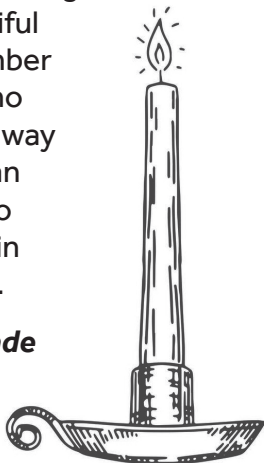
What's On?

Service of Light

**Sunday 1st November, 6pm,
St Mary's Church**

This is a service with hymns, prayers and readings and is a beautiful way to remember loved ones who have passed away and includes an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

Alan Greenslade
01647 24002
Churchwarden



Short Mat Bowls

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

Short Mat Bowls is a fantastic game to play to keep you active while meeting new friends. A game of skill rather than strength, Short Mat Bowls can be played by any age or ability.

Newcomers are welcome! Please contact me on **07775 813 676** or **01647 24582**

David Tripp
Chairman, Cheriton Bishop SMBC



Bookbinding

**Tuesday 3rd November, 12 midday - 4pm
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

We are looking forward to our November meeting, when Megan Stallworthy will be joining us for a fascinating session on bookbinding. This traditional craft will be embracing the hand sewn method, using materials to create beautiful finished journals and albums.

Amelia
amispeyer@gmail.com



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.

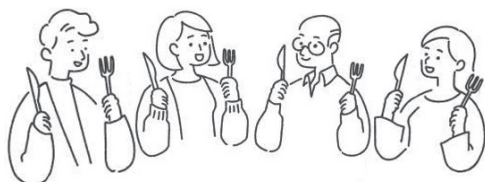
The atmosphere is always friendly and never too serious; there is a bar, and we stop for refreshments half-way through. You need not have played the game before and do not need a partner. Come along and give us a try.

John Chater, 01363 877096

What's On?



Friends & Neighbours Lunch Club



**Tuesday 3rd November, 12.30pm,
The Kings Arms, Tedburn SM**

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 £12 per person.

Menu Choices

- Baked Potato with Chilli
- Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas
- Macaroni Cheese & Tomato Bake with Fries & Salad
- Apple Crumble & Custard
- Ice Cream

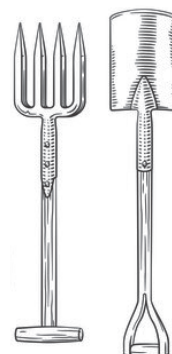
Please call me by *30th October* to place your order and to let me know if you need a lift.

Jean Martin
01647 24586

Churchyard Working Party & Lunch

**Saturday 7th November,
from 10am, St Mary's Church**

We aim as usual to clean up the churchyard by trimming hedges, weeding the Memorial Garden, pruning shrubs and clearing paths.



Please bring your own tools and do as much as you feel able, but whatever you do, please stay for lunch! Cutlery will be provided.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002
Churchwarden

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November

Act of Remembrance

Cheriton Cross, 10:55am

Remembrance Service

St Mary's Church, 11:20am



Lest We Forget

Walking Group

Our walks are not too arduous and 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?

Teign Valley Men's Sheds

Thursdays in November, 9:30am to 12:30pm

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 fee of £5 per week. See contact details.

What are Men's Sheds?

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

The current focus is on woodwork. If you have skills to share, or you have very little or no experience and want to learn, then you will be very welcome!

There is an annual membership fee of £10, and a session fee of £5 for each session. For



further details or to register an interest, or to arrange transport, email teignvalleyshed@gmail.com

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

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.

Steve Cook

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

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?



The Old Thatch Inn Presents...

The Fun Quiz!

QUIZ NIGHT

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.

**Sunday 8th November
& Sunday 13th December**

Quiz starts at 8pm
Entry is £2 per person - cash only :)

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

**Cheriton Bishop
Gardening Club**

Annual Dinner

**Saturday 14th November,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

£15 per head. Open to everybody, please ring Sally Burton on **01647 24724** to book a place and state your menu choice, from pulled pork, salmon, venison casserole, chicken and chorizo pie or the vegetarian option. Feel free to bring your own wine etc but there will be a non-alcoholic fruit cup provided

November Meeting



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

A speaker from *Hutch House Plants* in Exeter is coming to advise us and will no doubt bring plants for sale.

Seed Catalogues

Catalogues have arrived. If you would like one but are unable to get to the meeting please let me know.

Janet Jeffery, 07502 282 412

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.

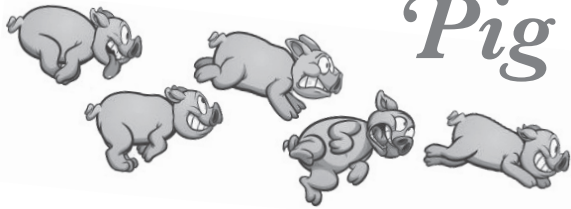
Hourly rate	£7.50
Morning (7am-12 noon)	£22.00
Afternoon (12.30pm-5.30pm)	£22.00
Morning and afternoon	£35.00
Evening (6pm-11pm)	£25.00
Day + Evening	£60.00

What's On?



The Old Thatch Inn Presents...

Byng's Game Show - Roadshow...



'Pig Racing'

Sunday 22nd November

Get here early evening as this is a hugely popular, chaotic and incredibly entertaining event! Pick your favourite pig and place your bets - big cash to be won!



Save the Date...

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th December
10:30am until 12 noon, Spalding Hall

Mulled Wine
& Mince Pies
plus Raffle!



Please come along to
support the Spalding Hall

Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

Wreath Making

Monday 14th December, 7.30pm
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

We shall be making our Christmas wreaths and serving seasonal refreshments. All our meetings are open to everybody but non-members are asked to pay £3.

Janet Jeffery
07502 282 412



Update from Acorn



“Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils.” Cyril Connolly

So, we continue this rather extraordinary year with changes, firsts and news both good and bad. However, one thing is constant, here at Acorn we keep the routine going whatever is going on in the outside world. The Coffee mornings, afternoon teas, lunches and outings all continue to be enjoyed by our clients.

Also, a shout out to our wonderful, kind and patient volunteers without whom Acorn could not exist, giving up hours and days to drive here, there and everywhere.

We Thank You!

Activities

Cheriton Bishop, Tedburn St Mary, Drewsteignton & Crockernwell

Lunch Club

The Kings Arms, TsM

Tuesday 3rd November. Contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (2 days in advance please). The next one is 1st December.

Tea @ the Hub

YFC Head Office, Cheriton Bishop

Fridays 6th & 20th November, 2pm - 4pm

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

Outing

Tuesday 10th November

Tavistock Covered Market

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Wednesdays 11th & 25th November

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

Memory Lane Café

Thursdays 12th & 26th November

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

Rainbow Club

Carers Support Group

Friday 20th November

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...

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



Extra Services Offered

Acorn offers a medication delivery service for those who have no other way of getting their medication.

Please call the office for more information on
01647 252701



Letters to the Editor

News from the Moor

I hope that you are all keeping well. It's been another busy month with lots to share with you as we shift into our winter opening.

Dartmoor Challenge Badge

A big moment has been the launch of the Dartmoor Challenge Badge. This has been a collaboration between National Trust, Dartmoor National Park Authority and Dartmoor Preservation Association, with input from Devon Girl Guiding, and tested out by loads of local groups and organisations.

The challenge badge is built around six themes that showcase the many stories of Dartmoor:

- Natural Environment
- Built Heritage
- Myths & Legends
- Working Dartmoor
- Exploration
- Who Looks After Dartmoor

Participants complete at least one activity from each category, choosing from 36 different options designed to appeal to a wide range of ages, interests and abilities. The activities encourage hands-on learning and creative exploration. Budding archaeologists can build a miniature Bronze Age roundhouse, storytellers can bring ancient myths to life through comic strips, and nature lovers can create artwork using fallen leaves and natural materials. Each activity offers a different way to engage with Dartmoor's rich heritage and distinctive character.

If you would like to know more, just visit <https://dartmoorpreservation.co.uk/dartmoor-challenge-badge/> and you will find the details on the Dartmoor Preservation Association website. I am incredibly proud of it. It has been a joy to work with our partners

in creating this together, and huge thanks to all the groups who tested it out for us before launch. I hope you will take a look.

Fostering Devon

We have also been working closely with Fostering Devon, inviting foster families across Devon to visit National Trust places, spend some time together and make memories. Over the next couple of months, the Fostering Devon team will be joining us at Castle Drogo to chat with potential foster families. If you would like to know more, please drop me a line.

Christmas at Castle Drogo

We will soon be decorating the Castle to celebrate 100 years of Drogo Christmas. The castle will be open and dressed for Christmas every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 27th November, then daily from 21st December until 31st December (excluding the 24th, 25th, 26th December when the castle will be closed). For those of you who visited last Christmas, I hope you are as happy as I am that the Service Corridor disco will be returning. See you there for a boogie!

Lydford Gorge

At Lydford Gorge, we are going to trial being open at the waterfall entrance in November and December. The tea room will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays up until 13 December, 10am until 2.30pm, for intrepid winter explorers to warm up with a cuppa after an adventure down to the waterfall. Don't forget that we may occasionally need to close Lydford Gorge for safety, due to forecast high winds or flooding, so please check the website before travelling.

Best wishes all,

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

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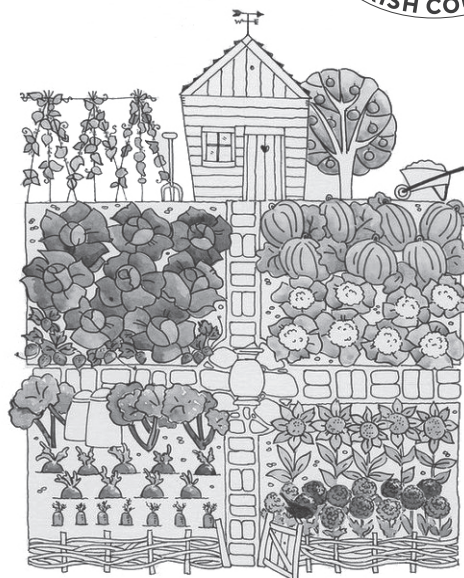


Allotments at Crossways Farm

The parish council is very pleased to report that we intend to provide community allotments in response to requests from community members. The proposal to do so was approved at the council meeting on 12th October. The start-up funding of around £9,000 is intended to come from a project application as a part of our allocation of around £50,000 from the S106 community open space levy on Bunny Homes.

The selected site is at Crossways Farm, EX6 6JD, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the village centre. The plan is for a minimum of sixteen allotments, each 125m² (a size which is flexible for whole or half plots). The parish council would like to acknowledge the support and assistance from the Chatfield family (who also provide the woodland burials site) in planning this project and making the allotment site available.

There would be a leasing agreement with the landowner at £52 per plot, per year, with an initial 12 months before first payment. The parish council would be the leaseholder and recover rental from allotment holders via a management committee, set up from allotment holders. This committee would be responsible for the suitable operation of the allotments, on behalf of the parish council.



It's hoped that the first plots will be available from Spring 2027.

There are currently ten potential new plot holders who have expressed an interest to the parish council. Other community members who want to express an interest should contact the clerk at clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk or if you have questions, please give me a call.

Peter O'Neill, 07932 660550
Chair, Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Cheriton Bishop Facebook Page

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

Letters to the Editor

Acorn Lunch Club

We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month, to enjoy old and new company, as well as a delicious lunch at The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary at 12.30pm. *There is no age restriction for who we would like to see join us, the more the merrier!*



There is always a menu of a choice of three first courses, we aim to have a choice of meat, fish or vegetarian. Then a choice of two desserts. All for only £12 per head.

If you are unable to drive we can try and get you a lift. These lunches are organised under the umbrella of Acorn Community Support, **01647 252701**.

To book your place and choice of menu, telephone Jean 4 days before we are due to meet, we would love to see you!

Jean Martin

Speedwatch Volunteers Needed

The Cheriton Bishop SpeedWatch group is being re-started and volunteers are needed. We operate in teams of 2 or 3 to monitor speeds with a hand-held radar in all of the village speed limit areas.

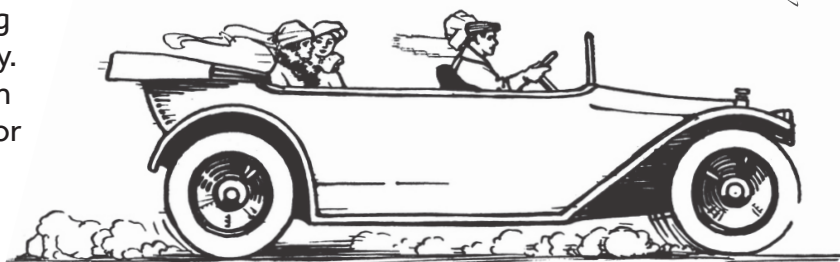
Speeding drivers have their number plate reported to our Police Liaison Officer and receive a warning letter. Frequent offenders may be visited by the police and the data that is sent in helps police to allocate their own mobile enforcement teams, who can issue fixed penalty fines.

Volunteers are provided with training, hi-vis jackets and equipment. How often you take part is completely optional, and pairs or small teams can arrange their own program of monitoring sites, times of day and frequency. Please call if you are interested in helping us improve road safety, or have questions.

Peter O'Neill, 07932 660550
Chair, Cheriton Bishop Parish Council



20's Plenty!



Letters to the Editor

Help Wanted At Spalding Hall

Cleaner Wanted

Spalding Hall is looking for a reliable cleaner to help keep the Spalding Hall looking its best. Just 1 hour once a month. Minimum Wage in line with the applicable age-related rate.



Treasurer & Bookings

We're looking for a volunteer for this role, meeting every 3 months with a small, friendly & supportive committee. We hold 3 fundraising events a year.

If you have a little time to spare and would like to help support your local hall and community, we'd love to hear from you. Please email for more information or to express your interest.

Ruth Unsworth

spaldinghall123@gmail.com
Secretary to the Spalding Hall



The Old Thatch Inn

Double Gold Winners!

We've just returned from the Food & Drink Devon Awards, and returned as double gold winners for Best Pub and Best Bar!

To our fantastic team, loyal locals & wonderful guests – thank you for your continued support. We're honoured to be recognised again for our food, drinks and warm hospitality, we couldn't have achieved this without you.

Richard

The Old Thatch Inn
01647 279460
oldthatchinn.co.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



Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Creative Textiles Fayre & Exhibition weekend in October. It was wonderful to welcome so many from our community and share our love of textiles with you.

Thank you to our members for volunteering your time to support this year's Fayre. Putting on an event like this is definitely a team effort and without your input over the three days it just wouldn't have been possible.

As you would expect we had some brilliant feedback from visitors, I won't list it all but here are some highlights...

"Definitely the best craft show I have been to for a very long time"

"Beautiful display, everyone very happy, very helpful and very inspiring"

"Food was delicious, best salad selection ever and it tasted yummy"

"Excellent, such talented members, very inspiring"

"I participated in a workshop and I hope to re-join the group when a place is available"

"Excellent display, fantastic shopping. Best event of this type I have been to"

I have learnt a lot this year sometimes through trial and error, I'm also keen to hear your feedback if you have any? In particular, what worked well and anything we can do to make it even more successful. Please email me directly if you have any thoughts.

In the next newsletter, I will also include more information about the number of people who attended and the money we have raised from the event to support the activities of the group.

30th Anniversary Event

Next year we celebrate our 30th anniversary, and looking through our archives, several early members still attend our annual exhibitions! We are planning an event next April and hope our alumni can join us with the celebrations.

Thanks again.

Amelia
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Support Your Community

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

We'd love to hear from you!



Letters to the Editor

PCC & Friends of the Church - Events

Thank You

First things first, may I say a huge thank you to all those that supported our *Evening of Timeless Song* with Austine Broad. We sold out of tickets and 102 guests packed the church. We made £404 in ticket sales after paying for the cooked pasties from Oinkers, with the raffle and donations making a further £375.83. £779.83 in total! Having someone of such calibre singing in our church was truly joyous and we are so grateful to Austine for singing just for her supper!

Austine continues to work wonders with our Junior Community Choir and we are hoping that they may make an appearance nearer Christmas, so look out for an update in the next Newsletter.

Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to all of those that attended the meeting last month. We have trees already booked for Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Surgery, Dartmoor Creative Textiles, Folkus, Hat-a-Cakes, CB Pre-School, CB Primary School, CB Gardening Club, West Down Chapel, and

Old Chapel Vintage Supplies. I am waiting on a few replies but would love to hear from other organisations that would like to decorate an artificial tree (provided), or window.

The festival is free and will open with the Carol Service at 7pm on Wednesday 16th December, with mulled wine with mince pies. Open from 10am to 4pm, Thursday through until Sunday (no service on the Sunday). Mulled wine and refreshments will be available on Saturday and Sunday, with tea & coffee only on Thursday & Friday. Refreshments will be £3.50 for tea/coffee and a piece of cake, or £4.50 with mulled wine instead, and 50p for squash.

If you would like to help at this event, please do let me know. The next open meeting is Saturday 7th November. I look forward to hearing from you. Please call **01647 24628 / 07854 954 477** or email j.drake123@btinternet.com.

Kind regards

Julie Drake

On behalf of the PCC and Friends of the Church

Tedburn St Mary WI

Members of Tedburn St Mary WI have had lots of activities on offer in October and enjoyed an excellent presentation delivered by the speakers Michael and Karen Watkins.

Michael and Karen demonstrated the art of painting on silk, taking the audience through the process of creating colourful silk scarves using outliners, silk paints and salt. Members tried their hand at silk painting and admired the range of silk goods Michael and Karen make. Tedburn St Mary WI really enjoyed the presentation and expressed thanks to Michael and Karen for sharing their knowledge and creativity with them. WI members also took part in the monthly competitions and enjoyed tea, coffee and biscuits.

Members have also shared time together over a delicious lunch at The Red Lion pub, participated in a quiz night, attended the members day in

Torquay and had a fun craft session using inks to block print onto fabric. A walk is planned for later in the month.

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 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 Hilary or Rachel.

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In the Garden

Ground Work in November

November is a busy month in the garden, as long as you can work around the weather, preparing for next year's growing season and tidying up this year's growth. Colder weather means a possible frost which will turn the dahlias brown. But there is less risk of fungal disease as it gets cooler and tulip bulbs can be planted.

As growth slows down you can buy bare root hedging plants and roses which are ideally planted at this time of year. If you haven't already done so, garlic can be planted this month. Pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs can be started as the leaves fall and show the framework. It is usually best to take out older stems at the base rather than

just trimming the ends of branches to allow airflow and to encourage new growth.

The colder environment means we can start feeding birds again without so much risk of spreading disease. Bird boxes should be cleaned out too to provide shelter and prospective nesting places.

November is a good time of year to clear out ponds and the surrounding foliage. Leaves that fall in the water will silt up the pond and there will be less oxygen for pond creatures. At least there is more chance now that the water will stay in the pond and not just evaporate as it did in the summer!

Sally Rix

Feed the Birds

During Winter, long cold nights and short days make natural bird food scarce. Keeping a bird feeder full of energy-rich bird food can really make a difference.

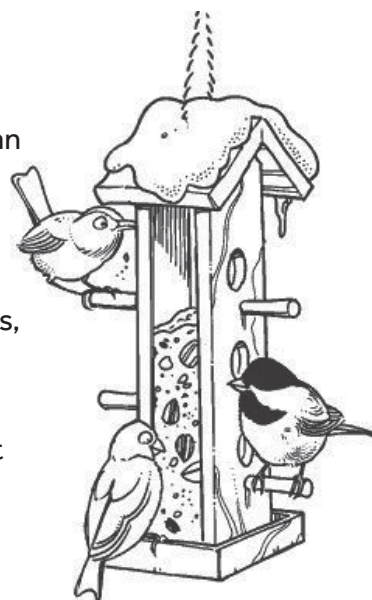
Top tips:

Blackbirds will mostly feed on the ground and will eat a broad range of foods, from suet pellets to mealworms. House Sparrows, Dunnocks and Collared Doves also prefer to feed on the ground and will be attracted by small seeds.

Blue Tits and Great Tits like a feeder, eating seeds as well as suet and peanuts. Finches, also use a feeder, and they love sunflower hearts. If you're keen to attract Goldfinches or Siskins, try Nyjer seeds as they love them. Nyjer seed is also popular with Greenfinches and Redpolls.

Suet balls and other fat-based food bars are excellent high energy giving foods for Winter and popular with a wide range of birds. Mealworms are especially popular with Robins and Blue Tits, and may attract other insect-eating birds such as Pied Wagtails.

Look for good quality bird food – those that don't include 'fillers' such as dried peas and beans, red dari and wholewheat that birds rarely eat. You can also put out dried fruit or apples and pears. Don't use anything mouldy or salty, and if you have a dog don't put out dried fruit as vine fruits, such as raisins, can be toxic to them.



Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

We had a busy Harvest weekend with a wonderful concert by Austine Broad on Saturday, many thanks to Austine, Julie and her team; then with the Harvest Service on Sunday, thank you all for the donations of tinned and dried goods, these will be used in the Food Larder.

The Team Service of Light is with us this year at 6pm on Sunday 1st November. This is a service with hymns, prayers and readings.

The Annual Churchyard Working Party & Lunch is on Saturday 7th November.

Remembrance Sunday on 8th November.

Details of all the November events are on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter.

Our Christmas Tree Festival runs from 16th - 20th December. See page 14 for details. Please email Julie if you would like to take part j.drake123@btinternet.com.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002
Churchwarden

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Community Lunch

Monday 2nd November, 12:15 for 12.30pm
Please sign-up in church

Café Company

Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November
10am - 11am

Wild Church

Saturday 14th November, 2.30pm - 4pm

We continue the theme of creation making bird feeders plus other wild life conservation activities. We will also be making stars that will decorate our tree in the Christmas Tree Festival at Crediton Parish Church.

Services in November

Sunday 8th November, 9.30am
Holy Communion for Remembrance

Sunday 22nd November, 11.15am
Family Service
Tea, coffee & cake from 11am

Enquiries

Carol Price, 07806 856256

West Down Evangelical Chapel

West Down Evangelical Chapel, EX6 6HG. Telephone: 01647 24264 or 01647 24660

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

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Sunday 1st November, 11am
Morning Worship with Freddie Hawkins

Sunday 8th November, 10.55am
Act of Remembrance at Cheriton Cross followed by a service at St Mary's Church
3pm Afternoon worship with Peter Boddington

Sunday 15th November, 11am
Morning Worship with John Allan

Sunday 22nd November, 11am
Morning Worship with Mark Stanbury

Sunday 29th November, 11am
Morning Worship with Paul Squire followed by Christmas Lunch - a special occasion. Please contact Kate on **07772 239419** to book.

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 4th & 18th November, 10.30am
Venbridge House. With tea, coffee & cake

Friends & Neighbours

Wednesday 11th November, 2pm
Craft, games, tea and biscuits

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.

November Services

Sunday 1st - All Saints

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
10am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Service of Light</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>

Sunday 8th - Remembrance

9.30am	Whitestone	Remembrance Communion	Revd Martin Wood
10.50am	Holcombe Burnell	Remembrance Service	Rev V Lee
10.55am	Tedburn St Mary	United Remembrance	Methodist Service
10.55am	Cheriton Cross	Act of Remembrance	Revd Martin Wood
11.20am	<i>Cheriton Bishop</i>	<i>Remembrance Service</i>	<i>Revd Martin Wood</i>
3pm	Pathfinder	Remembrance Service	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 12th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 15th - 2nd Before Advent

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

Sunday 22nd - Christ the King

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 26th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 29th - Advent 1

10.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Martin's Musings

Two Battles to Remember

National Remembrance Day on 11th November and Remembrance Sunday on 8th November will look back on events from 110 years ago. As we remember World War One, when armies were entrenched against each other, we also remember how we can become metaphorically en-trenched, hard to dislodge from a particular view or opinion.



The Battle of the Somme began on 1st July 1916. It is one of the most famous battles of the First World War because of the loss of 19,000 British troops killed in a single day (from a total of 58,000 casualties), the first day of the battle. No other conflict, before or since, can match that statistic. The Germans had built heavy concrete bunkers together with ferocious barbed wire barriers; the British bombardment failed to destroy either. This bombardment alerted the Germans to the impending attack; they were armed, ready and solidly defended. Eventually, poor weather, including snow, finally stopped the Somme offensive on 18th November 1916.

The battles in World War One were not confined to the trenches; we also remember the sea battles. The most significant naval engagement of the First World War was the

Battle of Jutland in the North Sea on 31st May 1916. The Royal Navy's Grand Fleet fought the Imperial German Navy. Almost 6,000 Royal Navy sailors and over 2,000 Imperial German Navy sailors lost their lives. One in ten of the sailors involved in the battle were killed or wounded.

Both sides had hoped the clash would decide once and for all who ruled the seas. The German fleet made no further attempts to break the Allied blockade or to engage the British fleet for the remainder of the First World War.

It serves to remind us of the dreadful cost of lives lost in wartime and the many injured soldiers and affected people that wars bring.

If we turn our attention to the present day, we still face the human cost of conflict and war with no end in sight. The attempts to negotiate a ceasefire have all failed.

One common theme in remembering is sacrifice. Christians understand this as we remember Jesus' sacrifice at Easter. This was brought about through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can draw several parallels by remembering those who have given so much for us, and the need to use that gift wisely for the benefit of others.

Jesus was also very concerned for those who were marginalised and cast out. We can easily repeat the same mistakes by excluding and hating others. In God's economy, peace and justice are central to establishing a sense of heaven on earth.

Rev. 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:

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Food waste is collected weekly from your blue food caddy



Recyclables are collected fortnightly from your black & green recycling boxes

November 2026

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9 th /10 th	✓	✓		✓
16 th /17 th	✓		✓	
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30 th /1 st Dec	✓		✓	✓



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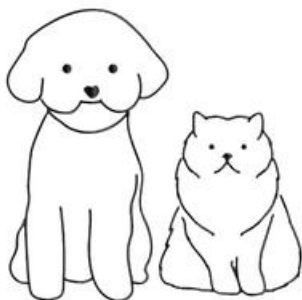
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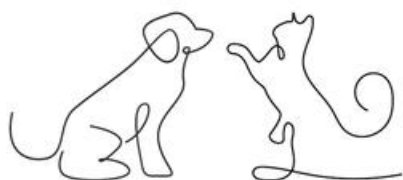
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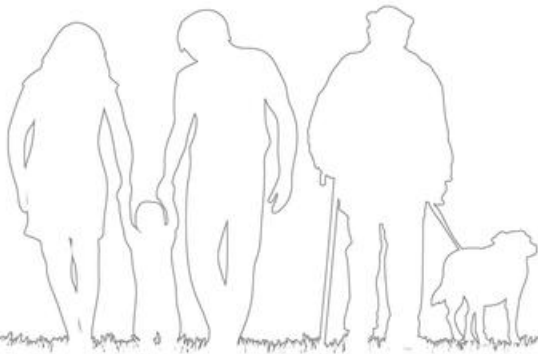
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