

## PARISH HALL BOOKINGS FOR DECEMBER 2005

Thursday 1 Garden Club AGM in HALL at 7.00pm  
Saturday 3 Playgroup Christmas Fayre  
Sunday 4 Drama in HALL  
Tuesday 6 Parish Hall Committee in EXTENSION at 8pm  
Wednesday 7 WI in HALL at 2pm  
Tuesday 13 Drama in HALL 3.30 – 6.0pm

### Regular weekly bookings

Mondays – Brownies in HALL 3.45 – 5.30pm finish 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesdays – Body Conditioning in HALL 7.30 – 8.30pm  
Wednesdays – Short Mat Bowls Club in HALL 7.30pm  
Thursdays – Short Mat Bowls Club in HALL 2.30pm  
Bowling 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December only.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Ruth Paramore and June Woolacott in  
**CHERRY MEADOW**

Will be decorating their properties with lights again this year. As lots of people came to view this spectacle last year, there will be a collecting box for Breast Cancer if anyone wishes to make a donation.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

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*A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all our readers.*

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

by

THE AD HOC SINGERS

and Friends

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
in The Methodist Church

Tickets including Refreshments

Adults: £4 Children FREE

Available from: Ray Sanders, 866213,  
Caroline Davies 866634 or members of Ad Hoc

Funds raised for Families for Children  
and NCH (Local Projects)

METHODIST CHURCH

You are welcome to join our Morning Services at 11am when the preachers will be:

4<sup>th</sup> Professor Stephen Lea

11<sup>th</sup> Rev Victor Vine

18<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Mr David Bradford

18<sup>th</sup> 5.30 pm Rev B Calvert – Candlelight Carol Service – Light of Peace from Bethlehem arrives.

25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day - Rev Barbara Calvert

### **THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHT**

We went away for a couple of days at the beginning of the winter to stay on the western edge of Dartmoor. In the evening we set out to walk into the nearby village. There was no street lighting and we had forgotten to take a torch. We stumbled along blindly unable to see the ground beneath our feet but looking up we could see in the night sky stars millions of miles away.

An old legend tells of a boy who lived in an isolated house on a hill, a God-forsaken place for a young man, but one thing fascinated him. Each night he would look out into the darkness and see a light. It was far away on a hilltop, but this sign of life gave him hope.

One day he decided to go in search of it. It was a long and lonely walk, and it was already dark before he reached the outskirts of a town. Tired and hungry, he knocked at the first door he came to, and explained his search for the mysterious light that had always given him hope.

'I know it!' replied the woman who had answered the door. 'It gives me hope as well.' And she pointed back in the direction from which he had come. There, on the horizon, was a single light shining. A sign of life in the darkness. The light from his own house.

God of light, we search for you afar but you are quite near, even within us. Through the star at Bethlehem you came to us in the birth of a baby. Still today, all who seek will find your mysterious light.

Barbara Calvert

### **WI**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on 2nd November. The Committee provided a 3-course lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and Pat Cartwright thanked the Committee on behalf of the members.

Barbara Paddon will continue as President for the coming year. We have two new Committee Members, Marilyn Kempson and Jan Tizzard and we look forward to working with them. The business of the Annual Meeting was dealt with, including the presentation and adoption of the Financial Statement, and also the Committee's Annual Report.

The President thanked everyone for the wonderful support she had received from every member during her first year as president.

We have two projects in the pipe-line at this moment, the first being a 3-seater bench we have bought with money raised at cake mornings, to be placed in Arthur's Wood for people to sit on and enjoy the wonderful view. The second project being the selling of tea-towels we have had made using a design created by Ruby and Fran. All profits will be given to the Parish Hall Fund.

The 7<sup>th</sup> December meeting will include a tea to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Devon WI's. The speaker will be Lynn Bennett, her subject 'Collage'.

Members were delighted when June announced the winner of the Elworthy Cup for most points gained in our monthly competitions, Janet Gladwell; runner up was Doreen Bennelick who was presented with the Phyllis Cheriton Cup.

### **WALK AND TALK**

The next walk will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2pm outside the Parish Church. Do come and enjoy some fresh air, social time and warm up afterwards with a cuppa at the Nunns House.

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Mrs Lillian Newport regrets that, due to failing sight, she is unable to send Christmas Cards to her many friends in the village. She would like to wish them a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and thanks them for all their help in 2005.

## **BRILLIANT BONFIRE**

A very big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the village bonfire on 5<sup>th</sup> November. We took over £1,000 on the night, which was amazing! With this, we were able to cover all of our costs, replenish our £200 reserve AND donate £60 to the PTA who helped run the BBQ. Thanks to Eric Cheriton for the use of his field and to David Yeandle for his help with the tractor and rubbish, and to those who helped with the Fireworks. Thanks must also go to the School who made 2 excellent Guys and congratulations to Thomas Martin who won the poster competition.

The weather stayed dry and a great night was had by all. Thanks to everyone who came.

Malcolm Yeates

## **GARDEN CLUB**

At the beginning of the November meeting, the Chairman, Mrs Sarah Tricks paid tribute to the late Ron Carr, who had given faithful service to the Club over many years and had been the instigator of the Carr Shield for the most potatoes grown by a young person. Members stood for a minute's silence to remember Ron in their own way.

The speaker for the evening, Jenny Short, from North Curry, showed us both with slides and plant material, examples how we could continue to have colour and interest in our gardens during the winter months. She willingly answered many questions and helped members with their horticultural problems.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall followed by a Bring and Share Supper.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to the Autumn Cream Tea Afternoon in October, and to all who supported the event in any way. Thank you to Linda Tonkin and her Brownies – Vicky, Lauren, Lucy and Alice for helping during the afternoon, and to Marian Beresford and Gwyn Anstey for contributing with their craft stalls. £263. was raised, and goods totalling £190 were also sold (approx half of which is profit).

Jenny Burg

## **OBITUARY – CYRIL CAVE**

Cyril Cave was born in Liverpool in 1920, and spent many happy times on the Isle of Man where some of his relatives lived. He had a younger brother, and when war came, they both joined the RAF, his brother being directed to Fighter Command, and Cyril to Bomber Command. The war disrupted any plans for a career, as it did for so many young people. As well as serving as a pilot with his compatriots, Cyril also flew with Poles and at one time was with a Norwegian squadron when King Haakon came to inspect the airmen, and with them, was presented with the Norwegian kriegsmedal. He flew on many missions in the war, and was fortunate to survive, as the loss of life in Bomber Command was very high. His brother, sadly, did not return.

After the war, feeling called to the Anglican ministry, he studied at King's College, London University, where he became an AKC. He also won a scholarship to Jew's College, where he was even asked if he would like to train for the Rabbinate, a question which always amused him.

On becoming ordained in 1951, he took up a post as curate in Lancashire, then moved to the living of Ticknall in Derbyshire. The great house and estate of Calke Abbey was in this parish, and he had many interesting tales to tell of the Harpur-Crewe family who lived there.

Whilst serving in Ticknall, Cyril studied at Nottingham University, where he gained his MA degree, followed by a BD in 1963. He then changed course from parochial work and gradually moved into the academic world. He came to the Theology Department at Exeter University in 1965. He was well thought of in the Department as his then colleague, Professor Roy Porter wrote, on hearing of Cyril's death, "I have increasingly come to appreciate his impeccable scholarship and the originality of his ideas. He was a good lecturer and much appreciated by his students – and there was often a twinkle in his eye".

## **THE WELCOME CLUB**

The Christmas Meal will be on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm followed by entertainment from our Village School. If you have not previously come to the Club, please let Mary Nunn (866030) know if you are coming so that we have some idea of numbers. We would also be most grateful if members could try to be prompt – it is a huge undertaking for our valiant cooks, and they cannot stagger serving.

## POST OFFICE STORES

### PO

Christmas Posting, Surface mail. 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Western Europe. Airmail 9<sup>th</sup> December, South and Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East (Except Japan), Asia, New Zealand and Australia.

12<sup>th</sup> Japan, USA, Canada and Eastern Europe.

14<sup>th</sup> Western Europe, UK (parcels).

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### SHOP

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Christmas draw. This year we are doing our usual draw, plus, a prize every time, Tombola. Our charity is the Ronald McDonald House in Bristol, once again we are supporting a local Westcountry Charity. We have details about the charity in the shop.

Air Ambulance. As well as the weekly lottery draw, cost £1 per week, you can also support this worthy cause by visiting local private homes to view their Christmas lights, and donating in their collection box. A list of these is available from the shop.

Stella, Postmistress

## SWAIN CARNIVAL CLUB

Sidmouth Carnival managed to stay dry and rewarded us with 2 second prizes. October ended on a high note when two of our entries got 1<sup>st</sup> prize and a trophy at Crediton. It was Jacob's first time of entering, as a pirate and we were pleased when he got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Exmouth and 2 more prizes, a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Okehampton was another success when Kay and Izzy got 1<sup>st</sup> and a shield, we also got a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our final Carnival at Ottery and we ended well with 2 second prizes and Jacob got another 3<sup>rd</sup>, this time as Father Christmas.

Many thanks to everyone for their interest and support. We were really pleased with this season and it was great seeing Izzy take part, she loved every minutes and the crowds loved her.

## CHERITON LADIES EVENING ORGANISATION - CLEO

The skittles match at the ring of Bells was, as usual, enjoyed by all, although I don't think the serious match players in the village need to be too

worried by most of us. The supper afterwards was most appreciated and reflected the standard of cuisine which is apparent at the pub at present. Thank you. The Call My Bluff evening was well attended and certainly provided a good laugh. We managed 6 teams of threes, and the winners were Ruby, Beryl and Vera – well done.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** is our Christmas meal at Thebridge Cross Inn. By now you should have put your name down with Julia (866409) and paid your £5 deposit – if not then ring her **immediately**. The meal will cost £15.50 (less, of course, your deposit). We will be leaving the Half Moon at 7.00pm prompt and would welcome willing drivers!! Do not forget to bring your 'present' (value of approximately £2).

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Open to All** 7.30pm onwards at the home of Julia (The Old Bakehouse). A Coffee Evening plus Bring and Buy Seasonal Gifts in aid of Childrens Hospice South West.

Our 2006 programme will be available shortly, so make sure you pick up your copy of the January Cheriton News.

We are always pleased to see prospective new members, so do feel free to ring Julia 866409, June 866370 or Lynne 866683. If any members have suggestions of activities they would like to be included in the programme please also use the above numbers.

Finally a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

## THANKS

My sincere thanks to all who helped me in any way before and during my stay in hospital and now that I am at home.

Lois Harvey

## RESULT OF THE CRICKET CLUB DRAW FOR OCTOBER 2005

£10 Mrs J Ashby-Crane

£3 Mrs G Heard

£5 Mr A Goddard

£2 Miss K Nott

£4 Mrs E Smee

£2 Mr C D Sheldrick

## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Sunday	4	2 of Advent	11.15am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evensong
Sunday	11	3 of Advent	11.15am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday	18	4 of Advent	9.30am	Morning Worship
Saturday	24	Christmas Eve	<b>11.45pm</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
Sunday	25	Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Worship

**Please Note: there are changes to the usual pattern of services for this month.**

**St. Matthew Church Services** – In addition to the above services, Holy Communion is celebrated at 10.30am each Wednesday morning in the Lady Chapel.

**Sunday School** – We meet on the third Sunday of each month at the 9.30am service.

**Focolare Group** These continue to be popular. The next meeting will be at Cheriton Fitzpaine in the Methodist Schoolroom on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. All welcome. The group is a discussion group with a sentence of Scripture as its theme. Proving very popular, do come and give it a try. Tea and coffee served afterwards.

**Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School Carol Service** will be held in the Parish Church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

**Village Carol Singing** On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Drama Group, the Methodist Church and the Parish Church will be walking the lanes of the village singing carols and collecting for local charities. Please do feel free to join in as they start at 7pm from the Half Moon Inn.

**Barn Service** Once again, through the kind invitation of John and Sarah Tricks, we are invited to Smith Hayne farm for the singing of carols and the enactment of that first Nativity by local children. The Barn Service will start at 6pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. All welcome. Warming refreshments served afterwards.

## CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club held their Annual Dinner and Awards night at the Half Moon Inn on 11<sup>th</sup> November by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Blackburn.

The following Trophy presentations were made:

Battery Average – Mike Foan; Bowling Average – Ben Coe; Catching Cup – Charles Sheldrick; Duck Race – Runner up David Carr, Winner Anthony Mogridge; Best Individual Score – Phil Cutler – 101; Best Individual Bowling figures – Richard Foan – 5 for 5; Special Achievements Robert Keight 600 caps; Mike Foan 100 caps; James Gordon 2000 – career runs; David Carr 1000 – career runs; Robert Keight 600 career wickets (extending his club record).

Anyone who would like more information about the Cricket Club, as either a Player, Umpire or Spectator should contact Charles Sheldrick 01363 866952.

## ARTHUR'S WOOD

Arthur's Wood is a wonderful facility that Pauline Thomas and her family are generous enough to share with our community. It is maturing into an area of great beauty, a haven for many forms of wildlife, and a place of peace for all who care to walk there.

Many of us who visit and enjoy the woods on a regular basis are unfortunately all too aware that the entrances to and the paths around the wood are now becoming heavily fouled with dog excrement. I would urge those dog walkers who are responsible to examine their consciences and to clear up after their animals. I speak as a dog walker myself, it is not too much to ask of us.

We should none of us forget that this wood was created by the Thomas family in memory of Arthur who was a much loved member of their family and a greatly respected member of our community. Please do not abuse their trust in us to respect as well as to enjoy Arthur's Wood.

Rosemary Davison

## CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The first meeting for the Cheriton Fitzpaine Carnival Committee was held on 7<sup>th</sup> November and everyone was welcomed by the President and Chairman Ray Sanders.

Ray said that he had enjoyed being the Chairman for the 2004 carnival but that he wanted to step down as Chairman. However he did say that he would be delighted to continue as President. He was thanked by the committee for his excellent work and keeping the carnival going when it had been difficult to find a chairman.

After some discussion the committee unanimously elected Ray Sanders as President and Clive Horton-Stephens as Chairman.

The committee has decided that Carnival Day will be **15<sup>th</sup> July 2006** and the Crowning of the Queen or King will be on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2006**.

#### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH TOWER**

We were pleased to have a visiting team of ringers up from St Endellion, St Minver and St Jew recently who thought our bells were very good and would like to come again.

There are many activities taking place in the village on a Tuesday evening so we have decided to change our practice night to a **WEDNESDAY** starting at 7.30pm.

It was very nice to have David and Katherine join us recently and if anyone else would like to have a go at Bellringing they would be made very welcome.

It was fitting that we were able to have ringers from all around the area to ring a 'joyous peal' in St Matthews Church before the memorial service in the Methodist Church for Ron Carr. The family would like to thank all who rang.

David Thom, Tower Captain

**THANKS FOR THE BONFIRE**

I am sure people will agree that this year's fireworks and bonfire were splendid and that we should thank Malcolm Yeates and friends for all their enthusiasm and organisation. Without this drive we would not have enjoyed a village firework spectacular. The weather was kind on the night and we hope there was sufficient support to make it financially viable. It is a big undertaking and greatly appreciated by very many families.

Thank you to all who helped.

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**RON CARR 1925 – 2005**

Cheriton Fitzpaine Methodist Church was filled to capacity, not even standing room, for the service to celebrate the life of and say goodbye to Ron.

Ron with sister Margery came to live at Landboat from Clayhanger in 1932 when he was 7. He supported his Dad on the farm after leaving Crediton Grammar School previously attending Cheriton School.

During the war years Jean Anderton came to the village as a Land Army Girl, met and married Ron and they celebrated their Golden Wedding five years ago.

In 1945 a Ploughing Match was organised and Ron ploughed with a fairly new Allis Chalmers tractor which he had bought. The organisation has just celebrated 60 years and Ron and his tractor were there.

During the war the school bell had to be removed but in 1976 Ron and Ray Sanders re-hung it with new bearings and new rope.

Ron had a long association with the local Garden Club and was a keen grower of vegetables and flowers. He was a founder member of the very popular Welcome Club in the village and took his turn on the rota.

He became a Parish Councillor in about 1950 and was Vice Chairman for several years. He also represented the area on the Rural District Council at Crediton meetings.

Ron was always interested in sport and was a very good footballer and played for the Cheriton Club. In retirement he joined Crediton Bowling Club where he was an active member, becoming President for three years, Captain for two years and was Club Champion in 1999.

A Twinning Association was formed with Bonnesque in France and Ron was the representative of the Parish Council who went with the initial party to set up the twinning, and he signed the Charter between the two countries in October 1982.

While enjoying all these part time jobs and interests, Ron was a very successful farmer, having a mixed farm of cows, pigs and laying hens.

Above all Ron was a very strong Methodist and always worked hard for his chapel. He loved music and singing, especially Sankey hymns. The chapel purchased a new music playing machine and Ron was the first to try it out and enjoyed sourcing the best variation for any tune. He was the church's treasurer for many years and worked hard when extensions were added and repainting the décor was needed.

He was working as hard as ever when two weeks ago all the windows were double glazed by the chapel "gang".

Ron was a key member of our village community, contributing to so many aspects of village life. However, his Chairmanship of the Parish Hall Committee may be remembered by future generations as one of his lasting legacies. Ron was elected Chairman in 1997 and fought tirelessly for funds to build a new hall to replace the present ageing timber structure. He guided the Committee skilfully in various fund raising activities and employed his considerable negotiating skills in acquiring land for a Parish Hall car park, a development that previously had looked impossible.

After two attempts to gain funding for a completely new building on the Parish Hall site had proved unsuccessful, in the last months of his life he had urged the Committee to consider the options for refurbishment. The Committee will greatly miss Ron's commitment and dedication, his good humour and guidance as they plan for the future of the Parish Hall; a facility that he had always championed as a vital component in the social cohesion of our village life.

Those of us who knew Ron will never forget his infectious giggle. He loved true life stories which were very funny. He would start to relate the story, and then start laughing. By the time he had got half way through the story, the recipient of the story would be laughing with Ron but it could take another few minutes to get to the punch line.

Ron and Jean have four sons and families who all live around the locality and we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy.

Ron was indeed a generous, strong, kind hearted and above all he was a gentle man, a very special person.