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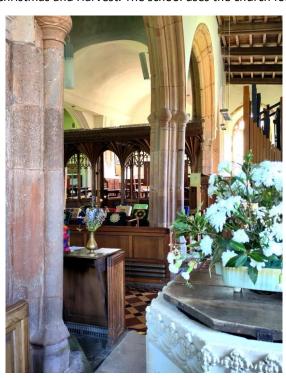
St Mary's - at the Community's Heart

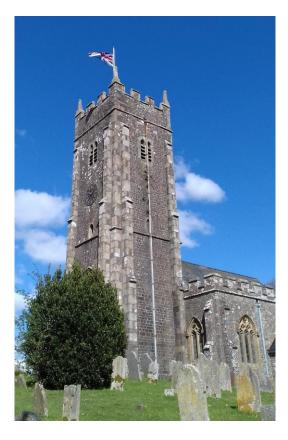
St Mary's welcomes you! There has been a church at the top of the hill since Saxon times, with the first rector recorded in 1258. The present building dates back 600 years and, although various restorations have been completed over the centuries, If you look around the building you can find evidence of its timeless history.

SMATCH – our community-based fundraising group – is working hard to ensure the building and its lovely 90-foot tower last for another 600 years! The church sits at the heart of the beautiful mid Devon countryside with spectacular views over Dartmoor and north towards Exmoor, with the mid-point of the Two Moors Way (celebrating its 50th anniversary next year) at its feet.

We are open every day from 9-6 for folk to come in, sit down and enjoy some peace and quiet – with your friends, family, dog or simply on your own for prayer and contemplation in our busy and noisy world.

Our Sunday services are advertised in the Messenger and on line; throughout the year we have special events such as the Flower Festival and celebrations at our important Christian calendar times: Easter, Christmas and Harvest. The school uses the church for plays and





presentations and bellringing practice is on Thursday nights. Please do join us any time – you are very welcome. We have refreshments after communion and family service twice a month so come and have a cuppa too!

June Flower Festival 21st and 22nd

The church will be decorated throughout on the theme of Children's Nursery Rhymes, with beautiful flower arrangements. Teas available in the Hall and the weekend will finish with a Family Service celebration at 5pm.

St Mary's contact:

Robert Vere 01363 877029 r.vere@btconnect.com Stmarysmorchardbishop.co.uk

JUNE 2025 DIARY

If you would like details of your event or meeting to appear in the **July** diary, then please let Pauline Chater know by **12**th **June** cupaulinechater@gmail.com or phone 01363 877096. You may also want to plan ahead and send in details for our future events section.

St Mary's All are welcome at our services

Sunday 1: 10.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 8: 10.30 Pentecost Holy Communion

Sunday 15: 10.30 Morning Worship 18.00: Joint Bible Study at Emmanuel

Sunday 22: 17.00 June Flower Festival Thanksgiving Service Sunday 29: 10.00 Mission Community Worship, Lapford

Emmanuel

All are welcome at our services. Morning Services usually start at 11.00 with coffee from 10.30. Joint Bible Study Group with St Mary's 18.00 on Sunday 15 Visit www.emmanuel-morchard-bishop.org for detailed information about services, Sunday School for primary aged children, youth clubs and other events

BOOK SWAP: JUNE 4 15.00 - 16.30 at The Memorial Hall.

PARISH WALK: JUNE 28 11.00 starting from The Memorial Hall

Mon	2/9/11/23/30	09.00 -10.00	Basic to Intermediate Pilates	Memorial Hall – Contact
				ivegotyourback@gmail.com
	2/9/11/23/30	From 18.30	Roll up and play Bowls -Open to	Bowling Club
			all	
	2	19.30	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall
Tues	3/10/17/24	10.00 -11.30	Café Emmanuel	Emmanuel
	3/10/17/24	14.15 -18.45	Dove Dance Academy	Lessons in Memorial Hall
	3/10/17/24	19.00 -20.00	Zumba	Memorial Hall
	3/10/17/24	19.30	Duplicate Bridge/Pool	MBSSC
Wed	4	15.00 -16.30	Library Swap	Memorial Hall
	4/11/18/25	17.30	Brownies	Memorial Hall
	4/11/25	19.30	Ladies' Darts Practice	MBSSC
	4		W.I. National AGM via Zoom	
Thur	5/12/19/26	09.30-10.30	Toddler Group – New Born to 4	Pre-school
	5	10.00 -15.00	Can't Sew. Won't Sew	Emmanuel – Shared Lunch
	5	12.00-15.00	Pennymoor Singaround	London Inn
	5/12/19/26	15.45-18.15	Dove Dance Academy	Lessons in Memorial Hall
	5/12/19/26	18.30- 19.30	Basic to Intermediate Pilates	Memorial Hall
	5/12/19/26	19.30	Men's Darts Practice – Please	MBSSC
			check for updated information	
Fri	6/13/20/27	13.30 -14.30	Visiting Post Office	London Inn
	6	17.30 – 19.00	Max and Mike's Street Food	War Memorial

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Sat	7	09.30-11.30	Produce and Tabletop	Memorial Hall
	7/21/28	19.30	MBSSC Bar Skittles, Darts,	MBSSC Note Private Party on 14 th
	1,,		Pool	On 21 st Pilgrims Charity event but
				club is still open to all
Mon	9	19.00	Footpaths P3 Meeting	MBSSC
Wed	11	14.30	W.I Life in Ceylon – Mo	Memorial Hall
		40.20	Sparrow	Was a talk a see Consul
	11	19.30	Sustainable Morchard	Venue to be confirmed
Fri	13	19.00 -20.30	Prime Youth Club Years 3-6	Emmanuel
	13/27	19.30	Darts Competition -	MBSSC
			Open to all	
Wed	18	12.30	Over Sixties Lunch	London Inn: To book a place
				Contact Mandy 877459
				mandytapp@talk21.com
	18	19.30	Tractor Club	Memorial Hall
	18	!9.30	Sports Club Committee	MBSSC
			Meeting	
Thur	19	19.30	Pennymoor Singaround	London Inn Skittle Alley
IIII		13.30	Folk music and songs – free	jonshapley@hotmail.com
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Fri	20	19.30 – 21.00	Prime Youth Club – Secondary	Emmanuel
Sat	21	10.00-18.00	St Mary's Flower Festival	St Mary's
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	22	10.00 16.00	0:22 / 51 5 1: 1	6.24
Sun	22	10.00 – 16.00	St Mary's Flower Festival	St Mary's
		17.00	Flower Festival Thanksgiving	St Mary's
			Service	
Sat	28	10.00	MB Bowling Club - Coffee	Bowling Club
			morning. Everyone welcome.	
		11.00	Parish Walk	Meet at Memorial Hall

Future Events

Saturday 19 July: 14.30 Emmanuel Chapel Fete – Cream Teas, Children's activities, Craft and Bake Sale

Saturday 2 August: Fun Day at The Playing Fields **Saturday 9 August**: Plant and Produce Show

Friday 15 August: 80th Anniversary of VJ Day Events organised by the Parish Council

NOTICEBOARD

Bus service 369

Outwards:

Morchard Bishop (Greenaway): 7.20 (7.30 Sat), 9.50, 11.55, 13.55, 16.05

Arrive: Crediton Train Station/ Redlands: 7.59 (8.06 Sat), 10.27, 12.31, 14.31, 16.43 (16.41 Sat)

Exeter RD&E: 8.36, (8.39 Sat) 17.14

Exeter City Centre Sidwell St: 8.26, (8.29

Sat), 17.04

Sidwell St (stop 40): 10.52, 12.53 (12.55

Sat), 14.53

Return:

Exeter RD&E: 17.15

Exeter City Centre Sidwell St: 8.50, 11.00, 13.00, 15.05, 17.35

Crediton Train Station/ Redlands: 9.12, 11.22, 13.21, 15.27, 18.02

Morchard Bishop (Greenaway): 9.46, 11.54, 13.52, 16.02, 18.36

Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall

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Bookings - Contact Jo Eames jo eames@hotmail.com 01363 877407

General - Contact Anton Heal antonheal@yahoo.co.uk
07970 227753

Produce / table top booking – Contact Jo Trask jotrask@icloud.com 01363 877381 or Robert Moore 07455 896589

robert@lydcottnursery.co.uk

MORCHARD BISHOP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Bar open to all members when the club is open Annual membership £2 per adult

JUNE OPENING TIMES

Mondays - all dates closed

Tuesdays – all dates open for Bridge/Pool from 7.30pm

Wednesdays – 18th Sports Club committee meeting (no darts), All other dates Ladies' darts practice from 7.30pm

Thursdays – All dates possibly open for Men's dart practice, please enquire beforehand.

Fridays – 13th & 27th is Friday night darts competition, a bi-weekly competition open to all. Final in December. Please enquire for more information.

Saturdays – 14th private party. 21st Pilgrims Charity Run Out on their motor bikes, meeting at the club before ride out & returning to the club afterwards.

All dates open from 7.30pm to members. If no one arrives before 9pm the bar staff will close the club.

This is a rough guide which may be subject to change please contact

 $\frac{morchard sports and social club@gmail.com}{for more information}.$

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Matthew & Clare

in THE MORCHARD MESSENGER

The deadline for articles, adverts and notices for the next issue is:

15th June 2025

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LETTERS - MESSAGES - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trevor Whiteley

I would like to say a big thankyou to all friends and neighbours of Morchard Bishop for their support and kindness during Trevor's long illness, and indeed the wonderful support which I am receiving still, since his death in February.

Thanks also to Emma, Sarah and Carrie at the London Inn for supplying the refreshments and your hospitality.

Thank you most sincerely.

Maureen

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Spring Covid-19 Vaccination Programme: 1st April 2025 – 17th June 2025.

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Drive-through vaccinations available at Greendale Vaccination Centre, EX5 2JU

Walk in appointments are available at most of our clinics. You can book an appointment at one of our clinics via the National Booking System or by calling 119 – Book, change, or cancel a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online - NHS

Use our vaccination clinic calendar

at https://shorturl.at/uQTUu to find the most up to date clinic information or you can search for your local walk in clinic on the Walk in Finder: https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/vaccination-and-booking-services/find-a-walk-in-covid-19-vaccination-site/

For any queries, please contact us - Eastern Vaccination Service: 07729 300349

/ rduh.exetervaccinationcentre@nhs.net

Missing Bengal cat



Nell, my small female Bengal cat has been missing from home. The Green, Morchard Bishop. She was absent for 3 weeks in April, returned fit and well for 1 week over the Bank Holiday but has been missing for 2 weeks again. The last time she appeared I put a collar on her (yellow and reflective) with a tag saying Pete Edwards 07596 915 059 on.

She is a golden brown with dark brown spots and very velvety. If she is coming to your house please can you let me know so that I know she is safe. She is neutered and microchipped and registered with Boniface Vets.

Thank you

Suzie Edwards WhatsApp 07596 915059 suzieindevon@gmail.com



Morchard Bishop Plant Swap



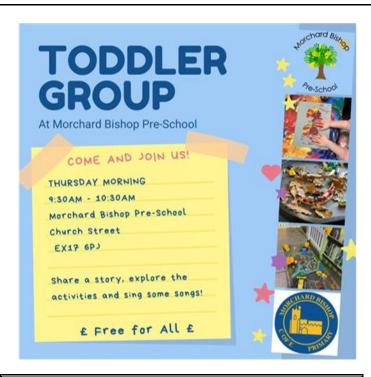
Sustainable Morchard would like to thank everyone who attended the village plant swap on the 3rd of May. It was a great success, with lots of flower, vegetable and herb plants free to take, though we asked for donations from those who didn't bring plants to swap. The money raised will be used to fund future events, and this year it amounted to over £170.

The donation of plants from village gardeners was very welcome with a wide variety grown in the village. We would also like to thank Robert of Lydcott Nursery for his generous support.

Look out for future events organised by Sustainable Morchard in the Morchard Messenger.

If you would like to be involved in the group in any way or have any ideas for the group then please come along to one of our meetings, the next one is on the 11^{th} of June. We generally have our meetings in the top room of the Memorial Hall, but we hope to have our June meeting in a pod in the London Inn garden, 7.30 pm.

Paul Tulley





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Down St Mary Bellringers triumph in North Devon Qualifier



L to R: Andy Cleave (Tenor Bell), Jenny Sparling (3rd Bell), Ian Fielding (Treble Bell), Bob Robinson (5th Bell), Ali Waterson (4th Bell), Gary Quick (2nd Bell).

The Bellringing Team from Down St Mary successfully added to last year's success by defending the Devon Association of Ringers annual 'North Devon, Church Bellringing Competition', thus retaining the 'George Facey' Shield, and adding to their previous six consecutive victories.

The competition this year was held on Saturday 10 May, at Bishops Nympton, where the bells, housed high in the tower, gave each team a challenge to ring due to the bells' clarity, which was extraordinarily audible to the judges positioned outside.

The competition, also the qualifying round, where the winner and four highest placed teams compete against the five similarly competing teams from South Devon at the Major Final, which this year is being held at Zeal Monachorum on 14 June. Significantly, this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Association, founded by the then Vicar at Zeal Monachorum.

Morchard's Weather

Phew! It's been hot and dry.

A high pressure weather system directly over the UK has blocked the usual rain showers we often get in April from coming in, although mid-April, we did have three days of rain with almost an inch per day. But virtually nothing since.

May day was hot - I recorded 24.3C (almost 76F) - and at Kew Gardens, 29.3C (84.7F) was measured - a UK record for that date. By mid-May, I had only recorded 3 mm of rainfall for the month - not enough. Reservoirs are low and a hosepipe ban is looming. Farmers are concerned about crops. One good thing is that the hot weather has deterred slugs. I have way fewer munching my seedlings this year.

The reasons for these extremes are unclear, but scientists think a change in the Jet Stream way above the Atlantic has something to do with it. This may be linked to higher than normal temperature differences between the Arctic and the Tropics. Who knows? I guess we can count ourselves lucky though. Part of the Atacama Desert in Chile has not seen rain in over 400 years. No slugs there either!

Stephen Leese

Competition Results;

- 1. Down St Mary 18¾ Faults
- 2. Bow- 28½ Faults
- 3. Swimbridge 44½ Faults
- 4. Sampford Courtenay 50 Faults
- 5. East Anstey 61% Faults
- 6. Tiverton St Paul 84% Faults

Bob Robinson

Tower Captain - Morchard Bishop & Down St Mary

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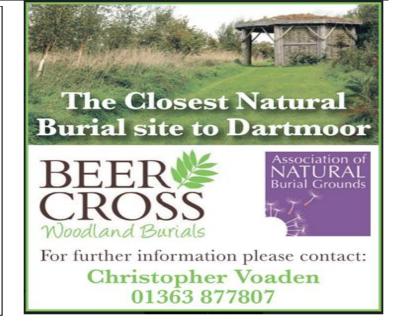
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"Like the vole, we often work in silence, unseen by many, yet our efforts have the power to transform the world." - unknown

Microtus agrestis, field voles, food of kestrels and barn owls, foxes, weasels and stoats. Close to a million voles a year contribute to their local ecosystems massively by supporting those further up the food chain. Their numbers, nationally estimated at around 60 million, fluctuate on a 3 to 4 year cycle with up to a ten fold difference in peak years, a variation directly reflected in the numbers of



Field vole (Microtus agrestis)

young barn owls and other predators can raise. With 6 litters of up to 8 young a year, between early spring and late autumn, it's easy to see how this can happen, with so many other creatures relying on them as food it's easy to see why vole gluts never lasts long.

Even with such great numbers it is however very hard to track them, they mostly don't climb up and expose themselves, and being small and mottled brown can hide easily in the long grass, or dive back into the shallow tunnels beneath the grass which they call home.

Once spotted the next challenge is to identify it: the common name of short tailed vole is a big clue. Mice have much longer tails, often the length of their body, and larger obvious ears, bank voles are smaller yet than field voles, but have a

proportionally longer tail, around half the length of their head and body. Field voles sit at around 8-13 cm long, with the tail being only 3-4cm barely a 1/3 of the size of their body and head. This stubby tail reflects their familial relationship to hamsters and lemmings. The musky smell males produce in season illustrates the familial link to musk rats.

On average they live only a year until they are eaten, sustaining themselves on seeds roots and leaves, mostly of grasses though they have been recorded eating mosses too. For those who know grasses the voles preference is for fescues, bents and hair grasses. They also make their nests out of shredded grass, as well as tunnelling through grass roots.

Those who do make it through the late end of the year will moult and wear a thick fluffy winter coat, before shedding back to their smooth summer coats.

With a grey brown top side and a pale grey underneath a little round body with a little round face they are decidedly cute.

If you find one, don't try to pet it though - for their size they are remarkably fierce in their self defence, like most other rodents they have sharp little teeth. During breeding season furiously squeaking males will even fight to the death for territory and the right to all that breeding.

There's a useful photo comparison page for mice, voles and shrews at:

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2022/03/types-of-uk-mice/

Jo Coffey

Morchard Bishop Bowling Club Home fixtures for June

All welcome to come and watch.

Tues 3 rd	v. Hatherleigh	2:30pm
Wed 4 th	v. Exonia.	2:30pm
Sat 7 th	v. Exonia	2:00pm
Mon 9 th	v. Holsworthy	2:30pm
Tues 10 th	v. Holsworthy	2:30pm
Wed 11 th	v. Phear Park	2:30pm
	v. Madiera	2:30pm
Fri 20 th	v. Victoria Park	6:30pm
Mon 23 rd	v. Okehampton	2:30pm
Wed 25 th	Morchard A v. Morchard B	2:30pm
Thurs 26th	v. St Thomas	6:30pm
Fri 27 th	v. Victoria Park	2:00pm
	v. Bradworthy	6:30pm
Mon 30 th	v. Okehampton	2:00pm

Morchard Bishop Bowling Club invite you to a coffee morning at the club, from 10.00am on Saturday 28th June.

All very welcome, come along and bring your friends!

News from your Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Memorial Hall on Monday 12th May 2025 for the Annual Parish Meeting which was followed by the regular Parish Council Meeting.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting Simon Baker was voted in as Parish Council Chairman and Dawn Parkhouse was voted in as Vice-Chairman. Bob Robinson was voted in as the Parish Weather Warden and the rest of the responsibilities held by Parish Councillors were agreed to be the same as last year. The Clerk gave a Review of the year including Parish Councillors attendance at meetings, (average 83.9% which isn't bad), Planning Applications Projects on-going and completed, Documents reviewed and the Financial Summary. He reflected it had been another busy year.

The regular Parish Council meeting began with a discussion about replacing Steve Watson (big shoes to fill!). It was agreed that perhaps not enough people knew that a vacancy had arisen as only one application had been received. Therefore, **please see the Notice of Vacancy elsewhere in this magazine** should you consider putting yourself forward – we would welcome new blood.

The Parish Council spent £951.94 from the main account, £100 from its Reserve account and nothing from the Footpaths account. The items of expenditure over £100 were £144 for payroll services for the year, £760.10 for the Annual Insurance premium, £100 grant to Hospiscare and £100 grant to North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team.

The Parish Council considered two planning applications:

25/00506/FULL	Erection of above ground slurry store	Land at NGR 277716 107798
SUPPORTED with a request for		Wood Barton, MB.
additional screening		
25/00620/CAT	Notification of intention to fell 1 Cherry Tree within	Village Green, Fore Street, MB
SUPPORTED	the Conservation Area.	

County Councillor Steve Keable introduced himself to the Parish Council and promised to work hard for the Ward.

The Parish Council agreed to make a grant of £100 to Dartmoor Search and Rescue towards a new off-road emergency vehicle. Three different training opportunities were offered to Parish Councillors to assist them in understanding their role better and two of the opportunities were taken up.

The Pothole Patrol have commenced repairing our local roads again; it's actually quite enjoyable and certainly worthwhile, so if any of you have a little time you could spare to assist with repairing potholes please get in touch with either Sarah Gillbard or David Parker. We still need people to report larger potholes to Devon Highways – below is an explanation of how to report a pothole. The Parish Council agreed to instruct Active Councils to create a new website for the Parish Council – this site would offer more interaction for users – I will provide more details once it is live.

The Parish Council considered the **Neighbourhood Watch** Schemes around Morchard Bishop following some recent thefts in the village. There are four schemes that we would like to bring under one umbrella – would the Administrators/Organisers of any Neighbourhood watch schemes in the area contact the Parish Clerk to discuss this further.

If you want to read the full minutes of Parish Council meetings, they are available on the Parish Council noticeboard on the London Inn Skittle Alley. They can also be read on the Parish Council Website: https://www.morchardbishop-pc.org.uk/

If you have any views or issues regarding life in Morchard Bishop, please do let me know.

David Parker Parish Clerk

Contact Details for the Parish Council:

David Parker: 01363 877008 / 07794 362591 email: clerk@morchardbishop-pc.org.uk

Parish Footpaths and Bridleways – If you spot a problem with a public right of way, please contact <u>clerk@morchardbishop-pc.org.uk</u> to let the team know where and what the problem is.

Every fourth Saturday we will be holding a **Village Walk** leaving the Memorial Hall at 11.00am with the aim of introducing walkers to some footpaths they may not have tried before. All are welcome to join us including well behaved dogs on leads.

Parish News (cont.)

HOW TO REPORT A POTHOLE

Go on-line and type into your search engine "Devon Highways", Click on "Report a Problem" and then click on the Icon Pothole. (Note for a pothole to be repaired it needs to be 40mm deep with at least one vertical edge and greater than 300mm wide.)

- Read the information that appears and scroll down to the blue box "Start now".
- Read the further information that appears and click on the blue box "Continue". This will open a map enter into "Location search" either a post code of the area in question, or a road and village name. You can then drag the map around and click on the precise place where the pothole is located.
- This will bring up a box "Report pothole here", click on the box and this will bring up a further box where you can report details of the pothole size and hazard etc.
- Next you have the opportunity to upload a photograph which generally seems to improve the chances of Devon Highways fixing the pothole quickly.
- After that click next and a series of boxes come up for you to enter in your name and e-mail address so that they can acknowledge your report. Click on Submit and the pothole is reported.
- You can do this for any pothole you wish to report anywhere in Devon.
- Good luck.



How can we make keeping fit fun?

Walking rugby is exercise that develops agility and thinking skills by activities and playing games using a rugby ball, at a walking pace. There are no bone-crunching tackles or head-banging scrums. Men and women play together and it's an activity for all ages that requires no previous involvement with rugby. It is popular with those who have retired and want to keep active, those who want to improve their fitness and is used by those returning to sports from injury or as an out-of-season activity. It's a fast growing pastime with many rugby clubs and other activity groups running sessions.

It's a good way to meet new people and make friends.

At Crediton Rugby Club (EX17 1EP) we hold one-hour sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings, meeting at the clubhouse at 6:30pm. Our participants are drawn from a wide area around Crediton. We have members who are held together by elastic supports, kept going by spare parts and have a variety of other impairments, so you don't have to be 'fully functioning' to join in the fun. We have sessions with other clubs, play in tournaments and enjoy several social activities.

Come and give us a try; you don't need kit, just some loose-fitting clothes and suitable footwear; you don't have to commit to playing regularly. We play all year round, weather permitting; but summer is a good time to explore the game. Just turn up at a session or come and watch if you prefer.

For further information phone or message Martin 07436877033

Martin Rich

VE Day Celebrations in Morchard Bishop

Morchard Bishop joined the country to celebrate the eightieth Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on Thursday, 8th May. The day started with the reading of the Proclamation by Parish Council representative Stephen Leese, accompanied by Angie Heal, who proudly carried the British Legion standard.

In the early evening, with many thanks to Sarah Gilbard and her team, burgers and hot dogs were available on the field behind The London Inn. Funds raised will go to the British Legion.







There was a chilly easterly breeze which meant that despite the sunshine, people left for home — or into the warmth inside the pub - quite early, but a few were still there to hear Jim McDougall read the moving tribute to those who did not return from the war, before the beacon was lit on top of St Mary's Church. Ours was one of many beacons linked up across the country as a symbol of unity.

Eighty years might seem a long time ago, and indeed it is. VE day is a day for celebration – it was the day hostilities ceased in Europe back in 1945. However, it is also important to remember those who went to fight oppression and never returned – often young men and women – some of course from this area. We will be eternally grateful for their sacrifice.

Stephen Leese

~ Debbie's Diner ~







Cost saving recipes from one main ingredient.

TAKE ONE.... ROAST CHICKEN

One roast chicken can be made into a variety of dishes, over and above having a delicious roast dinner with all the trimmings.

When choosing a chicken to buy, ideally try to buy local free-range produce if possible. The farmer who has a stall at our monthly market sells amazing chickens. Creedy Carver based near Crediton are seen nationally as the Rolls Royce of free-range chickens. They are available in butchers and farm shops across the country including Copplestone Farm Shop.

Please remember that a non-free range chicken lives its life in a cage no bigger than the size of this Morchard Messenger. All of the supermarkets sell free-range birds. They will have lived a better life for longer and the result is a tastier, meatier bird.

Left over meat can be made into a chicken pie.

- A quick white sauce can be made in minutesto make a pint add 1 pint of milk to a pan. Add 50g of plain flour and 50g of butter or Flora. Turn
 the heat on to high and stand and whisk/stir as it heats up. Keep the mixture moving and within a few minutes your liquid will start to thicken.
 Keep whisking so it doesn't burn on the bottom of the pan. Once it has thickened, turn the heat down and cook it for another minute. Season
 with salt and pepper. [5 ingredients compared to the 23 in a Dolmio jar of white sauce!]
- 2. Add the cold chicken to the sauce. Cooked onion, garlic, mushrooms, ham can be added too.
- 3. Tip the mixture into an ovenproof dish. Ready rolled pastry can be used to cover the top or use mashed potato instead. Cook in the oven on 180* until the pastry is cooked and the filling is piping hot.

Left over meat can be used to make a quick chicken curry.

- Chop an onion and fry it in a little sunflower or olive oil until softened. Add garlic, mushrooms, cauliflower, sweet potato chunks too if you fancy it.
- Add a large dollop of a curry paste of your choice eg Patak. Stir it through and let it cook for a minute or two before adding a tin of coconut milk.
 This may be lumpy at the top of the tin.... this is normal! It will melt beautifully into the sauce. Stir it through.
- 3. Add your left-over meat to the sauce and stir it through. Cook on a medium heat it until all the vegetables are cooked.
- 4. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add fresh coriander and serve with cooked rice.

Sandford Summer Show – 10 August 2025, Parish Hall at 2pm

Sandford Summer Show 2025 planning is hotting up - must be all that sunny weather!

We need lots of produce entries from both novice growers and seasoned professionals. Whether it's fruit, flowers, tomatoes, beetroot, onions, herbs, the longest runner bean or the freakiest vegetable, there is something for everyone. Get your copy of the entry form to see the many categories you can choose to enter.

Crafters, artists, photographers and cooks can join the competitions with their best efforts. Age is no bar – there are categories for everyone!

We could do with some help too - setting up on Saturday 9 August, clearing up on Sunday afternoon 10 August, helping in the kitchen during the show, baking some small cakes (the prettier looking the better) or maybe a tray bake for the café. Please message on the email below if you could offer help.

Competition entry forms available at Sandford Community Stores or via email sandfordsummershow@gmail.com Growers – may the weather be with you!

On behalf of the Sandford Summer Show Committee

News from your local Citizens Advice



We have just finished compiling our Annual Reports for 2024-25. In them we relate our impact on local communities. They will be available before the end of May on our website and make for interesting reading.

Inquiries about welfare benefits, energy, debt and housing remain key areas where people need our help. We have covered advice on all of these issues over time and shall doubtless be doing so again. However, this month I'd like to talk about another aspect of our work and ask for your help!

In-house we refer to our Research and Campaigns which roughly translates into trying to make society fairer. This is a lesser-known aspect of our work but every bit as important as the advice and help we give, because it enables us to put pressure on the decision makers where we see something is unfair. Our charity is highly respected and people listen to us. We also maintain relationships with our local MPs and councillors. Whilst maintaining the highest standards of confidentiality, we compile compelling data to support our causes. We support this at both local and national levels and are very active locally, getting out and about in the community and undertaking surveys which are a vital part of this work.

We recently published a report on the impact of the cost of living crisis based on our local research. Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon 2024 Living Standards Report - Rural Devon Citizen's Advice We were also delighted when Karen Plum, our Research and Campaigns volunteer received an "Unsung Hero" award at the recent Research and Campaigns national conference. She and our Team Leader Laurence Atkinson, who heads our Research and Campaigns work, put a great deal of time and energy into this crucial aspect of our work.

Which leads me to my request for help! As part of a Devon-wide campaign we seek information from people experiencing problems with repairs in private or social rented properties. There is a simple form here https://forms.office.com/e/0gRCPqVggG and if you could complete it for us it would be really helpful. We can't undertake to try and resolve any issues you may have but it will help us to escalate what is a very real and widespread problem.

We would also like to hear from you if you do seasonal work in the area and are on means tested benefits, as we are also picking this up as an issue that needs serious review for people finding it hard to make ends meet. If you can help us with this, please use the following link. campaigns@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk

As ever, we are looking to grow our volunteer numbers in our drive to help more people. We are running a volunteer taster session in Barnstaple on Thursday June 5th. from 10.00am – 12.00pm. I am reliably informed that cake will feature on the agenda. If you would like to attend please register here:

Volunteering Taster Day - Registration of Interest We would love to see you there!

Rosanna Teale

Libraries in Devon get their very own summer reading challenge

Libraries Unlimited are launching The Summer Book Quest for kids. Children across Devon are going to be able to take a Deep Sea Adventure at their local library this summer as Libraries Unlimited launch their very own reading challenge.

Based on the charity's popular reading challenge for five to twelve-year-olds 'The Secret Book Quest', The Summer Book Quest sees beloved characters Pip, Zena and Libro head off on a new adventure. The theme for the first year is The Deep Sea Adventure, based on the Underwater Zone in The Secret Book Quest.

The aim with creating this unique quest, is to engage as many children as possible in reading over the summer holidays and making it fun and engaging. To complete the quest, children are challenged to do three things: visit the library, read what they love and complete one or more of The Summer Book Quest activities. Each completed task gives them a sticker and once they have them all they get a finisher sticker, keyring and certificate.

Activities are tied into the theme of The Deep Sea Adventure and offer lots of choices including 'draw a sea creature, real or imagined', 'try a water activity like swimming or rock pooling' and 'tell a member of staff an underwater fact'. To be more inclusive, children can now count how often they read for ten minutes or more or count how many books they read - they choose.

Devon children's author Dan Metcalf was commissioned to create the story which introduces new characters including ninja starfish. And Emily Fox, who created the illustrations for The Secret Book Quest and Libros Friends, has done the illustrations.

Libraries Unlimited have linked up with Active Devon, Surfers Against Sewage and Surfing England for The Summer Book Quest. Surfing England will be sharing the information with their surf clubs across the county and providing prizes. Surfers Against Sewage are providing activity resources to libraries including access to their online Ocean School, they're also providing prizes. Active Devon are supporting by promoting the challenge and encouraging families to visit their local community pools.

Libraries across Devon are also teaming up with their local sports centres, including Mid Devon Leisure and Fusion Lifestyle, to offer free or discounted swim sessions as part of The Summer Book Quest. encouraging families to get active and enjoy time together as part of the challenge. The Summer Book Quest will be launched on 12th July and is available until 6th September. It's completely free to join the library and take on the quest, just head down to your local library and they will give you a pack to get you started on The Deep Sea Adventure!

Stepping into the Future

As I write this we are all marvelling about the glorious weather during the past two to three months. It is forecast to remain fine for the next ten days yet when you read this we might have had to seek out wet weather gear, such is the climate in south-west England. Although some may be longing for a good downpour we must be grateful for our variable climate, it contributes to the landscape, the farm land, the hedgerows, the vistas, and all illustrate the beauty of our environment.



During this unseasonably dry Spring people have been inspired to take walks more than in wetter years. Walking has all the benefits available in exercise classes, well-being centres, and alternative

therapy groups, without having to go far from home. And it is free. Not only is it of benefit physically, enabling people to go at their own pace and to build up strength, but mentally the benefits are untold. All the senses are stimulated, natural vitamin D is drawn into the body by simply being outside, life seems brighter, and problems manageable. After a day at work, in the garden, or at school, the body can be revived. Alternatively, some prefer to walk at the beginning of the day, giving them the energy required for the day ahead. What is more it is something that generations can share together.

Wherever we live we should take some responsibility for our environment, living in a village in Mid Devon the incentive to do this should be obvious. The footpaths of Morchard Bishop are a part of our history. The reasons for ensuring they are used and maintained may have changed but they are still an important part of our village. We have a duty to ensure that we pass them to future generations.

The Parish Paths Partnership (P3) is managed by Devon County Council and each parish has a responsibility to maintain the paths

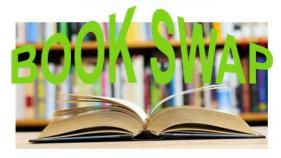
and to ensure that they are used. Morchard Bishop has fulfilled this remit with diligence. Devon County Council recognise this diligence and have allocated additional funding when it has been necessary. Each parish sets an annual budget which has to be approved by DCC, if acceptable the funds are transferred to the parish P3 bank account. With cutbacks and lack of resources throughout the country we want to maintain our good relationship with DCC and show how much the rights of way mean to our community.

With 62 rights of way to maintain we ask everyone in the village to play their part. Simply walk the paths AND send an email to footpaths@morchardbishop-pc.org.uk to let us know that you have used a right of way. One email from any one person during a year will be fine, however, the more people that are recorded having used the path, the stronger our claim for the annual budget from DCC. Should any maintenance issue be found it is helpful if you can send a photograph. Some people have gone one step further and committed themselves to becoming a Footpath Friend. As a Footpath Friend you are given a large scale map and requested to send at least one report a year; alternatively, you can 'adopt-a-path' and monitor a particular route during the course of a year.

Jacqueline Patten
Footpaths Co-ordinator

Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall WEDNESDAY 4th June

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VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the resignation of Steve Watson, Morchard Bishop Parish Council has a potential vacancy for a Parish Councillor

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Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas

Install water butts on sheds as well as household down pipes (Each household can get one free from SWW)

Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes

Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes

Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside

Mow lawns once a week

Plant out summer bedding

Stake or support tall or floppy plants

Prune many spring-flowering shrubs

Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

Jo Coffey



Sunday 10 August 2025, Parish Hall at 2pm

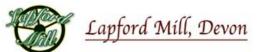
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Sustainable Morchard

Sustainable Cities 2

Most cities, certainly during periods of rapid in-migration, grow organically with little or no planning controls. As nations become more developed, and their populace better off, the authorities are able to exert more control over urban development. LICs (low income countries) planning controls remain weak in the face of large-scale rural-urban migration.

Rio de Janeiro has grown from 3 million in 1950 to 13.5 million today. Most of this growth is the result of in-migrants moving to Rio in search of a better life. This rapid growth makes it impossible for the authorities to provide enough housing, jobs or healthcare, for example. People therefore need to find their own solutions.

On arrival to the city the migrants first concern is shelter and personal safety. Without contacts in the city these two needs are unlikely to be met, with new arrivals sleeping on the street. Finding work is as important as finding somewhere to live.

The first step on the housing ladder is to build your own "temporary" shelter. Often this involves getting together with other in-migrants and planning an "invasion" of unoccupied land. The planning phase

may take months as materials are gathered and suitable sites chosen. The land chosen will be occupied illegally and will comprise the least desirable sites in the city - the outskirts, steep land, marshy land and alongside railways, for example. These sites have repelled legitimate land users due to their undesirability.

When everything is planned the migrants will build a reduced number of shelters rather than starting and not finishing a lot of shelters. They will build these from scrap wood and metal sheeting, plastic bags and tyres - anything that may be useful. The





authorities may well decide to remove these shelters, often using bulldozers. The in-migrants will regroup and rebuild their shelters. This pattern may be repeated several times before the authorities realise it is too big a problem to be resolved.

Once left alone the in-migrants will start to upgrade their shelters, replacing plastic sheets with brick walls. They will also badger the authorities to transfer the tenure of the land to the squatters (people illegally occupying land) - many sites are either of unknown ownership or owned by the authorities.

Once they have security of tenure they can work with the authorities in securing electricity, water supply and drainage. After 20 years or so the "shelters" will be perfectly respectable homes and may be put up for sale as the migrants move up the housing ladder. In this respect, the migrants have solved their own housing crisis. This solution is being increasingly recognised by the authorities who are less inclined to bulldoze the settlements (called favelas in Brazil) and will work together with the inhabitants.

Lack of work is also solved through self-help. With no social security support it is essential that the newly arrived migrants find a way to make a living. They may make and sell street food, work as porters, type letters for people who can't read, clean shoes or rifle through rubbish tips - the possibilities are endless. There are disadvantages with these informal jobs, such as being unregulated and not paying taxes, but they do solve a problem for the authorities. Again, the authorities are taking a much more liberal view of informal jobs.

Paul Ticehurst



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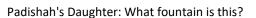
Folk Tales Corner

Tipis, tipis

Amongst the regular features of folk tales is the repeated, formulaic exchange of questions and answers. We are introduced to this with such well known phrases as "Little pig, little pig, let me in!" And "Who's that trip-trapping over my bridge?".

There is a Turkish story called "The Padishah's Daughter who married a donkey skull" (Yes, it is utterly as bonkers as it sounds, but great fun!) in which the titular Padishah's Daughter, having lost her strange, magical husband heads off to find him. On the way she stops at the feet of a series of mountains, each time waiting at a fountain* until a lady walks up.

The exchange here follows this pattern:



Lady: it is The Pearl Fountain.

Padishah's Daughter: You have pearls in your hair, you have pearls on your clogs, you come to the fountain for water - tipis, tipis**. Have you seen my husband pass this way? Pray tell me, where is my lover today?

Which is repeated with only slight variety at the gold and diamond fountains, where each of the progressively richer women give her directions.

Having dutifully learned the refrain I went out and performed the story, only realising somewhere around the second gig of the tour that I had no idea what a "tipis" was, let alone two of them! Investigation revealed this to be one of those linguistic concept things that in English we just don't have a word for and have to use a whole sentence. It means "That's the way it is".

I've come across variations on this in other countries: my friends in the old east of Germany used to say "It is so" or sometimes just "So", this particular cultural alternative came tinged with a fatalism learned through years of living with the implacable and irrational bureaucracy of an occupied country, they could become quite animated by the proposal that maybe things need not be "so" and could be done differently. In Italy, where rules are often a fluid construct, clocks are largely for decoration, and road markings a mere suggestion, they used the notion of - that being the way that it is - more for personal relationships: "They are in love. They will find a way to be together", and they finish this statement with an action like dusting flour off their hands. As the palms move past each other vertically they create three soft claps, the sentiment of "That's the way it is" having moved beyond words to a symbolic gesture, indicating with a delightful visual literalness that "there is nothing more to say".

I miss going to work in Europe and discovering these kinds of deeply embedded differences of approach to how we think, and how that alters how we express ourselves... or is it how we express ourselves and how that alters how we think? Maybe both are true. The nearest I think we come to this particular idea is with the phrase "It is what it is", though even that sits in the mind in an unfamiliar way.

Anyway, back amongst the Turkish peaks, having walked for years, bouncing from one mountain foot water related interrogation to another, the directions of the three blinged up maidens eventually bring the youngest Padishah's Daughter to her missing bridegroom. These encounters serve no narrative purpose other than to stretch out the journey: no magical items are gathered for later use, as is customary in other tales of this type; no animal helpers are recruited; no witch-defeating secrets overheard. The story could easily be told without the aid of these loot encrusted ladies. I have sometimes wondered why they exist at all. Could it be that they are just an excuse for a repeated, formulaic exchange of questions and answers? Maybe they get dressed up and go down to the fountains purely to preserve a traditional folk tale structure... tipis, tipis.

- * Possibly a spring, well or drinking fountain rather than an ornamental structure shooting precious water in to the sky but also possibly a combination of more than one of these... it's a translation so your guess is as good as mine.
- ** The 's' at the end of tipis has a symbol underneath that I believe makes it pronounced "tipish".

...here's to living happily ever after, until the next adventure.

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DARTS

Competition fun at the Darts Club

I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to come along and participate in our recent annual Darts competition at the MBSSC. on Good Friday. The competition is open to all club members (£2 annual membership), and is played for an annual knockout shield, with those unfortunate to lose in the first round being entered for the plate shield.

This year we saw a record number of entrants, and I would like to thank some of the Pool team who played along with family and the friends who supported the players. It made for a great social evening. The winner of the knockout shield 2025 was Graham Saffin who successfully defended the title from the previous year beating John Bolt in the final. The winner of the plate shield was Steve Frost who beat Charles Parkhouse in that final. On that note I would like to thank Charles for his help in organising on the night and for his help with the Friday night darts league. I would struggle without it.

Moving on now to this year's Friday night darts. It is a competition played on every other Friday (more or less as we may have to change some dates). A quick guide on format: first, everybody plays each other with a point per legs won, three legs of 301. After which two groups are formed, top half to play each other for the title and a 'B' group formed from the bottom half to play each other for the group B title. The two groups will play five legs of 101 again worth a point per leg won. Each player pays a pound for each game, usually two pounds a night for two games played, which you will get back plus a little bit extra from monies raised through the football scratch card sales.

This year the starting night will be **June 13**th. The competition is open to anyone who is a member of the club (£2 per year to join), NB cheaper drinks by far to help you enjoy the evenings more. Ideally can anyone interested that wants to play contact me before the 10th June so I can do the fixture list. You can contact me at <u>ricejulian@icloud.com</u> or we have a Friday night darts chat group on WhatsApp please contact Dawn on 07851043766 where you can register as well.

This is a social event for those that enjoy a game of darts, we are not playing for a row of houses. It is played by men and women young and not so young. Lets play darts....

Julian Rice



Over 60s' Luncheon & Get Together

The next Over 60's Luncheon at the London Inn will be on Wednesday 18th June at 12.30pm.

The menu for this lunch will be Roast Leg of Pork, Apple Sauce with Vegetables & Roast Potatoes, followed by Lemon Cheesecake, and tea/ coffee.

The cost is £12.00 inclusive.

New members are very welcome to join in.

If you would like to join in please fill in the slip below and return it to me by Tuesday 17th June or email me at mandytapp@talk21.com

or phone me on 01363 877459 or just pop in to me at Harries.

Regular members please let me know if you are unable to attend, thank you.

 Name -----

 Tel No:

Mandy Tapp

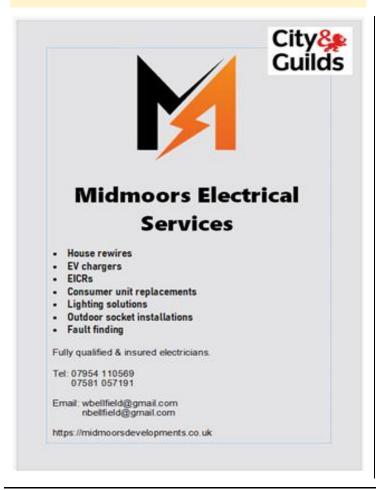
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Bluebells at **Moor Farm**



Eighteen of us gathered at Moor Farm on a beautiful Spring day on May 14th to enjoy a walk around

the bluebell woods. Robert Vere kindly took some ladies around in the farm pickup and everybody enjoyed a lovely afternoon looking at the flowers and butterflies in the sunshine filtering through the trees, listening to birdsong and chatting.

Afterwards we all enjoyed a delicious cream tea with strawberries and lots of homemade cakes – you can always be sure the WI has lovely cake! - sitting in the garden in a cool breeze. The bees were very busy in the flowers and NoMowMay lawn, almost as noisy as us all talking...

Our next meeting is June 11th 2.30pm in the Hall when Mo Sparrow will be talking about her Life in Ceylon. All welcome, and details of all our meetings are listed on the Noticeboard outside Church Street Stores.

Wendy Vere



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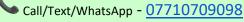
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Devon & Exeter Football League



April/May Results

April 19th Morchard Bishop 6 Elmore 1 (Liam Tucker 1 Adam Leat 2 Adam Bell 1 Alan Woodcock 1 Billy Conabeare 1)

April 21st Morchard Bishop 4 Dunkeswell 1 (Chris Andrews 1 Billy Conabeare 1 Josh Doe 2)

Morchard Bishop 2 May 3rd Starcross Dons 1 (Adam Leat 1 Chris Andrews 1)

May 8th University 1 Morchard Bishop 5 (Chris Andrews 3 Adam Leat 1 Anthony Clement 1)

Morchard Bishop Football Club would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has supported them on their way to being crowned DIVISION 4 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS played 22 won 22 105 goals scored

an end of season full report will be in July's Messenger.

For all updates on fixtures please visit The Devon and Exeter Football League Website www.defleague.co.uk

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School News

V E Day at the School

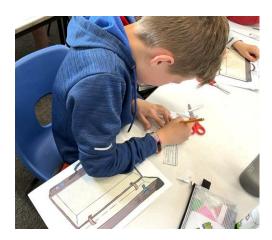


We had a super day in school commemorating and celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children were very thoughtful when considering how important the occasion was 80 years ago.





I told the children about my own Grandma, now aged 99, a WREN in the War. She was on The Mall on VE Day with all the thousands of people wearing red, white and blue! It was only fitting that we also wore red, white and blue.



During the day we learnt about digging for victory and then had a go in the school garden for ourselves. We imagined being evacuated and packed our bag and made our identity label. A creative time was had by all, as we joined together to create a large piece of artwork depicting the celebrations.







Lastly we channelled our propaganda skills and made some super posters. The day wouldn't have been complete without cake and plenty of smiles!

> Hannah Bancroft Head Teacher