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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone from all at the Morchard Bishop London Inn.

I'm not sure where this year has gone as I write this on a hot August day, but we see ourselves heading towards cooler months and Christmas rapidly approaching: the nights already have started pulling in! The trees laden with fruit and the children holding on to the last of their holidays before their new school year.

Will it be a white Christmas this year we wonder? With our three roaring log fires, come and enjoy a great range of award-winning drinks, local ciders, beers on tap, cocktails, freshly ground and brewed coffee, and a good range of soft drinks and juices. All can be enjoyed outside in the wooden pods in the beer garden, or inside. Featuring our locally sourced menu, please advise when booking any dietary requirements as with notice, we can cater for all, vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free etc here in the historic London Inn.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support over the past year and we look forward to welcoming you again soon. Our famous Christmas menus will be available shortly and bookings are already being taken.....don't delay!

With love from Sarah, and The London Inn team x

SEPTEMBER 2025 DIARY

Sue Eaglen has kindly volunteered to write the diary from October 25 onwards. If you would like details of your event or meeting to appear in the October 2025 Diary then please let Sue know by **SUNDAY12th**

SEPTEMBER. Email: sue_eaglen@fastmail.co.uk or text **07854 745791**. You may also want to plan ahead and send in details for our future events section.

St Mary's All are welcome to our services

Sunday 7 10.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 14: 10.30 Holy Communion

THURSDAY 18: 13.15 All Age Worship – School attending – all welcome

THURSDAY 18: 19.30 Meeting to form “Friends of St Mary’s” group. Upper Room, Memorial Hall. (For more details see notice elsewhere in the Messenger

Sunday 21: 10.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 27: 10.30 Morning Worship

Emmanuel

All are welcome at our services. Morning Services usually start at 11.00 with coffee from 10.30. Visit www.emmanuel-morchard-bishop.org for detailed information about services, Sunday School for primary aged children, youth clubs and other events.

BOOK SWAP: Wednesday 3 September: 15.00 -16.30 at The Memorial Hall

PARISH WALK: Saturday 27: 11.00 Starting at the Memorial Hall

MORCHARD BISHOP SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB. A reminder that this is a members’ club and an annual subscription of £2 is now due. Details of events may be subject to change so please enquire at morchardsportsandsocialclub@gmail.com

Tues	2/9/16/23/30 2/9/16/23/30	9.30 -11.3 19.30	Cafe Emmanuel Duplicate Bridge/Pool	Emmanuel MBSSC
Wed	3 3	15.00 –16.30 19.30	Library Book Swap Ladies Darts Blind Pairs	Memorial Hall MBSSC
Thur	4/11/18/25 4 4 4/11/18/25 4/11/18/25	09.30-10.30 10.00-15.00 12.00-15.00 18.30- 19.30 19.30	Toddler Group New Born to 4 Can’t Sew, Won’t Sew Pennymoor Singaround Basic to Intermediate Pilates Men’s Darts Practice – Enquire beforehand	Pre- school Emmanuel – Shared Lunch London Inn Memorial Hall MBSSC
Fri	5/12/19/26 5 5/19	13.30 -14.30 17.30 -19.00 19.30	Visiting Post Office Max and Mike’s Street Food Friday Night Darts	Inside London Inn War Memorial MBSSC
Sat	6 6/13/20/27	10.00 -11.30 19.30	Coffee Morning - St Mary’s MBSSC Bar, Skittles, Pool	Memorial Hall

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Mon	8/15/22/29 8	09.00-10.00 19.30	Basic to Intermediate Pilates ivegotyourback@gmail.com Parish Council	Memorial Hall – Memorial Hall
Tues	9 /16/23/30	14.45-18.00	Dove School of Dance For details of classes, contact Rachel Kemp	Memorial Hall - Contact doveschoolofdance@gmail.com
Wed	10 10 10	14.30 19.00 19.30	W.I. Autumn afternoon crafting Sustainable Morchard Start of Ladies' Darts League	Memorial Hall Butcombe - Steve Watson's MBSSC
Fri	12	19.00	Prime Youth Club – Primary Age	Emmanuel
Sat	13	09.30 - 11.30	Produce & Tabletop Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall
Wed	17 17/24 17	12.30 17.30 - 19.00 19.30	Over Sixties Lunch Brownies Tractor Club	London Inn: To book a place Contact Mandy 877459 mandytapp@talk21.com Memorial Hall Memorial Hall
Thur	18 18 18	13.15 19.30 19.30	All Age Worship – School attending. All welcome Meeting to set up "Friends of St Mary's Pennymoor Singaround Folk music and songs	St Mary's Upper Room Memorial Hall London Inn Skittle Alley jonshapley@hotmail.com
Fri	19	19.30	Edge Youth Club Year 7+	Emmanuel
Sat	20 20	10.00 - 11.30 14.00 – 16.00	Coffee Morning – Brownies Sustainable Morchard 2nd Village Meeting – Please come and help define what the group should be working on in the future	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall
Fri	26	19.30	Quiz Night	MBSSC
Sat	27	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning W.I.	Memorial Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 5th October 17.30: Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's, followed by Harvest Supper

Saturday 25th October 20.00: Return of La Vie En Rose - Sensational Gypsy Swing Quintet

Friday 28th November 15.30 Churches Together – Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair, Memorial Hall

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

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antonheal@yahoo.co.uk

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1st August

September Opening Times

Mondays – Not yet confirmed

Tuesdays – all dates open for pool &
Bridge.

Wednesdays – 3rd Ladies Darts Blind
pairs. League starts on 10th.

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

Fridays – 5th & 19th open for Friday
night darts comp.

26th QUIZ NIGHT 7 for 7.30
start

Saturdays – All dates open from
7.30pm open at half time for any home
football matches

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Matthew & Clare

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15th September

2025

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Flower and Produce Show

We are sorry we had to cancel the Flower and Produce show this year. The number of entrants was simply too low to make a good show.

The show will return next year in a different format. We already have exciting ideas so watch this space!

Stephen Leese

Apologies

We apologise for any errors or other failures in this issue – our technology is feeling the heat and refusing to co-operate. (Or perhaps it's just getting old and cranky like the editor!)

Sustainable Morchard Village meeting

Our next meeting takes place on Saturday 20th September 2pm to 4pm in the village hall with free refreshments. In our first meeting, you gave us an insight and direction into the changes and improvements you wanted to improve the environment we live in.

Since then, our group has been quite active trying to deliver this summary of activities

- Plant and seed swaps running for last 2 years at coffee mornings
- Wildlife talks arranged by renowned wildlife photographer and on Swifts, Tawny owls plus Otters talk coming on 6th October
- Hedgehog aware signs in village together with sightings map
- Herb garden for all to use based in St Gatiens garden, Church Street
- Welcome pack created for newcomers to the village
- 20mph please slow down signs erected around the village
- 600 daffodil bulbs given to school children and 400 planted around the village signposts
- Talk on how to save energy

We would now like to invite you all, young and old, to this September meeting to help shape our actions moving forward to make the village we live in a better place.

Look forward to meeting you there

Sustainable Morchard

Friends of St Mary's

ADVANCE NOTICE

from St Mary's Church, Morchard Bishop

**A Public Meeting will be held in the Upstairs Room in the Memorial Hall
on Thursday 18th September, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
to form a Society to be called 'Friends of St Mary's'.**

With the object of maintaining the fabric, fitting, ornaments & monuments of the Church.

The Parochial Church Council hope that all those living in our lovely village and who have enjoyed using our Church will attend the meeting to learn about our aims and objectives and to give this society a successful start. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to those of you who have shown interest already by signing our interest form recently.

Refreshments will be served.

Contacts are:

Marilyn Daw 07803 966 585

Wendy Vere 07860 162501

**Saturday October 25th-8pm
La Vie en Rose
Sensational Gypsy Swing
Quintet
Hot Club Café de Morchard**



**Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall
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from Church Street Stores**

Morichard Bishop WI

Our August meeting was a croquet afternoon at the farm of one of our members. It was well attended with a raffle and a delicious buffet tea. On arrival we were treated to a Pimm's which put us in the right frame of mind. The wasps were determined, but we won out in the end. The fittest and most competitive among us formed teams to play croquet, and the rest of us languished in the shade to watch. Perfect weather and a perfect afternoon.

Our next meeting, in September, is in the Hall where we will be having an afternoon crafting session making resin flowers with Lesley Beer, our WI advisor. All welcome.

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Joanne will be talking about her latest book *Vianne*, the prequel to her 1999 novel *Chocolat*. To make the event a true celebration of chocolate, we're inviting Devon's independent chocolatiers to sell their wares at the event, and The Bookery will be handling book sales for us. Tickets are £10 from Crediton Library, or via bit.ly/joanneharriscrediton.



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Drop in sessions are as follows:

Saturday 6th September: 9.30 - 11am

Saturday 4th October: 9.30 - 11am

Saturday 1st November: 9.30 - 11am

Saturday 6th December: 9.30 - 11am

If you cannot make any of the above please email and we can arrange a convenient date and time with you.

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Poem of the Month

Field azure

Sir John de Sully (1281 – 1387) of Sandford provides a witness deposition for the right of his friend Sir Richard le Scrope to carry the disputed design of arms: (azure with a bend or) At 105 his memory was still intact.

I remember his arms well, so often,
so bloody, together we fought.
I have a list. (Defeats redacted –
you'd expect nothing else.) Sir Richard
a valiant knight, without mercy,
a good man.

You sit there in your brown robes
thinking – *is this man witless?*
Can he remember these things truthfully? Older than Noah...
....I loved my Bercellette.... She was the best one –
we hunted together in the King's Forest –
a great honour... the deer...the boar...

Fields fertilized by so much blood
grow good grain: so all that gore
gave a just reward,
all those lives not dead in vain;
Halidon Hill, a vengeance,
we chopped and slashed

crushed the Scots. Berwick
where we slew more.
He was there, his shield azure.
Crecy, we slew thousands,
Richard with me. His arms,
then and before, the same,

azure with a bend or. At Poitiers too,
the rich one: we picked and plucked
the flowers of France.
....I loved Bercellette..... She hunted with me
in the Forests every year..... Her pups
were not so fast... nor so fierce....

The Battle of Spain, Najera,
a vultures' feast: Sir Richard's
azure and or had little to tame
as we hacked our way through.
That was our last test together;
my old limbs creaked
enough to wake the slain.

And take this truth with you –
my memory has less rust
than my sword – make good haste,
I pray to lie with the Good Lord at last,
in peace, having earned my rest.

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Change afoot for how local services are delivered throughout Devon.

The government wants to abolish two-tier local authorities, where responsibilities are split between county councils, district, city and borough councils, and to replace them with single unitary authorities, bringing all services under one roof.

What's changing?

There are several tiers of councils in Devon, and the structure changes depending on where you live.

Currently, Devon County Council handles services like education, transport, and social care, while district, city and borough councils manage housing, planning, and waste collection.

Under the proposed reorganisation, a single unitary authority would take on all these responsibilities for a specific area. It means that the number of councils in Devon will be reduced, with district councils and Devon County Council ceasing to exist and unitary authorities, which combine services, formed.

Why change?

The current system of local government has served Devon for many years. However, increasing financial pressures, rising demand for services, and the need to work more closely together have prompted the government to re-evaluate how local councils are structured.

Earlier this year the government asked councils across Devon to explore how local government could be restructured to better serve communities.

[Our new Leader, Councillor Julian Brazil, isn't particularly impressed with the process](#), but says it does give us an opportunity to look at how services are delivered.

Have your say

At the heart of this process is a commitment to doing what's right for Devon, and the voices of its people are essential to shaping what comes next.

We want to hear from you on what should be considered during the reorganisation of Devon's councils and services, and what matters most to ensure the best possible outcomes for people in Devon in the years ahead.

Your feedback will help shape local policies, services, and investments to reflect the needs and priorities of our community.

You can share your thoughts at [one of our upcoming roadshow events](#) in towns across the county, or by using [our online survey](#), which is open until mid-October.

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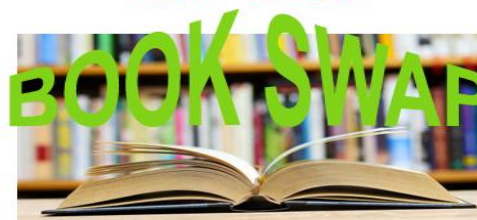
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The Parish Council met in the Memorial Hall on Monday 4th August 2025.

The Parish Council spent £1,402.01 from the main account, nothing from its Reserve account and £1,197.07 from the Footpaths account. The items of expenditure over £100 were £160.00 for felling the Cherry Tree, £1,071.60 for the Clerk's salary for April to June and £1,197.07 for work done on our footpaths.

There were four planning applications for the Parish Council to consider:

25/00964/LBC SUPPORTED	Listed Building Consent to remove asbestos roof sheeting and replace with insulated corrugated metal sheeting	Northcott Cottage, MB
25/01044/LBC SUPPORTED	Listed Building Consent to remove asbestos roof sheeting and replace with insulated corrugated metal sheeting	Southcott Cottage, MB
25/01003/PNCOU Information Only	Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to dwelling under class Q	Land and Buildings at NGR 279701 105633 New Buildings, Sandford
25/003332/FULL SUPPORTED	Erection of a replacement stable building	Land at NGR 276186 / 107832 South of Turning Ways, Lapford

The District Council as part of the Local Government Reorganisation process are asking Parish Councils to consider what services or assets they wish to take over, the only asset Mid Devon have in the village is the Play Area behind the garages at Greenaway and so the Council will be considering this item at their next meeting on 8th September.

The Government are also making large changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which appear to remove local consultation in favour of developers. The Parish Council intend to discuss a Strategic Plan also at their next meeting on 8th September.

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.gov.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.gov.uk

APPLE DAY – where you can have your apples pressed into juice will take place on **Saturday 4th October** outside the **Memorial Hall** – make a note in your diary.

Parish Footpaths and Bridleways – If you spot a problem with a public right of way, please contact clerk@morchardbishop-pc.gov.uk 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. There will NOT be any walk in August and the next walk will leave the Memorial Hall on Saturday 27th September.

Countryfile

Moths – what to see during the day

People tend to characterise butterflies as bright and colourful and moths as dull; in many cases this is just wrong. We have a number of butterflies in this area whose markings are a neatly understated brown on brown. There are some awesomely colourful and strikingly patterned moths, though, admittedly, because of a moth's wing position, they are able to choose when to show off their brightest colours. Moths tend to hold their wings either layered over each other and flat or spread out and flat, whereas a butterfly's is either upright together or flat and apart.

Butterflies also have clubbed antennae compared to a moth's feathery ones.

The antennae are particularly useful as an identifier - if you can see them. The general rule that butterflies fly in the day and moths at night can be as inaccurate as using colour as a separator. Whilst it is generally true for butterflies, there are a number of moths who are diurnal, or daytime moths. They tend to be more colourful (on the hind wings at least), and are often a reasonable size and therefore not as hard to spot as many other moths. If you get to see one close up you might notice that, being diurnal, it has smaller eyes than is usual on nocturnal moths.

Hawk moths such as the hummingbird hawk moth (*Macroglossum stellatarum*) are distinctive daytime moths, once seen never forgotten, given how like tiny hummingbirds they can appear. They appear to be becoming resident rather than migratory here.

Striking scarlet marked, dark moths in the day could be Cinnabar (*Tyria jacobaeae*) named after the red mineral, or the six spot burnet (*Zygaena filipendulae*). The burnet name a variation on brunette for very dark brown. Their warning red reflecting that they not only taste bad but are poisonous thanks to the toxins their larval form eat.

Another big moth family which has diurnal members is the tiger moth family.

The Jersey Tiger Moth (*Euplagia quadripunctaria*) in particular was once common, but for many years hasn't been known outside of small pockets (Devon and Channel Islands), then occasionally it started being seen in London, and other spots in the mild climate of the south coast. This year the warm spring has led to a boom in numbers in lots of new areas. There are definitely a few in the village this year. Have you seen them? Have you left a wild area for them to lay eggs so we can have lots more next year?



Morchard's Weather

I hope you all are still enjoying ice cream. The weather has been nice - a good summer. On July 11th, I measured 31C (88F) and there was quite a lot of rain on July 22nd which greened things up again. Odd days have been cooler though. On Aug 10th, the temperature ranged from 7C to 27 C (45F to 80F) - quite a difference during one day.

On Aug 10th, we had a superb full moon - The Sturgeon Moon. The Sturgeon Moon gets its name from the large fish of the same name that were supposedly easier to catch around this time of year and which served as an important source of food for several Native American tribes. It is also the last full moon of the summer, heralding longer, cooler nights.

Aug 12th was also the peak for the Perseid meteor shower, which happens each year. The Perseids are caused by the Earth slamming into the debris left behind by comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. The average speed for a Perseid meteor is 36 miles per second. The air in front of the meteor is squashed and heated to thousands of degrees Celsius, which is what we see.

Stephen Leese

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Garden tips for September



Divide herbaceous perennials

Pick autumn raspberries

Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals

Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them

Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway

Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible

Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering

Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn

Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting

Plant spring flowering bulbs

Jo Coffey

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The next collection for Ukraine and Moldova will be from Oct 19th -25th

We will again be collecting items for cr2ee [a well established charity in Exmouth] who regularly take lorry loads of clothes, bedding, toiletries, etc. to Moldova and now Ukraine. With the war continuing there is a **much greater need of further supplies**. If you are able and would like to help please drop items off at the home of Chris and Carol at Kantara, Church Street, [opposite Church Street Stores. Items can also be taken to the Coffee Morning on 25th Oct at the Memorial Hall

Clothes, bedding, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, [not bath] Sanitary wear, incontinence pads, coffee, tea, sugar, salt. All food [not glass] must have a shelf life of at least 6 months. [anything near a sell by date can jeopardize the whole load hence the requirement]

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If you have any queries please contact Carol and Chris Hutchings on 01363 877259 **Thank you** for your support.

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Global Choir

There is a kind of folktale that starts with the phrase "It was a bright morning and all the birds were singing", It is very much up to the individual storyteller to elaborate if they wish. Most of us don't, we have action, plot and characters to get on with and everyone knows what the dawn chorus sounds like don't they. But maybe we should take a moment to consider this experience.

If you are ever feeling a little adrift, like time is rushing headlong in to a future that has no connection to the systems or rituals of the past, or even your youth, if you ever feel that modern life has made us so mobile and so technologically connected that you are losing touch with the physical world, Just wake before dawn and listen for an hour.

Every morning there is an audio phenomenon: anthropomorphised as a co-ordinated choir singing together, the dawn chorus has neither conductor nor composer, being a totally freeform expostulation of... who knows? Do the birds sing with unbound joy at another new day or are they just complaining loudly that their knees hurt? It's not just song birds singing, I grew up next door to a collection of geese, ducks, chickens and the like who all had something to say each time the sun came up, which could as easily have been demands for food as comments on the glory of the solar deity. I may be projecting, but they mostly sounded pretty narked that someone had turned on the light again. Different birds wake up at different times, adding their voices in turn so it sounds as if there is some sort of arrangement: rawks of rooks, explosions of jackdaws and the repetitive "hur Hur, hwerr, heyr heyr" of pigeon all rise and fall, dominating the sound picture for a few minutes before moving on with their day.

For us it starts in darkness and ends in light, then it's gone for another twenty three hours. But being a product of the rotation of the earth the "singing" has simply moved on a few miles round the globe... and It keeps on going, like an audible Mexican wave rolling around the continents as they turn towards the sun. It doesn't end, it just surfs on, a continuous breaker of awakening circling the globe in a never ending blast of ornithological effusion. Mammals get in on the act sometimes as well, in our towns it's mostly the odd opinionated dog, out in the forest entire troops of howler monkeys make sure no one sleeps late!



And if it doesn't stop, then how long has it been going on for... hundreds? Thousands? Hundreds of thousands? Millions of years? ...

It's a fair guess that, since our modern birds evolved from the dinosaurs, herds of brontosauri boomed at the birth of the day and old T Rex liked a good yodel before breakfast.

Recent research has discovered that coral reefs also experience a burst of daybreak burbling. Fish, molluscs, eels and crustaceans pop, flurble, tweet and yip as first light slices through the surface. There is every chance then, that the endless, rotating wall of wakeful whooping began in the oceans as soon as life found a way to make sound, and crawled out on to land at the same time as our ancestors did, already screaming at the sunrise. I say rotating, but in cosmic terms relative to the solar system, the dawn and its choral soundtrack stand still while, like the tides, we revolve through it at four hundred metres per second.

Wherever you are in the world, if you wake before dawn and listen for an hour, you will be hearing the ongoing, unending song of the sun that has been sung in continuous relay for five hundred million years.

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More information will be in the September messenger

Devon & Cornwall Police

Livestock Offences

I am sad to report that over the last few weeks we have had a couple of livestock related incidents which I want to highlight to our communities.

One incident is in relation to an allegation of a sheep being chased off a cliff near Newquay Cornwall on Sunday 27th July. This incident has been widely reported on social media and there is a police appeal in relation to this which can be found here- [News Article - Devon & Cornwall Police](#) -anyone with any information about the incident is being asked to contact Devon and Cornwall Police.

On a separate note, but still sticking with the livestock theme, we have had a small number of incidents of livestock being stolen within both Devon and Cornwall over the last few months, some with 20-50 sheep being taken in one night. It is known that suspects know how to handle sheep and are likely to be operating in hours of darkness using trailers to move livestock. It is possible they utilise a dog, but this is not confirmed at this time.

We would encourage anyone who sees any suspicious livestock movement at night (or day) to call police on 999 and provide information such as location, vehicle involved, type of trailer and a registration plate if possible. I am sure we will all agree that we would rather the police attend a completely innocent livestock movement than turn up at a field in the morning and find a large number of stock missing.

Never put yourself at risk by confronting suspects- call 999!

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Earthquakes

The recent earthquake centred on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia triggered tsunami warnings across the Pacific.

Tsunamis erroneously called tidal waves can be caused by earthquakes, landslides or meteorites, but not by tides. Equally, they have nothing to do with the weather.

The Earth is essentially a massive ball of very hot rock, much of which is molten. After its formation about 4.5 bn. years ago it started to cool down. Rather like a hot bowl of custard, the Earth has cooled to form a crust on its surface. Today we recognise two types of crust - thin, but very dense oceanic crust beneath the sea, and thicker but lighter continental crust forming the land masses.

Beneath the crust, in the Earth's mantle, convection currents rise from the Earth's core. As they reach the surface they spread out (diverge), cool and sink back to the core. This divergence of convection currents splits the crust above dividing it into seven large parts called plates, and numerous minor plates and many more micro plates. Sinking convection currents converge with other currents causing plates to move together. Sometimes the plates will slide past each other.

If free to move, these plates would typically go as fast as a person's growing fingernails. Not very fast, but over long periods of time considerable distances could be attained. However, these plates are not free to move as all plates will come up against another plate. Essentially pressure builds up until something gives. It is the rocks comprising the crust which fracture in long lines called faults. Starting from a central point (the focus*) in the Earth's crust the rock will fracture in two directions at the speed of a bullet. It is this fracturing that is the earthquake. It is sometimes possible to see these fractures in sedimentary rocks at the coast where waves have eroded the coastline to form vertical cliffs. Hartland Quay has some good examples. The buckling (folding) of these cliffs is part of the same process.



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As the rock shatters it sends shockwaves through and across the Earth. There are two main types of seismic (earthquake) waves: body waves, which travel beneath the surface of the Earth, i.e. through the Earth's interior; and surface waves that travel across the Earth's surface. Body waves can be primary waves or secondary waves. Primary waves travel faster than secondary waves and have a pushing motion, rather like a line of cars crashing into each other on an icy road. Secondary waves tend to move from side to side, rather like a snake. The most important type of surface wave is Rayleigh waves, these have a rolling movement rather like the waves on the ocean, these are the most destructive waves.

Earthquake waves travel from one side of the Earth to the other. A major earthquake makes the Earth wobble like a jelly. An earthquake in, say, Japan will result in a seismic wave passing through London. The vertical wave movement could be up to one metre in height. However, it takes several hours for the wave to pass and so buildings rise and fall so slowly no damage occurs. Close to the epicentre however, the waves pass in a matter of seconds or minutes, so buildings rise and fall rapidly.

* The point on the Earth's surface immediately above the focus is called the epicentre.

Over 60's Luncheon & Get Together

The next Over 60's Luncheon at the London Inn will be on Wednesday 18th September at 12.30pm. The menu for this lunch will be Chicken and Ham Pie Vegetables & Roast Potatoes, followed by Apple and Forest Fruit Crumble and Custard, followed by tea/ coffee.

The cost is £12.00 inclusive.
Regular and new members will be warmly welcomed in the London Inn.

If you would like to join in please fill in the slip below and return it to me by Tuesday 17th September, or email me at mandytapp@talk21.com or phone me on 01363 877459 or just pop in to me at Harries.

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Household Support Funding Now Available

Households on low-incomes can get help with food and energy costs through the Government's latest Household Support Fund, which is now open for applications.

Mid Devon District Council has received a share of the Government's funding, which is aimed to help residents struggling with the cost of household essentials. The scheme can provide rapid, short-term financial support to meet immediate needs such as food, energy and water costs.

To access support you must be a Mid Devon resident over the age of 16 years old and be without sufficient resources to meet your immediate short-term needs. The full guidelines and application form can be found on our website, [Residents' Financial Support](#).

The scheme will run until 31st March 2026 or until funds have been spent.

Councillor John Downes Cabinet Member for Governance Finance and Risk said:

"This scheme can really help those who have faced sudden or unexpected money problems and are struggling to pay their bills, or meet essential needs for themselves or their family. We are committed to supporting people in Mid Devon who are experiencing financial problems and I would encourage anyone struggling with money concerns and needs help with food or energy bills to contact us for help and advice."

To apply for the Household Support Fund visit: [Household Support Fund - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](https://www.middevon.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

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The Park House - a new venue in the heart of Crediton.

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The Crediton Heart Project has some exciting plans to develop a community arts venue on the edge of Newcombes Meadow and we want to know what you think. The Park House would include a flexible performance space, with seating for 300, rooms for other community activities and a beautiful café opening onto the park. It would provide a welcoming and inclusive place to meet, learn and create together in the heart of our town



Built on the site of the dilapidated Union Road toilet block, between the War Memorial and Bike Shed, the Park House could offer amazing opportunities for local and national performance groups and bring many more events to our area, including theatre, cinema, dance, comedy and live music. It would transform our park and regenerate our town centre.

Crediton and its surrounding villages are important and vibrant communities in Mid Devon. But Crediton is expanding and to avoid it becoming a dormitory town for Exeter, we need to provide the spaces and facilities to ensure that people can choose to spend their leisure time locally and that our community continues to thrive.

The project is being led by the Crediton Heart Project, with support from Crediton Town Council and Mid Devon District Council. The Heart Project is a volunteer led charity, set up in 2018 with the key aim of developing a new community venue. Since then we have been exploring possible sites and running a range of successful projects such as the Crediton Heart Project community website, an annual Summer Arts Festival and, most recently, the Kick Start Art project for children.

Last year the Newcombes Meadow site became available so we commissioned a feasibility study by award winning theatre designers, Foster Wilson Size. They concluded the site could accommodate a 300-seat professionally equipped theatre suitable for a wide range of performances and events. The Park House hasn't been designed yet, but this is a computer generated image of what it could look like.



This is a hugely ambitious project with the potential to benefit everyone in our community. But before we take the next steps we need to know what people in the town and surrounding villages think. We would be very grateful if you could share your views by completing a short online survey available via this QR code or our website www.creditonheartproject.org
Paper copies of this survey are also available at Crediton Library and Crediton Town Council.
Thank you.

