



THE MORCHARD MESSENGER

THE INDEPENDENT VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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No.364 OCTOBER 2025

SPONSORED THIS MONTH BY BEECH HILL COMMUNITY



Beech Hill Community – a popular venue for Ukrainians

Beech Hill Community at Morchard Bishop has become a regular venue for Ukrainians living in England. The community has hosted numerous gatherings for scores of Ukrainians who have enjoyed barbecues in the large paddock and camp kitchen.

Community member Gauri Pillai said: "We feel very lucky to live in such a beautiful and abundant space, and really enjoy sharing it.

"Our paddock - an open green space bordered by beech and apple trees, with a rustic, outdoor camp kitchen, compost loos and solar showers - has been the venue of many gatherings by Ukrainians from around southern England, who find in it a refuge to connect through shared food, music and dancing. It is such a joy to celebrate with them.

"The paddock can also be rented (including on an exclusive use basis). We've had many big groups do that recently, for varied purposes including a memorial, annual summer gatherings, and a training camp.

"The paddock is also open to individual campers and families. As our campsite is located right on the Two Moors Way, we have plenty of walkers and cyclists camp with us. Our campsite has also recently been added to Pitch-Up, an online database of campsites and a platform through which camping accommodation can be booked, opening it up more to campers from across the country and beyond."



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OCTOBER 2025 DIARY

If you would like details of your event or meeting to appear in the November diary, please let Sue Eaglen know by October 12 at sue_eaglen@fastmail.co.uk or text Sue on 07854745791. You may also want to plan ahead by using the Future Events section below.

St. Mary's All welcome at our services

5th: 5.30pm Harvest Festival with a speaker from Ripple Effect (formerly Send A Cow) followed by Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall, all welcome.

12th: 10.30am Holy Communion

19th: 10.30am Morning worship

26th: 10.30am Morning worship

Third Sunday of the month: Joint Bible Study Group with Emmanuel at 18.00.

Emmanuel All 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 age children, youth clubs and other events.

Third Sunday of the month: Joint Bible Study Group with St. Mary's.

BOOK SWAP: Wednesday October 1, 15.00 – 16.30 in the Memorial Hall.

PARISH WALK: Usually final Saturday of the month. 11.00 start at the Memorial Hall.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sun, Nov 2, 14.00 – 16.00 Indoor Car Boot Sale – Memorial Hall

Wed, Nov 12, 14.30 *Fever in Devon* with local author Liz Shakespeare – Memorial Hall

Fri, Nov 21, MB Football Club Bingo - Memorial Hall

Wed	1 1 & 8,15	15.00 – 16.30 17.30 – 19.00	Book Swap Brownies	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall
Thurs	2 & 9,16,23 2 2 2 & 9,16,23	09.30 – 10.30 10.00 – 15.00 12.00 – 15.00 18.30 – 19.30	Toddler Group, newborn to 4 years <i>Can't sew, won't sew</i> Shared lunch Pennymoor Singaround Basic –to Intermediate Pilates	Memorial Hall Emmanuel London Inn Memorial Hall lvegotyourback@gmail.com
Fri	3 & 10,17,24,31	13.30 – 14.00 17.30 – 19.00	Visiting Post Office Max & Mike's <i>Street Food</i>	London Inn War Memorial
Sat	4 4 & 11,18,25	9.30 – 11.00 10.00 – 11.30 19.30	<i>Togs & Toys Give Away</i> Coffee Morning Parish Council Apple Day - bring your apples for pressing! MBSSC, bar, skittles, Pool	Emmanuel Memorial Hall MBSSC
Sun	5	9.30 – 11.30 17.30	Big Breakfast Harvest Festival with a speaker from <i>Ripple Effect</i> Harvest Supper	Emmanuel St. Mary's Memorial Hall

Sponsored This Month by Beech Hill Community

Mon	6 & 13,20 6 6	09.00 – 10.00 19.30 19.30	Basic to Intermediate Pilates Parish Council Christmas lights, nativity, bad weather wardens, gritting Talk: <i>Otters coming to a river near you</i> – Stephen Powell	Memorial Hall Ivegotyourback@gmail.com Memorial Hall - upstairs Memorial Hall Sustainable Morchard francesanson@hotmail.com Refreshments from 19.00
Tues	7 & 14,21,28 7, 14, 21	10.00 – 11.00 14.25 – 18.00	Café Emmanuel Dove Dance Academy	Emmanuel Memorial Hall Rachel Kemp doveschoolofdance@gmail.com
Wed	8	14.30	WI – Beekeeping with Liz Westcott	Memorial Hall
Thurs	9 & 16,23	16.00 – 16.30	Dove School of Dance – Junior Ballet	Memorial Hall Rachel Kemp doveschoolofdance@gmail.com
Fri	10	19.00	Prime Youth Group Primary age	Emmanuel
Sat	11	09.30 – 11.30	Produce & Table Top Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall
Sun	12	10.30	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Mon	13	19.00	Footpaths meeting P3	MBSSC
Wed	15	12.30 19.30	Over 60s Lunch Tractor Club Sustainable Morchard	London Inn To book contact Mandy 877459/mandytapp@folk21.com Memorial Hall Memorial Hall - upstairs
Thurs	16	19.30	Pennymoor Singaround – Folk Music & Songs	London Inn Skittle Alley jonshapley@hotmail.com
Fri	17	19.30	Edge Youth Club - Yr 7 onwards	Emmanuel
Sat	18	10.00 – 11.30	Coffee Morning Bowling Club	Memorial Hall
Sun	19	10.30	Morning Worship	St. Mary's
Fri	24	19.00 for 19.30	Bingo Evening	Memorial Hall
Sat	25	10.00 – 11.30 11.00 19.30 for 20.00	Coffee Morning in aid of Ukraine & Moldova Parish Walk <i>La Vie en Rose</i> – sensational jazz quartet	Memorial Hall Meet Memorial Hall Memorial Hall
Sun	26	10.30	Morning Worship	St. Mary's
Wed	29	18.00 – 20.00	FILM – <i>How to train your Dragon</i>	Memorial Hall - see ad page 27
Fri	31	17.00	"LIGHT" party	Emmanuel

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

15th October 2025

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OCTOBER OPENING TIMES

Mondays – 6th 13th & 27th
SKITTLES 8.30pm

Tuesdays – all dates open for pool & Bridge.

Wednesdays – 1st 8th 15th 29th
Ladies' Darts

Thursdays – 2nd 9th 16th 30th
Men's Darts

Fridays – 3rd 17th 31st open for
Friday night darts comp.

Saturdays – All dates open from
7.30pm onwards.

4th 18th Football open from half time. 11th Football open after the match as we have a private party from 12noon until 4pm.

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14.24, 16.39

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07.51, 10.19, 12.26, 14.28, 16.43

Exeter City Centre (Sidwell St):
08.17, 10.39, 12.45, 14.48, 17.05

RD&E Hospital 08.26, 17.14

Return

Exeter RD&E: 17.15

City Centre (Sidwell St Stop 40):
08.40, 10.50, 12.55, 15.00, 17.30

Crediton Train station/Redlands:
09.02, 11.11, 13.17, 15.23, 17.55

Morchard Bishop (Greenaway):
09.38, 11.48, 13.53, 16.05, 18.34

Witheridge: 18.59

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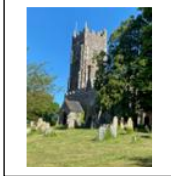
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CHURCHYARD TIDY UP 2025

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER
AT 10.00am**



We are holding our annual 'Churchyard Tidy Up' on the morning of Saturday 4th October at 10.00am. It would be great if you can come and volunteer to help tidy our Churchyard. There are plenty of tasks to be tackled, such as pruning, weeding, tidying of hedges and paths and around gravestones and much more.

Our contractor, Phil, already does a terrific job in keeping our churchyard mown and will advise us on jobs to be done.

If you are able to help and can bring along any of the following: a wheelbarrow, buckets, rakes, brushes, secateurs, shears, hedge trimmers etc. it would be greatly appreciated

In return for your efforts, there will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to catch up and chat.

Please just turn up on the morning, it's amazing what a difference can be made to your Churchyard in just a couple of hours.

Thank you.

The Volunteer Committee.

If you have any queries beforehand please contact:

Tracy Mellor

Churchyard Secretary

tracy.mellor99@btinternet.com

Vandalism at the Playing Field

We are extremely sad to report that there has been an attack of thoughtless vandalism at the Playing Field. A racially offensive word has been gouged into the surface of the plastic slide, and there are two other incidents of graffiti, albeit inoffensive in tone.

We have been given the names of two boys who were in the park at the time. These names have now been shared with the Police, and due to additional information received, this crime has been elevated to a significantly serious level.

Please be aware that children over 10 years of age will be subject to a criminal record if prosecuted.

We very much hope that this is an isolated incident and that children will respect the play equipment that we have worked so hard to provide for them.

Bob Robinson
Chairman MBPFA



In aid of St Mary's Church and Emmanuel Chapel

Saturday October 25th-8pm

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Morichard's Weather

Well, Autumn is definitely here - my heating came on yesterday - and it is wet. August was a fabulous month though, with lots of warm sunny days. Until the last 4 days, when four fifths of the month's rain fell in four days. September hasn't started any better, and I registered on the 3rd September as much rain in one day as we had in the whole of August (24mm or just about an inch in 24 hours).

So how about trying to predict this weather? Well, try these old tales:

- Rain before seven, fine before eleven
- A sunshiny shower won't last half an hour
- A cow with its tail to the West makes the weather best.
A cow with its tail to the East makes the weather least.

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Stephen Leese

The logo features a stylized illustration of a scroll, a chisel, and a plane, set against a light background. The text is arranged around these elements.

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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

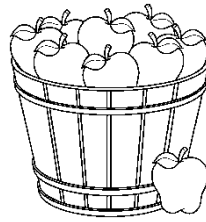
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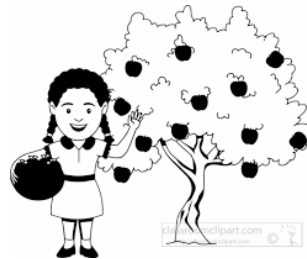
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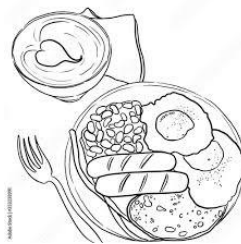
Morchar Bishop Apple Day

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Anytime between **9.30am – 11.00am**

Hopefully see you there!

Emmanuel WESTCOTE CHURCH

Beech Hill Community (continued from front page)

Beech Hill recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, and is still going strong after four decades as a centre for communal living.

The community is based at a large former manor house and has around six acres of land. It is home to 23 people, ranging in age from six months to 82.

The main aim is to provide affordable accommodation where people can live in harmony and co-operate, as well as sharing the buildings and land. All residents have their own private space, whether bought or rented, and there is a shared kitchen, living rooms and a large garden.



The buildings and land are owned by Beech Hill Property Holdings, a company set up by residents, while the main decision-making body is a fully mutual housing co-operative, Beech Hill Community Co-op.

All adult residents are Co-op members and meet together each week. Decisions are made by consensus, whilst some are delegated to sub-groups. There are a few other Beech Hill residents who bought smaller leasehold properties on the site; they live as neighbours, but are not Co-op members.

A key focus of the community is to care for the environment by generating renewable energy, recycling waste and growing food organically. There is a solar array, a wind turbine, a log boiler, a reed bed sewage system and compost loos. Whilst not totally self-sufficient, the community aims to grow as much of its own food as possible. It has a Victorian walled garden, another vegetable garden, an orchard, a greenhouse and two polytunnels. Most residents eat together in the shared kitchen.



Costs are kept low, with rents determined mainly by the size of the accommodation. Residents also contribute £25 a week towards a food pool as well as £17 per week to cover other household costs.

The community hosts three volunteer groups a year. The volunteers come from all round the world and provide work in exchange for food and accommodation during their two-week stay.

There are also regular Community Experience Weekends, where visitors can sample communal living.. Prospective new members are expected to attend two such weekends and come for a two-week stay as part of the joining process.

In addition to using the paddock, course groups can rent a large workroom and have access to a separate kitchen in the main house.

Residents have strong links with the village. They earn income in fields such as consultancy, life coaching, therapy, teaching and lecturing, building and retail work, while several are retired.

The community currently has space for new members.

* More information can be found at <https://www.beechhillcommunity.org/>

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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], Matt and Clare will also provide a box for smaller items at
Church Street Stores and provide further lists for items required.

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]

If you wish to give a financial donation to benefit Ukrainians as well as Moldovan people, and also help with cost of fuel
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New Morchard Bishop Parish Council Website

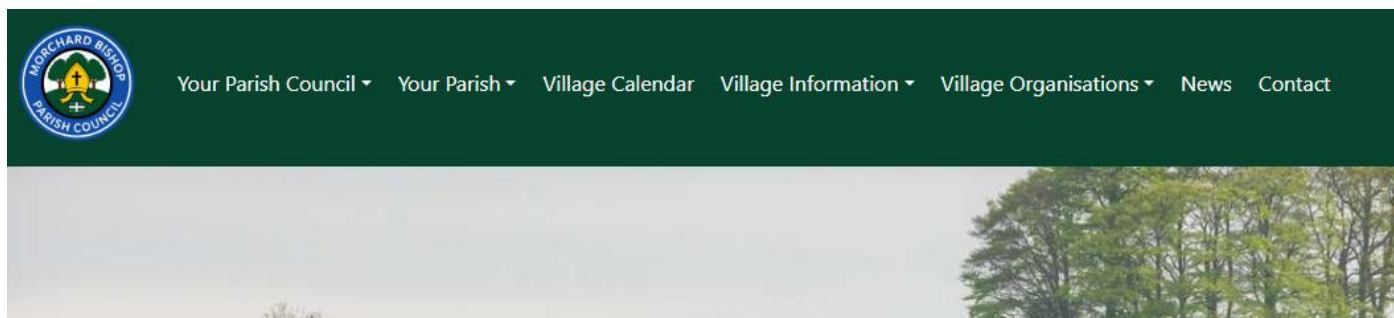
We have a new village website, full of useful information and news from around the village and the Parish. You can access it here: www.morchardbishop-pc.gov.uk.

The old address is no longer valid, so if you had bookmarked that one, please change it for the new address. Thanks should go to Steve Watson who looked after the old website.

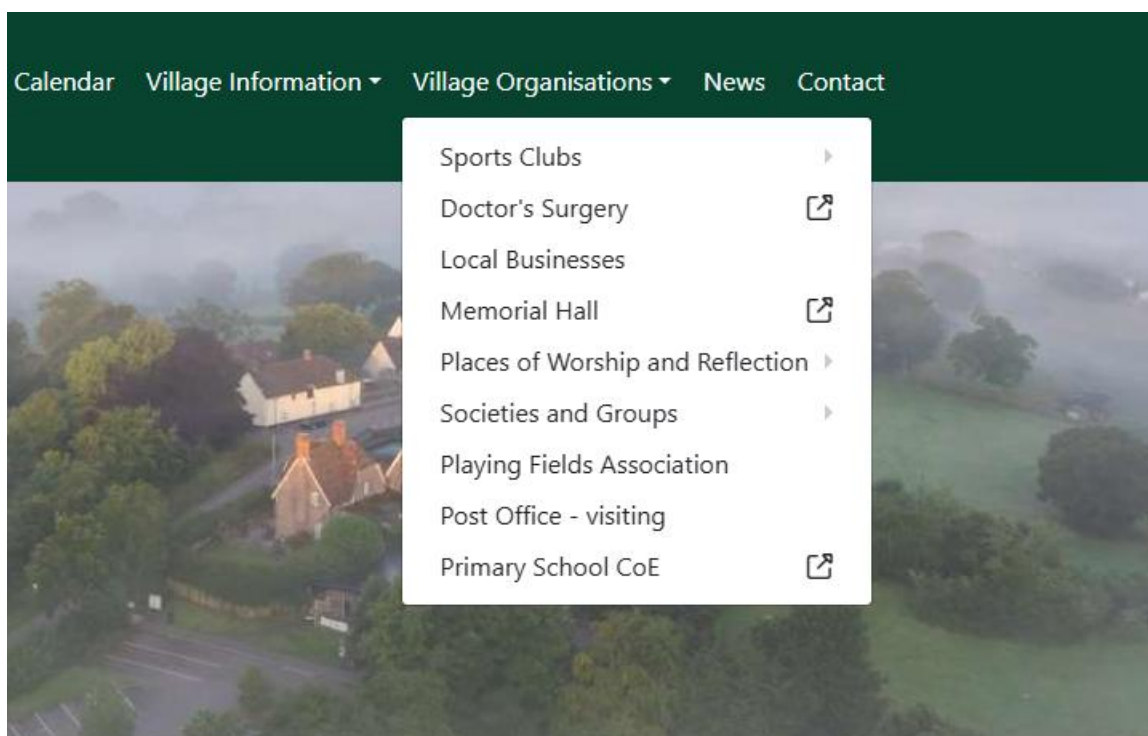
The new website has a simple, clean layout and is easy to navigate.

The front page has a latest news section, which is updated weekly. You can also sign-up to receive a notification whenever news items are posted.

The main headings are as follows:



More information can be found by clicking through the lower menus as follows:



You can access the Morchard Messenger, Planning Applications, a welcome pack for new residents, the famous walking maps as well as information about the doctor's surgery, the Primary School, the Memorial Hall and the Sports and Social Club and much more.

This is very much your website, so if you have ideas for items you wish to have included, or have any general comments about the website, contact any of the councillors listed under Your Parish Council.

Winkleigh Morris

35 YEARS AND STILL THRIVING

Winkleigh Morris ended their 35th summer season of Tuesday evening displays with a performance at the London Inn on 2nd September. There is seventy years age difference between the youngest and the oldest member!

We are a friendly, sociable group and new recruits are always welcome - any age from 9 upwards, male or female, with or without previous experience. We are having two special 'taster events' on Sunday 28th September at Lapford Victory Hall, from 2 pm to 4 pm, and on Tuesday 7th October at our regular practice venue, Winkleigh Community Centre, from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. For anyone unable to make either of those dates, just come along on another Tuesday after 7th October. We would kindly request that minors are accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.



As well as dancing at our villages in the area on Tuesday evenings during the summer we also perform at various special events and festivals elsewhere in the UK. We have also visited Ireland, the Channel Islands, France and Holland. Our repertoire is based on traditional dances collected in the Cotswolds and in the English counties bordering Wales, though we have developed a number of our own dances. We are also looking to reintroduce a rapper sword dance from the North-East of England

For more information see our website www.winkleighmorris.org.uk or ring the Foreman, Colin, on 01363 877216

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**FRIDAY 24th
OCTOBER**

**MORCHARD BISHOP
MEMORIAL HALL**

Doors Open 7pm

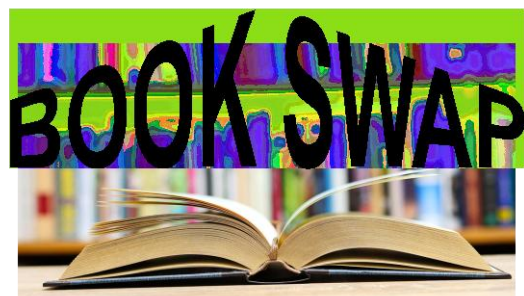
Eyes Down 7.30pm

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The sands of time



You may have heard of the "Fertile Crescent", also known as the Cradle of Civilisation, Ancient Sumeria and Mesopotamia, an area of land of plenty so perfect for growing crops that the gatherer-hunters living there developed agriculture, built the first cities and went on to invent writing. This idyllic wonderland, sited on the fecund alluvial plain between two rivers, is now called Iraq, which may surprise you since Iraq is hardly synonymous with lush green fields.

Is this because the luxuriant bit is still there along the sides of the rivers but the rest is desert and that's what people focus on, like Egypt? Sadly, no. A bit like our own Dartmoor, the modern landscape of Iraq is the result of a total failure by the neolithic farmers to understand the long term effects of their new food production system. Step one of serious agriculture being to cut down all the trees, a process that instigates a decline in soil quality, water retention and soil stability. All it takes then is a little too much crop extraction without giving the ground some fallow years to replenish, a couple of dry years, and your all important top soil dries out and blows away.

You may be thinking "What's all this got to do with stories, Cliff?", well, soon after writing was invented as a by-product of organising food storage and distribution in cities, it was hijacked to write the earliest examples of what we now call literature. The most famous of these is the Epic of Gilgamesh, in which the eponymous protagonist, having built the great city of Uruk, becomes its king. After a while, the people grow dissatisfied with him because of his behaviour with the women of Uruk and ask the gods for help. The gods fashion a wild man called Enkidu and release him some distance from the city. Enkidu hangs out for a while frightening the animals when the herders take them to drink. After complaints are received by the council of Elders, they hire Shamhat, a courtesan, to disport herself by the waterhole to seduce and tame the wild man. This she does very successfully. Shamhat brings Enkidu in to the city where he drinks beer, which makes him civilised, and tidies up his hair. He then meets Gilgamesh, takes him to task over his treatment of women then fights him to a draw, Gilgamesh agrees to give up his anti-social behaviour and they become best mates.

All very well but you may still be wondering what this has got to do with soil care and agriculture. Don't worry, it'll all make sense in a minute. You see, with nothing to keep him occupied, Gilgamesh becomes restless, conceives a plan to go and fight the great Humbaba, a giant who guards the cedar forest, consults the Elders, gets tooled up with armour and an axe made from some newly invented stuff called bronze and sets off with Enkidu. Despite numerous warnings, including a sequence of portentous dreams one of which goes like this

"The heavens roared and the earth rumbled;
(then) it became deathly still, and darkness loomed.
A bolt of lightning cracked and a fire broke out,
and where(?) it kept thickening, there rained death.
Then the white-hot name dimmed, and the fire went out,
and everything that had been falling around turned to ash."

Enkidu, who has put quite a lot in to the expedition so far, somehow persuades his pal that this was a good dream not a bad one, as he does with all the others, so they eventually fight and kill Humbaba. With the guardian destroyed they proceed to chop down the cedar forest from the Tigris to the Euphrates, dig up the roots so the trees can't grow again, build a bunch of temples and return home with the head of Humbaba as an offering to the Gods. When they present their trophy, the boss god Anu is enraged: He had put the guardian of the forest there for a reason: to protect the forest! Anu curses the two buddies and decrees that one of them must die.

Now, I don't know if the Sumerian agriculture was already in trouble at the time of writing but it seems that, over four thousand years ago before experiencing our first self-inflicted environmental destruction, we knew that chopping down the trees and pulling all the nutrients out of the soil with monoculture whilst giving it no breaks was a bad idea. Despite dire warnings, there always seems to be someone with a vested interest spinning it so that we simply carry on beyond the point of no return. Since deforestation and over-farming turned the Garden of Eden in to a sand pit, this has been repeated the world over, most recently with the American prairies' "dust bowl" of the nineteen thirties... and we are currently at stage one in the Amazon.

It's almost like we never learn.

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

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'Car Boot' Sale Invitation – Indoor on tables

Join Us for an Afternoon of Bargains and Fun!
You are warmly invited to our upcoming 'Indoor' Car Boot Sale, where you'll find a treasure trove of bargains, unique items, and an opportunity to meet your neighbours and enjoy a lively community atmosphere. This unique event will be held indoors, in the Memorial Hall, on tables – all cars to be left outside please.

Event Details

- **Date:** Sunday, 2nd November 2025
- **Time:** 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- **Set-up:** 12 noon till 1.30pm

Venue: Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall

What to Expect

- Wide range of pre-loved goods and hidden gems
- Local sellers and friendly faces
- Refreshments available throughout the day

Interested in Selling?

If you'd like to book a pitch to sell your own items, please contact us by 31st October 2025.
Tables are limited, so early booking is advised.

Contact Information

For further details or to reserve a table, please email morchardbishop3@gmail.com or call Anton on 07970 227753.

We look forward to seeing you at the Car Boot Indoor Sale—don't miss out on the fun and bargains!

Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall



Sunday 2nd November 2pm - 4pm

£5 per Table

(Please reserve your table, sellers from 12.30pm)

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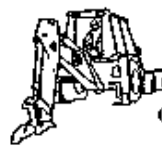
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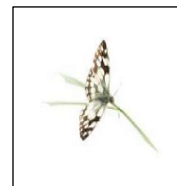
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Tsunamis

Last month's piece looked at the causes of earthquakes. This month's will look at one of the consequences of these events - tsunamis.

Earthquakes beneath the sea can cause tsunamis which threaten coastal regions.

The earthquake occurring off the west coast of Banda Aceh, northern Sumatra, Indonesia on Boxing Day 2004, was the result of the Burma plate and the Indian plate colliding. The focus of the earthquake (the point in the Earth's crust from which the earthquake originates) was relatively shallow being only 30 km deep. The resulting fracture, or crack, in the Earth's crust (the fault) was about 1300 km long. One side of the fault was lifted several metres, displacing 30 km³ of water. This displaced water moves across the ocean as a single or several low waves. In deep water these waves may only be 30cm or so high, indiscernible to any vessels they pass. The interesting facts about these tsunami waves is that they can extend for hundreds of miles, travel at speeds of 300/600 mph, and have a wavelength (the distance between the tops – crests - of two waves) can be 300 to 600 miles.

Tsunamis only become dangerous as they run into shallow water. Friction with the sea bed slows down the front of the approaching wave, the back of the wave continues moving at great speed and as it catches the front of the wave the water starts to pile up. This is how a tsunami develops its great height. The shape of the coastline can affect the height of the wave, with bays and estuaries accentuating wave height.

Warning signs that a tsunami is approaching is a rumbling noise and sometimes the water ahead of the approaching tsunami is sucked out creating an extreme 'low-tide effect'. It should be noted that although this phenomenon is often commented on, it is

not always present. In the case of the Banda Aceh earthquake and its tsunami, many tourists were intrigued by the false low-tide and sadly spent time examining floundering fish rather than running for high ground.

Those places close to the earthquake's epicentre (the point on the Earth's crust immediately above the focus) had little time to respond. The north coast of Sumatra was hit by the tsunami just 15 minutes after the earthquake. Other places, further away, had more time: Sri Lanka and the coast of India were hit some 90 - 120 minutes later, while S. Africa was hit by a 1.5m high wave 16 hours after the event.

The final death toll around the world was 227,898. The tragedy of this event was that seismologists (scientists who study earthquakes) had instruments recording the earthquake as it happened. However, in 2004 there was no way of using this information to warn local people.

The main reason why the recent tsunami caused by the Russian earthquake had so few deaths and casualties was that warning systems had been put in place - largely due to the devastation caused by the Boxing Day tsunami. Using sea-bed and surface wave monitors, data suggesting a tsunami is likely can be forwarded by satellite and local warning systems effected. With good forward planning the effects of all natural hazards can be mitigated.

Paul Ticehurst



Otters — Coming to a River Near You!

A talk by Stephen Powles

Monday 6th October
7 pm for 7.30 pm
Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall
Donations welcome

Free refreshments from 7 pm

SUSTAINABLE MORCHARD

~ Debbie's Diner ~

Take one ingredient.....a bag of self-raising flour

Self raising flour is plain flour plus baking powder. Its job is to give an airy, light texture to a baked product whilst creating a risen structure in the oven.

It can be typical self-raising wheat flour, or it can be gluten-free [made from rice, tapioca, potato, corn, buckwheat]. Gluten is a combination of proteins in the wheat grain which, when mixed with water and agitated, creates a stretchy, rubbery property in the dough. Perfect for bread and handmade pasta but terrible in cakes and pastry!

To avoid having tough, rubbery scones and pastry ..the solution is to not overwork the dough. Light, minimal handling. Wessex Mill and Doves Farm make particularly good ranges of flours, but supermarket brands are fine [excuse the pun].

Scones

The ratio of fat to flour is 1:3 so 300g of self-raising flour to 100g of fat. I always bake with Flora spread. It is made from sunflower oil so full of polyunsaturated fats which are heart healthy. Butter is great but expensive now and full of saturated animal fat so not so kind to our heart and blood vessels.



Pre-heat the oven to 170 degrees. Weigh out your flour and chilled fat into a bowl. How much of each rather depends on how many scones you want and how big your cutter is! **This recipe uses 360g of flour and 120g of fat which will give you 8 scones with a 5cm cutter.** Coat the fat with the flour to stop it sticking to your fingers. Break it up into small lumps. Using your fingertips only, rub the fat into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs. Lift your hands up as you rub the fat in, to trap air as it falls.

Shake the bowl and the bigger lumps will come to the top. Rub these in. [Sultanas can be added at this point with 3 tablespoons of caster sugar **or** grated cheese, pinch of salt and a big shake of paprika to make cheese scones]. Mix them in. Make a well in the centre and pour in some milk...about 100ml to start with and using a circular action mix the wet and dry ingredients to form a ball of dough. Add extra milk bit-by-bit until the dough mixture leaves the sides of the bowl clean.

Place your ball of dough onto a floured surface. Quickly bring the edges in to form a round'ish shape then pat it down gently to the height of your cutter. Dip the cutter bottom into flour to stop it sticking and cut out the scones. Keep re-folding the spare dough until every last bit is used up. Brush the tops of the scones with beaten egg or dust them with flour. Bake in the oven for 13-15 minutes or until both top and bottom are a golden brown.

Australian Rosemary, olive and Olive Oil bread

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6 and put a baking tray in to warm up. Put 1lb/450g of self-raising flour in a large bowl, with the 3 sprigs of chopped rosemary leaves, a pinch of salt, 1 tablespoon of olive oil and 225ml/8fl oz water. Mix everything well until the dough starts to come together in a ball. Then get your hands in and squidge all the dry bits in, using the bread like a cloth to gather the bits all up.



Dust a clean board or work surface with a little flour and place the dough down. Squish it into a flattish round, put the 75g/3oz of pitted olives in the centre and squash them down a bit, bringing the edges of the dough towards the centre, so that the olives are covered. Then flip the dough over and knead the olives in. At this point, the dough may be quite wet with olives flying all over the shop but just keep pushing the rogue olives back into the dough. If everything is too wet, just add a small handful of flour to dough. Shape it into a 20cm/8in round and place on the warmed baking tray.

Rub a little flour onto the handle of a wooden spoon. Then, holding the handle horizontal to the bread, press down onto the loaf making an indent almost to the bottom of the tray. Turn handle so that it is at a 90-degree angle to the first line and push down again to make a cross. Do these two more times so your bread looks like a kind of clock face of eight triangular portions. Bake in the oven for 35 minutes or until the bread sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. This is wonderful served warm with some butter and cheese.

News from your Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Memorial Hall on Monday 8th September 2025.

The Parish Council spent £148.72 from the main account, nothing from its Reserve account and nothing from the Footpaths account. The items of expenditure over £100 were £109.56 for paint for the phone box.

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

25/01118/FULL SUPPORTED	Construction of a Dung Store	Land and Buildings at NGR 274856 107946 Rudge Rew, Lapford
25/01110/PNAG SUPPORTED	Prior notification for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building	Land and Buildings at NGR 274856 107946 Rudge Rew, Lapford
25/01099/FULL SUPPORTED	Erection of a replacement Building	Shobrooke Bungalow, Morchard Road, Crediton
25/01147/CAT SUPPORTED	Notification of intention of crown thinning by 30% to 1 Oak tree within the Conservation Area	Oakridge, Church Street, MB

The Council considered the future of the Play Area behind the garages at Greenaway, further enquiries would be made to ascertain the status of this land.

Both Flooding and speeding in the village were discussed. If anyone is aware of any blocked drains, they are asked to let the Parish Clerk know. The Parish Council also considered the changes being made by Mid Devon District Council to their Animal Welfare Licensing Policy. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was also discussed.

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/>. Please see the article elsewhere in this magazine for more information about what information is available on the website. We hope that the new website is a useful tool for everyone in the village, please do let us have your comments and contributions.

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. Bring along your apples and your old milk bottles to take the juice away.

Vintage Rally & Family Fun Day 2nd August

Morchard Bishop Playing Field Association would like to say a very big thank you to everyone that contributed to the success of the Fun Day. It was such a pleasure to see so many people getting together with friends, family and neighbours at the event. There are too many people to name individually, but if you were a volunteer or marshal, cake-baker, tea-maker, sponsor, marquee-erector, vintage vehicle exhibitor, first-aider, stall-holder, welly-wanger, target-footballer, prize-donator, vehicle judge, face-painter, BBQ staff, or most of all if you just came along to the event.....THANK YOU!

The event raised over £5,700 profit, which is a significant part of MBPFA's annual running cost of the Playing Field and its facilities. A fantastic result!

Toni Robinson
Treasurer MBPFA

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. The next walk will leave the Memorial Hall on Saturday 25th October.

MORCHARD BISHOP FOOTBALL CLUB

Devon & Exeter Football League
Division 2



October Fixtures

Saturday 4th October University of Exeter (H)
3pm k.o

Saturday 11th October Beer Albion (H) *cup match
2pm k.o

Saturday 18th October Dawlish (H) 3pm k.o

August/September Results

30th August Morchard Bishop 5 Beer 0
(Ben Betts 2 Jonathan Bradford 1 Alan Woodcock 2)

2nd September Okehampton 0 Morchard Bishop 4
(Joe Barrow 2 Alfie Harris 1 Alan Woodcock 1)

6th September Heavitree Utd 3 Morchard Bishop 2
(Andy Spokes 1 Ellis Goodson 1)

13th September Morchard Bishop 4 Budleigh
Salterton 1
(Joe Barrow 2 Liam Tucker 2)

Light refreshments on sale during the match

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BINGO....Friday 21st November 2025

Full details please see main advert in this Messenger

Garden Tips for October



- Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- Cut back perennials that have died down, or leave some standing.
- Many plants benefit from being mulched with the cut down dead material around the crown (not on it)
- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Mulch beds with homemade compost to provide extra frost protection and add organic matter rejuvenating the soil
- Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- Plant out spring cabbages and winter growing early broad beans
- Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- Prune climbing roses
- Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf
- Apply a last round of nemaslug before the temperatures fall too far - the fewer overwintering and breeding slugs, the less slug damage in spring

Jo Coffey

Pickleball at the Memorial Hall



Introductory and general play sessions

These will be held on the following dates/times in **October**:
Weds 1st intro session-2pm to 3pm. Tea and cake after at the Book Swap!

Wed 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th 7-9pm for those who have done the Aug intros.

Thurs 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 8-10pm-ditto.

Fri 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 10-11am

Places are restricted to just 6 people per session. Places need to be pre-booked by email to dticehurst@icloud.com
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*The yew tree points up, it has a Gothic shape.
The eyes lift after it and find the moon.
The moon is my mother. She is not sweet like Mary.
Her blue garments unloose small bats and owls.*

from *The Moon and the Yew Tree* - Sylvia Plath 22 Oct 1961

This poem was written by Plath whilst living with Ted Hughes at Court Green in North Tawton. It was created as a response to the moon rising above the yew tree opposite her bedroom window.

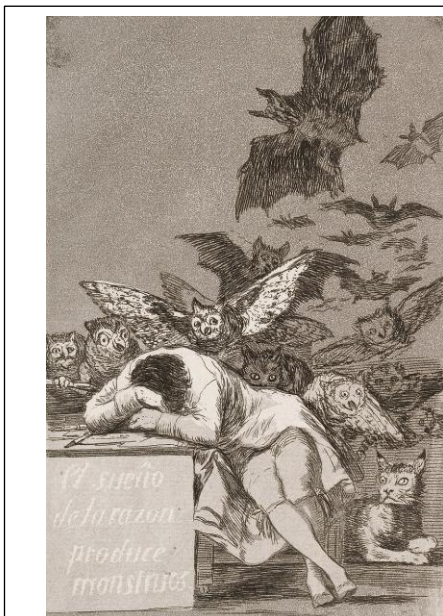
There's something very special about Devon, we all know that, and so do bats. Of the 18 different native bat species, some of which are really quite rare, Devon has 16 of them resident here!

The only ones not yet found in Devon are the Alcathoe bat. The Alcathoe was only recognised as a distinct species in 2001, and since then the Devon surveys to try to find them have been hampered by the pandemic and other issues such as their habitat being very dense woodland, and by their looking very similar to other bats in the same genus. There are known populations in Yorkshire and Sussex, so the general view is that they probably are around a lot of the country but have been mistaken for their similar relatives. They feed on small moths, mosquitos and spiders and have been seen swarming outside caves, so no reason to think they wouldn't be in Devon: we just haven't confirmed their presence yet.

The other bat not yet recorded here is the Greater Mouse Eared Bat. This is hardly surprising, as they are critically endangered in Britain. The last remaining two individuals are in Sussex and Dover. It is not considered to be a resident species, and those seen are believed to be crossing the channel in order to hibernate in tunnels here. In 1969 there was a breeding colony recorded as resident in East Sussex; however in 1985 a nearby cottage was destroyed in a fire. Female Greater Mouse Eared Bats tend to form maternity colonies in attics and the bats have not been recorded in the area since. A migratory male was found in a tunnel in Dover in the 80s, in the 90s an elderly male and then in 2001 an emaciated elderly female died shortly after being discovered. Soon after a single young male was found. It was 20 years until another was found, so there is a slim potential for a slow recovery but it's hardly surprising we have none in Devon, yet. It's not yet been declared extinct basically because no-one has done a full search for them, so really it's in some ways unlikely though technically possible that we could have them here and just not yet know it; they usually live in caves, fly low over fields and being larger bats, catch beetles and crickets and similar large insects, so we do have all they could want here.



Greater Horseshoe Bat



Cultural mis-appropriation?
*The Sleep of Reason Produces
Monsters.. Goya 1797*

The 16 bats who ARE found in Devon are: Barbastelle, Bechstein's, Brandt's, Brown long-eared, Common pipistrelle, Daubenton's, Greater horseshoe, Grey long-eared, Leisler's, Lesser horseshoe, Nathusius' pipistrelle, Natterer's, Noctule, Serotine, Soprano pipistrelle and Whiskered.

Devon's great range of natural and farmed environments, from the two different coasts to moors, the bogs and lakes, woodland and grazing meadows, thatched cottages and cob barns, old trees and of course the bonus of all our bat boxes on houses and trees, all provide potential bat habitats for a range of bats. Add to that the mostly milder climate, and generally lower levels of light pollution across most of the county and it's not surprising we are so blessed with a healthy variety of bats. Now all we need to do is make sure they have plenty of bugs and midges, moths and other critters to sustain them by ensuring biodiversity and that the natural environments aren't damaged by our actions, to make sure they still have hibernation and maternity roosts, hunting grounds and food sources. So we can continue to be one of the top areas for bats in the UK.

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4 October	7.30pm	Music:	Harbottle & Jonas
9 October	7.30pm	Film:	The Line We Crossed
10 October	7.30pm	Theatre:	Happy Hour
18 October	7.30pm	Theatre:	Tongues & Savage/Love
23 October	7.30pm	Music:	Dan Whitehouse & Gustaf Ljunggren
30 October	7.30pm	Film:	Last Thursday Picture Show

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Poem of the Month

Camelot 2025

wars of past psychosis: greed
white with corpses, red with shame
convoys of menace and adrenalised lies

angry outbursts
afternoons avoiding consequences
limp as a hangover

(next we fill in forms, consents
then the phone calls, tears – *what if it's true?*
Or not?)

the news is slow as seasons, quick as seconds, shifting
with analysed profit margins, weather patterns,
winds, omens, entrails

*see the waves coming in –
there's a breakwater of piled up words ready*

moonlit dreams about a once-loved King,
the courage of his knights draining away like money
towards Avalon

Colin Crewdson

Want to watch a film?

With ice cream and popcorn?



During Autumn half term, we are planning to show the latest (2025) version of "How to train your Dragon" in the Memorial Hall.

We have installed new audio visual equipment so are very pleased to be able to offer this.

The film will be shown on **Wednesday 29th October**.
We will start screening at **6pm** – it's a two hour film – so we'll be finished by 8pm.

Doors will open at 5:30pm, to give you enough time to get an ice cream and possibly popcorn as well as the best seats.

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Prices are **£4 per adult** with one child free. Second child £1.
These are special introductory prices as this is our first screening.

This is our first screening with the new equipment and depending on how this goes, we will repeat it.



Over 60's Luncheon & Get Together

The next Over 60's Luncheon at the London Inn will be on Wednesday 15th October at 12.30pm. The menu for this lunch will be Cottage Pie with a selection of Vegetables & Roast Potatoes, followed by Strawberry Meringue Roulade, 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 14th October 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.

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School News



New Term, New Enthusiasm

The school year has started with many smiles and an enthusiasm for learning. Our children have started back or even started school for the first time with courage and a determination. It can take some time to adjust to new classes and teachers, and so I tell the children this is okay. We're here to help the children settle in.

Already we have begun our curriculum topics with geography being our focus this half term. Across the school we are busy learning about our local area and understanding its cartography, also mountains and volcanoes. The children have been inspired to find out further facts at home and we've enjoyed hearing about them.



Our library has had a refresh and is full of contemporary and inspiring books. We look forward to welcoming the Bookery into school soon to help share our love of reading.

Underpinning school life are our ethos and values. Deeply rooted, individually nurtured and inspired to flourish is our daily guide. To help us live this, we focus on one of our values each half term. This half term our value is respect. And so off we go...caring about each other and everything, demonstrating awesome manners and kindness and respect will be lived!

Hannah Bancroft

