



# The MORCHARD MESSENGER

The Independent Village Newsletter

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## **Vintage Rally & Family Fun Day Saturday 1st August at the Playing Field**

Our annual event is fast approaching; see poster for details.

Before you continue reading, please take a moment to locate a book of blue raffle tickets, which should be slotted into the pages of your Messenger. These are for advanced ticket sales for our Grand Draw to be held during the Fun Day on August 1st. If you've been along to the event in previous years, you will know there is always a vast array of prizes. Last year we had nearly 90 prizes, featuring hampers, wine and spirits, meals out, chocolates, family days out, and tickets to Exeter Chiefs! We are currently working hard to gather a similar selection of prizes for this year, and of course we are extremely grateful to all the local businesses who show their support by donating prizes. On top of this wonderful array of goodies, MBPFA offers a cash prize of £100, plus an additional bonus prize of £100, which is only available to those who have bought one of these blue advance tickets.

You can enter the Grand Draw by completing your details on the ticket stubs and dropping it off together with your payment to: Church Street Stores; The London Inn; Bob & Toni Robinson at Bay House, Chulmleigh Road (close to the doctor's surgery); or Debbie Ticehurst at Wisteria House, Fore Street (opposite the Methodist Chapel). If you would like extra blue advance tickets to share the luck amongst your family and friends, please ask at any of these 4 locations, or contact us via email or Facebook. If you're not interested in winning any of our wonderful prizes you can hand in any unwanted books of tickets to the 4 locations listed above, to go back into circulation for others to buy.

The event is our primary fundraiser. We are a registered charity and all the money raised goes to help maintain and improve our recreational provision for all in the parish. Our outside space is free to use on an informal basis, we have no membership or subscribers, no council support, and yet it costs a significant and increasing amount of money just for us to insure and try to maintain the facility, and ensure it remains available for future generations. We are extremely grateful for any support you can give to our fundraising activities, whether in money, time, labour or goods.

We should like to thank the small number of people who have already come forward to help our committee with the planning of this big event. However, for the event to go ahead, we need people to step forward and volunteer to assist with tasks on the day. Can you make a cup of tea or stand up for one hour?! You've got the job! Seriously, that's all that is needed in some cases, we need car parking stewards, rally marshals, gate staff, and people to make and serve refreshments. The rota is in 1-hour slots, so please consider if you can help for an hour; your help will be appreciated. Any donations of delicious homemade cake [that we can cut up and serve in individual portions] would also be most welcome. Please contact us and let us know in advance. See you on the field!

**Bob Robinson**

Chairman – Morchard Bishop Playing Field Association

[mbplayingfield@gmail.com](mailto:mbplayingfield@gmail.com)

Facebook page: Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association

**MORCHARD BISHOP  
VINTAGE RALLY &  
FAMILY FUN DAY  
SATURDAY 1st AUGUST - GATES OPEN 12 NOON**

## JULY 2026 DIARY

If you'd like details of your event or meeting to appear in the August 2026 Diary, please let Sue Eaglen know by August 12 at [sue\\_eaglen@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:sue_eaglen@fastmail.co.uk) or message Sue on 07854 745791. You may also like to use the section below to publicise a future event.

**St. Mary's** All welcome at our services

July 5th. **11.45** Morning worship with baptism

July 12th. 10.30 Holy Communion

July 19th. 10.30am Family service + Joint Bible Study with Emmanuel

July 26th. 10.30am Morning worship

**Emmanuel** All welcome at our services. Morning services start at 11, coffee from 10.30. Visit [www.emmanuel-morchar-bishop.org](http://www.emmanuel-morchar-bishop.org) for detailed information about services, Sunday School for primary age children, youth clubs and other events.

Third Sunday joint Bible study with St. Mary's at Emmanuel.

The Prime Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 19.00.

Edge Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 19.30.

Coffee mornings Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30.

Book Swap: Wed, July 1, 15.00 – 16.30

Morchar Bishop Sports & Social Club month's events & opening, please see page 4

Morchar Bishop Bowling Club, please see fixtures on page 8

Please note: No Parish Walks in July & August

### Future Events

Sat, Aug 1, Vintage Rally & Family Fun Day, 12.00 onwards

Sat, Sept 26, Dance/listen to *Cheaper by Bus*

Wednesday	1, & 8, 15, 22, 29	10.30 – 11.15	Chair Pilates	Memorial Hall
	1	14.00 – 15.00	Pickleball Intro Tea & cake at	Memorial Hall
	1	15.00 – 16.30	Book Swap	Memorial Hall
	1, & 8, 15	17.30 – 19.00	Brownies	Memorial Hall
	1, & 8, 15, 22, 29	19.30 – 21.00	Pickleball	Memorial Hall
Thursday	2	10.00 – 15.00 incl. lunch	Can't sew, won't sew	Emmanuel
	2, 9	12.00 – 15.00	Singaround	London Inn Memorial Hall
	2, & 9, 16, 23, 29	16.00 – 16.30	Junior Ballet	Memorial Hall
		16.30 – 17.00	Junior Modern	
		18.35 – 19.30	Mat Pilates	Memorial Hall
Friday	3, & 10, 17, 24	13.30 – 14.30	Visiting Post Office	London Inn

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Saturday	4	10.00 – 11.30 15.00	Coffee Morning - hall committee  <i>The Tempest</i> – See page 14 for tickets etc	Memorial Hall  Playing Field
Monday	6, & 13, 20, 27	09.00 – 10.00	Mat Pilates	Memorial Hall
	6	19.00	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall
Tuesday	7 & 14, 21, 28	10.00 – 11.30	Coffee morning	Emmanuel
	7	14.30 – 15.00	Pre-school ballet	Memorial Hall
		15.45 – 16.30	Intermed. ballet	
		16.30 – 17.15	Intermed. modern	
Wednesday	8	12.00	Over 60s Lunch	London Inn
		14.30	W.I.	Memorial Hall
Friday	10	11.30	Carers' Club	London Inn
		19.00	Prime Club	Emmanuel
Saturday	11	9.30 – 11.30	Coffee Morning & Produce Market, Table Top – Hilary, Frances, Carolyn	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	15	12.00	Over 60's Lunch	London Inn
Friday	17	19.30	Edge Club	Emmanuel
Saturday	18	10.00 – 11.30	Coffee Morning – hall committee	Memorial Hall
Saturday	25	10.00 – 11.30	Coffee Morning – hall committee members	Memorial Hall

## NOTICEBOARD

### Copy for Publication in THE MORCHARD MESSENGER

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

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

The Editors retain the right to reject, edit, alter or correct articles which are sent in for publication.

The opinions expressed in articles and letters are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editors. We do not publish anonymous letters.

Copy should be sent **by email** to [morchardmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:morchardmessenger@gmail.com)

Hard copy may also be delivered to Colin Crewdson at the address below.

#### Postal Service.

This newsletter can be posted to you monthly at a cost of £12 per annum.

Please contact :

Colin Crewdson  
Wayside Cottage  
Frost

Morchard Bishop EX17 6SF  
Phone: 07926 625120

### ADVERTS

Open the door to new business by advertising in the Morchard Messenger

Adverts up to 1/8 page are £5 a month

Adverts up to 1/4 page are £7 a month

Adverts up to 1/2 page are £10 a month

(Larger sizes negotiable)

Please email your copy or draft to the editor (address above)

### Morchard Bishop Sports & Social Club

Bar open to all members  
Annual membership £2 per adult, due  
1<sup>st</sup> August 26

#### JULY OPENING TIMES

**Mondays – CLOSED**

**Tuesdays –** All dates open for Pool practice & Bridge 7.30pm.

**Wednesdays –** All dates may be open for ladies' Darts practice.

**Thursdays –** Men's Darts practice.

**Fridays –** 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Village Darts open from 7.30pm

**Saturdays –** Normal opening times from 7.30pm.

**Sundays – CLOSED**

**IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SOCIAL CLUB, HELPING BEHIND THE BAR FOR A FEW HOURS, WE NEED YOU !!!!!**

**PLEASE CONTACT**  
[mbssc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mbssc.secretary@gmail.com)

This is a rough guide which may be subject to change please contact [morchardsportsandsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:morchardsportsandsocialclub@gmail.com) for more information if needed or go to our Facebook page for updates.

### Bus Service 369 (Dartline)

#### Outward

Morchard Bishop (Greenaway):  
07.12, 09.40, 11.50, 13.55, 16.07  
*Saturday variation 07.25*

Crediton High St: 07.46, (07.54), 10.14, 12.21, 14.24, 16.39

Crediton Train station /Redlands:  
07.51, (08.00), 10.19, 12.26, 14.28, 16.43

Exeter City Centre (Sidwell St):  
08.17, (08.23), 10.39, 12.45, 14.48, 17.05

RD&E Hospital 08.26, 17.14  
*Saturdays 0828, 1714*

#### Return

Exeter RD&E: 17.15/ 17.15

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

Crediton Train station/Redlands:  
09.04, 11.13, 13.19, 15.25, 17.57, (17.55)

Morchard Bishop (Greenaway):  
09.38, 11.48, 13.53, 16.05, 18.34  
*Saturdays 18.28*

Witheridge: 18.59 (*not Saturdays*)

### Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall

Available for birthday and celebration parties, family meetings/get togethers/wakes/wedding receptions.

**Bookings - Contact Debbie Ticehurst**  
[dticehurst@icloud.com](mailto:dticehurst@icloud.com)  
07875359563

**General - Contact Anton Heal**  
[antonheal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:antonheal@yahoo.co.uk)  
07970 227753

**Produce / Table Top booking –**  
contact **Robert Moore**  
07455 896589  
[robert@lycottnursery.co.uk](mailto:robert@lycottnursery.co.uk)

### Church Street Stores

#### Opening Hours:

Sunday & Monday: 8.30am-12noon

Tuesday- Friday: 8.30am-5pm

Saturday: 8.30a- 2pm

**01363 877826**

[www.facebook.com/churchstreetstores](https://www.facebook.com/churchstreetstores)

**Matthew & Clare**



Dear All,

### THANK YOU!

This is on behalf of Morchard Bishop Parish Council, who organised the event, but I personally would like to thank everyone who made my role as organiser of the Morfest Draw such an enjoyable task.

**Country Kitchens, Tony Scoins, Tapp Builders, Jumping Juniors, Church Street Stores, Richard Gunn, Pam Cox, Hilda & Keith Partridge, Marilyn & Derick Pedrick, Julian Rice, Karen & Paul Hayman, Mimi & John Charman, Dawn & Charles Parkhouse, Shells Gels, Angela & Derek Horn, David & Angela Parker, Morchard Bishop Football Club, Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall, Karl & Carolyn Lacey, AB Autos, Peaky Cleaners.....all of Morchard Bishop Parish,**  
plus  
**Griggs Potatoes, Revive Crediton, CMC Crediton, Rosemoor Gardens, Morrisons Crediton, Tesco Crediton, A & S Paving, NFU Crediton, Miles Fish & Chips, Chudleigh Post Office, Exeter Brewery, Sams Cider, LWC, Exeter Racecourse.**

Thank you all for your generous donations. The prizes were wonderful, and I am truly very grateful for your kindness and support.

**Dawn Parkhouse**  
vice chair Morchard Bishop Parish Council.

### Hele Lane Methodist Chapel, Black Dog

Fourth Friday Feast community lunch

Friday 24th July 2026 at 12.30pm

Hele Lane Methodist Chapel, Black Dog

All welcome for a delicious 2-course meal, & friendly social.

No charge but donations welcome.

Must pre-book by phoning Mary on 07814 590220

## TWO MOORS WAY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Two Moors Way Association would like to thank everyone who supported our celebrations on 29 May!

Whether you walked, planted up a pair of old boots, baked a cake, waved a flag, listened to the speeches, read the memorabilia boards, bought an anniversary buff (TMW merchandise is available in MB – just call the number below), we are so grateful to you all.



Special thanks are due to Wendy Vere and the WI who provided wonderful refreshments all afternoon, and to the Beech Hill Community who quenched the thirst of the Witheridge walkers.

We made it onto ITV Westcountry (who struggled to get their lips around the words 'Morchard Bishop' for some reason!) and into the local press. And there's now a surge of interest in upgrading the Two Moors Way to National Trail status.

A marvellous day all round – thank you, Morchard Bishop.  
[www.twomoorsway.org](http://www.twomoorsway.org) [info@twomoorsway.org](mailto:info@twomoorsway.org)  
01363 779492



## **Foundation Governor Vacancy – Morchard Bishop C of E Primary School**

Are you passionate about education, community, and supporting children to flourish? We are seeking a committed and enthusiastic Foundation Governor to join the **Local Advisory Committee at Morchard Bishop C of E Primary School**, part of The Link Academy Trust.

This rewarding voluntary role offers the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the strategic direction of the school, support its Christian vision and values, and help ensure the very best outcomes for pupils. Governors work collaboratively with school leaders and the Trust to provide support, challenge, and oversight across areas including educational standards, wellbeing, safeguarding, finance, and community engagement.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has an interest in education and supporting young people
- Values the distinctiveness of Church of England education
- Can work collaboratively and think strategically
- Is willing to attend meetings and engage with school life
- Brings professional skills, life experience, or community knowledge

No previous governance experience is required, as training and ongoing support will be provided through The Link Academy and the Diocese.

The Local Advisory Committee works together as a group (four schools). Meetings are usually held via Teams at 5 pm on Monday evenings (one each half term – six per academic year). The Foundation Governor will ideally join the School's Ethos Group who also meet once each half term.

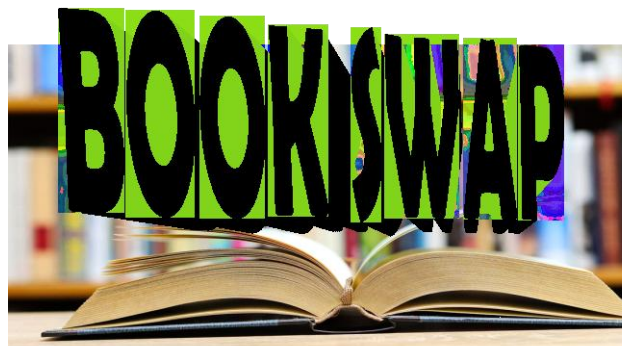
Serving as a governor is an excellent opportunity to develop new skills, broaden your experience, and make a lasting difference within the local community.

*If you are interested, or want further information, please get in touch with the Mid Devon LAC Clerk, Pam Down [pam.down@thelink.academy](mailto:pam.down@thelink.academy) who will be happy to help.*

### **Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY**

**3pm-4.30**



**We have a large and varied  
selection of new books, jigsaws  
and lots of children's books.**

**Teas\Coffee and Cakes**

**Or just join us for a chat!!!**

### **A DANCE AT THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**ON SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**DANCING (OR JUST LISTENING) TO**

### **CHEAPER BY BUS**

**WHO HEADLINED MORFEST '26**

#### **TICKETS:**

**£ 8.00 SINGLE**

**£20.00 FOR FAMILY OF 4 INCLUDING CHILDREN  
FROM 10 TO 16 YEARS**

**OTHER CHILDREN FREE IF WITH AN ADULT**

**TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED**

**BOOKABLE FROM ANTON  
antonheal@yahoo,[co.uk](mailto:antonheal@yahoo.co.uk) or 07970227753**

**Licensed bar and food will be available**



## JULY & AUGUST EVENTS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 3.00.pm Theatre **The Tempest**

**Morchard Bishop Playing Field**

The performance of Shakespeare's The Tempest is at multiple village venues in mid Devon throughout June and early July.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July Music **Vikki Clayton**  
7.30pm

.Saturday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> - **Cinema in the Park**  
The Heart Project, special screen to allow a daytime film and an evening film with food available

Saturday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> **Arts in the Park**  
The Heart Project  
Our usual mix of creative activity includes. Art workshops drumming and circus workshops theatre and music performances, a craft tent and food all day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>- 7.30pm **Meltdown in Malibu**  
Credition Youth Theatre

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
plus 4pm Matinee Saturday

Further information for all events can be found at our web site [www.creditionartscentre.org](http://www.creditionartscentre.org) or the Summer Brochure available throughout the retailers in Credition

### Credition & District Third Age Trust



Next Meeting: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Grace Darling and the Art of Saving Lives at Sea

A Talk by James Taylor

Venue: Boniface Centre Cost: £2.00

## Over 60's Lunch & Get Together

The next Over 60's Luncheon at the London Inn will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm.

The menu will be Honey Roast Gammon with Parsley Sauce, Mash Potatoes & Vegetables  
Profiteroles with Hot Chocolate Sauce  
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 14<sup>th</sup> July or email me at [mandytapp@talk21.com](mailto: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

**PLEASE NOTE: NO OVER 60's LUNCH IN AUGUST**

### St Boniface Concert Society

Credition Parish Church

Thursday 2nd July, 7.30pm

**Rob Burton (Saxophone) & Mark Rogers (Pianoforte)**

Works include music by Piazzolla, Bach, Demersseman

Sunday 26th July, 3pm

**Ewan Millar (Oboe) & Tomos Boyles (Pianoforte)**

Works by Britten, JS Bach, Barber, Ravel, Poulenc, Boulanger, Brahms, Musgrave and Facer

Refreshments available

**Ticket Prices:**

**Individual concerts:**

Adult : £18.00

Full time students under 30: free

## Morcharad Bishop Bowling Club July home fixtures

What could be more relaxing than a pleasant afternoon watching a bowls match?

Everyone welcome to come and support our players on...

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> v. Exonia	2:30 pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> v. Hatherleigh	2:30 pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> v. Feniton Hawks	2:30 pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> v. Chagford	6:30 pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> v. Victoria Park	6:30 pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> v. Crediton	6:00 pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> v. Sidmouth	2:30 pm
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> v. Exonia	6:30 pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> v. Okehampton	2:00 pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> v. North Tawton	2:00 pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> v. Holsworthy.	6:30 pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> v. Crediton & Phear Park	2:30pm
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> v. St Thomas.	6:30pm

Don't forget that the club is always looking for new players. **Come and have a go. Tuesday evenings from 6:00.** Bowls provided. We just ask that you wear flat shoes.

Find us on Facebook or the Morcharad Bishop PC website.

## Pickleball at the Memorial Hall



### Introductory and general play sessions

These will be held on the following dates/times in July:

**Weds 1st intro session**-2pm to 3pm. Free tea and cake after at the Book Swap!

**Wed 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th** 7.30-9pm

Places are restricted to just 6 people per session.

Places need to be pre-booked by email to [dticehurst@icloud.com](mailto:dticehurst@icloud.com) or WhatsApp 07875359563. £2 a session.

First come, first served. Wear comfy clothing and trainers/plimssoles. Equipment is provided.

## Fierce Competition for The Bowls Club Invitation Cup

The inaugural Morcharad Bishop Bowls Club Invitation Cup opened with a modest fanfare on Tuesday 2nd of June. Whilst its opening was modest, the events on the bowls green were not. The standard of play was high and the competition fierce.

Village organisations were invited to send two bowlers, once a week for six weeks to compete in this newly established competition. The two bowlers could be the same two or a different two each week. The favoured, and more successful strategy is the latter. Most players, being novices, do not have the finely-tuned bodies of regular, dare I say, professional bowlers.

A normal match of bowls may involve 54 separate deliveries of heavy woods, needing a high level of co-ordinated mental and muscular effort. Playing bowls is both mental and physical torture, it is not for the faint-hearted. One must factor in the need to walk 18 times up and down the rink which can be a total distance in excess of 700 yards; the frequent need to get on one's knees and measure the distance between competing woods and the jack; and the mental anguish in keeping the score. With these factors in mind, it was decided that the competition would comprise just eight ends - a reduction in mental and physical effort of over 50%. This proved to be a wise decision as the novice players found the constant walking, bending, lifting, adding and record-keeping soon took their toll. On-hand was a dedicated, if somewhat untrained band of older bowlers who provided makeshift physiotherapy and off-the-cuff psychology. One novice bowler was overheard to say that it was the sight of a pensioner standing on the sides armed with embrocation and a sinister grin that kept them going.

After the first week's play the Chapel team heads the table with a convincing win against the Londoners. Terence (not his real name) soon found his range once he was pointed in the right direction. Leo (all names have been changed to protect the individual's identity) was a natural bowler, bending and releasing the wood in a choreographed movement of chronological perfection - something rarely seen on the Morcharad green these days. Sadly, the Londoners struggled to target in on the jack having one of those off days so reminiscent of our national teams. No matter, there is always another week. Week 2 sees the Parish Council heading the table with two wins, and the Allotments in last place with two points - bonus ones for narrow defeats.

The purpose in establishing this competition is to get villagers playing bowls - for fun, not for recruitment. Whilst the bowls club welcomes, and indeed needs new members, we also want the green to be used by a wider group of people. If you would like to give bowls a go, come up to the green on a Tuesday at 6.00 pm.

**Paul Ticehurst**



## Morchar Bishop FC - 2025 / 2026



Alan Woodcock, Jacek Wozny, Matthew Madelin, Jonathan Bradford, Josh Doe, Ben Betts, Adam Galliford, Sam Rice, Seb Roche, Jake Burrow, Joseph Barrow, Warren Patmore, Steven Rice  
Liam Tucker, Billy Conabeare, Callum Vanstone, Jake Tapp, Ben Dommett, Adam Bell (C), Dan Angell, Jack Parkhouse, Ellis Goodson

### Season Summary

Following on from Morchar Bishop Football Club's triumphant season in 2024/25 we were promoted two leagues, for the 2025/26 season, to Division 2, we played 20 matches, winning 10, drawing 2, and losing 8 —just missing out on 3<sup>rd</sup> place following a thrilling last game of the season, a strong return at this level.

### Thank You to Our Sponsors

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our sponsors, everyone who sponsors a player, and those who have placed advertising boards around the pitch. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Special thanks this season go to Mr Keith Partridge of Partridges Transport, who generously sponsored our new kit at the start of the campaign. Keith has supported MBFC with kits for more than 40 years and, at 87, still attends every home match whenever his health allows. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the club. We would also like to thank Charlotte and Ross Dennis of RDD Building Contractors for sponsoring the team's training jackets.

### Advertising Opportunities

If you are interested in sponsoring one of our players next season or placing an advertising board around the pitch, we still have limited space available. For full details, please contact:

Jacek — 07890 605144

Dawn — 07851 043766

Email — [afcmorcharbishop@outlook.com](mailto:afcmorcharbishop@outlook.com)

### Thank You to Our Supporters

We could not finish without saying a big thank you to our supporters — not only those who turn out on match days in all weathers, but also everyone who continues to support our fundraising events. Your support means a great deal to us.

### Looking Ahead to Next Season and Dates for your Diaries

Pre-season training starts on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** at the playing fields, with a 7.00 pm start. Old and new players are welcome. End of season presentation night **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July** at The London Inn.

The Football Club's AGM will take place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30 pm at the Playing Fields Pavilion. If you would like to be part of our club, please come along — all are welcome.

For pre-season friendlies, please check the football noticeboard or our Facebook page.

We can't wait to welcome you back to Wood Lane for the 2026/27 campaign, with heartfelt thanks and best wishes from everyone at **Morchar Bishop Football Club**.

## June meeting to Ten Acres vineyard!

On Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 17 of us went on a wonderful visit to a local vineyard at Winkleigh which was hosted by the owner, Esther McKinnel. Esther explained how she and her husband came back to Devon after time spent teaching in Hungary where they learnt a great deal about viniculture from their neighbours as everybody had their own patch of vines. They found a perfect small farm in 2008 to start their own vineyard at Ten Acres, which had south-facing sheep pastures. They set about planting many windbreak hedges and a variety of vines and over the years built the business up. The weather plays a very important part in grape growing – the vines must slope away to help prevent frost gathering at a critical time - and the amount of sunshine determines sugar levels. After walking around the vines (over 10,000!) and saying hello to the very friendly grazing pigs, we wandered back to the campsite and saw the bottling procedure – very labour-intensive in the case of sparkling wines – then Esther and Francis opened different bottles for us to try including their lovely sparkling varieties; all named after birds (Raven, Skylark)...all delicious! We toasted our forthcoming centenary year and decided this was a very agreeable way to spend the afternoon.

### The WI...much more than tea and cakes!

We welcome new members at any time, our meetings are posted in the Messenger and on the noticeboard outside the shop, come along (you will get a cuppa at least!)

Wendy Vere



Monday 31 August 2026, Parish Hall at 2pm

Entry £1.00 (cash preferred)

Children under 16 free

Whatever your age, join in the competition to show off your gardening, cooking and artistic talents – entry details below.

Bring all the family and friends and enjoy the exhibits, plant stall, grand draw and lots of lovely refreshments!

Have your say and vote in the "People's Choice" prize and find out the winners of Sandford Parish Council's Gardens and Hanging Baskets awards.

Competition entry forms available at Sandford Stores or via email  
[sandfordsummershow@gmail.com](mailto:sandfordsummershow@gmail.com)

Return entry forms to Sandford Stores by midday Friday 28 August

Mid Devon Council

### Bin day made easy!

Our new app lets you quickly check which bin is due, what goes where, and set automatic reminders - never miss a collection again!

- ✓ Free to download
  - ✓ Easy to use
  - ✓ Your data stays on your device
- ➡ Download our app today!

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and reminders - now pocket-sized.



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## News from your Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Memorial Hall on Monday 1 June 2026.

A member of the public attended to congratulate the Parish Council for putting on MorFest and commented that it was an excellent and well organised event.

The Parish Council spent £839.18 from the main account, nothing from its Reserve account and nothing from the Footpaths account. The item of expenditure over £100 was £818.40 for the Parish Council Website and email accounts.

There were no planning applications for the Parish Council to consider.

Various items of correspondence were considered by the Parish Council including a free resource for Residents regarding the digital landline switchover – information has been placed on the Parish Council website and Noticeboard.

Some members of the Parish Council have been looking at drains (we get all the best jobs!) with our private contractor and we are confident that we can get the system working better for the village to try to avoid some of the flooding of the past. Car Parking along The Green stopping larger vehicles being able to pass was still an issue and the particular offender has now been spoken to.

A group from the Council met to look at the site of a proposed community orchard – this is an exciting project for the village allowing us to plant some heritage fruit trees for the benefit of all including wildlife.

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A major issue for the meeting and for a specific working group afterwards was the new Plan Mid Devon. The Government require that over 5,000 new homes are built in Mid Devon over the next five years along with areas for employment. All Towns and Parishes will be expected to take a fair share of the burden and a call has gone out to landowners asking them to put forward available land. The Parish Council are working on how and where best to accommodate an expansion of the village and to what extent it would be possible whilst maintaining the character of the village. If you have any views that you would like to share please let either myself or any Parish Councillor know your thoughts. You may come up with an idea that we had not considered!

Our next meeting is on Monday 6 July at 7.00pm in the upper room of the Memorial Hall – all are welcome.

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/>. We hope that the website is a useful tool for everyone in the village, please do let us have your comments and contributions including future dates of your organisations' activities in order that other groups can avoid double booking.

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

**David Parker**  
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# MORCHARD BISHOP MAKERS' BAKERS' AND GROWERS' SHOW

JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 2026



Despite the appalling weather and howling wind, our village show went ahead with minimal adjustments. We had 180 entries across baking, crafts, flowers, fruit and vegetables classes.

We had to evacuate the marquee before our scheduled prize giving as the marquee was trying to take off! The results are listed below. Congratulations to all of our prize winners and huge thanks to Clare, Roger, Margaret, Sarah and Emma who judged so fairly and positively.

**Aish Trophy**-Eddie and Archie Vere

**Aish Shield**-Issy Scoins

**Chillingford Cup**-most pts in Maker and Baker classes-Sue Moody

**Bake-Off Prize**-most pts in Baker classes-Debbie Ticehurst

**Bowden Cup**-most pts in the flower classes-Carol Hutchings

**Oldborough Cup**-best mixed perennials-Sally Hurst

**Silver Anniversary Vase**-best flower arrangements shared Pam Cox and Kathy Allder

**Carrington Rose Bowl**- best rose-Pam Cox

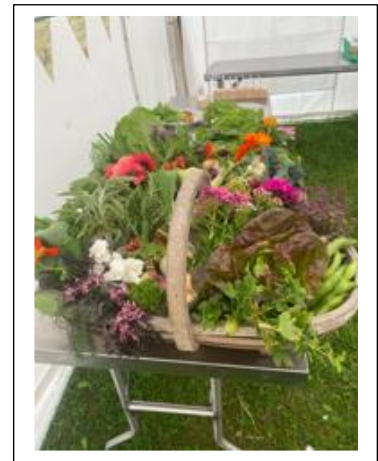
**S.Roberts Cup**-best vegetable exhibit-Susie Hill

**Morchard Cup**-most pts in the vegetable classes-Susie Hill

**Watcombe Cup**-best flower exhibit-Sarah Yendell's peony

**Wheely Memorial Cup**-most points in the Show-Sally Hurst

**Best in Show**-Sarah Yendell's peony



Congratulations to all our participants-the standard was very high.

Our grateful thanks to the Chapel for the loan of their marquee and the Playing Field Association for serving delicious refreshments and providing refuge from the tempest!

**Debbie Ticehurst and Stephen Leese**





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## Paper Owl

It's easy to think that being born the son of an emperor makes you pretty lucky: not so for Yuan Huangtou. In 547CE, an ambitious general called Gao Yang, killed Huangtou's father, declared himself Emperor Wenxuan of the Northern Qi and imprisoned the unfortunate heir along with what remained of his family and supporters. Unpleasant as it may be for them, we must leave them there for the moment while we backtrack a thousand years or so.

One of the joys of stories is that they sometimes preserve those quaint, bucolic and unsophisticated attempts to put a name or description to things which are now everyday, but at that time did not exist. The car, for instance, first rolled down a road as the 'horseless carriage' in the popular imagination before becoming the 'automobile' and then, obviously, 'car' took over. Last month we encountered Lu ban, who along with the saw, is credited with inventing a "wooden bird" that could fly for days. Although this sounds like nonsense at first, it is simply an attempt to describe something no one had ever seen before, but which you or I would instantly recognise as a kite.



As far as we know Lu Ban did not use his flying machine to take to the air himself, which was probably a good decision even if a successful flight in the fifth century BCE would have meant beating Daedalus to it by a hundred years or so. When your invention is so new that it doesn't have a name it's almost certainly too soon to put your life in its wings if you don't have to.

Since bamboo's hollow, segmented, tubular structure is both strong and light, and silk is similarly lighter than its western equivalents, China had a significant materials advantage for the continued development of sustained

atmospheric floating by heavier than air items, especially after the invention of paper around 220 CE. Over the thousand years following Lu Ban's first experiments, the design of kites and the techniques of flying them improved steadily, though not to the point of lifting humans. Which brings us back to Yuan Huangtou mouldering in Gao Yang's dungeon.

As is rather too common with those who seek great power, Gao was unnecessarily cruel and slightly unhinged. One of his pastimes was to take a handful of prisoners to the tallest tower in his city, strap them to prototype hang-gliders or manned kite type things, and throw them off the top. The more kindly disposed suggest he was driven by a keen scientific interest, but the survival rate of the test pilots and Gao's audible delight at their demise rather implies that inventing the aeroplane was fairly low on his priority list.

Having just watched several friends and relations plummet to their doom, Huangtou was almost certainly as surprised as everyone else therefore, when, on being launched from the 33 metre high Golden Phoenix Tower "strapped to a paper owl", he managed to stay aloft until he reached The Purple Way, an imperial road a full two and a half kilometres from his starting point. Although the flight carried him in to the history books as the first officially documented human aviator, it did not carry him far enough to escape re-capture.

Gao decided that the advantage of refining human flight was not worth the risk of losing one of his prisoners and sought out less inventive ways of ending their existence, like starving them to death, which fate was promptly meted out to Huangtou, a man who, despite the advantages of high birth and remarkably better than average co-ordination under pressure, experienced no control over the major events of his life whatsoever.

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

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## The Vapourer moth

**"Life is a Vapor. It passes in the blink of an eye". Sarah Louise "Sadie" Delaney 1889-1999**

Vapourer moths, *Orgyia antiqua*, are curious little creatures.

Like many moths they are a gentle brown colour. Their arrowhead shaped wings are an orangey brown with a small white crescent 2/3 of the way down each. Or at least the males are, the females have tiny wings, cannot fly, and emit pheromones, the vapour of vapourer, to attract the males.



The females seldom stray far from the cocoon they emerge from, mating and laying eggs being their main adult activity, followed shortly after by dying. Male moths have comb like antennae with which they sense the pheromones, they take flight from July through to October usually. The eggs are like lots of little white dots in an offset grid pattern and will overwinter and then hatch out in May whereupon a very distinctive caterpillar will emerge.

The caterpillar is hairy with black, grey and red colouring. They have tufts of yellow hairs which run along their back like a Mohican hairstyle, with two exaggerated black tufts at the front which can make them look not unlike a little fuzzy scorpion. They are found in gardens and hedgerows, heathland and woodlands.

As the males will fly in the day from late summer through to early autumn they can be mistaken for a butterfly but they do also fly at night and have their classic moth behaviour of being attracted to light, so if you set up a trap (white sheet and a torch style) to study nighttime moths, there is a good chance you will find some.

There is no need to cause them any harm as, although they will feed on a wide range of broadleaf trees and shrubs (Birch, Hazel, lime, cotoneaster, pyracantha), it is extremely rare for them to do any harm beyond the odd nibbled leaf and they are a wonderful curious addition to our biodiversity.

**Jo Coffey**

### Morcharde's Weather

A period of contrast. The second half of May was beautiful and very warm - with a couple of days over 30C (86F) in the last week. I measured 32C (almost 90F!) on 26th May. Sunhats and sunscreen everywhere with eleven days without rain.

Then June arrived like a jealous little sibling, intent on spoiling things. The very first day of June saw 12.3 mm or half-an-inch of rain with temperatures half of what they were the week before. The average temperature so far in June has been 13C (55F) with rain falling every day - wellies and warm coats suddenly retrieved from the back of the closet. Total rain so far (13th June) was 60mm or almost 2 and-a-half inches. In the whole of May, we had 42mm or just over an inch-and-a-half of rain and about half of that fell in the first three days.

And then on the very day we had the village Makers, Bakers and Growers show (6th June), we had a dreadful storm which cut short all proceedings when a stabiliser in the main marquee sheared off and clouted yours truly across the ear, followed by immediate evacuation of the tent. The weather has a lot to answer for.

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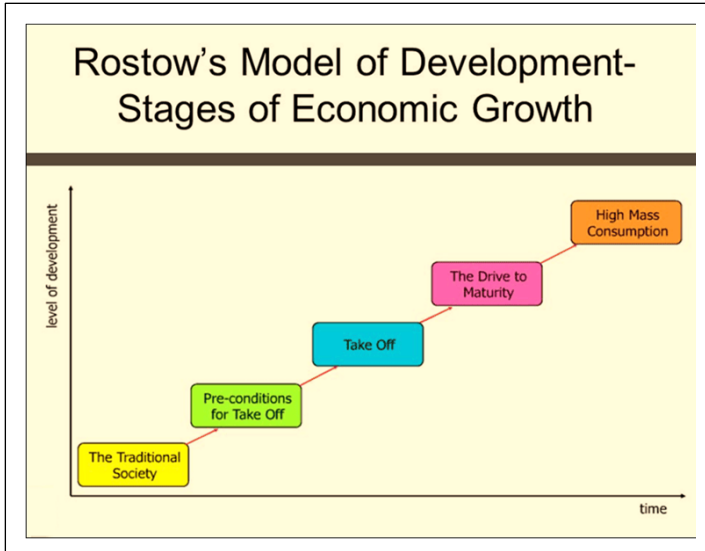
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## How to explain and measure economic development

Last month's piece was about the reasons why Malawi's lack of economic development could be explained, in part at least, by its geography - isolation, poor transport and hostile climate. Stepping away from the specifics of any one country and considering broader global patterns of development have resulted in a number of theoretical explanations.



Walt Rostow, an American economist working for the US government at the end of the war, believed that economic development was a linear process with countries passing through five stages of growth. Based on the experiences of industrialised countries such as the US and the UK, Rostow described the five stages of growth through which these countries had gone during their industrialisation. He argued that such transformations could be had by all countries, and it would simply be a matter of time before other countries caught up with the US.

Rostow called stage one the traditional society. This pre-industrial society was based on agriculture with little surplus production and so limited trading. It was a subsistence economy, and in terms of its environmental impact, it was sustainable.

Stage two, called the conditions for take-off, saw the introduction of the specialisation of labour and the introduction of manufacturing. Wealth creation was now possible. Stages three and four led to stage five, the age of mass consumption. In this stage wealth creation is at its height and benefitting most, though not all, of a country's population. Increased personal mobility through car ownership and air transport, along with the purchase of consumer goods such as dishwashers and washing machines results in large-scale environmental degradation.

Questions regarding the validity of Rostow's theories gained traction as some poorer nations seemed unable to get past stage two. This resulted in alternative models being proposed. The most widely quoted of these was Andre Frank's dependency theory. Frank believed that Rostow's model was flawed because it failed to recognise that the growth of some nations may well be at the cost of, and dependent upon, other weaker nations.

Frank's dependency theory identified two key types of country or regions: the core regions and the peripheral regions. The core regions are the rich, developed nations, while the periphery comprised poorer, less developed countries. The poorer nations sell raw materials to the richer nations which add wealth through manufacturing. Raw materials are traded at low, and ever lower prices, while manufactured goods are traded at ever higher prices. Such worsening terms of trade for the poorer nations hold back their development, contrary to the thinking of Rostow. Variations of this model have been applied on smaller scales so that, for example, London and the south-east can be seen as the UK's core, while Scotland, Wales and the south-west as the periphery.

Clearly both models are gross simplifications of reality as they fail to accommodate a myriad of factors. They do, however, present a starting point for debate.

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### Cod with cucumber, mango and avocado salsa.



125g [cod fillets](#), 1 [lime](#) zested and juiced, 1 small mango peeled, stoned and chopped (or 2 peaches, stoned and chopped), 1 [small avocado](#) stoned, peeled and sliced, ¼ cucumber chopped, 160g [cherry tomatoes](#) quartered, 1 [red chilli](#) deseeded and chopped, 2 [spring onions](#) sliced, handful chopped coriander.

#### Method:

Step 1 Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

Put the cod fillets in a shallow ovenproof dish and pour over half the lime juice, with a little of the zest, then grind over some black pepper.

Bake for 8 mins or until the fish flakes easily but is still moist.

Step 2 Meanwhile, put the rest of the ingredients, plus the remaining lime juice and zest, in a bowl and combine well. Spoon onto plates and top with the cod, spooning over any juices in the dish.



### Cherry Clafoutis

#### Ingredients:

For the cherries

- 450g/1lb ripe [cherries](#), the best you can find, stones removed
- 3 tbsp [caster sugar](#), plus extra for sprinkling
- 3 tbsp [kirsch](#) (optional)

For the batter

- 20g/¾oz unsalted [butter](#), plus extra for greasing
- 2 free-range [eggs](#)
- 3 tbsp [caster sugar](#), plus extra for sprinkling
- ½ tsp [vanilla extract](#)
- 1 heaped tbsp [plain flour](#)
- 50g/1¾fl oz whole [milk](#)
- 75g/2¼fl oz [whipping cream](#)
- pinch [sea salt](#)

#### Method:

- Gently mix together the cherries, sugar and kirsch and leave to macerate for two hours. (The sugar will slowly permeate the cherries and intensify their flavour.)
- Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Grease a baking dish with butter and sprinkle with sugar. Shake the sugar around the dish so that it is evenly coated, then tip out any excess.
- For the batter, heat the butter in a small pan until it turns a pale hazelnut colour – this is called a *beurre noisette*. Do not allow the butter to burn or it will become bitter and carcinogenic. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside in a warm place.
- In a large bowl whisk together the eggs, sugar and vanilla until creamy.
- Add the flour, whisk until smooth, then slowly incorporate the milk, cream, salt and *beurre noisette*.
- Mix the macerated cherries and their juice into the batter and pour into the prepared baking dish.
- Bake in the oven for 30-35 minutes, or until the top is slightly domed and the blade of a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean.
- To finish, sprinkle with caster sugar and serve warm.



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- Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- Care for houseplant while on holiday
- Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- Pick courgettes before they look like marrows
- Treat apple scab
- Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up (use saved rainwater or tap water that has stood outside 48hrs)
- Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines
- Enjoy harvesting your salad veg and early fruit

Jo Coffey

## Poem of the Month

### Deer

Were you that person?  
The one who ran from the meeting  
knocked over chairs, crashed through the swing doors  
out into the falling snow.

And was I the one who followed your white hair  
discreetly down the wet corridors, out into the cold  
so cold you could die without clothes?  
And then, from the edge of the woods

you ran, (was it you?) becoming, as you charged  
through the whirling snow, a phantom, a shaman,  
a white deer. Vaulted the wall  
and vanished, a void in my centre.

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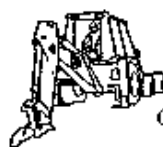
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## **Keeping Your Home Wi Fi Safe and Reliable**

Placing your Wi Fi router in a window or on a windowsill may seem convenient, but it can create security risks and poor performance.

### **Why you shouldn't place your router in a window**

#### *Security risk*

Routers often have stickers showing the Wi Fi name (SSID) and password. These can be seen or photographed from outside, allowing someone to access your network.

#### *Overheating*

Direct sunlight can cause your router to overheat, leading to slow speeds, dropouts, or permanent damage.

#### *Wasted signal*

Much of your Wi Fi signal will be broadcast outside your home instead of where you need it.

#### *Interference from modern glass*

Energy efficient windows can block or weaken Wi Fi signals.

### **Top tips for better Wi Fi at home**

- Place it centrally
- Position your router near the middle of your home for even coverage.
- Raise it up
- Put it on a shelf or table (around waist height or higher) for better signal spread.
- Keep it visible
- Avoid cupboards, cabinets, or behind TVs—these block signal and trap heat.
- Keep away from interference
- Place it at least a metre away from microwaves, cordless phones, and large metal objects.
- Adjust antennas (if fitted)
- Vertical = best for single floors
- Mix vertical/horizontal = better for multi storey homes

### **Simple steps to improve security**

Cover your router label

If it's visible, place tape over the sticker showing your Wi Fi details.

Change default passwords

Update both your Wi Fi password and the router's admin password.

Use a guest network

This lets visitors connect without accessing your personal devices.

Restart occasionally

Rebooting your router can improve performance and stability.

### **If your router must be near an outside wall or close to a window**

Place it slightly away from the window, ideally on a raised surface, rather than directly on the windowsill. Keep it away from direct sunlight. Ensure that any numbers or letters on the router cannot be seen or photographed by anyone outside the window.

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School News

## Memorable trip to London for Oak



We have just returned from a very exciting trip away to London. Oak Class visited London for three days, staying away from home and having the most amazing of experiences!

At Morchard we are invested in broadening children's experiences beyond the classroom, visiting a city is the perfect way! Plus all the confidence building that takes place from being away from home.

The children had a wonderful time, they received many compliments from members of the public about how well they behaved and how polite they were. We were so busy there wasn't time to stop!

We zoomed down the Thames on the Clipper Boat to see all the sights from the river. We walked around Buckingham Palace, seeing the Mall looking splendid with flags out. We visited Trafalgar Square, China Town, Covent Garden and that was just on the first day.

We then visited the Imperial War Museum and Tower Bridge Museum, after walking across it! We were lucky enough to see it open to let a tall ship sail through, all whilst enjoying an ice cream in the sunshine. .

We saw The Lion King at the theatre which was absolutely stunning. A real highlight! We then finished our trip by visiting the Houses of Parliament! We looked out for Mel Stride but sadly he wasn't there. The palace was incredible and the children learnt a lot about British democracy from our guides. A truly memorable experience for everyone.

Huge thanks must go to our parents for supporting the trip and for my staff team who supported the trip in London. Everyone deserved their half term break!

Hannah Bancroft, Academy Head



*More pictures overleaf!*