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MORCHARD BISHOP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Where has a year gone since we last featured on the front cover of the Messenger?

As many of you know 2026 has been a very challenging year, but we are doing our very best to continue serving the community.

The various groups i.e. Men's & Ladies' Darts, with the ladies again winning a few trophies, Men's & Ladies' skittles, Pool Teams, Bridge, Football (who like a drink or two after a match!), Village Darts and of course the various people who use the Social Club for Quiz nights, Birthday parties etc who are still going strong and supporting what still is a great members' Social Club, so a huge thank you to you all, especially all our members.

The cost of membership is still only £2.00 per year and a reminder that memberships are due again in August, so please make sure you renew yours.

To continue to carry on running a successful Social Club we need more volunteers to help, especially behind the bar; our current volunteers are doing a fantastic job, but they can only offer so much of their precious time. Even if you are only able to help for an hour – every little helps! The pay is rubbish but the rewards are great. The Club is a great way to make new friends.

As most of you know Angie has retired, but is currently continuing to do as much as she is able to do to keep the Club running smoothly – she is still acting Chairman.

If you are able to help, please contact a member of the Social Club, or email mbssc.secretary@gmail.com and together we can continue to have a Social Club.

Visit your local website www.morchardbishop-pc.gov.uk/homepage

AUGUST 2026 DIARY

If you'd like details of your event or meeting to appear in the September 2026 Diary, please let Sue Eaglen know by August 12 at 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

2/8 10.30am Morning worship

9/8 10.30am Holy Communion

16/8 10.30am Family service

23/8 10.30am Morning worship

30/8 10.00am Mission Community Eucharist venue tbc

Emmanuel All welcome at our services.

Morning services start at 11, 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 joint Bible study with St. Mary's at Emmanuel.

The Prime Club meets on the 2nd Friday at 19.00. Edge Club meets on the 3rd Friday at 19.30 but **please note the clubs do not meet in August**. Coffee mornings Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30.

Book Swap - Our 2nd anniversary!: Wed August 5, 15.00 – 16.30

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

Morchard Bishop Bowling Club, please see fixtures on page 7 and note there's Afternoon Tea at the Clubhouse, August 20, at 14.30.

No Parish Walk, Over-60s Lunch, Pickleball or Singaround this month.

Future Events:

Sat, September 26, dance/listen to Cheaper by Bus

Sat, September 26, Community Clean-up, 09.00 – 11.00

Saturday	1	12.00 onwards	Vintage Rally & Family Fun Day	Playing Fields
Monday	3	19.00	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall
Tuesdays	4, 11, 18, 25	10.00 – 11.30 19.30	Coffee Bridge	Emmanuel MBSSC
Wednesday	5	15.00 – 16.30	Book Swap 2 nd Birthday, tea & cake free	Memorial Hall
Fridays	7 & 14, 21, 28	13.30 – 14.30	Visiting Post Office	London Inn
Saturday	8	9.30 – 11.30	Coffee Morning & Produce Market	Memorial Hall – Angela, Julie, Jo Savage

Sponsored This Month by the Sports and Social Club

Monday	10	19.00	P3 Meeting	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	12	14.30	WI Croquet & Cream Tea	Angela Searle's Farm, Hollacombe
Friday	14	11.30	Carers' Club	London Inn
Saturday	15	10.00 – 11.30	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall
Thursday	20	14.30 – 16.30	Bowling Club Afternoon Tea	Clubhouse
Saturdays	22 & 29	10.00 – 11.30	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall

Family Fun at the Crediton Heart's 5th Summer Arts Festival 8th to 15th August

The Crediton Heart Project is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its popular Summer Arts Festival next month, with another fabulous family-friendly programme of activities and entertainment.

Running from 8th to 15th August, the Heart Project has teamed up with Crediton Arts Centre to deliver a week of creative workshops, film, theatre and dance events, offering something for all ages.

The programme starts on Saturday 8th August with a free outdoor screening of the popular film *Wonka* in Newcombes Meadow. Starring Timothée Chalamet, it explores the early years of Willy Wonka from Roald Dahl's famous story *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Thanks to an LED screen, the film will start at 6pm before it gets dark. Come early to grab your place, bring a picnic or buy food from the stalls which will be open from 4pm. Chocolate will be involved!!

The Festival then moves indoors for three days of creative workshops at the Arts Centre, when you can try your hand at dancing, robot making, block printing, drumming and pottery.

The Heart Project is particularly excited this year to offer a special dance workshop with Luca Vaccari, a former QE student who is forging a career as a professional dancer and choreographer. This will be a fun, relaxed class aimed at people over 16, but no previous experience is necessary.

On 12th August, Luca will also perform at the Arts Centre in *Movement Anthology*, a new selection of contemporary dance theatre works, exploring themes of belonging and intergenerational connection. Joining Luca on stage will be fellow artists and performers Millie Parker and Philip Robinson.

Then on 13th August at the Arts Centre, put on your dancing shoes for a special 5th Anniversary Summer Ceilidh with the popular 'Second Sight' ceilidh band. This will be a joyful evening, where everyone gets a chance to join the dance. Fun for the whole family!

The festival culminates on Saturday 15th August with the return of *Arts in the Park* - a fantastic day of free activities in Newcombes Meadow, including workshops with [Higher Beings Circus](#) and [Drum Devon](#), a performance of *The Mushroom Show* by [Scratchworks Theatre Company](#), drop in art workshops, live music from our local Ukrainian choir and young singer-songwriter Jessie Hampson, a craft fair featuring work by local makers, plus delicious food and drink stalls to keep you fuelled throughout the day.

The Arts Centre workshops are just £3 for under 16s, or £5 for 16+, the dance show is £10/£8 and the ceilidh £5/£3. For more details and to book tickets, visit: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-crediton-heart-project/>

NOTICEBOARD

Copy for Publication in THE MORCHARD MESSENGER

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

15th August 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

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
1st August '26

AUGUST OPENING TIMES

Mondays – CLOSED

Tuesdays – 18th Football friendly.

All dates open for Pool practice

Wednesdays – All dates maybe open for Ladies' darts practice.

Thursdays – All dates maybe open for Men's Darts practice.

Fridays – 7th & 21st Village darts competition.

Saturdays – 15th Football friendly.
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

This is a rough guide which may be subject to change please contact 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 08.28, 17.14

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
07875359563

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

Produce / Table Top booking –
contact **Robert Moore**
07455 896589
robert@lydcottnursery.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

Matthew & Clare



Ode to MB Playing Field Association

If you want to get fit, there's just one place to go.
at the end of the village, a place you all know.
It's where the Canterng Quartet started their mission,
the Couch to 5K, quite an ambition.

The sports field is where we went to complete
the 5k run, for us, quite a feat.
But we managed to do it and keep going back,
to our brilliant facilities, the sports field track.

With huge thanks to all who work to maintain this
facility for our village.

Julie, Georgina, Pamela and Jeanette

MORCHARD BISHOP BOWLS CLUB INVITES YOU TO AFTERNOON TEA



at the Clubhouse

2.30 - 4.30pm 20th AUGUST

scones, cakes, sandwiches, bottomless
teapot £5pp

Bring some friends and book a table. Or, just
let us know you're coming by

Friday 14th August

Contact Frances: 01363 877083;
Debbie: 01363 877083;
lindsey.starrs@btinternet.com



Sustainable Morchard

We are now able to collect Coffee Pods for recycling.
Please put them in the bin provided in the shed in the
London Inn car park.

And thank you to Sarah for letting us use the shed.

Admission:
Adults £2
Children 50p

Join us
AT THE...

The
Playing Field
Wood Lane
Morchard Bishop
EX17 6PE

**MORCHARD BISHOP
VINTAGE RALLY &
FAMILY FUN DAY**

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST - GATES OPEN 12 NOON

- Vintage Vehicles
- Craft Stalls
- Ferret Racing
- Barbeque
- Face Painting
- Inflatables
- Entertainment
- Prize Draw
- Sports Club Bar
- Cakes & Refreshments

For further information please contact
mbplayingfield@gmail.com

All proceeds in aid of Morchard Bishop Playing Field Association, registered charity no. 277053

Morichard Bishop Community Clean up

Sprawling weeds. Unkempt verges. Hedges to cut back. Dirty signs. Jobs you'd like to see improved or done? Sadly, government funding and maintenance has declined, but let's be proactive!

Your Morichard Bishop Parish Council are keen to run a **Community Clean Up**, Saturday 26th September 2026 0900-1100am.

If 100 people give one hour of their time, think what a difference we could **all** achieve!

Register at The London Inn car park on the day (for insurance reasons) and get a free tea/coffee! High viz and tools will be provided as needed.

No job too small, and all help very much appreciated to get our village looking smart!

Equally, if there are jobs you think would benefit the village, please email our Parish Clerk, clerk@morichardbishop-pc.gov.uk and David will compile a list.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Simon Baker
Parish Council Chairman

MorFest 2026

Morichard Bishop Parish Council and the organisers of MorFest 2026 would like to say a huge thank you to all those individuals and organisations who gave so much of their time to make sure that the event was the success that it was. We could not have done it without such a huge team effort and everyone involved, in whatever capacity, should be very proud of themselves.

We are pleased to report that, additionally, the event was a financial success and a profit was made. Those profits will now be shared between village organisations.

Once again, thank you and congratulations to all who were involved.

Morichard Bishop Parish Council

Quality House Furniture Sale

also **Garage Sale**

Monday August 3rd 10 am – 8 pm

at

**'Hawthornes' Wood Lane
Morichard Bishop**

tel Maureen on **877080**

Morichard Bishop Memorial Hall
WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST
3pm - 4.30pm



2nd BIRTHDAY
Complementary



Come and join us to celebrate!!

LIVE MUSIC. GREAT VIBES. LOCAL COMMUNITY.

★ = FEATURING = ★

CHEAPER BY BUS

A graphic featuring a yellow bus with 'CHEAPER BY BUS' written on its side, parked in front of a two-story building with a gabled roof and multiple windows.

DATE
SEPTEMBER 26

TIME
19:00 TO 00:00

VENUE
MORICHARD BISHOP MEMORIAL HALL

★ **ENTRY FEE** ★
£8pp / £20
PER PERSON FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR
ADDITIONAL FAMILY TICKETS £5PP

★ **LICENSED BAR AND FOOD AVAILABLE** ★

Village Archivist for Morchard Bishop

Are you curious about our local history? Do you have a little spare time each couple of weeks and a working knowledge of Morchard Bishop?

Following on from the initial work undertaken by the Memorial Hall Committee, Morchard Bishop Parish Council are looking to appoint a Village Archivist. The role may be shared.

The Parish Council are keen to preserve our history for future generations. There is a wealth of knowledge and material that needs documenting, files to be sorted, newspaper cuttings to be scanned and filed etc. Space and secure storage may be available upstairs in the Memorial Hall. Whilst a voluntary role, any reasonable expenses will be considered. The position will be fully supported by the Parish Council. They will be seeking grants to support this work.

Perhaps you have some history you'd like to share or articles to loan/donate?

Please do contact the Parish Council Clerk David Parker clerk@morchardbishop-pc.gov.uk if you have any questions, or to express an interest in this new role.

Morchard Bishop Bowling Club August 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 5 th	v. North Tawton	2:30 pm
Fri 7 th	v. Braunton.	6:30 pm
Tues 11 th	v. Bradworthy.	2:00 pm
Sat 15 th	v. Exonia.	2:00 pm
Wed 19 th	v. Seaton	2:30 pm
Fri 21 st	v. Torrington	2:00 pm
	v. Bradworthy.	6:00pm
Wed 26 th	v. Cullompton	2:30 pm

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 Morchard Bishop PC website.

MORCHARD BISHOP MEMORIAL HALL LIST OF HIRING CHARGES

With effect from 1st September 2026

Resident	Non-Resident
<u>Entire Ground Floor</u>	
£13 per hour	£15 per hour
<u>Main Hall</u>	
£10 per hour	£11 per hour
<u>Back Room</u>	
£9 per hour	£10 per hour
<u>Upstairs Room</u>	
£8 per hour	£9 per hour
<u>Private Party\ Dance (Evenings from 6pm)</u>	
£110 + £25 for alcohol licence if required.	

1. All electricity and heating costs are included in the hiring fee. However a charge of £5 for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day £10 for a whole day booking will be added for events using the kitchen facilities.
2. It should be noted that unless the entire ground floor is booked the kitchen facilities may be shared with another booking.
3. Hiring charges are reviewed annually at the AGM which is held in May and changes come into effect on 1st September.
4. This increase takes effect from 1st September 2026.
5. It should be noted that when the Hall is booked any time needed to set up and clear up after the event should be included in the hours booked.
6. For certain events we can come to an arrangement regarding charge. Please discuss this on booking.
7. Should you need an alcohol licence; the Hall can arrange this on your behalf at a charge of £25.

For Bookings please contact:
dticehurst@icloud.com

News from your Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Memorial Hall on Monday 6 July 2026.

The Parish Council spent £1,593.80 from the main account, nothing from its Reserve account and nothing from the Footpaths account. The items of expenditure over £100 were £267 for grass cutting, £174.09 for the planting of the Parish planters, £907.20 for the Clerk's salary between April and June and £226.80 for the Clerk's Tax.

There were two linked planning applications for the Parish Council to consider.

26/00707/FULL	Conversion of barn to holiday let to include installation of an electric vehicle charging point and solar photovoltaic panels	Park House, Fore Street, MB
26/00708/LBC	Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn to holiday let to include installation of an electric vehicle charging point and solar photovoltaic panels	Park House, Fore Street, MB

The Parish Council supported these applications.

Various items of correspondence were considered by the Parish Council including a new App for all residents wanting to access the services of Mid Devon District Council. New legislation has also been passed that means that Parish Councillors now do not have to have their address made public on Parish and District Council websites.

Information has been received that the footpath between Fore Street and The Green (Jesse Chanters Way) is to be closed between 30 September and 6 October for works to provide Fibre Broadband.

The Parish Council agreed its submission to the new Plan Mid Devon consultation. I have placed it in one of the two Parish Council Noticeboards on the wall of the skittle alley in Church Street should you want to read it.

The Parish Council are working on various projects, one a Community Orchard in the village, another is a Village Tidy-Up day – set for Saturday 26 September see the advert elsewhere in this magazine and lastly we are looking to recruit an Archivist for the village – again see the advert elsewhere in this magazine.

We will be running the Welly Wanging competition at the Fun Day on 1st August – do come and see us and have a throw.

Our next meeting is on Monday 3 August 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
Parish Clerk

Contact Details for the Parish Council:

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

A promotional poster for Active Mid Devon. It features three panels: a woman lifting weights, a man swimming, and a woman playing tennis. The text includes 'TR TRAIN TRAIN TRAIN TRAIN', 'Active Mid Devon', 'For further information please ask at reception, follow the link below, or scan the QR code: ACTIVEMIDDEVON.COM/STUDENT-OFFER-2026/', 'AY PLAY PLAY PLAY PLAY PLAY', 'For students aged 16 - 22 Student ID required - T&Cs apply', 'ALL FOR £25 A MONTH + NO JOINING FEE', and 'Offer available from 1 June to 30 September 2026'.

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Active Mid Devon

For further information please ask at reception, follow the link below, or scan the QR code: [ACTIVEMIDDEVON.COM/STUDENT-OFFER-2026/](https://www.morchardbishop-pc.gov.uk/activemiddevon.com/student-offer-2026/)

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For students aged 16 - 22
Student ID required - T&Cs apply

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Records smashed at the Bowls Club

Finals night of the first ever Morchard Bishop Bowls Club Invitation Cup broke all records. More points were scored than ever before; matches played in record times; and all attendance records broken. Aggregate attendances over the six weeks were estimated to be 36, with 32 on Finals Night alone.

The grand final pitted the Parish Council against the Chapel. The Parish Council were firm favourites to take the inaugural title as they had won their previous five matches, including a 4 - 8 victory against the Chapel in week 2. Chapel's route to the final was not without controversy. Week 5 had the Allotments versus the Chapel for a place in the final. The victors would be sure of that place. Allotments won 7 - 5, meaning, as everyone thought, that their 11 points would give them runners-up spot in the table and a place in the final. The Allotments team opened up shaken bottles of beer and sprayed the attendant crowd in beer foam. Much celebration by all bar the Chapel and their supporters. However, as the cheers subsided and the Allotments team began to appreciate the significance of this result - the first time an Allotments team has made the final - the competition statistician began to formalise the final table. In doing so he realised that the four woods won by the Chapel on the last end took their score to 5, and being within three woods of the Allotments score they had won a bonus point giving a total of 11 points - the same score as the Allotments. Nevertheless, I was sure the Allotments would still go through to the final on points (goal) difference. Not so, the Chapel had the superior points difference and so had earned the right, on merit, to contest the final. I now had to decide how best to inform the Allotments that they would not be in the final. First, I told the Chapel that they would be taking the Allotments team's place in the final. I didn't need to consider a second step as the sheer unbridled exuberance of the Chapel supporters announced my faux pas.

And so to the final. Great things were expected of the nailed-on favourites, the Parish Council; they were unbeaten in the preliminary matches and their players showed great skill in sending the woods in the correct general direction. But it was not to be. On the night the Chapel players played like they'd never played before - well.

Were there other factors at play? Who can say whether the Parish Council were intimidated by the Chapel supporters? They were boisterous and raucous, but intimidating? Had the Parish Council accepted bribes to throw the match? I think that's unlikely. Was there anything suspicious about the specific hot dogs offered to the Parish Council? This is all pure speculation, and I don't think Sunday's sermon the week after about fair play was anything but a coincidence. All in all, the Chapel won fair and square.

Overall, this inaugural competition was a great success and the Bowls Club will be building on it next season.

We should like to thank all participants and supporters for making each match week, and in particular, Finals Night such good fun - the feedback received was that everyone had a great time.

Tuesday evenings, 6.00 pm, remain our roll-up nights - all welcome, especially players new to the sport.

Paul Ticehurst

July's WI meeting

Out of the Blue – it's Not for You!

We had a very interesting and thought-provoking talk from Mr Mick Harrison from Devon and Cornwall Police on Cybercrime and how to protect ourselves from these crimes. Mick had worked in London for many years in the police, when he retired after a very short time his wife told him he needed to get a job!

So he returned to the Force as a Cyber Protection officer and gives many presentations on this subject to various community groups in Devon. He showed us a video to start with showing how very easy it is to be "tricked" on the internet – this is what scammers work on. He told us to remember the ABC; never **Assume** or **Believe** and always **Confirm**! If you get an email **Out of the Blue – it's Not for You!**

So....if you get an email supposedly from HMRC with a tax refund and you have not been in contact with them – it will be a fraud. If you get an email from DWP with a refund of winter fuel allowance – it will be a scam. Criminals will phish for your personal information and it is very easy for them to get a lot of it as it is already online and they use algorithms to find a lot of it. Always have passwords at least 12 characters long as their programs cannot crack them.

Mick has kindly sent all the notes from his presentation to our WI, if any one else would like them please contact us with your email and we can forward on to you. He also told us about a very good community initiative (Govt backed) called Ability Net which will come and give a talk and demonstration of security for your own devices in the village Hall which we think we will probably set up for the village, so look in the Messenger for details.

Our next meeting is at Angela Searle's farm at Hollacombe, where we have a fun croquet session and cream tea August 12th 2.30pm – all are welcome.

Wendy Vere



The Crediton Heart Project
Keeping the heart in our communities
Charity No. 1189549

5 years anniversary

Summer Arts Festival

8th - 15th August

in partnership with
creditonsarts

Creative Workshops Programme
at Crediton Arts Centre
East Street, EX17 3AX

Dance Show & Summer Ceilidh
at Crediton Arts Centre
East Street, EX17 3AX

Cinema in the Park
Come and see **WONKA**
in Newcombes Meadow
Saturday 8th August
food from 4pm, film at 6pm

Arts in the Park
Saturday 15th August 10am – 4pm
A free day of creative activities
in Newcombes Meadow
Drumming, Circus & Art Workshops, Theatre,
Crafts, Music, Food & Drink

Book tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-crediton-heart-project

Full programme on reverse Contact info@creditonheartproject.org

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Hele Lane Methodist Chapel, Black Dog

Fourth Friday Feast community lunch

Friday 28th August 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

Crediton & District Third Age Trust



Next Meeting: **19th August 2026**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bird Migration, how they do it and what we don't know

A Talk by Roger Avery

Venue: Boniface Centre Cost: £2.00

Morchard's Weather

Well, it's been rather hot. Understatement I think. On 24th June, I measured 33.8C (92F) and on 10th July, 32.7C (90F). Inbetween, there was hardly any rain to write home about. The last rain day I measured was 2nd July, but this was just a smattering.

Amber health alerts for heat were issued and all sorts of strange things happened - we had eight days in a row with temperatures above 34C (92F). For the first time in its 11-year-history, the Frampton Sheep Races, in the village of Frampton on Severn, took place without any sheep because of the heatwave. They used people instead...The temperature inside greenhouses and polytunnels in the South West reached 50C.

According to the Met Office, having a hotter summer is now twice as likely than the period of 1991-2020, which is consistent with our warming climate. They seem to blame El Niño - roughly translated as little boy. It brings these hot weather extremes. Equally, La Niña (meaning "the little girl") brings cooler, calmer, but wetter weather.

I'll leave it to you to decide if they reflect gender stereotypes.....

Stephen Leese

HALDON QUARTET

with Michael Allnatt (double bass)
and Anton Pigott (piano)

Mozart Duo for
Violin and Viola in G

Judith Weir
"The Bagpipers"
String Trio

Schubert "Trout"
Quintet



Holy Cross

CREDITON EX17 2AQ

Sunday 30th August at 3pm

Tickets £20
Students £10
Under 18's free

Book online
www.haldonquartet.co.uk/concerts





LOOKING FOR A CAKE?

CAKES & BAKES BY KAT

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5* Food Hygiene rating ✓

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Or find me on Facebook: Cakes & Bakes by Kat



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You Can Trust ♥

Providing reliable, respectful and personalised care in the comfort of your own home.

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Bathing, dressing, grooming and more
- Companionship**
Friendly conversation and emotional support
- Meal Preparation**
Nutritious meals tailored to your needs
- Medication Reminders**
Prompt and reliable support
- Shopping & Errands**
Collecting shopping and running essential errands
- Light Housekeeping**
Keeping your home clean, tidy and comfortable
- Support with Daily Routines**
Helping you maintain independence and wellbeing

WHY CHOOSE ME?

- ✓ Caring, kind and dependable
- ✓ Flexible hours to suit your needs
- ✓ One-to-one personalised support
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A Bird in the Air...

After the last few Folk Tales Corners, this month may give you an ongoing sense of déjà-vu.

Daedalus was an Ancient Greek engineer/ inventor/architect/artist and all-round clever sandals from Athens. His skill and knowledge in the fields of craft and construction soon made him well known and sought after. It was natural therefore for him take on an apprentice so, since neither of his own kids showed any interest in his work ("What? Making states that move? Give it a rest dad!") his nephew, Talos, came to join him in the workshop. Daedalus was a good teacher. Talos took to the artificer life like a duck to water and was soon outstripping his mentor.



Amongst other things, part of Daedalus's fame was owed to his ability to come up with new devices and systems for getting practical stuff done. Thus, the invention of carpentry, the axe, the saw, glue, and more have been attributed to him. Talos quickly got in on the act and achieved credits for the potters' wheel, the engineers' compasses and the saw. Hang on: Didn't Daedalus invent the saw in the last sentence? Yes. Or at least Pliny says he did. So this is where the inspiring but otherwise fairly undramatic tale of an Athenian handyman begins to taxi along the runway towards take off. Out of the two of them, it is Talos who has a story to justify his claim: seeing a fish skeleton on the beach, or possibly the jawbone of a snake in the woods, depending on who you ask, he wondered if this could be imitated in metal, which of course it could.

Being proud of your achievements is one thing, feeling threatened by someone else's is another. Talos disappeared. Reports differ, with some saying Daedalus was witnessed trying to bury the body, others that he was suspiciously unable to account for the whereabouts of his nephew. This fairly quickly escalated to "Daedalus took Talos to the acropolis and threw him off!" With the two stories being elaborated as "The poor lad fell to his death!" And "Athena turned Talos into a partridge and he flew away!", presumably annoyed at having her city's biggest tourist attraction used for common murder. Daedalus was tried, convicted, and... ran away to the island of Crete, where king Minos took advantage of the fabulous fabricator's situation and gave him sanctuary on the understanding he would do some odd jobs around the palace.

This is not the time to dwell on exactly how King Minos upset the sea god, Poseidon, and how that god took a roundabout revenge by giving the Queen of Crete, Pasiphae, an un-natural interest in a bull. Nor shall I go in to the details of how she turned to our creative carpenter for help or the ingenious secret solution he came up with. However, the end result of these expositional shenanigans was a monstrous child with a bull's head, a man's body and a taste for human flesh.

Naturally Minos asked Daedalus to build a labyrinth, or possibly a maze (yep, they're quite significantly different things), and imprisoned the beast within it, assuming that, since his wife had given birth to it, it was his, a child of his own.

After someone from Athens killed an actual son of Minos he attacked and defeated the Athenians, instructing them to pay a tribute of seven male and seven female youths every seven years with which to feed his bullman, or "The Minotaur" as he styled it, sending them in to the maze/labyrinth one by one, never to return.

And so everything is in place for our story to accelerate through its ground roll and lift off. But we don't really have the space left to do it justice so I guess we'll just have to wait until September. I'll leave you with this thought though: Daedalus was quite possibly innocent of the niblicide. It is said that Daedalus lured Talos up the Acropolis with the suggestion they could try out his latest creation, wings.

Could it be that this was not just a ruse? Could it be that the two inventors had in fact collaborated to make a flying device, much like Gao Yang's or Elmer's? Is the fantastical rumour that Athena turned Talos in to a partridge an attempt, like Lu Ban's wooden bird or Huang Tou's paper owl, to describe something that no one had ever seen before? A young man jumping off a cliff, then opening a pair of hand-made wings that worked well enough to carry him out to sea... but not well enough to bring him back.

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

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Hoglets

"Off we go again then!" as the hedgehog said to the devil.'

from The hedgehog and the devil (trad.) courtesy of The Travelling Talesman.

Making Hoglets

From the age of two hedgehogs mature. April through September is the main window for breeding, with males getting productive not long after waking from hibernation. The females can take a little longer to be ready, often pass through a couple of oestrus cycles before conceiving, likely being affected by body weight.

The peak of the rut is May and June in the UK, in France there are clear spring and summer phases, in New Zealand, and presumably elsewhere in the southern hemisphere, hedgehogs breed from November to March. Interestingly in Sweden hedgehogs have a shorter breeding season but show slightly larger litter sizes. In the UK

conceptions really start happening in May, and after a 4-5 week gestation period, by early mid June hoglets are being born. There are usually between two and seven in a litter, although 11 or even 15 have been recorded; the average is around 4 in the UK but usually only 2 or maybe 3 survive to weaning.



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Once they reach 3-4 weeks old around early July, they will start foraging with mother, after ten days or so of supervised foraging they tend to wander off on their own. So in early August there are likely to be little hoglets scattered around nearby looking for safe havens and food sources. This makes it an ideal time to put out a hedgehog house for them to discover and fill with leaves.

Hoglets can use a hedgehog house as a safe base to sleep and shelter in. Adults may choose to move an existing litter in, or new adults may move in and start breeding, because although the primary rut is May and June, they can and do continue mating: this might be for the first time, but sometimes, especially if the first litter was early, having a second litter through to September.

Second hedgehog litters need more help as they have a very short time to try to put on enough weight for winter hibernation, so if you see youngsters around, do consider putting good quality kitten food out for them; kibble and wet food are good, kitten kibble has smaller pieces and is more nutritionally dense, so is best. You can avoid it ending up going to your neighbours' cats or foxes by feeding inside a hedgehog cafe (which you can either buy or make following simple online instructions which mostly consist of a safe box with a 13cm access hole).

There are already a few hedgehogs around Morchard Bishop, though it's hard to be sure how many as they tend to roam round a number of gardens to get enough food, so hedgehog highway holes are also important.

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August BBQ Recipes

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- 2 tbsp olive oil, 2 portobello mushrooms, wiped clean and stalks removed, 200g/7oz halloumi cheese, thickly sliced, 2 brioche buns, cut in half, 2 tbsp finely chopped onion, tomato, cucumber and fresh mint.
- 1 lime, juice only, 4 tbsp hummus, 1 large tomato, thickly sliced, 4 romaine lettuce leaves, roughly torn, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

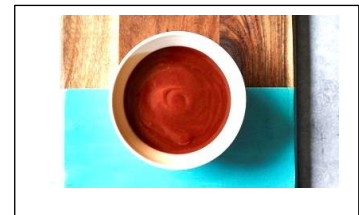


METHOD

1. Heat a griddle pan or barbecue until hot. Brush half the oil over the mushrooms and season well. Place on the griddle pan or barbecue and cook for 6–8 minutes, turning them over halfway through cooking.
2. Meanwhile, brush the remaining oil over the halloumi slices and cut-side of the brioche buns. Cook for 2–3 minutes, or until lightly charred.
3. Mix together the chopped onion, tomato, cucumber and mint with the lime juice and season well.
4. To assemble the burgers, put a mushroom on the bottom brioche half and spread over the hummus. Top with the sliced tomato, lettuce and halloumi. Spoon over the onion and tomato relish, sandwich with the brioche lid and eat straight away.

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- 5 tbsp tomato ketchup, 1 tsp mustard, 2 tbsp treacle or maple syrup, 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce (or vegetarian Worcestershire sauce), 1 tsp smoked paprika, 1 tsp salt.

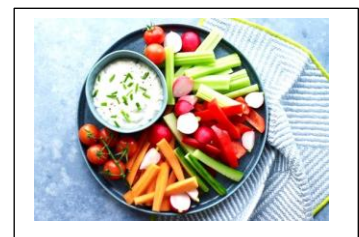


METHOD

1. Stir all the ingredients together. Use for dipping or on your favourite burger.

CHEESE DIP

75g/2½oz mayonnaise, 75g/2½oz yoghurt, crème fraiche or soured cream, 50g/1½oz any rind-less cheese, any kind, or a mixture, medium grated, crumbled or cut into small pieces
2 tbsp finely snipped fresh chives, 2 spring onions, finely sliced or 1 garlic clove, crushed
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METHOD

1. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste.
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- Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- Once you harvest your main crop potatoes plant first earlies to be ready for Xmas
- Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
- Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
- Keep ponds and water features topped up with rainwater or rested tap water
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Jo Coffey

Poem of the Month

Silver Harbour

Lake Superior/Gichi-gami

on the north shore of reckoning
fortune tellers grieve
a white feather zigzags down
a staircase of still air

grain ships appear across the horizon
of ice-free waters
tulips glow in the oblique rain
raspberries put on leaf

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the ancestor pine and birch

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Some of you may have enjoyed the concerts given by Divertimento in St Mary's, Morchard Bishop. Two of the quartet, Lindsay Braga and Andrew Gillett, also play in the Haldon Quintet and there will be an opportunity to hear the quintet in Crediton at the end of August.

Lindsay and Andrew often perform with Rebecca Allnatt and Michael Allnatt as the Haldon Quartet. With their diverse musical backgrounds and interests, as a quartet they always create a vibrant and sympathetic performance, conveying the heart of the music, and inspiring the audience. For this concert they are joined by Anton Piggott on the piano. This is the second Summer that Anton has performed with the quartet. He began playing the piano at the age of 3 in his home town of Totnes, and has just finished his studies at Wells Cathedral School. From this Autumn he will embark on a dual award course at The University of Manchester and the Royal Northern College of Music where he has won a scholarship. This will be a good chance to see an emerging, talented musician.

At the same time it will be an opportunity to support Crediton Church Music Endowment Fund, a charity that provides the means to maintain the high standard of music in the church, a tradition that can be traced back to circa 1050. Funds are provided for young choristers to have access to a music education that they may not otherwise been able to have.

The programme will comprise Mozart's Divertimento for String Trio and Schubert's "Trout" Quintet. Refreshments will be served during the interval.

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As the school year draws to an end, we look back over our year with fondness. The word that springs to mind about our school is JOY. We have so many joyful experiences at school, from days out, exciting lessons, fun events such a Wet 'n' Wild day, Morchard's Got Talent, Crazy Christmas house day, Rock Stars Day to name but a few. The staff team here work so hard every day to ensure the children have the best of days.



And that is often up against the challenging picture for education nationally. Our children are lucky to come to school where our values hold strong, the staff care so much and we achieve a lot. We wish our Year 6's well as they move on to their new adventures and look forward to welcoming our new recruits into Pre-School and our Reception Class. .

We are also delighted to be welcoming some new families to the school who are moving to the local area. We hope you all have a lovely summer!

Hannah Bancroft
Academy Head

