

Copplestone *Enlightener*

MARCH 2026



Copplestone Spring Clean

After a long, cold, wet winter, I'm sure, like me, you're looking forward to Spring and the hope of lighter evenings, warmer, drier days and the chance to get outside to enjoy our lovely Devon countryside!

With that in mind, we are organising another Village Spring Clean and Litter Pick; this year to be held on **Saturday 11th April, 10 - 11.30am**. Please see poster below for more details. Hopefully we will have enough volunteers (individuals, couples and families) to blitz all the main residential and recreational areas in the village to help make it a tidier, cleaner and more pleasant community for us all to enjoy.

Afterwards, as a thank you, all volunteers can enjoy **FREE** bacon rolls, cakes and drinks in the Church Community Room a good opportunity to sit, relax and chat to your neighbours.

All are welcome, so please do come along, join in and help tidy up our community in the company of others.

Suzanne Lunn

Copplestone Spring Clean and Litter Pick

Saturday 11th April, 10am - 11.30am

Please meet at Copplestone Church Community Room at 10am to sign in, collect litter picking equipment and high-viz jacket.

If you have them, please wear gardening gloves and bring a garden trowel/shovel to clear up weeds.

All primary school aged children to be accompanied by an adult.
Volunteers will be partnered up and given an area to Spring Clean/Litter Pick.



Afterwards from 11.30am, all volunteers are invited back to the Church Community Room for a **FREE** bacon roll, cakes and drinks.



To register your interest in joining this community event or for more details, please contact Suzanne Lunn
email: lunn.family4@gmail.com or Tel: 07814 372828.

Please do come along to help tidy up our village.



Easter Sunday 5th April 2026

For all pre-school & primary school aged children followed by refreshments and prizes in the Church Community Room.

There will be a Family Service in the Church after the prize giving to which all are invited.

Visit the Copplestone Children, Youth & Families Facebook page for more details or contact Mark Williams, Children & Youth Worker
Email: markwilliamsccy@gmail.com



Save the Date:
**Copplestone
Family Fun Day**
at Copplestone School
Saturday 20th June 2026



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Copplestone Parent Teacher Association



We have had a wonderful start to the year, despite the consistent downpour of rain, and have made lots of plans for 2026.

Hoodies have been ordered for our Year 6 leavers this year. This has been supported by funds raised from the PTA.

The **15th March** will see the return of our Mothers Day Cream Tea where children can enjoy a cream tea with their parent/carer/grandparent. This was a lovely event last year and we are looking forward to it again this year.

We will be hosting a Kids Bingo on **Friday 27th March** with more details to follow on our social media page shortly.

The Bunny Bounce will be going ahead again this year for our Easter fundraising event. The colour run was a great success last year but we have decided to perhaps run this every other year to change things up slightly.

An exciting delivery has made its way to Copplestone Primary School - our very own Rag Bag bin where you can recycle your clothes and shoes which will in turn, raise money for the school. If you are using the bin please ensure that all items are in a bag before dropping into this bin.

Our **Summer Fun Day** will be held on **Saturday 20th June** with many stalls in the pipeline and lots already secured. If you are able to help out at this event it would be much appreciated.

It doesn't have to be a big commitment but the PTA need all kinds of help — from baking, to helping at events, to sharing ideas. Even small contributions make a difference. Thank you,.

Rachel Pearce

Email: pta@copplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk

Piglets Baby & Toddler Group



Piglets is a community run Baby and Toddler Group and it runs on Wednesdays from 9.15am at the Copplestone Methodist Church Hall; entrance door and parking is around the back of the church.

We have a variety of age appropriate toys out for the children to play with and there is a separate space for small babies to lie down if needed. There are also craft activities and we try to tailor these if there are upcoming holidays/celebrations. We end the session with some nursery rhymes and the children love to join in with musical instruments.



Snacks of fruit, a biscuit and drink are provided for the children and there is always plenty of tea and cake for parents and carers. We would like to thank the Copplestone Farm Shop for providing the fruit for the children's snack.

We are a really friendly and relaxed local group who love to welcome new and regular faces. We run every Wednesday during term time from 9.15am - 11.30am for babies and children up to school age (and their parents/carers!). The first visit is free and then £1 for children under 2 years, £2 for children 2 and older or £2.50 for a family.

You can contact us on Piglets Facebook page or email us at pigletstoddlergroup@gmail.com if you have any questions. We will be looking for new volunteers to help run Piglets. Please let us know if you're interested in helping. The current volunteers are Sophie Booth, Poppy Bird and Samantha Peters. We look forward to seeing you at Piglets!

Sophie Booth

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Don't Forget Mothers Day



Sunday 15th March 2026



Teaching Internet Safety at Copplestone Primary School



Whether we love it or hate it, the internet is now a part of everyday life which we must prepare our young people for. There are so many positives for using the internet, including learning and research, connecting with others and of course entertainment. However, as we are all aware, there are people who exploit this platform and can make it unsafe, particularly for younger people.

Using the internet safely is part of our school curriculum. As technology is always changing, so is our teaching. We now have to contend with using AI safely as well as teaching children to identify bias, misinformation and disinformation. It is so important that our children do not believe everything they see online and use critical reading and critical thinking skills.

In school we closely monitor children using the internet and we have filters to prevent inappropriate content. We encourage our families to make sure children only use age appropriate, child-friendly websites and apps at home and to make sure parental controls and safe search filters are in place. Ideally computers, laptops and phones with internet are used in shared spaces where access can be monitored and time on them is limited.

Here are the top tips we shared with children this Safer Internet day this February:

Keep Personal Information Private

Children should learn that some details are *just for them*: specifically full name, address, school name, phone number and passwords.

Talk to a Trusted Adult

Children should know they can always go to a parent, teacher or another trusted grown-up if something online feels strange, scary, or confusing, they shouldn't try to handle it alone.

Think Before You Post

We teach our children that once something is online, it can't be taken back, and that photos and videos should only be shared with permission from a trusted adult.

Be Kind Online

We remind them that the same kindness rules apply online as in real life. No teasing, no sharing mean messages, and no joining in if others are unkind. If someone is being bullied online, they should tell an adult immediately.

Don't Click Everything

Our children are naturally curious, so we teach them not to click pop-ups or "You won a prize!" messages. We tell them to ask an adult before downloading anything. That some links can lead to unsafe websites.

Only Chat with People You Know in Real Life

This is such an important message, particularly when playing online games. We reinforce the message to not talk to strangers online, even if they seem friendly. If someone they don't know tries to message them, we remind them they should tell an adult right away.

We hope this is helpful to all our Copplestone community as we know it takes all of us to ensure our children are safe. To find out more about what we teach in school, do look at our website where we share our curriculum topics and more information <https://www.copplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk>

Tara Penny - Head of School
Tel 01363 84265



Copplestone Pre-School

We are open from 9.00am until 3.30pm every weekday during Term Time



We accept Children from 2 – 4 years.

Two-year-old funding, 15-hour universal funding and 30 hour working entitlements funding available.

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Children and Youth Project



We're planning another children's **Easter Egg Hunt** which will take place on Easter Sunday morning, **Sunday 5th April**, for pre-School and primary aged children.



The hunt normally gets under way at 9:30am and is followed by refreshments and prizes in the Community room at the back of Copplestone Methodist Church.

Anyone who wants to stay for the family church service at 10:45 is more than welcome.

We'll send out details nearer the time once they're confirmed, so keep an eye on the Copplestone Children, Youth and Families Facebook page.

YOUTH CLUB Open to all in school years 7-11, Youth Club usually runs on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Copplestone Church. A regular night involves things like pool, table tennis, table football, games consoles with games like FIFA and Just Dance as well as some quieter games and the all-important tuck shop. When the weather is up to it, we have made use of the inflatable sports pitch and we sometimes get the laser tag equipment out too.

Youth club dates over the next few months will be Fridays:

- **March 13th & 27th**
- **April 24th**
- **May 8th & 22nd**

Mini YOUTH CLUB Our Mini Youth Club is for anyone in school years 3-6 and currently we meet once a month on the third Friday of the month. Like the older Youth Club there is a wide range of things to do and we sometimes have themed nights where we do things a little differently.

We will meeting on the following dates over the next few months:

- **March 20th**
- **May 15th**

If you'd like to know more about youth club or mini youth club or to book a place for your child or young person, please contact Mark Williams on markwilliamsccy@gmail.com.



Throughout January and February, our primary school aged Sunday school group (who we call Kidzone) have been spending their time focusing on some of the parables that Jesus told. These stories that Jesus used to illustrate a truth have helped us think about things like forgiveness, how even a small amount of faith can have a huge impact and that true satisfaction in life isn't found in the things we own.



Our secondary school aged youth group called The Grid, have been spending time looking at a number of the letters found in the New Testament of the Bible. Paul wrote a good number of these letters, yet when we first read about him in the book of Acts, he was strongly opposed to the Christian message. He felt so strongly that he was seeking out those who claimed to follow Jesus so he could imprison them. Yet he had an encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus which literally turned his life up-side-down, so much so that Paul was responsible for taking the message about Jesus' death, resurrection and the forgiveness we can all know, to much of Europe. From his letters, we've seen that faith can grow even in the hardest of circumstances and that as much as we can be encouraged by others, we too can be an encouragement to those around us. We've also looked at the challenge of setting an example in the way we choose to live, even as young people.



On Saturday 31st January, we took a group of secondary school aged young people to The Gathering Youth which is organised by South West Youth Ministries (SWYM). This time the event was held at a secondary school in Exeter. The theme was *'Holding the baton of faith'* and we heard how having a sense of belonging helps us to live out our faith. We were also reminded that as we get to know Jesus more, it can help us to recognise what is true in the world around us.



Towards the end of March, we are planning on taking a group of primary school aged children to The Gathering Kids, again organised by SWYM. The event is being held at Belmont church in Exeter and we'll be hearing about the Armour of God.

Mark Williams, Children & Youth Worker
markwilliamsccy@gmail.com

Nathan Redstone, Part-time Children & Youth Worker

British Summer Time begins



Clocks spring forward one hour on Sunday 29th March 2026

The Café Thursdays 9am - 12 noon

Have you been to your local community café? If not, you're missing a treat! Here you'll find:

- Yummy homemade cakes
- Toasted teacakes
- Cheese scones
- Different teas
- Various café style coffees - latte, cappuccino, filter
- Hot chocolate (optional marshmallows and cream)
- Warm space
- Friendly faces
- Good company
- Quiet room if needed (meetings, privacy)
- Special events (Memory Café, Bridge Books, Community Choir)
- Togs & Toys - Free clothing for babies, toddlers and children
- Prayer if requested
- Fair trade products where we can
- DBS, Safeguarding and Hygiene level 2 certificated volunteers

The list is endless!

There are no charges at The Café although we do have a donation box if people feel they want to give something but it's not essential - your company is more than enough.

Of the donations we receive, after expenses for tea and coffee, the rest is given to a monthly local charity. During the last 3 months we have donated to:

November '25 - Devon Air Ambulance Trust - £130
December '25 - Copplestone Piglets - £160
January '26 - ELF (Crediton Branch) - £115

It would be lovely to see some new faces in 2026. We also have wheelchair access and a car park. If you don't know where we are, we are opposite the village shop, at the back of the church in the community hall every Thursday from 9am to 12pm. If you'd like to come along but are a bit shy, please give me a call and I'll address your concerns and make sure there's a friendly buddy to look after you.

Lulu Couchman Tel: 07727 693 099



Spring Renewal



The recent winter storms stir within us a deep longing for Spring with its fragrant flair of snowdrops pushing through cold soil, daffodils bursting into joyous life, fresh carpets of grass covering the lawns, buds forming on bare branches, blossoms and bees in rhythmic harmony, and birdsong filling the morning air - all part of this energetic chorus resonating with new life. The world around us seems to whisper that "winters" are not the final word. Spring tells a story of renewal.

For Christians, this rhythm in nature points to a deeper spiritual reality. The apostle Paul writes, "*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new is here!*" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Just as Spring brings fresh growth to the earth, so faith in Jesus brings new life to the human heart. The Christian message is not simply about turning over a new leaf or trying harder to be better. It is about being renewed and transformed from the inside out by the love of God.

In the story of Easter, we see the fullest expression of that love. Christians believe that on the cross Jesus bore the weight of human sin, brokenness, and separation from God. The cross is the ultimate Valentine's message — not written on a card but written in self-giving sacrifice. It declares, "*This is how much you are loved.*" In His resurrection, we see God's powerful answer: love is stronger than death, forgiveness is stronger than failure, and hope is stronger than despair.

We all experience "winter" seasons in our own lives — times of regret, the sting of failure, the burden of weariness, the anguish of grief, and the pain of loss. We may wish for a fresh start yet feel unable to escape the past. The good news at the heart of the Christian Story is that in Jesus Christ, God makes that new beginning possible. Jesus is alive! He offers forgiveness for the past, strength for today, and hope for tomorrow.

As we enjoy the beauty of Spring in Copplestone and the surrounding countryside, may we also pause to consider the deeper invitation of the season. The God who renews the earth in Spring is the God who renews lives through Jesus Christ. In Him, the promise of Spring and the message of love come together: we are invited to become a new creation - living, enjoying, and celebrating God's transforming and enduring love.

With every blessing,

Revd Peter A. Brown,
 Superintendent
 Minister,
 Copplestone
 Methodist Church



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We hold one-hour sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings at Credition Rugby Club, meeting at the clubhouse at 6:30pm. Our participants are drawn from a wide area around Credition. Come and give us a try; you don't need kit, just some loose-fitting clothes and suitable footwear; you don't have to commit to playing regularly. We play all year round, weather permitting. Just turn up at a session or come and watch if you prefer. For more information Tel: 07436 877033

Martin Rich

Orchard End Kennels & Cattery Closure



After much thought, we would like to let our local community know that our kennels and cattery will be closing at the end of October. We waited until our plans were fully confirmed before sharing this news. The last few years have brought many changes for us as a family, and we feel the time has come to take a step back from the business. We are not moving away, simply closing this chapter.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us over the years. Caring for so many much-loved pets has been a real privilege, and we are incredibly grateful for the trust, kindness, and friendships we have built within the community. Best Wishes,

Megan Crowe



Spring Awakening Music Festival March 2026

Thursday 19th - Moon Jazz.

Top-notch jazz stylings from the Moon Jazz House Band and jammers

Friday 20th - And 'Other' Stories.

Turning Tides Project with live music, spoken word and a splendid exhibition

Sunday 22nd - Share in the Square.

Sunday afternoon sounds from the best of Credition's musical talent

Sunday 22nd - Drumming Workshop

Devon Drummers return with an energetic participatory workshop

Monday 23rd - Spinal Tap II: The End Continues

The long-awaited sequel, a fitting tribute to the late Rob Reiner

Tuesday 24th - Credition Strummers Workshop

Popular songs given the treatment by Ed Finch and his musical renegades

25th March - Acoustic by Candlelight

The lovely St Lawrence Chapel is the setting for more acoustic delights

26th March - Wild Rose

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27th March - Filkin's Drift

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In Coplestone, my role as an 'Anna' involves linking with older folk in the village. I visit people at home, but also try and encourage those who can to come to the Thursday morning Café in the community rooms at the rear of the church. Chatting over a cuppa there is supplemented by the amazing cakes that appear week by week! If you, or someone you know (who lives in Coplestone) would value a visit please contact me.

Anne Greig, 07484 263 574.
www.annachaplaincy.org.

Disability Champion Coplestone Church



Disability is defined as having a need, that impacts a person's ability to carry out routine, everyday functions, and can't be easily sorted. At Coplestone Church, we want everybody who uses our facilities to be able to access the building, the worship if they wish to, and, where appropriate, be able to use some of their skills.

We hope we have it right, in terms of making things accessible, but if we don't please let us know. We don't want anyone to stop attending our activities because of such difficulties and for us not to know why. So if you, or anyone you know, is struggling with access, please let me know. Sometimes we will be able to make a small adjustment in order to make things easier for someone. You can contact me on 07817 603952 or annehnicolls@gmail.com.

Anne Nicholls



Coplestone Folk Club

Folk sessions are held on the last Tuesday of the month from 8pm at the New Inn, Coleford. It is a very social occasion with no pressure upon anyone and we welcome all comers, whether experienced or beginners, to step up and perform a song, monologue, poem or a tune on any instrument. For more details contact Dave on mob: 07857 913564 or email djbrass@btinternet.com

Dave Brassington



Coplestone Community Choir



The choir had a very busy time in the lead up to Christmas with concerts at Knowle and Wembworthy Churches, carol singing at Homeleigh Garden Centre and at The Café and singing at the Community Carol Service at Coplestone Church. Perhaps you managed to hear us sing at one of these events? If so, we hope you enjoyed it I know the choir did!

After the busyness of Christmas, things have now quietened down a bit and we have the opportunity to learn some new songs including '9 to 5', Dolly Parton's famous hit, and 'Fields of Gold' by Sting. We do, however, have a few dates in our diary for the Spring/Summer period, so if you would like to hear the choir sing (the above songs and more), please look out for us at the following events:

Friday 24th April - Concert at Coldridge Church
Saturday 23rd May - Morfest at Morchard Bishop
Saturday 20th June - Coplestone Fun Day



We are a very friendly choir and attract singers from a wide area ... we currently have over 60 singers on our books! However, we still welcome new singers of all ages, men and women, to join us. You do not have to be a music reader as our aim is to simply enjoy singing and socialising together. So, if you enjoy singing and are interested in joining us, please do get in touch or just come along to Coplestone Church any Thursday evening, 7pm - 8.45pm to see what we do. There are no regular charges and apart from singing, we also enjoy a short social time for coffee and cake mid-way through our practice times - a great opportunity to chat and make new friends! For more details please email: lunn.family4@gmail.com or Tel: 07814 372828.

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ACE Archaeology Club



It's the beginning of the new year and the beginning of lots of ACE archaeology events. Recently, we had our yearly new years meeting where we had two amazing guest speakers: Dr Emma Stockley from Lincoln University who gave a speech on lithic flints, and Alan Endacott from Exeter University who gave a speech on ritual sites on Dartmoor. Both speeches were fantastic and everyone enjoyed them! We also kept our first aid knowledge up to date with a first aid speech on CPR and how to use defibrillators, which was an insightful talk which we can keep under our hats when out on our digs this year! Finally, Janet Daynes gave us a talk on stratigraphy which is where you use rock layers to learn about the history of the site including any key events from the time and even the date of when it happened. To show how it works visually she baked a fantastic cake showing the layers under the ground and how we put them on a graph. A tasty and informative talk!

Talking of digs... It's slowly getting closer to our yearly Moistown dig which will take place from the 11th July to the 9th August. This dig is a fantastic way of learning a bit more about some local archaeology. If you are interested please do get in contact - even if you have no knowledge of archaeology! In other news, in June we have some contour surveying at Moistown which is where we use mapping equipment to make a map of the land's shape. This can be a useful tool so we can see what is underneath the top layer including forgotten walls, roads, or land features which may indicate something which was manipulated by the human habitation of the past.

Outside of Moistown, we have plenty of other things happening during the year including a tour of historic sites from Andy Crabb, experimental archaeology including some flint knapping, mudlarking, a visit to Avalon Marshes, and many more exciting things! For more information about anything you've read above or anything else archaeology related, please look at our website.

Hazel Worsnop

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CODS has an online archive illustrating the work of the Society with an online gallery and dates back to the first productions in the 1960's. 1000's of photographs bring to life the work of the Society since 1965. We also have a YouTube Channel with recording of items from our shows and our concerts. Some of the photographs are of limited quality but do show the variety of productions and will bring back memories for the many people who have been involved with CODS over the years.

We meet for rehearsals at 7.30pm every Wednesday in the Old Town Hall, Credton High Street, EX17 3JX. You'll find us on the first floor, above the Credton Museum. If you'd like to join us, just turn up and we'll be pleased to see you. You can also use the contact form on our website <https://codsonline.com> to enquire about CODS.

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What you will receive when you sign up:

- Race space
- Running vest
- Sponsorship form
- Fundraising hints and tips
- Access to our Great West Run Strava Group

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Fresh Energy, Exciting Events and a Year of Reading Ahead



The Bookery is welcoming Spring with a refreshed look, a renewed commitment to accessibility, and a vibrant season of events for all ages. After a busy and heart-warming 2025, we're incredibly grateful to our customers for their support and delighted to reveal the improvements we've made to enhance every visit. New shelving allows us to showcase even more brilliant books, while safety gates, a ramp, and a fully refreshed shopfront make our community bookshop brighter, safer, and more accessible.

National Year of Reading 2026

We are proud to launch our programme for the National Year of Reading 2026. Throughout the year, look out for our Bookery NYR 2026 logo across author events, school visits, book clubs, and reading-for-pleasure activities. As part of our expanded outreach, we'll be taking our carefully curated Top Titles into even more schools in the run-up to World Book Day, accompanied by author sessions and community reading initiatives. We'd love to involve local readers so if you have ideas for activities or collaborations, please contact hello@thebookery.org.uk.



Spring Author Events:

- **5th March:** A celebratory double-header: Veronica Henry marks her 25th book *The Invitation*, joined by Liz Fenwick with *Flora's Day*.
- **19th March:** Caitlin Pharaoh presents *Hidden Figures of the South West*, joined by several of the craftspeople featured in her book.
- **26th March:** Helen Bain evokes 1960s North Tawton in her mesmerising novel *The Daffodil Days*.
- **1st April:** CM Ewan explores his gripping new thriller *Eye Spy*, in conversation with Tina Orr-Munro.
- **4th April:** Sarah McIntyre & Philip Reeve present their latest *Adventuremice Of Mice and Men*
- **9th April:** South West hedge layer Paul Lamb shares stories from *Of Thorn and Briar*.
- **16th April:** Acclaimed author Patrick Gale joins Alison Sweatman to discuss his much-anticipated novel *Love Lane*.
- **30th April:** Zakia Sewell appears with folklorist Mark Norman to discuss her new book *Albion*.
- **7th May:** Jon Wollcott delves into the "Tattooed Hills" of White Horses and more.
- **28th May:** CB Everett reveals the stories behind *Ordinary People*.

Our much-loved sessions continue every week: Playtime at The Bookery (Wednesdays) and Jam Babies (Thursdays). To book these free activities, please email kate@thebookery.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to The Bookery this Spring — full of books, community and the joy of reading.

Dominic Myers

Crediton u3a



Well its been a bit of a wet start to the year and no mistake, so bad I am considering getting a boat just in case it does not let up as they keep saying! However, as an antidote to the inclement weather, why not pop along to one of the Crediton u3a open meetings, the next ones coming up are :-

Wednesday 18th March

Leys Earth Energy Lines around Crediton.
An illustrated talk by Peter Knight and Alan Murray from the Devon Dousers.

Wednesday 15th April

Smallpox, Silver-wear and 600 years of history
An illustrated talk by Martin Pailthorpe.

Wednesday 20th May

Caravaggio: Genius and Chaos.
An illustrated talk by Prof Peter Edwards.
Caravaggion has gained the soubriquet "The Bad Boy of the Baroque" and not without good reason.

Wednesday 26th June

A Rose By Any Other Name: An illustrated talk by Dr Justin Newland. From rosettes to rose gardens, from poems to romance, the rose is ubiquitous across all centuries and cultures. It's as ancient as the pyramids.

Each of these talks will be held at the Boniface Centre starting at 10.00am. Entry is £2.00 which include a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. You do not have to be a member of the u3a in order to come along for a friendly and informative talk.

However, the Crediton u3a is much more than a just a once a month get together, there are all sorts of activities run as interest groups by the members. These include:

Walking Groups (short, medium and long walks),
Art Appreciation, Astrology, Bird Watching,
Board Games, Book Group, Boules or Carpet Bowls,
Chamber Music, Coffee Mornings, Current Affairs,
Collage, Crafts, Creative Writing, Cycling,
Exercise, Poetry Discussion, Pub Lunches,
Theatre and Ukulele Playing.

As a non member you can attend one session of any of these activities but if you wish to continue then you would have to join the u3a; here in Crediton the current fee is £10 per year. These activities take place at many different locations and there may be a small charge to cover any on costs of each activity. So come along and try something new, meet new friends and just have a good time.

Ian Fenn

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the spring would not
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Crediton ELF Fundraising Group

Crediton ELF Fundraising Group would like to thank all of our supporters for attending our January Bingo. We raised over £380, which is a great start to the new year.



Our next 3 events are:

1st April - Easter Bingo

13th May - Bingo

**4th June - Mariners
Away Concert
at Bow Village Hall**



We look forward to seeing you at one, or all, of these events.

Di Williams, On Behalf of Crediton ELF

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Online: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk>

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Copplestone Gardeners The Small Things of Spring



Spring is here, life is surging in the garden and growth will be coming on in leaps and bounds. Birds are busily building nests and fresh leaves will soon be expanding over the layer of insulating mulch you spread over your beds last Autumn.

Maybe mulching was missed? It happens, and the atrocious rain we've had would have discouraged gardening and wheeling barrows over lawns and beds. Its not too late to spread some mulch now, a bit more tricky with bulbs and young foliage to avoid, but worthwhile to keep plenty of that precious moisture in the ground.

Early Spring brings anticipation of things to come and for me those things are small things, things staying close to the ground, nestling in as much shelter as they can find. Precious primroses are one such and a speciality in Devon. The native pale yellow (primrose yellow!) is so perfect and happy looking, they relish the extra light afforded by deciduous trees and shrubs then enjoy shade cast over them in Summer.

Dwarf daffodils are another joy, Narcissus Tête à Tête is a widely available good doer certainly worth planting. Beyond those there are a good variety to choose from. The cyclamen flowered narcissi are great with their swept back petals reminiscent of Piglet struggling into the wind. Hoop petticoat daffodils, as their name suggests, have a large for its size funnel shaped trumpet and the finest of leaves, looking much like grass. This year I am eagerly anticipating several new to me varieties of dwarf narcissi chosen randomly from a specialist supplier.

In my garden, many bulbs are eaten by rodent pests, daffodils and snowdrops have so far struggled through. For those of you untroubled by squirrels, mice and voles then Crocus, Chionodoxa, Scilla and bulbous Iris are all lovely and fit into the small things of Spring category. Anemones also fit this category and may avoid rodents. The native Anemone nemerosa, the wind flower, is delicately beautiful with its white flowers dancing in the breeze. Anemone blanda is another one to enjoy, its large daisy like flowers are also dancers in the wind and come in shades of blue and white.

Your Enlightener covers the months of April and May as well and there are many more plants to anticipate and luxuriate in over these months, larger and bolder but not so packed with the emergent joy of these small things of Spring.

Christine McSweeney
christine.mcsweeney@gmail.com or Tel: 84605

Thank you to everyone who visited Castle Drogo over Christmas to take part in some 1970s joy. It was wonderful to see so many local folks dancing in the Service Corridor to 70's tunes. It was the perfect way to wrap up our 50th anniversary year.

Time is doing its usual thing of flying and, as I write, the Dartmoor National Trust team are busy working away preparing for re-opening after winter closures. Wooden floors have been polished, kitchens have been deep cleaned, paths have been cleared. Castle Drogo opened the visitor centre and gardens on 31st January and the Castle opened on 13th February; Finch Foundry opens 11th March and Lydford Gorge on 14th March.

Regular visitors to Castle Drogo may have noticed the gradual decline of the Holm Oaks on the main drive. This decline is a result of general age, pest damage and wind stress, and we lose on average one tree every 2-3 years. In between that, significant limbs can fail, and branches snap out. As a result of this we will be felling and replacing the trees over the next 5 years, starting with the trees at the end of the drive where it joins the road. We will start with the tree immediately on the right of the drive entrance, as this tree has extensive internal rot.

We will phase the work, so when all trees in an area are felled, we will replant with young Holm Oaks to reflect the original Lutyens designed layout. To better manage these new trees long into the future, once established, we will pollard them. This will help to keep them to a manageable size and reduce the stress on them due to wind exposure. These young trees, as they grow away, are great carbon sinks as they generally absorb and store more carbon than an older tree.

Finally, a bit of joy for March is a wonderful art exhibition which will be in the Castle for March. We have worked with a collective of artists called 'Herding Cats' who have been inspired by some of the lesser-known stories of Drogo, particularly of the women of Drogo, and have created art pieces in response. It promises to be a beautiful and interesting way to discover more about the history of Castle Drogo which launches on 1st March. I hope that you have chance to come and see the pieces during March.

Paula Clarke,
Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
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Lifeline Alarm Service



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Saint Boniface Concert Society

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The concert society (SBCS) has 5 excellent concerts coming up this year:

Concert 1: Sunday 17th May, 3pm,
in Crediton Parish Church: *The impressive orchestral ensemble, The Kammerphilharmonie Europa.*



A great concert with music by Corelli, Rachmaninoff, Ponchielli, J.S. Bach, Fauré and Mozart. Why not bring the whole family? Such a good chance to experience high quality orchestral music live. SBCS is so glad to welcome back this dynamic ensemble after their memorable performances in 2015, 2017 and 2023.

Crediton Parish Church offers free parking and disabled access. Afternoon tea will be available. Come if you can, it will be a grand afternoon! Tickets £18 / Free to fulltime students under 30, from A E Lee Outfitters, Crediton High Street, from ticketsource.co.uk, or on the door. NB: At this first concert of the series, Season Tickets are available at £80. 'Friends' making a £50 donation to support the concert society can buy separate tickets at £15. SBCS gratefully acknowledges support from 'Making Music' and Crediton Town Council.

Why not put the rest of the season into your calendar? We'd love to see you:

Concert 2: Thursday 11th June , 7.30pm
Gerald Flotats (Cello) & Julian Chan (Piano)

Concert 3: Sunday 21st June, 3.00pm
The Delphine Trio (Clarinet, Cello and Piano)

Concert 4: Thursday 2nd July, 7.30pm
Rob Burton (Saxophone) & Mark Rogers (Piano)

Concert 5: Sunday 26th July, 3.00 pm
Ewan Millar (Oboe) & Tomos Boyles (Piano)

More details of the concerts can be found on our website www.bonifaceconcerts.co.uk. SBCS is a local charity dedicated to bringing top flight musicians to play in Crediton.

Caroline Romijn



Copplestone Walking Group




The walking group usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Walks vary from local to further afield. Due to the poor weather, we didn't organise any walks for January and February but we plan to re-start regular walks from March. Our 1st walk being planned for **Monday 16th March** at Belstone.

We are a very informal and friendly group and walking routes are led by different group members. Walks are typically 4 to 5 miles, over 2 to 3 hours, with a refreshment break mid walk. We sometimes enjoy a pub lunch or café stop at the end of the walk.


These walks provide an opportunity to enjoy the countryside, get some fresh air and exercise whilst enjoying the company of others.

John Lunn (Walk Co-ordinator)
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Defibrillator

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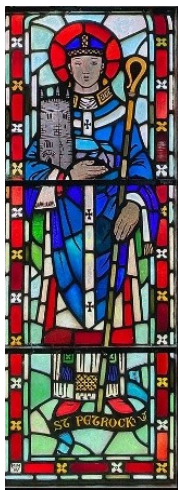


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Easter Sunday 5th April, 9.30am
BCP Holy Communion.

Sunday 26th April, 9.30am
BCP Holy Communion.

Sunday 24th May, 9.30am
BCP Holy Communion.

We warmly welcome everyone.



St. Boniface Church, Knowle

You are invited to join us for our regular Church services on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of the month at 10am.

1st Sunday of the month - 10.00 am - Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month - 10.00 am - Family Service
Jean Pennington

Down St. Mary Church

Our Christmas Carol and Crib services were well attended. Our Carol service collection of £138 was donated to St. Petrock's in Exeter and the Crib service collection of £131 was donated to St. Mungo's, both charities support homeless people.



We commence our Easter preparations with a series of mid-week Lay led evening prayer services at 4pm on **Wednesday's 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April**. These short services give us an opportunity to reflect on the forthcoming passion of Jesus, his death and resurrection.

Mothers' Sunday is celebrated on **Sunday 15th March** at 10.00 am with a Lay led Morning Prayer service. Following the service, fellowship will continue with tea/coffee and cake.

On **Maundy Thursday 2nd April**, we commemorate the 'Last Supper' with a Mission Community Eucharist service at 7.00 pm, followed by the Stripping of the Altar. Finally, on **Easter Day, Sunday 5th April** we celebrate the Risen Christ with a Eucharist service at 9.30am. you are invited to stay for light refreshments following this service.

Our regular services are: -

1st Sunday – Lay Led Evening Prayer at 4.00pm
2nd Sunday – Priest Led Eucharist service at 9.00am
3rd Sunday – Lay Led Morning Prayer at 10.00am
4th Sunday – Lay Led Morning Prayer at 10.00am

You are welcome to any of our services. At present though, our heating is not working so please dress up warm!!

Nigel Fidock

Easter at Copplestone Church



2nd April - Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm.
Led by Rev Peter Brown to include Holy Communion.

3rd April - Good Friday Meditation, 10.30am.
Led by Rev Martin Greig.

5th April - Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, 9.30am
All children welcome. For more details visit the Copplestone Children, Youth & Families Facebook page.

5th April - Easter Sunday Family Service, 10.45am,
Suitable for all ages.
We welcome all to join us.

Copplestone Church

Every Sunday there is a worship service starting at 10.45am with contemporary Christian music. There is also a more traditional evening service starting at 6.15pm.

Both services include Bible readings, prayer and a Christian message. All are welcome.



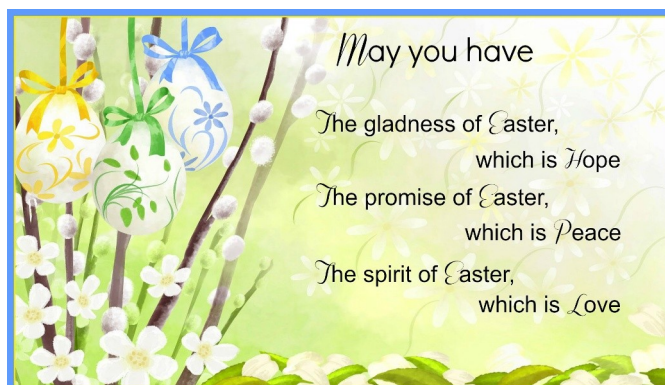
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Beacon Church, Newbuildings

Our normal monthly morning services are held on the first Sunday of the month at 8.30am. All are welcome.



Crediton Parish Church



As you might expect, the church was very busy in the run-up to and over Christmas. The Christmas Tree Festival saw over 4,000 visitors, raising funds to assist the Restoration Committee in maintaining the church building. Another highlight was the angel making workshop attended by 18 children and 13 adults. Then it seemed particularly true this year that no sooner had Christmas and Epiphany passed than we were back into all the busyness of church life.

There's plenty to look forward to in the next three months. The annual World Day of Prayer service takes place this year at the St Boniface RC Church in Park Road at 2pm on **Friday 6th March**. The service is written by the Christian women of Nigeria with the theme "*I will give you rest, come.*" Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

On **Saturday 28th March** from 10am to 1pm in the Boniface Centre, there is a Craft Fair with over 20 local crafters selling a wide variety of items at a wide range of prices. There's bread and home baking, jewellery, textiles, decorative and household items, cards and photographs on offer.

The following eight days is given over to all our services from Palm Sunday, through Holy Week and into Easter. On **Sunday 29th March**, there is the opportunity to come and sing Stainer's 'Crucifixion' in the church with the rehearsal beginning at 12 noon and the performance at 6pm.

Take the chance to draw breath before the organ recital in aid of the Music Endowment Fund during the afternoon of **Sunday 19th April** and a Plant Sale with bric-a-brac and refreshments from 10am to 12noon on **Saturday 25th April** in the Boniface Centre.

Finally, we are very excited to host the Southwest Quilters Exhibition in the church on **Friday 29th May and Saturday 30th May** - 10am to 6pm and **Sunday 31st May** - 11am to 5pm. Admission £2 with the proceeds going to the Church and the Daisy Garland Charity. Refreshments in the Boniface Centre – Friday/Saturday 10am to 4.30pm and Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm. Other attractions include a display of Church Vestments; Quilters' sale table; Tombola; Bric-a-brac stalls; Church shop and Newton St Cyres Art Group Exhibition. View the quilts in a beautiful church setting where visitors can also enjoy the architecture of the building. For more information or to book in a group, contact Anne on creditonchurchevent@gmail.com or phone 01363 772865. For details on all we have offer visit – www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk

Anne Jerman



EVENTS AND SERVICES AT CREDITON PARISH CHURCH

World Day of Prayer Service – Friday 6 March at 2pm
St Boniface RC Church, Park Road, Crediton

Easter Craft Fair – Saturday 28 March from 10am to 1pm
Boniface Centre, Church Lane, Crediton

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Services - Sunday 29 March to
Sunday 5 April

Visit our website and find all the details in the Parish Diary

Come and sing Stainer's 'Crucifixion' – Sunday 29 March with the
rehearsal beginning at 12noon and the performance at 6pm
Crediton Parish Church

Organ Recital – Sunday 19 April in the afternoon
Crediton Parish Church

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning with Bric-a-brac – Saturday 25 April
from 10am to 12noon
Boniface Centre, Church Lane, Crediton

Southwest Quilters Exhibition - Friday 29 May and Saturday 30 May
- 10am to 6pm and Sunday 31 May - 11am to 5pm in Crediton Parish
Church. Refreshments in the Boniface Centre – Friday/Saturday
10am to 4.30pm and Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £2
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Newton St Cyres Art Group Exhibition

For more information about any of these events or services, contact
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or visit our website – www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk



SOUTHWEST QUILTERS EXHIBITION CREDITON PARISH CHURCH

Friday 29 May and Saturday 30 May - 10am
to 6pm and Sunday 31 May - 11am to 5pm

Admission £2 with the proceeds going to the church
and the Daisy Garland Charity

Refreshments in the Boniface Centre – Friday/Saturday
10am to 4.30pm and Sunday 2pm to 4.30pm

Display of Church Vestments Quilters' sale table
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Saturday 14th March
Boniface Centre, Crediton
9.30 am – 12.15 pm

Crediton Foodbank and Support Hub



At the time of writing this the weather is cold, wet and rather miserable. Hopefully at the time of reading, spring will have sprung and the sun will be cheering us on.

Thank you to everyone who supported Crediton Foodbank and Support Hub at Tesco during our three donation days. Thanks to your generosity, we brought back an incredible 79 crates of food, meaning our shelves were very well stocked going into the Christmas period.

Christmas is always one of our busiest times of year, and we simply could not do what we do without the continued support of our local community. Over the festive period, 60 households received an emergency food parcel to help them through. In addition, each household received a Christmas hamper containing everything needed to cook a Christmas meal, festive treats, and a present for every member. It was heart-warming to see the difference this made at what can be a particularly difficult time of year.

We continue to have food donation points at Tesco Extra, Tesco Metro, Morrisons and Spar. Please note that we do not collect donations from Lidl. Our current food needs are updated weekly on the free **BanktheFood app**. You can scan the QR code to register and select Crediton Foodbank as your local Foodbank, making it easy to donate exactly what is most needed.



We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated after watching the wonderful CODS panto *Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood*. We are delighted to share that we will again be collecting donations at CODS performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, running from 13th – 18th April 2026 at QE Lower School.

Our Pantry continues to go from strength to strength, with clients benefitting from being able to choose the items that go into their food parcels, helping to meet dietary needs and reduce waste. We are also excited to have recently started building works in our food storage area, which will make the space more welcoming, accessible and practical. We look forward to sharing the finished results with you soon. As always, thank you for your continued kindness and support.

Helen Moores - Crediton Foodbank Coordinator



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Thinking globally, acting locally... do you want to take part?

We welcome discussion of the great global issues affecting climate, community and sustainability – but our actions are local and we'd love to have more volunteers involved.

We've been busy over the winter with the community larder, repair café, pollinator group, woodland group and tree planting. We've campaigned for the Crediton to Exeter cycle route, set up a new website (worth visiting!) and become a regular presence at the first Farmers' Market of the month. Come and find us! And as this paper goes to press, we are busy with our end of February events – a film show on 27th "Rebooting our Future", and our glorious annual Seed Share on 28th.



Here in Copplestone, our Tree Team has recently helped planting a traditional wildlife hedge on an earth bank running down the Elston Farm field that you can see from the A377 at Spencecombe Corner. And we are still keen to recruit wildflower planters.

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 7th March: Stall in the Farmers' Market
Come and say hello. Every First Saturday.

Saturday 14th March: Community Conversation.
What do we want for the future of Crediton?

Saturday 28th March: Repair Café
10 - 12 at the Elephant on the Green
Fix it don't bin it! Every fourth Saturday

Friday 10th April: Sus Cred AGM 7pm, the Arts Centre. All welcome to enjoy a get-together and review the achievements of the past year and plan for the future.

Saturday 18th April: Sus Cred Clothes Swap.
Let's avoid textile waste!

If you would like to get involved, or receive our monthly newsletter, please write to info@sustainablecrediton.org.uk, or sign up via our new website.

Caroline Romijn

Unite Carers



Unite Carers is a self-funding charity that offers support to people who provide unpaid care for a friend or relative who can't manage alone because of severe illness, fragility, disability or vulnerability. The charity has over 60 volunteers who provide a wonderful service to carers and the people they care for. Some of them help to run the Support Groups, help with Befriending, IT Support, Form-filling and Counselling For Carers. All of Unite's services are completely free of charge. Carers need to contact the Unite office, details below, to be registered and then all of Unite's services will become available.

Crediton Carers' Coffee Group

Please come along to our free Crediton Carers' Coffee group on the **3rd Thursday of each month**, starting at 11am at the lovely Crediton Coffee Company Café, on the Square in Crediton. Meet with other carers in similar situations to your own, for support, advice and friendship and conversation, and enjoy great coffee (or whatever your tippie may be), all on us.

Unite's offices are based at:
2 Bridge Street, Tiverton EX16 5LY
Telephone: 01884 257511
Email: info@unitemd.org.uk

The offices are usually manned by staff and volunteers between 10am and 4pm; we always welcome anyone who may feel that Unite's services would be beneficial to them.

The Price of Cocoa And how YOU can help those who work in the cocoa industry



One of the most important topics for cocoa producers is the cocoa price. This is negotiated on the commodity exchanges of the world market – far from the people who toiled on the plantations. Due to the large price fluctuations and the associated risk of poverty for the growers, the two most important countries of cocoa production, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire, have introduced a minimum price. This is redefined twice a year. If the price set by the government is below the Fairtrade minimum price, Fairtrade pays the producers the difference. However, more must happen to make a good life possible for the producers and workers in the cocoa industry. Currently, only around one third of cocoa harvests from Fairtrade cooperatives are also sold under Fairtrade conditions. The rest of their harvest must sell the remainder of their harvest at a lower price through the conventional market. To change this, the demand for Fairtrade chocolate must continue to grow.

So ... Please eat more Fair Trade chocolate!

Anne Greig

Dementia Carers Count



Are you caring for someone living with dementia? Feeling alone, overwhelmed or worried about money? We're here for you. Our online help and support is available 24/7. Find invaluable videos, factsheets, podcasts and tips to help with every aspect of caring for someone with dementia.

Need personalised advice? Try our Carer Support Line, open Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm. Call free on 0800 652 1102. Looking to meet and hear from other carers? Find a carer support group for you. For more information visit: <https://dementiacarers.org.uk>



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Alzheimer's Communication

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| 1. Never Argue.
Instead Agree. | 6. Never say "I Told You."
Instead Repeat. |
| 2. Never Reason.
Instead Divert. | 7. Never say "You Can't."
Instead say what they Can Do. |
| 3. Never Shame.
Instead Distract. | 8. Never Demand.
Instead Ask. |
| 4. Never Lecture.
Instead Reassure. | 9. Never Condescend.
Instead Encourage. |
| 5. Never say "Remember."
Instead Reminisce. | 10. Never Force.
Instead Reinforce. |

Copplestone United Football Club



Formed in 2006 and run by a committed group of volunteers, we now have 10 teams from Under 8s - Under 16s with a Saturday morning training group for the Under 7s.

We welcome all abilities as every child should get to play! If you would like more information please get in touch. New players of all abilities are welcome!

Find us on Facebook or Instagram

BADGERS FOOTBALL TRAINING
Copplestone United Football Club
(Ages 5-7)

Got a child keen to get into football?
Come and join our fun, friendly football training sessions designed to help children enjoy the game, build confidence, and develop skills.

- Ages:** 5 years to end of Year 2
- Cost:** £3 per session – Pay as you go
- When:** Sundays
- Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am
- Where:** Pullens Playing Fields (Copplestone) or Waite Inn Sports Hall (depending on the weather)

All abilities welcome Interested? For more information, please contact: **Paul – 07880 995 960**

Crediton Trefoil Guild



Crediton Trefoil concluded their busy year with a wreath making session followed by Christmas lunch at Homeleigh Garden Centre.



Our programme for 2026 is varied, offering members opportunities to try out a range of interesting activities. For our first meeting of 2026 we welcomed a representative from Appledore RNLI, our 2025 chosen charity, and were thrilled to present them with a cheque. At February's meeting we welcomed a representative from the Crediton and District Play Scheme, our chosen charity for 2026 as well as holding our AGM. For March's meeting, we will be focusing on keeping ourselves safe with a talk on scam awareness and in April we are going to try our hands at felting.

Did you enjoy Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers? Alternatively, did you miss these opportunities, it's not too late!! Trefoil is the adult section where the focus is on fun and friendship. Why not give us a go? We are a friendly group and welcome new members. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Guide Headquarters, Lords Meadow, Crediton. If you would like more information please email Crediton.trefoil@gmail.com or phone Pam Long on 01363 84092

Why should the girls have all the fun?

Pam Long

Kickstart Your Health

Healthy changes start with little changes. Whether you want to lose weight, drink less alcohol, get active or quit smoking, you have access to lots of free tools and support through Better Health. You can also find simple ways to lift your mood with Every Mind Matters. There has never been a better time to kickstart your health. <https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/>



Boost your motivation with our quiz

In just 5 minutes, our quiz helps you check key areas of your lifestyle. You'll get a score out of 10, NHS advice and tools, and free apps to help you make changes where they matter most. <https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/healthy-choices-quiz/>

Take care of your mind

Looking after your mind is just as important as looking after your body, but it can be easily overlooked. Every Mind Matters has lots of expert advice and practical tips to help you stay on top of your mental wellbeing. <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>

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Comic Relief Friday 20th March 2026



Since its launch in 1985, Comic Relief has supported more than 35,000 projects, enabling over 1,000 community organisations to tackle poverty and social injustice in the UK and around the world by giving people access to food, shelter and safety.

Red Nose Day 2026 takes place on **Friday, 20th March**. The campaign, run by Comic Relief, brings the UK together for a day of comedy, fundraising, with this year's theme of 'Take Yourself Funny for Money'. The 2026 campaign encourages people to take life a little less seriously and use humour to make a difference. Funds raised will support people facing poverty, hunger, homelessness, and mental health challenges in the UK and around the world.

To register for a free fundraising pack, buy official merchandise or to find more information please go to the official Comic Relief website: <https://www.comicrelief.com/>

Mental Health Support Service



Shout is a free text messaging mental health support service. It is a charity and is available 24/7. It is confidential and anonymous and is for anyone who finds they are struggling and would like to talk to someone about what is on their mind.

We can help with anxiety, stress, depression or sadness, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, panic attacks, loneliness or isolation, abuse, bullying. Volunteers are there to listen without judgement and to support those struggling. Texters are all ages, including children.

If you or anyone you know might benefit from contacting *Shout* please text 85258. No one needs to struggle alone. *Shout* is always there for you. For more details visit <https://www.giveusashout.org>

Home-Start



All parents struggle at one time or another and that is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

Home-Start volunteers support families with individual one-to-one home-visiting and work alongside families experiencing challenges such as poor mental or physical health, loneliness and isolation, financial worries, lack of confidence and the feeling of being overwhelmed - just two hours a week can make a big difference to a parent and their children.

Our service is based around the principal that volunteers offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help. If you need our help please call: 01395 542298 or email: office@homestarteemd.org.uk

Disposing of Household Batteries



Batteries, especially lithium-ion batteries commonly found in everyday devices, can pose a severe fire hazard when disposed of incorrectly. Fires caused by batteries can spread rapidly, resulting in extensive damage to waste vehicles and facilities, and creating danger for residents and waste operatives.

Recycling batteries correctly is not only a matter of safety but also a vital environmental responsibility. Batteries contain hazardous materials that can leach into the soil and water if not recycled properly.

To help prevent battery-related fires, residents are encouraged to follow these essential guidelines:

- 1. Use designated recycling boxes:** General household batteries can be recycled as part of your fortnightly recycling collection - batteries must be placed in a clear plastic bag or tub, and left on top of the black box clearly visible for our collection crews. We do not collect Lithium-Ion batteries at this time.
- 2. Wrap or tape batteries:** Used batteries are not always completely discharged so take caution when disposing of multiple used batteries that could come into contact with one another. To dispose of the batteries safely, cover the positive terminal of each battery with tape.

When in doubt, consider dropping off batteries at designated recycling centres or collection points. Also, please spread the word about the importance of proper battery disposal to friends, family, and neighbours. For more information on what to put out and where please see <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/what-can-you-put-out/>

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Copplestone Parish Council News



The Parish Council meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Copplestone Church community Room, 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend to raise any concerns you may have within the Parish or just come along to listen to the discussions concerning our village. To view copies of the agenda and minutes from previous meetings and latest news please visit our website <https://copplestoneparishcouncil.gov.uk>

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in making a difference in your community and having your say, this is your opportunity to do just that. No experience is necessary as training can be provided.

To apply or for more information please contact James Clark, Chairman, Tel: 07979 646105 or Email: james.clark@copplestoneparishcouncil.gov.uk



Your Parish Councillors are:

Cllr: James Clark (Chairman)

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Cllr: Claire Glover (Vice Chair)

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Cllr: Graham Turner

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Cllr: Steven Dhinsa

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Cllr: Kirsty Sharp

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Your District Councillors are:

Natalia Letch – nletch@middevon.gov.uk

Alex White – awhite@middevon.gov.uk

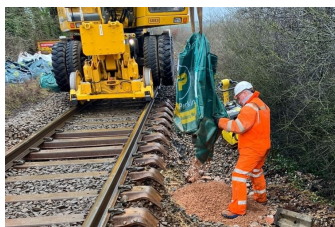
Your County Council representative is :

Jim Cairney – jim.cairney@devon.gov.uk

To contact the Parish Council please make initial enquiries via the clerk, Email: clerk@copplestoneparishcouncil.gov.uk



North Devon Line Rail Promotion Group News



The main topic for this article is the weather. The North Devon (Tarka) Line has been closed due to flooding and the effects of this since 27th January. This has been due to storm Chandra. At the time of writing, it is still closed north of Crediton due to waiting for river levels to subside and the flow rate to reduce. Once these fall to a safe level then Network Rail divers will inspect the bridge pillars for any damage and then if deemed safe the line will then be able to reopen. There was damage to the track south of Crediton which has now been repaired, and this section of the line is now open allowing trains to run between Exeter, Crediton and Okehampton.

The group has raised its concerns to Network Rail, GWR and politicians over the lack of resilience of the line. Storms are becoming more frequent and having a greater impact not only on railways, but roads and sea defences are all being damaged by them.

Alstom have just unveiled their first Cross-country Voyager following refurbishment. This is part of a £60 million contract to deliver a brighter, more comfortable experience for passengers across Great Britain. The first unit a class 220 number 220033 has clocked up 5,811,605 miles before entering the Litchurch Lane works in Derby to be refurbished. Around 130 staff are involved in the project. Over the next two years a total of 136 Voyager (class 220) and Super Voyager (class 221) will be refurbished having new seating, tables, carpets, LED lighting, refurbished toilets, passenger counters, and CCTV. The trains are leased to Cross-country from Beacon. They are now over 20 years old and travel across Britain from Penzance to Aberdeen. This project will ensure that they remain reliable, comfortable, and fit for the future. Beacon has invested £75.1 million in the project.

Exeter Central station is undergoing work to install new ticket barriers and an information desk in the booking hall. This will hopefully reduce the queues at peak times.

*Alan Clark
Treasurer and Membership Secretary*



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Connecting Communities

We are a local charity making a difference to local people offering a variety of accessible transport solutions. Our services are aimed at connecting communities helping to increase the independence, mobility and peace of mind of older and disabled people, combating the problems of loneliness and isolation.

Ring & Ride: This service provides friendly accessible transport for people of all ages and abilities who are unable to easily access public transport. Simply register your details with us initially and then pre-book your seat whenever you wish to join the bus. Where possible, we offer a “door-to-door” service and can accommodate passengers travelling in wheelchairs. The service offers a weekday trip from neighbouring villages to local destination towns, arriving around 11am and departing around 1pm. For more details please call 01363 773303 (between 9am and 4pm Monday to Thursday) or email sarah@middevonmobility.org.uk. Once registered, trips can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but no later than 3.30pm the previous working day. For most Ring & Ride services, we offer a fixed return fare from as little as £5. We are unable to accept the National Bus Pass, but hope to do so in the future.

Community Car Scheme: The Scheme offers a personal door to door service for all ages, helping to connect communities and enabling people to get out and about. It can be used for a variety of appointments including hospital, doctors, hairdressers, airport/train/port, shopping or visiting friends and family. We currently operate two Community Car Schemes covering the entire Mid Devon Area along with a few bordering parishes seven days a week. Transport is provided by volunteers using their own cars. Fares start from as little as £5. Please call us for a quote before booking with at least 48 hours’ notice, as sadly we cannot take bookings on the day. Call 01363 773303

Day Trip Club: Complimenting our Ring & Ride service by offering day trips out to the seaside, market towns and country pubs for lunch at weekends from Tiverton and on Thursdays from Crediton. Offering a fully accessible door to door service with professional drivers.

Telephone Befriending: Do you feel lonely and fancy a chat? We offer a friendly chat when you need it! All you have to do is call us and we can arrange regular or one-off telephone calls to suit you with one of our friendly volunteers. This service is currently FREE to anyone living in Mid Devon. Call 01884 242099 or email transport@middevonmobility.org.uk to arrange a chat or for more details about volunteering to become a Telephone Befriender.

For more information or if you require assistance our offices are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm.

Call us at Crediton on: 01363 773303,

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Easter Word Search



Words are found across, diagonal, and down.



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| BUNNY | EASTER | FLOWERS | RABBIT |
| CARROT | EGGS | HOP | SPRING |

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Signs to Make You Smile



On a Church notice board:
'7 Days without God makes one weak'

On a Septic Tank Truck:
'Yesterdays meals on wheels'

In a Non-Smoking Area:
'If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action'

On a Maternity Room Door:
'Push. Push. Push.'

On a Taxidermist's Window:
'We really know our stuff'

In a Restaurant Window:
'Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up'

On an Opticians Window:
'If you don't see what you're looking forward, you've come to the right place'

At a Car Dealership:
'The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment'

In the Car Park of a Funeral Home:
'Drive carefully, we'll wait'

In a Vets Waiting Room:
'Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!'

Do You Know Your Nursery Rhymes?

Name these well-known Nursery Rhymes from their initials.



1. S.S.M.D.
2. T.T.T.P.S.
3. B.B.B.S.
4. H.D.D.T.C.A.T.F.
5. G.G.P.A.P.
6. M.M.Q.C.
7. I.W.S.
8. H.D.S.O.A.W.
9. L.M.M.S.O.H.T.
10. J.A.J.W.U.T.H.
11. T.G.O.D.O.Y.
12. P.P.T.K.O.
13. L.B.I.F.D.
14. G.G.G.
15. O.M.H.
16. J.B.N.J.B.Q.



Happy Easter

May your day be filled with hope, peace and blessings!



Nursery Rhyme Answers

1. See Saw Margery Daw
2. Tom Tom The Pipers Son
3. Baa Baa Black Sheep
4. Hey Diddle Diddle The Cat And The Fiddle
5. Georgie Porgie Pudding And Pie
6. Mary Mary Quite Contrary
7. Incy Wincy Spider
8. Humpty Dumpty Sat On A Wall
9. Little Miss Muffet Sat On Her Tuffet
10. Jack And Jill Went Up The Hill
11. The Grand Old Duke Of York
12. Polly Put The Kettle On
13. London Bridge Is Falling Down
14. Goosey Goosey Gander
15. Old Mother Hubbard
16. Jack Be Nimble Jack Be Quick

ANSWERS

Leftover Vegetable Soup



Never waste a vegetable again with this simple soup recipe, guaranteed to taste different every time! If your uncooked vegetables are starting to wilt, chop them into pieces and freeze in a labelled container. Freeze any cooked leftover vegetables in a second labelled container. Keep adding until you're ready to make this hearty soup! Nearly any vegetable will make a tasty soup - potato, swede, celery, broccoli, courgette, squash, turnip, tomato, mushrooms, onions, leeks, cabbage, kale, cabbage, celeriac, cauliflower ... the list goes on!

- 1tbsp Butter
- Small Onion, diced
- 1-2 Garlic Cloves, chopped
- 1L Vegetable Stock
- 1tsp Mixed Herbs, or Herbs of your choice
- 3-4 handfuls Frozen Vegetables (cooked, uncooked or a mix of both), defrosted
- Splash of cream (optional)

In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and cook until softened. Add stock and herbs. Add uncooked frozen vegetables, bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, 20-30 minutes. Add cooked frozen vegetables and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cook until vegetables are warmed through. Using a blender or a potato masher, puree soup until smooth. Return to pot and add the cream, if using. Stir until mixture is warmed, taste and season with salt and pepper. Top Tip: Use cumin, curry powder or chilli flakes for an extra punch of flavour.

Nutella French Toast Roll Ups



Prep time 10 mins, cook time 5 mins. Treat dry bread with this gooey chocolate fix and then treat yourself! Dry bread is ideal as it soaks up the egg more readily.

- Sliced Dry Bread, crusts on
- Nutella (or any chocolate nut spread)
- 1 Egg
- Butter

Flatten bread slices with a rolling pin or heavy tin and spread with Nutella, taking care not to spread too thickly. Roll slices up with Nutella in the middle. Break egg into a bowl and whisk, then dip the roll ups into the egg wash. Melt butter in a pan and add roll ups. Cook for a minute or so on each side and turn until golden brown all over. To serve, sprinkle with icing sugar, strawberries, chopped banana or cinnamon.

In the UK we throw away 6.4 million tonnes of food a year; that's a third of the food we buy. Nearly half of what is thrown away is fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, dairy, rice and pasta. For more recipes to help you waste less and save money, go to: <https://www.recycledevon.org/love-food-hate-waste/have-your-food-and-eat-it-recipe-book/>



Spring Diary Dates



March:

- 3rd: Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 6th: Police at Tesco Superstore, 12.30-1.30pm
- 7th: Mariners Away concert, Boniface Centre, 7.30pm
- 13th: Youth Club
- 14th: Community Conversation, Boniface Centre, 9.30am
- 15th: Mothers Day
- 19-28th: Spring Awakening Music Festival
- 20th: Mini Youth Club
- “ : Comic Relief Day
- 27th: CPTA Kids Bingo
- “ : Youth Club
- 28th: Craft Fair, Boniface Centre, 10am
- “ : Repair Café, Elephant on the Green
- 29th: British Summer Time Begins

April:

- 1st: ELF Easter Bingo
- 3rd: Good Friday Meditation, 10.30 Coplestone Church
- 5th: Easter Egg Hunt, 9.30am
- “ : 9.30am Clannaborough Church Easter Communion
- “ : 9.30am Down St Mary Church Easter Eucharist
- “ : 10.45am Coplestone Church Easter Family Service
- 7th: Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 11th: Coplestone Spring Clean & Litter Pick, 10am
- 14-18th: CODS present 'Joseph', QE Lower School
- 18th: Clothes Swap, Crediton Cong Church 1-3pm
- 24th: Youth Club
- “ : Coplestone Choir Concert, Coldridge Church
- 25th: Plant Sale/Coffee Morning, Boniface Centre, 10am

May:

- 5th: Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 8th: Youth Club
- 13th: ELF Bingo
- 15th: Mini Youth Club
- 17th: Orchestral Concert, Crediton Parish Church, 3pm
- 22nd: Youth Club
- 23rd: Coplestone Choir at Morfest, Morchard Bishop
- 29-31st: Quilters Exhibition, Crediton Parish Church

Your Village Magazine



After a long, wet, winter, at last Spring is here along with the Spring Enlightener! Hopefully you've enjoyed reading the latest news from your community and perhaps you can go along to some of the local events mentioned.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition ... it wouldn't exist without your input! The magazine is published 4 times a year and all individuals, clubs, groups and organisations based in and around the parish can contribute so please get in touch if you have anything you would like to include in future editions.



For more local news and events, please search for 'Coplestone Enlightener' on Facebook. You can also read the magazine online (and in colour!) at www.coplestonechurch.org.uk ... just click on 'Enlightener' on the home page.

The next Enlightener is due out in the Summer in early June 2026. If you have anything to contribute or if you are a local resident and wish to place an advert, please email lunn.family4@gmail.com or Tel: 07814 372828 by **15th May 2026**.

Suzanne Lunn – Enlightener Editor