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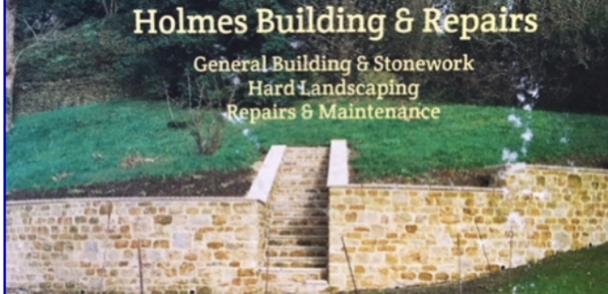
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WILDLIFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP...

Photo: N Stephens

Editor's Message

Hello and welcome to the August/September issue!

I am really enjoying my time as Editor and thank you to everyone for sending in their updates, features and photographs – they are always gratefully received. If you have any thoughts on what you may like featured in the future, please do let me know via the usual email address: thechinnockchimes@gmail.com. The deadline for next submissions is 11 September.

I hope to see you all at the Village Music Night. I'll be the one by the BBQ taking cash so please do come and say hello!

Stay safe and well.

Annette

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Where am I?

This is a photograph of a feature of a local property. Do you know where or what it is?

Last issue's photograph was of the stone ball at the entrance to Weston House.



USEFUL CONTACTS

| Somerset County Council | District Councillor | Tree Warden | Yeovil Hospital | Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments) | Pre-School (under 5's) Guides, Brownies, Rainbows | Explorers (14 - 18 years) |
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COVID - Staying Safe Now Restrictions Have Eased

Almost all legal coronavirus restrictions ended on 19 July. From now on, guidance is emphasising personal judgement and responsibility. People are expected to consider and manage their own risk and protect themselves and others through informed choice and by exercising common sense.

Coronavirus will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future, so we need to learn to live with it, but while cases are high and rising, everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious. Remember, there is a risk that you could catch or pass on the virus, even if you are fully vaccinated.

Somerset's Public Health team is advising people to think carefully about continuing to keep the all-important 2 metre distance where possible.

As another measure to protect more vulnerable people, as well as workers in key services such as shops and pubs, it is recommended to continue to wear a face covering in indoor spaces such as in shops and on public transport. Please also continue to wash hands thoroughly and regularly. Meet up outside rather than inside and if inside, make sure to let the fresh air in by opening windows and doors.

Finally, it is important to:

- make sure to get both doses of the vaccine,
- self-isolate when required to do so; and,
- use rapid tests twice a week.

Source: Somerset County Council

News From St Mary's

As restrictions are eased, a pattern has developed for our church services. For St Mary's this is now as below:

- 1st Sunday in the month 9:15am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 2nd Sunday in the month 6:30pm Evening Prayer
- 3rd Sunday in the month 9:45am for 10:00am Family Café Service in the Village Hall

There is no service in St Mary's on the fourth Sunday at present, but there are services in other churches in the Benefice as follows:

- 4th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Martin's Church, West Coker
- 11:00am Holy Communion (Common Worship) St Michael's Church East Coker
- 11:00am Morning Worship St Martin's Church, West Coker

The Sunday 9:45am Family Service on zoom for Hardington/Pendomer is continuing weekly at the time of writing. Email Sheila Carpenter on robinshela@icloud.com for an invite. The weekly church newsheet is now published on the village website: eastchinnock.net and the services for St Mary's are on the What's On calendar on the website. We held our first Café Church in the Village Hall since Feb 2020 on 20 June, with a focus on Father's Day and another was held on 18 July. The next ones will take place on 15 August and 19 September. Café church is an informal service which starts with refreshments and chatting round the village hall tables. It includes lively worship, and creative activities for both children and adults.

Church Toilet

Cost estimates for installing a toilet in the church have been received and we are proceeding with an application. Thanks to those who raised money through Friends of St Mary's, but we are still short by a substantial amount and need some serious fund raising. We are planning a concert again in St Mary's at Christmas, which is likely to be the popular Stancheater Quire. If anyone has creative ideas of other money raising events, please do email me at gilliantettmar@gmail.com.

Gillian Tetmar
Church Warden



EAST CHINNOCK MUSIC NIGHT



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Kid's Corner

My Team

You may have taken gifts and cards into school to say thank you to your teachers and TA's who've helped and supported you through this last school year. Isn't it a great way to say thank you. We have lots of people who help and support us through our lives. Think of all the people who kept working through this pandemic so we could stay fed and healthy.

Think of our families and friends, who continue to love and support us. Teams of people – our team! It's important to be a good team member. You'll see that in any team game. People who work together, and help each other, and their team.

Look on our website:
www.cokerridge.org.uk
or Facebook page for
lots of fun activities.

- Equipment Paper, pens, dolls, cuddly toys, Lego people.
- Set up Collect the toys, paper and pens together
- Instructions Think about the friends and family who love and support you. They are your team! Write a list of your team and choose a doll, cuddly toy or Lego person to represent each one. Write one thing about the way that each person has loved, supported and cheered you on.

Now think about how you can be a great team member too, perhaps using the good things you've listed about others to help you play your part in your team.

You can use this prayer to say thank you, and ask Jesus to help you.

Thank you Jesus for all the people who love and care for me. Thank you that you love and care for me too, and want me to love and care for others.
Help me to play my part and be the best 'team member' I can be. Amen



Future Ready Fuel: working towards a lower carbon heating oil



For over 50 years, heating oil (kerosene) has been a popular choice for homes off the gas grid. As part of wider plans to tackle climate change and meet the UK's net zero target, the Government has pledged to prioritise converting off-grid homes to low-carbon heating during the 2020s. In support of this, we're proud to be part of the UKIFDA and OFTEC Future Ready Fuel campaign, trialling a promising new renewable liquid fuel called HVO at one of our depots.

The challenge of decarbonising off-grid homes

Watson Fuels is working closely with organisations on the Future Ready Fuel campaign. Our shared goal is to find a low-carbon liquid fuel that will act as a drop-in replacement for kerosene.

How does HVO work with existing oil-fuelled heating systems?

Virtually all oil-fired boilers and heating systems can be adapted to run on HVO, once some simple modifications have been made. Compared to the expense of installing an entire new low-carbon heating system, these modifications can be far more affordable and straightforward.

As part of the nationwide Future Ready Fuel trials we've converted one of our own oil-fired boilers to run on HVO. HVO could also be a practical way to heat your home.

How you can get involved:

If you're keen to hear more about the progress of the Future Ready Fuel campaign or would be willing to take part in a trial, you can sign up to receive updates. Get involved through the Future Ready Fuel website.

UKIFDA and OFTEC are running a survey to gauge how many households are interested in switching to HVO. You can complete the short Future Ready Fuel survey online. Visit the Future Ready Fuel website to take part.

If you want to support the drive to low carbon heating but worry about the cost and lack of choice, you can write to or email your local MP.

Working with UKIFDA and OFTEC, we are hopeful that HVO will be approved by the Government as a route to decarbonise off-grid heating and introduced to the market in 2022.

Source: Watson Fuels



East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

A reminder of provisional dates for your diary:



Early August

Petunia Plug Plant competition. A good number of members have had their free plug plant to bring on. Due to the cold snap in May mine has hardly grown but I'm hoping by August there will be a flower to see!

Dates TBA

Afternoon visit to Brimsmore Gardens for discount shopping.

20 September at 7.15pm

Speaker at Village Hall.

18 October at 7pm

Club AGM & speaker: Peter Triggs 'The Moorland Way' at Village Hall.

All arrangements to be confirmed and all are subject to the Government Covid guidance at the time.

KEEP A WATCH ON YOUR E-MAIL FOR UPDATES.

The New Programme for the Club year November 2021 – October 2022 is being compiled.

FINALLY, A PLEA: THE CLUB NEEDS A TREASURER!

Not an onerous task! The busiest time is the collection of the annual membership fee and then just keeping track of the monthly ins and outs.

The Committee would also welcome a couple of additional members to come to meetings to share and support ideas for the club and its future.

Chairman: Geoff Jackson Tel: 01935 863212
Secretary: Bunty Andrews Tel: 01935 863420

Keys!

Is there anyone in the village holding on to a set of Village Hall keys that they no longer need? If so, please hand them in to Jane Lock or Ros Weber. Many thanks.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are scheduled to restart on Wednesday 19 May at 10.30am – noon at the Village Hall.

Coffee mornings will continue to take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please come and join us.

Nick the Veg

Please continue to support Nick the Veg. His van is in the Village Hall car park on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



WI Update

The June WI meeting took place in Judy's barn again and it was great to be able to welcome "new" villagers to the group. Our President, Marianne, briefed them on the hierarchy of the W.I. - ranging from national level to individual groups and spoke about our shoe-box charity. Once all had been discussed, we were treated to a double entertainment!

Josie and Sam are detectorists, experienced in the use of metal-detectors, and their talk was both fascinating and very amusing! Sam then played her ukulele, which was a revelation to those of us who associate the instrument with George Formby! This was a classical ukulele, which has a unique characteristic tone and the pieces Sam had chosen to play for us were delightful.

A doubt about the weather for the July meeting led to it being held in Judy's barn again, instead of the planned excursion to Sally's garden, although we needn't have worried as conditions were perfect.

After a discussion about forthcoming events we had a "Jam Hunt" to find hidden jars of jam and a general knowledge quiz. This was followed by Jean's raspberries, with jelly, cream and meringue.

Much organising had gone into a great evening, enjoyed by long-term members and newcomers alike. Many thanks to all involved.

Upcoming Events

Evening of 8 September - Mini Flower Show

This is as we have had to forego our usual Village Flower Show for this year.

10 October - Speaker yet to be confirmed

It is hoped that one of our number who has had a very long and interesting life will be available.

10 November - Craft Evening

The subject is the use of sheep's wool.

Date TBA - Fun Skittles Evening at the Quicksilver Mail

Everyone has tried to keep going for what seems such a long time under the Covid restrictions. East Chinnock W.I. is no exception and the intention now is to lighten the atmosphere in our village with a varied programme of events which it is hoped will have something of interest for all.

Roisin Gruner

WI Safari Stalls Event

On 31 May (spring Bank Holiday) the Safari Sale took place. Smiles and sunshine summed up the afternoon as these photos show.

Many thanks to all the stall holders, open studio, and everyone who supported the event. The proceeds from WI stalls were donated to the ACWW, for projects supporting women. The book and cards stall and tombola were run by the village hall committee with proceeds going to the Village Hall.

