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"FROM LITTLE ACORNS"

Image and copyright: Martin Harris

Editor's Message

Thank you to Martin Harris, a local artist, who has allowed us to use his painting "From Little Acorns" for our front cover. Details of Martin's upcoming exhibition are inside! Any artists wishing to have their work on our cover please email your image to thechinnockchimes@gmail.com

In this issue we have special feature from the Gardening and Countryside Club. Also look out for dates on village events such as the Music Night and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations! Hope to see you all there! Wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Annette

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Parish Council News



March Parish Council Meeting

There were no reports from the District and County Councillor's or Clerk from this meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 4 April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be followed by the April Parish Council Meeting.

Suggestions Wanted! Naming of the Park



The playing field is being re-ramped! So far new adult keep-fit equipment has been installed,



raised flower beds are in place and the existing children's play equipment has been restored.



Another picnic bench is to be installed shortly and there is a grant application in place to fund further items for the children's play area. It is now a practical park area that can be used by all.

All the park needs now is a new name!

Please send your 'Naming of the Park' suggestions to Nancy Chapman at ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk by Friday 29 April. Just to let you know – 'Parky McParkface' is not going to be a winner, despite its immense comedy value!



Mowing Volunteers Required!

Mowing volunteers are required for the park. It will take an hour or two to mow and a ride-on lawnmower is provided. If you wish to volunteer please contact Nancy on: ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk Your support will be very much appreciated.

Somerset Council Elections

Elections for Local Councillors are due to take place on 5 May. Make sure you are registered to vote at www.gov.uk to take part.

Entertainments Committee

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 30 July Village Music Night
Saturday 5 November Bonfire Night

The East Chinnock Entertainments Committee are interested to know what kind of events villagers might like to see taking place or would be keen to attend in the coming months. For example, a bi-monthly Quiz Night is one suggestion. Is this something you would like to attend? Please send your views and suggestions to sara.russell@btopenworld.com by 11 April.

Marquee and Gazebo Hire



The Entertainments Committee owns a marquee and 6 gazebos, which are available for **private hire to East Chinnock villagers only**. Contact Pat Lock for further information and booking on 01935 863899.

Marquee: 20m x 7m - £90 for a maximum of 3 days
Gazebos: 3m x 3m with sides - £30 each for a maximum of 3 days

The gazebos can be easily erected by the hirer, however the marquee will be erected by Pat and his team but they will require at least 3 additional people (organised by the hirer) to assist in erection.

*****The hirer is required to ensure that they have adequate insurance cover in place to protect against damage or loss*****

FEATURED ADVERTISEMENT

THURSDAY

BABY & TODDLER SESSION

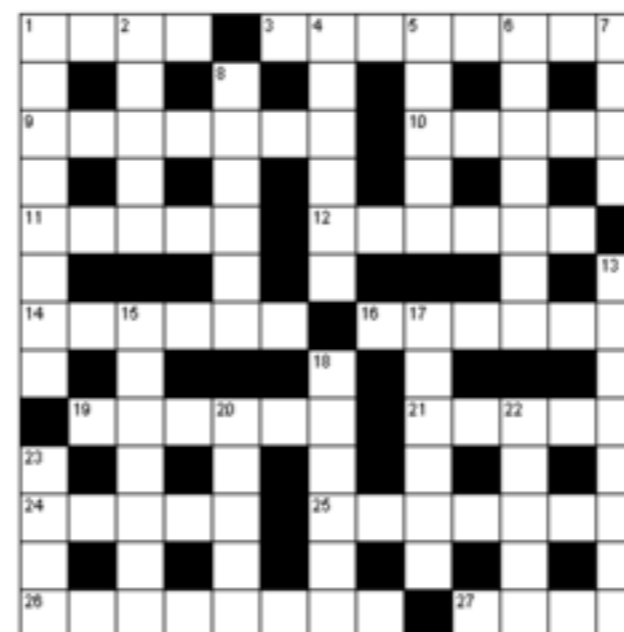
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Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Depose (4)
- 3 Marvellous (8)
- 9 Non-professional (7)
- 10 Trite (5)
- 11 Put off till later (5)
- 12 London rail terminus (6)
- 14 Violin (6)
- 16 Perplex (6)
- 19 Robbery at sea (6)
- 21 Scallywag (5)
- 24 Strangely (5)
- 25 Despotism (7)
- 26 Enjoyment (8)
- 27 Sort, category (4)

Down

- 1 Intermittently (2,3,3)
- 2 Personnel (5)
- 4 Merited (6)
- 5 Loose flowing garments (5)
- 6 Keep at bay (4,3)
- 7 Part of the leg (4)
- 8 Engine fuel (6)
- 13 Novice (8)
- 15 Diminish, shrink slowly (7)
- 17 Preposterous (6)
- 18 Marine mollusc (6)
- 20 Bottomless gulf (5)
- 22 Vex (5)
- 23 -- and circumstance (4)



Post Office Opening Times

At the Village Hall:

Monday 1:00pm – 3:00pm
 Tuesday 9:00am – 12:00pm

East Chinnock Art Group

East Chinnock Art Group is at the Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of each month 2pm – 4pm, at a cost of £2.00 per session.

Bring your work in-progress or next project along to the informal group to enjoy a couple of hours of gentle pleasure.



The more experienced art lovers in the group are always willing to offer advice and share their expertise.

For more information contact Jo Cox at The Warren, Weston Street (01935 863304) jovialcox@btinternet.com.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings take place on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall. Please come and join us.

Village Hall Lottery

February Winners

Marianne Merchant & Anne Hallett



March Winners

John & Sue Chappelle & Gillian Tettmar

Joke!

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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News From St Mary's



It's great that government regulations for Covid have been relaxed, but with the high level of Covid numbers at the time of writing we still need to protect those who are vulnerable by wearing masks in church and the Village Hall. Let's hope and pray that by the time you are reading this the numbers will have reduced sufficiently so we can fully have our freedom back.

Services in April/May

Sunday 3 April 9:15am	Holy Communion in church
Sunday 10 April 6:00pm	Palm Sunday Evensong (please note change back to Summer time)
Friday 15 April 10:00am	Good Friday WALK OF WITNESS (we carry the cross up to the Memorial Forest with hymn singing and prayers) meeting at 10:00am in front of Village Hall
Sunday 17 April 10:00am	Easter Day 10:00am Holy Communion in church (please note change from usual time)
Wednesday 27 April 10:30am	Home Communion*
Sunday 1 May 9:15am	Holy Communion in church
Sunday 8 May 6:00pm	Evensong
Sunday 15 May 9:45am (9:45am for 10:00am start)	**Café Church in the Village Hall
Wednesday 25 May 10:30am	Home Communion*

All references to in church mean services take place at St Mary's.

* For Home Communion venues contact Gillian on 01935 862003 or at gilliantettmar@gmail.com

** No Café Church in April, as the third Sunday is Easter Day, so we are celebrating with holy communion in church.

There will be a coffee morning in support of Christian Aid week 15-21 May, on **Sat 21 May at 10:30am at Dawes Farm**. To donate on-line please go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>



Queens Jubilee Celebrations

Sunday 5 June:	
9:15am	Holy Communion in church
10:30am -11:00am	Bell Ringing

More celebrations are planned. Look out for notices!

Gillian Tettmar

Nick the Veg

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

Crossword Puzzle Solution for Feb/March Issue

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	A		A		E					E			O		E
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Charity Feature



'Somerset Village and Community Agents' are provided by the Somerset Charity CCS. They are a confidential support service aiming to provide practical, community-based solutions to a range of problems individuals may experience. CCS Community Agents can be contacted following a referral from your doctor or Adult Social Care Services. Your local CCS Village Agent can be contacted directly or via a doctor's referral. Our local CCS Village Agent is Wendy Rudd.

Contact the team if you are struggling with fuel bills. You can also contact the Home Energy team at the Centre for Sustainable Energy who can assist with issues such as fuel debt, finding cheaper fuel and switching suppliers. To make contact, complete the referral form on their website: <https://www.cse.org.uk/advice>

'Surviving Winter Grants' are available to help those in need stay warm during the winter months. Further info can be found here: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter>

You can join the Community Oil Scheme and save on bulk orders of oil. Find out more here: www.ccslovesomerset.org/oil

There is also a Crisis Fund which can provide a small grant for those facing a difficult time in life, for example, help with funeral costs or emergency help during a period of ill health. Further details are available here: www.ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-crisis-fund/

Donations can be made to support the charity here: <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/>

Relevant websites:
www.ccslovesomerset.org.uk
www.somersetcarers.org
www.somersetagents.org



Or call Wendy and the team on 01823 331222.

Where Am I?

In the last issue the 'Where Am I?' picture was of the large rock on the track going up to Chinnock Memorial Forest. The photo was provided by Simon Wetherell. His children think the rock looks like Pride Rock from The Lion King movie, so they placed one of the film characters on the rock to set the scene.

SPECIAL FEATURE

East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

Spring is here and it's an ideal time to **join the Gardening & Countryside Club!**

All newcomers are welcome and we are excited to re-launch our activities after a year of isolation and restrictions. Prior to Covid, our activities have included:



- Visiting speakers presenting on topics such as; seed sowing, working with willow, hanging baskets, vegetable growing, fuchsias, the Silk Road, world's endangered species, pub signs, bats and an owl display.
- Club visits to Liberty Orchards and Carymoor which was followed by lunch at the Sparkford Inn.

This year's activities are now being developed so please **join up or renew your membership**, at a cost of £8.00. Please come along to the event below where you can pay for your membership and enjoy a wonderful and informative evening.

Bishops Palace Presentation

On the 11 April at 7:30pm at the Village Hall we have a truly fascinating talk by James Cross, Head Gardener & Property Manager at the Bishops Palace, Wells. James's talk will cover his experience of the gardens which extends back to 2004. He is full of vibrant enthusiasm for the grounds and how they have developed over the years.



Everyone is welcome and there is free entry to all, whether Club members or not. We look forward to seeing you there!

Existing Club members please note that there will be a short business meeting starting at 7:15pm, prior to the presentation

The Wonders of Nepal

Local residents Alex and Claire gave a fascinating insight into their time spent in Nepal at the WI's latest meeting on 9 March at the Village Hall.



The talk started with them asking the audience what they knew about, or associated with, Nepal and the answers were many and wide-ranging including; Mount Everest, Gurkha soldiers, Sherpas, Honey Hunters, the capital Kathmandu and Kukri curved knives.

Situated at the top of India and only 100 miles from north to south and 500 miles east to west, Nepal is on the same latitude as Algeria, Morocco and Egypt. Nepal is the only country whose flag is not a rectangle.

Alex and Claire lived and worked in Pokhara, Nepal for 6 years during the 1990s and were privileged to have breath-taking views of the Himalayas from their home. However, some of their experiences were shocking and humbling in equal measure. For example, their local corner shop would sell single matches and single cigarettes, such was the level of poverty. When baking a cake, if the flour was found to be full of weevils, instead of throwing the flour away, women would simply sift them out or leave them for added protein!

Clare gave birth to their first child whilst living there, sharing the ward with mice and having to clean the floor of the previous occupant's blood before settling in!

We all came away from the evening having learned a lot more and I'm sure humbled by the hard lives lived by the native people. Finding out about this way of life and given the current situation in Europe, we should all count our blessings.

Sara Russell

Exhibition of Work by Local Artist

There will be an exhibition of the work of local artist Martin Harris at the Crewkerne Museum from 5 - 26 May. For more info go to: crewkernemuseum.co.uk



The image above is entitled "Nearly Home".

Somerset African Caribbean Network

The Somerset African Caribbean Network is a campaigning network which supports the African Caribbean community in Somerset.

We had an interesting evening at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9 February when two speakers, Jean and Suzanne, gave a talk on the Somerset African Caribbean Network and the Afro-Caribbean struggles and culture. They had a colourful and interesting display of items to show us including various books, fruit, drinks and spices all laid out on a very pretty Jamaican tablecloth.



Suzanne spoke about the political, social and historical background of the growing Afro-Caribbean community in Somerset and the difficult racial struggles experienced as 'outsiders'.

Jean told us about her experience of growing up in London as one of eleven children. She described how food would be stretched to feed them all plus any visitors. She also spoke about the very interesting culture of the most senior women in the family, who were called upon to head a 'Family Council' and make important decisions. She also showed us a beautiful figurine of young girl which she had received as a gift.



We were then invited to sample some drinks, (some of them with quite a kick!) and we shared a packet of Plantain Chips, a gluten-free, high-fibre snack popular throughout the Caribbean. Some Afro-Caribbean food can be bought in Yeovil although items tend to be expensive, for example a tin of Ackee (the national fruit of Jamaica) in salt water currently costs around £5.

Sara Russell

WI Update

The WI is the largest women's organisation in the UK, open to women of all generations. A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area in person, to make friends and to make a difference in your community. The organisation campaigns nationally on a wide range of issues. The East Chinnock WI meets at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm for a couple of hours. The next meetings are scheduled for:



- 13 April Presentation by Air Ambulance
- 11 May Presentation by a Football Coach

New members will be given a warm welcome. Contact Marianne Merchant on 01935 862390 for more information.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Events for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend. Keep these dates free!



Friday 3 June

A Tea & Cake Party will take place in the afternoon in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome. More details to follow....

Sunday 5 June

- 10:30am approx Church bells will ring
- 11:00am approx Informal service in playing field, thanksgiving in honour of the life of the Queen.
- From 12:00pm DIY Village Picnic in playing field. Bring your own food, drink, plates, glasses, chairs, rugs, table, rubbish bags, etc. Wear red, white and blue if possible. Background music will be played from 1952 to 2022. Marquee will be erected in case of rain.

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends. The Queen may pop in too!

Look out for more info on posters.

