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Editor's Message

Welcome to the latest issue of The Chinnock Chimes!

Our cover photo shows a painting called 'East Stoke to Ham Hill' by local artist Martin Harris. Martin and another of our East Chinnock artists, Alison Finch, are participating in the upcoming Somerset Open Studios Event. See inside for details.

Want to volunteer to take over as Editor from summer next year? See below for details.

If you have an update, feature or photos that you would like published, please send them to me at:

thechinnockchimes@gmail.com

The deadline for the next issue is 11 September 2023.

Best wishes,

Annette



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Don't Let The Chinnock Chimes Become Extinct! Editor Wanted!

We are looking for the next editor of The Chinnock Chimes. I am hanging up my pen (well laptop actually!). My final issue as editor will be June/July 2024, so there is plenty of time to think about it and allow me to handover all the information required!



Good IT skills are a must (Word/Email etc.) and you will also need to use a publisher package of your choosing (I use Swift as an example). An eye for detail and good written communication skills are also ideal. You will also ideally need transport to be able to deliver The Chimes to fabulous bunch of volunteers who help to distribute it around the village.

Without an editor to take over The Chimes will cease and that would be a great shame. It's a great opportunity to get to know people and find out what's going on in the village. Interested? Please let me know by contacting me via: thechinnockchimes@gmail.com

Annette

Pop-Up Pub

The Pop-Up-Pub is taking its' summer break! Look out for future dates in September.



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Further Local News

For further local news updates go to:

The East Chinnock Website: <http://www.eastchinnock.net/>

The Round Robin. Sign up by emailing: east.chinnock@gmail.com

Facebook: Join East Chinnock Activities and East Chinnock Village groups

Noticeboard: At entrance to Portman Community Park. Place details of your notices/events in the second and third sections from left of board.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Somerset County Council	District/County Councillor	Post Office (Village Hall)	Yeovil Hospital	Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments)	Beavers (6-8 years)	Scouts Active Support (adults)
0300 123 2224	Oliver Patrick 07969 269416 oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk	Monday 1pm - 3 pm Tuesday 9am - 12pm	01935 475122	01460 72435	Heather Pitts 01935 433840	Pete Divall 01935 422328
South Somerset District Council	Parish Council Chairman	Village Hall	Westlake Surgery	Preschool, Baby and Toddler Group East Coker	Cubs (8 - 10% yrs) Scouts (10% -14 yrs)	Guides, Brownies, Rainbows
01935 462462	Duncan Goodes 07806 791320 chinnock.hollow@outlook.com	Booking & Keys Martin Harris 01935 864582 martinatthegables@btinternet.com	01935 862212	Kay Strode 07503 751133	James Divall 01935 863105	westcooker@girlguiding-somerset.org.uk
County Councillor	Parish Council Clerk	Entertainments Committee Chair	Westlake Dispensary	Pre-School (under 5's)	Explorers (14 - 18 years)	FEOFFEES
Mike Hewitson mikehewitson@somerset.gov.uk	Nancy Chapman ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk	Pat Lock 01935 863899	01935 865104	07798 812540 or see East Coker Pre-school Facebook page	Mike Beckerleg 01935 862719	John Cox - Chairman 01935 863304 Jane Lock - Clerk 01935 863899

Parish Council News



The A30 at West Coker is closed from 21 July – 4 September due to re-surfacing.

Two free shuttle buses will run during the roadworks between Crewkerne and Yeovil. Timetables are displayed on bus stops, are available via the East Chinnock Round Robin or you can request to have them emailed to you by contacting the local Councillors mike.hewitson@somersetgov.uk or oliver.patrick@somerset.gov.uk.

Local Parish Council contacts: Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk: eparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk or Duncan Goodes, Parish Council Chairman: chinnock.hollow@outlook.com

Music Night

Sadly, the Village Music Night was cancelled on Saturday 22 July due to the appalling wet weather. If it is possible for an alternative date to be arranged, details will be made available on noticeboards, Round Robin and social media.

Organ For Sale!

Interested in this Yamaha Electone Organ (MC 400)? It's in mint condition and in full working order. You can try before you buy here in East Chinnock. £100 (offers considered). Please contact Neville on 01935 862824 for details.



FEOFFEES

Feoffees is the village poors' land Charity which owns the Village Hall and Old School House and a field at the bottom of the village, currently leased to the Seyfrieds of Broad Lane.

The committee has representatives from the Church and Parish council as well as some independent worthies and funds are used for the benefit of the villagers of East Chinnock.

Currently the Feoffees send vouchers to all villagers who have spent 2 nights in Hospital during the year and to those who have been bereaved during the year.

We propose to give vouchers to new parents in the village and would be grateful for notification of any new arrivals.

We are open to applications in case of hardship or anyone needing funds for extraordinary purposes. Funds must cover the upkeep of the Village Hall and Old School House therefore large sums may not be available.

Contacts:
John Cox - Chairman 01935 863304
Jane Lock- Clerk 01935 863899

Cricket Returns to West Coker!

Pop along this season to West Coker and Hardington Cricket Club. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you.



Saturday Morning Café

Saturday pop up cafes take place on the first Saturday of each month and start at 10:30am at the Room@thePark, Portman Community Park.

For more information or to volunteer contact John Chappelle: chappelles@btinternet.com



Pilates Classes

Classes will resume every Thursday from Thursday 14 September onwards, following the summer recess.

Seated Pilates starts at 10:00am sharp, mat Pilates starts at 10:45am sharp.

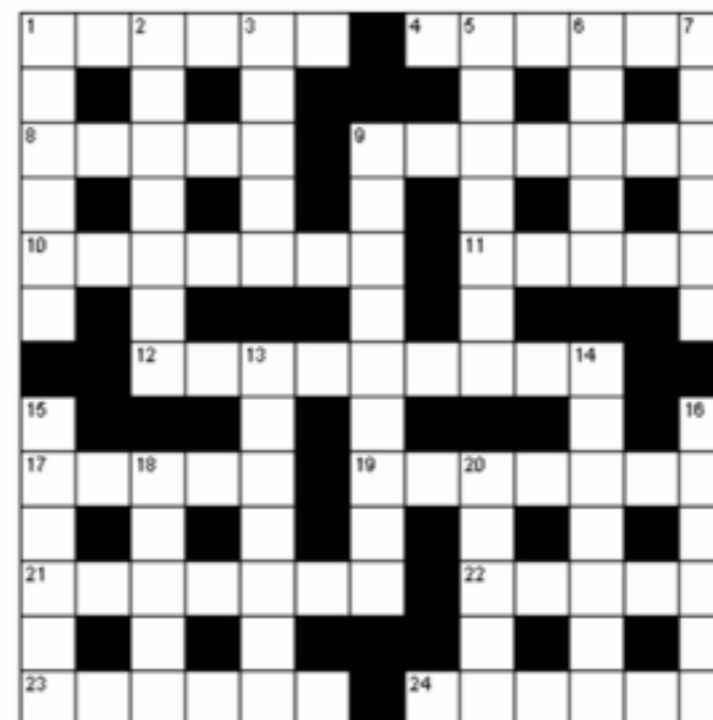


Please contact Sharon in advance to book your session place on 07715 301782.

Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Meat or fish with bones removed (6)
4. Seem (6)
8. Make up for (5)
9. Radioactive element (7)
10. Mapped (7)
11. Devoured (5)
12. Setting out (9)
17. Sworn promises (5)
19. Enfold, surround (7)
21. Vanquish (7)
22. Lid (5)
23. Custodian (6)
24. Colour of the spectrum (6)

Down

1. Complete failure (6)
2. Skin-tight garment (7)
3. Throw out (5)
5. High level ground (7)
6. Decree (5)
7. Gypsy (6)
9. Lingerie (9)
13. Meadow (7)
14. Invigorate (7)
15. Russia's capital (6)
16. Thinly scattered (6)
18. Male singer (5)
20. Minister (5)



Post Office Opening Times

At the Village Hall:
 Monday 1:00pm – 3:00pm
 Tuesday 9:00am – 12:00pm

Post Box

Collection times at the village post box have changed recently. Collections are now 9:00am Monday - Friday and 7:00am on Saturday.



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13 October

Village Hall

7.00pm

Teams of 4 OR you can register as 1/2/3 and we'll help make up a team with others on the night.

£4 per person payable on arrival

RAFFLE

Please bring your own drink and nibbles

Profits to The National Coastwatch Institution
 "Eyes Along the Coast"
www.nci.org.uk

Register your team via: sara.nisell@stopenworld.com
 Text/Whatsapp to 07766 032299 or call 01935 862796
 [This is so we know how many tables to put out!]

Household Support Fund

Anyone who is struggling with the cost of living can apply for support to the above fund. To apply, visit the Somerset County Council website and search for 'Household Support Fund', or call 0300 123 2224.

Eggs!

There is no shortage of eggs in East Chinnock!



Fresh eggs are sold locally at Spring Holton Farm in Broad Lane. They are only sold in trays of 30 eggs and cost £5 per tray.

Due to Avian flu risks, access to the farm is restricted so please call Sue Watson on 07807 907280 to pre-order and obtain collection details. Please ensure that you text Sue to confirm when you have collected and paid.

Books!

There are books available in the Village Hall which are free for you to take or borrow whenever the hall is open. Please help yourself.



Crossword Puzzle Solution for June/July Issue



St Mary's Update

Worship Services During August and September

Sunday 6 August 9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 August 6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 20 August 10:00am	Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall
Wednesday 23 August 11:00am (time tbc)	Home Communion*
Sunday 3 September 9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 September 11:00am	**Farewell Service for Rev. Colin and Sandie Simpson (time and venue tbc)
Sunday 10 September 6:00pm	Evening Prayer (tbc)
Sunday 17 September 10:00am	Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall
Wednesday 27 September 11:00am (time tbc)	Home Communion*
Sunday 1 October 10:00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL HOLY COMMUNION

All services are at St Mary's church unless stated otherwise.

*To confirm time and venue for Home Communion contact Gillian via: gilliantettmar@gmail.com or call 01935 862003.

**We were sad to learn that Colin and Sandie would be leaving us on 10 September. We are grateful to both of you for your prayerful, visionary and pastoral care over the last seven and a half years. We pray that you will both be a great blessing to your new congregations as you have been to us.



Prayers for Village

In August we are praying for households in: Weston Close and Underhayes Court.

In September we are praying for households in: Westways, Eastfield Farm, Cod Lane and Barrows Hill.

Please send your prayer requests to this dedicated and confidential email address: prayeratstmarys@gmail.com, or post your written prayers in the prayer box in the church porch, or speak to one of us when you see us delivering the prayer cards.

Please do let us know of your prayer requests. It would be a privilege to join our prayers with yours.

Up to date information on St Mary's Church is available on the Church Near You website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11012/>

Scan the QR code using the camera on your phone which will link you to the webpage and interesting information about our church services and the church windows.

Gillian Tettmar



Advance Notice! Concert at St Mary's Church

Stanchester Quire
29 September at 7:30pm
Songs of the Sea

Tickets £10 (includes a glass of wine)



A Note from the Reverend Colin Simpson

Some of you will have heard by now that I have been invited by the Bishop of Bath and Wells to become Rector designate of the parishes of Wellington and West Buckland near Taunton. This has come as something of a surprise to me, my family and the churches for which I have been rector for the last seven and a half years. I thought my next move would be to retirement a couple of years from now. Apparently not.



For those of you who are unfamiliar with the workings of the Church of England there is a process in place to find a successor, though the timescale is unclear at present. In the meantime, if you are expecting to have your wedding or christening in one of the churches in the benefice they will still take place. Your Churchwardens will oversee all the arrangements and our administrator will be available to help. Your Churchwardens should also be contacted if a funeral needs to be arranged.

My last Sunday here will be 10 September 2023 when we will be having a service for me to say my goodbyes. Look out for details on church noticeboards.

If you need to get in touch for any reason, email is the best option: officecokerridge@gmail.com and until 10 September you can contact me direct on the usual numbers.

The Reverend Colin Simpson
Rector, The Coker Ridge Benefice.

Churchwarden Contact

If you have any concerns or questions concerning the vacancy, a wedding, a christening or a funeral, contact John Chappelle on chappelles@btinternet.com or 07887 875622.

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*****

ART, CRAFT & SOCIAL GROUP

Village Hall - Wednesday 2 August 2:00 - 4:00pm

Come and meet like-minded Art and Crafters. Bring your own material

£2 per Session (includes Tea/Coffee)

This group meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Next dates will be:

Wednesday 6 September 2:00 - 4:00pm

Wednesday 4 October 2:00 - 4:00pm

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WI Update



At the 12 July meeting Liz Kirlaw came to the rescue to take the place of the advertised speaker, who was too poorly to attend. Liz gave a very entertaining talk on the "Six Welsh Cathedrals Fundraising Tour" that she and husband Richard carried out from 30 April - 8 May 2012. They did this to raise money and create awareness of rural issues - the plight of farmers, the difficulties they face, isolation and rural payment issues.

Liz's talk was illustrated with photographs of the massive JCB Fastrac tractor that was loaned to them for the purpose of the tour. Richard made requests for sponsorship to supermarkets and oil companies but received no response. Mole Valley Farmers generously stepped forward and sponsored the whole trip. Richard gave several radio interviews, a couple of local TV interviews and even had a small mention in The Sun.



Naturally, it rained most of the time, but they met lots of lovely people along the way, whilst travelling at no more than 38mph. They were also towing a caravan so that Richard, Liz and their dog had a place to sleep. Donations from the funds raised went to the Farm Crisis Network (renamed in 2013 to Farming Community Network), the Colwyn Benefice of 7 churches in Powys and The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, each receiving over £1,300.

Starting out from Haverford West, the six cathedrals that were visited were St David's, Bangor, St Asaph, Newport, Llandaff and Brecon.

Noel Ford a local cartoonist provided them with his take on their adventure (as shown on above).

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings take place on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall at 10:30am. Please come and join us.



Somerset Open Studios

Somerset Open Studios is an event where artists welcome visitors to their studios and workshops. Over 100 artists and craftspeople will be participating across the County from 16 September - 1 October and visitors will be able to meet the artists in their working environments and see work in progress along with pieces for sale.

Two East Chinnock artists are participating this year, Alison Finch and Martin Harris. Alison is a botanical and watercolour artist and can be found at Venue 129, Sandhill Barton, Weston Street (next to the Pinnacles). A piece of her artwork is shown right, entitled 'Tredescantia "Zebrina"'. She will be open every day except Tuesdays, from 10:00am - 5:00pm.



Martin is a landscape painter, working in oil, and is at Venue 130, The Gables, High Street (opposite Carters Lane). He will be there all days except Mondays from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Other artists will be found at East and West Coker, Yeovil, Merriott and further afield.

An illustrated guidebook listing all participants with full details will be published in August and will be available from Libraries, Cultural Centres and the artists themselves. Come and have a look, your support will be much appreciated.

<https://somerstartworks.org.uk>
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