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The Chinnock Chimes

August/September 2025



Music Night in East Chinnock
Saturday June 21st 2025



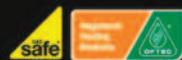
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COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings are held on the **first** and
third Wednesday of each month,
10.30am - 12.00pm.

Prices:

Coffee and biscuits £1.50.
Additional coffees £1.00



At the Village Hall

Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am - 12.00pm

EDITOR

Hello Everyone,

I hope you're all enjoying the summer weather we've been having, I know some people find the kind of temperatures we've had over the last weeks difficult to cope with, but it seems churlish to complain about them when we traditionally complain about the cold and wet conditions we're more used to.

I have now completed a year producing this Newsletter, which is what I initially agreed to do. Much as I am enjoying it, we are still looking for someone else to take over the reins, so if anyone out there is interested please let me know. Knowledge of any simple publishing package and an eye for layout is all that's required.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer, and please support the various clubs and events taking place in the village.

Best wishes
Angela

Copy deadline for the next issue is September 11th.
Email: thechinnockchimes@btinternet.com

Somerset Art Works Open Studios September 13th -28th

Local Artists Alison Finch and Diane Summer will be opening their garden studios to show their artwork, working methods and sketchbooks.

Their studios will be open daily apart from Monday and Tuesdays during those two weeks.

Alison is a Member of the Society of Botanical Artists and mainly paints botanical subjects and nature in watercolour, along with mixed media still life.

Alongside the framed artwork and folio works, she uses her paintings for cards and homewares which will be available for sale too.

If anyone is interested in Botanical Art workshops do get in touch.

Venue: 20 Sandhill Barton, Weston Street, BA22 9EQ
Full details in the SAW brochure or online

www.oakleyfinch.co.uk. ali.finch@btopenworld.com



Three Rusty Garlic -Alison Finch

Diane has a garden studio. Her work includes contemporary views of Jurassic Coastal scenes, and other landscapes, bursting with life and colour.

You are welcome to enjoy the garden setting and the paintings.

She also tutors an art group in Melbury Osmond.

Venue: 21 The Orangerie, Underhayes Court,
East Chinnock BA22 9FG.



Seascape Diane Summer

There are artist studios open all over Somerset and a brochure is available online at www.somersetartworks.org.uk or from various venues.

Coffee Break

The Friends of St Mary's present :

'Love, Longing, Rejection'

*Tragic and comic elements of love
expressed through arias,
trios and songs for soprano,
tenor and piano -
from Mozart to Les Misérables and
Puccini to Phantom -*

by Rachel Phillips, Ellie Coton
and Russell Oakley
accompanied by Sam Baker

Friday 29th August at 7pm

Tickets £12 (to include one drink)
cash on the door or in advance
from 01935 863209

Raffle

Interval refreshments

Wild Surprises

Village resident Pamela Lewis decided some time ago to create 'wild' areas in her garden, largely the front garden.

She has been rewarded by the appearance of several different plants over time, but the most exciting plant to have made its home in her lawn is the wild orchid.

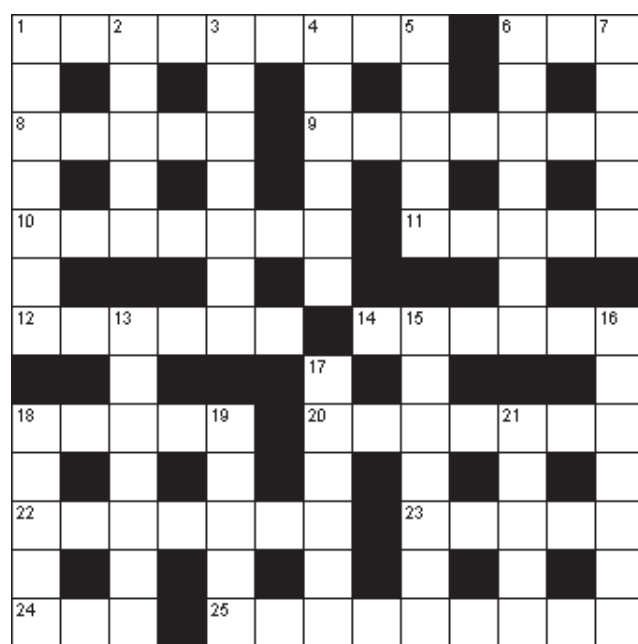
In Britain there are several native species, some are surprisingly common and widespread, whilst others are extremely rare, found only in a few select places.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Somerset Council	Parish Council Chairman	Post Office (Village Hall)	Yeovil Hospital	Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments)	Beavers (6-8 years)	Scouts Active Support (adults)
0300 123 2224	Duncan Goodes 07806 791320 chinnock.hollow@btinternet.com	Monday 1pm - 3pm Tuesday 9am - 12pm	01935 475122	01460 72435	Heather Pitts 01935 433840	Pete Divall 01935 422328
County Councillor	Parish Council Clerk	Village Hall	Westlake Surgery	Preschool, Baby & Toddler Group	Cubs (8-10 ^{1/2} -yrs) Scouts (10 ^{1/2} -14yrs)	Guides, Brownies, Rainbows
Oliver Patrick 07969 269416 oliver.patrick@somerset.gov.uk	Nancy Chapman eparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk	Booking & Keys Martin Harris 01935 864582 martinatthegables@btinternet.com	01935 862212	Kay Strode 07503 751133	James Divall 01935 863105	westcoker@girlguiding-somerset.org.uk
County Councillor	Citizens Advice Bureau	Entertainments Committee Chair	Westlake Dispensary	Pre - School (under 5's)	Explorers (14 - 18 years)	FEOFFEES
Mike Hewitson mikehewitson@somerset.gov.uk	Petters Way Yeovil BA20 1SH 0808 2787842	Pat Lock 01935 863899	01935 865104	07798 812 540 or see East Coker Pre-school Facebook page	Mike Beckerleg 01935 862719	John Cox - Chairman 01935 863304 Jane Lock - Clerk 01935 863899

Crossword Puzzle



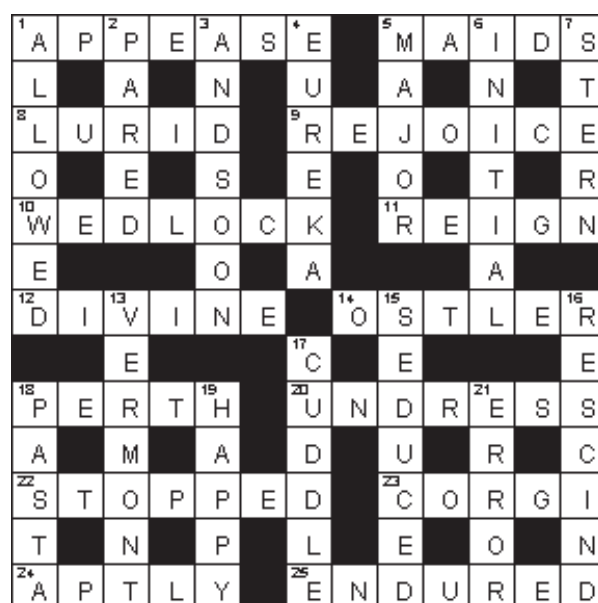
Across

- 1 Heavenly (9)
6 Male swan (3)
8 Proposition assumed to be self-evident (5)
9 Titled lady (7)
10 Pertaining to the stomach (7)
11 Joyous (5)
12 Not moving (6)
14 French brandy (6)
18 Divide (5)
20 Assuage (7)
22 Maigret (anag) (7)
23 Lithe (5)
24 Marry (3)
25 Infinite (9)

Down

- 1 Alterations (7)
2 Dens (5)
3 Japanese warrior (7)
4 Bring about (6)
5 Doctor's stand-in (5)
6 V-shaped stripe (7)
7 Military fur hat (5)
13 Purported (7)
15 Pariah (7)
16 Affected modesty (7)
17 High regard (6)
18 Scolding woman (5)
19 Warble (5)
21 Pig (5)

Crossword Solution to the previous issue



A Villager's Lament

How about a game of darts?
We could start a league.
Throw those arrows and aim for the win,
"Darts is off, love," we haven't got an Inn.

Ice cream vans selling no ice cream,
Brighton taxis going nowhere.
The High Street is not somewhere to go for a stroll
When all you want is a Watering Hole.

What could be nicer on a summer's day
Than to have a bite to eat with friends?
Come on, let's grab some grub!
But we can't - we haven't got a Pub.

We've got family to stay, where shall we take them?
Such a shame the local scrapyard blights the village.
It makes you feel the opposite of bonhomie,
That eyesore of a Hostelry.

So many activities denied to us on our doorsteps,
House prices have been tumbling.
Should we start to get vocal -
Fed up of not having a Local?

Anonymous



Usual pattern of worship services for St Mary's church community

- 1st Sunday** 9.15am Holy Communion in St Mary's Church
2nd Sunday 6pm in summer, (5pm Nov-Mar) Evening Prayer in St Mary's Church
3rd Sunday 9.45 for 10am start Café Church in the Village Hall
4th Sunday 10am Holy Communion in St Mary's Church

Prayer for village.

In August we are praying for households in Weston Close, and Underhayes Court. In September we are praying for those in West Ways, Eastfield Farm, Cod Lane and Broad Lane. Please do let us know any prayer requests you have. We would be glad to join our prayers with yours.

You can check for any variations on this pattern, and updated news for St Mary's East Chinnock and relevant Benefice News on the Church Near You, [website https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11012/](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11012/) and using the QRcode on this page.

The church notice board outside the church gates also shows the time and place of the service that coming Sunday. If it is blank it means the service is elsewhere in the Benefice.

Please Note: From September onwards, Cafe Church will be held in the Room@The Park.

Gillian Tettmar



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 10 October

Village Hall

7.00pm

RAFFLE

Please bring your own drink & nibbles

Teams of 4
£5 per person payable on arrivalProceeds to
Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Register your team: sara.russell@bopenworld.com
Text or Whatsapp to 07746 032299 / Tel: 01935 862796
(this is so we know how many tables to put out)

Special Church Weekend at St Mary's East Chinnock for the whole community

Saturday 6th September, 7pm
at St Mary's Church

Pub Quiz

Quizmaster: Our own Vicar,
Rev Phil Macaulay

Free entry – but please bring donations
and your own snacks.

Drinks will be available for purchase

Sunday 7th September 6pm St Mary's Church

"Songs of Praise"

Celebrating
St Mary's Church birthday

LOTTERY WINNERS

June

- 1st Sue Gliddon
2nd Diana Saunders
3rd Claire and Alex Swarbrick

July

- 1st Sara Russell
2nd Helen Baker

First Flush 23/6/25

What a great evening! To celebrate the completion of the toilet /servery project at St. Mary's we invited villagers to Prosecco and nibbles. After many years of planning [apparently having a toilet was first suggested 50 years ago] and fund raising we have a fully functional toilet suitable for disabled people which also has baby changing facilities. In addition there is a small kitchen area, so we no longer have to use an outside tap, or rely on kettles for hot washing up water.

We all enjoyed a glass of bubbles, lots of chat and laughter. East Chinnock has another community building that can be used for a range of events though it will, of course, be primarily used for worship. Please make time to see it and our amazing stained glass windows as St. Mary's is open to all.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed over the years, it has certainly been worth it.



The First (official) Flush ceremony was performed by Mr. Neville Coe, one of the village's oldest residents.

The addition of a servery unit allows beverages and soft drinks to be easily dispensed, and for a simpler washing up operation!



Liz Murdoch



Piper Frances Eustace opened the proceedings with her bagpipes.



Regular Events

Coffee Mornings

10:30am - 12:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Hall.

Post Office

Monday 1:00pm - 3.00pm, Tuesday 9:00am - 12:00pm every week in the Hall.

E.C. Gardening Club

7:00pm on the 3rd Monday in the Hall.

E.C. Art, Craft & Social Group

2:00 - 4:00pm on the 1st Wednesday in the Hall. □

Saturday Morning Cafe

10:00 - 12:00am on the 1st Saturday in The Room@The Park.

Mens Breakfast

8.30am on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the Room@the Park, Telephone Richard Kirlaw: 07966 754110 or John Chappelle: 07887 875622 for further details.

Mobile Library

Every four weeks on Route "E" .

St. Mary's Cafe Church

9:45am on the 3rd Sunday of the month from September on in the Room@The Park

Monthly Working Bee - Portman Community Park

10:00-12:00 - 1st Saturday of the month. Drop by and give a hand with weeding planters, plants taking hold to cover fence. Coffee and cake available at Room on the Park.

E.C. WI (Women's Institute)

7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Hall.

Pilates - NEW Times

Saturdays: 9.30 - 10am seated
10.15 - 11am mat

Sharon Smith: 07715 301782 for details.

Qi Gong

10:30am - 12.00pm every Thursday in the Hall . Telephone Robin Sheldrake: 07990 506833 for details.

Soup & Bread Lunch

Autumn/Winter 2025

1pm, Village Hall

(please arrive by 12:55)

Places are limited so booking ahead is required



£7 soup & bread with dessert

Wednesday 10 September - in aid of Rural Chaplaincy
Contact: Liz Kirlaw 07968 363887

Wednesday 8 October - in aid of East Chinnock WI
Contact: Gill Harris 01935 864192

Wednesday 12 November - in aid of St. Mary's Church
Contact: Liz Murdoch 01935 863209

Wednesday 10 December - in aid of INF (International Nepal Fellowship)
Contact: Claire Swarbrick 07309 630222 or Gill Harris 01935 864192

If you would like to organise a lunch in January, February, or March 2026 please Contact Liz Murdoch. It is an opportunity to raise money for your charity. We have soup makers who will help you.



NOW EVERY TUESDAY

Local business A Slice of Salerno Pizza Horse Box will be serving fresh wood-fired pizza outside the Village Hall from 4pm to 8pm EVERY Tuesday* (not Wednesday), starting Tuesday 22 July 2025.

Pre-orders can be taken for collection in advance by WhatsApping 07534 008541 or send a Facebook Message to A Slice of Salerno Pizza Horse Box.

* not available on Tuesday 2 September nor Tuesday 23 September 2025.

NOTE: any changes or cancellations will be posted on the East Chinnock Village Facebook page.

East Chinnock Gardening and Countryside Club

Sunday June 8th was a warm sunny day, perfect for the 'Open Gardens' event organised for members of ECGGCC and their guests. Three members opened their gardens, all very different in character, and very inspiring. We started off at Dianne Summer's garden with a beautiful array of colour provided by shrubs, flowers, grasses, trees and vegetables in raised beds. The garden is largely 'wild' with mowed paths and also contains a pond so it is a perfect habitat for wildlife.



We then moved on to Sara and Paul Russell's garden. They have adopted a more formalised arrangement with a large variety of plants in pots, tall evergreen hedges and cyprus trees, making good use of a smaller space and creating 'rooms' to provide added interest.



Our final stop was at John and Jo Cox's seemingly endless garden, surrounded by mature trees, many fruit trees and a wonderful mix of flowers with some particularly beautiful roses. Here we were treated to a cream tea, a most enjoyable end to a lovely day. A big thank you to all of you for putting in the hard work and providing us with such a splendid afternoon.



East Chinnock WI (Women's Institute) meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 at The Village Hall. New members are always welcome. There is a monthly programme of events and plenty of friendly faces to meet. You can come to a couple of meetings and see if it's for you before you commit to membership.

In May, we welcomed back Michelle this time to talk to us about Tea tasting - how best to drink it, its history and some fun facts. We had many different teas to taste.

If you drink your tea too hot it risks burning the taste away so 80 degrees C is the recommended temperature. It should be kept in an airtight container. There are three types of tea - green, fruit and black tea, the latter being exposed to the sun the longest.

It'll be no surprise to learn that tea is one of the world's most consumed beverages and has been popular in the UK for over 350 years. It was once heavily taxed - 25% in 1689, reduced to 5% in 1692 and eliminated entirely in 1964. Tea bags were first invented in the USA in the 1970s.



The Chinese Emperor Shen Nung is believed to have discovered tea in 2727 BC when a leaf from a Camellia Sinensis tree fell into his boiling water.

Tea requires at least 100cm of annual rainfall and grows best in deep, light, acidic soil. Tea bushes are cultivated at a height of about 1m and spaced 1.5m apart in rows. Plucking occurs every 7-14 days and only the top two leaves and buds are harvested to ensure quality.

To all users of our woodland (Access via Westways and Bridge Farm)

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the quantity of dog poo being left on the paths in the woods. This is a problem for all of us - walkers, children, push chair users, bike riders etc. We are really happy that the amenity of the woodland is used so much. It is a lovely place to walk through and enjoy but please can we ask you to bag your dog's poo or 'stick and flick' it off the pathways.

Thanks
Nick and Ros Weber

My bicycle ride ... Coast to Coast

Irvin Johns gave us an entertaining and enthusiastic talk on 11 June about his 99-mile bicycle ride Devon Coast to Coast starting in Ilfracombe and finishing up in Plymouth back in 2023.

It all started when his grandson suggested to him they should do it together but it soon transpired he would be doing it on his own at nearly 80 years old! He rode an electric bike but he was at pains to point out that you still need to work hard!

His route was planned with the aid of a book by Sustrans (Sustainable Transport) and he followed their National Cycle Network no.27. The route combined beaches and estuaries of North Devon with many sections being traffic-free and flat.

In 2025 he decided to do another route, this time the 63-mile Somerset to Dorset route starting in Weston-Super-Mare (Bristol Channel) and ending in West Bay (English Channel).

Irvin shared his memories and photos of interesting places along both routes.

The WI's talk on 9 July was about the organisation Read Easy, the only such organisation in the country which provides a volunteer-led reading coaching programme for adults.

Unbelievably, there are 2.4 million adults in England alone - over 7% of the working age population - who can barely read or cannot read at all. We were asked at the start of the meeting what we had read that day. Answers included road signs, menus, recipes, internet pages, instructions, Facebook, subtitles on TV ... all things that those of us who CAN read take for granted.

Read Easy offer 1-1 support to adults who, for whatever reason (and there are many), left school without the skill of being able to read. If you know someone who may benefit from this kind of support, please refer them to Read Easy who run sessions in Yeovil Library.

Sara Russell

Learn to read ☎ 07376 572 909

Read Easy

BOOKS!

There is a large selection of books available in the Village Hall, which are free for you to take or borrow whenever the hall is open.

Please help yourselves.



Music Night - 21 June 2025

Thank you to everyone who supported the Music Night this year on 21 June, we hope you enjoyed it. As usual, burgers and hot dogs with meat supplied by Saunders Butchers in West Coker, went down a treat and we need to send a huge thanks to the music providers - **Dave Hussey** and **Microlight** who were on excellent form.

Special thanks go to Lee, Norman, Rob, Ashley and Rick for their help in setting up and taking down the marquee and gazebos. We need more manpower to help us with this for future Bonfire and Music Nights. Please contact Pat Lock on 07805 069771 if you'd like to be added to a pool of volunteers for this purpose in future. Thank you



Photos by Martin Harris



The Entertainments Committee need new members!

We run two major events each year - Bonfire Night (always on November 5th) and Music Night in the Summer, plus occasional Bingo or Quiz nights.

We meet up approximately 6-7 times per year on a Tuesday evening for about an hour.

If **you** would like something to happen in the village, we need your ideas and suggestions and participation to make it happen.

We also need some strong volunteers to help set up and take down the marquee and gazebos for Bonfire and Music Nights - usually set up in the morning and take down the following morning. Volunteers don't need to be on the committee - more hands make lighter work!

If you'd like to join us, please contact Pat Lock on 07805 069771