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Editor's Message

Welcome to the Christmas/New Year issue of The Chinnock Chimes!

Our cover photo is of a painting entitled 'Winter Garden East Chinnock' by local artist Diane Summer.

Want to volunteer to take over as Editor from summer next year? Keep reading for more 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 January 2024.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Annette



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

The June/July 2024 issue of The Chimes will be the last one unless someone steps forward to take over.

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

Local News Updates

For 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 – 10½ yrs) Scouts (10½ -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 eparishcouncilclerk@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



Post Office Opening Times

At the Village Hall:

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

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Parish Council News



The Parish Council are in the process of purchasing a Speed Indication Device (SID) and are still looking for a volunteer who is willing to install and remove the SID from the 2 locations on the A30.

The necessary safety training will be provided along with any training required on the SID.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk: ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk or Duncan Goodes, Parish Council Chairman: chinnock.hollow@outlook.com.

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

Soup and Bread Lunch Schedule



1pm Village Hall

13 December Organiser: Bunty Andrews
10 January Organisers: Pam O'Donnell and Amanda

Cost for soup and pudding £5.00 per person.

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*****

End of Summer

Thank you to Roger Jewell for these fabulous pictures taken at the end of summer.



Pilates Classes



Classes take place every Thursday.

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.

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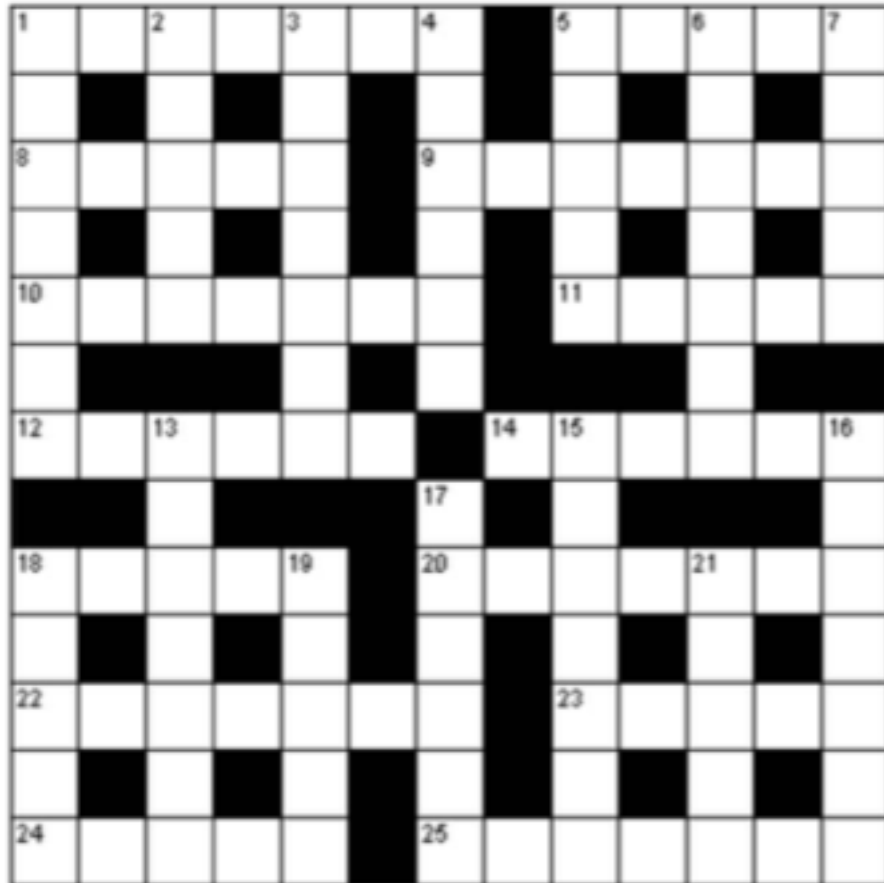
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Crossword Puzzle Solution for October/November



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Upset, agitate (7)
- 5 Cereal (5)
- 8 Hit (5)
- 9 Citizens of Troy (7)
- 10 Magnify (7)
- 11 Tale (5)
- 12 Walk with long steps (6)
- 14 Plot (6)
- 18 Plunges (5)
- 20 Even, consistent (7)
- 22 New England state (7)
- 23 Waterside plants (5)
- 24 Yorkshire city (5)
- 25 Quick sharp reply (7)

Down

- 1 Edicts (7)
- 2 Mar (5)
- 3 Spoken (7)
- 4 Beer (6)
- 5 Horribly large (5)
- 6 Fashionable (1,2,4)
- 7 Unpleasant (5)
- 13 Drive backwards (7)
- 15 Sound made by a bird (7)
- 16 As a group (2,5)
- 17 Six-stringed instrument (6)
- 18 Demon (5)
- 19 Halts (5)
- 21 Spells of bowling (5)

St Mary's Update

Worship Services During December and January

Sunday 3 December 9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 December 5:00pm	Evening Prayer (note earlier time for winter)
Sunday 17 December 10:00am	Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall
Wednesday 19 December 7:00pm	Carol Service
Sunday 24 December 4:30pm	Crib Service
Monday 25 December 10:00am	
CHRISTMAS DAY	
Benefice Family Communion at St Michael's and All Angels Church, East Coker	
Sunday 7 January 9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 January 5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 21 January 10:00am	Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall
Wednesday 24 January 11:00am	Home 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.



Prayers for Village

In December we are praying for households in: Weston Street, Forge Lane, Weston Farm and the households up to Cleeves track.

In January we are praying for households in: Orchardleigh, Springfields, and Orchard Close.

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/>

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Gillian Tettmar



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Village Hall 2:00 – 4:00pm

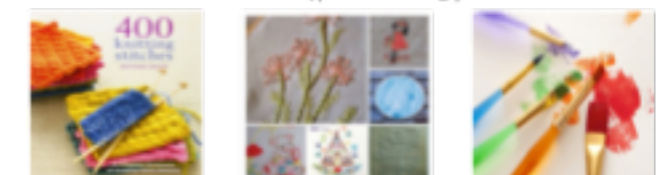
Come and meet like-minded Art and Crafters. Bring your own material.

£2 per session (includes tea/coffee)

This group meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

Gerald Witcher: 01935 862602/gewitcher@btinternet.com

Jane Lock: 01935 863899/patricklock440@yahoo.co.uk



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.

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.



Coffee Mornings

First and third Wednesday of each month at 10:30am at the Village Hall.

Prices effective 1 October: coffee (and biscuits) £1.50, additional coffees £1.00.



Saturday Morning Café

Saturday pop up cafes take place on the first Saturday of each month and start at 10:00am at the Room@thePark, Portman Community Park.

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



Difference Course (venue to be confirmed)

Wednesday 10 January 7:00pm – 9:00pm
God's Call

Wednesday 17 January 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Crossing Divides

Wednesday 24 January 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Navigating Disagreement

Wednesday 31 January 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Practicing Forgiveness

Wednesday 7 February 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Risking Hope

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, has brought together leading practitioners and thinkers to create Difference – a series of five interactive sessions to assist people in crossing divides, navigating disagreement and enabling positive relationships, whether individual, community or global.

The news content reminds us of the difficulties of navigating a complex world. Many of us long to make a difference, but do not know how to respond or where to start. Difference groups have been run in churches, homes, universities, gardens and prisons. The format is simple; listening to stories, interactive activity and prayer. The content is distinctly Christian, but anyone is welcome to take part. Why not have 'making a difference' your New Year's resolution? Cost is £5 for whole course, including materials and refreshments.

For further information and booking contact: Alex Swarbrick alexclaire.es@gmail.com.

Songs of the Sea

A Friends of St Mary's fundraising concert was held on 29 September at the church.



Eddie Upton and the Stanchester Quire treated the audience to an interesting and varied sea-related programme. This included South-West folk songs, solos, poems from Trafalgar, the antics of sailors on shore leave in Rio and the demise of Cornish fishing and tin mining. The audience got to hum and sing along too!

Nearly £600 was raised, which not only covered the cost of the refreshments and Portaloos but will also go towards keeping the church open and maintained and enabling completion of the toilet and servery projects.

Thank you to Liz Murdoch for organising the event and to the volunteer barmen for serving and clearing up.

Alison Suter for the Friends of St Mary's.

Vacancy at St Mary's

It is now about 2 months since we said farewell to our Rector, Colin Simpson.

The process for appointing a new Rector is well underway. The Parochial Church Council members, together with representatives of the other six parishes in the Coker Ridge Benefice, have met with the Archdeacon and the Bishop to better understand the process. The process requires the development of a Benefice Profile. It is to this end that Alex Swarbrick will work, with others, under the guidance of a representative of the Diocese. The draft profile should be finished by the end of November at which time it will be reviewed by the Diocese and the Patrons of the various parishes. An agreed profile will be the cornerstone of the advertisement for the post of Rector.

It is expected that the advert will be posted in mid-January with a closing date for applications at the beginning of February. If necessary, a short list will be drafted, with interviews arranged for the end of February. The interview panel will be formed of representatives of the parishes, the patrons and the diocese. A successful applicant will probably be required to serve a notice period of three months. It is therefore likely that the successful candidate will be in post during June 2024. If no applicant meets the needs of all the parishes we will take stock and revisit the process. In the meantime, we ask for your continued forbearance and support for all who are keeping St Mary's going to serve our community.

Your prayers are always valued.

Church Warden, John Chappelle: chappelles@btinternet.com

With Deepest Sympathy

I am very sad to announce that my Husband Paul Simpson lost his brave fight against the awful disease Ideopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) on 24 July (he lived in Brierley). On 21 October my Mother-in-Law, Isabelle Simpson, of The Old Forge passed away at home aged 92. They are very much missed.



Elaine Simpson

St Mary's Café Church



East Chinnock Village Hall

Every 3rd Sunday of month

9:45am ready for 10:00am start

This informal service is chance to chat and consider questions of faith together.

Tasty refreshments and activities for children are included.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WI Update

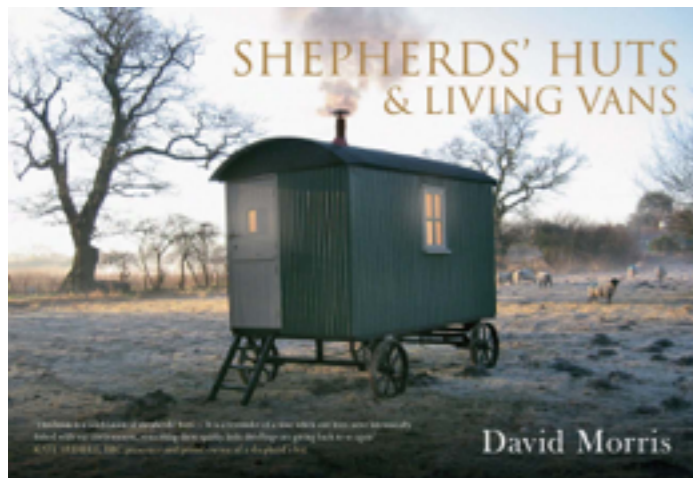


On 8 November the WI played host to David Morris, a most interesting speaker who has a passion for 'Shepherd's Huts and Living Vans', which was the title of his presentation and published book on the subject. David is also Curator of Aircraft at the Fleet Air Arm Museum and a Research Fellow at Bournemouth University.

David has spent many years researching shepherd's huts, finding evidence of their existence throughout history. They probably originated in France. Originally made from wood, wattle and daub, they were designed as a basic mobile shelter for shepherds or rural workers (and their dogs) to keep them close to their flocks of sheep. From the late 1880's they would have been made from corrugated iron.

The Chief Farrier to King James, Leonard Mascall, wrote in an agricultural guide, The Government of Cattle, in 1622: "In some places the shepherd has his cabin going upon a wheel for to remove here and there at his pleasure". This is evidence that shepherd's huts existed over 400 years ago. There is a reference in Thomas Hardy's novel Far From the Madding Crowd in 1874 "The image as a whole was that of a small Noah's Ark ... the hut stood on little wheels about a foot from the ground."

Living vans were built more sturdily, with larger ones holding several men to enable them to travel around a district to work. They evolved into the caravans that we know today. In recent years shepherd's huts have become a 'thing' and have been refurbished for modern-day camping.



ABBA Night – Thank You for the Music!

The WI monthly talk on 11 October was much anticipated and certainly drew a crowd. The WI's ABBA Superfan Sara Russell did not disappoint!

Charting the band's journey from being individual performers in the early 1970's, to the Eurovision where it all started, through to global superstardom. Then there were the dark days of the early 90's, the glory of the Mamma Mia stage shows and movies and the re-emergence in the 2020's with new albums and ABBA Voyage shows. Sara has been there for it all!



We all love an ABBA song. They have provided the backing music for so much of our lives – but for Sara being a superfan is a serious business. In her presentation she regaled us with stories and photos, from her days as a shy and much taunted schoolgirl (ABBA were SO uncool!), to the present day where she has met most of the members, photographed them and attended and recorded every significant ABBA related event. She even met her husband Paul thanks to ABBA!!

Sara set up the website Abbaontv.com and is the author of the 'ABBA Guide to Stockholm' which takes fans on a tour of all the sites that the band used for photos, videos and events. These projects have been labours of love and have demanded huge amounts of her time and energy.

Sara brought along a fabulous array of ABBA memorabilia and we voted for our favourite ABBA songs which were 'Dancing Queen', 'Waterloo' and 'The Winner Takes it All'.

Thank you Sara for the fascinating and impressive ABBA journey.



East Chinnock Gardening and Country Club



The ECGCC had an excellent 2023! There were gardening talks, visits, plant swaps and the annual Fruit and Veg show. We also began work to add some colour and pollinator habitat to the Portman Community Park, in partnership with the Parish Council and St Marys Church.

We welcome new members for the 2024 programme. Further information contact: dianesummer2@gmail.com.

Meetings are generally held on the 3rd Monday evening of the month at 7:00pm at the Village Hall

2024 Programme

- 15 January Talk by Claire Hart
RHS Chelsea Experience
- 14 February Soup Lunch Fundraiser
1:00pm Village Hall
- 19 February Talk by Ian Hallett
Growing Show Fruit and Veg - A Judge's View
- 18 March Talk by Howard Burnett
Orchid Growing
- 15 April Talk by Alan Eason
Gardens to Visit in Wessex
- 20 May Plant and Tool Swap
- 27 July Village Show, Village Hall
- 16 September TBA
- 21 October AGM, Village Hall

Summer Visits

- 6 June English Willow Centre
Guided tour of Centre, Museum and Cafe
2:00pm Somerset Levels TA3 6HY
- 4 July Glenholme Herbs Guided Tour and The Story Pig
(Eco Farm and Cafe)
2:00pm (near Sherborne)

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year from the ECGCC.

Secretary: Diane Summer

West Coker and Hardington Cricket Club Belated 2023 Season Round Up!

As winter approaches cricket is probably a distant memory but, after a 3 year absence, it is a pleasure to report that our summer back at Halves Lane has been a monumental success.

The All Stars and Dynamos programmes, which ran for eight weeks on a Friday evening, saw the return of youth cricket. Over 35 children and their families created a wonderful atmosphere with the club being rightly praised for their organisation, facilities and welcoming environment. We are indebted to our volunteers who supported the programmes and we look forward to repeating this next year. It is a key part of the National ECB (English Cricket Board) development programme, from which we are hoping to develop the WCHCC players of the future. Maybe the next Anya Shrubsole or Jack Leach? Our plans are to have 3 junior teams from 2024 and we will specifically be pushing for girls only teams to increase female participation in the sport.



James Parrott's Saturday side have won promotion to Somerset League Division 4, only losing 3 times away, whilst remaining unbeaten at Halves Lane. The team played some great cricket throughout the summer, eventually ending as runners up to a strong Glastonbury team.

The Jubilee Pavilion has already had a positive effect, attracting new players, helping in our successful application for an alcohol license to serve members and their guests and receiving great reviews from visiting teams.

The new collaboration with Ali Nauyan's Panthers has seen midweek and Sunday cricket return to Halves Lane. The Panthers have brought much needed diversity to our club alongside some exciting cricket and providing more opportunities for local cricket lovers to wander down and enjoy the action and great company.

Work begins in the Autumn on repairing the square that has served us well through a busy summer, and with a lot of TLC it will be green and lush for when season starts again in May 2024! In addition, 2 new all-weather practice nets will be installed before next season, sited down from the pavilion. This is another significant investment in our plans to provide the facilities needed to create a thriving cricket club.

We have enjoyed being involved in the 2 village events at Halves Lane, our King's Coronation and the Village Fete and hope we can offer support to future village events. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for their ongoing support and our small, but vocal, band of supporters. We look forward to seeing more of you during the winter and into 2024, both playing and supporting!

Look out for advertisement about our Christmas Bingo and Winter Coaching sessions for our juniors.

Anyone interested in getting involved in whatever capacity, including sponsoring one, or more, of our junior teams, please contact Kris Pearce, Chairperson on 07816 454175.



Village Hall Hire

Reminder! When hiring the hall please ensure it is left clean (swept) and tidy and ensure that you put the latch down on the Yale lock (the round button should be in the down position – see photo) of the outer door when leaving the hall and check that it is locked.

See contacts list on back page to arrange booking. Cost of hiring the Village Hall is £8.00 per hour.

Bonfire Night

The longstanding and traditional village bonfire night party was another great success! The fireworks were as amazing as ever.

A big 'thank you' to Ava Sweatman and her family for the fabulous Guy.

Congratulations to the Entertainments Committee for braving the cold weather and serving fabulous hot dogs, cheese burgers, mulled wine and drinks. Our appreciation goes to Pat and his team for organising the fireworks and making the evening go off with a bang! A special mention and thanks to Sue and Andy Gliddon for again allowing the use of their caravanning and camping field for the event.



Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper took place at the Village Hall on 1 October. This is a regular community event. The sales table also raised some funds for The Lords Larder.



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Arts & Crafts Exhibition

The exhibition took place on 23 September at the Village Hall. Support came in the form of donations, making refreshments, contributing creative works and setting up. That's real teamwork!

A big Thank You from Jane Lock and Gerry Witcher to the talented exhibitors and all those involved in making the day such a success. A fantastic £340.50 was raised in aid of Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance.



Village Hall Lottery

September Winners

Marianne Merchant
Amanda Ebborn

October Winners

Marianne Merchant
Chris Homewood

November Winners

Ann Hunt
Jane Lock

2024 Village Hall Lottery

Don't forget to submit your Village Hall Lottery forms! Extra forms can be obtained via thechinnockchimes@gmail.com.

