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## Editor's Message

Welcome to the February/March issue.

Our cover photo is of the New Year's Eve Pop Up Pub celebrations. Happy 2024 everyone!

Want to volunteer to take over as Editor from summer this 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: [techinnockchimes@gmail.com](mailto:techinnockchimes@gmail.com)

The deadline for the next issue is 11 March 2024.

Best wishes,

Annette



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

My last issue as Editor of The Chimes is June/July 2024. If there are no volunteers to take over the village newsletter will be no more.

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:

[techinnockchimes@gmail.com](mailto:techinnockchimes@gmail.com).

Annette



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## Village Hall

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 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.

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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](mailto: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.

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## 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 <a href="mailto:oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk">oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk</a>	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 (10% -14 yrs)	Guides, Brownies, Rainbows
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County Councillor	Parish Council Clerk	Entertainments Committee Chair	Westlake Dispensary	Pre-School (under 5's)	Explorers (14 – 18 years)	FEOFFEES
Mike Hewitson <a href="mailto:mikehewitson@somerset.gov.uk">mikehewitson@somerset.gov.uk</a>	Nancy Chapman <a href="mailto:ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk">ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk</a>	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



A volunteer has now come forward to help install and remove the Speed Indication Device (SID) from the two locations on the A30 when necessary (fortnightly). This is the third person to kindly volunteer, which means the Parish Council will now be able to go ahead and purchase the SID and keep ongoing costs to a minimum. (The purchase of the SID is still awaiting Avon and Somerset Constabulary's decision on whether a grant is available to help fund the purchase. It is also awaiting SID posts to be installed by contractors).

## FEOFFEES

Feoffees is the village poor's 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

## Bingo Night! Friday 8 March

We are requesting that small local companies sponsor this event by way of a financial donation which will go towards the prizes for the Bingo (hampers for a 'line' and for a 'house'). In return there will be promotion of your business on the tables and walls on the night as well as promotion via links on the East Chinnock Village Facebook page in the run-up to the event.

If you would like to create more awareness of your business in East Chinnock, please contact Sara Russell at: sara.russell@btopenworld.com or 07746 032299.

## Colour Me In



## ART, CRAFT & SOCIAL GROUP

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/patrickod440@yahoo.co.uk



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## East Chinnock Gardening and Country Club

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

14 February	Soup Lunch Fundraiser at 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 at Village Hall
16 September	TBA
21 October	AGM at Village Hall

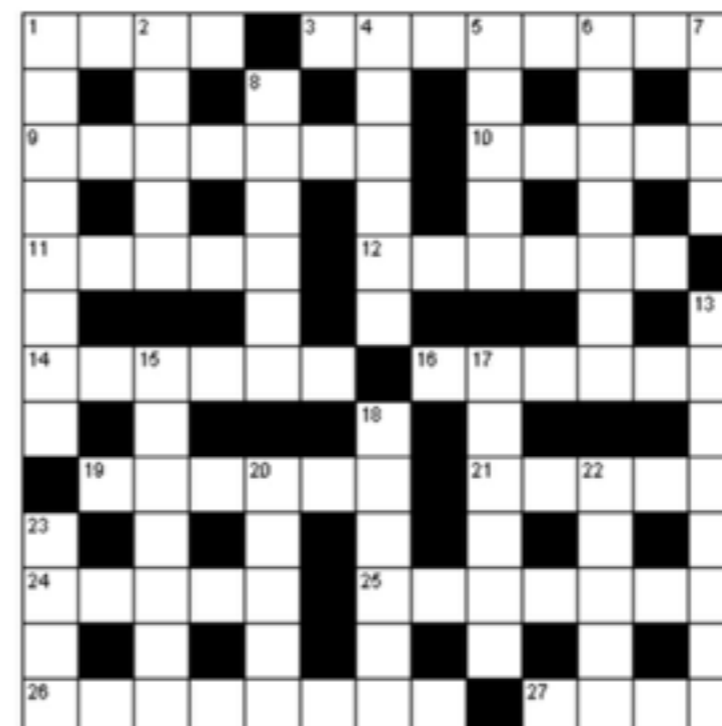


### Summer Visits

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

Secretary: Diane Summer

## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Minestrone, for example (4)
- 3 Age of majority (8)
- 9 Uncharged atomic particle (7)
- 10 First appearance (5)
- 11 Native American tent (5)
- 12 Holiday destination (6)
- 14 Gifted (anag.) (6)
- 16 Toil (6)
- 19 Hitchcock film (6)
- 21 Humorous (5)
- 24 Wanderer (5)
- 25 Clinging part of a plant (7)
- 26 Contribute (8)
- 27 Small insect (4)

### Down

- 1 Hallow (8)
- 2 Take power unlawfully (5)
- 4 Cold-shoulder (6)
- 5 Mythological abode of the dead (5)
- 6 Trading ban (7)
- 7 Crazy (4)
- 8 Gentle wind (6)
- 13 Item of jewellery (8)
- 15 Refuse collector (7)
- 17 Esoteric (6)
- 18 Putrid (6)
- 20 Military trainee (5)
- 22 Idiot (5)
- 23 Children's card game (4)





## 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.

## 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.

## Grit Bins

As we are now in the grip of winter, please note that there are 3 grit bins in the village in the following locations:

Bottom of Chinnock Hollow  
 Village Hall car park  
 End of Weston Street

Anyone can use the grit as necessary in the event of freezing weather affecting the roads or pavements. The grit bins will be topped up by the Parish Council as required.

## 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.



## Saturday Morning Café

Room@thePark  
 Saturday 3 February  
 10:00am



## Working Bee

Room@thePark  
 Saturday 17 February  
 10:00am



## Village Hall Lottery

### Nov 23 Winners

Ann Hunt  
 Jane Lock



### Dec 23 Winners

John and Sue Chappelle  
 Marianne Merchant  
 Sue and Andy Gliddon

### Jan 24 Winners

Marianne Merchant  
 Lel Templeman

## Mobile Library – Use it or Lose It!

The Parish Council Clerk has been contacted by Somerset Council regarding the removal of the East Chinnock Mobile Library stop. As the number of people using this service is currently 'less than 3', it means that provision of this service is no longer viable.

A three-month period of continuation of service has been agreed to see if usage picks up. There will then be a further review at the end of March. If user numbers do not improve the service will be terminated.

## 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. Cost is £3 per seated session and £5 per mat session.



## A Date for your Diary



East/ West Coker Branch Royal British Legion presents a Special Cheese and Wine Evening featuring the Decadettes on the 12th April at the East Coker Village Hall. More details to follow shortly....

## Pop-Up Pub

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Pop-Up Pub at the Village Hall on New Year's Eve. Games were played, nibbles were shared, music filled the air and a good time was had by all. Happy 2024!



## Crossword Puzzle Solution for Dec/Jan Issue



## St Mary's Update

Worship Services During February and March

Sunday 4 February 10:00am

Wednesday 7 February 7:30-9:00pm

Sunday 11 February 5:00pm

Sunday 18 February 10:00am

Wednesday 28 February 11:00am

### Friday 1 March 2:30pm

Sunday 3 March 10:00am

Sunday 10 March 5:00pm

Sunday 17 March 10:00am

Sunday 24 March 10:00am

Wednesday 27 March 11:00am

Sunday 31 March (time to be confirmed)

Holy Communion (note later time)

Difference Course (final session – Risking Hope)  
 West Coker Memorial Hall

Celtic Evening Prayer

Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall

\*Home Communion

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prayers by and for Palestine  
 St Michael's Church, East Coker  
 All very welcome

Holy Communion

Evening Prayer

Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall

Palm Sunday Benefice Holy Communion (venue to be confirmed)

\*Home Communion

EASTER DAY SERVICE



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.

Apologies for the number of events where times or venue are to be confirmed. At present we are without a Rector, therefore decisions must be made according to the availability of clergy and lay helpers. This means that we cannot give as much advance notice of arrangements as we would normally.

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 which will link you to the webpage and interesting information about our church services and the church windows.

## Prayers for Village

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

In March we are praying for households in: West Ways, Eastfield Farm, Cod Lane and Broad Lane.

Please send your prayer requests to this dedicated and confidential email address: [prayeratstmarys@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Gillian Tettmar





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### Soup & Bread Lunch



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

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**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

### Cocktail Tasting



A slightly boozy evening was had at WI on 13 December where mixologist Michelle Clarke talked to us about the history of cocktails. We were given a couple of cocktails to taste plus some hints and tips on how to improve an unwanted bottle of gin if given as a present!

Cocktails have been around for much longer than you might think – with early concoctions dating back as far back as 4000 BC in Mesopotamia where fermented beverages mixed with herbs and spices were consumed for their purported medicinal properties.



Distillation originates from the Middle Ages with spirits like brandy and gin becoming popular ingredients used in cocktail experimentation. A New York newspaper first used the word "cocktail" in 1806 while describing it as "a combination of spirits, sugar, water and bitters." During the prohibition era in the US (1920-1933), cocktails became popular choices to mask inferior-tasting bootleg liquor. Fast-forward to the 1980s and cocktail bars popped up in every town. I am sure many of us enjoyed a "happy hour" at one of these.

In the 1700s, gin joints allowed women to drink alongside men for the first time and it is thought this led many women neglecting their children and turning to prostitution, hence gin becoming known as "Mother's Ruin".

Gin was first distilled in Holland in the 16th century. The Dutch word for 'juniper' is "jenever", which got Anglicised to "giniver" and then finally to "gin". Therefore, the phrase "Dutch courage" makes a lot of sense.

We were treated to a Mojito first of all (100ml Funkin Mojito mix, 50ml Barcardi). Mint leaves were handed around and we were asked to 'clap' the mint leaves before adding to the drink, which gave the drink a much better flavour than if you just put it in without 'clapping' it.

This was followed by a Bramble Gin Fizz (100ml Funkin Bramble mix, 50ml Gordons Gin) and an added blackberry. For extra fizz, Prosecco was added. Very nice!

If you're ever given a bottle of gin you don't like, you can make it more palatable by adding lemonade and prosecco.

It was a fun evening comparing our Christmas Hats too!



## William Dampier

The WI talk on 10 January was about William Dampier. That name rings a bell doesn't it? Of course! It's the name of the Wetherspoons Pub and Restaurant in Yeovil town centre! Val and Chris Barker from Dawe's Twineworks in West Coker gave us an interesting insight into his life.

He was an English navigator, explorer, privateer, (some might say "pirate"), buccaneer and writer (A New Voyage Round the World 1697) who lived from 1651 to 1715. He was born in East Coker where there is a memorial to him in All Angels Church.

If you were asked who discovered Australia, you'd probably answer "Captain James Cook", but it was in fact William Dampier some 80 years beforehand when it was called New Holland. Dampier made many detailed observations of local wildlife and named the area 'Sharks Bay' in recognition of the large number of sharks in the area. He also made the first scientific collection of Australian plants.



He made several expeditions during his life-time and he was among the first to identify and name a number of plants, animals, foods, and cooking techniques for a European audience. He was one of the first English writers to use words such as "avocado", "barbecue", and "chopsticks". In describing the preparation of avocados, he was the first European to describe the making of guacamole, named the breadfruit plant, and made frequent documentation of the taste of numerous foods foreign to the European palate at the time.

Dampier's other claims to fame included him being the first person to circumnavigate the globe 3 times and he was the inventor of wind maps. He made important contributions to navigation, collecting for the first time data on currents, winds and tides across all the world's oceans that was used by James Cook.

He certainly sounded a fascinating character. How many 16-year olds would walk out of their farmhouse in East Coker and walk to Weymouth looking to explore the world?

Painting by Thomas Murray (c. 1697–1698)

## 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.

## Poppy Appeal 2023

The East/West Coker Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all who contributed to our 2023 Poppy Appeal. At time of writing the total stands at £5,912.

Special appreciation must go out to Gill Harris, who year on year never lets us down. She has raised £412 this year through her door-to-door collections. We are really proud of the hard work and effort she puts in to support the Poppy Appeal each year and I very much hope it will continue.

Thank you also to the people of East Chinnock, your generosity is very much appreciated, and it will help the Legion to fund support to our armed services personnel, serving and ex-serving members and their families.



David Giles  
Poppy Appeal Organiser