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The Chinnock Chimes

June/July 2026



Photo courtesy of Peter Jory



The village tradition of Saint Mary's Good Friday 'walk of witness' through the village and up to the Memorial Forest, carrying the cross.

And afterwards, enjoying tea, coffee and hot cross buns in the Room @ the Park.

Message from the Editor

As we move towards Summer, some of our clubs and groups take a break until Autumn, but there are still some good events to come: on June 6th the East Chinnock Music night will take place, and on Saturday 25th July, the Annual Village Show will be held in the Village Hall. I hope you will all be attending and taking part! More details are in this issue of The Chimes.

I have not yet received any offers to take over the job of producing this magazine. I shall be stepping down later this year, and if nobody comes forward, The Chimes will cease to exist, which will be a great shame.

Angela Copy date for next issue: 4th July
Email: thechinnockchimes@btinternet.com

Feoffees

Feoffees are the village poods land Charity which owns the Village Hall and Old School House as well as 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 monies are used for the benefit of the villagers of East Chinnock.

Currently we 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 give vouchers to new parents in the village and would be grateful for notification of any new arrival.

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

Contacts

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e-mail john.cox4@btconnect.com

Jane Lock (Clerk) 01935 863899
e-mail patricklock440@yahoo.co.uk



At the Village Hall

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

Annual Parish Meeting

11th May - 7:30pm in the Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting precedes the monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

All English parishes are required by law to hold a meeting once a year to discuss the affairs of the parish.

Although it is convened by the Parish Council it is NOT a Parish Council meeting but a meeting for the whole of the parish.

Anyone is entitled to attend and there will be time for you to ask questions, make comments and suggest ideas for improving our village.

The Annual Parish Meeting is also an opportunity for the Parish Council to report on what it has been doing during the past year.

Representatives of local organisations are being cordially invited to attend and, if they wish, address the meeting.

The Parish Council very much hopes that you and your colleagues will be able to be there.

Everyone will be very welcome!

Nancy Chapman
East Chinnock Parish Clerk

My new 'clerk' email address for East Chinnock Parish Council is as follows:

clerk@eastchinnockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dear All,

as this is the Annual Parish Meeting and not just the annual Parish Council meeting it would be great if the County Council, the Church, the Feoffees, the Entertainments Committee, the Gardening Club and any other bodies operating at a village wide level would give a brief report of their activities over the year.

I would like this to become a wider celebration of things happening in the village rather than something just about the PC.

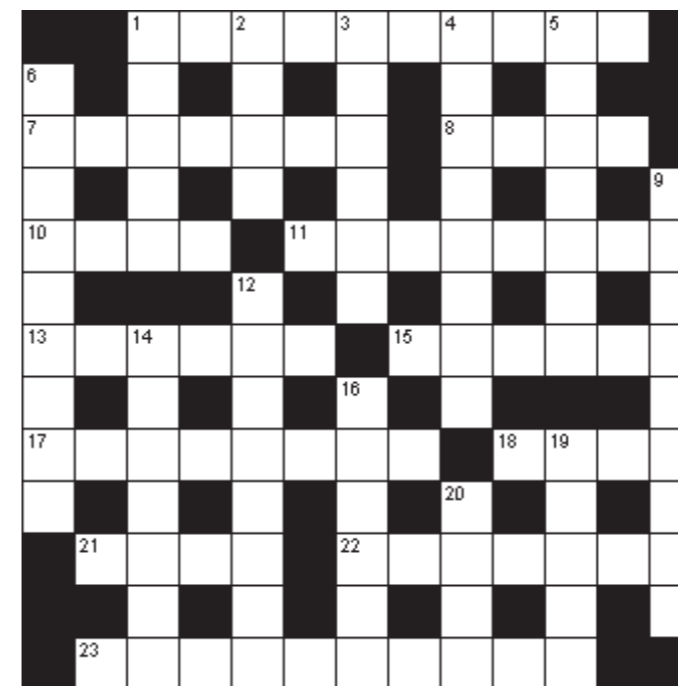
Please let us know
(clerk@eastchinnockparishcouncil.gov.uk)
in advance if you would like to present at the meeting.

Kind regards,

Duncan

Duncan Goodes
Chair
East Chinnock Parish Council

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Evaluation (10)
- 7 Milan opera house (2,5)
- 8 Group of three performers (4)
- 10 As well (4)
- 11 All people (8)
- 13 Iterate (6)
- 15 Gambling establishment (6)
- 17 Roomy (8)
- 18 Possesses (4)
- 21 Stalk (4)
- 22 First letter (7)
- 23 Thrifty (10)

Crossword solution to the previous puzzle



Down

- 1 Donkeys (5)
- 2 Remain (4)
- 3 Die of hunger (6)
- 4 Motherly (8)
- 5 Capital of Kenya (7)
- 6 Large sea bird (9)
- 9 Edible flatfish (5,4)
- 12 Charm (8)
- 14 Malleable (7)
- 16 Style of art associated with Picasso (6)
- 19 Turn rapidly (5)

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



ART, CRAFT & SOCIAL GROUP



2.00pm - 4.00pm on the first Wednesday of every month

Come and meet like-minded Art & Crafters, bring your own materials.

£3.00 per session
(includes tea and coffee).\

For more information, contact:
Gerald Witcher: 01935 862602,
gwitcher@btinternet.com

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



LAST FEW TICKETS Montacute Gardening Club
Highgrove Garden Tour with two-course lunch



Join us for a magical one and a half hour tour of **Highgrove Gardens** followed by lunch. The tour will be led by one of their experienced guides. The tour will include the other-worldly Stumpery, the whimsical Thyme Walk and the Chelsea award-winning Carpet Garden. This will be followed by a delicious two course lunch served in the Orchard Room restaurant. The ticket includes a coach to and from Montacute.

"One of my great joys is to see the pleasure that the garden can bring to many of the visitors and that everybody seems to find some part of it that is special to them." King Charles III



Monday 29th June 2026 departs at 9am
 Email: secretary@montacutegardeningclub.org
 Montacute Gardening Club, 20 Bishopston, Montacute, Somerset TA15 6UX

**There are
 2 Table-Tennis tables
 available at the
 Village Hall**

All you need to do is
 book the hall, bring your friends,
 bats and balls along for a fun
 session.

Entertainments Committee

The Entertainments Committee own 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 - £175
 for a maximum of 3 days

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

The gazebos can easily be erected by the hirer, however, the marquee will be erected by Pat and his team, who 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 in place to protect against damage or loss.



Photo courtesy of Peter Jory

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 Room@The Park
- 4th Sunday** 10am Holy Communion in St Mary's Church

Prayer for village.

In June we are praying for Weston Street to Judy's Barns, Forge Lane, Weston Farm, the cottages and up to Cleaves.

In July we are praying for Orchardleigh, Springfields, Orchard Close. Please do let us know any prayer requests you have. We would be glad to join our prayers with yours.

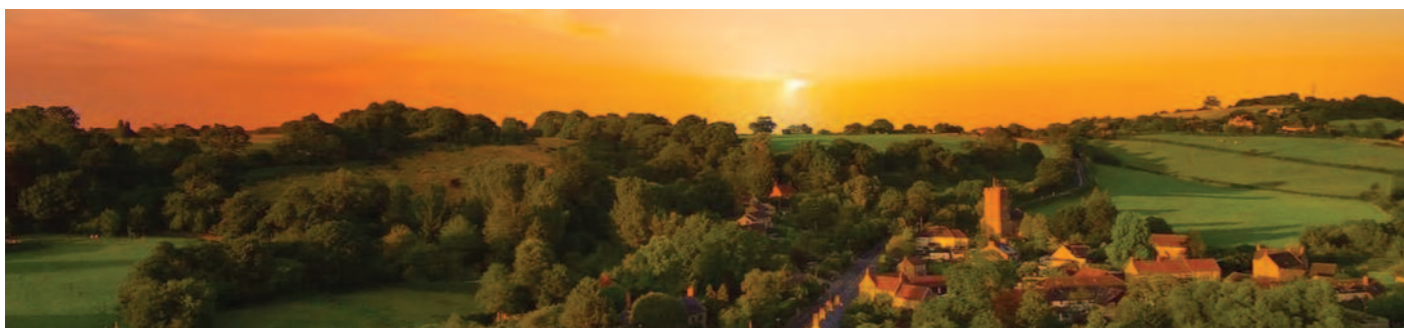
You can check for any variations on this pattern, and updated news for St Mary's East Chinnock and relevant Benefice News on the Church Near You, [website: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11012/](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11012/) and using the QRcode on this page.

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.



Christian Aid Tea

Sunday 10th May 3:00pm in the Room @The Park
 Come and join us for tea and cake in aid of Christian Aid



East Chinnock Music Night
presents
Jordan Lindsay (plus support)

6th June - 6:30pm for 7:00pm
Portman Park

Re-worked classics and forgotten favorites, with live looping and stomp box.

BAR: Wine, Beer, Cider and Soft Drinks to be purchased from the bar. Re-usable "glasses" will be available to buy or bring yours from last year.

BBQ: Burgers and Sausages will be served in recyclable food trays Meat supplied by Saunders Butchers.

Please do not bring your own food and drink as proceeds from this event supports the village. Feel free to bring your own chairs/blankets.

This is a free event, but please consider contributing to one of the extra donation buckets on the night, Thank You.

Cash only please.

Organised by the East Chinnock Entertainments Committee.

In the event of bad weather, please look on the Noticeboards or East Chinnock Village Facebook page.

FREE ENTRY!

EAST CHINNOCK MUSIC NIGHT
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Re-worked classics and forgotten favourites, with live looping and stomp box

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026

at the **PORTMAN COMMUNITY PARK** (Playing Field), Weston Street
Gates open at 6:30 / Live Music from 7:00

BAR: Wine, Beer, Cider and Soft Drinks to be purchased from the bar
Re-useable "glasses" will be available to buy or bring yours from last year

BBQ: Burgers and Sausages will be served in recyclable food trays
Meat supplied by *Saunders Butchers*

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FOOD/DRINK AS PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT SUPPORTS THE VILLAGE. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. IF YOU ENJOY IT, PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO ONE OF THE EXTRA DONATION BUCKETS ON THE NIGHT, THANK YOU.

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Organised by the East Chinnock Entertainments Committee
IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, PLEASE LOOK ON NOTICBOARDS OR EAST CHINNOCK VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE

East Chinnock Gardening and
Countryside Club Annual Village Show
2026

**Saturday 25th July - 2:15pm in the
Village Hall.
A competition for Flowers,
Vegetables,
Arts & Crafts.**

The Village Show schedules were published inside the April/May Chinnock Chimes.

If anyone needs a copy please message Doug Reeve on 07904665632.

Please refer to the Show Schedule for full details of all the classes & how to compete.



BOOKS!

There is a large and varied selection of books in the Village Hall, along with Jigsaw puzzles, CDs etc.

They are free to borrow or keep to people of the village.



Please help yourselves

Soup Lunches

Can I on behalf of the Village Hall Committee thank everyone who helped to organise the Soup Lunches in the Village Hall.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended, which helped raise much needed funds for various charities and clubs.

Soup Lunches will resume in September, hope to see you there.

**Kind Regards
Village Hall Committee**



**The final figures are in for 2025
Poppy Appeal**

**You have helped us raise an
incredible £51.4 million.**



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.

Lottery winners

April
1st Elaine Seabrook
2nd Pam O'Donnell
May

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 in The Room@the Park.

E.C. WI (Women's Institute)

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

Pilates - NEW Days and Times

Due to changing work commitments, Pilates sessions will be taking place on Thursdays from 30th April.

The Seated class will be from 9.30 - 10am

The Mat class will run from 7.00 - 7.30pm

Further details from Sharon, 07715 301782

Qi Gong

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

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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@outlook.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 ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk	Booking & Keys Martin Harris 01935 864582 martinatthegables@btinternet.com	01935 862212	Kay Strobe 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

East Chinnock Gardening and Countryside Club

A recent visit to South Island, New Zealand was a delight for Diane Summer. She was lucky enough to stay at 'Paripuma' in the Marlborough region. This area is renowned for its vineyards producing Sauvignon Blanc. It is also the location of this world class garden which is planted with all native New Zealand shrubs and trees that are hardy on this windswept coast.



Diane will present an illustrated talk on this garden and others in New Zealand and subtropical Queensland at the September meeting on Monday, September 21st at the Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

The Red Indoor Kurling Team

were victorious again for the Winter/Spring season 2026.

Pictured are Alex Swarbrick, Jill Biddle (team captain), Claire Swarbrick and Paul Russell.



East Chinnock Gardening and Countryside Club

On April 20th the club enjoyed an illustrated talk on 'Glass in the Garden' by Doug Reeve. He explained the process of fusing the colours together and making supports to produce vivid glass structures to place around the garden. He brought several samples (sorry, no photos). Altogether, a very intriguing event which sparked a lot of interest.



Magical Music at St Mary's

On Friday 24 April, a fairly full church enjoyed a stunning programme of music performed on ukuleles and guitars by Samantha Muir and Lara Taylor.

Many associate the ukulele with rather uninspired strumming, often played by those who have taken up the instrument later in life. It was a revelation to hear what the instruments can do in the hands of real virtuosi. Ukuleles vary in size from the tiny soprano to the bass.

Several different sizes were played at the concert, including one with an extra G string! Arrangements of music from the Baroque era to the present day were performed in an electrifying programme of duets for the two instrumentalists, including a piece written especially for Samantha.

One of my favourites used an effect called a tremolo, when a note is repeated in rapid succession, whilst the player plays melodic and harmonic notes at the same time. St Mary's is ideally suited to performances like this, as it has a particularly favourable acoustic. Look out for more musical treats here!

Robin Carpenter



On March 11th we had a fun game of Call My Bluff at the WI AGM on 11 March. Sally Harris, Sara Russell and Amanda Ebborn tried to bluff their way through six different words with varying definitions, one of which was true.

Liz Murdoch presided over the game. The assembled WI Members then voted after each word on which one they thought was the correct one. The "Panel" won on the very last word.

The words were:

- VIRGATE – An old measure of land often equal to 30 acres
- KENSPECKLE – A Scottish word for "easily recognisable"
- CEREMENT – A burial garment in which a corpse is buried
- BROUHAHA – A loud fuss, uproar
- PEDAGOGUE - A Roman slave who took children to school
- DIPTERAL – double row of columns



Villager Alison Finch shared with us her very interesting career in two parts – firstly in fashion and then to botanical artist with her presentation entitled "From Fashion to Flowers".

Alison shared with us how she studied fashion and fabric design which sometimes took her around the world and sometimes meeting some famous people followed by a long career in the fashion industry, having her designs made and modelled in some very prestigious places.

She eventually moved to East Chinnock and indulged her love of drawing and painting and now works as a botanical artist, concentrating on fruit and vegetables with their unique details.

Sara Russell

