

The Chinnock Chimes

October/November 2024

LOTTERY WINNERS

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2nd Sue Lock

August: 1st Sara Russell
2nd Neville Coe

September: 1st Anne Hallett
2nd Marianne Merchant

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The Village Show was on the 27th July in the Village Hall and was held after some extremely difficult growing conditions with the excessive rain we had in the early part of the year, which severely affected plant growth. This resulted in a reduced number of entries for the fruit and vegetables, but the judge was impressed by the overall quality of the produce at the show.

Even though the entries were reduced, there was a wide variety of items, especially in the art, craft and photography sections. The general feedback from those who attended was that they enjoyed the show which is the main purpose of the event.

The weather changed in the afternoon with rain which reduced the numbers having teas and coffees outside under the gazebos, but the hardy souls who decided to brave it seemed to be enjoying themselves under cover.

There was a wide selection of people entering and winning this year, with several new residents to the village participating, which is encouraging for future years. It should be noted that the continued success of the Village Show depends on people wanting to participate, and also the efforts of the show committee and volunteers who worked hard to prepare the event.

Let's hope that the weather is kinder to the growers next years Show, and we would like as many people as possible to get involved.

Doug Reeve



Editor

Welcome to the Autumn edition. There are various events to look forward to in the next few months, notably Bonfire Night with a 'Make a Guy' competition and the Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November, as well as the resumption of 'Pub Night' on Friday 27th September. I'm pleased to see that Sharon Smith will also restart her Pilates classes this month. Full details of events appear within the following pages and on the village notice boards.

I have received a heartfelt plea from Sheila Reeve regarding the planters in front of the Village Hall, since the theft of plants from them earlier in the year. I hope some kind residents will volunteer to take on the maintenance of them, see below.

Best wishes,
Angela The deadline for the next issue is 11th November thechinnockchimes@btinternet.com

Help! Volunteers Needed.

The Village Planters are looking very sad. Could anyone make some time occasionally to tidy up and keep them looking pretty.

Contact Sheila Reeve 0775 247 2020



LOCAL NEWS SOURCES

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

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

East Chinnock
Facebook page:
East Chinnock Village

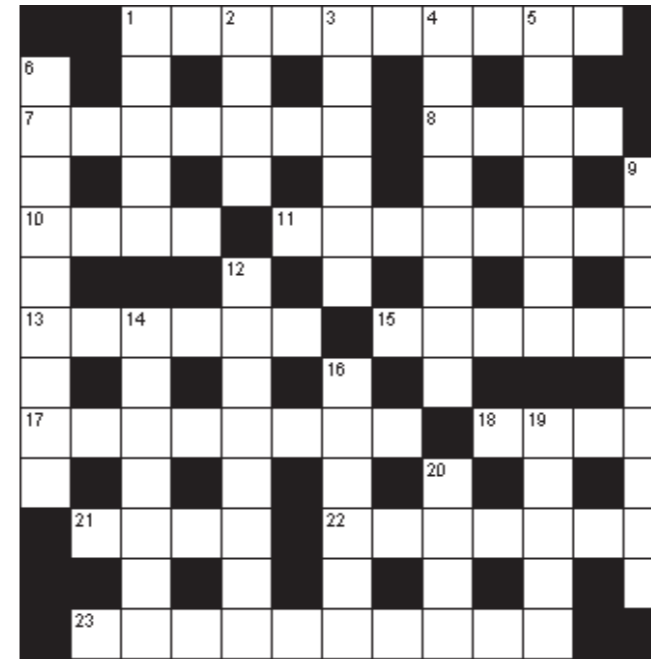
Notice Boards

There is one is at the entrance to Portman Community Park, use the 2nd and 3rd sections from the left, and a smaller board at the junction of Weston Street and Orchardleigh.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Somerset Council 0300 123 2224	District/County Councillor Oliver Patrick 07969 269416 oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk	Post Office (Village Hall) Monday 1pm - 3pm Tuesday 9am - 12pm	Yeovil Hospital 01935 475122	Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments) 01460 72435	Beavers (6-8 years) Heather Pitts 01935 433840	Scouts Active Support (adults) Pete Divall 01935 422328
South Somerset District Council 01935 462462	Parish Council Chairman Duncan Goodes 07806 791320 chinnock.hollow@outlook.com	Village Hall Booking & Keys Martin Harris 01935 864582 martinatthegables@btinternet.com	Westlake Surgery 01935 862212	Preschool, Baby & Toddler Group Kay Strode 07503 751133	Cubs (8-10^{1/2}-yrs) Scouts (10^{1/2}-14yrs) James Divall 01935 863105	Guides, Brownies, Rainbows westcoker@girlguiding-somerset.org.uk
County Councillor Mike Hewitson mikehewitson@somerset.gov.uk	Parish Council Clerk Nancy Chapman eparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk	Entertainments Committee Chair Pat Lock 01935 863899	Westlake Dispensary 01935 865104	Pre - School (under 5's) 07798 812 540 or see East Coker Pre-school Facebook page	Explorers (14 - 18 years) Mike Beckerleg 01935 862719	FEOFFEES John Cox - Chairman 01935 863304 Jane Lock - Clerk 01935 863899

Crossword Puzzle



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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Across | Down |
| 1 Became smaller (10) | 1 Punctuation mark (5) |
| 7 Illness (7) | 2 Require (4) |
| 8 Hazard (4) | 3 Part of the eye (6) |
| 10 Female relative (4) | 4 NCO (8) |
| 11 Not guilty (8) | 5 Oriental (7) |
| 13 Be plentiful (6) | 6 Boat with two hulls (9) |
| 15 Large gun (6) | 9 Travel plan (9) |
| 17 Lawyer (8) | 12 Continuous (8) |
| 18 Couple (4) | 14 Large flightless bird (7) |
| 21 Highland dagger (4) | 16 Middle (6) |
| 22 Farm vehicle (7) | 19 Garden flower (5) |
| 23 Light fitting (10) | 20 Cab (4) |

Crossword Solution to the Previous Issue



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.

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Email: dave-topedge@hotmail.com

Quiz Night

Friday 11th October 7:00pm. Teams of 4, £4 per person, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Register your team : sara.russell@btopenworld.com. Text or Whatsapp: 07746 032299 / Tel: 01935 862796. so we know how many tables to put out. Proceeds to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance

Bonfire night, The Caravan Park, Weston Street

5:30pm Tuesday 5th November, 5:45pm - Guy Competition, 6:00pm - Bonfire Lighting, 6:30pm - Fireworks Display. **Entry** by donation, please give generously. **BBQ and drinks** available - CASH ONLY. **Reusable glasses** for sale or bring your own. Recycled food trays will be used. **Please do not bring your own food/drink as this event supports the village.**

Make a Guy for Bonfire night, open to all ages. Bring 'Guy' to The Caravan Park st 5.45, the winner lights the bonfire (supervised).

Christmas Fair

The date of the Christmas Fair will be Friday 29 November, Village Hall. More details to follow on Noticeboards and East Chinnock Village Facebook page.

East Chinnock Entertainment Committee presents

BONFIRE NIGHT

Tuesday 5 November

The Caravan Park, Weston Street

5.30 pm – Gate opens
 5.45 pm – Guy competition
 6.00 pm – Bonfire lighting
 6.30 pm – Fireworks display

Entry by donation – please give generously
 BBQ and drinks available – CASH ONLY
 Reusable glasses for sale or bring your own.
 Recycled food trays will be used

Please do not bring your own food/drink as this event supports the Village.

COMPETITION!

MAKE A "GUY" FOR BONFIRE NIGHT
 (open to all ages)

Bring "Guy" on Tuesday 5 November at 5:45pm
 Caravan Park, Weston Street

Winner lights the bonfire (supervised!)

WI, 11th September

We had a talk by locksmith Adam French, a member of the Master Locksmiths Association, quite important when you hear that the industry is unregulated and basically, anyone can roll up with abag of equipment and call themselves a locksmith

Adam gave us some important tips for when applying for house insurance: namely, check locks for the kitemark indicating British Standard, which is what most house insurers are looking for.

Another interesting point was that leaving a key inside a lock from indoors DOES make it more difficult to get in but is not impossible. Also, don't leave important keys within reach of your letterbox, and don't store anything really valuable in a shed. Adam can be reached on 07541 697203 and lives locally in Crewkerne. He mainly deals with broken locks, lost keys, being locked out and also cuts keys.

Sara Russell

BOOKS!

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



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.

COLOUR ME IN



Photo courtesy of Peter Jory

Worship Services Oct/Nov 24

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| Sunday 6th Oct | 10am - Holy Communion at St Mary's church |
| Sunday 13th Oct | 6pm - Harvest Praise at St. Mary's Church
Followed by Harvest Supper at East Chinnock Village Hall |
| Sunday 20th Oct | 9.45am for 10am start - Café Church, East Chinnock Village Hall (Northumbria Community Celtic Holy Communion) |
| Wednesday 23rd Oct | 11am - Home Communion.
*Probably at the Room @ the Park but see below |
| Sunday 3rd Nov | 10am (time tbc) - Holy Communion at St Mary's church |
| Sunday 10th Nov | 6pm - Evening Prayer at St Mary's (may include Remembrance Liturgy (tbc)) |
| Sunday 17th Nov | 9.45am for 10am start - Café church, East Chinnock Village Hall |
| Wednesday 27th Nov | 11am - Home Communion
* Probably at the Room @ the Park but see below |



* to confirm time and venue of Home Communions contact me on gilliantettmar@gmail.com or 01935 862003

Prayer for village

In October we are praying for households in High Street, Carters Lane, Portman Close, Chinnock Hollow and Odcombe Hollow, and in November we are praying for households in College, the Village Hall, and Fordhay. Please do let us know any prayer requests you have. We would be glad to join our prayers with yours. The dedicated and confidential email to send prayer requests is prayeratstmarys@gmail.com

We have the good news that Phil Macaulay, our new Rector, will be installed in a service at 7pm on 7th October at St Martin of Tours, West Chinnock. We look forward to welcoming Phil and trust he will soon feel at home in our community.

You can check for updated news for St Mary's East Chinnock and relevant Benefice News on the Church Near You, website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11012/>

Christmas at St. Mary's

Advance notice of some of the activities at St. Mary's. Posada around the village will happen throughout Advent.

- 12th December 7pm Christmas carols and Readings at St. Mary's with the Stanchester Quire.
- 17th December 7pm Traditional 9 lessons and Carols
- 20th December 6.30pm Informal cross with mince pies in The Room @The Park
- 24th December 4.30pm Crib Service at St. Mary's.

FEOFFEES

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

The Committee has representatives from the Church and the Parish Council as well as some independent bodies; funds are used for the benefit of the villagers of East Chinnock.

Currently, the Feoffees send vouchers to any villagers who have spent two nights in hospital, and to those who have been bereaved during the year.

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

We are open to applications in the 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.

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

"Change and decay in all around I see" says a well-known hymn.

This applied to the rusting church gates at St Mary's, which didn't offer much of a welcome to christening and wedding parties, or other visitors. The gates have now been freshened, not so much by prayer (though that probably has played a part) but by a coat of Hammerite Satin Black. As every Series Land Rover owner will know, this is a Direct to Rust paint, with 'an 8 year protection'. With a forthcoming wedding in the spring, and a new Rector soon to be in post, it's hoped that Hammerite will work its marvels for a few years to come.

John Owen



Church Clock Repairs

The clock was made and installed by Gillett and Johnston who, remarkably, are still in business and they will be undertaking the repairs. If you wish to make a contribution please send cheques (payable to East Chinnock Parish Council) or cash to:

Nancy Chapman,
Clerk to East Chinnock Parish Council, Grove House, Pendomer Road, Pendomer, Yeovil, BA22 9PH
Please enclose a note saying 'Church Clock Repair'.

Cllr Goodes has now emailed Gillett & Johnston to give them the go-ahead to start the work.

If you would like to make a donation by bank transfer please contact Nancy via email: ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk



Church Lunch, September 7th

Claire and Alex Swarbrick will be returning to work in Nepal in October for two months and may return again in 2025. They previously spent six years there (1992 - 1998) under the INF (International Nepalese Foundation) banner and their first daughter was born there, which Claire admits was not an ideal situation. Both of them speak some Nepalese and they are busy refreshing for this next trip.

To aid them in their endeavours, Liz Murdoch and her team of volunteers organised an excellent fundraising lunch at the Village Hall, with all tickets sold out.

Liz says "Thank you to everyone who supported the lunch, whether by buying tickets, helping on the day, cooking or making donations. An amazing total of over £1300 was raised. This will fund many community projects in Nepal. Please look out for the news that Claire and Alex will give following their stay in Nepal".

By training, Claire is a speech and language specialist. Whilst in Nepal, she hasn't a specific role assigned, but knowing Claire she will quickly find a way in which to help the local community. Alex's role is to assist the local and national management teams to develop their roles and effectiveness.



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

Men's Breakfast

8:30am on the 3rd Saturday at The Room@The Park. Come and join us to chew the fat over bacon butties and toast, preserves, tea or coffee. No charge but donations appreciated.

Mobile Library

Every four weeks on Route "E"

St. Mary's Cafe Church

9:45am on the 3rd Sunday in the Hall

Monthly Working Bee - Portman Community Park

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

Soup Lunches

2nd Wednesday of the month, please see notice for details

E.C. WI (Women's Institute)

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

Pilates

3:30pm - 5:00pm every Thursday in the Hall. Seated and Mat, Telephone Sharon Smith: 07715 0782 for details.

Qi Gong

10:30am - 12:00pm every Thursday in the Hall .
Telephone Robin Sheldrake: 07990 506833 for details.

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.

Kurling

10am - 1pm every Friday in the Hall. Telephone Ros Weber 07866 040688 for further details.

Other Events

Pop-Up Pub

Friday 27 September - 8-11pm, Village Hall

Friday 25 October - ditto

Friday 22 November - ditto

Plus possibly a date around Christmas depending on interest nearer the time.

Tuesday 31 December, New Year's Eve 8:00pm -12.30am

Bring your own drinks and nibbles, dogs welcome, £2 per person (towards Village Hall costs).

NOTE: we are hoping to trial a local wood-fired pizza service in the Village Hall car park for the October and November Pop-Up Pubs (Keep your eyes on the noticeboards and East Chinnock Village Facebook page for more information nearer the time).

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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

EAST CHINNOCK GARDENING & COUNTRY CLUB, AND PORTMAN COMMUNITY PARK

Working Bees take place on the first Saturday of each month between

10.00am - 12.00 noon.

Coffee and cake is available in the Room@thePark.

Come along. bring a trowel, help plant some flowers for pollinators, have fun and make new friends



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.

£2.00 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

Soup Lunches Autumn/Winter 2024

October 9th

St.Margarets Hospice organised by Fiona and Shireen

November 13th

Samaritans and Lords Larder organised by Amanda and Pam O'Donnell

December 11th

St Mary's organised by Liz Murdoch.

Please see notices and media for booking.



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.

PLEASE REMEMBER -

After using the hall, ensure that light and heating switches are turned off, the floors are swept and it is left clean and tidy. Also, please ensure that you put the latch down on the Yale lock of the outer door when leaving. To make a booking, see the 'Useful Contacts' list on page 2.

The hiring cost is £8.00 per hour.