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Editor's Message

Welcome to the April/May issue.

A big thank you to Peter Jory for our glorious spring cover photo. I'm looking forward to the lighter evenings and a break from all the rain!

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 May 2024.

Best wishes,

Annette



The Chinnock Chimes Editor

I am pleased to announce that we have a volunteer keen to take over as Editor of The Chinnock Chimes.

I will confirm their details in my next and last issue (June/July 2024).

It's wonderful news that The Chinnock Chimes will continue to be a feature in our village life.



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Gemini Carnival Club Appeal

Gemini Carnival Club are in urgent need of a new home to build our cart from January 2025.

We need around ¼ of an acre with single phase electricity within 10 miles of Ilminster.

We own our own barn/shed however if there was one on site that would be a bonus. Either land to buy or rent. Any help please email us at: geminicc@talktalk.net or call our chairperson Liz on 07908132958.

Thank you.



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 (10% -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 ecparishcouncilclerk@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

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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

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.

Parish Council News



Portman Community Park

New swing seats have now been installed in the Portman Community Park Play area.



They look like great fun!

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

Entertainments Committee



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*****

St Mary's Church Clock



The clock on St Mary's Church has not been working for some time now. It was installed in 1919 as the village's memorial to those who fell in the 1st World War and, with periodic minor repairs, has been ticking away for over 100 years. The clock was paid for by donations from the people of the East Chinnock, who also paid for the marble memorial plaque that can be seen inside the church. Although the clock is part of the church, as it was paid for by villager donations, the Parish Council have responsibility for its maintenance and have also taken custodianship of it as a war memorial.

The clock was made and installed by Gillett and Johnston who, remarkably, are still in business and they will be undertaking the repairs having quoted the best price for the work.

The work required is extensive. The ageing mechanism requires repairing and the hands are seized up. The costs of this work is around £5000, which is approaching half of the Parish Council's annual budget. To help off-set this cost the Parish Council has been pursuing a grant from the War Memorials Trust (WMT) and I am pleased to say we have secured a generous grant of £1850.

Given how the clock was originally funded, the Parish Council feels it is appropriate to approach the people of the village and ask them again for any contributions they are willing to make towards the repair and restoration of this war memorial. No contribution is too small and all contributions will be explicitly used for this purpose, unless we raise more money than is required. Should that be the case, this funding will be diverted to other projects within the East Chinnock Parish.

Thank you to all those who have already donated. 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'.

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

Thank you.

Duncan Goodes
Chair, East Chinnock Parish Council

Village Hall

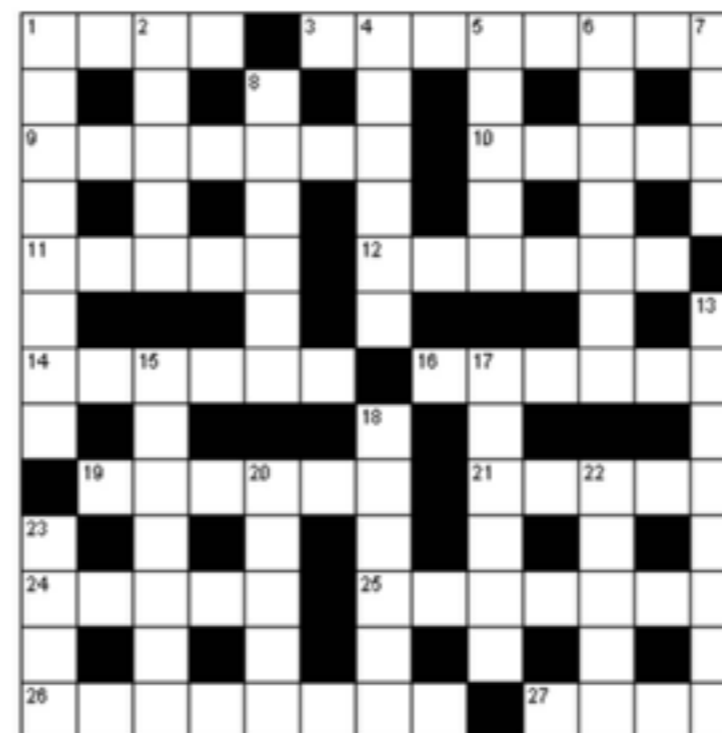
Reminder! When hiring the hall please ensure it is left clean (swept) and tidy and ensure that you put the latch down on the Yale lock of the outer door when leaving the hall and check that it is locked.

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

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Down

- 1 Wanted (8)
- 2 Sitting Bull's tribe (5)
- 4 Famous public school (6)
- 5 Male duck (5)
- 6 Steadfast (7)
- 7 Weapons (4)
- 8 Selected (6)
- 13 Direct (8)
- 15 Inundated (7)
- 17 Large treeless plains in South America (6)
- 18 Direct (anag) (6)
- 20 Instructor (5)
- 22 Din (5)
- 23 Lowest female singing voice (4)

Across

- 1 Multitude (4)
- 3 Zimbabwe, formerly (8)
- 9 Male sibling (7)
- 10 Fear-stricken state (5)
- 11 Cabs (5)
- 12 Large bodies of water (6)
- 14 Fervent (6)
- 16 Consequence (6)
- 19 Northern Ireland (6)
- 21 Food from heaven (5)
- 24 Easily digested (5)
- 25 Pencilled picture (7)
- 26 Stubbornly persistent (8)
- 27 Fledgling's home (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.

ART, CRAFT & SOCIAL GROUP

Village Hall 2:00 – 4:00pm

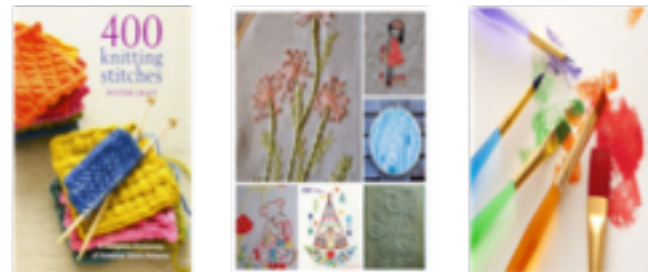
Come and meet like-minded Art and Crafters. Bring your own material.

£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/patricklock440@yahoo.co.uk



Room@the Park

Come and join us to chew the fat, over bacon butties and toast, preserves, tea or coffee.

If time permits, solve the world problems!

Men's Breakfast

8:30am - 3rd Saturday Morning in the Month

Want to know more?

Call
 Richard Kirlew 07966 754110
 John Chappelle 07887 875822

No charge, but Donations appreciated!

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: Coffee (and biscuits) £1.50, additional coffees £1.00.



Crossword Puzzle Solution for Feb/March Issue



St Mary's Update

Worship Services During April and May

Sunday 7 April 10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 April 6:00pm	Evening Prayer (note new time)
Sunday 21 April 10:00am	Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall
Wednesday 24 April 11:00am	*Home Communion
Sunday 5 May 10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 May 6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19 May 10:00am	Café Church – East Chinnock Village Hall
Wednesday 22 May 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

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.



West Coker & Hardington Cricket Club Winter Update

2025 is a great milestone year as we celebrate our 50th birthday!

Thanks to the help of Somerset Cricket Foundation, your local Cricket Club have been busy pulling together ideas and putting plans in place to make Halves Lane a thriving club and community focal point for years to come.

Our first home league game on Saturday May 4, it may seem a long way off but there are many other exciting developments going on at the Club in 2024:

Winter nets are running now until end April at Westfield Academy from 5:00pm-10:00pm with supervised sessions for juniors (boys and girls), women and adults. A women's soft ball team has been newly established and they are proud and excited to be the first women's team at the club. We have U10 and U12 fixtures for our mixed youth section following a successful re-launch of All Stars and Dynamos programmes last year. U10 Sunday morning/U12 Monday evening. The All Stars and Dynamos Friday night coaching and family evenings will run again this year from early May to mid-July. Details can be found on our Facebook or Instagram and through searching All Stars and/or Dynamos Programmes. Be sure to select West Coker & Hardington as your club of choice.

Following promotion, the adult Saturday team are playing this year in Somerset Division 4. The Panthers team have both Sunday and midweek evening fixtures lined up. Additional midweek social evening fixtures are also being arranged. New outdoor nets are being installed when the ground dries up!

We welcome all members of our communities to share in our enjoyment of cricket and welcome anyone into our 'family' whether to play, volunteer, sponsor or become a social member and enjoy the sound of leather on willow, good company and definitely no half measures!

If this article has piqued your interest, then please feel free to contact us:

Kris Pearse 07816 454175 – cricket matters and sponsorship

Martin Heath 07582 969131- volunteers, social membership

or email westcokerhardingtoncc@gmail.com



Village Hall Lottery

Feb Winners

Ted Tierney
 Jane Lock



March Winners

Elli Smith
 Gerry Witcher

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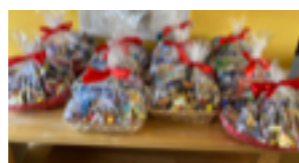
Bingo Night! Friday 8 March

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the fun Bingo Night.

It was a great evening and there were raffle and bingo prizes galore with many people going home laden with goodies, some more than others!

We raised £452.00 on the night which has been split 50/50 between Ferne Animal Sanctuary and The Alzheimers Society.

Thank you to the many villagers and company sponsors who donated raffle prizes. The hamper prizes were made possible by our sponsors (see photo) so please do support these local businesses.



BINGO SPONSORS

Lanes - Meal Voucher for 2 people for 3 course Sunday lunch
Tamburini - Meal Voucher for 2 people for 2 course meal

East Chinnock Gardening and Country Club & Portman Community Park



Aside from our regular activities, the ECGCC has been making improvements to Portman Community Park. Together with the Parish Council and St Mary's Church, we have been working to enhance green areas for the benefit of East Chinnock residents.

We are looking for more volunteers to help us improve the public areas in the village to make it a more pleasant place to live. It may even impact on house values! Our interests concern sustainable growth and planting flowering and edible plants without the use of pesticides. This means there is not only a human benefit but also a benefit to insects and other wildlife. Our mental and physical wellbeing is also increased with enjoyment of nature.

To date we have made good progress. Three volunteer 'Working Bee' groups have attended to:

- Weedmat, gravel and mulch have been placed at the front and side areas of the Room@thePark and drought resistant, low maintenance plants have been planted

- Clay soil in the raised planters has been replaced with compost and spring bulbs, which are now in flower

- "No Mow" areas allowing wildflowers to emerge and increase insect numbers. This is planned to continue

- Repaired the wall and planted adjacent verge

Plans for 2024 are:

- Increase wildflower numbers

- Planting drought tolerant, low maintenance perennials and strawberries to planters

- Planting flowering climbers and some vegetables to chain fence

- Consulting on and obtain quotes to improve the driveway in front of the Park. The current surface has been damaged by rain and frequent car parking. This was discussed on site with the roads representative of the Parish Council/ECGCC member. A recommendation was made to install a concrete kerb and then backfill with gravel or paving for gate access together with some planted areas. No funding is available for this therefore fund raising will be required

- The Parish Council have recently allocated some funds for further planting



BEFORE



AFTER

There have been improvements to the Room@thePark including new roofing, windows and external painting. The interior is also being improved, making it a more welcoming space for the community.

The ECGCC's aim is that everyone who walks by or enters the Park feel it is a place to enjoy nature.

More Working Bees will take place on the first Saturday of each month from 6 April onwards between 10:00am – 12 noon. Coffee and cake will be available in the Room@thePark. Come along, bring a trowel, help plant some flowers for the pollinators, have fun and make new friends!



Secretary: Diane Summer

WI Update



Denise Ham, a director of the London Conducting Academy came to our meeting on 14 February. Armed with pens, chopsticks, drumsticks and other pointy things with which to practice, we were taught the basics of conducting. She told us how a good conductor has the power to influence the musicians and/or singers who play and at the core of it lies a good technique which is the ability to "convey the musical intention by means of gesture".

Denise explained to us how a good conductor can lead an orchestra with a gentle flick of the wrist holding the baton, her free hand and her expression. To demonstrate and without much training, we found ourselves singing the National Anthem (with a few of us struggling to alter the habit of a lifetime and say 'King' instead of 'Queen'). We started off gently and quietly because that's how Denise was using the baton and then slower as she widened the baton-waving and then louder and faster as her left-hand moved in an exaggerated, forceful fashion and her eyes opened wide.

She also explained that Youth and Amateur Orchestras were the ones who really benefitted from an experienced conductor whereas professional orchestras with highly-trained musicians needed them less so.

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Training in Life-Saving 7 April, 7:00pm Village Hall



The Parish Council has organised an evening training event to demonstrate basic resuscitation techniques and how and when to use the defibrillator, which is housed in the entrance to the Village Hall.

This is for beginners so no previous knowledge is required.

It's free to attend and it will be a relaxed and fun event. This may help you save someone's life so please do come along.

Dress code: Wear something comfortable so you can kneel down and lean forward.

If you would like to attend, please contact Duncan Lewis (University of Southampton) via 'East Chinnock Village' Facebook group.

Annual Village Show Saturday 27 July at the Village Hall

Early notice of show class categories:

Handicrafts

44. Any knitted or crocheted item
45. An item of needlework, tapestry, cross-stitch or embroidery
46. An item of jewellery in any medium

Art (can be in any media)

48. Portrait
49. Wildlife
50. View through a window

Photography

51. Motion
52. New life
53. Small is beautiful

