

Editor's Message

Welcome to the February/March issue of The Chinnock Chimes! Let's not forget it's Valentines Day very soon!

As no cover pictures were submitted for this issue and I am editing The Chimes whilst in Australia, I am using a photo taken in Sydney. It's one of my favourite sights and it was particularly beautiful that evening.

Please submit pictures of your favourite views – I would love to see them!

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 March 2023.

Happy Valentines and best wishes,

Annette



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There is no shortage of eggs in East Chinnock!

Fresh eggs are sold locally at Spring Holton Farm in Broad Lane. They are only sold in trays of 30 eggs and cost £4 per tray.

Due to Avian flu risks, access to the farm is restricted so please call Sue Watson on 07807 907280 to pre-order and obtain collection details. Please ensure that you text Sue to confirm when you have collected and paid.



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.

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.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Somerset County Council	District/County Councillor	Tree Warden	Yeovil Hospital	Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments)	Pre-School (under 5's)	Explorers (14 - 18 years)
0300 123 2224	Oliver Patrick 07969 269416 oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk	Paul Taylor 01935 862006	01935 475122	01460 72435	07798 812540 or see East Coker Pre-school Facebook page	Mike Beckerleg 01935 862719
South Somerset District Council	Parish Council Chairman	Post Office (Village Hall)	Westlake Surgery	Entertainments Committee Chair	Beavers (6-8 years)	Scouts Active Support (adults)
01935 462462	Duncan Goodes 07806 791320 chinnock.hollow@outlook.com	Monday 1pm - 3pm Tuesday 9am - 12pm	01935 862212	Pat Lock 01935 863899	Heather Pitts 01935 433840	Pete Divali 01935 422328
County Councillor	Parish Council Clerk	Village Hall	Westlake Dispensary	Preschool, Baby and Toddler Group East Coker	Cubs (8 - 10% yrs) Scouts (10% -14 yrs)	Guides, Brownies, Rainbows
Mike Hewitson mikehewitson@somerset.gov.uk	Nancy Chapman ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk	Booking & Keys Martin Harris 01935 864582 martinathegables@btinternet.com	01935 865104	Kay Strode 07503 751133	James Divali 01935 863105	westcoker@girlguiding-somerset.org.uk

Support The Village Hall

Donations welcome! Log in to smile.amazon.co.uk and search for East Chinnock Village Hall.

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Parish Council News



Councillor Vacancies

There are still two councillor vacancies on East Chinnock Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact:

Nancy Chapman
Parish Clerk: ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk

or

Duncan Goodes
Parish Council Chairman: chinnock.hollow@outlook.com

General Update

'No Parking' signs have been placed at the entrance to Portman Community Park and on the noticeboard.

Schedule of further meetings:

6 February, 6 March, 3 April, 2 May, 5 June, 3 July, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December.

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*****

Saturday Morning Café

Saturday pop up cafes take place on the first Saturday of each month and start at 10:30am at the Parish Room, Portman Community Park.

A number of cafes have now been held and are proving popular, especially due to the delicious cakes and refreshments on offer.



Volunteers are needed to organise and bake for each one, so please offer to help out if you can.

Why not come and show your support and meet up with other villagers?

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

Village Warm Spaces for Winter

St Mary's plus the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and the Feoffees got together to talk about the provision of warm spaces in the village through the winter.

Alex Swarbrick was successful in applying for a grant for £300 from Somerset Community Foundation for the electricity, under the umbrella of those four village bodies. The grant application was based on simply extending the current hours of events like Coffee Morning, Soup and Bread Lunch and the Saturday Café by an hour or so. The revised times to April 2023 are:

Event	Current times	New times	Additional hours
Coffee Morning	10:30am - 12:00 noon	10:00am - 12:30pm	1 hour
Soup & Bread Lunch	1:00pm - 2:00pm	12:30pm - 3:00pm	1.5 hours
Saturday Morning Café	10:00am - 12:00 noon	9:30am - 1:00pm	1.5 hours

Fix My Street

After several nasty potholes appearing in Orchardleigh in recent weeks, I reported them to www.fixmystreet.com on 5 January 2023. Just five days later, they had been spray-painted to highlight where they were. At time of writing (10 January) they have not been filled, but I was impressed by the speed of the spray-painting at least! Maybe worth a go for other things?



FixMyStreet send any reported problems to the local council. Just enter a nearby UK postcode, street name or area, locate the problem on a map of the area, enter the details and they then send to the council.

Problems that they report are; abandoned vehicles, bus stops, car parking, dog fouling, flyposting, fly tipping, graffiti, parks/landscapes, pavements/footpaths, potholes, public toilets, road traffic signs, roads/highways, rubbish (refuse and recycling), street cleaning, street lighting (on adopted highways), street nameplates, traffic lights, trees and 'other'.

Please note, you might have to create an account on the site to receive updates.

Villager Seeks Garage to Rent

Rachael Jacobs (New Buildings East Chinnock) is looking for a garage to rent for general storage.



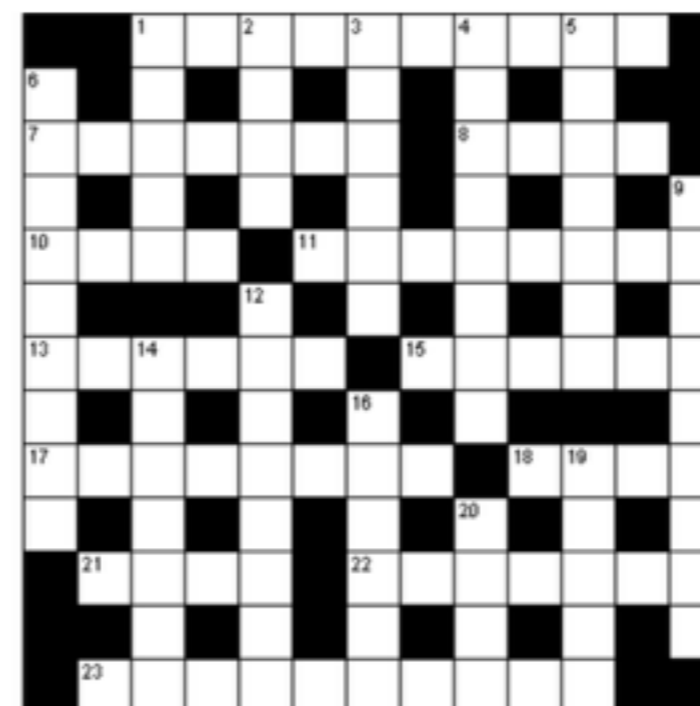
If you would be interested in renting a garage to Rachel, please contact her at:

rachaeljacobs1980@yahoo.com.

Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Badly dealt with (10)
- 7 Countryside walker (7)
- 8 Liberated (4)
- 10 Curved structure (4)
- 11 All people (8)
- 13 Fought with swords (6)
- 15 Material for violin strings (6)
- 17 Indoor footwear (8)
- 18 Scrutinise (4)
- 21 Fortified wine (4)
- 22 Bind tight with clothes (7)
- 23 Unhappy (10)

Down

- 1 Imitate (5)
- 2 Sodium chloride (4)
- 3 Come to the destination (6)
- 4 Postponement (8)
- 5 Soon (7)
- 6 Morning meal (9)
- 9 Judicial penalties (9)
- 12 Tyrannical (8)
- 14 Capital of Kenya (7)
- 16 Jail (6)
- 19 Trainee officer (5)
- 20 Female horse (4)



Post Office Opening Times

At the Village Hall:

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

Art, Craft and Social Group

Village Hall

Come and meet like-minded Art & Crafters - bring your own material

£2 per session (including tea/coffee)

This group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month (2 – 4pm)

1 February & 1 March

Any questions contact:

Gerald Witcher: 01935 862602 or gewitcher@btinternet.com

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



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.



News From St Mary's

Worship Services during February/March

All services are at St Mary's Church unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 5 February 9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 February 5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19 February 9:45am	Café Church at Village Hall
Sunday 5 March 9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 March 5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19 March 9:45am	Café Church at Village Hall

Easter Day Service

Sunday 9 April 10:00am Holy Communion



Prayers for Village

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.

Please do let us know of your prayer requests. It would be a privilege to join our prayers with yours.

Deborah Wootton



Friends of St Mary's Fundraising Concert

A select, perfectly formed and very generous audience was treated to a mixed programme of Folk South-West carols and amusing seasonal readings by the Stanchester Quire, directed by Eddie Upton on 2 December 2022.



The evening included a raffle, popular with audience and choir alike! Over £400 was raised, an amazing total for which the Friends are very grateful.

Alison Suter

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings take place on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall at 10:30am. Please come and join us.



Music Night – Date for Your Diary



The Village Music Night will take place on Saturday 22 July. Our fabulous local band The Ancestors will be headlining. If you have never been before, a great time is had by all and this is another way to meet new friends in the village.

Soup & Bread Lunch

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In aid of renovations at the Room at the Park (old school room) £4 soup & bread £5 with dessert

Wednesday 8 February

1pm, Village Hall

Places are limited: to book, please contact:
 Ros Weber: 07866 040688



HALL WILL BE OPEN AS A WARM SPACE FROM 12:30 – 15:00

A good time was had by all at the well attended 14 December Soup & Bread Lunch.



Quiz Night

East Chinnock Entertainments Committee presents a

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 3 February 2023

Village Hall

7.00pm

RAFFLE

Please bring your own drink and nibbles

Teams of 4
 £3 per person payable on arrival
 Profits to Parish Council's Speed Indicator Fund

Register your team: sara.russell@btopenworld.com
 Text or Whatsapp to 07746 032299 / Tel: 01935 862796
 (this is so we know how many tables to put out)

Village Hall Lottery

December Winners

Gillian Tettmar
 Annie Hallett
 Buny Andrews



January Winners

Sharon Dodd
 Jane Lock



Crossword Puzzle Solution for Dec/Jan Issue



Pilates Classes

Sharon Smith's pilates classes are now up and running weekly on Thursdays between 10:30 - 11:30am. Regular times may be varied, depending on take up.

Sharon is a Nurse Practitioner. She qualified as a Pilates instructor in 2019 due to her interest in helping others with joint aches and pains.

Classes cater for mixed abilities. 30 minutes of chair Pilates is available for those who would like to do exercises/stretching but do not feel able to do this on a floor mat.

Please contact Sharon in advance to book your place for chair or mat on 07715 301782.

Cost is £3 per session for chair and £5 per session for mat.



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 villages 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



WI Update

The December meeting included a brief talk about flower arranging.

Our speaker Helen, demonstrated little tricks with scissors on different types of ribbon and gave us some key tips for example, using an odd number of flowers for displays mounted in oases.

The best-looking displays work with 3 - 4 different types of things (flowers, decorations, glass beads, etc.).



Pop-Up Bring Your Own Pub

We had a successful start to the Village Pop-Up Pub (BYO).

It is a great way to meet people in the village.

Please see the village noticeboard for further dates.



Letter from Joyce Lewens

Dear East Chinnockers,

Just a brief note to say Thank You to the people of this beautiful village for the last 29 wonderful years.

I will shortly be leaving the village for the last time (one way or the other!) but wherever my next destination is, I shall be taking all my happy memories with me.

There are far too many people for me to thank individually here, who have provided those memories over nearly three decades. That said, I would like to thank, in particular Marianne and Gill (H) for being the most wonderful and true friends.

I have been so lucky to have enjoyed being part of village life, the WI, Curling and Croquet clubs and the Garden Club. Not to mention all the other wonderful social occasions I have been fortunate to be part of.

I feel so blessed to have spent my retirement years here, in this beautiful place amongst such wonderful people. It is my sincere hope that the village continues to be the warm, friendly and welcoming place it has been since I arrived here in November 1994.

With love and best wishes to all for now and the future.

The King's Coronation

The Coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May this year.

Monday 8 May 2023 will be a celebratory bank holiday to mark the occasion.

This means that there are three bank holidays in May this year: Monday 1 May, Monday 8 May and Monday 29 May.

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