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Editor's Message

Welcome to the autumn issue.

Cover photo is of a painting by local artist Martin Harris. The painting entitled 'Night Life' received a Highly Commended award at the Ilminster Art Exhibition in August. Congratulations Martin!

Please find enclosed in this issue the Friends of East Chinnock Village Hall Lottery form. The lottery helps to raise funds to support the Village Hall and there is a monthly prize draw. Be in it to win it!

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 November 2022.

Best wishes,

Annette



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Memories of Summer.... Village Music Night

The Village Music Night took place on 30 July and a great time was had by all. The weather was beautiful and there was a good turnout of partygoers.

A massive thank you to our fabulous local band The Ancestors and singer Alfie Galpin, who opened the show, for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The August/September Chimes had already gone to print by the time this event took place, but I didn't want to miss the opportunity to thank everyone involved and share some photos.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Somerset County Council	District/County Councillor	Tree Warden	Yeovil Hospital	Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments)	Pre-School (under 5's) Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	Explorers (14 - 18 years)
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Parish Council News



Councillor Vacancies

East Chinnock Parish Council has two councillor vacancies. 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

District/County Councillor Update

The Chinnock Hollow project has to be proposed to the Council's elected Executive in the first instance. Once this stage is completed we can then sign off on costs and deadlines and begin to publicise our intended course of action.

We understand this has been a long and frustrating wait, but rest assured we are moving things forward.

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.

Village Noticeboard

East Chinnock Parish Council have recently installed a new village noticeboard at the entrance to Portman Community Park, Weston Street.



The first door of the board is locked and is for use by the Parish Council. The second and third door latches, simply twist open, and are available for general use. Please feel free to put any notices, adverts, events that you wish to publicise that are of local interest.

The old noticeboard located in front of the village hall will be removed shortly.

Local Road Closure

Orchardleigh will be closed from 17 – 21 October due to drainage works being carried out. If you require further information, please contact Somerset Highways on 0300 123 2224 quoting reference: tro74437SS.

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*****

Quiz Night

Another Quiz Night was held at the Village Hall on 16 September.



A total of £119.00 was raised for the Parish Council's Speed Indicator Fund. It was a fun night out and thank you to everyone that attended.

A further Quiz Night is planned for mid-January 2023 at 7:00pm (probably 20 January but to be confirmed).

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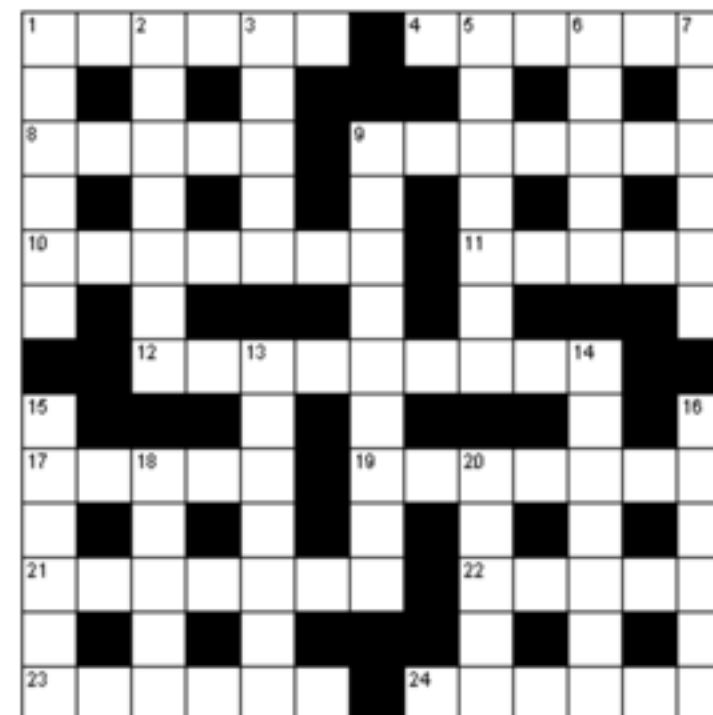
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Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Words of a song (6)
- 4 Instructed (6)
- 8 Zest (5)
- 9 Obstacle (7)
- 10 Neatest (7)
- 11 Garb (5)
- 12 Crooked (9)
- 17 Scoundrel (5)
- 19 Antagonistic (7)
- 21 Bragged (7)
- 22 Desiccated (5)
- 23 Metallic element (6)
- 24 Vendor (6)

Down

- 1 Illuminations (6)
- 2 Dwelt (7)
- 3 Routine task (5)
- 5 Shorten (7)
- 6 Grumble (5)
- 7 Song bird (6)
- 9 Engaged (9)
- 13 Ghost (7)
- 14 Of little importance (7)
- 15 Middle East language (6)
- 16 Not hardy (6)
- 18 Clutch (5)
- 20 Edge along (5)



Post Office Opening Times

At the Village Hall:

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

Village Hall Lottery

August Winners September Winners

Marianne Merchant Ashley Lock
 Margaret Coe Val Russell



East Chinnock Art Group

East Chinnock Art Group is at the Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of each month 2pm – 4pm, at a cost of £2.00 per session.

Bring your work in-progress or next project along to the informal group to enjoy a couple of hours of gentle pleasure.

The more experienced art lovers in the group are always willing to offer advice and share their expertise.



For more information contact Jo Cox at The Warren, Weston Street (01935 863304) jovialcox@btinternet.com.

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.

Support The Village Hall

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

Crossword Puzzle Solution for Aug/Sept Issue



News From St Mary's



Worship Services During October/ November

All services are at St Marys Church unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 2 October 9:15am
 Sunday 9 October 6:00pm
 Sunday 16 October 9:45am

Holy Communion
 Evensong
 Café Church at Village Hall

*Wednesday 26 October 10:30am
 Sunday 6 November 9:15am
 Sunday 13 November 6:00pm
 Sunday 20 November 9:45am

Home Communion
 Holy Communion
 Remembrance Service
 Café Church at Village Hall
 Home Communion

*Wednesday 23 November 10:30am

*Contact Gillian Tettmar for Home Communion venue at : gilliantettmar@gmail.com or on 01935 862003.

Prayers for Village

In October we are praying for households in: High Street, Carter's Lane, Portman Court, Chinnock Hollow, Odcombe Hollow.



In November we are praying for households in: College, The Village Hall, Fordhay to Bridge Cider Farm.

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.

The Lord's Larder

Please note that from now on there will be a crate for donations to The Lord's Larder in the entrance of the Village Hall.

You can check what items are most needed on: <https://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/what-we-are-currently-need-most-in-the-larder/>

Gillian Tettmar

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come along and support the Macmillan fund raising coffee morning on Saturday 22 October from 10:30am in the Village Hall. There will be coffee and cake aplenty!

Money raised helps to support people living with cancer, fund Macmillan nurses and much more.

Why not wear a bit of green and purple for this event?



Church Concert

A memorable evening of music took place in St Mary's Church on 20 August. The musicians were two very talented villagers - Samantha Muir and Lara Taylor. The church was filled with the sound of the most beautiful music.

Samantha is a composer and performer, an Associate of the Royal College of Music London, a member of the Consortium for Guitar Research at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and is currently doing a PhD on classical ukulele at the University of Surrey. She specialises in the machete and the rajão which are the forerunners of the ukulele.

Lara has achieved a Performance Diploma in Classical Guitar (ATCL) from Trinity College London and has performed with the National Youth Guitar Ensemble. Lara recently completed a Masters degree in 18th Century Studies at Kings College London.

Samantha spoke about the history of the smallest of stringed instruments she played, a Machete de braga, which originates from Maderia, Portugal. The sound was exquisite and Samantha played five small pieces by Candido Drummond de Vasconceios, accompanied by Lara on guitar. She then played a couple of ukulele solos after giving a brief history of this instrument, which also originates from Portugal, although it has become more associated with Hawaii.

After a short interval, Lara and Samantha played a series of beautiful guitar duets.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to raise vital funds for the church, with special thanks to Samantha and Lara for a wonderful evening of entertainment.



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



Bonfire Night

The village Bonfire Night celebrations will be on Saturday 5 November at the Weston House camping field;

Gate opens at 5:30pm
 Bonfire lighting 6:00pm
 Fireworks display 6:30pm

Adults and children are invited to enter the 'Make a Guy' competition, the winner will be chosen at 5:45pm. The prize is to light the bonfire (supervised)! Please donate generously at the gate towards the cost of the fireworks display.

As usual there will be a bar and BBQ. Please do not bring any fireworks or sparklers to the event.

Christmas Fair

25 November 7:00pm at The Village Hall. To book a table for your crafts and products please contact:

Jane Lock 01935 863899
 Ros Weber 07866 040688



Books!

There are books available in the Village Hall for you to take or borrow whenever the Village Hall is open. Please help yourself.



Lottery Forms

If you would like to participate in the Village Hall Lottery a form is enclosed in this issue of The Chinnock Chimes. Full details for completion and return are included in the form.



St Marys Village Survey

People gathered at the Church Rooms on 4 September to hear the headlines from the St Mary's Village Survey. Out of a total of 270 households 13% responded. The aim of the survey was to identify what people value about the village, which things aren't so good and what other amenities people desire.

Suggested uses for the Church Rooms included an occasional community café and shop, as well as 'pub' nights. People who were enthusiastic to explore the café, shop and 'pub nights' were invited to get together to explore what will be involved. Some respondents suggested a 'café' outside of working hours and with that in mind, a Saturday Morning Cafe will run at the Church Rooms on the first Saturday of each month throughout winter. Rev Colin Simpson blessed the Church Rooms for their new purposes.

Ideas from the survey are being considered by the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and the Feoffees, to make the village an even better place to live. Work is now underway planning the redecoration and refurbishment of the rooms and people volunteered to help with painting.

There may be people who didn't complete the questionnaire but would still like to, so please email alexclaire.es@gmail.com with your response to these three questions:

1. What do you value most about living in East Chinnock?
2. What's not so good?
3. What amenities/activities would make life even better in our community?

If you would like to know more about the survey or any of St Mary's activities, please call Rev Colin Simpson on 01935 862429 or email rectorcokerridge@gmail.com.

Thank you to all those who responded.

Village Survey Key Findings

1. Facts and perceptions about the village

Q: How long have you lived in the village?

- 11% between 1 and 3 years
- 80% over 5 years (of which 61% over 10 years)

Q: What are the best things about living here?

- friendly community
- quiet and peaceful
- the countryside and walks
- village clubs
- close to Yeovil
- fireworks and music nights

Q: What's not so good?

- no pub (and the state of the pub)
- no shop
- no café
- poor bus schedule
- the speed of traffic on the A30
- the lack of a community hub
- dog mess on footpaths
- play equipment in the Portman Community Park

Village Survey Key Findings continued

2. Facilities available in the area

Q: What additional amenities or services would you like to see?

Facilities for children

- sports and creative clubs for children
- after school and holiday clubs

Facilities for young people

- sports and leisure facilities

Facilities for adults

- additional leisure activities, including games nights, whist, bridge and bingo
- a lunch club
- a food bank/community larder
- keep fit classes/yoga/pilates
- debt advice

Q: What else would our village benefit from most?

- a pub
- a community shop
- a coffee shop

Q: What amenities would you like to see the Church Rooms providing?

- a part time shop and produce sharing
- an occasional café
- an occasional bar
- a venue for additional clubs
- film nights
- mother and toddler groups
- other pop-up events

3. Facilities available in the area

Q: What do you think about the role of churches in local communities?

- supporting people in difficult times
- Christianity in action
- evidence of God in our midst
- a good centre for the village
- churches can be a venue for events for the wider community such as exhibitions

Q: Is there more you would like to see St Mary's doing in East Chinnock?

- continue working for the wider community
- be an informal presence in the village
- be part of village coffee mornings
- visit the sick or lonely at home

Saturday Morning Café

Saturday 1 October at 10:30am at the Church Rooms, Portman Community Park.

The plan is to hold a café on the first Saturday of the month (subject to attendance). Please come and show your support and meet up with other villagers.

More information is available from John Chappelle: chappelles@btinternet.com

WI Update



The WI is the largest women's organisation in the UK, open to women of all generations. A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area in person, to make friends and to make a difference in your community. The organisation campaigns nationally on a wide range of issues.

The East Chinnock WI meet at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm for a couple of hours. The next meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday 12 October	Coastguard talk
Wednesday 9 November	Craft demonstration of crochet flowers
Wednesday 14 December	Pom pom dancing

The planned official September WI meeting was due to take place a few days after the death of Her Majesty The Queen. This meeting was postponed as it did not seem appropriate to have the meeting at such a time of sadness. Instead, we used this time to discuss our experiences of meeting or seeing The Queen and we raised a toast to Queen Elizabeth II. We were reminded that The Queen had driven through East Chinnock during her Jubilee year in 2012.

Annual Village Show

The Village Show returned to the Village Hall on 30 July after a 3-year gap due to the pandemic. Growing conditions had been challenging due to the weather, especially the lengthy dry spell however, the overall level of entries was much better than originally anticipated with the Hall looking resplendent on the day. There was a good turn out for the show and the general feedback from attendees was that they enjoyed it and they were pleased that it had returned.

The layout of the show was changed this year to create more space for people to move around. The serving of tea and coffee was relocated to gazebos in the car park which worked extremely well in the good weather, and this is something we may repeat in future years.

There was a good selection of competition entrants, with several new residents to the village winning classes and cups. This is very encouraging for the future of the show. The date for next year's show will again be the traditional last Saturday of July (29 July 2023).

The success of the village show is due to the efforts of the show committee, their continued support is very much appreciated.

Doug Reeve



East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club



URGENT! Your Gardening Club Needs You!

The Committee has been seeking members to join its ranks and help to develop the new year's programme for some time. This is now an urgent priority.

The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on 24 October at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall. At this meeting elections will be held for a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as the usual agenda items for discussion.

I am afraid this is a make-or-break time for the club. If we don't secure volunteers for those roles, then the future of the Club is seriously at peril.

You may have enjoyed some of our various events such as quiz evenings, trips, meals, speakers and the Village Shows, so please consider joining the club so that those activities can continue.

I look forward to seeing you on the evening. There will be tea, coffee and mingling too!

Geoff Jackson
Chairman

