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SEE INSIDE FOR:	What great news for East Chinnock! Just when we thought it was not to be, Sharon Smith has come forward to to over the running of the website from Julie Jewell. The Parish Council has agreed to fund some training for Sharon
Events photos 2	from February. We look forward to seeing the website continue and wish her all the best of luck!
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Village Happenings and	as usual. It will be open from 7:00am to 10:00pm
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POPPY APPEAL— EAST CHINNOCK GIVES GENEROUSLY **ONCE AGAIN!**

The East/West Coker Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all who contributed to our Poppy Appeal. Currently, our total stands at £6,314 with more contributions to be added.

Thanks to the people of East Chinnock who gave £559.51 towards that total. Special thanks must go out to Gill Harris, Roisin Gruner and the East Chinnock WI. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help the Legion to fund support for our armed services personnel, serving and ex-serving members and their families.

David Giles Poppy Appeal Organiser: 433644

Secretary: Marilyn Smith. 863944.

FLOOD RISKS - RIPARIAN OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

It has been noted that some of the watercourses of the village have become overgrown, with the potential to block and cause flooding. The Parish Council has sent the following information to support understanding of our duty to maintain these watercourses. There are many different types of watercourses: ditch, stream, river, brook, channel, canal. In general terms, a watercourse is a channel that can convey water.

Under common law, the land/property owner(s) is/are the riparian owner(s) of any watercourse if it is within, under or adjacent to the boundaries of their land or property. As a riparian owner your responsibilities include a duty to maintain the bank and bed of your section of the watercourse or culverted section, to avoid it becoming blocked or overgrown.

COMMON PROBLEMS AFFECTING WATERCOURSES:

- Failing to keep vegetation growth and the build-up of silt under control.
- Failing to keep pipes and culverts free of obstruction.
- Failing to obtain consent for installing pipes or culverting of watercourses.
- Disposal or storage of garden or domestic rubbish, waste etc on the banks of watercours-

Allowing hedge and vegetation cuttings to fall and be left in the watercourse.

All of which can increase the local flood risk and damage aquatic habitats. Your responsibilities

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Fireworks over East Chinnock - more photos inside! Photo: Roger Jewell

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Hello! I hope you enjoyed the new bigger issue last time. I certainly enjoyed being able to add more photos of you all enjoying village life. This issue features photos of **Halloween** fun, **Bonfire Night**, the **Charity Quiz**, makeup demos at the WI and more. Many thanks to Roger Jewell who has provided the lovely photos of the fireworks and bonfire.

Christmas approaches, so put your feet up, warm a mince pie (recipe on page 7) and enjoy the Chimes Christmas issue. Have a peaceful yuletide and Happy New Year! Julie

P.S. There are 10 Father Christmases hidden in this issue—can you find them all?



WEST COKER SCOUTS AND GUIDES CHRISTMAS POST

The Scouts and Guides' post is great value for local deliveries of Christmas cards. At just 20p a card it's a snip! It's also a fund-raiser for the Scouts and Guides, so your support comes straight back into the local community.

Good for your pocket, and good for the village! The postal boxes will be out in November - same places as last year: St Mary's Church, Cott Farm and

Gill Harris at 3 Orchardleigh.

Delivery areas are the Cokers, East Chinnock, Hardingtons, Pendomer, Odcombe and Yeovil. Last date for posting is Wednesday 11th December.

Halloween

There were reports of some strange creatures wandering the streets of East Chinnock on Halloween. They seemed to be very excited and were seen consuming large quantities of sweets and chocolate. If anyone knows who they are, please tell them they looked amazing!



VILLAGE HALL CHARITY QUIZ RAISES £462 !

Our quiz was a great evening and wonderful fund raiser. Thanks to everyone for their support. We had many donations from those unable to attend and the event raised a brilliant **£462** after expenses which has been shared between Yeovil Hospice and The British Lung Foundation.

I would also like to say a big thank you to those lovely people who cleared up the hall and did all the washing up.







Some Halloween crafty fun from the playgroup!





WHAT'S ON?

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ART GROUP

Are you interested in joining an Art Group? Our new term starts on

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2PM TO 4PM

We welcome all abilities and are founded on the simple idea: to come together to share skills, ideas, challenges and art opportunities in Somerset.

We will be working on our own projects, and enjoying the company of others. The cost is only 14.00 a year or 2.00 per session to cover expenses.

Extra days and costs will be by arrangement.

Further details from Shirley on 01935 507037



BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET 28th November – 8th December

FROST FAYRE – DORCHESTER 1st December Manor Park First School, Mellstock Ave

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - FESTIVE FUN AT FERNE Saturday 7th December – Sunday 8th December Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Chard

BUTTERMARKET CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday 7th December Buttermarket, Poundbury

CHILTHORNE DOMER. SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR. Friday 13th December 15:30 – 17:30 Pound Farm, Main St, Chilthorne Domer

YEOVIL CHRISTMAS MARKET- CRAFTS AND GIFTS Saturday 14th December 11:00 – 15:00 LED Buckler's Mead Leisure Centre, Yeovil

CREWKERNE CHRISTMAS VEGAN MARKET Saturday 21st December 10:00 – 14:00 Market Square, Crewkerne

ARE YOU LOCAL AND IN NEED OF SOME SUPPORT?

East Chinnock Feofffees is a Charity, run by a committee of local residents, with the aim of providing support to qualifying people of East Chinnock.

Support can be offered in the form of discretionary grants.

The following examples illustrate the scope and type of support: the cost of transport to hospital, costs involved with school, university or apprenticeship in the form of books, equipment and/or transport (bus pass etc.) However, this list is not exhaustive.

If you need some help and consider that you might be eligible, please apply. All applications will be dealt with in confidence. **Dr. John Cox Chairman**

GO THE EXTRA MILE AND HELP OTHERS

If you're above the age of 18, have a clean full drivers licence and own a four-door car, why not volunteer for Somerset County Council to help others get to vital medical appointments?

By committing as little as one day per week, you could greatly help a person who otherwise wouldn't be able to make appointments. Volunteer drivers provide a crucial transport service for nonemergency NHS patients and social care users, enabling them to get to various locations across the county and further afield. You could also help transport children to college or to school, providing a crucial service to a young person's academic career.

Each journey connects people with services they would otherwise miss out on. As a volunteer driver, you would be providing a vital lifeline to people in your community.

This is a rewarding opportunity to provide a valuable, practical support for people within your community and your mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile. You will also be supported by a Transporting Officer from Somerset County Council's Transporting Somerset team.

Not only will you be helping the community, it's an excellent way of meeting new people.

To find out more visit <u>https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/</u> opportunities/volunteer-driver/ or call 0300 123 2224.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

1st December Advent Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion(Common Worship) 8th December 5pm Evensong 15th December 10am Toy Service in church** Tues 17th December 7pm Carol Service



Wed 18th December 10am Holy Communion(6 Weston Close) 22nd December 8am Holy Communion(BCP)

Tues 24th December Christmas Eve 4.30pm Crib Service Wed 25th December Christmas Day 9.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

29th December Combined Benefice Service 10am All Saints Closworth

5th January 9.15am Holy Communion(Common Worship) 12th January 5pm Evensong 19th January 10am Family Café Church in the Village Hall

19th January 10am Family Café Church in the Village Hall 26th January 8am Holy Communion(BCP)

** for the Toy Service, we would be grateful if you could bring toys and games for Social Services to distribute to families at Christmas. The gifts should not be wrapped, but you are welcome

to bring them in gift bags. Come and celebrate with us as we remember God's gift of himself

to us at this special time of hope and generosity. **Gillian Tettmar**



DUNSTER BY CANDLELIGHT

Dunster Castle, the beautiful motte and bailey castle on the fringes of Exmoor, has a whole host of Christmas events this year. On the 7th and 8th December, the National Trust property will be lit up

spectacularly at its Dunster by Candlelight event, with live music, local crafts and refreshments to boot. The Castle will also play host to illuminated winter walks, Christmas lunches and a chance to meet Father Christmas!

VILLAGE HAPPENINGS & MORE...

LITERARY LUNCH

Fifty people attended the event to listen to our speaker, Jo Cox. As many of you know, Jo has written and had published the first of her trilogy *Triqueta, The Winter Wars*: a compelling fantasy novel.

The talk was both informative and amusing. Jo spoke of the challenges involved in writing fantasy, the constant need to check what you have written, the inventiveness needed in naming your characters, and coping with heroes and heroines who develop a life of their own and try to take over!



She also spoke of the ways you can get a book published. I am not a fan of the fantasy genre, and Tolkien does not grace my bookshelves, however, I enjoyed this, much to my surprise, and cannot wait for the next book. A bonus for me – it has a happy ending!

An excellent lunch was enjoyed by all – home cooked chicken casseroles, a tempting array of delicious (waist expanding!) puddings, cheese and biscuits and coffee and mints. A very satisfying way to spend a wet Saturday!

My very grateful thanks to all of the helpers, cooks, table layers, flower arrangers, washers-up and clearer-away helpers. All these are needed to make this kind of event a success: a village effort. Thank you all for your support and for attending. Proceeds go to the Village Hall.

Kate Balmford

CHRISTMAS RIDDLES-CAN YOU WORK THEM OUT?

- 1. I am very small. I fall from the sky-what am I?
- 2. I am an animal. I pull Santa's sleigh. I can fly-what am I?
- 3. You see me in the sky at night, or on top of a Christmas tree—what am I?
- 4. I have stripes, You can eat me, I taste sweet-what am I?

EAST CHINNOCK WEBSITE

Well, the time has finally arrived and I have retired! The village website has been tidied up, and, until it is taken over by Sharon Smith, is now mainly a record of East Chinnock's history apart from 'What's On', which Roger will continue to update for the time being. Council Meeting documents and the Chinnock Chimes will be attached to the relevant date on the calendar. N.B. Council Meeting documents are always available on the PC

website.

Julie Jewell

SPEEDWATCH REPORT



The Speedwatch Group have resumed their sessions following reassurance from the Police.

The results for September were broadly in line with previous months. The fastest vehicles were two at 46mph and one of these had been recorded at 50mph twice in the previous month. This driver has been visited by the Police and given 'Words of Advice'. **Geoffrey Jackson**



We are encouraging people in Somerset to get their flu jab this year. Getting the jab is the best way to protect you and your loved ones from the dangers of flu. Getting the flu jab is particularly important for people living with long term conditions and those over the age of 65.

Dr Helen Thomas, Clinical Lead for Urgent Care at SCC Group, said "The flu vaccine is free for those most at risk. People most at risk of catching flu are: Over 65s, pregnant women, those living in long-stay care facilities and people living with long-term conditions (such as respiratory disorders). However, it's not just these individuals who need to be vaccinated – their carers should be vaccinated too. If you receive a carer's allowance, or you're the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill, you will also be eligible for a free jab.

"Flu is an unpleasant illness for anyone to experience, but most healthy people should make a full recovery within 1-2 weeks. However, flu can cause severe illness and potentially death for those most at risk. Having your vaccine is the best way to keep you and your loved ones safe. Children are at higher risk of both spreading and catching the disease as they generally do not use tissues properly or wash their hands, meaning flu is a very common infection for them which can also be very unpleasant; so it's important that you give consent for your children to be vaccinated at school."

Some common myths about the flu vaccine:

- The vaccine can give you flu False. The vaccine does not contain the live virus and therefore cannot infect you with the flu
- Antibiotics can treat flu False. As influenza is a virus and not a type of bacteria, antibiotics cannot help with flu. You may however be prescribed antivirals, which can reduce your infectiousness and reduce the length of your illness.
- The flu vaccine lasts for more than one year False. You need the vaccine every year in order to stay protected, as the virus changes and adapts to the vaccine each year.
- You shouldn't get vaccinated if you are late into your pregnancy – False. It is highly recommended that pregnant women get vaccinated, no matter what stage of pregnancy they are at.
- Children can't have the vaccine False. The nasal spray flu vaccine is recommended on the NHS for all healthy 2- and 3vear-olds, plus children in primary school.
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 If you have already had flu this season, you won't need the vaccine False. As flu is caused by several viruses, the immunity you naturally developed will only protect you against one of them, so you could go on to catch another strain.
- It's too late to have the flu vaccine by November False. The best time to have the vaccine is from the beginning of October until the end of November.
- Vitamin C helps prevent flu False. There is no evidence to support that vitamin C helps with flu.



VE ANNIVERSARY EVENT-A DAY TO REMEMBER.

All Parish councils in the country have been asked if they would like to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day next year.

The VE Day 75 weekend of 8^{th} - 10^{th} May, 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions at home and abroad who played such a vital part in achieving it.

This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

A number of events are expected to take place around the country that weekend and the Parish Council think that East Chinnock should have a 1940s-themed street party on the play area. We would look towards the various committees within the village to help stage the event with the Entertainments Committee taking the lead.

If you would like to help in any way with the organisation of this event please contact Paul Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council. Let's make this a day to remember! **Paul Taylor**

OTHER NEWS

- The District Council are once again operating the Christmas tree recycling service and Cllr Cox confirmed that the Village Hall are happy for the car park to be used for this as in previous years.
- The grant application to the **Improving Lives Fund** was successful and the £500 towards a piece of adult gym equipment has been received. There was also a £500 donation in the reserves from the Golf Croquet Club, and it has been suggested that it could be used for the same purpose, and so two items could be bought at very little cost to the council. ClIP Paul Taylor said that the Entertainments Committee could be asked to contribute for additional pieces so that a good selection could be installed. The decision on which pieces to buy and where to site them would be made in the New Year.
- A request from Somerset County Council

"For any Public Rights of Way issues please use the <u>interactive</u> <u>map</u> reporting tool which enables the user to pin point the issue being raised, with the option to add a comment/detail of the issue being raised

Using this web based tool ensures any complaint/issue is lodged on the same system County Officers use day to day and is the quickest way to ensure any PRoW complaints are resolved."

N.B. East Chinnock's councillor for Rights of Way is Michael Bussell: 01935-864233: mike.winnates@outlook.com



WINTER GRITTING

The precautionary gritting network has been reviewed in line with the latest guidance and recommendations contained in the national Code of Practice. We have taken on board feedback

and have reassessed the criteria used to determine which roads will be gritted.

This has resulted in an increase in the precautionary gritting network from approx. 720 miles to 900 miles of road which will be treated every time ice or snow is forecast. This is around 21 per cent of the total road network in Somerset – bringing it back to similar levels to 2017/18.

We will be operating twenty three gritting lorries, running out of five depots across the county. Travel Somerset website at <u>www.travelsomerset.co.uk/gritting</u> detail has a map of locally gritted roads.



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS & MORE ...

EAST CHINNOCK GARDENING & COUNTRYSIDE CLUB

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It is hoped that current members will rejoin and help look for new recruits to enjoy the 2019/2020 programme which includes:

- Christmas Dinner
- Bach Flower Remedies
- Cider Making
- Barrington House Gardens
- The Jurassic Coastline
- Pruning
- Garden Fruit Trees and an Afternoon Tea.

Membership Fee for November 2019 - October 2020 remains @ £10. Meetings are in the Village Hall on the 3^{rd} Monday of the month. Membership Forms for 2019/20 can be found **in this issue**, and will also be circulated to current members via email in readiness for subscriptions in October/November. Membership Forms will be available at meetings for any new interested people or the Visitor fee of £3 will be required.

If you are at all interested in the Club or its events then please contact **Chairman Geoff Jackson 01935 863212**.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BRUE BOYS CONCERT

The recent concert with the Brue Boys was a great evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It raised $\pounds575.20$, so thank you to every-one who supported us.

This was the last concert in the current series, it is hoped that further events will be organised in 2020.

Liz Murdoch.



AVOID UNNECESSARY WASTE THIS CHRISTMAS

Try to avoid your real Christmas tree ending up in wasteful landfill by choosing options such as

- home composting
- taking them to any recycling site
- using a local drop-off or chipping point
- booking a charity collection.

Key easy "hacks" to cut waste over Christmas

- Buy better wrapping paper.
- Avoid foil, plastics, holograms, glitter and miles of sticky tape in favour of – just like the song – brown paper packages tied up with string.
- Check crackers for plastic. Many shops now have plasticfree versions, or it is fun for families to make their own from a kit or by checking the net for ideas.
- Shun single-use plastic. Avoid overpackaged gift, food and decorations, such as use-once-and-break toys, and the man-made fibres in many festive jumpers.
- Cut waste with gift wish lists. And look for presents that last, are valued, and worth keeping and repairing, ideally made of natural fibres and materials
- Decorate with natural greenery. It is compostable and beautiful. Then add child creativity and edible treats
- Check cupboards, fridge, freezers, drawers; avoid buying too much. Start saving by eating into the freezer to clear storage. Make a meal plan, then write and keep to the shopping list.

ARE YOU WINTER READY? It's getting to that time again! Chilly weather, leaves falling off the trees and Christmas fast approaching. The Civil Contingencies Unit would like to direct readers to two websites that give very good health and travel advice for the winter period:

The Met Office seasonal advice, found at: <u>https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/</u> <u>weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice</u> gives readers ideas on how to prepare their homes and vehicles for cold and snowy weather. Meanwhile the NHS website, <u>https://www.nhs.uk/staywell</u>, provides expert advice on how to stay healthy during winter. They highlight the top ten winter illnesses and offer some tips for prevention and to alleviate symptoms.



The children at East Chinnock Under Fives have settled in after their half term break. As well as the usual fun and games the children made crafts to celebrate Halloween (see photos on page 2). We will soon be starting our Christmas celebrations, the children are starting to learn some songs to perform at the Christmas party.

Our toddler session has changed time and is now on Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3.00. Come and join us for a play and a cuppa. All are welcome, whether you use the playschool or not! **Rose Goddard**

YOUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS AND

RECYCLING SITE OPENINGS

Festive waste collections will be two days later after Christmas, including Friday collections on Sunday, and one day later after New Year, Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) has announced.

Before and after Christmas and New Year, please do not overload the vehicles or crews. Put excess materials from festive parties, internet deliveries and Christmas clear-ups out over time or take them all to a recycling site."

Individual recycling site opening days vary – check details on <u>www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</u> – but the network is open every day of the year except Christmas, Boxing and New Years Day.

USUAL DAY	REVISED DAY	
Mon 23 Dec	No change	
Tue 24 Dec	No change	
Wed 25 Dec	Fri 27 Dec	
Thu 26 Dec	Sat 28 Dec	
Fri 27 Dec	Sun 29 Dec	
Mon 30 Dec	No change	
Tue 31 Dec	No change	
Wed 1 Jan	Thu 2 Jan	
Thu 2 Jan	Fri 3 Jan	
Fri 3 Jan	Sat 4 Jan	
Mon 6 Jan	Usual services resume	

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



10.30 - NOON IN THE VILLAGE HALL

December 3rd and 17th January 7th and 2

All welcome!

COMPETITION RESULTS



EAST CHINNOCK CHRISTMAS SHORT STORY COMPETITION. AND THE WINNER OF THE ADULT CATEGORY IS



GILLIAN TETMAR!

CONGRATULATIONS, GILLIAN - THE £10 BOOK VOUCHER. WILL BE ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

Gillian's story was the only entrant in the adult category, but the judges felt it very much reflected the spirit of Christmas, and was a worthy winner. Sadly, there were no entries for the children's category. Thanks to Maurice and Jenny Jones for being the judges.

Here is Gillian's lovely Christmas story.

Spirit of Christmas by Gillian Tettmar

Susan Field had her Christmas day all planned out. She would cook the chicken given to her by a pupil's butcher dad, she would watch the favourite TV programmes she had recorded, she would listen to some relaxing music, and most of all, she would be ALONE.

Bliss!

No children or parents clamouring for attention, and no relatives either, since a distant cousin in New Zealand was her nearest relative. She had refused all offers in the village to share Christmas Dinner with them. 'I'm really looking forward to being on my own,' she told herself, after a particularly busy term.

Her thoughts were interrupted by the wavering sound of 'Away in a Manger', being sung out of tune just outside her door. 'Oh no!' she muttered. 'Not more carol singers.' Looking out of her bedroom window, she saw Jake and Stan, two of the most disruptive pupils in the school, looking up at her, and singing even louder as they caught sight of her. 'I suppose I can't just ignore them,' she grumbled to herself as she went downstairs to the door.

She opened the door prepared to give them a pound in the hope they would go away. Their grubby faces beamed at her. 'Oh, thank you, Miss Field. We knew you would help us.' Stan wiped his runny nose across his muddy sleeve. 'You see, Miss, our mum says she can't do Christmas dinner as she hasn't got no money left and the oven is broke.' Susan remembered that these two had become even more difficult at school since their dad left home a few months ago, saying he 'wanted some space.'

She looked at them standing there in trousers too small for them, and coats too thin for the winter weather. A perfectly ridiculous idea occurred to her. 'Look you boys, it's very late for you to be out, and cold too. Why don't I walk home with you now?' The boys agreed with alacrity. When they got to their mum's house, Anne Tanner came out with a toddler on her hip, looking

stressed. 'Stan, Jake, where have you been? You never told me you was going out. And what have you been doing at this time of night, I'd like to know?'

Before the boys could speak, Susan found herself saying, 'I heard them singing carols, and I hope you don't mind, but I thought I'd join them. The thing is, I'm going to be on my own this Christmas, and I've been given a chicken which is much too big for one person. If I cooked it at home, could I possibly bring it round to your house to share it with you?'

There was a mixture of mixture of suspicion and relief in Anne voice as she said, 'I suppose you'd better come in, Miss Field, and perhaps we can talk about it.'



If you're being eco-friendly this year and want to make your own Christmas crackers, here are some...cracking jokes ;-)



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claus-trophobia! What does Santa do when his elves misbehave? He gives them the sack! Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws! What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow! What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet! What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson! What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker! What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards How do snowmen get around? They ride an icicle! And the best one ..

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis!

THE BOOKWORM AND A FESTIVE RECIPE...

THE LITTLE RED CHAIRS BY EDNA **O'BRIEN**

The book *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brian was a book of considerable contrasts. Dr. Dragan (Radovan Karadzic?) insinuated himself into a naive Irish village. The inhabitants are charmed by this poet, philosopher and alternative medicine practitioner before the evil manipulative operator is revealed and the effect is chilling



There were beautiful descriptions of garden, meadows and flowers, but this did not balance the sordidness of the other descriptions. The book was well written but certainly not a book with a feel good

factor The Bookworm

DELIA'S FASTEST MINCE PIES EVER!

INGREDIENTS

3/4 x 411 g jar Marks & Spencer luxury mincemeat (or similar) 1 x 375 g pack fresh ready-rolled puff pastry A little milk 42 whole blanched almonds 42 fresh cranberries Golden caster sugar, to dust Icing sugar, to serve



METHOD

Unroll the packet of pastry, leaving it on the cellophane, then cut out 28 x 2 inch (5 cm) discs and arrange them on the baking tray. Next, using the 11/2 in (4 cm) cutter, press this into the centre of each disc, making an incision to just three-quarters of the way into the pastry (but be careful not to go right through).

Brush the edge of each disc with a little milk, then pile about a teaspoonful of mincemeat into the centre of each disc.

Arrange 3 almonds on half the mince pies and 3 cranberries on the rest, then dust the nuts and cranberries with a little caster sugar. Bake the mince pies on a high shelf of the oven for 10-12 minutes or till golden, then remove them to a wire cooling tray. Serve warm, dusted with icing sugar.

Note: If freezing the pies, allow them to cool, then transfer to a plastic freezer box (layered with baking parchment). To re-heat, cook from frozen in an oven pre-heated to gas mark 7, 425°F (220°C) for 4-5 minutes. Then dust with icing sugar.

Delia Smith

the babysitter PE

NEED A BABYSITTER?

My name is Phoebe Gardener and I've lived in the village all my life. I'm 18 years old, and have three years of babysitting experience. I'm reliable, honest and caring. Great references upon request. Please contact me on my mobile :

07513852946 or my home number: 01935 863650 for more information. Thank you.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE—FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE

Please send your submissions to the editor, Julie Kneafsey, by 11th January for inclusion in the February/March edition. Thank you. Email: chinnockchimes@gmail.com Post to: 4, Springfields, East Chinnock, BA22 9EW Tel: 01935 864266

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



16

East Chinnock W.I. speakers are known to feature some serious subjects, but now and again the ladies (and the occasional male visitor) have a more light-hearted event.

INSPIRING WOMEN Originally we were to hear about "The Changing Face of Make-Up" but the speaker had to drop out and, at very short notice, Molly and Sophie from "Headkandi" in Yeovil stepped in.

Everyone learned a good deal about looking after the face by having a regular routine of cleansing and toning before applying cosmetics, and the two sisters gave very useful answers to all the questions.

A most interesting make-up demonstration followed, with a rather nervous Gill Harris as the guinea-pig (see below), and who ended up thoroughly enjoying the attention. Everything was expertly applied to give a subtle yet very attractive result, greatly impressing the audience and Gill, and I'm sure many East Chinnock ladies will be visiting "Headkandi" to look their best for Christmas. **Roisin Gruner**





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