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THE CHINNOCK CHIMES



NEW EAST CHINNOCK VILLAGE WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

Find it at...www.eastchinnock.net

We are delighted to announce the launch of the new East Chinnock village website. We first want to thank Roger and Julie Jewell for all of their time and effort building and maintaining the old website for all these years, and for collecting and collating all the content there.

For all the previous visitors to the old website, the same content has been brought across to this new site and we have tried to maintain some of the old structure to the content so it should be easy to find and navigate.

For new visitors and for anyone who hasn't visited the website before, why not make some time and have a look? Some of the highlights include;

- **What's On:** an online village diary for all the events and goings-on in the village. This includes one off events as well as regular reminders. To make it easier, all of the 'up and coming' events are also listed on the home page automatically when they are due – (this includes reminding us when the bins are due to go out and which ones!). Just keep an eye on the home page.

If you are planning an event in the village, please let us know at website@eastchinnock.net and we can add it to the village diary.

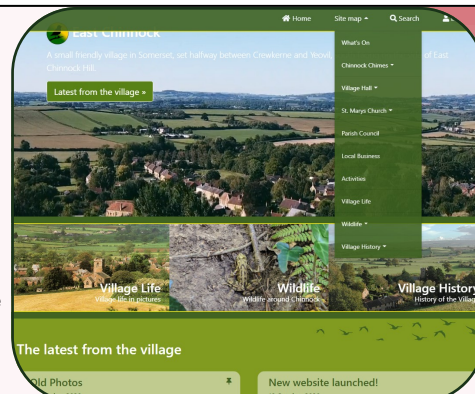
- **Chinnock Chimes:** A whole section exists for the Chimes including all the back issues for the last year. This is a great reference and reminder of what wonderful things the village has been up to.
- **Village Hall / St. Mary's Church:** past and present. General information on the facilities offered as well as the fascinating history of both these historic buildings and the parts they have played in years gone by.
- **Village Life:** Some fantastic photos in here of the village and some of the various events and gatherings that have happened over the years. Can you spot yourself or a family member?
- **Local Businesses:** A small directory of some of the local businesses in the area. If you are a local business, please send in your details and we can add you in here.
- **Village History:** Everything from the tales of smugglers in 1830, through to the Queen herself can be found in this section. A fascinating collection of articles and photos documenting some of the colourful history of the village. Also a collection of old photos showing how the village has changed (or in some cases not changed) over the years.
- **Wildlife:** Some great photos of some of the wildlife in and around the village and a new section entitled 'Pets of the Village' where we are looking for villagers to send in photos of their beloved animal friends who live in the village alongside us.

This is just a small selection of some of the great content that can be found on the website. An absolutely fascinating resource of information and images for anyone who has a local connection to East Chinnock to enjoy.

LETS ALL CONTRIBUTE.

The website now has a fresh new face and has been designed so that it can be added to and extended to capture the next chapter in the life of East Chinnock. In this vein, please don't be shy in getting in contact with us. Get your event added to the diary, your old village photos added to the Village History section, or let us have any other articles of interest that can be shared and enjoyed by all. Email us at website@eastchinnock.net.

It has been an absolute pleasure building the website for the village, and I do hope you all enjoy it. **Simon Wetherell**



Hello! What great news to end the year with - a brilliant new website! Well done to Simon for his hard work in designing it - it will be a credit to the village I'm sure. This is my last issue as editor, and I would like to take a bit of space to thank everyone who has contributed to the issues I've edited. Particularly the Jewells, who have been brilliantly supportive. I've had great fun creating it and am sure your new editor - Annette Spurrell - will enjoy making the Chimes her own, as I did. A warm welcome to Annette, and please be sure to email all your submissions to her from now on. All details inside as usual.

Enjoy the Christmas edition and have a wonderful festive season!
Julie xx



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In spite of the restrictions, our village youngsters managed to have some safe fun this year, collecting sweets from outside houses instead of knocking. Some great and scary costumes!



Kid's Corner



Look on our website:
www.cokerridge.org.uk
or Facebook page for
more fun things to do.

WOW!

- Equipment Just you and a blanket
- Set up Go outside and lay your blanket on the ground – try and choose a time when the ground is dry, or if the weather is really awful maybe lie inside by a window.
- Instructions Lay on the blanket and look up. What can you see? Perhaps some clouds or trees or the blue sky? WOW! Nature is so amazing. Use these pictures to help you if you can't see much where you are. What have been 'WOW!' moments for you this week? Maybe something fun, something you did well, or something that happened? Lay still and think about these 'WOW!' moments. Enjoy the memories! If you want to, you can thank God for them.



Thank you for all the amazing things that make me say WOW! You've made an incredible world God, filled with incredible things, and I'm so grateful for all the good things I have in my life.

You really are an AMAZING God.

Amen



Autumn at the Lookout, East Chinnock

EAST CHINNOCK HONEY

£5 a jar



Please pop round or call any time!

Brian Kemp
449 Weston Street
East Chinnock
07912 313952

BE KIND TO ME THIS CHRISTMAS – FROM A LITTLE PERSON'S POINT OF VIEW:

You've probably let me eat more sugar than usual. I'm bound to have higher highs and lower lows.

In the holidays I'm out of routine. I can cope better with transitions when I know exactly what's coming next, so please explain our plans for the day clearly to me.

The anticipation of Christmas can be pretty overwhelming and exhausting. Help me to rest by keeping to my normal bedtimes.

Travelling at Christmas is stressful for all of us. When possible, be flexible about when we travel and check the traffic before we leave.

I have no idea about the value of money. If there's no way I can have that giant Lego set for Christmas, then please tell me well before Christmas morning. I'll have time to get over my disappointment and I'll learn to trust your honesty.

Grown-ups find preparing for Christmas stressful. I know you want it to be perfect for me so I'll have memories I can cherish forever. But I see you getting stressed. Sometimes even before you do. I pick up on it and reflect it like a mirror. Please slow down, notice me, talk to me, play with me. That's what I'll remember.

When I lose it – and I probably will at some point – please don't make me ashamed of my feelings by shouting at me. I never set out to deliberately disappoint you and I didn't try to ruin your Christmas. I'm really not that calculated. I'm just a little person whose brain deals with stress in different ways to yours. Please try to understand me, from my point of view.

And when all else fails, wrap your arms around me and hold me so I feel the strength of your love.

Via Esther's Childminding (shared with permission)



EAST CHINNOCK GARDENING & COUNTRYSIDE CLUB



SEASONS GREETINGS!

Welcome 2021.

The Club Committee is meeting in January with the intention of providing a programme for Club members from March - starting where we left and nothing to pay!!

We wish to say a very big 'thank you' to Linda for being Club Treasurer for a number of years and a very big 'welcome' to Jon Borreson who has kindly taken over the task.

If you are venturing out The Gold Club have been sent 20 vouchers with 25% off for Jan/Feb 2021 from the The Gardens Group, Brimsmore, Castle Gardens, and Poundbury. The Voucher can be used on all products excluding those already discounted or on special offer and excluding restaurant, farm shop and concessions. Please contact or collect from Bunty @ Wrendale or on 01935 863420.

You will have received an e mail copy of the Compost Order form. Prices are the same as last year. The order needs to be made in January and can be delivered to your door. If you need a printed copy contact Bunty (as above).

With the hope that there will be a Village Show in 2021, club members will be provided with a plug plant – Petunia Fanfare Lavender Vein to grow on and enter. Available for collection @ the March meeting.

We look forward to meeting with members very soon.
Contact details: eastchinnockgandcc@aol.com Chairman: Geoff Jackson 01935 863212.



EAST CHINNOCK & VILLAGES ART GROUP

We are on Facebook where we have various tutorials and encouragement.

We also meet together 2pm to 4pm every other week and other times by arrangement at East Chinnock Village Hall.

We work at our own pace with our own materials.
If you are new to Art, help will be given if required.

For further details phone **01935 507037**

or email: Shirleyallnutt8@gmail.com

SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL LAUNCHES E-SCOOTER TRIALS WITH ZWINGS

Britain's leading micro-mobility operator, Zwings, has partnered with South Somerset District Council to launch a fleet of e-scooters in Yeovil from 22nd October 2020.

This scheme will be run under the official e-scooter trials initiative, authorised by the Department for Transport (DfT). Private use e-scooters remain illegal on UK roads, however these trials are allowing the DfT to review how authorised rental e-scooters are used in a controlled and monitored environment.

With the declaration of a climate emergency, there is an urgent need for solutions that will directly reduce unnecessary car usage in order to lower carbon emissions, reduce air pollution and congestion and improve health and wellbeing.

Zwings is operating a 'regulated parking model' rather than a traditional 'free floating' scheme found in most cities. This means riders have to end their ride via the app in a designated e-scooter parking bay rather than simply anywhere. This helps to reduce parking clutter and makes it easier for riders to find available vehicles faster.

Zwings' rental scheme will start with 40 e-scooters and then will scale relative to uptake. Battery levels are monitored and regularly swapped with recharged ones that are powered via a renewable energy tariff. Their staff will also soon use an electric van to travel around town to find, relocate, sanitise and maintain the e-scooters.

South Somerset Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Sarah Dyke, said: "We are very excited to be one of the first local authorities to trial the official Department for Transport e-scooter scheme. We hope residents and visitors to Yeovil will embrace this initiative and replace their short about town car journeys to this emission free alternative."

**HELLO YEOVIL!
WELCOME TO
ZWINGS**

- E-SCOOTERS ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT IN YEOVIL TO BE YOUR SUSTAINABLE, FUN AND SOCIALLY DISTANT WAY OF TRAVELLING.
- £1 TO UNLOCK AN E-SCOOTER AND 15P PER MINUTE OF RENTAL
- USE THIS OFFER CODE IN THE APP TO RECEIVE £4 RENTAL CREDITS: **SWITCHTOSCOOT**

Follow the 'children's star trail'
and make your Christmas extra special
with a visit to the manger
at

East Chinnock Church
see the animals, the shepherds and wise men
Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus

write your wishes on a star and hang it on our prayer tree
read about the Christmas story and take a colouring sheet home.

A truly wonderful way to start your Christmas!

Star Trail open from Monday 7th December

And then every Monday 'Til Christmas

3.30pm - 4.30pm

SCOUTS AND GUIDES CHRISTMAS POST

West Coker Scouts and Guides regret that they will not be providing a local Christmas post this year due to Covid-19.

The Groups express their thanks to all the loyal supporters and wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas.



E C VILLAGE HALL



COFFEE MORNINGS

have been temporarily suspended due to the shutdown.
We will let you know when they are up and running again.

In the meantime, stay safe!

Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley

How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born? They had a weigh in a manger



EAST CHINNOCK VILLAGE HALL



Opening hours: Mondays 1-3pm
Tuesdays 9am -12pm

When the post office is open there will be a table in the hall where people can leave books and jigsaws they no longer want. These can be swapped with anything that is already there.

We would respectfully like to point out that the village hall car park is for people using the village hall only and is NOT a general car park for cars to be parked overnight.



STEPPING UP EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

A co-ordinated network of employment and skills support for individuals, employers and businesses seeking support and information in relation to employment, skills, careers and apprenticeships is being rolled out across Somerset under the Step Up Somerset brand to boost existing provision in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

This includes a new one-stop website www.stepupsomerset.org.uk which will provide support for individuals who are job hunting, seeking training in new industries or working to strengthen their skills by providing details of employment and skills services and resources. Those who find themselves at risk of, or being made redundant can find a full range of support including help with re-skilling, financial assistance and wellbeing information.

Employers will be able to gather information on redundancy support for their workforce, staff development and offering apprenticeships or industry placements to young people. The website will also provide a platform for promoting any recruitment or development events available to attend.

For anyone without internet access further one-to-one help can also be provided via a single phone helpline: **0300 790 6275**.



INTRODUCING THE NEXTDOOR APP!

Our neighbourhood is now using a free app called Nextdoor East Chinnock. It's the neighbourhood hub for useful information such as local business recommendations, lost pet notifications, safety updates and much more.

It's also a great way to connect neighbours in need with those who can help.

It's 100% free and private - just for our neighbours.
If you're interested, download the **Nextdoor App** or go to www.nextdoor.co.uk

Sara Russell, Orchardleigh

NEW FINDS LIAISON OFFICER
IN SOMERSET.

Maria Kneafsey is based at the
South West Heritage Trust

If you find an object of archaeological interest, please get in touch with her on:

finds@swheritage.org.uk
Tel: 01823 347457



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Changes to the Planning Process

A briefing note on the Planning White Paper that has been circulated. The aim of the proposed new legislation is to speed up and simplify the planning application process.

The main change proposes placing more emphasis on the District Local Plan which will be required to place land in their area into one of three categories.

Category 1 will be Growth Areas which are suitable for substantial development and this includes brownfield sites.

Category 2 will be Renewal Areas which are suitable for smaller scale developments and infill sites.

Category 3 will be Protected Areas which are not considered suitable or desirable for development. These could include green belt, conservation areas, flood plains etc.

For anything identified as being in Categories 1 and 2, outline planning permission will be automatic. Category 3 will need full planning permission. Councils will have targets for development and their Local Plans will need to ensure that there is sufficient Category 1 and 2 land identified. Parish Councils will be consulted on the Local Plan so will be involved in any discussions regarding local areas earmarked as being suitable for building but will no longer be consulted about individual developments. The current SSDC Local Plan did not earmark East Chinnock as being suitable for any major development.

Changes to your Local Council

There are two alternative proposals to alter the way that Local Government operates in Somerset. Currently there is a three tier system of County, District and Parish. The plan is to merge the County and District levels into smaller authorities.

The County Council favours one authority to cover the whole area and details of their case can be found at onesomerset.org.uk.

The District Councils proposal is for 2 authorities - West Somerset and East Somerset. Their case can be found at <https://www.strongersomerset.co.uk/>

Christmas Tree recycling

Christmas Tree recycling on the Village Hall car park will not take place this year. Trees can be taken to the Recycling Centres or left out with the green bin for those who have that service.

FREE DOWNLOAD OF 2021 SOUTH SOMERSET HERITAGE
CALENDAR THIS YEAR!

The 2021 South Somerset heritage collection calendar is now available to download for free! Curated and designed by staff and volunteers at SSDC's newly renamed South Somerset Heritage Collection (formerly the Community Heritage Access Centre), the calendar includes a series of photographs and associated items selected from across the extensive South Somerset collections.

Heritage Co-ordinator, Joseph Lewis commented: "With the 2021 calendar, we have expanded the reach to include Yeovil and four South Somerset villages; East Chinnock, Martock, Montacute and Stoke sub Hamdon, but have continued the combination of photographs and related objects that people have enjoyed over the past two years."

The 2021 calendar is now in its eighth successful year of production. Councillor Mike Best, SSD Council's portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing, said: "The Heritage collection is a fascinating and diverse mix of objects and images. Seeing these pages come together to bring to life past moments in our history, or to illustrate the everyday but interesting pattern of life has been wonderful and we are especially grateful to design volunteer, Ian Tasker, for the production of the calendar and for showing our collection in its best possible light. "Designing the 2021 Yeovil calendar has been an enjoyable experience," said Ian, "especially expanding my knowledge of the other South Somerset villages that we have included this year."

The 2021 Calendar is available to download at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/heritage.



A VARIETY OF EVENTS!

East Chinnock W.I. enjoyed an evening of exercise and relaxation to music last month.

Social distancing had obliged us to forego the Speaker we had arranged pre-Covid, and we were delighted that Shirley Allnutt was available to kindly step in. We gently "warmed-up" (always advised before a work-out) then moved into a series of varied and rejuvenating exercises, followed by a very pleasant meditative "winding-down".

As the gentlemen had missed out, Shirley offered an open session on the 2nd of this month at Haselbury Plucknett's Bible Christian Centre although only two were brave enough to appear, but they were both very pleased that they had decided to join the ladies. Anyone who has not had a go in person can find Shirley's excellent videos on U-Tube.

The Somerset branch of the National Federation of Women's Institutes was unable to hold its AGM in its usual format this year, but ZOOM came to the rescue - enabling, in fact, many more to attend than would have done under "normal" circumstances. A long journey has deterred a good number of members over the years, and everyone in the large audience greatly appreciated the hard work of organising by all concerned to bring us the 2020 AGM.

Our speakers were two highly-acclaimed people in their profession.

Mary-Jess gave us an inspiring account of her life in music and language, and Tom Heap told us of his involvement in environmental matters as a broadcaster and presenter.

The event was so successful that ZOOM may well be utilised again, whatever the circumstances in years to come. Sandra Ford, our Federation Chair, said in her summing-up - "I have seen the future."

Roisin Gruner



Socially-distanced WI meeting in the Village Hall

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S



At the time of writing we are in Lockdown 2, so we are continuing with Zoom church meetings. On 15th November we should have had our first Café church via Zoom, with folks from other churches in the Benefice joining in. We hope we can resume services in our churches in December.

We are not yet sure what services we will have in East Chinnock in December, but we hope to have our Family Toy Service in church at 10am on 13th December. This is when we bring toys as presents to be given to Social Services to distribute to families who need them.

We also hope to have our usual crib service at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve. We don't yet know what service we will have on Christmas Day, but we do plan to celebrate the birth of our Saviour with a service in some way.

There is a popular informal Family Service by zoom every Sunday at 9.35am. All very welcome. Contact Sheila Carpenter on robinsheila@icloud.com for details and an invitation. For details of services and events, see our Benefice website www.cokerridge.org.uk and for the latest activities for children see www.cokerridge.org.uk/families--children.html. We also have a Benefice Facebook page The Coker Ridge Benefice. See our exciting Christmas 'Follow the Star' invitation below. **Gillian Tettmar**

NICK THE VEG



"Nic the Veg" who has been coming with his van and produce while the coffee mornings have been taking place, will still be coming to the Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. He stocks fruit and veg which is of a very high standard and very reasonable in price. He can take card payments.

Please wear masks and practice social distancing.

Pam O'Donnell



JANE'S COASTAL WALK DIARY

WALKING THE SOUTH WEST COASTAL PATH FOR ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION
15th Sept

I reached Land's End yesterday, a real mile stone! Very busy with tourists, so wore a mask and didn't linger. There were interesting towns and villages en route, with mining history. I plan to explore these on a return visit when the crisis is over.

Next stop will be Penzance, and this leg is tricky walking at times, but interesting villages to visit on the way, and Penlee Point where I

will pass the site of the former Penlee lifeboat station.

21st Sept

Yesterday reached Penzance, so heading in homeward direction! Varied and tricky walking at times, but villages of Mousehole and Newlyn with its new Penlee lifeboat station had interesting Cornish fishing history. Passing Penlee Point, and the site of the former Penlee lifeboat station, I paused to reflect at the memorial to 8 crew members of the Penlee Solomon Browne lifeboat lost in Dec 1981. Penzance busy, so stayed out of town last night. Now on my way to Porthleven.

11th Oct

Reached Porthallow. A marker shows it to be the halfway point (315 miles)! Last week passed St Michael's Mount off shore, Porthleven and Lizard Point. Windy, wet, tricky walking, with many ascents and descents.

Lizard lifeboat station has a display of 157yrs of lifesaving at sea off Lizard Peninsula since 1859. Closed due to the crisis, I plan to return to see it in the future. The lifeboat crew are busy, with 372 lives saved and 8941 launches in 2019.

Next stop Falmouth!

11th Nov

Rain and storms have made walking difficult over the past few weeks, so have had to be careful. Tricky terrain and ferry times to negotiate. Stopped at Falmouth, where the lifeboat crews were busy in October, rescuing windsurfers and kayakers. Travelled on with stops at Portloe, Mevagissey and Polmear, and am now on my way to Polperro.

13th Nov

I would like to say a huge thankyou to everybody who has supported my walking challenges so far. Your support gives me confidence to keep walking, especially through this second lockdown, and will encourage me to continue through the winter months and into what will hopefully be better times next spring.

I have to shield again at the moment, due to ongoing treatments and hospital procedures, so my walks are an allowed lifeline which helps my physical and mental wellbeing, and with supporters, helps raise money for good causes at the same time.

For anyone who would like to support me in my South West Coastal Path challenge, or follow my updates as I go along, my JustGiving link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janes-sw-coastal-walk>

Thank you again for helping me raise funds for The Royal National Lifeboat Institution,

Jane LeFeuvre





HM Government

NHS

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).</p>

SOMERSET
CORONAVIRUS
We're all in it togetherWALK THROUGH
COVID TESTING
CENTRE

There is a new 'walk-through' coronavirus testing site opening in Bridgwater, as Somerset County Council makes testing more widely available and accessible.

Achieved with the cooperation of Bridgwater Town Council, Serco, and Deloitte, the walk-through sites at Bridgwater Town Hall will be the first of its kind in the county and is one of two new sites set up recently – with a drive-through facility in Yeovilton going live this week.

Support Line

These really are unsettling times for us all. Please, if you are worried, or struggling, then get in touch. Our coronavirus support line is here to provide support on a number of issues you may be facing, for things like financial concerns, housing and medical support to employment and skills advice.

You can call 0300 790 6275 between 8-6pm seven days a week if you need help or are concerned about relatives or neighbours.

Mindline is open 24 hours a day seven days a week and is there to support you. It is a friendly service open to anyone during these challenging times.

People may be anxious when they are not normally anxious, and this line is as much for them as for someone who may have a mental health problem already and needs extra support.

Please call **01823 276 892** if you need support.

Recognising Coronavirus
(COVID-19) Symptoms

NHS

Symptoms	Covid-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	Flu Rapid onset of symptoms	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms
Fever (37.8C or above)	Common	Common	Rare
Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
Sneezing	No	No	Common
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
Loss of taste or smell	Common	No	Sometimes

SPARK
SOMERSET
INSPIRING COMMUNITIES

COVID CHAMPIONS

Spark Somerset is working in partnership with SASP (Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership) to set up the Covid Community Champions Network. This will give local people a role in helping their community to get up to date information and make the right choices to stay healthy.

After attending a short online training course, Covid Community Champions will be able to help their community to understand the latest guidance around Covid-19, and signpost to other health and wellbeing support.

This can be done informally as the Champions go about their day to day lives. Whether they chat to someone while queuing outside the shop, talk to work colleagues, or challenge something they see online, they will play a vital part in helping keep local people informed, happy, and healthy.

Champions will have the opportunity to attend regular meetings, where they'll get to know the other Champions, keep up to date, and feedback about how things are going where they live and work.

We're particularly keen to involve people living or working with communities that might find it hard to get the right information about how to stay happy and healthy at the moment, and areas where Covid infections rates are highest in Somerset.

If you, or someone you know who might be interested in a becoming a Covid Champion, you can find more information and sign up on the web address below. The first induction/training session will be via Zoom on Tuesday 17th November at 7pm. Sign up details will be sent to people who have registered on the link above.

Helen Fielden Volunteer Development Officer
http://www.sparksomerset.org.uk/ Office: 01458 550973
Mobile: 07535 800944



CHRISTMAS MULLED GIN

INGREDIENTS

70cl bottle of gin
100g caster sugar
6 cloves
1 cinnamon stick
1 tsp ground all spice
Rind of 1/2 orange
1 tsp orange juice

METHOD

Take a large preserving jar (I have a 1 litre clip-top one) and to it add the sugar, spices – I snap my cinnamon stick into a couple of pieces at this point – and orange rind and juice. Crack open the bottle of gin and pour it in, taking time to appreciate that wonderful glugging noise as you go.

Stir it all up – I use chop sticks, for no good reason – and then close the jar, then shake and swirl until the sugar dissolves. Put the jar in a cupboard and leave it there for ten days to a week, remembering to swirl it every day. It should turn a wonderful bronze colour.

When you're ready to bottle, sterilise the glass bottle in the oven and drain the contents of your jar through a piece of muslin (or kitchen roll in a sieve!) and then pour it into the bottle, and a little into a glass, because it's Christmas and you deserve a treat. Serve with ice, tonic and good company (if it's safe to do so!)



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTION DATES



Garden waste collections will not take place Friday 25th Dec, 2020- Friday 8th January 2021 (inclusive). Friday 8th January collections will be on Saturday 9th January. Usual garden waste collections resume on Monday 11th January.

Christmas trees - decoration-free real trees can be composted at home, taken to any recycling site, or garden waste subscribers can add them to their collection.

Thurs 24th Dec	No change
Fri 25th Dec	Mon 28th Dec
Mon 28th Dec	Tues 29th Dec
Tues 29th Dec	Wed 30th Dec
Wed 30th Dec	Thurs 31st Dec
Thurs 31st Dec	Sat 2nd Jan
Fri 1st Dec	Mon 4th Jan
Mon 4th Jan	Tues 5th Jan
Tues 5th Jan	Wed 6th Jan
Wed 6th Jan	Thurs 7th Jan
Thurs 7th Jan	Fri 8th Jan
Fri 8th Jan	Sat 9th Jan
Mon 11th Jan	Usual collections

beauty
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