

DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

Editor's Message

Welcome to this festive issue of The Chinnock Chimes!

In this issue we report on the recent fantastic Bonfire and Fireworks display, our Christmas Fair at the Village Hall, our successful Pop-Up BYO Pub evenings and even new Pilates classes! It's all going on in East Chinnock!

Our cover image is of a painting by local artist Diane Summer. The painting entitled 'Snowfall - East Chinnock' also features on Christmas cards, which were on sale at the Village Christmas Fair.

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 January 2023.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Annette



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Eggs!

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.

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.

Books!

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

Support The Village Hall

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

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South Somerset District Council	Parish Council Chairman	Post Office (Village Hall)	Westlake Surgery	Entertainments Committee Chair	Beavers (6-8 years)	Scouts Active Support (adults)
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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

It is believed the new noticeboard at the entrance to Portman Community Park may have been knocked by a vehicle. 'Private Property No Parking' signs are being ordered and will be fixed in the park entrance area.

Plans are in place to fix the church clock.

Bonfire Night

The annual Bonfire Night event took place on 5 November as usual, but on this occasion with virtually silent fireworks.

There was a Guy competition. Congratulations to the winners Laura Gregory and Richard and Archie Farndon. Thanks also to Simon Wetherall and Steve and Mandy Russell for their entries.

We believe that this year had the highest level of attendance and we sold out of burgers rapidly!

Thank you to all of the Entertainments Committee members and volunteers for giving up their valuable time – with special thanks to Pat Lock for going above and beyond to make this event happen.



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 Cafe	10:00am - 12:00 noon	9:30am - 1:00pm	1.5 hours

Stronger4Longer Campaign

The Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) is a charitable organisation whose aim is to achieve happier and healthier communities through physical activity.

They have recently launched a new campaign 'Stronger4Longer' which focuses on preventing falls in the 50+ age group. The key message is maintaining muscle strength later in life.

As we age, muscle strength reduces and some movements, such as leaning sideways or turning quickly, can cause a loss of balance. This can begin from our early fifties onwards. The good news is you don't have to start weightlifting to build strength - hill-walking, yoga, team sports like tennis and cricket, or even just climbing the stairs can all help to build muscle strength.

To find out more visit the Stronger4Longer website at:

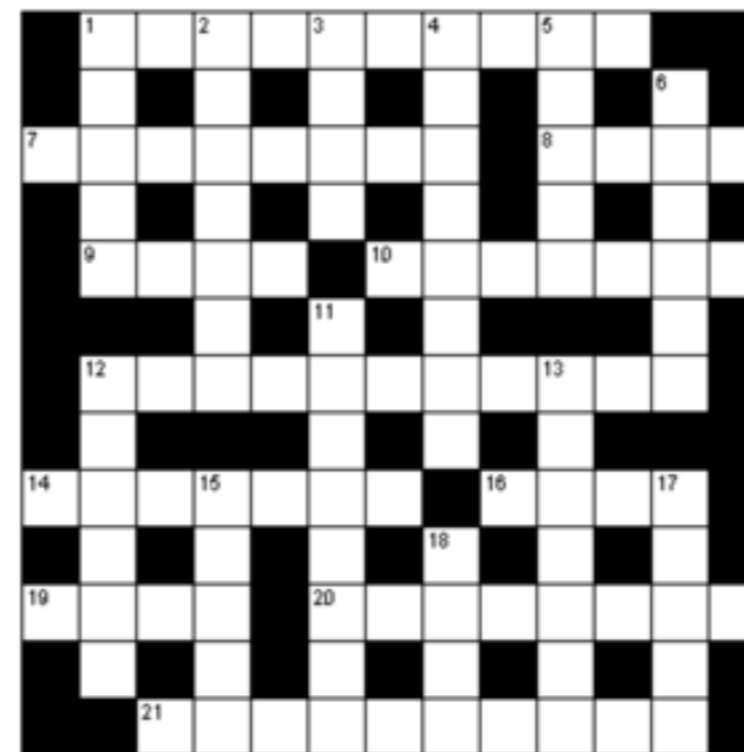
www.sasp.co.uk/stronger4longer.

Lexie MacPhail
SASP Marketing and Communications Assistant

Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Dramatist (10)
- 7 Be compatible and friendly (3,2,3)
- 8 Mature (4)
- 9 Ballet dancer's skirt (4)
- 10 Rectified (7)
- 12 Eternally (11)
- 14 Horse-soldiers (7)
- 16 Fail to include (4)
- 19 Without feeling (4)
- 20 Evaluate (8)
- 21 One not given to travel (4-2-4)

Down

- 1 Sharp or tapered end (5)
- 2 Airman (7)
- 3 Timber (4)
- 4 Notorious (8)
- 5 Long-legged long-necked wading bird (5)
- 6 Rapid (6)
- 11 Shortest month (8)
- 12 Pestilence (6)
- 13 Lower back pain (7)
- 15 Head of a community of monks (5)
- 17 Savour (5)
- 18 Catch sight of (4)



Pilates Classes Coming to the Village Hall!

Sharon Smith will be running Pilates in the New Year.

Classes will run weekly from Thursday 12th January, initially between 10:30 -11:30am. Regular times may be varied, depending on take up.

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

Sharon had been teaching a group in Langport during her training just before Covid occurred. She has been teaching a class in Hazelbury Plunkett for the past 14 months and takes great pride in seeing her client's progress. She decided to start a second class in East Chinnock after giving a talk to the WI.

Classes will cater for mixed abilities. Sharon is happy to teach 30 minutes of chair Pilates for those who would like to do exercises/ stretches 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.

Saturday Morning Café

Volunteers are needed to organise and bake for each one, so please offer to help out if you can. The next cafe will be 3 December.



Saturday Morning Café
10:00am – 12 noon
First Saturday of the month
The Room at the Park
(the old Playgroup/Parish/Church room), Weston Street
Tea/Coffee and cake - £2.50
Tea/Coffee and biscuits - £1.00
ALL WELCOME
Saturday Morning Café aims to take place on the first Saturday of every month
More information from John Chappelle - jchappelle@btinternet.com

Request for Copy of Book!

Does anybody have a copy of a book called 'East Chinnock Village Echoes' please?

Annette Donnelly moved to the village in May and since that time she has been desperately seeking a copy of this book, especially as it features a piece on The Laurels (now called Courthayes) and is Annette's new home!

Please email Annette at: annette@tnbp.co.uk if you can help.

Pop-Up Bring Your Own Pub

The first Pop-Up Pub night took place at the Village Hall on Friday 28 October. This was well attended and a good time was had by all!

The next Pop-Up Pub events will take place on (7:00pm - 11:00pm):

Friday 2 December

Friday 23 December – please wear your Christmas jumper or something festive!

A further Pop-Up may run on Saturday 24 December dependent upon demand so please do express any interest to Pat Lock on 07805 069771.



East Chinnock BYO Pop-Up
PUB
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WI Update



In a change to the published programme (a demonstration on how to crochet flowers) we had a talk by local artist and ex-GP Dr Diane Summer, entitled "Zest For Life". In what has been a fascinating career, Diane told us how after qualifying from Medical School, during her first year, she worked for 80 hours a week in a hospital. This experience led to her moving to a Birmingham clinic, where she wasn't on call and worked more sensible hours!

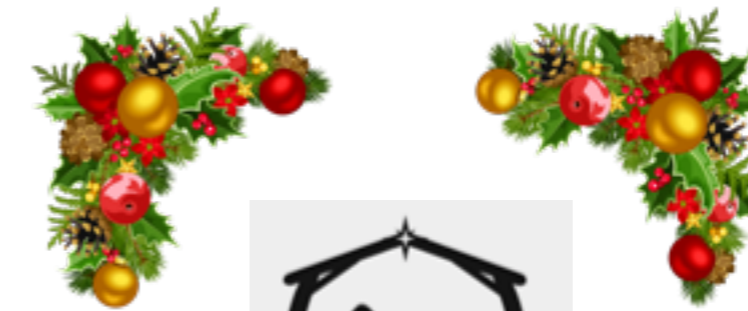
Working in Birmingham with a diverse clientele gave her the urge to travel and she ended up in Saudi Arabia as part of their Air Force medical team. Whilst there she met a number of Australians, which then led to her moving to Melbourne during the 1980s where she lived for the next 36 years.

In the early 80's a disease emerged with no diagnosis, treatment or cure. This became known as AIDS. Diane's insights into this, her general career in medicine and her travels made for an extremely interesting talk.

The next WI meeting will be on Wednesday 14 December at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are women welcome to attend as a guest/ visitor before deciding whether to join. The meeting will be about 'pom pom dancing', which is similar to cheerleading!

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair took place on Friday 25 November. The Village Hall was a very festive place to be that evening! Stalls included crafts, cakes, cards and decorations and raffle prizes. Pat and Dave braved the chilly night to serve refreshments and mince pies at the outside bar. Thanks to everyone involved for making it such a special event.



East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club - It's back!



East Chinnock Garden & Countryside Club returns with the pop of a cork to celebrate the New Year. Just in time to get your grapevine pruned or planted for 2023!

The first talk, including tasting of wines, will be given by Sue Applegate from Polden Wines, an interesting local vineyard.

Meetings will be on the third Monday of each month and free to members.

There are plans for speakers in January, February, March and April 2023. Then we head into the warmer months with a 'Garden Plants and Tools Swap Night' in May.

We plan some visits in the summer, commencing with the vintage Dawes Twine Works in West Coker which displays much local history. The quirky Chard Museum is also lined up for a visit.

Membership also includes the Gold Club with discounts at the Gardens Group (Brimsmore, Sherborne and Poundbury)

There is enthusiasm for the club to be involved in community garden projects to add green charm to some public areas in East Chinnock. We also want to encourage beginners in gardening with talks and events in the basics of growing beautiful flowers and vegetables for eating.

Membership fees from January to October 2023 will be £8.00 through to the next AGM. From October a full year's subscription is planned at £12.00.

The ECGCC took part in the Christmas Fair on 25 November with a Traditional Tombola Stall. Committee members were also on standby to answer any questions.

We have a new Secretary, Acting Treasurer and active Committee members. We look forward to welcoming more new members with new ideas to continue to keep the club fresh and vibrant. It would be fabulous to return the club to the heady days of having 60 members!

Diane Summer
Secretary ECGCC

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A Macmillan Coffee Morning took place at the Village Hall. The coffee and cakes were exceptional and a fantastic £315 was raised.

Well done to all those involved for their efforts.

