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THE CHINNOCK CHIMES

DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

BRILLIANT BONFIRE NIGHT....

Photo: Sue Hinton



Editor's Message

Welcome to the December/January issue.

It's been great to be able to attend village events this year after spending so much time in lockdown. Let's hope that we can continue in the same vein in the New Year.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a very fabulous New Year.

Please do send in your photos, features and updates to: thechinnockchimes@gmail.com.

Stay safe and well.

Annette

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District Councillor's Report



Cllr Patrick had sent his apologies and submitted a written report which had been circulated. The main items of interest to the village were:

- i) The District Council had joined UK100 – a coalition of Local Authority leaders in the UK who were committed to achieving Net Zero further and faster than the national targets.
- ii) Cllr Patrick had highlighted the problems with the Storm Sewer Overflow discharge in the area in the past and was hopeful that the current media coverage would lead to central government and Wessex Water taking some urgent action to address this matter.

County Councillor's Report

Cllr Keating's written report had been circulated and the main items of interest to the village were as follows:

- i) Covid rates remained high in Somerset, so residents were reminded to take care and get their jobs.
- ii) The District Councils in Somerset were working with the County to move to a Unitary Authority.
- iii) Applications could be made for school places for next September by visiting www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions before 15 January 2022.
- iv) The County had successfully bid for £4.1m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme to make public buildings more energy efficient.

Cllr Keating said that nothing could be decided regarding The Hollow until the Options Report was received from the engineers who were currently examining the site. Once this was received he thought there should be a public meeting so that Highways could be made aware of the views of the various sections of the affected population before a final decision was made.

Clerk's Report

i) The District and County Councils continued to provide assistance and information on the Covid situation. The village volunteer group had not been used for a while but there were still some informal arrangements. Cllr Debbie Taylor said that a 'thank you event' should be held after Christmas to acknowledge the assistance given by various residents.

ii) A resident in Forge Lane had asked if the play area bank could be cut back and it was agreed that this would be added to the Ranger's list. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident accordingly.

iii) Somerset Libraries were offering a volunteer service for those who struggled to get to the library. A volunteer would choose, deliver and collect books and DVDs and assist with accessing digital services if required. The service could be accessed by ringing 07814 079831 to register. The Clerk said that she had asked if details could be included in the next edition of The Chimes.

After 7 years Maureen Randell our Parish Council Clerk is retiring early next year. Thank you for all your hard work Maureen and we wish you all the best in your retirement adventures.

Wildflower Meadow Creation

For 2022 we have developed a new community giveaway centred around wildflower meadow creation to develop refuges for wildlife throughout our district specifically in our villages and towns. Since the 1930's the UK has lost over 99% of our so called 'unimproved grassland', through this giveaway we hope to re-establish and create new beneficial grasslands across our district.

We are asking parishes, individuals and landowners to apply for the giveaway, this can be as large or small as you feel fit, being split into several smaller areas (gardens etc) or on a larger site (150m²). As applicants and landowners please take into account maintenance of such a project, access for the larger community and potential future surveying, see website for application details.

We really hope you take the time to look at your land, whether that be parish or private owned. This is a key opportunity to contribute towards nature recovery and mitigate the ecological emergency, so please speak to your communities to find relevant areas.

We will be holding education days and will provide advice over the coming months, but for now please watch the videos and check the website to help you understand preparing and maintaining a wildflower meadow.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqLtDZFOPYQ>

Guidance: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/create-a-wildflower-meadow/>

Joshua Bennett
Environment Specialist
Commercial Services and Income Generation

Dog Fouling

This is a polite request to all dog owners/dog walkers to pay attention to where their dog fouls and to ensure they clear it up. Dog fouling on verges outside of residential properties in the village is unfortunately increasing. It is very unpleasant and completely avoidable.

Dog fouling can be reported on South Somerset District Council's website, which may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued;

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/environmental-health/dog-related-issues/dog-fouling/>

SSDC recommends that anyone in charge of a dog should always have poo bags on them, they should always keep an eye on the whereabouts of the dog so they are aware of when and where it has fouled (especially if the dog is walked off lead) and you should not let your dog roam the street.



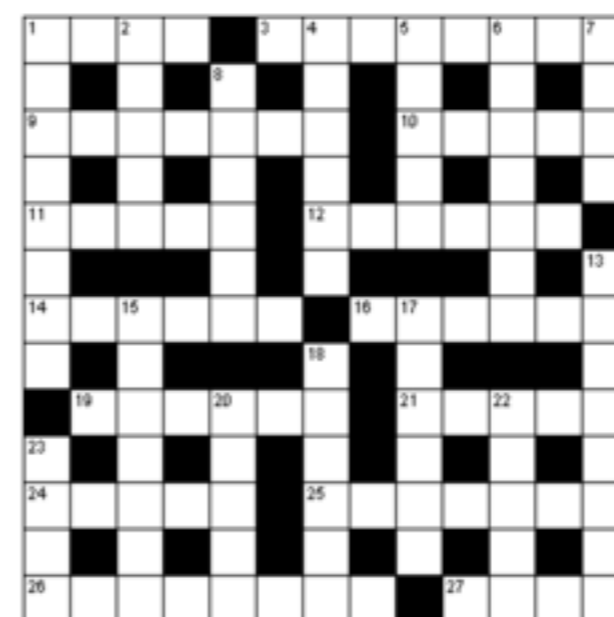
Please clean up after your dog



Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Thailand, formerly (4)
- 3 Immaculate (8)
- 9 Autumn month (7)
- 10 Edible fish (5)
- 11 Not expressed directly (5)
- 12 Cancer or Capricorn (6)
- 14 Game bird (6)
- 16 Bigger (6)
- 19 Stinging plant (6)
- 21 Musical note (5)
- 24 Intended (5)
- 25 Antagonistic (7)
- 26 Reject (4,4)
- 27 You (archaic) (4)

Down

- 1 Deficit (8)
- 2 Upper room (5)
- 4 Sea rover (6)
- 5 Forbidden (5)
- 6 End of the day (7)
- 7 Not all (4)
- 8 Dies down (6)
- 13 First showing of a film (8)
- 15 Alfresco (4-3)
- 17 Nearly (6)
- 18 Male relative (6)
- 20 Carried (5)
- 22 Whinny (5)
- 23 Fail to include (4)

Village History

Mike Dolphin from Redditch has been tracing his family history and he has discovered that some of his ancestors lived in Blades Cottage in Green Lane. This is a wedding photo that shows the family outside the cottage on Christmas Eve 1904.

The couple in the back row, in front of the door, are James Scott and Emma Bartlett Cooper who had just married.

Solomon Cooper and Grace Lockyer Cooper (Nee Bartlett) lived in the cottage and raised their family there. Mike's Grandfather (Solomon), Grace's grandson and Charles Solomon Cooper are in the back row.

If anyone has any knowledge of the family please contact Mike at mikedolphin22@hotmail.com.



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. Please come and join us.

Nick the Veg

Please continue to support 'Nick the Veg'. His van is in the Village Hall car park on the first and third Wednesday of the month.



Village Hall Lottery

Reminder!

The closing date to join the Village Lottery is 3 January 2022. If you need an entry form email thechinnockchimes@gmail.com.



October Winners

Chris Homewood and Anne Hallett.

November Winners

Doug & Sheila Reeve and Sue Fairhurst.

Crossword Puzzle Solution for Oct/Nov Issue

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News From St Mary's

We are so thankful that we are able to meet again in church and the Village Hall and share fellowship as we celebrate Christmas through the services and activities below. Do come and join us.

The popular **Stanchester Quire returns to St Mary's on 4 December at 7:30pm** for a concert of seasonal music. Local folk South-West Carols and stories, and refreshments included. No tickets required, just donations at the time to Friends of St Mary's. Get there early to get a seat!

Services in December

- *Sunday 5 December 9:15am Holy Communion
- *Sunday 12 December 5:00pm Evensong

Christmas Services

- *Thursday 16 December 7:30pm Carol Service
- Sunday 19 December 3:00pm Toy Café Service in the Village Hall with Christmas 'finger food' refreshments (note updated time)
- *Friday 24 December 4:30pm Crib Service
- *Saturday 25 December Christmas Day 11:00am Holy Communion



Services in January 2022

- *Sunday 2 January 9:15am Holy Communion
- *Sunday 9 January 5:00pm Evensong

*all in St Mary's church

Additional events

A Coffee Morning is being held in aid of our church toilet fund on Saturday 8 January 2022 at 10:30am, Rowan House, Underhayes Court, tel: 01935 863564. Do come and help us with a much-needed Churchyard clearance between 10:00am - 12:00 noon on Saturday 15 January. Please bring any useful garden tools you have.

Other Christmas Events

Messy Church is back! Saturday 11 December at 4:00pm - 6:00pm in West Coker Commemoration Hall. If you've never been to Messy Church, you are in for a treat. There will be crafts and activities, round a Christmas theme, especially for families. It includes a substantial meal so please come and join the joyous mayhem!

Also, Christingle Service at St Michaels and All Angels, East Coker, on Saturday 18 December at 4:00pm. For information on these two events contact Deborah Wootton, Children & Families Work Leader at childrensworkleader.cokerridge@gmail.com.

For information on any other events contact gilliantettmar@gmail.com on 01935 862003.

In Loving Memory

The Entertainments Committee offer their condolences to the family and friends of Nigel Davis, our Committee Secretary, who passed away in October. Nigel will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace Nigel.



A Hot Air Balloon Lands Near St Mary's Church During October

Photo: Geoff Jackson



Bonfire Night

Friday 5 November 2021 saw the return of the Village Bonfire Night and what a great evening it was!

Many thanks to the East Chinnock Under Fives Preschool for their fabulous 'Guy'. No bonfire is complete without one!

A 'big thank' you also to Sue & Andy Gliddon for allowing it to take place again in their camping field.

The weather was dry and mild, but if anyone felt chilly mulled wine, burgers and sausages were available to help keep warm.

The firework display was as spectacular as ever and it was great to have the opportunity for people to socialise again.



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair took place in the Village Hall on Friday 26 November. There were festive stalls and games. Mince pies and mulled wine were available to keep out the winter chill.

Congratulations to raffle hamper prize winners: Anne Hallett and Jane Lock.

Photos: Anne Hallett



Entertainment Committee: A Big Thank You

The Entertainments Committee would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the following members for their support and contribution, who are stepping down in the New Year:

Anne Hallett for her work as Treasurer for the past 10 years.

Viv Tierney and Sue Hinton for all their input and support as Committee Members.

Your Entertainments Committee Needs You!!

If you have enjoyed the Music Night and Bonfire Night this year, why not join the village Entertainments Committee?



The Committee consists of volunteers that currently put together two events in the year. All we ask is for you to attend the monthly meetings at the Village Hall, make yourself available to help at the events on the night, and lend support in the preparation for the events.

We now need a **Secretary**, a **Treasurer** and additional **Committee Members**.

If you are interested, please contact Pat Lock on patricklock440@yahoo.co.uk or on 01935 863899.

Where am I?

In the last issue, the photograph was of the latch on the gate in the woods at the bottom of Nic & Ros Weber's fields.

East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

Calling all members! The monthly meetings are back!



At the October AGM we were transported around the Somerset Moorlands with stories and photography with Peter Triggs. In November, Derek Dexter, an award-winning fuchsia aficionado, shared his passion for propagating, growing and showing the many plant varieties from his garden greenhouse. With humour he gave us many helpful hints and tips, not just for the fuchsia but for any garden plant survival.

Now we look forward to 2022. Subscriptions are still valid for all 2020 members. Please come and join us for a talk from James Cross from the Wells Cathedral Garden on: Monday 17 January at The Village Hall.

Subsequent meetings will take place on: Monday 21 February, Monday 21 March and Monday 18 April. Non-members are welcome to any talks (£3 fee payable at the door) or full membership is £10.

We are continuing our membership with THE GOLD CLUB which gives us benefits and discounts from the Brimsmore, Castle Garden and Poundbury Garden Group. There will be the usual compost discount forms which includes free delivery, January and February store discount, plug plant growing and a FREE talk from one of their experts.

For the East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club to survive beyond 2022 we must have a TREASURER and COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Please get in touch with Chairman Geoff Jackson on 01935 863212 if you are interested.

Parking Issues in Springfields

This is a polite request from residents who live in Springfields. Please can people refrain from parking at the very end of Springfields at the junction with Orchardleigh. Having cars parked in this area prevents the dustbin and recycling lorries from turning into the cul-de-sac and has resulted in bins not being emptied. Your consideration would be much appreciated.

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Somerset's 50 Mile Parrett Trail

East Chinnock can lay claim to its' very own author! Dot Walford lived in East Chinnock for many years and has now moved to Curry Rivel. Congratulations on the publication of your book Dot. Here is the introduction in her own words:

My little book is written as though I'm actually taking you with me along the 50-mile Parrett Trail. However, *it is not intended as a guidebook*, although there are details of the route on geological maps plus, grid references of towns and villages visited en route to the rear of the book. Hopefully my jottings will encourage you to pick out the parts you'd most like to see, or even better to walk the whole 50 miles. There are pubs and cafés in most villages to help you plan your days. Maybe you could read the book as a story, or it could be a book to take with you, enabling you to read it before walking each section. It would then give you an idea of what there is to discover each day. Whichever you do, hopefully all will be of interest and provide you with a flavour of this part of sunny Somerset.

I'm not a geologist by training but have spent many years walking the Parrett Trail, some as a guide, and I have developed a deep interest in the geology, flora and fauna and the history of the area. I hope these notes will entice you to look at the countryside in a new way, to look further than just the views, pasturelands and buildings to see land formations and how they affect the way we live.

Another of my hopes is that you'll feel inspired to explore more of Somerset, the land of the *Sumorsaete* – the Summer Settlers – and the county I live in and love. *There's so much to discover!*

Copies from local author Dot Walford email: westcountrywalkingtrails@btinternet.com.

Dot Walford

