THE CHINNOCK CHIMES

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Editor's Message

Hello!

My name is Annette Spurrell and I am delighted to be the new Editor of The Chinnock Chimes.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Julie Kneafsey for all her hard work and dedication as the outgoing Editor and for her extremely comprehensive handover.

Unfortunately the amount of village news in this issue is limited due to the effect of the lockdown restrictions.

Please send your contributions, such as articles or photographs, to the new email address thechinnockchimes@gmail.com and I will do my best to include them in the next issue.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue is 11 March.

Let us all look forward to the time when The Chinnock Chimes will contain more news of social events in which we can all participate. In the meantime, please stay safe and take care.

Annette

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Where am I?

This is a photograph of a feature of a local building. Do you know where and what it is? The answer will be in the next issue! Happy hunting!



NEWS UPDATE

Parish Council News



County Councillor's Report

The phone number for any coronavirus related concerns or queries is 0300 790 6275. In view of the substantial increase in case numbers residents were reminded to observe the Hands-Face-Space message.

The vaccination programme has commenced and full information can be found at www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/health/local-services/health-services-during-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations-in-somerset. Over 700 County staff have been redeployed to assist with this which may have an impact on some County services.

Clerk's Report

The plans for the future of the local authorities in Somerset had been submitted to central government. The County Council had put forward a proposal for one unitary authority to replace the County Council and the four District Councils called One Somerset. The District Councils proposition was for two unitary authorities – East and West Somerset and was called Stronger Somerset. The clerk said that she had no indication of when the government would give their decision.

The mole catcher had rung to say someone had dug up and removed some of the mole traps from the play area. The contractor had caught two moles but had left the traps in place over the weekend to ensure that there were no further moles on site. He said that they occasionally had interference from animal rights activists. The council had engaged the contractor because the molehills represented a possible danger to the users of the play area who could be injured if their foot went down a molehill, especially children running about. Cllr Paul Taylor said that he had been to the play area and found three traps. The clerk said that she would ring the contractor and let him know. Cllr Paul Taylor said that he was also concerned to note that there were dog faeces in the Play Area.

The clerk said that it seemed likely that there would be another national lockdown. The play area was closed during the first lockdown last March and as the concern was that this new variant was spreading fast amongst school age children, it may need to be closed again. She said she would let the councillors know as soon as she had received guidance on this.

M.Randell Parish Clerk January, 2021

Dog Fouling!



Over the past couple of months there has been a noticeable increase in dog mess being left on public footpaths and verges, in particular the paths along the A30 and Weston Street. This is unacceptable! It is a health hazard to young children, it's unpleasant to see around the village and particularly unpleasant if you happen to

step in it, especially if you subsequently take it into your home without realising it was on your footwear!

East Chinnock is a great place to live, the people who live here are generally considerate people but the footpaths in and around the village are rapidly becoming unpleasant places to walk. In these times of lockdown, walking in the surrounding area is one of the very few things that you are able to do to get out of the house. However, if you are constantly looking out for dog mess then it becomes less pleasurable.

Dog owners it is your responsibility to leave your home with poo bags and pick up after your dog, no one else's, YOURS! It's part of being a dog owner, accept it. If you don't accept this then perhaps dog ownership is not for you.

The dog warden will be out and about over the next couple of weeks, if you are caught not picking up you could face prosecution and a large fine!

Take pride in where you live, keep it clean and tidy for all to enjoy!

DO THE RIGHT THING AND SCOOP THE POOP!!

Councillor Paul Taylor

Calling for Grass Cutting Volunteers

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the volunteers for helping to keep our playing fields tidy over the year, your help has been much appreciated and hasn't gone unnoticed.

If you would like to help again or anyone else in the village would like to help for 2021, please contact me by phone or email. Many thanks

Debbie Taylor

01935 862006 dtaylor4626@hotmail.com

What is the Census?



Census day will be Sunday 21 March. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census is unique. There's simply nothing else that gives so much detail about us and the society we live in.

All kinds of organisations, from local authorities to charities, use the information to help provide the services we all need, including transport, education and healthcare. Without the census, it would be much more difficult to do this.

By taking part, you'll be helping make sure you and your community get the services needed now and in the future.

In Loving Memory of Ray Thornton

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of my amazing Dad, Raymond Thornton (Ray). Having lived in the village for 40 years he was quite well known, especially when Mum Elizabeth (Betty) was around. They both used to help out at the gardening club organising day trips and village shows etc.

He said of his home that it was his little piece of heaven. He was always so very happy that he had quite a selection of wildlife visiting him, possibly one of the most memorable was a Hoopoe such a stunning bird that I was also lucky enough to see at the time. He and Mum had a happy life living and being part of the village and I would like to say thank you to everyone for making that so. If anyone has any memories of them both that they would like to share it would be so good to hear from you.



Many thanks. Susan Legg.

NEWS UPDATE

East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

The committee has not been able to meet due to the lockdown, therefore the sharing of club news has been restricted to emails and phone calls.

The Gardens Group (Brimsmore, Castle Gardens & Poundbury) have confirmed that there will be no charge to our club for the 2021/22 Annual Membership fee effective from 1 February. We hope members will take the opportunity to enjoy the benefits offered throughout the year. The Gardens Group has a website for on-line ordering so that you can prepare to get going in the garden on warmer days.

Petunia Plug Plants have been ordered, one for each member, that will be collected and available from mid-March. These are excellent for a basket display with large single flowers and lavender veined leaves. Usually, the plan is for members to grow them and enter them into the Village Show but it may be a virtual competition this year!!

The Club is also a member of the Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs that provides us with Insurance and the additional benefit of an interesting web site and booklet.

We choose our programme of speakers from this as it enables us to access speakers that can cover a wide range of subjects, interests and talents, not all of them gardening related. Once meetings can resume, we will be booking speakers and scheduling activities.

Fingers crossed that with observance of this lockdown and the vaccination programme, restrictions will start to be lifted later in the year, in the meantime stay warm and safe in your home and garden.

Chairman: Geoff Jackson 01935 863212 Secretary: Bunty Andrews 01935 863420

Village Hall Lottery

First Lottery Result! Congratulations to the winners!

First prize - Helen Baker Second prize - Pat Lock

Draw performed by Jane Lock

Charitable Donations – Amazon Smile

This is a fundraising facility for users of Amazon. When ordering you have the option of donating to a charity of your choice. The Village Hall is a charitable organisation so please consider making a donation when you order. Any boost to funds would be most welcome - thank you.

Ros Weber

Nick 'The Fruit & Veg Man'



Nick's van, full of fresh produce, is at the Village Hall car park on the first and third Wednesday of every month between 10:30am and 11:30am approx. Please give this local business your support.

Ros Weber

'Something Else Fishy'

STOP THE PRESS! We have just heard that fresh fish will be for sale by 'Something Else Fishy' from the end of January at West Coker, behind Saunders Butchers, between 10am and 11am on Thursdays or catch them at Odcombe Village Hall, on Fridays, between 1pm and 2pm. Please give this local business your support.



Recycling Sites

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) plans to keep the county's 16 recycling sites open on standard winter hours for essential use during the latest COVID-19 national lockdown



Government guidance has clarified that people can visit recycling sites as they are an essential service.

SWP is asking people to only visit sites if the trip is really necessary, for example because waste cannot be safely kept home or disposed of through kerbside recycling and rubbish collections.

Recycling sites already have measures in place to protect the public and staff, including:

- · Do not visit if you have COVID symptoms or have been asked to shield
- · Maintain social distance
- · Wear gloves and consider wearing a mask
- · Maximum two people per vehicle from the same household
- · Site staff cannot assist with unloading
- · Vehicle and trailer permits continue

Staff will monitor site user numbers and control vehicle flow if necessary; visitors are asked for their understanding and patience.

The Reuse Shop at Taunton Recycling Centre will be closed during the lockdown.

SWP is also highlighting government guidance on how to dispose of personal waste if you have COVID symptoms or live in a household with someone who does.

Personal waste, such as tissues, facemasks and disposable cleaning cloths, should be double-bagged in black sacks, kept separate from other waste in the home for 72 hours, and then be added to your rubbish bin outside your home for the usual collection.

All residents are asked to maintain a social distance from collection crews. They should wash hands and disinfect container handles before and after putting out recycling boxes and bins.

WI Update

East Chinnock W.I. had to suspend the usual form of meetings due to the current restrictions. Those that have internet access have been able to meet via ZOOM, but we are unable to invite members without internet access to come and share a screen. This is unfortunate but necessary in the circumstances.



It may be that "virtual" events will be a significant part of W.I. life, even after Covid. This is for two reasons; the convenience of members who may have a problem getting to locations and reducing the environmental impacts of travel by reducing the number of journeys, especially long-distance ones.

2020 was a difficult year and this is persisting into 2021, but the W.I. will be equal to the challenge.

Roisin Gruner

East Chinnock Website

Please take a look at the wonderful new village website eastchinnock.net where you will find an abundance of local information.

COVID-19 BULLETIN







COVID-19 Main Symptoms



The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1 Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- 2 You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result only leave your home to

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus on GOV.UK

COVID-19 BULLETIN



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council

All our help and information is now **available in a single place** on the SCC website https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/. This page is refreshed through the day so please check in regularly to keep across developments and news. **Public Health dashboard:** Detailed Public Health information dashboards are available on our website www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus just scroll down to 'Covid-19 dashboard'. These are updated daily.

Somerset COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Expands

More people in the high priority groups in Somerset are being invited to have their COVID-19 vaccinations this week as two more sites are launched in the county. Please don't contact NHS or visit any of the sites to ask about your vaccine, you will be contacted.

Vaccinations are beginning this week at a further GP-led community site and in a new hospital hub at Musgrove Park Hospital. Vaccinations are now being offered at 12 sites across the county – at ten GP-led community sites and at hospital hubs at both Musgrove Park Hospital and at Yeovil District Hospital – and teams of vaccinators are also vaccinating care home residents. The Somerset programme is offering vaccinations to people in the high priority groups identified by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation – care home residents and their carers, those aged 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers. Clinicians are now vaccinating people from the new GP-led site; The Meadows Surgery in Ilminster which is part of the CLICK Primary Care Network that includes seven local GP surgeries. This weekend vaccinations begin at Musgrove Park Hospital which will operate a vaccination hub seven days a week from next week. Both the Pfizer Biotech and the newly approved Oxford/ AstraZeneca vaccines will be given in Somerset.

People are asked to support the NHS:

by not contacting GPs and health services about vaccinations. You will be contacted when it is your turn to be invited for your vaccination. Some telephone lines are jammed with people asking about vaccinations and this is preventing people who need help from getting through

when contacted please attend your booked appointments.

and please continue to follow all the guidance to control the spread of the virus and save lives.

Support for Somerset Residents

Help is available for anyone in Somerset who may need additional support. The five councils in Somerset have been working together since the first lockdown to provide a single phone number for anyone in Somerset who needs Corona-virus related support. Residents are reminded they can call 0300 790 6275 if they need any help themselves or are concerned about relatives or neighbours. Lines are open seven days a week between 8am and 6pm.



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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

News from St Mary's

Sadly, because of concerns about the number of Covid 19 infections in South Somerset, and the fact that many of our congregation are in the vulnerable category health wise, we have had to temporarily close all the Benefice church buildings, including St Mary's Church.



However, we continue hold online services, which are increasingly popular. At the time of writing (17 Jan) we held an online Café/Family service at 10am via zoom.

Each Sunday at 9.45am there is an online Family Service hosted by Sheila and Robin Carpenter for Hardington/Pendomer churches, to which anyone is welcome, and people from all over the Benefice are joining in. Contact Sheila and Robin on robinsheila@icloud.com for an invitation to the zoom service. While our churches are closed, our Rector, Colin Simpson is broadcasting a Holy Communion service on line at 11am every Sunday. These are broadcast live on our Benefice Facebook page The Coker Ridge Benefice. You can also catch up with them later on our You Tube channel www.youtube.com/Coker Ridge

Our Children and Families worker, Deborah Wootton, regularly puts together materials for children and families to do together. These and many other materials to help us worship God can be found on our Benefice website www.cokerridge.org.uk. Opposite is a recent sample of our Kid's Corner page in the Coker Ridge weekly magazine. For up-todate information on services, including whether our next Café/Family church on 21 Feb will be on line or in church email me at gilliantettmar@gmail.com or look on What's On at eastchinnock.net.

For those not on the internet, there is a free phone line offering prayers, hymns and reflections from the Church of England on 0800 804 8044.

A quote from the Welsh church in Beaverbrook Oregon, which those upset by the closure of our church building might find helpful:

"The work of the church is essential, the work of caring for the lonely, the marginalised, and the oppressed is essential.

The work of speaking truth to power and seeking justice is essential.

The work of being a loving, liberating and lifegiving presence in the world is essential.

The work of welcoming the stranger and the refugee and indocumentes is essential.

The work of reconciliation and healing and caring is essential.

The church does not need to be 'open' because the church is never 'closed'.

We who make up the Body of Christ, the church, love God and our neighbours and ourselves so much that we will stay away from our buildings until it is safe.

We are the church."

Gillian Tettmar, Church Warden

Kid's Corner

Jumping for Joy

It's great to have a reason to 'jump for joy' and a New Year brings lots of reasons to be thankful and full of joy.

The last year may have been full of difficult things to cope with, and these may still be there, but it's important to look forward and be full of hope, and say thank you for all the good things we have.

So, thank God for this day.

Thank Him for birds and animals, flowers and trees. For family and friends, and food to eat. Thank Him for creating everything we can see and hear. Thank Him for the life you live, and for making everybody different and special.

And ask Him to fill you and those around you with hope and joy.

He's an amazing God!! So Jump for Joy!!!

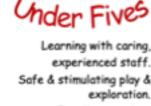


Let's Go!

- Equipment: Trampoline or cushions or pillows
- Set up: Find somewhere safe for you to jump enthusiastically. Check with a grown up first that they're happy with you jumping on what you've chosen!
- Instructions: Think of something or someone that makes you feel joyful ... or something or someone that you are thankful for. Jump for joy! If you want to, say (or shout!) them out as you jump up and down.

Look on our website: www.cokerridge.org.uk or Facebook page (The Coker Ridge Benefice Facebook page) and click the link on our Messy Church for lots of fun activities.

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COFFEE BREAK CORNER

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When the funds are low but the debts are high, And you want to smile but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit... Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

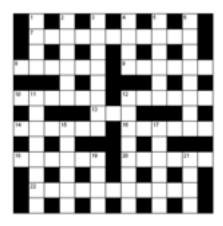
Life is queer with its twists and turns, As every one of us sometimes learns, And many failures turn about When we might have won had we stuck it out. Don't give up though the pace seems slow... You may succeed with another blow.

Often the struggler has given up When he might have captured the victor's cup; And he learned too late when the night came down, How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out... And you can never tell how close you are It may be near when it seems so far. So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Poem by Edgar A. Guest

Crossword



Across

- 7 Puppets on strings (11)
- 8 Impart knowledge (6) 9 Petition to a deity (6)
- 10 Deteriorate (6) 12 Cunning (6)
- 13 Atmosphere (3)
- 14 Robbery at sea (6) 16 Overindulgence (6)
- 18 Yearly (6)
- 20 Innate (6) 22 Star-gazers (11)

- 1 Portent (4)
- 2 Archer's missiles (6) 3 Scottish New Year celebration (8)
- 4 Profound (4)
- 5 Capital of Canada (6)
- 6 Fire-resistant mineral (8)
- 11 Eastern (8)
- 12 One to whom money is owed (8)
- 15 Grown-ups (6)
- 17 It's built by a spider (6)
- 19 King of beasts (4)
- 21 Hazard (4)

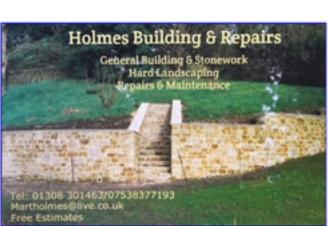
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USEFUL CONTACTS						
Somerset County Council	District Councillor	Tree Warden	Yeavil Hospital	Crewkerne Health Centre (appointments)	Pre-School (under 5's) Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	Explorers (14 – 18 years)
0300 123 2224	Anthony Vaughan 07506 285049 anthony vaughan@ southsomerset.gov.uk	Pamela Lewis 01935 864408	01935 475122	01460 72435	Jane LeFeuvre 01935 862774	Mike Beckerleg 01935 862719
South Somerset District Council	Parish Council Chairman	Post Office (Village Hall)	Westlake Surgery	Entertainments Committee Chair	Beavers (6-8 years)	Scouts Active Support (adults)
01935 462462	Paul Taylor 01935 862006 paul taylor62@ hotmail.com	Monday 1pm – 3 pm Tuesday 9am – 12pm	01935 862212	Pat Lock 01935 863899	Heather Pitts 01935-433840	Pete Divall 01935 422328
County Councillor	Parish Council Clark	Village Hall	Westlake Dispensary	Playgroup and Toddlers	Cubs (8 – 10% yrs) Scouts (10% -14 yrs)	The Chinnock Chimes
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