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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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County Councillor	Parish Council Clerk	Village Hall	Westlake Dispensary	Playgroup and Toddlers	Cubs (8 - 10% yrs) Scouts (10% -14 yrs)	The Chinnock Chimes
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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022



## LION KING WHERE AM I?

Photo: Simon Wetherell

### Editor's Message

Welcome to the February/March issue. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family. We can now look forward to a sunny Spring!

Can you guess the whereabouts of the Lion King character in the photo above? The answer will be in the next issue.

Please do send in your photos, features and updates to: [thechinnockchimes@gmail.com](mailto:thechinnockchimes@gmail.com).

Stay safe and well.

Annette

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## District Councillor's Report



Cllr Patrick had sent his apologies and said that he had nothing to report this month.

## County Councillor's Report

Nothing received.

## 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 in place.

ii) The clerk said that she had reported the two large tyres that had been dumped on the Odcombe Road verges.

iii) She said that Somerset Playing Fields Association ran an annual Field of the Year Competition and suggested that the Play Area could be entered when the refurbishment was complete.

iv) She had received a suggestion that the fence lines etc. on the Play Area be sprayed in the spring and again later in the year and Cllr Cox said that he would add this to the Ranger's list.

v) Meeting dates for the year were agreed as follows: 7 February, 7 March, 4 April, 9 May, 6 June, 4 July, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November and 5 December.

## Election of Chairman

Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Reeve seconding that Cllr Bussell be elected as chairman and all were in favour.

Cllr Bussell signed the Acceptance of Office Form but said that he would only serve until the elections in May. This left a vacancy for a Vice Chairman and Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Smith seconding that Cllr Reeve be elected. He signed the Acceptance of Office Form but said that he also was only willing to serve until the elections in May.

## Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline



If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us. At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone.

Calls are free and confidential – **Call us on 0808 801 0688**

Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of 'preparedness' helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.

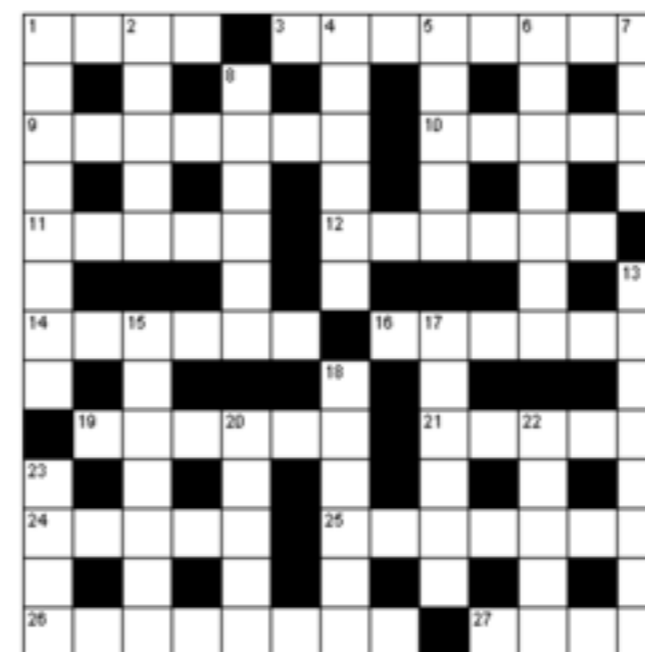
Please visit [www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service](http://www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service) to find out more.



## Colour Me In



## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Minestrone, for example (4)
- 3 Age of majority (8)
- 9 Uncharged atomic particle (7)
- 10 First appearance (5)
- 11 Native American tent (5)
- 12 Holiday destination (6)
- 14 Gifted (anag.) (6)
- 16 Toil (6)
- 19 Hitchcock film (6)
- 21 Humorous (5)
- 24 Wanderer (5)
- 25 Clinging part of a plant (7)
- 26 Constrict (8)
- 27 Small insect (4)

### Down

- 1 Hallow (8)
- 2 Take power unlawfully (5)
- 4 Cold-shoulder (6)
- 5 Mythological abode of the dead (5)
- 6 Trading ban (7)
- 7 Crazy (4)
- 8 Gentle wind (6)
- 13 Item of jewellery (8)
- 15 Refuse collector (7)
- 17 Esoteric (6)
- 18 Putrid (6)
- 20 Military trainee (5)
- 22 Idiot (5)
- 23 Children's card game (4)

## Traffic News - Planned Closure of A30

### From our District Councillor:

"There is a planned closure of the A30 at Haselbury Plucknett starting 7th February:

The Town Council has been notified this morning that there will be a closure of the A30 at Haselbury Plucknett, commencing on 7th February 2022. This will be for a minimum of three weeks.

Somerset County Council have said that the road closure will enable them to carry out engineering works to a retaining wall. The first two weeks will be a complete closure to allow the equipment to get to the site and piling operations to take place. Once the piling operations are complete, the A30 will be reopened but under three way traffic control to allow vehicles from North Street A3066 to enter the flow, the Crewkerne side of the A30 will remain closed. The County Council anticipates the entire scheme duration to be approximately 13 weeks.

For the closure a diversion route utilising the A303 and Ashlands Rd will be put in place between Crewkerne and Yeovil. Advanced warning for HGV's will be placed on the approaches to Crewkerne warning of the A30 closure at Haselbury Plucknett and directing them to use the A303. This will also be mirrored at the Yeovil side of the closure. Letters will be distributed to local residents informing them of the scheme, what to expect and contact information for key members of the site team."



## Post Office Opening Times

At the Village Hall:

Monday 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
 Tuesday 9:00am – 12:00pm

## 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.

## Village Hall Lottery

### December Winners

Shaun Spurrell  
 Penny Hollister  
 Marianne Merchant

### January Winners

Marianne Merchant  
 Michael Slater



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## 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.

## Crossword Puzzle Solution for Dec/Jan Issue

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## News From St Mary's

Many thanks to all those who came and gave so generously to the coffee morning in aid of funds for St Mary's at Rowan House, Underhayes Court on 8 January, and to those who prepared such tempting food for this event.

We are continuing to worship together in church and in the Village Hall, but with Covid numbers at the time of writing, please wear masks in church, including when singing, and when moving around in the Village Hall.

### Services in February/March:

- Sunday 6 February 9:15am Holy Communion in church
- Sunday 13 February 5:00pm Evensong in church
- Sunday 20 February Café Church in the Village Hall 9:45am for 10:00am start
- Wednesday 2 March Ash Wednesday start of Lent (see village website What's On (eastchinnock.net) for update on a Benefice service for Ash Wednesday)
- Sunday 6 March 9:15am Holy Communion in church
- Sunday 13 March 5:00pm Evensong in church
- Sunday 20 March Café Church in the Village Hall 9:45am for 10:00am start

The Church of England has what looks like some very good and challenging material for Lent called Live Lent Embracing Justice <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

It can be downloaded as an app on a smart phone.

They are also continuing the phone line service for those not able to access the internet.

0800 804 8044  

## DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



## Flower Fund

St Mary's church is setting up a flower fund for flowers in church. If you would like to contribute to the fund, in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, please contact Sue Chappelle: [suechappelle@icloud.com](mailto:suechappelle@icloud.com) and we will make sure the flowers are placed on the altar on any date you specify.

Gillian Tettmar  
 Church Warden



## A Poem for Spring

Spring

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;  
 Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush  
 Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring  
 The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;  
 The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush  
 The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush  
 With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning  
 In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,  
 Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,  
 Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,  
 Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

## WI Update



The WI is the largest women's organisation in the UK and is a trusted place for women of all generations. A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area in-person, to make friends and to make a difference in your community. The organisation campaigns nationally on a wide range of issues.

The East Chinnock WI meets at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm for a couple of hours with the next few meetings on 9 February, 9 March and 13 April. New members will be given a warm welcome. Contact Marianne Merchant (01935 862390) for more information.

## Let's Go Kurling!

The East Chinnock WI (Women's Institute) held a fun evening of New Age Kurling at the Village Hall on Wednesday 12 January.

The Blue team (Joyce, Sue F, Diana, Sara and Jill B) took on the Red team (Gill H, Judy, Barbara, Claire and Marianne) with each round played one against one.

The game is played by pushing sliding weighted stones comprising of bearings along the ground towards a circular target with the idea being to get more of your stones closer to the centre of the target than your opponent. Each stone has a handle so can be hurled along the ground by hand or with the aid of a long pusher/stick.



Photo shows Claire, Diana, Sue F, Barbara and Marianne as they demonstrate Kurling.

It's a sport that can be played by both able-bodied and disabled people of all ages and all abilities. It's inspired by the familiar winter sport of Curling but without the ice and frantic sweepers.

Experienced players demonstrated that a level of skill is involved and it wasn't just about pushing a stone (which is what I was doing!).

Joyce's concentration was demonstrated by her little pink tongue making an appearance every go!

Overall individual highest scorer was Judy who was awarded the winning trophy in the shape of a Toby Jug.

The East Chinnock Kurling Group meet every Friday at the Village Hall from 10:00am - 1:00pm during season time which began on Friday 21 January.

New members are always welcome, either as team members or in a pool of reserve players if needed. Contact Maurice Jones (01935 862221) for more information.

Sara Russell

## Annual County WI Carol Festival

A group of East Chinnock WI ladies joined many other members from across Somerset to attend the annual County WI Carol Festival.



The event was held in Wells Cathedral on 8 December 2021 for a wonderful service of celebration.

It was also a great opportunity to shop in the Wells outdoor market and the indoor Christmas Fair nearby.

Barbara-Ann Deakin



## Your Entertainments Committee Needs You!!



If you enjoyed the Music Night and Bonfire Night last 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.

## East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club



### Scheduled meetings:

Monday 21 February

Monday 21 March

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.

## Grass Cutting Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are required to join a rota for cutting the grass in the playing field during the spring and summer.

If you would like to help please contact Sharon: sharonsmi@gmail.com.



## FEATURED ADVERTISEMENT

**Baby and Toddler Group**  
**Thursday morning**  
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