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UP, UP AND AWAY...

A hot air balloon spotted over our village.
Photo: R Jewell

Something in the Air...

A Western Power helicopter was out during May conducting it's regular powerline inspection activities.



Photo: R Jewell

Editor's Message

Hello!

Welcome to the summer issue! With lockdown restrictions easing, let's hope for a summer of social gatherings and celebration. There are some dates for the diary to take note of in this issue.

An Apology

I would like to apologise for any distress caused to the family and friends of Brenda Pippard. Her name was misspelled in the April/May issue. My deepest condolences – she sounded like an amazing lady and it was lovely to read about her.

I am always very pleased to receive your contributions to The Chinnock Chimes at: thechinnockchimes@gmail.com. The deadline for submission of the next issue is 11 July 2021.

Stay safe

Annette

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Where am I?

This is a photograph of a feature of a local property. Do you know where or what it is?



Last issue's photograph was of the stone porch at the main entrance to St Mary's Church.

Crossword Puzzle Solution for April/May Issue





District Councillor's Report

The redevelopment of The Octagon Theatre had been given the go ahead.

Anyone struggling to pay their Council Tax bill could obtain help and advice at:
www.southsomerset.gov.uk/discountsandexemptions.

County Councillor's Report

No report for this meeting.

Clerk's Report

The District and County Councils continue to provide assistance and information on the Covid situation and the village volunteers were still available if needed.

The clerk said that she had been asked if the backing on the noticeboard at the village hall could be renewed. Cllr Cox proposed with Cllr Smith seconding that Cllr Bussell, who had fitted the original backing, be authorised to order the necessary material.

The picnic bench at the Lookout Point had been vandalised and Cllr Bussell said that he thought it was beyond repair. He had taped it off but someone had removed the tape and caused further damage. He felt that it now needed to be removed as it was not safe. Cllr Paul Taylor said that Nick Weber's quad bike and trailer had been used to take it up there and it was agreed to ask him if it was available to remove it. Cllrs Paul Taylor, Cox and Bussell said they would meet at The Lookout Point after the Play Area meeting on Saturday to dismantle the bench. The clerk said that she would report the vandalism to the Police and check with the Insurers to see if it was covered. She said that the company the bench had been bought from was no longer trading. Cllr Bussell said that he had found an identical bench at another company but had been unable to contact them so assumed that they had probably gone bust as well. It seemed unlikely that anywhere would be found to buy parts but he thought that it may be possible to salvage some parts to make a bench for the Play Area. Cllr Paul Taylor said that he would write an article for the next edition of The Chimes about the vandalism and it was suggested that the East Chinnock Round Robin be told as well. Cllr Reeve said the bench was well used and suggested that a wooden replacement would be better.

M.Randell, Parish Clerk
 May, 2021

Picnic Bench Vandalism

Many of you will be aware that the picnic bench at the view-point has been vandalised on two occasions. The picnic bench was paid for by the Entertainments Committee, and indirectly by members of the parish who attend the events that are organised for the benefit of the parish. The Parish Council have now removed it on the grounds of health and safety. We will be replacing it with something more substantial and hope that this was a one-off incident caused by individuals from outside of the village.

I would encourage all of you to remain vigilant to this kind of behaviour and report anything untoward to the police. Please do not attempt to confront these individuals as things can turn nasty and we would not want anyone to get hurt.

Paul Taylor, Parish Council Chairman

Tree Warden Needed

Are you a Dendrophile? Or a Nemophilist? If so, your Parish needs you!

Due to personal commitments our existing tree warden is standing down and we are seeking someone within the parish with a similar passion for trees to take over.

The Tree Warden Scheme is a nationwide initiative. There are over 100 local schemes, including the one in South Somerset run by the District Council's Conservation Unit.

Training will be given and there is plenty of support from the District Tree Officer. You are not the 'tree police'!! The responsibilities of this role are to:

- gather information about local trees
- be a point of contact for locals with tree problems or queries
- to encourage practical projects associated with trees and woods.

Hopefully by now you will have figured out what a Dendrophile or Nemophilist is and if you are either of these, or think that you would like to be, then please email the parish clerk at ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk.

Paul Taylor, Parish Council Chairman

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme

Young people inspired by the recent media attention about the D of E charity are encouraged to get in touch to learn new skills, take part in physical activities and gain an award at the end. In addition, those who started an award at school, college or in a group such as Guides or Scouts but didn't finish are also encouraged to get in touch. A Somerset Bursary Fund offers grants to enable disadvantaged young people in Somerset to complete a D of E programme.

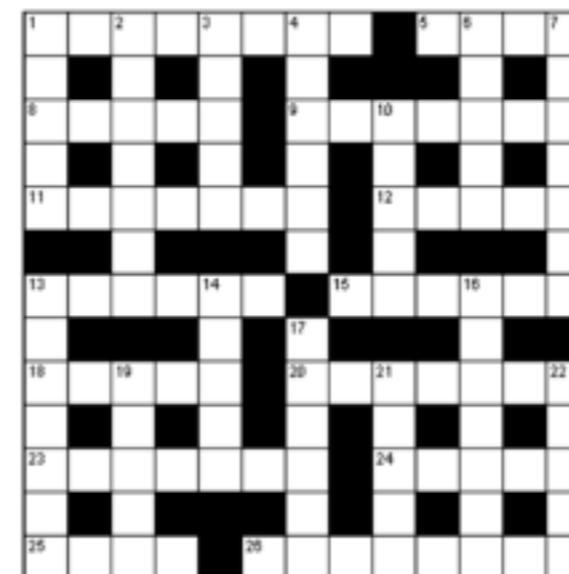
Those aged between 14-24 living in Somerset who would like to know more are encouraged to get in touch by emailing DofE@somerset.gov.uk.

County Councillor's Update May 2021

Colour Me In



Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Computer programs (8)
- 5 Aid in crime (4)
- 8 Fairytale monster (5)
- 9 Give evidence (7)
- 11 Light rain (7)
- 12 Electronic sound reproduction (5)
- 13 Spirit distilled from wine (6)
- 15 Prepared for publication (6)
- 18 Grown-up (5)
- 20 Dig up (7)
- 23 Uncharged atomic particle (7)
- 24 Great fear (5)
- 25 Yellow part of an egg (4)
- 26 Good-looking (8)

Down

- 1 Located (5)
- 2 U.S. state (7)
- 3 Ballroom dance (5)
- 4 Putrid (6)
- 6 Sightless (5)
- 7 Gland in the neck (7)
- 10 Sedate (5)
- 13 Flattery or cajoling talk (7)
- 14 Dissuade (5)
- 16 Submarine weapon (7)
- 17 Obsolete gold coin (6)
- 19 Normal (5)
- 21 Finished (5)
- 22 Be evasive (5)

Lockdown Road Map from 17 May

There are a number of changes to the rules so we thought it might be useful to summarise them for you below:

- **You should continue to work from home if you can.** When travelling within the UK, you should aim to do so safely and plan your journey in advance.
- **Outdoor gatherings will be limited to 30 people and indoor gatherings will be limited to 6 people or 2 households** (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible).
- **New guidance on meeting friends and family will emphasise personal responsibility** rather than government rules. Instead of instructing you to stay 2m apart from anyone you don't live with, you will be encouraged to exercise caution and consider the guidance on risks associated with Covid-19 and actions you can take to help keep you and your loved ones safe. Remember the risks of close contact may be greater for some people than others and in some settings and circumstances, there will be specific guidance you will need to follow even when you are with friends and family.
- **Indoor entertainment and attractions** such as cinemas, theatres, museums and children's indoor play areas will be permitted to open with Covid-secure/capacity measures in place.
- **Indoor hospitality** venues such as restaurants, pubs, bars and cafes can reopen.
- **Organised indoor sport** will be able to take place for all (this includes gym classes). This must be organised by a business, charity or public body and the organiser must take reasonable measures to reduce the risk of transmission.
- **All holiday accommodation will be open (including hotels and B&Bs).** This can be used by groups of up to 6 or 2 households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible).
- **The rules for care home residents visiting out and receiving visitors will change, allowing up to five named visitors (two at any one time),** provided visitors test negative for Covid-19.
- **All higher education students will be able to access in-person teaching.** No masks in secondary schools.
- **There will no longer be a legal restriction or permitted reason required to travel internationally.** There will be a traffic light system for international travel

If you are meeting friends in a park or an outside setting, ensure you keep your distance as our message remains - stay local, minimise travel and continue to follow 'hands, face, space and fresh air' to minimise catching Covid-19 and spreading it to others - even if you have been vaccinated. Transmission rates are highest in enclosed spaces so ensure the rule of 6 is understood and adhered to - we have come so far and we really need to keep up the good work. The final step of the road map is scheduled for 21 June. **Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline:** A single phone number continues to be available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support. **0300 790 6275**, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

Recycling News

Why Recycle More?
Somerset has a great recycling record, but still around half the contents of the average rubbish bin could be recycled. We want to help you to reduce waste, protect our environment and help tackle climate change.

Find out more
For information about Recycle More, visit somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more and sign up for our e-newsletter. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter [@SomersetWaste](https://www.facebook.com/SomersetWaste)

Get ready for Recycle More
Recycling and rubbish collections are changing in South Somerset from the end of June 2021.

Look out for your Bright Blue Bag. It is the sign that things are about to change and will arrive just before the new service begins.

Important information inside

Somerset recycles SUB2 Somerset Partnership

Most people in Somerset are recycling. We are making it easier for everyone to recycle even more and help protect our environment.

From the end of June, you will be able to recycle these extra items every week, along with everything you can already recycle.

- Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- Food and drink cartons and Tetra Pak
- Small household batteries
- Small electrical items such as kettles or toasters

A new recycling container, a Bright Blue Bag, will be delivered a week or two before things change. It holds flat, has a weight in its base to stop it blowing away, and is kept closed with a Velcro fastened lid. This means that what you need to put in each container will change. Because you can recycle more, your rubbish will be collected every three weeks. Your collection day may change.

Get ready for Recycle More

Order containers
Everyone can have green and black recycling boxes and food waste bins. Order new or replacement boxes or bins FREE online using the My Waste Services menu at somersetwaste.gov.uk or call your district council.

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Get in touch
This is an important change and we are here to help. Visit somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more for more information about Recycle More and sign up for our e-newsletter.

- Contact us with My Waste Services at somersetwaste.gov.uk
- Call your district council on 01935 462462

Recycle More comes to South Somerset in June. Mendip has the service already and the rest of the county will follow soon.

News from St Mary's

Many thanks to those who crafted such attractive hearts for our Benefice wide Hearts of Hope and Easter messages. They proved very popular, and more than 85 packages were taken home in our village alone.



In case anyone missed them, here is one of the prayers that was included. It's a prayer that is especially relevant as spring unfolds and Covid restrictions are eased:

Blessing and laughter and loving be yours, the love of a great God who names you and holds you while the earth turns, the flowers grow, this day, this night, this moment, and forever. Amen.

As mentioned in the April/May edition of Chinnock Chimes, we are now beginning to hold services back in St Mary's, while keeping to current Covid safety guidance. At present we still need to wear masks and cannot sing in church, but we have rejoiced in being able to sing hymns in the churchyard when the weather allowed.

The present pattern of services is:-

- 1st Sunday in the month 9.15am Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday in the month 6.30pm Evening Prayer
- 3rd Sunday in the month 10am Family Café Service. We plan to hold this in the Village Hall from 20 June if Covid restrictions continue to be eased as hoped.

Meanwhile the Benefice Family Service via zoom continues each Sunday at 9.45am for those not able to come to church email Sheila Carpenter on robinsheila@icloud.com for an invitation.

There is a service of Holy Communion at 11am at one of the Benefice churches every Sunday. For up-to-date details of all Benefice Services see the Coker Ridge website www.cokerridge.org.uk, which includes a copy of the weekly pew sheet. Our Rector, Rev Colin Simpson, is streaming all of the Holy Communion services he takes in the Benefice at 11am on Sundays and other services on special days, via zoom and Facebook (Coker Ridge Benefice). The zoom invitation is also on the weekly pew sheet.

There are now two weekly Bible Study groups in the Benefice, the Pilgrim Group, currently studying Tom Wright's book, 'Mark for Everyone', and the Lent group which voted to continue and study the bible Readings for the Principle service each Sunday. These are currently via zoom, but we look forward to meeting in person soon. There is also a weekly 'lectio' group studying scripture in a contemplative way. This group plans to start meeting in person from the 26 May.

For details of any of these, do contact me on gilliantettmar@gmail.com. Details of church services can also be found on the village website <http://eastchinnock.net/>

Gillian Tettmar Church Warden

East Chinnock Under Fives Preschool

Following COVID-19 guidance and updating operating systems as required to keep everyone safe and well.

Open with places available now:

East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup

Accepts children from their 2nd birthday to starting school. The setting has large outdoor space and a cosy playroom full of resources to facilitate playing and learning.

Baby & Toddler Session

This remains suspended due to Covid-19. As soon restrictions allow and when safe to do so, we will commence our Baby and Toddler Sessions on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3pm.

To find out more information, please visit our Facebook page East Chinnock Playgroup or contact us by email at ecplaygroup@aol.com or call 07870584270.

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Avon and Somerset police in partnership with Somerset County Council's road safety team, have launched 'Raise Your Ride', an exciting new initiative for motorcyclists to improve rider skills. Motorcyclists make up only 1-2% of traffic, but represent approximately 23% of all road casualties in the UK.

The next Raise Your Ride events are: Frome on Sunday 20 June and Yeovil on Sunday 5 September. The cost for the day is £45 per person. For more information visit www.somersetroadsafety.org/page/raise-your-ride/124/

County Councillor's Update May 2021

Kickstart Work Placements

Somerset County Council has partnered with local employers to offer 50 six-month work placements through the Kickstart Programme, and the vacancies are now live.

There are a variety of placements available that could lead to permanent jobs including laboratory stewards, engineering assistants, teaching assistants, business administration roles, grounds assistants, Young People's Champions and more. The Kickstart Programme offers young people aged 16-24 who are claiming Universal Credit the chance to land a six-month work placement, paid at national minimum wage for 25 hours per week.

Details are available through the Young Persons work coach at their local job centre.

County Councillor's Update May 2021

Village Music Night Update

The 'Party in the Park' is scheduled for Saturday 7 August.

This event will be FREE ENTRY.

Local band 'The Ancestors' will be playing.

There will be a bar to purchase a selection of drinks and also a BBQ.

More details and timings will follow after 21 June when the easing of Covid restrictions is confirmed.

East Chinnock Entertainments Committee



East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

The four Committee members met in May to share ideas on how and what can be offered to the Gardening Club membership for the rest of 2021. It was agreed that the following provisional dates can be put in the diary:



2 – 4 July

Bishops Palace, Wells. Garden Festival. There is a ticket price of £8.50 for groups. More information to follow.

Early August

Petunia Plug Plant competition. A good number of members have had their free plug plant to bring on. Due to the cold snap in May mine has hardly grown but I'm hoping by August there will be a flower to see!

Dates TBA

Afternoon visit to Brimsore Gardens for discount shopping.

20 September at 7.15pm

Speaker at Village Hall.

18 October at 7pm

Club AGM & speaker: Peter Triggs 'The Moorland Way' at Village Hall.

All arrangements to be confirmed and all are subject to the Government Covid guidance at the time.

KEEP A WATCH ON YOUR E-MAIL FOR UPDATES.

The New Programme for the Club year November 2021 – October 2022 is being compiled.

FINALLY, A PLEA: THE CLUB NEEDS A TREASURER!

Not an onerous task! The busiest time is the collection of the annual membership fee and then just keeping track of the monthly ins and outs.

The Committee would also welcome a couple of additional members to come to meetings to share and support ideas for the club and its future.

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

Village Hall Update

Village Hall Lottery (drawn third Wednesday of each month)

April Winners:

Gillian Tettmar and Jane Lock

May Winners:

Gerry Wiotcher and Simon & Clare Hawkins



WI Update

Wednesday 19 May brought the very welcome return of our twice-monthly Village Hall Coffee Mornings (10.30 - 12.00), with Nick's popular greengrocery van in the yard as usual.

At 12.00 Judy (Rofe) generously opened her garden and barn to WI members and guests for May's meeting which was followed by a marvellous bring 'n' share buffet lunch.

Judy had compiled a garden quiz, which was enjoyed by all.

The weather granted us a proper May afternoon to be in the open air and it was good to see some of the "new" villagers as well as catch up with established WI members.

We were delighted that Marianne (Marchant) will be East Chinnock's WI President for another year.

Many thanks to all involved with this lovely afternoon, with a special mention of Judy who has provided us with an invaluable venue throughout a difficult time.

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Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are scheduled to restart on Wednesday 19 May at 10.30am – noon at the Village Hall.

Coffee mornings will continue to take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. 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 Wednesdays of the month.

Jane's South West Coastal Path Walking Challenge

Jane LeFeuvre has been undertaking a walking challenge to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Here are the latest updates on her progress:

7 April

Over the past 2 months I have walked the equivalent of the Dorset section of the South West Coastal Path, exploring the route as I went, via Abbotsbury, Ferrybridge, the Isle of Portland, Weymouth, Lulworth Cove and Swanage, to the finish point today at South Haven Point. The 630 mile walk has been an interesting and varied journey from start to finish, giving me an insight into lots of places I would like to visit when circumstances allow. It has also given me further insight into the lifeboat stations that serve the communities along the path, the challenges of life for RNLI volunteers and their families and the courage with which the volunteers carry out their roles supported by their families and the wider public.

I would again like to say a huge thankyou to everybody who has supported my 2 climbing/walking challenges. Your support has kept me walking through 3 lockdowns and long periods of shielding, through spring, summer, autumn, winter, and into spring again and helped raise the fantastic sums of £1,200 for NHS Charities Together and over £950 for the RNLI.

14 April

Having recharged my batteries and determined to continue daily walking, I have challenged myself to walk 100 miles in 100 days and give £100 at the end to a cancer charity/charities. Having researched various walks around the country, I have decided to walk the equivalent of the Cotswold Way (102 miles), researching the route as I go and I look forward to enjoying this new challenge as we gradually emerge from the hibernation of the long lockdown over the winter.

Thank you again for helping me with my fundraising.

Jane LeFeuvre