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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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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) |
| 01935 462462                              | Paul Taylor<br>01935 862006<br>paul.taylor62@hotmail.com                                | Monday 1pm - 3pm<br>Tuesday 9am - 12pm      | 01935 862212        | Pat Lock<br>01935 863899               | Heather Pitts<br>01935 433840                     | Pete Divall<br>01935 422328    |
| County Councillor                         | Parish Council Clerk                                                                    | Village Hall                                | Westlake Dispensary | Playgroup and Toddlers                 | Cubs (8 - 10½ yrs) Scouts (10½ - 14 yrs)          | The Chinnock Chimes            |
| Mark Keating<br>makeating@somerset.gov.uk | Maureen Randell<br>ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk<br>01935 507563<br>Mon-Fri 10am-6pm | Booking & Keys<br>Lia Wicks<br>01935 864327 | 01935 865104        | Kay Strode<br>07870 584270             | James Divall<br>01935 863105                      | thechinnockchimes@gmail.com    |



## GOODBYE SUMMER.... HELLO AUTUMN

Photo: S Spurrell

### Editor's Message

Welcome to the October/November issue!

It's been lovely to include photos of social events and activities that have taken place in the village in this issue.

Please do keep sending me your photos, features and updates to: thechinnockchimes@gmail.com

I hope to see you on Bonfire Night (I am usually by the BBQ taking cash).

Stay safe and well.

Annette

### Highlights

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### Where am I?

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

In the last issue the photograph was of the stone gateposts outside The Pinna Weston Street.



## District Councillor's Report



Cllr Patrick had sent a written report which had been circulated. The main item of interest to the village was that Somerset Waste Partnership hoped that there would be no repetition of the missed waste collections in the village. He said that the Green Waste service was being reinstated. Cllr Reeve said that the first pick-up was scheduled for 22 September in East Chinnock. Cllr Patrick advised residents to check on the website as the service was based on postcodes and this meant that some villages had collections on two different days.

## 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) Somerset continued to have one of the highest vaccine rates in the country.
- ii) Following the Government decision to move the area to a single unitary authority the County Council would be working with the four District Councils to implement this decision. Elections would be held for the new council in May 2022 with an expected vesting date of April 2023. Parish Council elections usually coincided with the county elections to mitigate costs but were not due until May 2023. Councils were being consulted about moving this date to 2022.
- iii) Anyone wishing to become involved with the arrangements for resettling Afghan refugees should contact [resettlement@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:resettlement@somerset.gov.uk).

## Clerk's Report

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

ii) The Clerk said that she had been asked by a local resident to let the villagers know about the Slinky Bus. This is a door-to-door service for those that struggle to use public transport. There is a small charge for journeys but those with a bus pass can get a discount. Anyone wishing to use the bus needs to register either on line at [www.travelsomerset.co.uk](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk) or by ringing 01935 477399. The service is for travel in the Martock and South Petherton area and would cover trips to Crewkerne and West Coker but not into Yeovil town centre. Some leaflets had been obtained and would be left in the Village Hall for the Coffee Morning. There was also a Community Cars Service which would cover trips to Yeovil or Taunton hospitals. The drivers are volunteers and the user is asked to pay a rate per mile for the service. Details can be obtained by ringing 01935 411572.

iii) The District Council were consulting on their Outdoor Play and Youth Facilities Strategy and it was agreed that the Clerk would complete the survey.

## Play Area Planters

There is a national movement called 'Incredible Edible' that encourages community growing projects. Fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers are planted in public spaces and the community help plant and maintain them and then harvest the produce, either for community members or for village events. The Parish Council have obtained a grant to install some raised planters in the Play Area Field and are looking for volunteers to get involved in the planning and the planting. Current thinking is to install a low planter, suitable for children, and a higher one for those who can't bend, but alternative ideas and suggestions are welcome!

Anyone interested in getting involved in whatever capacity, please email the Clerk at: [ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or speak to one of the Councillors.

## Play Area Plans

The Play Area is a lovely central space in the village and the Parish Council want to make it somewhere where all age groups from the village can gather. The existing play equipment has been shot-blasted and repainted to give it a new lease of life and grants will be sought to add some new equipment. There are also plans for adult gym equipment and an outdoor table tennis table. A new picnic bench has been installed and it is also hoped that additional seating will also be provided.

The Council are setting up a working group to investigate grants and look at equipment etc. If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved in the working group please email the Clerk at: [ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ecparishcouncilclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or speak to one of the Councillors.

M.Randell, Parish Clerk  
Sept, 2021

## 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.

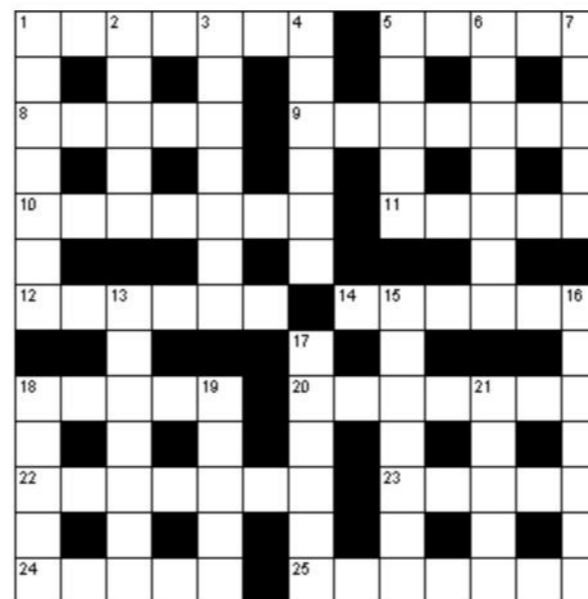
## Crossword Puzzle Solution for Aug/Sept Issue



## Colour Me In



## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Chains, shackles (7)
- 5 Large container for milk (5)
- 8 \_\_\_ Campbell, supermodel (5)
- 9 Having more foliage (7)
- 10 Beneficiary of a will (7)
- 11 Historical era (5)
- 12 Street musician (6)
- 14 Austrian capital (6)
- 18 Hazard (5)
- 20 Chorus (7)
- 22 Open grassland in the USA (7)
- 23 Duke's domain (5)
- 24 Endures (5)
- 25 Watered down (7)

### Down

- 1 Organised group of devotees (3,4)
- 2 Skimpy undergarment (5)
- 3 Letter (7)
- 4 Vendor (6)
- 5 Stop (5)
- 6 Heraldic creature (7)
- 7 Compass point (5)
- 13 Stories in instalments (7)
- 15 Unbeliever (7)
- 16 Vexed (7)
- 17 Pal (6)
- 18 Part of the eye (5)
- 19 Early birds (5)
- 21 Racecourse near Windsor (5)

## East Chinnock Art Group

East Chinnock Art Group is re-starting at the Village Hall!

Sessions will be on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of each month between 2pm – 4pm starting from 22 September at a cost of £2.00 per session.



Bring your work in-progress or next project along to the informal group and 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).

## FEOFFEES A Local Charitable Organisation

FEOFFEES is East Chinnock Poor's Land Charity which owns the Village Hall, Old School House and a field at the bottom of the village (which is currently leased to the Seyfrieds of Broad Lane). The charity's funding is used to maintain the Village Hall and Old School House buildings.

The FEOFFEES committee is made up of members of the Church, Parish Council and independents. Charitable funds are used for the benefit of villagers of East Chinnock. The organisation will send vouchers to all villagers who have spent two nights in hospital during the year and to those who have been bereaved during the year.

The FEOFFEES will now be giving vouchers to new parents in the village and therefore they would be grateful for notification of any new arrivals (see contact details below).

The FEOFFEES are also open to applications of hardship or anyone who requires funding for extraordinary purposes. There may not always be large sums available, but all applications will receive serious consideration.

Contacts:  
John Cox (Chairman) 01935 863304  
Jane Lock (Clerk) 01935 863899

## Christmas Fair



The Village Hall Management Committee has decided on a provisional date for the Christmas Fair, Friday 26 November! This will of course be dependent on any Covid restrictions.

Village groups, clubs and individuals, please start planning for your 'table'!

Let's hope it can happen this year!

## In Loving Memory

### Joe Fairhurst

Sue, Bridget, Joanne and Family would like to thank everybody for their support and kind wishes on the recent passing of Joe.

Joe was very fond of East Chinnock, having spent many happy years as part of the community.

He is dearly missed and will always be remembered.

## Bonfire Night



### Bonfire Night is back with a BANG!

The village Bonfire Night celebrations will go ahead this year on Friday 5 November at the Weston House camping field. Look out for posters around the village a little nearer the time.

There will be a bar and BBQ.

Please do not bring any fireworks or sparklers to the event.

## Village Hall Lottery

### Drawn third Wednesday of each month

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### August Winners

Tom Wicks and Clive Champion

### September Winners

Mike Bussell and Marianne Merchant



If you would like to participate in the Village Hall Lottery, a form is enclosed with this issue of The Chinnock Chimes. If you do not receive a copy let me know at thechinnockchimes@gmail.com and I will forward.

## Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings take place on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall. Please come and join us.

## News From St Mary's

By the time you are reading this we will have had our Harvest Café church on 19 September, where all donations go to support 'Send a Cow', a Somerset based charity that works to alleviate the effects of climate change on farmers in Africa. Our monthly Home Communion Services are resuming again at 2 Orchardleigh on 22 September at 10.30am. All very welcome.



A **Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing** is planned for **Tuesday 19 October at 7pm at St Mary's**, led by Rev Colin Simpson. This will be a service of Holy Communion with the opportunity for the laying on of hands and anointing.

Our regular pattern of services are now:

1st Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's.

2nd Sunday, from 5 October 5pm Evensong at St Mary's (time tbc – check with What's On on <http://eastchinnock.net/> and church notice board to be sure).

3rd Sunday 9.45am for 10am start Café Church in the Village Hall. This informal service includes refreshments, time to chat and enjoyable activities for adults and children.

4th Wednesday Home Communion 10.30am as above.

4th Sunday no service in St Mary's. Services in other churches in the Benefice. See [www.cokerridge.org.uk](http://www.cokerridge.org.uk).

### Save the Date!

The very popular **Stanchester Quire** are returning to **St Mary's for a concert of seasonal music in church at 7.30pm on Saturday 4 December.**

Refreshments will be provided and a collection will be taken at the end of the concert in aid of the Friends of St Mary's. Please do come along. We look forward to welcoming you into our beautiful church. For more information contact about any of the above, contact: Gillian Tettmar at [gilliantettmar@gmail.com](mailto:gilliantettmar@gmail.com).

Gillian Tettmar  
Church Warden

## Kid's Corner

### Relay races – Hebrews 12: 1-3

A relay race can be a really simple activity to set up and make possible, and a great way to get family, friends and neighbours together. If you like, you could turn it into an obstacle course by using cushions or boxes to run around and blankets to crawl under and make the course more challenging and exciting. Do check with a grown up before you use anything from the house though!

- Organise yourselves into teams
- Encourage each team to sit behind their start point – a simple line on the ground.
- Set up another line for each team which is about 10-12 metres away
- Do relay races using a range of different movements' e.g.
- running • army crawling • jumping using two feet • hopping • crab walk • running backwards • skipping (without skipping ropes)

If you're using objects placed along the course make sure you weave in and out or under these.

- Each person performs their movement to their cone and then runs back to their team and sits down, then the next person has their go. Maybe, after your first run through you could set a time challenge.

Don't forget to encourage each other.

In the bible there's a line or two about running a race 'let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...and not grow weary and lose heart.' – Hebrews 12: 1-3

Perseverance means to keep going no matter what. So we're to keep 'running the race' – our Christian life - no matter what life throws at us. If we keep our eyes on Jesus – through talking to him each day, and learning about him by reading our bibles, this will help us to run the race well and not grow tired of it or lose heart, but stay focused and, in the end to win!

- How did it feel when your team won a race?
- How do you think God would like us to respond and behave when we win?
- How did it feel when your team lost a race?
- How do you think God would like us to respond and behave when we lose?



Jesus, please help me to keep my eyes on you, so that I will run the race of my life well and not grow tired of it, or lose heart.  
Help me to remember you've promised to be with me every step of the way. Amen

Look on our website:  
[www.cokerridge.org.uk](http://www.cokerridge.org.uk)  
or Facebook page for  
lots of fun activities.  
Messy Church Coker  
Ridge Benefice

## Music Night

The Village Music Night took place at the playing field on Saturday 7 August and what a great evening it was!

Local band, The Ancestors, were the headline act. With the band's members: Owen Setter (Lead Vocals), Adam Montecute, (bass guitar), Ian Everett (lead guitar) and Dan Pitman (drums) playing a fantastic set.

The band waived their fee to perform on the night so a big thank you to them for their generosity and community spirit.

The band had a great time as well as the crowd; "We had great support from the village and it was fantastic to see people back enjoying themselves, singing and dancing to our music", said Adam.

The band were preceded on stage by singer Alfie Galpin. Alfie also gave up his time and talents for free. It was Alfie's third performance that day so a big thank you to him for being a fabulous support act.

Thank you too to all the Entertainments Committee and volunteers who performed BBQ and bar duties on the night.



If you have any ideas for future events or you wish to suggest any improvements to enhance future events then please do send me your feedback on the usual email address: [techinnockchimes@gmail.com](mailto:techinnockchimes@gmail.com)



## East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

**INVITE EVERYONE**  
TO THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Followed by a talk from Speaker Peter Triggs on the:  
**SOMERSET MOORLANDS**  
  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL 7:15pm**  
**18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**



This is an important meeting as Committee members and a Treasurer are needed to ensure the continuation of the club in 2022.

Please socially distance yourself and wear a mask.

## theWI East Chinnock WI INSPIRING WOMEN

### Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Fund Raiser

On 11 August the East Chinnock WI went on a walk to raise funds in aid of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

A total of £164 was raised, with the event culminating in a lunch in Joyce Lewen's garden.

A good time was had by all.



### East Chinnock Under Fives Preschool

The Under Fives Preschool has returned after the summer holidays, back to the fun and learning with our extensive range of resources.

We enjoy the outside space, going for walks in the community and stretching ability in the recreation ground that is right on our doorstep (and looks amazing after the revamp over the summer).

Our Toddler and Play Group will (subject to Covid-19) begin in November. Follow us on Facebook – East Chinnock Under Fives. Spaces are available.

Get in touch and find out more about our preschool on your doorstep: 07870 584270 or email [ecplaygroup@aol.com](mailto:ecplaygroup@aol.com).

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