

East Chinnock Chimes

March 2001

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May I welcome you to our Village Newsletter. We hope to publish every two months if items come in. If you have anything of interest or adverts of coming events you wish included in these publications please contact me as above. I am also on E.Mail if it is more convient for you.

BEWARE. This is the time of year when robberies take place especially in your garden and garden sheds, where people are looking for garden equipment. Make sure your sheds are secure (Information received from crimestoppers)

Dog Fouling in our Village.

Dog fouling in and around our towns and villages is once again on the increase. This could be partly due to the current Foot and Mouth crisis which prohibits dog owners from areas of the countryside or it could be due to irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul our footpaths and streets.

Either way, it is no excuse. Dog faeces are not only offensive but can be a health hazard by transmitting the diseases Toxocariasis and Salmonellosis. Both these diseases are very harmful to us, causing symptoms from general aches and pains to stomach upsets, even blindness in severe cases.

Under the new Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, South Somerset Dog Wardens can serve fixed penalty notices of £25 on dog owners who allow their dogs to foul whether they are with them at the time or not. If taken to court, this could be as much as £1000.

Nappy bags and supermarket bags make excellent poop scoop bags and if the faeces are double bagged they can be disposed of in litter bins if there is no dog waste bin near by.

Therefore if you are a dog owner, please act responsibly at all times and clear up after your dog and take a pride in our towns and villages and the health and welfare of its residents.

Laura Pearce
Dog Warden Area North
March 2001

W.I

Boring', 'All old people', 'Not my sort of thing'Those are some of the common misconceptions about the W.I.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall for a talk and a chance to chat. Because we are part of a national organisation there are plenty of opportunities to take part in county and national events.

In March we hear about 'Yeovil, Past and Present' and in April 'The Adventures and Confessions of a Rural Meter Reader'.

We have two skittle teams playing regularly, outings to the theatre in winter and a visit to the local magistrates court with a briefing beforehand is planned for late April / early May.

Eight of our members, together with others from the village are taking a community 'First Aid Course' run by the St John's Ambulance Brigade this is taking place in March.

In April we shall be competing in a quiz.

In May some of us will enjoy a tour of Haynes Motor Museum Led by the curator (husbands also invited)

In the summer we hope to have a private visit to mid Lambrook Manor Gardens, no doubt followed by a Pub meal.

Whatever you are interested in be it sport and leisure pursuits, (rambling, cycling, sailing, croquet, tennis)music and drama (being part of a choir or taking part in a revue) public and international affairs or arts and crafts as well as cookery there are opportunities to enjoy your hobby or learn something new within the W.I.

If you would like to come and see if you like us just come along on the 2nd Wednesday or phone Judy Rof e 863966

St Mary's Diary for Easter

25th March Mothering Sunday

8am Communion

9.30am Posy Family Service

6.30pm Evensong

28TH March Parochial Church Council A.G.M. Wednesday 7.30pm Village Hall.

St Mary's Church is your Church, come and join us. Light refreshments

7th April Clearing Church Yard Event. As long as it takes Saturday 11.30am. Bring your own picnic lunch and gardening equipment

8th April Palm Sunday Matins 9.30am.

13th April Procession of the Cross. Good Friday. Procession starts at 10am from Church Rooms. Finish setting the cross. Afterwards at St Mary's.

14th April Compline 8pm St Mary's

15th April Easter Day. Celebration Family Communion 9.30am

28th April Yeovil Temple Songsters Evening of choral music 7.30pm. Light refreshments. £2.50. Come and appreciate St Mary's superior ecoustics.

Coffee Morning for Expedition.

A coffee morning is being held to help raise sponsorship for an expedition to Mongolia with the voluntary organisation Raleigh International. The coffee morning is being organised by Claire Harris.

The event will raise sponsorship for the expedition as well as youth opportunities, community development and environmental projects within the UK.

The event will include a Bring & Buy and a Raffle, this will take place on Saturday 28th April from 10am - 12noon and will be held at Pippin, Orchard Leigh, East Chinnook.

If you have anything you wish to put in the next issue of this newsletter please send to me before closing date April 21st. This will cover May and June 2001.

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Your Post Office

Your village Post Office is a vital part of your community

Please remember to use it.

We do not only sell stamps and send parcels to the British Isles and Abroad, you can pay your Electricity Bill, your Telephone Bill, the SDCC Community Tax and Television License here. You can save towards your Car Tax with £5 M.V.L. stamps. Going abroad? why not purchase your travel insurance, pre-order foreign currency and obtain your E111 medical cover for travelling in Europe. We are a Lloyds - T.S.B., Barclays, Coop, Alliance and Leicester, Cahoot bank for basic banking facilities as well as a National Saving outlet for Premium Bonds, ISA's and Capital Investments.

DO NOT FORGET "USE IT OR LOSE IT"

Did you know you can hire the Village Hall or the Facilities within the hall ?

Organisations or Individuals from The Village	Organisations or Individuals Outside the Village
Large Hall £3.50 per hr Small Hall £2.50 per hr	Large Hall £4.00 per hr Small Hall £3.00 per hr
Tables / Chairs £10.00 Crockery / Cutlery £5.00	Tables / Chairs £10.00 Crockery / Cutlery £5.00

Bookings Available Through Hillary Yard 01935 863046

Do you have any ideas for activities the Village Hall Committee could organise for the benefit of our Village? If so why not bring them only to the Village Hall AGM on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm.

Playschool

Would anybody in the village or outside the village be interested in helping the playschool organize a June Fun Day. We are thinking of holding this on June 16th in the church rooms.

We hope to have stalls, skittles, and races as last year.

East Coker County Dancers have been provisionally booked

If anybody has any suggestions or ideas, they may like to contact me on line at petechinnock@btinternet.com or phone 863632 or stop me in street

Vanessa Williams

Car Treasure Hunt

Sunday 20th May 11am

£10.00 car for 2 people £1.00 each extra passenger.

Price includes ploughman's lunch at Burrows after event.

Prize for 1st and last places.

Draw and Auction will be running throughout the afternoon in aid of Claire Harris's Charity trip to Mongolia

Event organised by the entertainment committee See Posters for details.

The Parish Council is still receiving complaints about dog fouling, particularly in respect of Westways, because of the fact that metalled roads are being used, due to the closure of footpaths etc by the Foot and Mouth regulations. The initial cost of purchasing "Dog Litter Bins" and the onward costs of emptying and maintenance would be substantial for a small Parish. The parish Council is thus asking dog owners to take a scoop and a plastic bag to clear up after their dogs and avoid any health hazards.

St Mary's Church news.

Thank you Folks

The evening of 7th April found several villagers soaking their aching bodies in their baths, and retiring to bed earlier than usual. A hardworking band cut-down, dug-up, cleared and burnt rubbish which had accumulated in the churchyard, and very pleased they were with their effort. Should you wish to admire their work and sit awhile in the Churchyard and view across the valley towards Broad Hill please be St Mary's Guest.

Car Boot Sale.
Say "goodbye" to unwanted clutter
Empty your garage, Sort out your loft, rummage in your drawers !
Hire a stall at the Car Boot Stall being held in The Portman Arms Car Park
16th June 11am-1pm.
Cost per stall £4.00.
Proceeds to St Mary's Church

East Chinnock Village Echoes.

We have sold all copies of the village book. Thank you anyone who bought a copy. However we now have a problem as requests are still coming in for a copy.

If you have a spare unwanted book would you please sell it back to Maianne Marchant. Thankyou.

East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

Did you know that we have a Gardening & Countryside Club? Well we do.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall during the months of October, November, January, February, March and April.

In addition we have two days and one evening outing each summer.

All this for the inconsequential sum of £3.00 per annum.

Our day outings this year have been arranged for :

Wednesday 13th June to the Hawk Conservancy & Country Park
Wednesday 18th July to the Peco Gardens & Forde Abbey Gardens.

If you are interested in joining us please contact

Joyce Lewens: Tel 01935 864142.

Date for your diary
"Village Barn Dance"
Saturday 16th June 2001
Details will be displayed at a later date.

"For Sale"

Electronic Organ. Yamaha MC 400 16 Rhythms. 66 Sounds
Accepts Headphones & Mic. Mahogany Colour c/w Stool
£295.00 Tele: 01935 862824

I am pleased you enjoyed the first edition of our village newsletter. Keep those news items and adverts coming in. If you have anything you wish to put in the next issue of this newsletter please send to me before closing date 22nd June. This will cover July and August 2001.

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East Chinnock Village Hall Management Committee

Our thanks go to the East Chinnock Poor's Land Charity who for the second year in succession have covered the cost of Group Membership of South Somerset District Council's Community Resources Services. Village group who benefit from this membership are the Women's Institute, The Gardening and Countryside Club, The Under-fives, The Entertainment's Committee and the Village Hall Committee. All these groups are able to avail themselves of:

Hire of the self - drive mini -bus

Equipment hire

Purchase of Art / craft materials

Use of scrap store

At the end of July the Montessori School is to close. Although this will free up the Hall for individual or group bookings there will be a sharp decline in annual income. Insurance and Rent currently account for nearly £800.00 per annum to which must be added recurring charges for water and electricity. Ongoing maintenance, repairs and improvements also have to be funded. It will therefore be necessary to generate more income outside the usual booking fees if the Village Hall is to remain independently viable.

One suggestion is that an ongoing competition is held based on the bonus ball drawn each Saturday in the National Lottery Draw. Details of this are currently being finalised and will be circulated to all households as soon as possible. It is hoped the commencement date will be Saturday 8th September 2001. Keep a sharp look - out for details as membership will be limited to 49 and numbers allocated on a strict "first come, first served" basis.

Advance Notice : Christmas Fair Saturday 1st December 2001

Stalls available to all groups and individuals in the village.

BEWARE. This is the time of year when robberies take place especially in your homes and garden sheds, where people are looking for garden equipment etc. Make sure your houses, sheds and garages are secure before you leave your Premises.

Do not leave your garage door open even when you are at home.

Make sure all windows are shut and secure before you leave.

These points have been relayed from our local Community Police Officer

St Mary's Church.

15th July A FAMILY SERVICES WITH BAPTISM

Everyone is invited to come along to this happy event which is being held in the Village Marquee on Ros & Nick Weber's lawn at 3.30pm. Followed by tea and cakes.

2nd September VILLAGE GOLF- CROQUET AFTERNOON (See posters for details nearer date.)

23rd September HARVEST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Foot & Mouth

Most of the footpaths around East Chinnock are open. The ONLY exceptions are those displaying a Pink closure notice. These remain CLOSED as they involve the path passing through fields containing livestock or along a track used as a drove road. Because of the continuing risk of Foot and Mouth the County Council have agreed to them remaining closed until further notice. Please keep your dogs on a lead where there is a risk of them straying onto farm land containing livestock.

WITH MANY THANKS

I would like to thank all the people who have helped in successfully raising £3,200, for me to undertake the expedition to Mongolia with Raleigh International.

I would like to thank a few people personally for their help and support.

Jennie & Ellis Langford-Snape for allowing the use of their garden for the Car Treasure Hunt, which raised £200.

The Feoffees for their kind donation to the expedition.

The Parish Council and WI for their kind donation to the expedition.

The Entertainment's Committee for allowing myself to run a raffle at the Barn Dance of which was very successful and raised £96.

I would finally like to thank Chris and Jan at the post office for their help and support throughout the fundraising. I brought some of the supplies needed for the events that took place at reasonable prices. They donated raffle prizes and I also ordered my currency from the post office. They are very keen to help anyone who enters the shop so please support the Post Office and Shop.

Claire Harris

*1st WEST COKER SCOUT & GUIDE JOINT
HEADQUARTERS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE
Summer Fair Sunday 8th July @ 2.30pm.
Halves Lane Playing Field.
Many Stalls. West & East Coker School Dancers
(Small Pets Show (Entrance fee 50p)
Something for everyone. Hope to see you there.*

BONFIRES –a – REQUEST

Please be considerate when having a bonfire. Avoid lighting one on hot windless days, or leaving it to smolder for hours or even days on end. Apart from being unpleasant for neighbours, problems can be caused for asthmatics, people suffering from other breathing difficulties and heart problems

For Sale
Porch Awning for Caravan
Rust Colour. Little used
Exc Condition £110. Ono 01935 862824

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Your Village Post Office

As the summer season comes to a close we would like to thank you for your continuing support. Foreign currency business was up 500 % with the commission free offer proving very successful. Just to remind you we are a Lloyds T S B & Barclays bank for depositing cash and cashing cheques. Christmas is coming, the early dates for posting abroad will be out in October.
Jan & Chris.

East Chinnock Gardening & Countryside Club

The first meeting of the club for the year 2001 / 2002 takes place on :

Monday 15th October 2001

In

The Village Hall

At

7.30pm.

This meeting will be a social cheese and wine evening / quiz night and is open to all prospective members. Details will be available on the night of the speakers arranged for the year. Ideas for outings in 2002 will be most welcome.

So why not banish those winter blues and join us on :

Monday 15th October 2001

Monday 19th November 2001

Monday 21st January 2002

Monday 18th February 2002

Monday 18th March 2002

Monday 15th April 2002.

For your Information.

Free energy advice from the Bristol & Somerset Energy Efficiency Advice Centre.

This leaflet is available to view in the Village Hall lobby.

Village Transport Survey.

The result of the recently held survey was as follows.

85 houses out of 225 responded to the Questionnaire.

Item 4 The Village Timetable being the most popular. We shall be working closely with a member of South Somerset District Council in producing a timetable which will be distributed to all house hold. This will take awhile as there is a lot of information to Colette.

We are also looking at the possibility of a Bus Shelter for people wishing to go to Crewkerne.

St Mary's Church

Service Celebration Sunday 23rd September 2001

9.30am Family Service conducted by David Dorewell
Collection for Tea Fund and Yeovil Hospice

12 noon Harvest Lunch in Marquee on the parish field
Adults £3, Children £1. Tickets available from the office.

6.30pm Evensong with Benefice Choir

Gifts are welcome to decorate the church before the 23rd or brought to a service.
Produce given is passed to the Night Shelter Yeovil

**Somerset Rural Youth Project
THE MOPED LOAN SCHEME.**

This Leaflet available to view in Village Hall Lobby.

Don't forget there is lots of information on this notice board regarding many aspects.

Parish Council

Parish Council meetings are held in the Post Office as well as on the Parish Council notice board in the Village Hall.

1st West Coker Scout Group

We have vacancies in all our sections at present

Beavers 6-8yrs

Cubs 8-10yrs

Scouts 10-16yrs

Why not encourage your son to a more active life, to meet new friends, to learn to work together and most of all to have fun

If your son is interested in joining please contact me for more information



Keith Harris G.S.L. 864192..

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding this news letter please send to me before the next issue. The next issue will be published on 1st October 2001.

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Queens Jubilee Celebrations

A public meeting is being held on Wednesday 7th November
Time 7.30pm

Venue Village Hall

Please bring your ideas to celebrate this special occasion



St Mary's Church Dairy of Events November & December 2001.

11th November Sunday 9.30am Mattins service with Act of Remembrance

1st December Saturday 7.30pm Concert of Seasonal Music at St Mary's a welcome return of the Yeovil Temple Songsters. Tickets from the village shop £2.50 to include light refreshments.

16th December Sunday 3.30pm Christingle Gift Service

If you wish to bring gifts for children, please do. These will be distributed by members of the Social Services.

18th December Tuesday 7.30pm Traditional Candlelight Service. Carols round the Village.
Details will be in the Christmas Flyer sheet.

23rd December Sunday 8am Communion.

24th December 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Rev. Richard Terrell will take this service.

25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Family Communion.
Preb. Patrick Blake will take this service.

Bonfire Night

Saturday 3rd November

6.30pm Gliddons Field

Entrance Free – Cash donations for Display Fireworks

On Sale - BBQ – Hot Dogs / Burgers / Mulled Wine and Cider

Make a Guy Competition



***Congratulation to Joyce & Ron Clarke of Weston Street who celebrate
Their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 1st November***

East Chinnock Playgroup

Places available now for any pre-school children aged from 2 and a half years upwards.
Sessions held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9.15 to 12.15 at a cost of £3.75 per session.
Playgroup is situated at The Church Rooms, Weston Street, East Chinnock (by the swings and playing field).
Excellent OFSTED Report, friendly, well qualified staff, outside play area, happy and stimulating
Any enquiries, please phone Kay Strode 01935 872126 or drop in to see for yourself. environment.

East Chinnock Mother & Toddler Group

Held every Wednesday afternoon (during term time) from 2.15pm to 3.45pm at The Playgroup, Weston Street.
Any mothers with babies or pre-school aged children welcome. Come and relax with a cup of tea or coffee while your children play safely. Outside play area in summer.
First session FREE. Cost £1 per session thereafter.
Any queries, phone Angie 01935 863877.

East Chinnock W.I.

As a W.I. we get many request to support other charities by e.g. holding coffee mornings etc, but as Rene Doble is our longest serving member we particularly wanted to help the Stroke Association.
Hosted by Marianne Merchant, the coffee morning on October 4th raised £66. which has now been sent to the Association. Marianne and all of us would like to thank all those who supported it and for the many generous donations received from those who could not attend.

As like every other organisation, we need to raise funds for ourselves.
We shall be having a stall with cakes, preserves, produce etc at the Christmas Fair on December 1st and hope to see lots of people there.

We meet at 7.45pm in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month.
November 14th is our A.G.M. but we keep the serious business to a minimum, and relax afterwards with something a little more light hearted.

December 12th is our Christmas meeting with fun and games, food and drink.
Do come along and make new friends, try new activities or just enjoy a social evening out.
New members are always welcome and we are happy for anyone to come as a visitor before deciding whether to join.

Judy Rofe

***1st WEST COKER SCOUT & GUIDE JOINT HEADQUARTERS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Christmas Bazaar Saturday 24th November @10.30am
Halves Lane Playing Field.
Many Stalls & Father Christmas will open it.
Something for everyone. Hope to see you there.***

***1st WEST COKER SCOUT & GUIDE JOINT HEADQUARTERS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Postal Collection & Delivery starts 12th November
Last collection will be Tuesday 11th December.
Boxes will be out in the following Villages: (posters will inform where boxes are sited)
East Coker, West Coker, Hardington, Pendomer, East Chinnock, Odcombe
Delivery will be to all these Villages including Yeovil.
Cost per card will be 10p. Please place money in box in a bag along with cards.
It is important that the Full postal address in on all cards.
All cards will be delivered by Christmas.
Please support your local Scouts & Guide Sections on these fund raising events.***

Village Post Office

With Christmas fast approaching don't forget to post your Christmas mail early !!
Listed are the last dates for posting.

Surface Mail

Far East & Middle East	16 th October
Canada , Hong Kong , South Africa , U.S.A.	30 th October
Eastern Europe & Cyprus	19 th November
Malta , Turkey , Greece	26 th November
Western Europe	3 rd December

Air Mail

Outside Europe	7 th December
Eastern Europe	10 th December
Western Europe	14 th December

First Class 21st December

2nd Class 18th December

H.M. Forces

Last Date for Air Mail , Letters , Cards , Packages , including Exercises & Operation 14th December
It is a bit early, but Happy Christmas Everyone Jan & Chris.

Village Hall Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 1st December 2.30pm
Watch out for posters. (nearer date)

Portman Arms
Sunday 23rd December Christmas Draw 10pm approx (see posters nearer date)
Monday 31st December Disco Fancy Dress optional , Prizes
(see posters nearer date)

1st January 2002
Annual Volley Ball in the playing field (information nearer date)

EAST CHINNOCK MARQUEE 20ft by 40ft **Hire Charges**

Parish Council or Sub Committee	No Charge
Organisations within the East Chinnock	£25
Private Hire within East Chinnock	£50
Other Parish Councils	£75*
Private Hire outside East Chinnock	£125*

All prices include Insurance Cover, Delivery, Erection and Collection.
* These may have a minimal surcharge to cover delivery over a large distance.

Booking of Marquee: Mr Alan Roberts - 01935 862497

Public Information.
The Police Contact as follows
Emergency 999
Non Emergency 01275 818181
If your require to contact PC Stamper
leave a message on his Answerphone
01935 402268 and when asked Dial
73175

Police Sugary
This will take place every Tuesday
between 10-11am in the Village Hall
Where you will be able to meet your
Community Police Officer

Are you willing to help at your village events ?
Please contact - Hilary 863046 Alan 862497 Ellis 862669

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January 3rd 2002 closing date This will cover from 7th January & February . 2002.