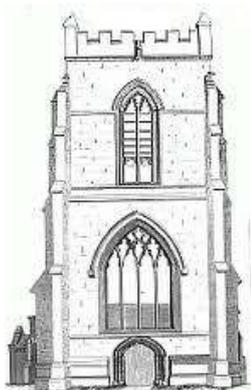


Chedzoy News

SUMMER 2014 ISSUE



What's On at St. Mary's



Tower Open Afternoon

Sunday 29th June
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come and see the village from a different perspective. Tea, coffee and a selection of delicious home-made cakes will be available in the church.

Centenary of the First World War

Sunday 3rd August at 11.30 am

The First World War claimed the lives of over 16 million people, involved over 100 countries, and had an impact on the lives of everyone in every town and village in our country.

Join us in a special service to commemorate the start of the war and to remember the millions who failed to return, including the fallen from Chedzoy.

Cream Teas



Sunday 24th August 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm
in the Newly Extended Village Hall

A generous serving of freshly baked scones with jam, clotted cream and a pot of tea.

Eat in the Devonshire way or the Cornish way – the choice is yours!

All for only £3.00

POP IN FOR A PINT !!

WEDNESDAY COFFEE SHOP

Suspended until Hall re-opens

Chedzoy Pre-School's
Family Summer DISCO
Saturday 21st June
Morganians Rugby Club
5pm-7pm
Nail Art
Face Painting
Tattoos
Raffle
Everybody Welcome!
Bar open & snacks
£1.50 entry per person on the door
£1 per person with a ticket. To buy tickets go to Chedzoy Pre-School Facebook page or www.chedzoypreschool.org.uk

STREET PARTY – 13th SEPTEMBER

In the Village Hall field

2 p.m. Sideshows, 3:30 Teas

Jelly – Sandwiches – Mixed Finger Cakes

Chedzoy Ladies & Gents



Admission by Tickets only, which are free for children under 12, and £2.00 for adults
'phone 455 611 to book

CARNIVAL CONCERT AND PROCESSION GRANDSTAND TICKETS GO ON SALE

Tickets for the prestigious Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival concerts can be booked online from April 2014. Available through the event's official website – www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk – tickets for the 2014 show, which commences on Monday 29th September and runs until Saturday 11th October, can be reserved by concert goers at the online shop for performances on Monday 29th September, Wednesday 1st October and between Tuesday 7th October and Saturday 11th October. The concert tickets, sponsored by Somerset Car Sales, will cost £8.50 (except for rows J,M,P,Y & Z which will be £9.50) for the opening performance, and £11 (except for rows J,M,P,Y & Z which will be priced at £12) for all other performances. Restricted view seats will be £8.50 throughout the concert fortnight.

Tickets for the all-seater grandstands which line the carnival procession route will also be available to pre-order from April 2014. The 1,800 tickets, kindly sponsored by EDF Energy (Hinkley Point B and C), cost £14.00 each and will be available online at www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk, or from Mike Crocker on 01278 451 415.

Views from the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are just before Pentecost. This is the celebration of the sending of the Holy Spirit. We have just recently held a confirmation service in Sedgemoor Deanery. The bishop - or overseer as it says in the bible - lays hands on the candidates and prays, 'Confirm O Lord this your servant with your Holy Spirit'.

The Holy Spirit may or may not confirm the person. What makes us a Christian is repentance, believing by faith that Jesus died on the cross paying the price for our sins. We then should be baptised and we should know by the confirmation of the Holy Spirit that we are saved - set apart by God, for God.

So when you tell me you are a Christian, I expect that you can say you were confirmed by the Holy Spirit, not by the bishop or through attending a course. You may have been confirmed by the Holy Spirit without someone laying hands on you as is shown in the bible. Either way it is a good time for all of us to reflect on our spiritual journey and consider whether we are actually confirmed by the Holy Spirit.

Chris



Church Annual General Meeting – 27th April from Malcolm Friend

Revd. Chris Keys thanked everyone who had contributed to the smooth running of the Church during the past year, and in particular thanked Wendy Woodward. Wendy had decided not to stand again as Churchwarden and he said that we were all very grateful for everything she had done during her many years in the role.

Malcolm and Linda Friend were elected as Churchwardens for the year, and Linda was also elected as Church Secretary. Mary Coulson was again elected as Treasurer, although she indicated with regret that this would be her final year in the rôle. Sue Bellaers, Mary Coulson, Valerie Fry, Pat Lennard, Roger Sutton and Richard Woodward were all re-elected to the Church Council. We were also pleased to welcome two new Council members, Avril Johnson and Angela Uren. The Annual Report and Accounts were discussed, and a copy is available in the Church.

Services Each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- except

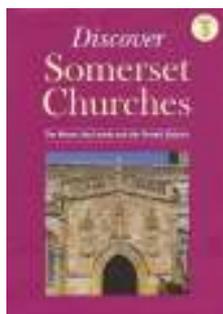
First Sunday of each month
11:30 a.m. Morning Praise

Visit our web site:

www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy

Discover Somerset Churches

Do you enjoy visiting historic buildings? If the answer is 'yes', then you will be interested in the latest booklets from the Diocese of Bath and Wells called *Discover Somerset Churches*. There are four booklets in the series, giving basic information about each church, together with a map, postcodes for sat-nav systems, and details of cycle routes. Map 3, which covers the Moors, the Levels and the Parrett Estuary, is free, and available for you to pick up at the church.



Keep Pumping!

At a recent Family Service, the congregation at St. Mary's Church were concerned to discover that there was a power cut. Our church organ was converted to electric bellows in 1952, so clearly there was going to be a problem. Luckily when the organ was converted, the old manual pumping handle had been left in place and congregation stalwart Richard Bellaers bravely volunteered to provide the necessary manpower to get the organ working. The old pumping mechanism (and Richard) were in fine fettle and the organ thundered away accompanying the hymns, although we did cut back on the number of verses!

Richard was heartily congratulated by the congregation after the service. However, his face was a picture when someone remarked that the organ had much more power when pumped manually and it was suggested that this should become a regular feature!

Village Garage Sales

The weather had been wet and windy all week so we were concerned what it would be like on the day of our Garage Sales – 3rd May. We need not have worried because - as usual - we were lucky with the weather and a cloudy start soon gave way to brilliant sunshine. This had the desired effect, and although the official start was at 9 a.m., buyers looking for a bargain were seen around the village well before 8 a.m. A hectic morning followed!

Hot dogs, tea, coffee and cold drinks were on sale in the Village Hall, and people continued to arrive long after the official closing time. We even had a pony that turned up for refreshments, and we were delighted to offer a few sugar lumps! All in all a great day!

Church Spring Clean

At the annual spring clean at St. Mary's Church, brooms, dusters, polish and hoovers were everywhere, and after a couple of hours of hard work the place was spotless. The following week the flower arrangers were back in the church to work their magic with the Easter flowers. Thanks to everyone who came along to help at the two events.

Confirmation

Carole and Peter Edmunds were confirmed by The Right Reverend Peter Maurice, the Bishop of Taunton, at the Sedgemoor Deanery Service of Confirmation held in St. Mary's Church, North Petherton last month.



Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which faith is affirmed and the intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop.

At the service, Reverend Chris Keys gave the reading from John's Gospel and was also Peter's sponsor; Mrs Lorraine

Keys sponsored Carole. Friends and family from Chedzoy joined in the celebrations and everyone enjoyed the buffet following the service.

Rev. Roderick Noel Dixon
27 Dec. 1928 — 27 Dec. 2013



A resident of our village for over 30 years, Rod, as he was known to his wife, Eleanor, his family and friends, was a familiar figure as he cycled around the neighbourhood on his preferred mode of transport, especially in the morning to collect his Daily Telegraph from the 'last garage in town'. He was born into an impoverished childhood in Manchester. His three elder brothers served in the wartime forces. After the war, Rod completed his National Service in Singapore as a clerk in the RAF. After this he became a draughtsman in various locations including the Isle of

Wight and Wells. Eventually, he moved to Taunton to become Somerset's *Rights of Way* officer. He designed the *Way Mark* sign - which is in use nationwide, as well as the *Fingerless Signpost*. He was much sought after well into retirement for his legal expertise in these matters. His expertise with pen and pencil, a good eye and a steady hand, showed in his artistic talents too. He was a brilliant cartoonist and could draw a convincing portrait likeness with a few strokes of the pen. He became a teacher of Italic handwriting and used his earnings to donate over £2,000 to fund the building work on his chapels.

He moved to Chedzoy in 1979 and became Unitarian Minister at Bridgwater, Taunton, and - later - Bridport, chapels, undertaking major building restoration. He was greatly respected by his flock and colleagues, as I can testify, having accompanied an enjoyable, informative and friendly chapel outing he organised to Oxford in the early 1980s. Towards the end of his life, increasingly handicapped by deafness and further failing health, he became a Catholic and, indeed, his funeral at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Bridgwater was followed by a short service presided over by a Unitarian colleague at his cremation, thus bringing together both sides of his religious practice and belief.

After introducing the children at Chedzoy School to the beauty, clarity and ease of Italic handwriting, facilitated by the use of the special Italic pen, he came in regularly for this purpose and also took his turn, with the Rector of Chedzoy and the Vicar of Bawdrip, taking one of our morning assemblies on a regular basis. He was a wonderful storyteller and had a good rapport with children. He also gave expert *Rights of Way* advice to Chedzoy Parish Council and draughted a very clear and interesting map for the village, showing the footpaths, sights and sites of interest leading to the Battlefield of Sedgemoor, when the community, church and school celebrated the tercentenary of the Battle in 1985. The map stood for all to see in a special wooden and glass frame beside the Church notice board until the weather took its toll after many years.

Despite having failed his School Certificate in his teenage years, in 1988 - at the age of 70 - Rod achieved his B.A. and M.A. in Countryside Management at the University of the West of England in Bristol. Five years later, he completed a long sponsored cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats - in 24 days - raising money for RAFA, the Royal Air Forces Association - for which organisation he was the Bridgwater Padre. Interestingly, as there are no trains at John O'Groats, his bicycle had to be *posted* home by Royal Mail, who delivered it safely and promptly to Chedzoy at a cost of £10 — only just over ten times the cost of a first class LETTER today! Rod certainly saw some changes during his lifetime!

He died at Aspen Court Care Home, just minutes into his 85th birthday, and is greatly missed by Eleanor, his son, Stephen, his step-children and step-grandchildren, friends and colleagues. One of our great village personalities, or 'characters' as they used to be called, who used his talents to the best of his ability in the service of God and his community, we are all the poorer for his loss. May he rest in peace.
Pauline Clapp

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**PATCHWORK/SEWING GROUP**  
*from Avril Johnson*

At the moment we are not able to use the hall so we are meeting to sew at my house, on a come-when-you-can basis. We will continue as usual at 2:30pm on Wednesday afternoons as soon as the hall is in use again. Our group project, a play mat for the children at the coffee mornings is just about complete, and I look forward to seeing it in use. We are now concentrating on items for our stall at the Christmas Fair.



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CHEDZOY LADIES & CHAPS
from Don Johnson



We changed the activity on April 8th to a Beetle Drive, preceded by a Pizza Supper. It turned out to be a highly competitive but hilarious evening, with prizes of chocolate Easter Bunnies going to the winners of each round. The overall winner of a large Easter Egg was Pat Wheeler - a recent new resident of Chedzoy along with husband Stuart.

Whilst the Hall is undergoing surgery to increase the kitchen, bar, toilet and storage areas, there will be no meetings between May and August. To celebrate the Hall re-opening, in September it is hoped to organise a street party, but in the field behind the Hall - watch for posters on the board at the village junction. I'm hoping to organise a crockery-smashing stall for the event, so if you have any unwanted china (NOT glass!) please let me know on 455 611.

For the benefit of anyone who hasn't visited a *Ladies & Chaps* evening, may I remind you that everyone is welcome - and since the name change, it's *men* as well as women! There is no annual subscription charge - only £1.00 payable at each meeting attended, where there will also be a raffle to help defray the costs of providing supper. Meetings are totally informal, and held in a friendly and light-hearted atmosphere. Drinks can be self-served at low prices in the honesty box, but although tea and coffee are free, you might have to prepare them yourself with the makings provided!



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TWINNING NEWS

from Celia Smith and Alison Hatcher

Many people will already know that the Zoy villages are twinned with nine villages in the Val d'Ille area just north of Rennes in Brittany. Each year we get together either here or in France, staying in each other's homes. However there is more to twinning than this official annual meeting.

The 'unofficial' ladies walking group came about following a conversation at one of those lovely extended French lunches, when, sitting in the sun having eaten and drunk well, the conversation turned to interests and hobbies. Whilst the men in the group agreed that rugby and wine tasting were of great importance, the women favoured the health benefits of long distance walking. Before we knew it we had agreed to meet for a weekend in October to walk a section of the Brittany coastline, and so the Anglo/Français walking group was born.

We have had two walking weekends. The first was in the St Malo area, ending up at the beautiful island of Mont St Michel. It was a lovely couple of days, visiting contrasting places; the first night we stayed at a simple pilgrims' retreat on the island, available only to those who arrive on foot. The following day we walked back to the walled town of St Malo, and ended up in the casino!

Last month we met five French friends who travelled as foot passengers on the ferry to Portsmouth and we walked part of the South Downs way. The weather was decidedly 'English' but the company was great and we had a good time together. We stayed at the Sustainability Centre at East Meon. Unsettled weather did not dampen the spirits though, and in true twinning style we set forth to walk, picnic, and enjoy conversation and laughter. The French especially appreciated the beautiful South Downs countryside and the chance to look around a typical English village. They introduced us to a rather complicated French card game on the first evening, whilst on the following night we took them to a traditional English pub to sample the local ale. Before we waved them off on the ferry home we had already made tentative plans for the next walk, so watch this space ladies if you are interested in joining us.

In August the main twinning group will visit Brittany, and we would welcome anyone who would like to join in. Travelling as a foot passenger from Portsmouth is an economical way to do this, and you will be assured of a warm welcome and excellent hospitality. You do not necessarily need to speak French, as many of our hosts have excellent English, but it adds to the fun to have a go!

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Paul Smith (01278 691 409) or Maureen Weeks (01278 451 444)

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## GARDEN VISITS

*from Pauline Clapp*

I am arranging a coach trip for Plant Heritage to the Wildside and Garden House gardens at Buckland Monachorum between Plymouth and Tavistock on Tuesday, June 24th - cost £25 to include coach and garden entrances. There are a few places remaining.

On Sunday, September 28th we are running a trip to the gardens at Old Court Nurseries near Malvern to view the National Collection of Michaelmas Daisies and then on to the Malvern Autumn Show for the rest of the day, including the plant sell off at the end of the show - pick up some choice bargains! Cost of £25 for RHS members, £28.50 for others. Includes coach and entrances, but I need to book the Group entrance in good time in early September, so please let me know as soon as possible on 01278 451 631.

## CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL

*from Mary Coulson*

The extension to the Village Hall is well underway - this can especially be seen from the rear of the Hall at the moment. The work force has been extremely busy over the last few weeks and the Committee is very impressed by what has so far been achieved. We hope that the planned two months closure will be sufficient for all the work to be completed - please see the village notice boards for further information. All those who have letting reservations as from the beginning of August will be contacted if any changes need to be made.



We know that the alterations will benefit the Hall enormously and look forward to a grand opening and plenty of great events and activities thereafter.

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CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL

from Donna Berrige

What the children have been doing...

We have been busy with our growing topic, the children have enjoyed the planting of cress seeds and some have even brought the cress in their sandwiches! Yum! We are also looking at the life cycle of a butterfly with our new butterfly garden. Hopefully we will see the tadpoles that are getting bigger by the day turn into frogs this month; some of them have already started growing their back legs which the children are very excited about. We have been very successful in our fundraising events to have purchased a new iPad. It is getting lots of use by all and the children are learning some fantastic new skills, as are the staff! This year we will also be saying goodbye to a large number of our children who will be starting Primary School in September.



Spaces available in September...

Chedzoy Pre-School is an established pre-school that offers a warm and friendly welcome. We have been running for 40 years, providing a safe rural setting and a caring and happy environment for children, with large indoor and outdoor play areas. A glowing OFSTED report and experienced, qualified staff makes this a great start to your child's journey into education. Based on the outskirts of Bridgwater, just off Bath Road, we are ideally placed near Junction 23 with plenty of parking and no traffic queues! Spaces on first come first serve, call us now to book a visit... 07989 034180

Family Summer Disco *See front page*

Quiz Night Test your general knowledge on Friday 18th July at Morganians. Doors open 7.00 p.m. £2 per person - up to 4 in a team. There will be a bar and light refreshments to buy. Hope you can make it, and if you are on your own, but still want to take part, just let us know and we can put you in a team! Great prizes to be won!

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Extracts from meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014

#### Matters arising from the previous minutes

- Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that the training for the 7 volunteers had taken place on 15th March and St John Ambulance had now issued certificates for each. These would be distributed shortly. The equipment plus cabinet were now with Mr Steve Maxwell, of the Hall committee who had kindly offered to arrange its installation on the outer wall against Fry's Farmhouse in due course, now that the hall improvements were under way. A formal letter of thanks is to be sent to the Hall Committee for their help. For ease of access to the defibrillator at times of emergency it was decided not to utilise the access combination code facility of the cabinet.
- Parking problems in Front Street. The Clerk reported that he had delayed making further enquiries as he wished the Council to consider the matter a little more, bearing in mind that parked cars actually assisted in slowing the traffic down, and were seen in many rural areas and apparently tolerated by the authorities. Further, cars approaching Cross Tree from the Chedzoy Lane direction were required to stop before negotiating the junction, thereby lessening any potential collision situation. He added that when making any appeal to resident's sense of public responsibility it should always be kept in mind that they may not adhere to any such appeal. After a discussion the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries, which he will now do in writing to various parties.
- Blocked drains and gullies. A meeting had taken place between Laurence Hackling of SCC and Cllrs Mark Smith and Martin Baker on 9<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the Manor Road/ Pig Lane problems, which involve several properties. Laurence has agreed to clear the gully on the corner behind "Byways" and re-profile the tarmac to better clear the water into the gully, so long as the following matters are seen to first:-
  1. Clearance of the ditch behind "Field View".
  2. Clearance of the ditch behind Nos 1 – 4 Higher Road. (Nos 1 and 2 are the responsibility of the relevant property owners whether private or SDC owned)
  3. The Pipe running under the field behind 'Laburnum House' is cleared (if blocked).
  4. Clearance of the ditch along the eastern end field in Pig Lane at the boundary with North Field. (3 and 4 the responsibility of Wessex Water – we think).
  5. Clearance of the ditch along the northern (back) boundary of the Pig Lane fields. (This being the landowner's responsibility).Resolution of this major problem area to be prioritised and thereafter we can consider other areas e.g. Ward Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Wessex Water and the relevant Householders appropriately.

#### County Councillor's report

Cllr. Hall reported on the following items:

- Somerset Floods. He outlined the current position here, saying it was vital to keep up the profile of these ongoing problems. To date there had been 3 Prime Ministerial visits and 3 Ministerial visits, and it was important to keep focusing here later on when the 'one off' money allocation was used up. He said he was quite impressed with Owen Patterson.
- Road flooding and closures, He said there were plans to raise some road areas to improve access to Muchelney.
- Hinkley Point. He said there was considerable optimism here, with the EU considering the legality of the Government subsidy and the road improvements currently under way on the A39 between Bridgwater and Cannington.
- Broadband, after a delay caused by the closure of the A361 due to the floods and the diversion of traffic along the A39 along the Polden Hills, necessitating the suspension of cable laying, things were now getting back on track.
- Health and Wellbeing Budget. Cllr Hall presented the Chairman with a cheque for £966.67 which is to be used towards the purchase of a complete carpet bowls set for use by villagers. The Hall

Committee have agreed to store this securely following the hall improvements. The Clerk to arrange the purchase, ensuring the storage facility is available first.

#### Sedgemoor District Council report

Cllr. Derek Alder reported that SDC was slowly returning to normal now the flood waters had abated, but that there were still considerable residual problems to see to.

#### Planning

The Clerk said that the planning application process was being improved at SDC with the planning pages of the website being upgraded to make it possible for councils and individuals to register for notifications, making it easier to track cases through the system.

Mr Mike Horrobin was invited by the Chairman to address the meeting about his intention to lodge a planning application for 7 Holiday Cottages to be built (for sale) on the site of his nursery in Chedzoy Lane. He said he had arranged a site visit by the planning officer (Shanta Hobbs), who had commented on the proposal favourably. He outlined the proposal and showed plans to the councillors.

#### Correspondence

- The Royal Bath and West Show Society had sent an acknowledgement for the donation of £250 made to the Somerset Levels Relief Fund.
- Confirmation of the closure of the Middlezoy recycling centre on 1<sup>st</sup> April has been received. Opening hours at other centres (e.g. Saltlands, Bridgwater) have been extended.
- Hall Committee AGM to be held 30th April 2014. Parish Council representatives are Pat Lennard and James Bunney.
- Glastonbury Town Council. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Glastonbury Town Council outlining their opposition to the expansion of Hinkley Point and requesting support. A discussion took place and it was felt the matter should be brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting (our next meeting) so that the views of the Villagers could be obtained.
- Allotment Water Meter. The Clerk reported a new meter had been installed.
- Rural Services Network. The Clerk reported on an e-mail requesting representatives to join up with a view to gathering views and opinions from rural councillors to raise the profile on rural issues. No takers.
- RTL2 and RTL3 monies. The Clerk reported on a letter received from SDC reminding councils what these funds were intended for and that they expire after 10 years. In the case of Chedzoy the RTL2 monies have been earmarked for use by the Playing Field Committee following their successful application for help towards upgrading the Playing Field equipment in due course. It now remains for the Playing Field Committee to apply for the main funding via a "Viridor" grant application. They are well aware of the expiry of the RTL2 monies on a gradual basis from the end of 2014.
- Somerset Levels and Moors Flood Action Plan. The Clerk read a letter from Doug Bamsey, Corporate Director at SDC advising the stage reached, and asking if it was felt that residents would be prepared to pay more to reduce the flood risk in their own area, whether they would be prepared to do so to reduce flooding elsewhere in the county, and seeking the view of the parish council on the plan. Cllr Derek Alder said the letter was an attempt to find out if all residents of Somerset were prepared to pay a modest amount of money via the Council Tax, regardless of where they lived. The Clerk was asked to send an appropriate reply.

#### Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

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|----------------------|------------|
| Current Account      | £ 7,395.24 |
| Deposit Account      | £2.48      |
| Nat West Bus Res c/a | £51.11     |
| Nat West Bond        | £12,013.39 |

The £5,000 Precept had been received via the BACS system.

The Clerk reported that he had completed the accounts for the y/e 31/03/2014 and that Mrs Friend would be asked to kindly carry out the internal audit - with the external audit to follow. Due notice has been posted on the village notice board.

He said that the Revenue were to accept payments, however small, electronically in future.

#### **Any Other Business**

- Manor House. Hugh and Sandra Watts, residents of Willow Green next to the former pub, said they had heard the property was to revert to residential and that there appeared to be a skate board ramp being built, which would affect their privacy. Cllr Alder was able to advise them to seek the assistance of the planning enforcement officer at SDC on the matter.

#### **Annual meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Cllrs R Triggol and M Allen were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

#### **Chairman's report 2014.**

Cllr Triggol reported that the Parish Council were pleased to continue to fund maintenance costs for the bus shelter and garden at £400 per year. He thanked Mr R Beale for his hard work. Also, the cost of grass cutting at the Playing Field by Mr P Clapp at £350 for the past year. Amenity Grants continued to the Playing Field Assn. at £221, and Village Hall Committee at £137, together with funding towards the cost of Churchyard maintenance (under s 137) at £171. He reported on the two Health and Wellbeing grants received from the County Council through David Hall, which had funded the village defibrillator (£1,920) and training, and the acquisition of the carpet short mat bowls set (£966) for use by villagers. Cllr Hall's efforts were very much appreciated. Cllr Triggol reminded the meeting that the substantial funds held in the Nat West enhanced bond (£12,013.39) were earmarked for future use in the cost of establishing and fencing a new burial ground behind the Churchyard when it eventually becomes full up. Cllr Triggol ended by thanking the councillors and the Clerk for their hard work during the year,

#### **County Councillor's report**

Cllr. Hall reported on the following items:

- Flooding on the Somerset Levels. With flood waters having subsided, he emphasised the need for pressure to be maintained on the authorities for continued funding in the future for flood defences. At present there were adequate funds and strong involvement by the Government, especially Owen Patterson, Environment Minister. The long term action plan is available on line for public consumption and he would supply hard copies on demand. There were plans to raise the A372 to try to ensure better access to Muchelney in future (funds already earmarked for this). Dredging of an 8 km stretch of the rivers Tone and Parrett were well under way. Moves are afoot to restructure the levy to spread the cost of flood defences more evenly and fairly amongst the general public (i.e. those residing in areas where the affected rivers were sourced as well as those living in the flood affected areas).

Cllr Smith reported an area between Peasey Farm Bawdrip, and Temple Farm Chedzoy Lane, behind his house, had flooded for the first time during the winter. The former ROF plant at Puriton used to pump vast amounts of water away from the KSD using the pumping station near Crandon Bridge. Cllr Alder reported the equipment there had not been maintained and was now useless. He went on to say there appeared to be no flooding problems around the river Brue towards the Huntspill area.

- Highway damage. Although sufficient funding was available here, there was likely to be a scarcity of manpower.
- Roundabout at A39 at Cannington. This is progressing and Cllr Hall added that there was optimism that there would be final agreement by all parties for the go ahead of the Hinkley Point expansion plans, hopefully towards the end of 2014.
- High Speed Broadband. This is now back on track after delays to necessary roadworks due to the flooding closing the A361 and the diversion of traffic along the A39. Government funding of £22.5 million was available and Somerset was fighting to get a share.
- Health and Wellbeing budget. He said there was likely to be further funds available this coming year and he advised the Parish Council to give some thought to what they may think is suitable items to spend this on.

#### **Sedgemoor District Council report**

Cllr. Derek Alder reported the following:

- Flooding demands on staff. He said Sedgemoor Council had provided manpower to run the flooding rest area 24/7 for 4 weeks. 30,000 sandbags had been distributed and 20 Portalooos and 90,000 sandbags removed.
- Sedgemoor had built more houses.
- 34 staff members' posts had been lost.
- Funds of the order of £100 million had facilitated the new hospital. Also, Morrison's distribution centre provided many new jobs (68% of which were taken by local residents), as did Mulberrys, The Range and the expansion the Portaloo distribution centre.
- 60 new businesses had been set up in the last year (one man enterprises).

#### **Questions from the floor.**

- Glastonbury Town Council letter. The Clerk said this letter which opposes the expansion of Hinkley Point and seeks support from all town and parish councils in Somerset, had been received and considered at the last parish council meeting, but it was felt appropriate to delay any response until consideration had been given by this evening's public meeting. Cllr Smith said he thought it was a bit late in the day for the matter to be debated. Cllr Oxman said that if the expansion did not go ahead then where would the electricity supplies come from? Cllr Allen felt it would be a fairly futile gesture at this stage, but it was only correct for the letter to be considered. He said the engineering was sound, it was a pity the matter was in the hands of a French company (although someone like Westinghouse was now foreign owned). The terrorist threat was everywhere these days. The radioactive waste would in all likelihood be staying on site. The strike price agreed at £92 per megawatt hour seemed high. Ongoing expertise was needed well into the future to ensure the safe operation of the plant. David Hall said that we had been through 5 years of public consultations with all aspects having been exhaustively explored and the decision had already been made in principle to proceed. The Chairman invited all present to raise issues and Mrs Jarvis said she had always been uneasy about the movement of radioactive waste, although she conceded we do need electricity supplies.  
Allan Jeffery said that in Japan following the earthquake, all nuclear plants had been shut down and yet there had been no subsequent power cuts. He felt renewable sources could be expanded. Mr Hill said he thought Chedzoy's views would not make any difference at this stage, and further that disruption by construction activity and traffic would be a problem even if alternatives were developed, like a Severn barrage.

The Chairman made sure all views were aired and then called for a vote by the councillors on the general matter of the expansion of Hinkley Point, the result of which was as follows:-

For the expansion 6 Abstentions 1.  
The Clerk was asked to reply to the letter appropriately

#### **Extracts from meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Following Annual meeting)**

#### **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

- Defibrillator. Certificates were presented to the successful trainees who attended the St John Ambulance training session.
- Parking problems in Front Street. A comprehensive and constructive letter received from Mr John Paige of Crosstree House, in reply to the one sent by the Clerk to all residents living between Glebe House and Crosstree House, was read out to the meeting. Mr Paige is anxious to be cooperative and positive in this matter, but he does need to keep the van which he parks on the Front Street frontage of his property. He said that he now parks it to the eastern end of the frontage and that there is approx. 25 metres between the vehicle and the Cross Tree junction. He also emphasises the traffic calming effect that the parked cars provide.

Mr S Hill, a resident of St Marys Close, said that the van, when parked where it now is, blocks the line of vision to the left hand side for cars emerging from the close.  
A discussion took place, with Cllr Allen feeling the time had come

to 'put the matter to bed'. It was generally felt that cars passing in either direction would necessarily be travelling slowly and it was decided the best course of action would be for the Clerk to request Mr Paige to park the van midway between where it is now and his wrought iron gate, thereby lessening the problem for cars coming out of the Close whilst still not being too near the Cross Tree junction.

- Skate board ramp at Manor House. Mr and Mrs Watts thanked the council for its help in putting them on to the enforcement officer at Sedgemoor, who had visited the site and written to the residents of the Manor giving them a period of time to apply for retrospective planning permission that was necessary in this case.

**County Councillor's report** - See Annual meeting minutes.

**Sedgemoor District Council report** - See Annual meeting minutes.

#### Planning

- Footpath Diversion Ward Lane. The Clerk reported SDC had written confirming the diversion of the footpath BW 8/1 (in part) @ Ward Lane Public Path Diversion Order no 2013, running from the Churchyard along the rear of the Ward Lane properties.
- Application 18/14/00002/DRT. Erection of stable. Location, Eastcotte, Front Street, TA7 8RE. Applicant, Mr N Griffiths. Councillors discussed this proposal and viewed the plans. The Chairman invited members of the public present to examine the details. A vote gave 7 For the proposal, and 0 Against.
- Application 18/14/00004/STP. Erection of 7 holiday lodges. Location, Lonsdale Nursery, 3 West End Court, Chedzoy Lane, TA7 8QS. Applicant, Mr and Mrs Horrobin. Cllr Smith declared an interest here, being the next door neighbour. This proposal was explained by Mr Horrobin at the last meeting, ahead of submission. The plans were examined and a vote gave 6 For the proposal, and 1 Abstention. The Clerk to advise the Sedgemoor planning department appropriately.

#### Correspondence

- Speed Indicator Devices 2014 installation dates. At Higher Road, Chedzoy, weeks commencing 19<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.
- Western Power Parish council pack of **What it is wise to have in the event of a power cut**. It was decided to keep this at the village hall.
- Health and Wellbeing budget. The Short mat carpet bowls costings were given by the Clerk – net cost £196.18.

#### Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Current Account      | £ 7,395.24 |
| Deposit Account      | £2.48      |
| Nat West Bus Res c/a | £51.11     |
| Nat West Bond        | £12,031.39 |

The Clerk said that the internal audit had been completed by Mrs Friend, and they were adopted. The external audit was pending in June.

#### Any Other Business

- Blocked Gullies. The Clerk reported he had e-mailed Wessex Water about the blockage in the pipe under the field behind Laburnum House. Cllr Baker said they had been out and he spoke to them. The problem is being caused by debris which has collected at the outlet of the pipe at Pig Lane and this was the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr. Baker has kindly agreed to liaise to try and establish who is responsible here, and report back to the council in due course.

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CHEDZOY PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

from Katrina Maxwell

At the AGM on 8th May Sarah Bunney stepped down as Chair due to her very busy life commitments and the whole Committee wishes to thank Sarah for doing such a sterling job as Chair for the past 3 years - she has been an amazing driving force behind the whole project and we are delighted that Sarah will remain as a member of our Committee and grateful for her continued invaluable support. We wish Sarah every success with her Masters Degree and impending house building project!

Since the AGM our numbers have swelled considerably from a committee of 5 adult members and one youth representative to 13 adults and 3 youths, which has brought us a much needed boost to our cause! We are always pleased to welcome new members or affiliated members who would like to help out when they can!

We dropped below the radar a bit last year but were still incredibly busy working towards our objective, mainly due to the committees' dedication to attaining quotes, plans and planning permission and completing a very lengthy Viridor application. We finally have a grant application in with Viridor that will be looked at in August, and Viridor are being very helpful advising us on some of the criteria of the application that needs ironing out prior to them making a final decision, and we are ever hopeful that our application will be a success. However, even if we are awarded the grant it will only purchase the play equipment, there is a lot more to consider that the grant will not cover. For instance, the fencing badly needs replacing down the left hand side of the playing field and this will be our next project, so we still need whatever support you can give with our fundraising - or even with the fencing - as we intend to do the work ourselves to make the money go further!

Avril very kindly allowed us to advertise ourselves and our impending fund raising events at the Wednesday Coffee Morning on 28th May, and Don helped a great deal with a wonderful slide show which also displayed the plans we have for the playing field. We are holding a family sponsored walk/cycle/ scooter from Chedzoy Playing Fields to Cossington playing fields symbolising our journey from what the children have, to something like what the children could enjoy at Chedzoy. This will be on Saturday 5th July so please support our families by sponsoring someone you know taking part - every little bit helps and is most gratefully received. Look out for signs nearer the date, and it would be great to have you come and cheer us on and give a friendly wave! The coffee morning was a great success and we were very kindly sponsored by everybody that was there. Thank you very much indeed Avril and Don for your wonderful help.

We shall also be holding a raffle with some lovely prizes -generously donated by David Newton on behalf of Tesco - at the next 'Pop in for a Pint' thanks to Amanda who has kindly allowed us to make use of the gathering so we hope you will all try your luck for one of the super prizes on offer. Don will once again be putting on a slide show for us to display our plans and bring you all up to date with our progress. I look forward to seeing you there when our lovely newly extended Village Hall re-opens and we can all return to our favourite Village 'Pub'!

We have already had a couple of working parties down at the field to address some Health and Safety issues, and also to remove the brambles and weeds that were damaging the fencing, in preparation for our anticipated success at raising the funds for the materials for some new fencing! I would like to thank the committee members and particularly Francis with his hedge trimmer and Rachel, who are not committee members but worked equally as hard, for giving up their time and energy. Mike and Kath did a sterling job of removing all the debris created to the bottom of the field which will be disposed of when we have finished removing the rest of the overgrowth. It really inspires us to receive all the lovely help and kindness that Chedzoy Villagers are showing and we all hope that we shall repay our wonderful community with a fabulous new play facility.

If you have any queries or would like to join our committee, the new Chair Katrina or any other member of the committee, would be very pleased to have a chat with you.

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