

## A black and white photograph of a large, historic stone church. The church features a prominent square tower on the left side, which has a crenellated top and arched windows. The main body of the church is long and rectangular, with a large, rounded apse at the right end. The entrance is a large, arched doorway. The church is surrounded by a low stone wall, and there are some trees and foliage in the foreground. The overall style is that of a historical photograph.

To reserve tickets  
Contact Wendy Woodward  
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## Views from the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

What a delight to have the bells working once more in the village. They are a wonderful sound - a very English country village sound. Many people have put in a lot of work towards this project, raising funds, and all the administration that has to be done to make the project work, and of course the training of ringers.

If you would like to join the ringers do get in touch. It would be really great to have enough people in the village trained to ring so that we do not have to rely on people outside the village to make up a full complement. It is also very good exercise. Many ringing teams travel all around the country ringing bells. There is a large social network of bell ringers which reaches right around the world.

Church bells have been traditionally used as a signal. They have been used for times of celebration and commiseration. They have been used to warn of threat - and to give the all clear. They are of course used as a call for the community to gather to worship the Lord.

Average weekly attendance at Chedzoy church is about twelve people. This raises the question as to how long the church will continue to remain open for those bells to be rung, even though they have now been repaired. Now there is no question at the moment about that, but in ten years time - or possibly sooner - that is a question that will have to be addressed. It also raises a spiritual question. Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. To quote CS Lewis 'Jesus was either mad, bad or something worse, or he was who he said he was'. Many people say they are Christian but never join in corporate worship. This tells me that they have not understood the teachings of Jesus. Jesus gives dire warnings about being lukewarm. This nation has become lukewarm in its Christian faith, so I wonder what will happen to Chedzoy Church in the years ahead?

God bless

Chris

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### St Mary's Church, Chedzoy

Services Each Sunday  
9:00 am Holy Communion  
- except

First Sunday of each month  
11:30 am Family Service

Visit our web site:  
[www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy)

### Church Events

**Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** 7:30 pm - Candle Auction  
at the Village Hall. See posters on the notice boards.

**Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Tower Open day & Teas

### Ploughman's Lunches - £3.00

**August 19th** 12.00-2.00 at 32 Higher Road

**September 16th** at Glebe House

**November 11th** Soup Kitchen, at Sibleys farm



## Other News from St Mary's

- from Mary Coulson

The **Garage Sales**, which have now become a bi-annual event in the village, were held on the 1st May. 45 stalls were scattered throughout the village - from Fisher's Farm to the church on Front Street, and to Chedzoy Lane through Manor Road and Drive down to as far as the Ellicott's and Glynwood.

Happily the morning was the dry one! Visitors were delighted with the number of stalls, the range of bargains to be had, and the sustenance at hand by way of bacon rolls and coffee etc. at the Village Hall.

All those involved with the event were really pleased with the day and are grateful to everyone who made it so enjoyable and helped raise much needed Church funds by £514.

- from Wendy Woodward

### Church/Church yard clean up - Saturday 19th June 10 am

Any help welcomed to tidy the borders and spring clean the church, ready for the Tower Open Day

### Tower Open Day Sunday 27th June 2.00-4.00

Come and see the work done on the Bells on the way to the top of the Tower, and enjoy the views over Chedzoy and Sedgemoor. There will also be a display of hand-made patchwork quilts inside the Church - see the later item under 'Patchwork Group'. Teas and other refreshments available.

### Church Bells

Now that the Bells are able to be rung again, we would like to try and get a regular practice evening arranged. There are three people currently learning the art, and we know of at least five experienced ringers in the village. If you are a ringer - or would like to learn - please contact:

Richard Woodward, Tower Captain on 458648

### Dedication Service

On Sunday evening, the 30th. May, the restoration of the Church bells was celebrated at a Dedication Service in the church.

The Rector introduced the Revd. Tim Hawkings, Master of Ringers in the Diocese of Bath & Wells, who provided the sermon during the service - which was well attended and much enjoyed. Our thanks go to the ringers from Westonzoyland who rang at each end of the service and to all those whose support made this restoration possible



## Chedzoy Pre School

*From Rachel Chorley*

Chedzoy Pre School has had a busy start to the Summer Term. The children have watched caterpillars grow and fly off as butterflies and have planted seeds – I wonder if all of them are as over-watered and over-loved as my daughter's?



We currently wait with bated breath for the formal feedback on our recent OFSTED inspection. The framework that the Pre School operates to changes in September 2009, and we have been working on our policies to align them to this new framework. We hope OFSTED gives recognition for the endless hard work of the staff, without whom we would not be the happy and thriving Pre School that we are.



We are preparing for the departure of many children to school this term. Most are currently enjoying an extended session one day a week, in preparation for the transition to school. There is even PE, where the time taken to change takes longer than the PE itself, but who is timing?!

We're planning a pre school trip and a sponsored event – capitalising on the children's desire to race round the hall on trikes! We hope to raise enough to buy a replacement for our much loved Wendy House that keeps needing the roof repaired! We hope to buy this in time for our Sports Day at the end of term. Keep your eye out for Bingo too – always an enjoyable evening and the luck of a young Ellicott boy has to end soon!

As usual we welcome new children either in our toddler sessions or for a place in September - although don't leave registering too long as our places are filling fast. Please contact the staff directly to discuss this. Our AGM is planned for July 7<sup>th</sup>, and being a committee member is not limited to parents, so if you have time to help, you'd be welcome.

<http://www.chedzoypreschool.org.uk>

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## POLICE PATROL

*from Helen Whitehead*



Please accept my apologies for my absence over the recent months. I used my annual leave to go to Peru and Mexico to carry out some voluntary work in children's street orphanages. It is something I have always wanted to do and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity now. I was away from

April 1st - returning on June 9th 2010. PC Mindy Elkins is still the Beat Officer for Chedzoy and she has been on hand to deal with any local issues during my absence. Her contact details are [miranda.elkins@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:miranda.elkins@avonandsomerset.police.uk) / 07775 405565

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## St. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION

*from John Weeks*

Chedzoy made sure that England's patron saint was not forgotten on his day, 23rd April. St. George's Day was celebrated in style with a party in the village hall, hosted by members of the Zoy Villages Association. The hall was gaily decorated in red and white with St. George's flag taking pride of place. After a traditional meal of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding the floor was cleared so that everyone could take part in English country dancing - for which the music and calling were provided by Eileen Nightingale, who was suitably dressed in red and white. The evening ended with a rousing chorus of *Land of Hope and Glory*, followed by the National Anthem. Sincere thanks to Maureen Weeks and her team of helpers for making the evening such a success.



All proceeds from the event went to twinning funds in order to subsidise youngsters from the three Zoy villages in travel to France. The next twinning visit to Val d'Ille, Brittany, will take place between 4th and 9th August and anyone interested in taking part can obtain details from the Chairman, Jon Beale, on 01278-691091.

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## CHEDZOY LADIES

*from Secretary, Avril Johnson*



As there will be no Flower Show this year – and therefore no marquee – we have had to cancel the Pig Roast. However, we hope to up and running this very popular event again next year when there has been time to make alternative arrangements.

We have had another busy quarter, with some interesting evenings. The March meeting, where ladies from the village were invited to learn how to crochet, was a great success. In April, Anthony Casey talked about the work of St. Margaret's Hospice, and also covered their many fund-raising projects. Watch the Notice Boards ladies! We hope to be arranging another 'Afternoon Tea' in the not too distant future, as our own fund-raiser for St. Margaret's.

In May our speaker was Robin Howell, who gave us a hilarious account of the trials and tribulations involved in the renovation of Burtle Village Hall – using straw bales!

Our next meeting is on June 8<sup>th</sup>, when our speaker will be Annabelle Spencer, who will be giving an account of life on the Falklands Isles.

Our regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, and we also have the Patchwork Group meeting on occasional Wednesday afternoons. So whether it is just to listen to our speakers, to sew, or both, do come along and join in the fun. The group is very informal, with no membership fees or subscriptions – just a £1 payment at meetings to cover the hall hiring fee and the teas and biscuits.



## CIRCLE DANCING

**MONDAYS**

**7:30 – 9:30 pm**

**In the Village Hall**

Chedzoy's Circle Dance Group meets to enjoy dancing dances from communities all over the world. Circle dances can be fiery, passionate, lyrical, earthy, tender, or meditative

But – most of all – they are sociable and fun  
Come and join us

No partner or experience needed  
Wear soft shoes, or no shoes at all  
£4 per session – first session free

'Phone Frances on 01278 653787 or  
Jeanette on 01275 541688 for details

- extra activities to help children develop a love of reading, such as storytimes and the Summer Reading Challenge – and free requests for children's books
- specialist collections of local history, sheet music and playscripts
- support for reading groups
- courses on using computers and access to other learning opportunities
- services to people who are housebound and unable to get to the library - we can arrange for a volunteer or a Mobile Library Driver to bring you books – just ask at your local library or phone 0845 3459177
- mobile library visits to over 1,100 stops across Somerset. Full details of these visits are on the website at [www.somerset.gov.uk/mobilelibrarytimetables](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/mobilelibrarytimetables) Most vehicles visit every three weeks and some communities schedule an informal coffee morning / afternoon tea session to have a chat about books and a 'catchup' before the mobile library arrives. Each vehicle has wheelchair access and is equipped to carry about 2,000 books, with access to many more

*(The Mobile Library visits Chedzoy every three weeks on a Monday, from 11:30 – 11:40 am at The Manor House Inn, and from 11:45 – 11:50 at H/B)*

Nearly 100,000 Somerset residents borrowed from libraries last year. Whether you were one of those or not, we'd love to see you this year.

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Healthy living is back in the news again, so although the Chedzoy Over Sixties keep fit class has folded, a similar class takes place at Westonzoyland Community Centre from 10.00 to 11.00 each Wednesday morning. The cost is £3.50 per person or £6.00 per couple. The current state of fitness is not important as you can go at your own speed if need be.

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### **“BUY NONE, GET 20 FREE”**

Not the kind of offer to turn down in these belt-tightening days. In this case, the 20 free items refers to the number of books a library member can borrow from any of Somerset's 34 libraries and 6 mobile libraries. Your local library will have plenty to choose from - to suit all tastes - in their collections of books, talking books and DVDs, as well as access to newspapers, periodicals, maps and much more.

Did you know that libraries offer :

- free membership to all
- free access to online information resources and “office” programmes, with some charges applied for longer use of open Internet searching. For family history fans, free access to the online “Ancestry” package is available in libraries
- access to about two million books and other items in the SouthWest and many more nationally
- an enquiry service which will attempt to answer any information question you care to ask – just phone 01823 336370; for 24 hour access to the “Enquire” service go to [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)
- information about clubs and voluntary services at [www.somerset.gov.uk/gateway](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/gateway)



## Legs, Bums & Tums

**At Chedzoy Village Hall**

**Every Thursday**

**7pm - 8pm**

**tel. Jean 07735429477**

**Email:**

**[jean@uniquefitnessbridgwater.co.uk](mailto:jean@uniquefitnessbridgwater.co.uk)**

### **Class description:**

**A music-based aerobic session to burn calories.**

**Concluding with concentration exercises for the muscles - to help tighten those problem areas.**

## Chedzoy Playing Field Association

### AGM

Chedzoy Playing Field Association held the Annual General Meeting on April 21st in the village hall. Due to consistently poor attendance in previous years, 50 flyers were sent out to the central village homes, to raise awareness of the AGM. Unfortunately only two people attended.

As required by the constitution, all committee members stood down and only three were prepared to be re-elected, with no offers for the Officer positions. A decision was taken to hold the existing committee in abeyance and to hold an emergency meeting on 12th May to discuss the legal options.

### *Emergency Meeting - 12th May*

Five members of the existing committee met to discuss the possible options for the Playing Field. The five members agreed that - due to lack of support - they could not continue with the full responsibilities of the current committee. However, no one wished to see the playing field close. The following options were discussed;

- Close the playing field and release the lease back to Oxford
- Transfer the commitment of the field to another village committee
- Co-opt enough members for the constitution, and reduce the responsibility of the existing committee

*The following statement has been issued by the CPFA:*

**It is with deep regret that the CPFA are announcing the cancellation of the Village Flower Show 2010.**

The CPFA have hosted this show for the last 20 years. We have worked hard for the benefit of the village, despite the fact that it has not been a money making event for some years. However it has been an enjoyable event - not only to organise but to enter and attend with fellow villagers.

Over the years the hands-on support for the show has diminished - unfortunately just turning up for the fun is not enough to make the show happen, and despite our pleas for help the poor attendance at the AGM has left us with no choice but to rationalise the CPFA's provision.

At this current time we have managed to raise enough members to maintain a skeleton committee to keep the Playing Field open. However, if one member leaves, the CPFA will have to dissolve - and the Playing Field will close. The new committee will, for as long as possible, keep the Playing Field safe, but are unable to hold any fund raising events. To do anymore than this will require committed help.

If you have any constructive positive comments to make on this, please put them in writing to the Chairperson below: -

Paula Winter, Chairperson Chedzoy Playing Field Assoc.  
Allandale, Front Street, Chedzoy

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## PATCHWORK GROUP

*from Avril Johnson*

June 27<sup>th</sup> is the Church Tower Open Day, and it will also provide an opportunity for visitors to admire the quilts made by the ladies of Chedzoy - and other villages - who form the sewing group, as the quilts will be on display in the church.

We restart our sewing afternoons in September, meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in patchwork and other sewing activities, whether as a learner or an expert.

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## Chedzoy Village Hall

### NOTICE

Chedzoy Village Hall Management Committee is applying for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Chedzoy Village Hall, Somerset, TA7 8RE

The Licence if granted is to enable the Following Activities to take Place: Sale of alcohol on the premises

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Unit, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR. Representation may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice.

A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is kept by The Licensing Unit, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR. The application can be viewed Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, and 9am to 4.30pm on Fridays, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

**Dated 26th May 2010**

## Who's Who - Village Contacts

PostCode    Tel:       e-mail

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

Web Site – [www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy)

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<b>Churchw'den</b>	Wendy Woodward	32 Higher Road	Chedzoy	TA7 8QU	458 648	
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Friend	Westland House, Front St.	Chedzoy	TA7 8RE	428 641	chedzoyppcc@btinternet.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary Coulson	Glebe House, Front St.	Chedzoy	TA7 8RB	423754	marycoulson1@talktalk.net

### PARISH COUNCIL

<b>Chairman</b>	John Weeks	14 Manor Road	Chedzoy	TA7 8QZ	451 444	eu3weeks@aol.com
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Linda Friend	Westland House, Front St.	Chedzoy	TA7 8RE	428 641	chedzoyparishcouncil@btinternet.com

### VILLAGE HALL

Web Site – [www.chedzoyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chedzoyvillagehall.co.uk)

<b>Chairman</b>	Richard Lennard	Charlesden, St. Mary's Close	Chedzoy	TA7 8RP	451 625	lennard01@btinternet.com
<b>Secretary</b>	Don Johnson	Finches, 16 Manor Road	Chedzoy	TA7 8QZ	455 611	donjohnson24@btinternet.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carole Edmunds	The Gables, Front Street	Chedzoy	TA7 8RB		
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### PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

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### ZOY VILLAGES ASSOCIATION

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### CHEDZOY LADIES

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### CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL

Web Site – [www.chedzoypreschool.org.uk](http://www.chedzoypreschool.org.uk) 07989 034 180 info@chedzoypreschool.org.uk

### KINGSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>School Office</b>					683 371	sch210@educ.somerset.gov.uk
<b>Parent Gov'r.</b>	Geoff Sluman	1 Frys Cottages	Chedzoy	TA7 8QX	424 821	geoff.sluman@royalmail.com

### POLICE

**(Rural Safer Stronger Neighbourhood Police team - Kings Isle and East Poldens Web Site - [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) )**

Sergeant Steve Crago, PC Mindy Elkins, PCSO Helen Whitehead      ssnbridgwaterrural@avonandsomerset.police.uk

**0845 456 7000 Non-Emergency Number - or 999 for emergencies**

### CHEDZOY NEWS

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## Webber Bus Service No 19 Timetable

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**Monday to Saturday ( except Bank Holidays )**

Commencing Monday 1st June 2009

For further bus service information either contact Webber directly  
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Bridgwater Sainsburys	07:13	09:18	11:18	13:18	15:18	17:18
Bridgwater College	....	....	....	....	....	17:22
Slape Cross	....	09:28	11:28	13:28	15:28	17:28
Chedzoy Cross	....	09:32	11:32	13:32	15:32	17:32
Stawell Church	....	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Sutton Mallet	....	09:50	11:50	13:50	15:50	17:50
Moorlinch Ring of Bells	....	09:55	11:55	13:55	15:55	17:55
Greinton Phone Box	....	09:57	11:57	13:57	15:57	17:57
Pedwell	....	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00
Ashcott Ridgeway	07:31	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:05	18:05
Walton Church	07:36	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:10	18:10
Street Crispin Hall	07:40	10:14	12:14	14:14	16:14	18:14

Street Crispin Hall	07:43	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:15	18:15
Walton Church	07:47	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:19	18:19
Ashcott Ridgeway	07:52	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:24	18:24
Pedwell	07:52	10:29	12:29	14:29	16:29	18:29
Greinton Phone Box	08:00	10:32	12:32	14:32	16:32	18:32
Greinton West Town Farm	08:01	10:32	12:32	14:32	16:32	18:32
Moorlinch Ring of Bells	08:03	10:33	12:33	14:33	16:33	18:33
Sutton Mallet	08:07	10:39	12:39	14:39	16:39	18:39
Stawell Church	08:17	10:49	12:49	14:49	16:49	18:49
Chedzoy Cross	08:25	10:57	12:57	14:57	16:57	18:57
Slape Cross	08:29	11:01	13:01	15:01	17:01	19:01
Bridgwater College	08:35	....	....	....	....	....
Bridgwater Sainsburys	08:40	11:10	13:10	15:10	17:10	19:10
Bridgwater Bus Station	08:45	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13	19:13