

# Chedzoy News

Autumn 2011 ISSUE



## Rodgers & Hammerstein's



**Wednesday 23rd November 2011**

Bristol Hippodrome 7.30 performance  
Grand Circle seats  
Coach from Chedzoy or Westonzoyland  
£ 41

To reserve seats Please contact  
Wendy Woodward 01278 458648  
*Payment required by 19th September*

## Sing Sankey Evening

**Thursday 15th September**

**7:30 pm at Westfield Church Bridgwater**

**Admission Free**

Come along and sing your favourite songs – immortalised by Ira D Sankey – with the renowned Burnham and Highbridge Town Band, plus the enthralling New Horizon Singers from Taunton.

There will be a collection in support of local charity SURE - Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment, the charity that provides funding for the purchase of equipment for the local Cancer Centre at Musgrove Hospital – and for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

**Organised by Sedgemoor Rotary Club**

## MACMILLAN

**World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Village Hall - 10 am until 12 pm**

*Chedzoy Ladies* will once again be holding a Coffee Morning for MACMILLAN Cancer Support. Do come along and enjoy coffee and cakes and a chat. There will also be a stall with delicious home-made cakes for sale. There are two million people living with cancer in the UK today, and the need for Macmillan services has never been greater, so they are looking to make this event - in their centenary year - the biggest ever. Your help is what is going to make this possible.

St Mary's Church Chedzoy

## HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENTS

**Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Services**

11.30 am Family Service  
6.30 pm Evensong

**Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Harvest Auction**

The Village Hall at 7:30 pm

**Saturday October 8th**

**Harvest Supper**

Chedzoy Village Hall  
7.30 for 8.00 pm

in aid of St Mary's Church and The Village Hall

**Tickets from**

Valerie Fry, Sibleys Farm, Front Street  
Mary Coulson, Glebe House, Front Street

## Free Lunchtime Recitals at St Marys Church, Westonzoyland

The popularity of the free lunchtime recitals in St Mary's Church is growing. So far there have been three recitals covering Italian arias, The Great American Songbook, and Great Operatic Arias. An exciting programme of recitals for the next three months has been agreed. They will be supported by a changing menu of light lunch refreshments. Come along and support local talent - and bring a friend (or two)!

*All Wednesdays at 12.30:*

- 14th September the fine baritone voice of Mark Whitford-Williams
- 12th October top tenor Lloyd Hampton delivering the Great British Songbook
- 16th November choral singers making the rafters ring with Sacred music

**Zoy Villages Association**

**A.G.M.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 pm**

The Sedgemoor Inn, Westonzoyland

## Views from the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

*How was your summer? Mine was good - right up till I had a heart attack! That rather brings you up to an abrupt stop. My thanks to all who have sent cards and messages for a speedy recovery.*



*Now many of you will have experienced the sort of events which bring people up short and remind us that life is quite fragile. The question is how do we deal with these events? What is your default setting? I try to encourage people to look at their spiritual life during times of peace and calm rather than wait till there is some sort of crisis.*

*I wonder how people deal with crisis and life changing events without knowing God's presence in their life. I found myself turning straight to God. I knew that He was in control of the situation, and I had no need to fear or worry. This comes from daily practising a prayer life which keeps me in his presence. I tested my default setting - not for the first time - and found the strength and peace that is available to all who seek Him. So please don't wait till the next crisis, or even until it is too late. None of us know what tomorrow will bring.*

God bless

Chris

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### WHAT'S ON AT ST. MARY'S

#### September 22<sup>nd</sup> Lunch

Village Hall at 12.30 £3

#### October 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Services

11.30 am Family service

6.30 pm Evensong

#### October 3<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Auction

##### Change Of Venue

After many years of the Harvest Auction being held at the Manor Inn, this year it is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. Sadly, the ill health of both Elaine and Michael has instigated the change, but hopefully the event will be as successful as in past years. The format will be the same as previously; there will be a well-stocked bar, run by the Village Hall committee, and refreshments will be served at the end of the proceedings. Donated produce, other than that which has already been placed in the church, can be delivered to the Hall between 2pm. and 3.30pm. in the afternoon. As usual Ray Triggol will be the amusing and most persuasive auctioneer.

#### October 8th Harvest Supper

Village Hall 7:30 for 8 pm

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### Metal Theft from Churches

by Malcolm Friend

The latest figures from our insurers show that metal theft from churches is a continuing problem. Over the last four years they have dealt with over 7,000 claims totalling more than £21,000,000 and the thefts are showing no sign of reducing. You will all remember the sad theft in 2006 of the Sydney Mason Collins statue from the churchyard, and our sister church at Westonzoyland have had part of their lead roof stolen recently. The rewards for thieves are high and they are becoming increasingly organised and bold in their attacks, often posing as builders legitimately working on the property.

A few years ago we took a number of measures to deter thieves, including marking all valuables and metal items in and around the Church (including the roof) with *SmartWater*. *SmartWater* is a forensic property marker, meaning that marked items can be traced back to where they were stolen from and criminals linked with crime scenes. We have now been advised by our insurers that, in view of the scale of the losses around the country, they will only pay up to £5,000 for theft, or attempted theft, of external metal during any one period of insurance. This sum is very unlikely to cover the full replacement of any significant theft of metal from the church, and the loss would cause us serious financial problems.

The best security measure is you, so please keep a friendly eye on the Church and report any suspicious activity to the police immediately. If you walk your dog through the churchyard, please occasionally take a moment to pop inside and see that all is well. If you see any unusual vehicles parked in the church car park, please have a quick look to see that nothing untoward is taking place. If there is any suspicious activity please dial 999. We have no work planned to the outside of the Church at the moment, so if vans or workmen are around the Church between 6.00 pm and 8.00 am, they're probably stealing the roof! Please call the police!

### CHURCHYARD RULES - a note from the PCC

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for making sure the churchyard complies with the rules and regulations laid down by the Church of England and the Diocese. A copy of the Churchyard Management Regulations is shown below, and we'd be grateful if you would make sure the graves of your loved ones meet these regulations. If you have any concerns or would like further advice please speak to our Churchwardens or Rector.

#### Churchyard Management Regulations

In order to preserve the dignity of the churchyard and to ease the task of maintaining it these Management Regulations have been adopted by the Parochial Church Council of this Parish.

1. The surface of the churchyard shall be kept as far as possible level and free of grave mounds. The PCC may level any mound at its discretion at any time more than 12 months after the latest interment in the grave.
2. Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in the soil of a grave, and plants or flowers may be placed in a removable sunken container (preferably of unpolished aluminium): but unless they are kept tidy the PCC may treat the grave as part of the turf and mow over it.
3. Wreaths or cut flowers may be laid direct on any grave or in any vase authorised by the Incumbent or by these regulations; but the PCC may remove them when they appear to be withered.
4. The PCC may in its discretion at any time remove and dispose of any artificial flowers placed in the churchyard.
5. No additional items can be displayed on graves, and unauthorised items will be removed.
6. Any power exercisable by the PCC under these regulations may be delegated by that Council to a person or persons deputed to care for the day to day upkeep and maintenance of the churchyard.

### 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)

## PARISH COUNCIL

A synopsis of each meeting - full reports available at <http://www.chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk> ( PC website )

### Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011

#### Matters Arising from previous meeting

**Fry's Lane** - Cllr Triggol advised that he had spoken to Mrs Audrey Fry – the main landowner – who was anxious to remedy any damage to the Public right of way. Suitable materials were to be obtained to ensure satisfactory public access.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012** – Clerk Chris Fry reported that a public meeting had been advertised and arranged for 19th July. He had written to inform local groups, and would attend himself on behalf of the PC.

**Bus Shelter Garden** – Chris Fry reported on meetings with Roy Beale, who had agreed to carrying out work on the council's behalf to improve and tidy up the shelter garden, and maintain it for the future. His plans were viewed and discussed by council members, and they covered painting the shelter; installing two new benches; planting perennials and a box hedge; removal of posts, rails and chain link fencing; and the installation of flower boxes or beds.

It was unanimously agreed that that urgent action was needed to keep this vital area at the heart of the village tidy. Liaison would continue with Sedgemoor, neighbours, and Mr Beale, with a site meeting to be held before work commences.

**Obstructions at Road Verge at Parchey** – it was advised that Mr Meadows had complained about the previous report in Chedzoy News, which had mentioned him by name without any opportunity to reply. The Clerk had advised that the Council had no option than to discuss the matter following a complaint from a member of the public. However, Mr Meadows was keen to rectify the situation, and had already begun improving the position, so it was hoped that an amicable solution could be achieved.

A report on the **Cluster Group meeting on 30th June at Thurloxton** was given, and details of recent and future **Parish Councillor Training Sessions** advised.

Cllr Allen outlined the position regarding **Sedgemoor's 20 Year Core Strategy Plan**, and circulated printed information. The **Background, Public Examination and Localism Bill** topics were covered, and finally the subject: **Where Does All This Leave Chedzoy?** The answer to this seemed to be that as Chedzoy is not amongst the Sustainable Settlements listed in SDC's Core, it is virtually 'off the radar screen' as far as the recent Public Enquiry is concerned. It may be that more input may be possible under the Localism Bill, but as it was likely to be some time before anyone really knows what is going to happen, Cllr Allen said that we must keep up to date with local and national developments by all means possible. He was thanked for his hard work on the subject.

#### Planning

Some small changes for the previously granted application at **Land at Dolton's Farm Front Street**, were explained and discussed, then approved.

#### Correspondence

- Letter from Sedgemoor re Ground maintenance and other Service contracts
- The Clerk reported £10 had been received into the Parish Council's bank from an advertiser in Chedzoy News
- SCC letter re Somerset County Council's Rights of Way service and network
- Letter from Sedgemoor re RLT2 and RLT3 funds accumulated from developers and which has to be utilised

within a 10 year time frame. Chedzoy is shown to have money which has to be used by 2014. The clerk was asked to enquire if this could be used towards the bus shelter garden project

- Letter e mail from SCC re Library and mobile library opening times

#### Finance

Account balances were advised, and details of cheques signed were reported.

**Allotment Water Rates** – the Clerk gave figures which showed that the income from allotment lettings was not covering costs. After discussion, an increase of £5 per plot from 2012 was proposed and carried unanimously.

The Precept for 2011/12 had been received into the PC's bank account, and bills were outstanding for bus shelter trees and the external audit. Extracts from the 2010/11 accounts had been sent for final audit.

#### Matters Of Report

The Clerk advised that he had failed to minute the subject of damage to the footpath outside the Old Post Office - raised at the Annual Meeting. He said he would rectify this, and report the problem – probably caused by frosty weather - to SCC.

#### Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 16th August 2011, in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm

### Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011

#### Matters Arising from previous meeting

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012** A committee has been formed, a bank account opened and a full timetable of events planned at the Golden Jubilee of 2002 the Parish Council contributed £500 of public funds towards the celebrations and similar funding would be forthcoming this time - when the Jubilee committee formally request assistance in writing.

**Bus Shelter Garden** – A well-attended site meeting had taken place, to which personal invitations had been delivered to all neighbouring residents. The general wish of the meeting (the minutes of which were read) was to put into effect the plan outlined and agreed by the Council. It was reported that there had been a short interruption to the electricity supply to some properties whilst the ground was being cleared – due to the cable being laid very shallow and not labeled correctly.

Some lengthy discussion took place on the placing of external benches in addition to those inside the shelter, and despite there having been no objections at the site meeting, it was agreed they should *not* be installed. Stumps were to be removed, but the existing yew tree was to remain – possibly trimmed in the future – and the ground was to be seeded or turfed with the possibility of creating a Jubilee garden in the following spring. Apologies were to be extended to Mr Beale for the changes in plans.

#### County Councillor

Cllr Hall brought the meeting up to date regarding Hinkley Point EDF stage 2b - consultation now due to close. The possibility of the Somerfields warehouse at Huntworth being used as part of a Park and Ride scheme. There were various transportation issues outstanding, and traffic lights at Crandon Bridge were still in the pipeline. He reported that Broadband improvements were on target, and that household waste recycling centres face a slightly improved outlook.

#### Planning

An application regarding replacement windows at Crown House Front Street from Mr K Plunkett, was approved in line with previous similar requests. An application regarding a first floor extension at 35 Higher Road, from Mr S Baker was approved after further explanation and discussion.

## Correspondence

- SCC Chairman's award for service to the community.
- SDC training for Parish Councillors, in which Cllrs Allen Lennard and Bunney expressed interest
- CAB – Letters regarding a visit to the centre and an appeal for funds. Cllr Lennard to ask a representative of CAB to attend next PC meeting to give a talk.
- Royal Horticultural Society - *Britain in Bloom*
- Community Policing Awards and Policing Plan. The new Beat Officer, Jon Bartlett was prepared to attend a meeting and explain this.
- RTL2 retained funds. It was advised that these funds were available only for play equipment, so details were passed to the Playing Fields committee .

## Finance

Account balances were advised, and details of cheques signed were reported.

## Matters Of Report

- Cllr Lennard spoke of a complaint about stones in the road at Byways, Higher Road, which might damage cars pulling in to allow oncoming vehicles to pass. It was thought that the stones were to protect new grass from the effects of large agricultural vehicles. Matter passed to SCC.
- A foul smell in Fry's Lane, also reported by Cllr Lennard, was also passed to SCC.
- Cllr Allen updated the meeting regarding the Localism Bill - due to receive Royal Assent as early as October this year, saying that appropriate training would be arranged in due course .

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 in the Village Hall .

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## Zoy Villages Association

*From Vanessa Brooks-Oke*

Christmas has come early for the members of the Zoy Villages twinning Association who recently celebrated the event with their French guests in Chedzoy village hall. The themed party took place on Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> and a special visit from 'Papa Noel' was indeed a highlight as he presented all of the French and English children (and some special adults) with early gifts for being good. The event had been kept under a dark veil of secrecy by the committee and our guests were delighted with this special day. All joined in with good spirits and lots of singing and laughter ensued.



The Zoy Villages Association is twinned with Val D'Ille in Brittany and members enjoy cultural visits from either side of the channel on an annual basis with the French visiting one year and the English visiting France on the other. This year 27 guests joined their English hosts and some special friends for typical English Christmas fare as it had been decided that we had never celebrated this event with each other before.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the members of the North Petherton twinning group who also joined us and helped with the mammoth meal preparation. The association is currently modernising and we can be found on Facebook under 'The Zoy Villages Twinning Association'. Anyone wishing to join us in membership is encouraged to contact either Vanessa Brooks-Oke (publicity) on 01823-491507 or Jon Beale (chairman) on 01278-691091. 'Twinning' is a great way to make some new friends from both sides of the Channel and has the added advantage of allowing you to learn a new language in a fun and informal manner

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## POLICE PATROL

*from PCSO Helen Whitehead*

Please note that PC 1433 Jon BARTLETT started as Beat Manager for Chedzoy, Parchey, Westonzoyland, Andersea, Lakewall, Middlezoy, Othery and Greylake on Sunday 17th July 2011. As soon as it is possible with shifts I will bring Jon along to a Parish Council meeting to say Hi!

Jon's contact details are as follows:

Jonathan.Bartlett@avonandsomerset.police.uk  
07717 815192 (or 101 – see later 999 service item)

Your beat staff are as follows:

PC 1433 Jonathan (Jon) Bartlett  
PCSO 7322 Helen Whitehead  
PCSO 7196 Rebecca Riley

Please remember if you require police attention, or wish to report matters to the police you should call 0845 456 7000 and ask the call handler to mark your message NHW (Neighbourhood Watch). If you require urgent attention then you should use the 999 system (*see later item on 999 service*).

If you have information about any crime, again phone the police on 0845 456 7000, or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally, see the [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) website.

## Be Nosy!

With the turn in the economy, crime is definitely on the increase and I am grabbing this opportunity to appeal to your nosiness! Currently we are seeing a local increase in the theft of lead from Churches, lead and copper piping from new building sites, plus theft of farm vehicles and machinery. Chedzoy is blessed to have all of these, therefore we need to be on our toes, savvy and vigilant.



I am appealing to all residents to twitch those curtains, have your eyes peeled, and importantly, report anything or anyone suspicious. If you can get the registration numbers of any vehicles you feel are acting suspiciously or descriptions of person(s) loitering about, please either contact me or Jon directly, or the Police Switchboard. If you witness any crime taking place please dial 999 immediately.

Chedzoy is a fabulous community and the key to keeping it crime free is to put away and lock up your belongings, be vigilant of those items that cannot be locked away, and report to the Police anything untoward.

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## Fraudster Targeting Parishioners



The Avon and Somerset Constabulary have been in touch to warn of a fraudster who seems to be targeting church members up and down the country. His method of operation is normally to approach elderly lone persons, stating he is a priest from Ireland and has broken down.

He states he needs cash to get

the vehicle repaired to get to a funeral/home etc. He calls at their home addresses and has obviously done his homework - perhaps by attending church - as they are generally linked to the local church in some way. Because of this, they part with varying amounts of cash. The photograph is of the man police wish to interview. **Please call 999 if you see him.**

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## Changes to the 999 service

From 19th September you will be able to contact Avon and Somerset Police by calling us on 101. As part of a national programme to make it easier for you to contact your local police, 101 will be used for non-emergencies such as:

- reporting a crime
- contacting local officers
- getting crime prevention advice
- making us aware of policing issues in your local area
- making an appointment with a police officer
- for any other non-emergency

### Key Facts

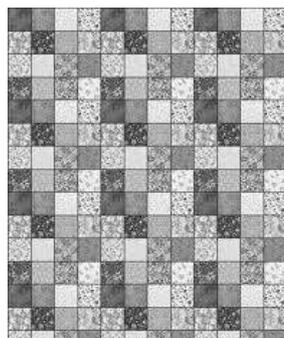
- 101 will not replace 999, which will continue to be used for emergencies.
- It will replace the existing 0845 number, although there will be a 3-month period when both numbers will be available.
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone on 18001 101
- Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.
- **999** should be used for an emergency, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

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## PATCHWORK GROUP

from Avril Johnson

The group quilt - *Autumn* - is well on the way to being finished, and raffle tickets will be on sale at the Harvest Auction and Supper. The money raised from the raffle will go to the Church. We are also working hard on items for our stall at the Christmas Fair, so please come and see us there. In the pipeline is work for the Jubilee wall hanging, planned for the Village Hall. Whether you are a beginner, or an experienced needlewoman, do come and join us - we meet every Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the Village Hall.



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## SPEEDWATCH TALK

Tuesday, 13th September

A talk on the benefits of Community Speed Watch will be given by Dave Smith at The Parish Hall, Eastside Lane, Bawdrip on Tuesday, 13th September at 7.30pm - before the normal Parish Council meeting. A portable speed camera was acquired by Bawdrip Parish Council last year and is shared with other Parishes. Many people wanted an active Community Speed Watch in the area. There is now an opportunity to learn more, and hopefully the number of volunteers will grow. The invitation to the talk is extended to residents of Bawdrip and adjoining Parishes.

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## CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL

from Chair, Richard Lennard



We have had three super Wedding Receptions in the Hall over the last few months and have received many accolades for our facilities. The South Devon Pekingese Society had a very successful show and their Secretary was very

impressed with the behaviour of the several children who went to see the dogs being paraded - very pleasing to hear.

We have kindly been donated a microwave oven by Mrs Wendy Woodward and a heated trolley by Mr & Mrs Friend - on behalf of the Village Hall Committee my sincere thanks.

The year is passing all too quickly so make a note of the forthcoming events:- Harvest Supper on Saturday 8th October and a Pate & Pudding Evening on Saturday 3rd December (last year was super! Don't miss it!). Thanks go again to Jim Clapp for keeping the field looking good, to Roy Beal for cutting the sides and front grass and last time for *strimming* the entire field perimeter, and to Richard Woodward for his assistance on a more delicate matter and also for changing the lock mechanism on the field gates

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT DATES

Chedzoy - Pre School 2:00 - 3:00

Manor House Inn 3:10 - 3:30

FRIDAYS - every 4 weeks

2<sup>nd</sup> September 30<sup>th</sup> September 28<sup>th</sup> October

25<sup>th</sup> November 23<sup>rd</sup> December 20<sup>th</sup> January

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## CHEDZOY LADIES

from Secretary, Avril Johnson



Our April meeting was very close to Easter, so we held a 'Decorated Egg' competition. This proved to be a great success, and was a tribute to the imagination and ingenuity of the ladies present. The competition was won with a delightful interpretation of Humpty Dumpty.

In May, Mike Horriben came and demonstrated his skill in putting together the plants for hanging baskets. We were all amazed at the number of plants that he put into a 14-inch basket – 10 or 12 at least. The resulting two baskets from his demonstration were raffled, and there were two very happy winners. He talked as he worked, giving us the background story of the starting and growth of his nursery, in a fascinating and enjoyable manner.

June brought us another great evening, when June James, from *Virgin Ve at Home*, gave one of the ladies a makeover. Her talk was enjoyable and enlightening, and once again our speaker provided a super raffle prize. July was our rest month, but in August we had a real treat – Claire Burr came to talk about, and demonstrate, microwave cookery - and we all ate the results. We tucked into a supper of vegetable biryani, puppadums, lemon and raspberry trifle, and chocolate mud cake – all washed down with the obligatory glass of wine. It was an excellent talk and demo, and will lure many present away from using their microwave just for defrosting and reheating. To top it all, we were shown how to make jam – the perfect answer to those only wanting to make jam in small quantities. A speaker we must have again.

Come and join us – we have great fun on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Village Hall. Our forthcoming speaker programme:

- September – Wendy Hellowell from *Ups and Downs*, a support group for children with Downs Syndrome
- October – David Ilsley of the Lifeboat Association
- November – Wendy Woodward, Christmas Wreaths.
- November 26-27 – Christmas Fair
- December – *Bring and Share Supper*

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Once again, Chedzoy Ladies are organising a Christmas Fair, but – by popular request – this year it will be in the Village Hall, and will run over two days – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November. If you are interested in having a stall, please ring Avril on 455 611 or e-mail don@donjohnson24.co.uk for details. Please support us, as this is very much a village event, and could solve some of your Christmas present dilemmas.



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## Church Tower Open Afternoon

by Linda Friend

The weather on 26th June was absolutely glorious for our annual Tower Open Afternoon at St. Mary's Church. A cloudless sky meant that visitors who braved the 99 steps to the top of the tower could see for miles and were able to enjoy magnificent views across the countryside and see their own homes from a completely different perspective. After returning to ground level, they had the opportunity to sit in the cool of the church and enjoy afternoon tea with delicious homemade cakes. Takeaways were also available by popular demand.

The Open Afternoon raised £110. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day and to all our visitors.

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## Penwood Farm, Chedzoy a Garden in Retirement

Eleven years ago, having had more time to indulge my passion for gardening in general and for roses in particular, I was moved to enquire about the criteria for opening one's garden for the N.G.S. My enquiry was passed to the Somerset N.G.S. organiser at the time. She kindly came to inspect our hard work, and invited us to open for the summer of 2000. Little did we realise that we would be hooked! Every gardener gains satisfaction from sharing the beauty and interest of any garden they tend, from the plants, design ideas, structures and the very special ambience, which is different in every plot, however great or small. This comes not only from the personality of the gardener, and the way in which their use of planting and design reflects their interests, but also from the spirit of the place.



Where we live at the very edge of the village, we are surrounded by the special countryside of the Levels, with its rhines bordered by willows and teeming with wild

life, its fields worked by farmers whose family tenure has often continued for several generations under the wide skies and where daily life has absorbed some of the life changing history of our island, from prehistoric times, through the blood spilt at the Battle of Sedgemoor, to today with its nuclear power, modern and often intrusive industries and the rising tide of traffic and humanity. Still, this special ambience of place here is inescapable.

Slowly, over the years, the garden has evolved. The lawns, so carefully tended by my husband and his trusty mower, have receded under the advance of new flower beds, homes for new roses, hostas, clematis, campanulas and salvias, and all the many alluring plants, irresistible to the gardener in chief. Even the vegetable plot has shrunk, to be bordered with flower beds, for our family too has shrunk as the children have flown the nest and our freezer cannot hold the excess of vegetables, so ably grown by Ron, my brother-in-law. Cutting flowers from sweet peas through sweet williams, gladioli, asters and chrysanthemums, now serve to feed our souls and decorate the house as well as giving pleasure to our friends, now that our bodily appetites for large meals shrink as we age.



The large koi pond has gone, its liner pierced by the thirsty, probing roots of the wisteria which decorates the Japanese style bridge à la Monet, but no matter - the bridge now spans a sunken, sheltered garden with two smaller ponds, home to the water lilies which we always craved and planted, but which the vegetarian koi continually devoured. Nature, like life, always finds a way of distracting us from sorrows and compensating for past

disasters. As I age and a large garden places unsustainable demands, I have no fear. My garden full of roses now welcomes in the shady spots cast by the maturing trees an increasing collection of Hydrangeas - plants which revel in the damp days of Sedgemoor and which cover themselves un-demandingly in ever changing flowers - still beautiful at Christmas as their fading blooms assume the colour of aging parchment, protecting the plant from frost while January's snowdrops and February's daffodils light up the ground below.

Yes, we shall miss the pleasure of sharing our garden with so many visitors and allowing the plants to work a further magic in raising considerable sums for the N.G.S. charities — about £8,000 in the past 11 years. We shall miss the company of friends and visitors, and our helpers too in the tractor shed tearoom with its attendant swallows. Our thanks go to all our friends and visitors who have made garden openings so pleasurable. The swallows are still here, but the tractor shed is silent. The swallows share their temporary home with this year's potato harvest and soon the swallows too will be gone.

*Pauline M. Clapp, August 2011*



#### **George Mawson 1940 - 2011**

St. Mary's Church was packed with family and friends on 17th June for the funeral of George Mawson. George was born in Doncaster, one of identical twins. As well as his twin brother Frank, he was also brother to Mavis, Joyce and Albert. He became a keen singer, often singing on the local club circuit. He met his wife, Hilary, whilst working for Bartol Plastics and they worked together for 40 years until his retirement.

George and Hilary moved to Somerset in 1985 when he was appointed Manager of Bartol Plastics in Colley Lane. On retirement George wanted to keep active so took on the job of village paper-man, delivering the morning papers around the village whatever the weather, usually accompanied by his dog Rusty. This was a job he did for 25 years, becoming a familiar sight to everyone in Chedzoy. He was very outgoing, always had a smile on his face and always willing to stop for a chat.

Sadly, in 2010, he was diagnosed with cancer, but he continued to show bravery and a fighting spirit to the end. George will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Hilary and family would like to thank everyone who attended George's funeral - George truly got the send-off he deserved and he would have been really proud. Our condolences go to his wife Hilary, his sons John, Nick and Chris, his daughters-in-law Helen, Nyckie and Laura and his grandsons Charlie, Archie and Arlo.

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#### **Michael Winn 1941 - 2011**

Family and friends gathered in St. Mary's Church on 8th August to remember Mike, who died on 25th July. Mike was born and bred in Bridgwater and attended Westover School. After school he began his working life at Hoopers, a timber firm in Bridgwater. Later he would begin his driving career with Gateways, Roadline and Leo Tec before becoming a supervisor. He also worked for Roger Coombes Health Foods, Somerfield, and helped on many of the local farms. He was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, a sociable and benevolent organisation.

Mike worked hard all his life to provide for his family. He was a dad in a million, turning his hand to most things in the home, even the cooking when necessary. When he was fit and able, nothing was too much trouble for him to do. Very sadly, just three months ago, he was diagnosed with stomach cancer. From diagnosis onwards he became more and more incapacitated and eventually unable to do anything. But Mike continued to smile and, as usual, was more concerned about other people than his own problems. Even in his last days in hospital he was worried about the cost of the petrol and parking for those coming to see him.

Mike had a deep faith and was not at all afraid of dying. His attitude was that if you believe in a loving, caring God, who has said that there will be a place for you in heaven, then there is no point in worrying - everything is in His hands.

Mike will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Our condolences go to his wife Carol, daughters Sue, Sarah and Sheila, grandchildren Kelly, Michelle, Ben, Brydie and Jack, great-grandchildren Joshua, Jay, Kia and Oliver and Mike's brother Brian.

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### **CHEDZOY VILLAGE JUBILEE 2012 CELEBRATIONS**

*from Don Johnson*



As you will have seen from details of the Inaugural Meeting delivered to all houses in Chedzoy, and the report of the last meeting – included with Chedzoy News – arrangements are being made for activities for the Queen's Jubilee next year. The next meeting is

arranged for Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm., and everyone is invited to attend to bring further ideas for fitting into the provisional programme.

Although the organisation of various events is being undertaken by village groups, there will still be the need for some 'muscle' and other assistance from volunteers over the weekend - to move tables and chairs, assist with preparing food, etc., so if you are willing to help, please advise your name and 'phone number to Rob Stamp, on 459 707. Rob is acting as Event Coordinator - ensuring that events are organised to time and do not clash with each other - and is also keeping a volunteer list.

As it is intended to give a memento of the Jubilee to each child in the Village aged under 16, we obviously need to know how many there are! To this end, Martin Baker will be visiting homes in the Village to find out, so don't be surprised when he visits you. More info' on the Village Hall website: <http://www.chedzoyvillagehall.co.uk>

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### **CHEDZOY OPEN GARDENS**

**for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee June 2012**

*from Pauline Clapp*

I am hoping to co-ordinate an *Open Gardens and Allotments Afternoon* to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, probably on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. If you would be interested in opening your garden for this occasion, please contact me as soon as possible, on 01278 451 631, by email at [clappauline@aol.com](mailto:clappauline@aol.com), or, indeed, at Penwood Farm, Chedzoy, TA7 8RW - either in person or by post.

I have seen some beautiful gardens in the village. Size is not important, nor is immaculateness. Bindweed, and its mates among the pernicious weeds, are no respecters of persons or gardens, and we all have battles to fight, sometimes with less rather than more success. With visitors, you may well find that a problem shared is a problem solved - and make some new friends in the process!

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## Margaret Hawkins

### Special memories of my sister-in-law - from Pauline Clapp

A member of Plant Heritage, she was enthusiastic in her attendance at meetings and came on many of our trips. She was a great help and support to me at our garden openings for the N.G.S. at Penwood Farm, the house where she was born. At our last opening for the N.G.S. on June 26th, 2011, she was in great form, collecting garden entrance monies with her vivacious smile, a cheery greeting and her bubbly laugh, also holding the fort in the tearoom when she was needed. Now, only nine weeks later, like the swallows in autumn, she is gone, attacked by a

particularly aggressive illness. She fought courageously but lost the battle at the relatively early age, these days, of 69.

She is greatly missed by all her family and friends. One of her legacies is the garden at her home in Bawdrip. She planted it with such meticulous enthusiasm, filling it with plants from our Members' Plant sales and local nurseries, cuttings from friends and her many forays with me to the RHS Flower Shows. Our last trips were to the Cardiff and Malvern Shows this Spring. Sadly, she will not see this year's Malvern Autumn Show - I shall go unaccompanied but not alone, for I know she will be there in spirit. May she rest in peace. ~~~~~

## Who's Who - Village Contacts

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 |
| Slope 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 |

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| Bridgwater Bus Station  | 07:10 | 09:15 | 11:15 | 13:15 | 15:15 | 17:15 |
| Bridgwater Sainsburys   | 07:13 | 09:18 | 11:18 | 13:18 | 15:18 | 17:18 |
| Bridgwater College      | ....  | ....  | ....  | ....  | ....  | 17:22 |
| Slope 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 |