

Chedzoy News

AUTUMN 2019 ISSUE



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 27th September

Chedzoy Village Hall 10:30 – 12:00

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 6th October 11:30 a.m.

A special service to celebrate the safe gathering-in of the harvest, featuring some of your favourite harvest hymns. The congregation are asked to bring along their harvest gifts to the service so that they can be blessed and added to the contributions for the following night's Auction. Refreshments available after the service

HARVEST AUCTION

*** 50th Anniversary ***

Monday 7th October 7:30 p.m.

The traditional auction of produce in the Village Hall - with licenced bar and refreshment.

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 19th October

7:30 p.m. for 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Shepherd's pie, roast potatoes and vegetables (vegetarian option available), a variety of puddings, cheese and biscuits. Licenced bar.

Ticket entry only £10

Tickets from Linda Friend, Westland House, Front Street 428 641

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:00 a.m. in the church**

*A special service to remember and give thanks for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. A wreath will be laid at the village war memorial, followed by a minute's silence.*

# Halloween

## Pop In for a Pint

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7pm

### Food Available for sale

## ALLAN STOKES

who passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - aged 78



A service for Allan was held at St Mary's church on Thursday 25th July, conducted by Revd. Dr. Jane Sutton. Below is the eulogy read by Malcolm Clarke.

Allan was a quiet man, quick witted and clever, with a dry sense of humour. It is true to say he was respected by everyone who knew him. He was the only son of Freda & Bert Stokes, and was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1940 in the local pub, *The*

*Manor* at Chedzoy - then owned by his grandparents. He went to Huntspill School, and then on to what was the old Bridgwater Art'n'Tec. His first job was with Harris Bros & Collard as a Carpenter's Apprentice, and it didn't take management long at the time to realize what talent Allan had, so before long he was much in demand.

As soon as he was old enough, motorbikes came on the scene, and his first bike was a BSA. There was nothing he didn't know about different makes of bikes, and throughout the years he always had to stop and admire the old Nortons or BSA's he would come across. But his real passion was Clay Pigeon Shooting, and he has many trophies proving he was a top gun. He loved his guns and was a member of several clubs. He remained a top shot right up to a couple of years ago when his illness meant he could no longer lift his precious guns. It was a sad time for him, but he took up pistol shooting so all was not lost. In his younger days as a boy, he could take a gun completely apart and put all the nuts, bolts and pieces back together again.

He met Carol at one of the weekly Dr. Morgan's School dances - as one did back then - and they were married in 1964, starting their married life in a bungalow on the Bridge Estate. It has been a long, close and perfectly matched partnership throughout their marriage.

The opportunity arose when he moved to Chedzoy to start his own building business with Bob Clarke - which they carried out together for many years. Eventually Allan and Bob went their separate ways, both starting their own building companies, but it wasn't long before another house move was on the way. This time it was to Combwich, where he made life-long friends, but then after a while - with no room to store his building materials - he moved to Dowells Farm at Steart. There, together with Carol (mostly Carol), and the three girls Sarah, Gillian and Amanda, they collected the biggest menagerie of animals - much to the amusement of the local farmers. Whilst Carol was busy milking her two cows and looking after the many animals, Allan was busy completing extensions and carrying on with his building work.

The girls have many fond memories of riding around on their Dad's dumper truck and helping Mum and Dad with the old fashioned way of haymaking. For his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, they organized a Medieval Evening in the barn. For the event he made a long table and bench - which he carefully burnt polished - and 40 guests arrived, all in spectacular medieval costumes. There was even a court jester - it was a truly grand evening. There are many stories that could be told of their time at the farm.

When, out of the blue, the Nature Conservatory Council offered to buy Dowells Farm, it was a firm *No!* on Carol's part, but together in the end they decided it was a good thing to do, so Allan wound down his firm and they moved to a Victorian house opposite the Quantock Gateway. This was a great party house for the fun loving couple where they spent many happy years, before moving back to Koz-E-Kot in Pig Lane when the girls had fled the nest.

His favourite party piece at the end of every party they had was to bring out his mother's old wind-up gramophone, turn the handle, and play old records like *Sandy the Dentist* and songs of Gracie Fields etc. In fact, not so long ago he could be seen down in his man-shed smiling away, winding up the old player once again - much to the amusement of the grandchildren looking on.

After deciding to finish his building firm and making sure his workmen had jobs to go to, he hung up his tools and went to work for a building company called Moggridges as a Building Maintenance Manager. That firm was bought out by Crest Nicholson, where he went on to manage building contracts. Finally, he went to work for Andrew Gadd where he stayed until he retired. During this time, they bought a rural property with a trout stream in Brittany, France and it was here that Allan and Carol spent much of their time, making new friends, both English and French, and enjoying the food and spirit of French life.

All through his married life he was in demand for his skills -there was nothing he couldn't sort or do. Constantly there would be *Please can you make that for me?* Or *Can you mend this for me?* requests, and he was really busy when the girls set up their own homes.

Our personal memories of Allan and Carol start at the time of their living at Dowells Farm, although I can't remember receiving an invitation to the Medieval Evening, obviously an oversight! We all met up regularly, enjoying dinner parties at each other's homes and many a trip to the local pub or restaurant - where the evening would disappear into laughter and copious amounts of red wine. Allan was also particularly fond of his pints of beer - especially those made by another friend David Joslin - a very potent brew which seemed to linger in the system well into the following day.

We also had the opportunity to share time with them both, at their gorgeous French holiday home, beautifully situated in a leafy valley near Sizun in Brittany. They were most generous to us, showing all the local attractions and giving us many a taste of French hospitality. Back in the UK, I was always aware that, after enjoying yet another fun-filled evening at Koz-E-Kot, I would be conscious of the latest skillful addition that Allan had made at the cottage, and would realize how unfavourably my DIY skills compared to his.

Life is undoubtedly enhanced by the friends you make over the years and knowing Allan has certainly enriched the lives of all who have known him. He was a lovely man, husband and father; he bore his illness with great fortitude as only Allan would. We shall all miss him terribly.

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CHEDZOY CHARITIES

from Malcolm Friend

Every year at Christmas, St. Mary's Church makes a distribution from four 19th century charities - keeping alive a long standing village tradition.

The four charities started in 1812, 1856, 1874 and 1876, and were originally to give money, coal or bread to the deserving of the Parish. As the Retirement Pension wasn't then in existence, these payments would have made a real difference to those who received them. In more recent times, a token payment has been made each Christmas to every household in the village with a resident aged 70 or over, and it's nice to think that a village tradition started by such caring people so many years ago continues today.

If you've received payments in previous years then you will continue to do so (unless you've requested otherwise). If you haven't received payments in the past, but will have reached the age of 70 by 31st December this year, then please let me know so that you can be added to the list. Please send your name and address to me at chedzoypcc@btinternet.com or telephone me on 428 641. I'll need to hear from you by 1st November if you want to be included in this year's distribution.

PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from meeting - Monday 17th June

Sedgemoor District Council report

Anthony Betty reported that Peter Clayton had been elected Chairman and Alan Bradford as Vice Chairman, together with the re-election of Duncan McGinty as Leader of SDC. Liz Perry confirmed that due to her recent appointment to the Sedgemoor planning committee, she may not be able to comment on certain aspects of live planning applications.

Planning

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As amended).

Reference: 18/19/00003/CM.

Proposal: Alterations and conversion of existing attached garage to habitable accommodation and erection of two storey extension to rear (north) elevation.

Location: 5 West End Court, Chedzoy Lane, Chedzoy, TA7 8QS.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Crocker.

The Chairman opened the meeting up to allow public participation in the full discussion which took place. This represents an extension to an existing dwelling and all relevant flood proofing/resilience techniques are being incorporated - i.e. the use of flood resilient materials as indicated within the flood performance guidelines, e.g. appropriate quality face bricks, double glazed upvc windows and doors to be installed ensuring adequate sealing around the frames. All fittings (electrical appliance, gas ovens) to be placed on plinths as high as possible above floor level. Electrical wall sockets to be placed as high as possible etc. Consideration will be given to the topography of the site specifically the surface gradient of the paved area to ensure the water drains away from the building.

Following the discussion a vote was called for and all councillors present voted in favour of supporting the application.

Action - The following comments were conveyed to SDC Planners:-

The Parish Council of Chedzoy supports the above application and has no observations to offer.

Correspondence

- **National Grid – Hinkley Point new High Voltage powerlines.** The Clerk reported on a telephone call he received from the National Grid Community Relations team advising that the power line to Bristol (which just touches on the Chedzoy parish boundary), will be the subject of two new pylons (not in Chedzoy), to be added in the New Year, with the whole line requiring rewiring later on. An offer to arrange for someone from that department to attend a Parish Council meeting in the autumn to explain the situation fully to councillors was made. Action - The Clerk was asked to take up this offer.
- **Rural Housing Week briefing.** The Clerk reported he had been advised that Rural Housing Week was taking place in early July and SDC had offered to hold briefing sessions for Town/Parish councillors interested in attending. However, a further email has been received advising the sessions had been cancelled because of a lack of demand. No further action is intended unless SDC initiate this.

Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

Current Account	£4,663.31
Deposit Account	£2.48
Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac	£12,341.19

A new Lloyds Bank mandate is being completed to update the signing authority for the bank accounts, with any two of either the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to be authorised.

A request for grant aid to Sedgemoor CAB was agreed in the sum of £50.00 as this was in the current budget.

The necessary 2018/2019 Accounting documentation and Statement of Public Notice of Rights have been advertised thereby clearing the way for the external audit to proceed. Action – The Clerk to action as above

Any Other Business

- **Broadband Rollout delay.** Simon Howes updated the meeting following a telephone call from David Hall (SCC), who is pressing for the meeting with Paul Coles (BT) to explore alternative solutions should Gigaclear continue to experience difficulties and possibly pull out as *Phase 3 Provider*. This would leave Chedzoy continuing to suffer unacceptable broadband services as a result of circumstances beyond our control. He emphasised the need to press for clarity and to investigate full details of the technical restrictions and of any potential costings involved to overcome the problems. The parish council would then be in a position to evaluate any potential alternative action once full details are available and understood. Action – Simon Howes will report back if a meeting with BT can be arranged.
- **Co-option to fill Parish Council Vacancies.** Katrina Maxwell tendered her resignation (mentioning time pressures) from the Parish Council, in writing to the Clerk, thereby leaving two vacancies on the council. John Paige was proposed by Simon Howes and seconded by Marion Dethier. Nick Griffiths was proposed by Katrina Maxwell and seconded by Rodney Young. There were no other nominations and it was unanimously agreed to accept the above two new members to the Parish Council, and they will now complete their Acceptance of Office and Register of Members Financial Interest forms. Action – The Clerk to complete necessary papers and notifications.
- **Men's Shed Open Day.** The Clerk read extracts from an email about the Somerset Levels and Moors Shed (SLaMS), a Men's Shed first established in Burrowbridge after the disastrous floods of 2014 and now relocated to Bridgwater. SLaMS provides a social and workshop facility for men (and women), predominantly in later life, who for a variety of reasons – ill-health, loss of a partner, retirement or redundancy – are at risk of social isolation. In order to reach out to this demographic group, an Open Day is being held on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at The Council Workshop, Canal View, Old Taunton Road Bridgwater TA6 3NS. Noted, and no further action intended.
- **Community SpeedWatch.** The Clerk read an email from *AutoSpeedWatch* concerning an automated system of managing local traffic speeds. Noted and no further action at this time.
- **Councillor Training.** *Councillor Essentials* training seminars at various locations were offered to the new councillors.
- **VE Day Celebrations – 75th Anniversary 2020.** Next year (2020) marks the 75th anniversary of *Victory in Europe* Day and fairly elaborate celebratory events are expected to be made to take place over the weekend of 8th -10th May 2020, with SSAFA (the Armed Forces Charity) co-ordinating matters. Action - refer the email to the Village Hall committee.
- **Village Agent – Vanda Squire.** The Clerk has emailed Vanda to invite her to a council meeting to talk to members about her role as Village Agent for Chedzoy. Action – update at next meeting.
- **Glebe House Planning Application no 18/19/00001/DT.** The application goes before the SDC Planning Committee on Tuesday 25th June 2019. The *objectors* to it are holding a meeting in the village hall on Wednesday 19th June at 7.30 pm to select a spokesperson from their ranks to speak for three minutes in opposition. The Parish Council are also entitled to send a speaker and Rodney Young kindly agreed to the task. Action - The Clerk will advise SDC of the names of both speakers, following that meeting, later on in the week.
- **Heritage Plaques – Court Farm House and Court Farm Cottage.** In response to an enquiry from the Chairman, the Clerk confirmed that both householders would be approached in due course. Action – The Clerk to approach both for their permission.
- **Poor Water Pressure.** Rodney Young raised this ongoing problem and suggested it might be a good idea to report the matter to Wessex Water and request that they test the pressure at various times of day. This is particularly relevant now Chedzoy has been re-designated as a *Tier 4 Settlement*. Action - The Clerk was asked to make the request.

Extracts from meeting – Monday 15th July

Matters arising from previous meeting's minutes

- **National Grid – Hinkley Point Power Line.** The Clerk has requested a visit to a Parish Council meeting of a representative of the Community Relations Team later in the year. Donna Burnell has acknowledged the request and has forwarded our meeting dates from September to December to the National Grid project manager and she will advise a suitable date in due course.
- **New Councillors' Acceptance of Office and Financial Interest forms.** These have been received from the two new co-opted members. The Parish Council is now up to full strength. The Clerk displayed the SDC template of member interests for Chedzoy which are due to be posted on SDC's website next month, with a link on Chedzoy's website. This template will now require updating.
- **Village Agent's visit.** The Clerk read out an email from Vanda Squire in which she accepts to come and speak at our September 16th meeting. She will try to bring her colleague Amanda with her.
- **Wessex Water Pressure Testing.** The Clerk is awaiting a response to his request for Wessex Water to pressure test the water pressure throughout the village. He will follow up when appropriate.

Somerset County Council report

Cllr. David Hall reported as follows:

- **Broadband.** David had arranged a conference telephone call between himself, Simon Howes and Paul Coles of BT on Friday 19th July. This was not designed to dwell on the current unsatisfactory progress of Gigaclear but rather to explore alternatives.
- **Health and Wellbeing grant.** This is again available this year with a modest amount of money available from SCC via David for distribution among his cell of parishes, for projects aimed at improving the general health of the local population. A formal approach by the villages is required by September, so time is short (this is the first we have heard about this year's distribution), and Marion Dethier has kindly agreed to sound out the general feeling of members of the public, with a view to contact being made with David on the subject by the beginning of September.
- **Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA).** Following the departure of the last Chairman (following recent elections), David has been appointed as a replacement. Legislation to convert SRA to a fully Precepting Authority is currently held up in the Lords.
- **Dunball Jetty.** The first boat is expected to arrive next week. The jetty is expected to be completed on schedule by the end of October.

Sedgemoor District Council report

Anthony Betty and Liz Perry reported as follows:

- **Development Committee.** The latest proposal for the Glebe House development was passed at the recent meeting.
- **Burger Van near Mole Valley Farmers.** This recently departed following a licencing decision.
- **Westonzoyland grit hills.** These are considered by many to be an eyesore and it turns out no planning approval has been obtained.
- **Sedgemoor District Council Charity Fund.** A new SDC charity fund is open for applications and it offers grants of up to £500 for individuals and £500 for charity groups, and is designed to enable deserving projects to go forward - a condition is that the Parish Council must support all applications.

Planning

No new Planning Applications but:

- **Glebe House development.** Cllr Rodney Young gave a report on the recent planning committee meeting at which he kindly spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. This was for two dormer bungalows to be built and the proposal was granted permission with some minor adjustments. He was thanked for his input.

Correspondence

- **Jazz evenings at Cossington.** Advertising concerning the October, November and December events have been received.
- **SCC Chairman's Civic Service.** An open invitation to the SCC Chairman's civic service has been received. Date: 5th October 2019, time: 3 pm, venue: Holy Trinity Church Trinity Street Frome BA11 3DE.

- **Code of Conduct explained.** The Clerk gave a report on the seminar he attended at SALC in Somerton concerning this subject. The Localism Act 2011 laid down firm guidelines for councillors (however minor), so they should be in no doubt about the correct way to conduct themselves, especially in areas where it can be difficult to clearly define the principles to follow. There are two versions of the Code, one from SDC and the other from NALC, either of which are perfectly adequate. The Clerk is aware that this is an area which has been a little neglected and he is now looking into clarifying the position.
- **Review of Polling Districts.** The Acting Returning Officer (ARO) at Sedgemoor is carrying out a review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations, both to ensure they are adequate and to free up schools, where possible, from having to close when elections take place, if alternatives can be found. The Village Hall in Chedzoy will not be changing.
- **SDC Planning and On-line Comments.** The SDC planning portal was updated on 24th June 2019.

Finance

Parish Council balances were as follows:

Current Account	£4,230.32
Deposit Account	£2.48
Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac	£12,341.19

Forms relating the changes to signing instructions at Lloyds were passed on to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman appropriately, with reply paid envelopes for their return.

Forms from the Cambridge BS were received and are being dealt with.

Any Other Business

- **St Mary's Close street sign.** A replacement sign has been ordered from the appropriate department of SDC – Clean Surroundings.
- **Litter Pick Spring 2019.** The Clerk advised that SDC Clean Surroundings would supply high visibility jackets, pickers and bags, and deliver them as well as pick up the full ones. They accept the litter completely unsorted. They will need due notice. The matter of road safety for the volunteers was discussed, particularly in narrow lanes such as Ward Lane, and the Clerk was asked to consult with Sedgemoor as to how this problem is overcome in other parishes where we know litter picks already take place. This to be placed on the agenda of the December meeting.
- **Village Hall Management Committee.** The Clerk has now officially advised the Hall Committee that Pat Lennard and Marion Dethier are the current Parish Council representatives. As Marion could not make the last hall committee meeting, Simon Howes attended and he was able to advise them that the Parish Council would view any request for financial assistance towards the costs of VE Day celebrations for the 75th Anniversary in 2010, sympathetically. After the discussion, a vote took place and it was unanimously agreed to assist to the extent of up to £1000 *in principle*.
- **Tree Planting.** Cllr John Paige read out an email which seems to have been received by several councillors as well as the Clerk, from an Andrew Tilling, a resident in the Poldens, and a member of the public who is concerned about the lack of trees that are planted to replace those either dying or being felled for development etc. There is an on line petition at: *Petition: Sedgemoor District Council must ensure more trees are planted to help mitigate the impact of Climate Change.* John Paige kindly offered to contact Mr Tilling to find out more.
- **SDC Community Safety Team.** The Clerk read out a letter which contained several posters, leaflets and other information on such topical issues as: Illegal activities of loan sharks, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, trafficking, modern slavery and terrorism. Following a discussion the Clerk was asked to try to obtain a smaller pdf type file for insertion in the next issue of *Chedzoy News*, from SDC.
- **Parish Council meeting dates on the parish website.** The Clerk reported that the new formula for fixing future parish council meeting dates – meeting on the third Monday monthly, with the exception of January and August, with additional planning meetings being advertised on the parish notice board – was now posted on the website.

- **Allotments.** A resident of Front Street attended the meeting to say that the fence at the bottom of his garden, which backs on to the allotments, needs replacing. The contractors are due to arrive this week and access is required through the allotment field itself and he assured everyone that no damage would be caused. The discussion turned to the allotment lettings and the possibility that an inadvertent irregularity had come about following the sudden departure of one of the tenants. The Clerk was asked to sort the problem out.
- **New Parish Council notice board.** The problem of lack of space for specific mandatory Parish Council notices on the general notice board was discussed - the Clerk reminding everyone that he received approval from the Council to look into the possibility of getting another one some time ago. Cllr John Paige kindly offered to look into constructing one at a modest cost, rather than the prohibitive cost of a commercially supplied one.
- **New Sedgemoor Local Plan 2019.** The former Parish Council Chairman, Martin Allen, was present at the meeting and brought up the need for a paper copy of the new *Sedgemoor Local Plan 2019*, adopted on 18th February 2019, to be obtained for use by the Parish Council. Cllr Liz Perry (SDC) said she would obtain a copy and let the Clerk have it.
- **Public Footpaths throughout the Parish.** As we are all aware, Chedzoy is lucky in having a very extensive network of footpaths. Cllr Marion Dethier brought up the significant problem of the general deteriorating condition of many of the footpath gates, styles and foot bridges. It was decided to put this matter on the agenda of the next meeting in September for further discussion.

Extracts from planning meeting – Monday 12th August

Reference: 18/19/00004/ACN

Type: Full Planning Permission.

Proposal: Retrospective application for the extension of an existing agricultural implement store/shed.

Location: Land to the south of Parchey View, Ward Lane

Applicant: Mr Meadows

The acting chairman opened the meeting and there followed a full discussion concerning this Planning Application. The following comments were sent in to Sedgemoor Planners:-

The Parish Council of Chedzoy supports this application, but feels that it is a matter of some concern to the Council that the applicant has on two occasions recently been forced to apply retrospectively for required planning permissions.

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**CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL**

*from Pat Davies*



Our preschool is all set for a term full of fun, exploration and making friendships. The children will have the opportunity of using our spacious premises, both inside and outside, choosing from lots of different activities - such as construction with both small and large resources; playing number

games; being involved in role play with friends using their imagination and creating our ever-popular blackberry and apple crumble once we have all harvested the blackberries and the apples!

Interested in registering your child/children at our long established, OFSTED graded Outstanding Preschool or attending with your child at our twice weekly Toddler Group? Contact Pat or Gemma on 0798 903 4180 or via our Facebook Page or website [www.chedzoypreschool.org.uk](http://www.chedzoypreschool.org.uk).

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CHEDZOY FLOWER SHOW

from Sarah Gower, Show Secretary

Well what a year, we had an amazing 353 entries, and all of them worthy of a prize, from fantastic veg, to beautiful flower arrangements, and some mouth-watering cakes and pastries. But the most impressive classes were the children's classes, from the decorated cakes, a garden on a plate and of course the animal made from vegetables. Also we mustn't forget the first year of the scarecrows - they certainly were a talking point around the village - from Spiderman to Boris and of course the winning entry from Cid Parker *The Wizard of Oz*. The judge was impressed with all the entries.



Pics by John Weeks

The cups and prizes were presented at the end of the day by Martin Chandler, and are as follows:

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| Clark Challenge Cup | Tracey Ford |
| Wine Shield | Amanda Triggol |
| Handicraft | Amanda Lane |
| Childrens' Flower Cup | Edith Crocker |
| Photograph Trophy | Sarah Sutcliffe |
| Egg Cup | Amanda Lane |
| Committee Cup | Kerry Evert |

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| Children's Cup | Edith Crocker |
| Art Cup | Sarah Sutcliffe |
| Gale Cup | Ellie Griffiths |
| Tressa Davey | Tracey Ford |



I would like to thank Mole Valley Farmers, Monkton Elm Garden Centre, and Kelways, for their donations towards the prizes, and also for all judges that gave up their time.

I know that not everyone will agree with the judges placements, but as the saying goes, *The judge's decision is final!!*

And finally I would like to thank all those who took the time and effort to do all those amazing entries - as a village you should all be very proud of yourselves. Here's looking at next year's show which will be on the 25th July 2020.

Anyone who has any suggestions for different classes, please drop me an email - sarahgower@btinternet.com

See you all next year

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## COFFEE MORNING

**First & Third (in summer) Wednesday of the month**

**From 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

*from Amanda Triggol*

Monthly Coffee morning are held in the Village Hall on the First Wednesday of the month. If anyone would like to help by going on rota, or could make cakes, any help would gratefully be appreciated.

3<sup>rd</sup> October (Sally, Laura, Amanda)

*Proceeds to be added to those of the MacMillan*

*Coffee Morning on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

7<sup>th</sup> November (looking for volunteers)

If you would like to help, please contact Amanda  
on 0797 4203 856.

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MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

from Frank Challenger

Music on the Levels announces a new season of popular tea-time concerts, with sumptuous afternoon teas, starting on 29th September with *Serenados Tango* at 3.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Westonzoyland. Recalling the majestic sound of Argentina, *Serenados Tango* performs timeless classic compositions from the tango repertoire with true authenticity.

Featuring Argentinian national, Sebastian Tesouro, on violin, Ben Modley on guitar and flute, and James Rintoul on double bass. A concert of the world's greatest romance music not to be missed!

The season continues with *Wildwood Jack* on Sunday 27th October 2019, 3.30 pm, a unique acoustic guitar and ukulele folk duo, Jayne and Adam Freeman. *Quality songwriting, engaging, uplifting and filled with memorable melodies.*

Wallscourt Brass Quintet and Friends on Sunday 24th November; thrill to the sound of brass in the fine acoustics of this wonderful church, with music ranging from Gabrieli and Handel to Peter Warlock and George Gershwin, with Ailsa Bailey and Stephen Bodiley on trumpets, Dave Gee on horn, Alice Bodiley on trombone, Philip Chidgey on tuba, plus John Bodily on organ, and friends.

And in the New Year:

Sunday 26th January 2020, 3.30 pm St Mary's Church - *Swing Fever*. A six-piece band playing a mixture of jazz styles and popular music.

Sunday 23rd February 2020, 3.30 pm St Mary's Church, Reg Meuross. Folking.com *Soloist of the Year 2019*, Somerset singer, songwriter and storyteller Reg Meuross.

Sunday 29th March 2020, 3.30 pm St Mary's Church. *Platform for young musicians*. A showcase for talented performers from South West Music, Somerstage Theatre School, Bridgwater and Taunton College and others. Please contact us if you want to take part.

Sunday 26th April 2020, 3.30 pm St Mary's Church. Madrigals and songs for voice and lute. Songs and lute solos from the Golden Age of English music. An afternoon of musical delight presented by soprano Mary Morgan and lutenist Steve Graham.

Sunday 31st May 2020, 3.30 pm St Mary's Church, Kitty Macfarlane. Award-winning songwriter, singer and guitarist from Somerset.

Saturday 20th June 2020, 3.00 pm St Mary's Church. *Rough Round The Edges* - a group of friends who have a shared love of music, that ranges from folk songs and tunes to classics like *My Old Man's a Dustman*.

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## CHEDZOY CHRISTMAS MARKET

*from Avril Johnson*

The fair will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019, between 10:30 am and 4:30 pm. The hall will be open from 9:00 am, to permit setting up of stalls.



Tables are 2.5m by 1m, and cost £12.00

- except for village residents for whom there is no charge. 'Phone 455 611 for all bookings - before **31<sup>st</sup> October**. Any cheques to be made payable to *Avril Johnson*.

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VILLAGE SALE

from Sally Howes

This year's Annual Village Sale and Brocante took place a little later than usual, on Sunday 8th September. We were extremely lucky with the sunny and dry weather, especially as the tail end of hurricane Dorian was just around the corner! With over 30 stalls throughout the village, both at the sellers' homes and at the village hall, a great community day was enjoyed by everyone, with a high footfall of visitors and lots of sales taking place.



Refreshments of bacon rolls, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks, cakes and ice creams were served by the playing fields committee, who had quite a weekend of it as they had provided us all with a BBQ at the *Pop-in-for-a-pint* only 2 nights previously!

Funds raised from the table sales will be added to the proceeds from a recent coffee morning, and a donation from *Pop-in-for-a-pint*. A presentation to the Bridgwater Foodbank will take place at the next *Pop-in* on Friday 4th October.

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## A-Tanks

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## PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

*from Kerry Evert*

Another busy summer for the playing field, it's been 3 years since the new equipment was installed, and inevitably that means we have some equipment which needs repair... always a good thing to know that things are being used so much that they're wearing away!

### **Fundraising:**

Kerry ran the Bridgwater Half Marathon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, raising money to pay for repairs to the big bucket swing and the zipwire, which will cost in the region of £1,000! There is still time to sponsor: either drop it into the mail box at Wednesday Cottage (in an envelope with your name, so we can thank you personally!) or send us an email and we can collect it (Chedzoy.playingfield@gmail.com). So far we've raised an incredible £320 – thank you to everyone who has sponsored!

The ever-popular *Pop In for a Pint and BBQ* was run by the playing field committee on September 6<sup>th</sup>, so there was no need to bother with dinner before joining the village for the regular social evening! We also sold bacon rolls and refreshments from the village hall for the Chedzoy Garage Sales on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, which was as popular as last year. These two events helped us raised over £1,000 for the playing field which will go a long way in helping us to sort out some of the repair work.

### **Improvements:**

Thanks to a fantastic £1,000 donation from the 2018 party in the field and flower show (Thank you to the Village Hall Committee!), along with several fundraising events we held over the past two years, we will be replacing the fencing and gates at the front of the playing field in the next few months. The old fencing is damaged, and the chain-link has large holes as it is often use as a bike rack, so we will be replacing the fence with a much sturdier version, which will look much neater and be more robust. The cost for the new fencing is over £4,000 (and that's with us doing all the old fence removal ourselves).

### **Save the date:**

Events coming up... a Halloween *themed Pop In for a Pint for Halloween* on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – dress up optional (and welcomed) – food will also be available for sale.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 will be our popular annual Burns Night Supper, tickets will be on sale in November, but don't forget to diarise the date, so you don't double book – a special one this year, as it falls on the official Burns Night!



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## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020

*from Mark Holder*

As you may be aware, the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day - the end of the second world war in Europe - and HM Government have deemed this to be worthy of an extra bank holiday, which luckily falls on a Friday. Quite rightly the village will mark this most important anniversary with a weekend of reflection and appropriate entertainment. So this is a call to action to ensure that you have this in your calendar nice and early, to give you forewarning of what is going to be planned, and how you can take part and make this a really memorable event.

The full and detailed timetable of celebration will be forthcoming, but in summary there will be activities and entertainment starting on the Friday and ending on the Sunday: Garden Marquee, live 1940's singers and music from the era, a good old fashioned sing-a-long to raise the spirits. For the younger revellers to enjoy there will be a bouncy castle, and good old fashioned games - such as egg and spoon and three legged races.

A bugler from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Light Infantry will join us for the *Last Post* on the Friday as the bells across the country are rung - plus a piper throughout the day to inspire us. It's going to be a *Bring your own end of the war picnic* on the Friday, so dig out your Spam, dripping and powered egg: on Saturday we will circumnavigate the rationing and dish up a pig roast.

Warm Beer and lashings of Gin will see us through the weekend of course.

We will pool our ration cards to ensure that the costs are covered, so it will be a ticketed event (costs to follow) and our Home Guard platoon will ensure that we remain safe and secure from non-paying interlopers. The intention is that we try and get into the spirit of things, so all forms of dressing up is encouraged: Uniforms, demob suits, land girl outfits, ladies 40's finery - including those nylons left by the pesky yanks. We will also try and set up a secure display of WW2 memorabilia from around the village that people may want to display - photos, medals, gasmasks, tin helmets, etc., plus a photo wall of relevant pictures. So if anyone wants to contribute then let us know.

In addition we want to create a video wall of WW2 memories. We may all be a bit young for first hand stories, but I am sure that many of us will have tales that we could share from parents and grandparents. The intention would be to video each participant as a *talking head* for maybe 3 to 5 minutes, so we can have this programme playing in the hall/marquee throughout the day. It can be any memory from any aspect of the war - the link back to Chedzoy is that you are living here today. Of course any actual wartime stories that took place in the village would be fantastic.



So to misquote Winston:

***This will be our finest hour***

More details will follow of course, as preparations move forward.

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College Days

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| Bridgwater Bus Stn      | -- | 9:05 | 11:00 | 12:55 | 14:50 | 16:45 | Street Crispin Hall     | --   | 10:00 | 11:55 | 13:50 | 15:45 | 15:45 |
| Bridgwater Sainsburys   | -- | 9:07 | 11:02 | 12:57 | 14:52 | 16:47 | Walton Church           | --   | 10:06 | 12:01 | 13:56 | 15:51 | 15:51 |
| Bridgwater College      | -- | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | Ashcott Ridgeway        | --   | 10:12 | 12:07 | 14:02 | 15:58 | 15:58 |
| Slape Cross             | -- | 9:14 | 11:09 | 13:04 | 14:59 | 16:54 | Pedwell                 | 8:02 | 10:16 | 12:11 | 14:06 | 16:02 | 16:02 |
| Chedzoy Cross           | -- | 9:16 | 11:11 | 13:06 | 15:01 | 16:56 | Greinton Phone Box      | 8:04 | 10:18 | 12:13 | 14:08 | 16:04 | 16:04 |
| Stawell Church          | -- | 9:22 | 11:17 | 13:12 | 15:07 | 17:02 | Moorlinch Ring of Bells | 8:07 | 10:21 | 12:16 | 14:11 | 16:07 | 16:07 |
| Sutton Mallet           | -- | 9:27 | 11:22 | 13:17 | 15:12 | 17:07 | Sutton Mallet           | 8:13 | 10:27 | 12:22 | 14:17 | 16:13 | 16:13 |
| Moorlinch Ring of Bells | -- | 9:33 | 11:28 | 13:23 | 15:18 | 17:13 | Stawell Church          | 8:19 | 10:33 | 12:28 | 14:23 | 16:19 | 16:19 |
| Greinton Phone Box      | -- | 9:36 | 11:31 | 13:26 | 15:21 | 17:16 | Chedzoy Cross           | 8:25 | 10:39 | 12:34 | 14:29 | 16:25 | 16:25 |
| Pedwell                 | -- | 9:38 | 11:33 | 13:28 | 15:23 | 17:18 | Slape Cross             | 8:27 | 10:41 | 12:36 | 14:31 | 16:27 | 16:27 |
| Ashcott Ridgeway        | -- | 9:43 | 11:38 | 13:33 | 15:28 | --    | Bridgwater College      | --   | --    | --    | --    | 16:35 | --    |
| Walton Church           | -- | 9:48 | 11:43 | 13:38 | 15:33 | --    | Bridgwater Sainsburys   | 8:37 | 10:51 | 12:46 | 14:41 | --    | --    |
| Street Crispin Hall     | -- | 9:55 | 11:50 | 13:45 | 15:40 | --    | Bridgwater Bus Stn      | 8:41 | 10:55 | 12:50 | 14:45 | --    | 16:40 |

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