

Chedzoy News

SPRING 2018 ISSUE



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CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL AGM

WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL at 7:30 pm

at Chedzoy Village Hall

All Welcome

Royal Wedding Celebrations

Saturday 19th May

TV on the big screen

Bar - and Cream Teas later ?

CHEDZOY

VILLAGE SALE/BROCANTE

SATURDAY JUNE 16th

10am - 4pm

Barbecue & Refreshments served
all day in the Village Hall

Free village map



Curios

More
details
inside

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Chedzoy,
Village Hall & Chedzoy Playing Field



Chedzoy Preschool Easter Bingo Friday 23rd March

Chedzoy Village Hall
Open 7pm
Eyes Down 7:30pm



Join us for a delicious Easter tea and cake

EGGS-travaganza

Good Friday, 30th March 2:30 - 4:30 pm
At the Village Hall

We will have weather appropriate games and crafts for children, loads of very scrummy cakes and tea for all ages - and who knows - the Easter Bunny may even have something fun for us to find!

This was a very popular event last year, so we hope to see one and all again this year - you won't be disappointed!



Raising money for the Chedzoy Playing Field

Advance Notice - see insert

CHEDZOY VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW

TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY 21ST JULY AT 2.00 pm

at Chedzoy Village Hall and Field

with a **PARTY IN THE FIELD**

and a Pig Roast and a Bar

plus live music from **TWO TONE**

in the evening

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RECTOR'S SABBATTICAL

Our Rector, Revd. Chris Keys, has the opportunity of taking a sabbatical from now until 3rd August. During this time Chris will not be available in the village and will not be contactable, either by phone or e-mail. However, church life will continue relatively normally, as other priests will provide cover for our usual weekly services and also officiate at weddings, baptisms and funerals.

In the event of any queries please contact the churchwardens, Malcolm and Linda Friend, (*see back page*).

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### PARISH COUNCIL

*Extracts from meeting - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

*Matters arising from previous meeting's minutes*

- **Blocked Footpath at Parchey.** The Clerk gave an account of the meeting held between himself, Martin Allen and Mark Doyle of the EA, at Rivers House. Due to a significant oversight, the footpath running along the bank of the KSD was not redirected when the KSD was widened in the late 1960s, with the result that it is now submerged. It follows therefore that the gates erected by the EA at what they thought was the footpath entrance and again further along towards Westonzoyland are not situated on the footpath. As it stands the EA is not agreeable to either removing the gate or the barbed wire as they consider this may encourage people to commit trespass. To achieve the redirection of the footpath now would involve all the landowners between Parchey and Greylake giving written agreement to a permissive right of way and the drawing up of a suitable legal document – with the accompanying legal costs. The footpath passes through several parishes. The Parish Council is not in any position to cover the legal costs involved. It was agreed to refer the matter to George Montague (SCC footpath officer covering Sedgemoor) as it may be that he has access to *in-house* legal staff who might help. Mark Doyle confirmed that the EA is *on-board* with regard to a permissive right of way.
- **Suggested usage of the Kiosk.** The Clerk read details of two ideas:
  1. Jan McLeod outlining her suggestion to use the kiosk as a mini information centre with two areas of it serving two different purposes.

**Outside** – the side facing the pavement/road lends itself to notices which could be seen by passers-by without the need to enter the box. Jan suggests that the two columns of smaller windows be left to offer a view of the inside with the larger central column of windows housing notices.

**Inside** – Jan sees this as an interactive helping hands area. The existing 50" by 29" board could be covered by corkboard and divided into 3 sections:-

- a. Lost and found.

- b. and c. Used as a real chance to help each other in practical ways. We can help our neighbours but also call on them for a helping hand from time to time, divided into *offers* and *needs*. No payment or bartering would be allowed.

2. Lyn Allen put forward ideas from the Country Life website – an article: *Seven fantastic alternative uses for a British Icon.*

- a. A colour therapy box, with the plain glass panels being replaced with stained glass depicting scenes from local life. Anyone having a rough day could retreat inside and be enveloped in the light emanating from the stained glass.
- b. Artificial grass on the floor and an adjustable seat.
- c. Laminated glass is stronger.  
Lyn wonders if this idea was adopted would the Parish Council assist by offering financial help with say stained glass courses so panels could be produced, and to thereafter maintain the kiosk.

After a discussion it was agreed to further consider the matter having given more time for other ideas to come forward.

- **E-consultation of Planning Applications by SDC.**

Stuart Houlet and Julie Armstrong-Baker spoke on the matter. Chedzoy Village Hall is very well equipped with a projector and screen system. Julie exhibited plans from her laptop which she had previously downloaded and these were quite clear. SDC will provide support and even paper plans on the occasional basis. Liz Perry also said she could obtain paper plans if requested. Stuart explained that all incoming applications to SDC were emailed and many Town/Parishes were already using the system. The Clerk said he would run a dual system in the run up to e-consultation being introduced. Plans can be downloaded at home before meeting so no Internet access is required in the hall itself.

### Somerset County Council report

Cllr. David Hall reported as follows:

- **Giggaclear.** Assurances have been received that the Corillion situation should not affect the progress of the rollout.
- **SCC Budget.** The funding gap here is currently £13 million. The cap placed on future Council Tax increases has been raised to 2.99% and with the escalating costs of Adult Social Care there is almost certainly Council Tax increases on the way.
- **Schools.** There are an estimated 23 schools that will be needed in the coming years to cope with the rising population, with huge cost implications. (Local Authorities are responsible for funding Primary and Secondary schools).
- **Somerset Rivers Authority.** David Warburton (the MP for Somerton and Frome) is involved with the precepting of the Somerset Rivers authority.

### Sedgemoor District Council reports

Liz Perry said the new SDC Chief Executive, Alison Griffin, had been unanimously voted into office.

### Planning

- **Appeal application Ref No. 118/17/00003.** (Victoria Osborn).  
The Chairman said he had received a request to attend the forthcoming appeal and speak in favour of the application. The other councillors unanimously confirmed they were agreeable to this.
- **Application reference: - 18/17/00008/DT.**  
**Proposal:** - Conversion of existing barn to form a residential dwelling, erection of a double garage/office and formation of parking area.  
**Location:** - Land to the south of Manor Barn, Higher Rd.  
**Applicant:** - Oxford University.  
The plans were displayed and examined by the councillors. The many accompanying reports had been studied by the Chairman. The merits and objections were aired. At a pre-application meeting last June, Dean Titchener (Planning Officer) indicated there should be little problem here, save for any adverse flood risk report. The Chairman invited local residents present to comment. Access to the site was considered inadequate. The site is in flood zone 3a and has not flooded in living memory. A vote took place and the 5 councillors present unanimously voted against.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to submit the following comments to SDC Planning Department:-

*In responding to this application, Chedzoy Parish Council notes that the site is in flood zone 3a, and that the pre-application advice given on 20/06/2017 by SDC was therefore endorsed as "subject to a satisfactory Flood Risk Report". Chedzoy PC does not have the specialist expertise to determine whether the very comprehensive report, prepared by RMA Environmental to support this application, satisfies current planning criteria, but would point out that PC members are satisfied that the site has never flooded in living memory. However, we have other concerns. The existing building is of a long, narrow footprint, single storey, with a shallow pitched roof that precludes first floor sleeping accommodation. This would normally be an important "refuge" considered for a building in Flood Zone 3a. To provide first floor sleeping accommodation - if that is deemed necessary - would involve significant structural alterations to the roof. It is proposed that the corrugated iron roof is replaced with a zinc roof in order to "retain the building's agricultural character". The roof covering materials used in Chedzoy are either slates or tiles, as are the adjacent properties, and this would be preferred, rather than to perpetuate the stark utility of a long metal roof, in what is a very prominent position approaching the village.*

*Chedzoy Parish Council therefore cannot support this application as it stands.*

#### Correspondence

- **Temporary road closure at Ward Lane by Wessex Water.** This is due from 30<sup>th</sup> January for 8 days. It is hoped that pedestrian access will be allowed.
- **General Data Protection Regulations – Significant tightening up from May 2018.** The Clerk said he had been advised the law is changing with all organisations needing to be compliant by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. He said he had consulted the SALC who advised the measures are only now going through Parliament and there is no concern at present. It may well be that SDC or NALC take steps to safeguard/protect Parish Councils.
- **Schools 2019/20 Admission Arrangement Consultation.** The Clerk has erected notices about the six-week consultation on school admission arrangements for children who are due to start, transfer or move schools during the 2019/20 school year, which is currently taking place.
- Allotment waiting list. The Clerk pointed out that he had received a request for an allotment plot and therefore we now have a waiting list.
- **SDC** New Chief Executive now in place.
- **Connecting Somerset and Devon.** Delivering superfast broadband to more homes and businesses. David Hall to update at the next meeting.

#### Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Current Account                     | £3,944.88  |
| Deposit Account                     | £2.48      |
| Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac | £12,318.53 |

(Interest amounting to £18.45 added for the year to 31/12/2017)

#### Any Other Business

- **Asbestos dangers.** The Clerk read an email from Amber Packer-Hughes, Marketing Officer Somerset Scientific Services, highlighting the danger of potentially poisonous asbestos being disturbed during alteration works to older homes and garages. There is an item to appear in *Chedzoy News*.
- **Register of Electors.** The Clerk said he has a copy of the December 2017 list.
- **Buckingham Palace Garden Party.** The Clerk said SALC had been allocated four places for the event on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Nominations are sought from parishes for suitable candidates to be considered- e.g. long serving Chairmen.

#### Extracts from meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

##### Matters arising from previous meeting's minutes

- **Adopt a Kiosk.** The Chairman said he and his wife, Lynne, had visited Stawell's phone kiosk - which had been adopted and turned into a mini library. He happened to meet one of the organisers who told him they had not experienced any vandalism problems. People donate books and borrow – returning the books at a later time. There is minimal set up cost (some shelving) the kiosk looked tidy and freshly painted. Martin suggested that the other Parish Councillors and other interested parties should go and have a look. Matters can be taken forward at the next meeting. David Hall said the well-known local author, Damian Boyd, had opened the kiosk.

##### Somerset County Council report

Cllr. David Hall reported as follows:

- **Schools.** David said that the anticipated future heavy financial burden of the many new schools projected as necessary meant that the SCC needed to have a lending facility in place - of the order of £100 million or so. Thankfully we are living in times of low interest rates.
- **SCC Budget 2018/19.** He said the coming year's budget would be put before the full County Council on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. He indicated that the SCC's element of the Council Tax would rise by 5.99% (3% for adult social care and the maximum 2.99% allowed without triggering capping).
- **SRA.** David Warburton (the MP for Somerton and Frome) is involved with the precepting of the Somerset Rivers authority and a further meeting is taking place soon.
- **Ofsted Report last November at Somerset social services.** This resulted in an improved outcome: *requires improvement to move to good.*
- **Dunball P & R.** Now open
- **Gigga Clear.** Although reported not to have been affected by the collapse of Carillion, David hoped progress might be speeded up on the rollout programme for broadband.

##### Sedgemoor District Council reports

Liz Perry reported that the SDC Council Tax setting meeting was taking place Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

##### Planning

- **Reference:** 18/18/00001/CAN.  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey side extension to form double garage (retrospective amended scheme).  
**Location:** 1(2), The Barn, Front Street, TA7 8RE.  
**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Pike.  
The Chairman explained that the need for this further planning application (following the one approved 2 years ago) is because Velux windows have been included in the roof during development. Following a discussion, the councillors unanimously agreed to support this application.
- **Appeal application Ref No 18/17/00003/DT.** (Victoria Osborn). This application received the support of the Parish Council when it came up for consideration last summer, but the Sedgemoor Planners refused permission. Ms Victoria Osborne requested the Chairman attend the upcoming appeal and the Parish Council approved this at the last meeting. The appeal is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> February and the Chairman is now unable to attend. Cllr Liz Perry (SDC) kindly offered to attend instead.
- **Application reference: - 18/17/00008/DT.**  
**Proposal:** Conversion of existing barn to form a residential dwelling, erection of a double garage/office and formation of parking area.  
**Location:** Land to the south of, Manor Barn, Higher Road  
**Applicant:** Oxford University.  
Ms. Donna Collier (Savills) addressed the meeting. She emphasised the cautious approach the Agents have taken in their endeavour to present a complete application which, as far as possible negates any objections. To this end they now propose the use of clay tiles instead of the metal structure originally proposed. The services of a professional hydrologist advised on the flood risk and the Environment Agency is now completely satisfied regarding the

measures to be taken. The site will be able to withstand a breach of flood defences and excess surface water will not reach as high as the level of the ground floor of this single storey development and so the ground floor provides a suitable place of refuge, if required. Following a discussion the councillors unanimously supported the application as now amended, and the Chairman will hand deliver the following comments:

*Having considered the amended plans showing the roof material changed to clay tiles, and the Environment Agency's response in not objecting on flood grounds, Chedzoy Parish Council is satisfied that its concerns have now been addressed, and withdraws its objections to this proposal. Please accept this endorsement as a letter of support.*

#### Correspondence

- **Somerset Libraries Services Consultation 2018.** A 12-week Public Consultation on the future delivery of library services across Somerset started on 29<sup>th</sup> January and runs until 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. With Council budgets under enormous pressure, under these proposals 15 of the 34 libraries in the county would be seeking Community involvement to remain open. Where this is not possible, services would instead be provided either through Outreach in Community venues or through additional mobile library stops. The proposals can be read online at [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/librariesconsultation), and visitors can complete a questionnaire basing their responses on the library they visit most often.
- **SID (Speed Indicator Device).** Termination of Programme as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. The reasons for the termination of the programme remain unchanged - i.e. the County Council stock of SIDs is rapidly reaching the end of its serviceable life and they are no longer able to provide the large financial injection needed to keep it going. Three alternative scenarios are set out in a long email from Dave Grabham, Traffic Engineer County Hall, all of which require participating Parishes to cover costs. The Clerk was asked to circulate details to the councillors to look at ahead of the next meeting. He said he has received an email from John Weeks saying the SID equipment seems faulty.
- **Sedgemoor Service Station.** Variation of Premises Licence. The Clerk said he has received notification of this and comments are invited. As the business is located in Bridgwater Without Parish, this has simply been noted.

#### Finance

Parish Council balances were as follows:

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| Current Account                     | £3,471.42  |
| Deposit Account                     | £2.48      |
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#### Any Other Business

- **Affordable Housing.** A detailed analysis/consideration has been received from Esther Carter following the Parish survey of last autumn. This was only received on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February and so there was insufficient time to advertise it for consideration at this meeting. The Clerk was asked to circulate it among the councillors for noting and bringing up at the next meeting when Ms Carter may well be present and members of the public will be able to attend.
- **Chairman's Thanks** – were expressed on behalf of the entire council to the organisers of the Burns Night, Moulin Rouge evening and last week's Coffee Morning, all of which were great successes.
- **Straw in the road near Old School House.** The Chairman said this had been brought up and Ray Triggol said he would see to it.
- **Obstruction on the roadside at Pig Lane.** It was reported that fence posts have been placed on the roadside verge in Pig Lane near the Playing Field entrance. The Council considers the obstructions should be removed and the Clerk was asked to look into it.
- **The State of Fry's Lane.** This has been brought to the attention of the Clerk, formally, by a concerned resident Mr Farmer who resides in the area. The matter is to be held over until the next meeting when Mr Farmer will be able to attend.
- **Mendip Community Transport.** The Clerk reported a letter requesting grant assistance. This was noted.

## CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL

*from Rebecca Andrews*



We are very busy in preschool at the moment, and are almost full! We only have 3 spaces remaining for this academic year and we are already very booked from September, so if you know anyone looking for an Ofsted Outstanding preschool, please contact us as soon as possible to reserve a space.

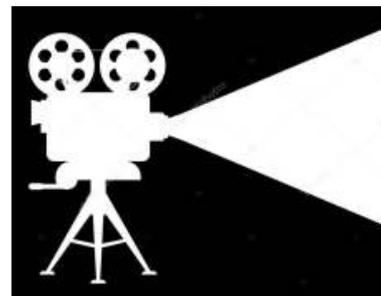
We have been very successful in securing two grants and are busy purchasing resources for some exciting topics. We will be focussing on Health, Physical Development and Combatting Obesity in the community - we have booked a Music and movement programme with Moo Music. The children and their parents will be invited to join in these sessions, promoting their Physical development. We have a new poly tunnel arriving soon for our nature area so the children will be able to grow fruits and vegetables which we can use at snack time. Another of our topics, due to start after Easter, is *Go Write!* We will be outdoors with some wonderful new resources, encouraging the children's development from mark making to drawing and writing.

Our Easter Bingo takes place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Village Hall, doors open at 7, *eyes down* at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

If you would like further information about the preschool please contact Pat or Gemma on 07989 034 180, email us at [info@chedzoypreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@chedzoypreschool.org.uk), or follow us on Facebook.

## VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

From Don Johnson



It has been suggested that we have another film night, showing either a fairly recent film now available on DVD, or an older classic. Although Edington village hall seems to get good attendances for their regular showings, we did not get very large audiences for previous presentations in Chedzoy, so perhaps villagers could e-mail me at [don@donjohnson24.co.uk](mailto:don@donjohnson24.co.uk) with their opinion and/or suggestions for a particular movie.

## VILLAGE SALE / BROCANTE

**Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

Barbecue/refreshments available at Village Hall all day  
£5 per table - Can be outside house or on Village Hall field



Details from:

Marion Dethier 0777 829 8296  
or Sally Howes 0777 998 8890.

**Christmas Fair 2017**  
*from Avril Johnson*

I would like to thank everybody for their support – giving time and their money so generously. We raised the grand sum of £500 – our best total yet! – which brings the amount donated to St Mary’s church to over £1,500.

The stallholders were well pleased with the fair, and some have already staked a claim for this year. If you, or someone you know, would like to book a table, send me an e-mail at [avriljohnson24@icloud.com](mailto:avriljohnson24@icloud.com) or ring me on 455 611, but due to its popularity, we shall have to limit exhibitors to only one table each. Once again, thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION
from Kerry Evert

Well, we must start by saying a huge THANK YOU to everyone who joined in the fun at **Burns Night** this year. We raised over £1,000 for the Playing Field. It was a wonderfully successful night, with food, dancing, and games (and we all discovered that our new £1 coins can roll, thank goodness!). We fed almost 100 people on the night and there was a great atmosphere all evening.



Photo – John Weeks

We wouldn’t be able to put on such a wonderful evening without the fantastic dancing team who gave us a great show and encouraged us all to take part if we fancied, including the kids, who made it all look a bit too easy! So, another massive thank you - we look forward to next year! We have booked the hall for next year’s event already, so **SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY 2019!**

Easter Tea and Cake:

We will be hosting another Easter Tea and Cake afternoon on **Good Friday, March 30th from 2:30 – 4:30 pm**, so we hope to see you at the village hall. There will be weather appropriate games and crafts, plenty of cakes - and yes, I will make the mini egg cheesecake again - some of you have already asked, so be sure to get there early to avoid disappointment! This event is for everyone, not just kids, so we hope to see you all there! If the weather plays along, we are hoping to have an Easter Trail again, at a cost of £1. All crafting and games will be free!

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**COFFEE MORNING for BARNADOS**  
*from Claire Luce*

Thank You to everyone who came to support my Coffee Morning in February. We raised over £400.



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POP IN for a PINT

NEW YEARS EVE – from Carole Edmunds

This proved once again that we love to dress up for an occasion at The Village Hall. Well done everyone on the *Pirates of the Caribbean* costumes which got us in the mood to welcome 2018 with dancing, many versions of Jack Sparrow, a buffet supper and inclusive bar. Always a sell-out success, thanks to Amanda and her team of willing helpers.



Moulin Rouge

After a dry January (as usual, no POP IN) we were back at the usual time for February. But the highlight of the year so far, has to be *Moulin Rouge* - a musical Film Night on the Big Screen.

The Village Hall was transformed into the 19th century Paris night club with another Fancy Dress opportunity and a great Party atmosphere: One comment overheard: ***I can’t believe you don’t charge for this!*** What? Making our own entertainment?



... and Mark Holder's comments:

Yet another excuse for a sing song in the glorious village of Chedzoy took place this month. This time the rather complex and often outrageous Moulin Rouge - colourful and uplifting and very European. Never a challenge for the ladies of Chedzoy, who turned the village hall into a fantastic French boudoir, for a night of song and dance.



A huge windmill, plastic dancing girls, and a swing, made this into another memorable evening only made complete by those who attended in the most splendid of outfits fit for such an event. I think that we had a great deal of fun - which has only whetted the appetite for further life-affirming occasions that continue to solidify the tremendous community spirit of our village whilst supporting fantastic charities with the consumption of our favourite tipples.

Always an extensive list of contributors - but Steph, Amanda, Karen, Sandra and Marion deserve a big mention along with Rodney for just being our superhero behind the bar - with of course help from many, Steve and Deon as always. Plus Don for being pulled out to help sort out our tech issues that could have scuppered the whole evening.

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## PLANNING RENOVATIONS THIS YEAR?



If you're thinking of a new extension, a bit of remodelling, or finally knocking down that old garage, have you checked for asbestos? Any property built or refurbished before 2000 could potentially

contain ACMs (Asbestos Containing Materials). Commonly found in corrugated roofing sheets, it was also widely used in artex-type paint coatings, insulation material, floor tiles, other construction material, fixtures and fittings. Left undisturbed, these materials don't present a health risk. However, when damaged the fibres easily become airborne and can be inhaled. Exposure to these microscopic fibres can lead to severe lung disease and cancer. In the UK, around 5000 deaths a year are linked to asbestos exposure, and it can take years for symptoms to develop. Invisible to the naked eye and normally blended with other substances, professional testing is needed to ensure asbestos is dealt with safely.

Somerset Scientific Services, **part of Somerset County Council**, offer **free impartial asbestos advice** as part of our commitment to public health and safety. We also offer an expert service to identify and project-manage the removal of any ACMs. Samples of suspect material can be sent to our lab for analysis and we'll provide impartial advice on your next steps if asbestos is identified. For larger projects surveys can be completed on site by our specialist asbestos team if needed.

Call the team or visit our website for expert advice – and to find out what other services we provide.

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MARCH

From Avril Johnson

*March brings breezes, loud and shrill,
To stir the dancing daffodil*

March used to be the first month of the year – when Spring is coming and life is really renewing itself. The Roman god of war, Mars, was felt suitable to give his name to this first month because of the importance Romans gave to war.

The old Saxon name for March was Lenet-monat – meaning *length month* - when the days lengthened, and where the word Lent may have come from. Shrove Tuesday is the day when we have pancakes – to use up all the goody foods in the larder prior to the fasting of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the forty-day period of Lent, and Easter Sunday - which is always the first Sunday after the full moon on or after 21st March – the last day.



Festivals

1st March St David's Day – symbol: the leek - Wales
17th March St Patrick's Day – symbol: the shamrock - Ireland

Mothering Sunday

In times past many young girls and lads were sent away to work and live in the houses and farms where they were employed. On the middle Sunday of Lent, they were allowed to go home to visit their families, and give their mother a small gift – often something they had made, or a bunch of wild flowers. Hence the tradition of *Mothering Sunday*.

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Making each day count  
**St. Margaret's**  
HOSPICE CARE

**Open Gardens 2018  
Launch Event**  
Tuesday 27 March 2018  
St. Margaret's Hospice, Little Tarrat Lane, Yeovil, BA20 2HU

5.30pm—Tour the garden  
6.30pm— Open Gardens 2018 Launch with guest speaker Lady Christine Skelmersdale of Broadleigh Gardens

Raffle and refreshments will be available

Where does your garden grow? or Around the World in 80  
Plants

Entry by donation – to reserve your place please call  
Susan Bickle on 01935 709182 or  
[susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](mailto:susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk)

We have the best gardens but very few of our plants originate in this country so just where do your favourite garden plants come from? Did you know that Buddleias could be from a South American seashore or a Chinese Mountain, Alliums from C.Asian Steppe etc. Stunning photos of familiar plants in their native habitat & in our gardens

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## Sydney Mason Collins Equestrian Statue

As reported previously, Mr Collins left the considerable amount of money that formed the residue of his estate to Chedzoy Village Hall, and he also requested that a statue of a mounted army officer be placed on top of his tombstone plinth in St Mary's churchyard. This beautiful bronze was much admired by residents and visitors, but was stolen in 2006 – sadly probably just for its value as scrap.



As a token of appreciation of Mr Collins' generosity, the Village Hall committee has been discussing the possible replacement of the statue – using a modern resin-bronze material that should prevent it being stolen again as it would have no monetary value.

Permission to replace the statue needs approval from the church Diocese, and we hope our application will be submitted shortly. If you have any comments or queries about this proposal, please contact Village Hall Secretary, Amanda Triggol (*see back page*), before the end of March.

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FAREWELL FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT

from Kate Symonds

This is going to be the last message I write as your Village Agent – I am retiring at Easter. My husband is retiring, too, and we are looking forward to being busier than ever. I will be wondering how I found time to work! That's what people always say, isn't it?

It's been a pleasure to be part of people's lives over the last nearly four years, and a privilege to be welcomed into so many homes. Thank you for all the cups of tea. I have been adored by numerous dogs and ignored by countless cats! And I have learnt a lot, and when I can pass on that knowledge and make a difference to someone's life, I get a warm sense of satisfaction.

Perhaps I can remind you of some really useful things, like **BT Basic**. This is a low cost phone and internet service for people on certain benefits, including Pension Credit and Universal Credit. The details are on the back of the bill.

I've been to places I'd not been to before, where the satnav doesn't reach. I love Somerset, where the houses have names and the roads do not! Is your house name easy to see? The postman will know where you live, but would an ambulance be able to find you easily on a dark and rainy night?

If you are an unpaid carer for someone, can I suggest the **NEW** support and advice service for carers? The **Somerset Carers Service** is part of the Community Council, just as Village Agents are. You can refer yourself or another person by calling the friendly team on 0800 3168 600, or text *carer* to 78070, or email carers@somersetccc.org.uk.

For general advice on benefits or legal issues for example, you could try **Citizen's Advice** – their advice line is 0344 488 9623. It's open Monday to Friday between 10 and 4. They have a very good website. www.citizensadvice.org.uk

And finally, should we meet, please stop and say hello. I apologise in advance if I don't know your name. Remembering names is a skill I have never been able to acquire. My mother was the same when I was a child – the two dogs, the cat and I would all turn up, as she would always call "Candy, Carrie, Charlie, Kate" whichever one of us was wanted. At least we were in alphabetical order!

Best Wishes Kate

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## MUSIC ON THE LEVELS Arquebus on Sunday, 18 March



Arquebus is a dynamic Somerset based folk trio formed by local guitarist, Sam Patten. With a mixture of foot stomping fiddle tunes and upbeat songs, played with the energy of a band that loves what it does, this is not to be missed.

The programme will be a mixture of the new-composed songs and traditional tunes from all over the British Isles and even a few Americans thrown in for good measure. They cover jigs, reels and hornpipes - all arranged in a toe tapping and upbeat manner - and songs that span from the purely traditional through to numbers more reminiscent of the English folk revival - there's something for all folk fans to enjoy.

The concert starts at 3:30 pm and will be in the Church Hall, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0ED.

Doors open at 3.00pm. There is no need to book; just turn up at the Church Hall in time to be seated by 3:30 pm.

Contact *Ann Philcox* on 01278 691438  
[akphilcox@btinternet.com](mailto:akphilcox@btinternet.com) for more information.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Dog Poo

I really wanted to print Dog Sh*t, as *poo* makes something that is quite disgusting and potentially harmful seem less objectionable, but in these days when everyone seems to have to apologise for the slightest thing that might upset others, I chickened out. Anyway, I'm told that the problem is not improving, and in fact seems to be getting worse. I note that one village is pursuing a course of trying to shame those who fail to remove deposits, and perhaps that might be considered in Chedzoy. It would seem to me that the responsible dog walkers – who DO clean up after their pets – would be the most keen to expose the 'bad' owners, who bring ALL canine lovers into disrepute.

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## Who's Who - Village Contacts

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

|                     |                 |                           |                 |                                                          |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Rector</b>       | Revd Chris Keys | The Vicarage, Church Lane | W'zoyland       | (currently on a Sabbatical until 3 <sup>rd</sup> August) |
| <b>Churchw'den</b>  | Malcolm Friend  | Westland House, Front St. | Chedzoy TA7 8RE | 428 641 chedzoypcc@btinternet.com                        |
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| <b>Treasurer</b>    | Carole Edmunds  | The Gables, Front St.     | Chedzoy TA7 8RB | 445 933 gables@edmundd.plus.com                          |

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

### PARISH COUNCIL

|                     |              |                            |                 |                                               |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chair</b>        | Martin Allen | 9 O'clock Cottage Front St | Chedzoy TA7 8RE | 428 622 mgallen@btinternet.com                |
| <b>Parish Clerk</b> | Chris Fry    | 101 Bradney Lane           | Bawdrip TA7 8PQ | 423 134 clerk2010@ChedzoyParishCouncil.gov.uk |

**Web Site - [www.chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

### VILLAGE HALL

|                   |                 |                              |                 |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Chair</b>      | Martin Chandler | School House, Front St.      | Chedzoy TA7 8RE | 445 534 candcdec@btinternet.com   |
| <b>Vice Chair</b> | Steve Maxwell   | Cadbury House, Front St.     | Chedzoy TA7 8RE | 423 988 maxwell283@btinternet.com |
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| <b>Treasurer</b>  | Carole Edmunds  | The Gables, Front St.        | Chedzoy TA7 8RB | 445 933 gables@edmundd.plus.com   |
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**Web Site – [www.chedzoyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chedzoyvillagehall.co.uk)**

### PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

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### CHEDZOY LADIES & CHAPS

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| <b>Secretary</b> | Avril Johnson | Finches, 16 Manor Road | Chedzoy TA7 8QZ | 455 611 avriljohnson24@icloud.com |
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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> | Web Site – <a href="http://www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk">http://www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk</a> | 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) )**

Beat Manager Jim Murray 07889 657 775 864@avonandsomerset.police.uk

**101 Non-Emergency Number** - or **999** for emergencies [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) Twitter - @ASPBradwater

### CHEDZOY NEWS

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## Bus No 19 Timetable

Bridgwater - Chedzoy - Moorlinch - Ashcott - Street  
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#### Column Keys

College Days

Non Bridgwater College Days

|                         |    |      |       |       |       |       |                         |      |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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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