

Chedzoy News

SPRING 2019 ISSUE



Insert inside for
CHEDZOY FLOWER SHOW
(Entry forms in the next issue)



All money raised will go to Chedzoy Pre-school

BINGO

Friday 29th March

At Chedzoy Village Hall.
Doors open at 7.00pm for
eyes down at 7.30pm



Alcohol &
soft drinks will be
available to buy



St Mary's Church



SOUP LUNCH

Saturday 6th April

All welcome

Chedzoy Village Hall Raffle
12:00 – 2:00 pm 2 courses - £5

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## CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

From 3:00 pm

Back by popular demand  
A traditional treat  
With home-made scones,  
Jam and cream

**What's on at St Mary's Church**

**Mothering Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9 a.m.**

After the service posies will be distributed amongst  
the congregation and simnel cake will be served

**Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9 a.m.**

During the service the congregation will each be given a  
palm cross - made from the fronds of a palm leaf –  
to remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem  
just a few days before His crucifixion

**Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

11:30 a.m. Service at Westonzoyland  
followed by Walk of Witness - (bring your own picnic)  
Arriving at Chedzoy for 2:30 p.m. service  
(followed by refreshments)

**Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 9 a.m**

A special service  
to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**3 p.m. Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the church  
Everyone is welcome to attend

## APRIL POP-IN MOVED!

**From Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

(due to a double-booking)

Chedzoy Village Hall Management Committee

## AGM

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

At 7:30 pm

In Chedzoy Village Hall

All Villagers Welcome

POP in for a PINT

## QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

7:00 pm for 7:30 start

Teams – Maximum 4 persons

Entry £2 per person

Bar Open

## PEGGY MILDRED HALLETT

who passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - aged 85



A service for Peggy was held at St Mary's Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February, conducted by Revd. David Barge. The following *Memories of Peggy's Life* was read at the service.

Peggy Hallett was born to Ella and Wallace Hooper, at Fowler's Plot, Chedzoy in the summer of 1933. She was the sixth of ten children. Peggy went to school in Chedzoy and then East Huntspill. During her childhood, the family moved to the much loved Cadbury House in the middle of the village and Peggy often talked about how much she enjoyed visiting the gypsies at Rugg's Drove. After leaving school, Peggy went to work at British Cellophane. She excelled at Shorthand & Typing - her fingers moving as fast as lightning. Peggy cycled to work and back every day, and in the evenings her passion was the Bridgwater Amateur Operatic society. Peggy loved being on the stage - singing, dancing, acting - and one of her specialities was performing high kicks.

In 1955, Peggy married Kenneth Hallett and they bought a house in Blacklands, Bridgwater. Their lives blossomed with the birth of their two daughters, Shirley and Alyson. Following Kenneth's promotion within Clark's Shoes, the family moved from Bridgwater to Queens Road, Street. Peggy worked full time as a house-wife and she also did piece work, sewing moccasin slippers at home by hand for Morlands factory. Peggy was outgoing and sociable. She loved talking to people and gathered a wide circle of friends wherever she went. She went to pottery classes, learned to make lace, enjoyed embroidery and making cushions for special occasions. Peggy was a volunteer in the St. Margaret's Hospice shop in Street, and her full life was further enriched when she became a grandmother to Seb, Zoe and Sam.

In later years, Peggy and Ken moved back to Bridgwater to be closer to their families. Peggy loved going on holidays with her sister Betty, and together they went all over the country, including up to Scotland where they went on the Falkirk Wheel. One of her favourite trips was with sisters Betty and Carol to the Albert Hall to celebrate St. George's Day. Bingo was a big feature in Peggy's life. From the Christmas bingos in village halls, to bingo in Glastonbury and Bridgwater, *Legs Eleven, Lucky Seven, Number Eight - The Garden Gate*. Peggy also loved crosswords, word play, jokes, and she would often send amusing thoughts and brain teasers by text to friends and family. For instance: What has a bottom at the top? The answer - *A leg!* She enjoyed learning new facts and treasured her father's dictionary, and while she lived in Bridgwater, she volunteered at St. John and St. Francis School, helping children learn to read.

Peggy's nickname was *Mousey* - and although she often enjoyed peace and quiet, she also adored family outings, get-togethers and most of all visits from her two great grand-daughters, Dulcie and Verity. She loved filling her house with fresh flowers - but no lilies! - and always made sure she put food out for birds. She sent cards for everyone's birthday or special event and so even when she couldn't travel far she made sure that people knew they were remembered. This includes cards and news exchanged with Flemming Dahl, a traveller from Oslo, for more than forty five years. The wonderful team of carers who came to look after Peggy, and the support of her family, meant that she could stay in her own home through many years of illness. No matter how many setbacks she always bounced back. Her spirit was indomitable and her kindness and generosity was matched with a tongue that could sometimes be sharp and direct.

We remember Peggy with great fondness today, and all the things

she brought to family, friends, neighbours. May she now rest in peace in the village where she was born.

## RONALD CLAPP

who passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> March - aged 81

A service for Ron was held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, conducted by Revd. Kelvin Williams. The following recollections of Ron were read at the service by Chris Fry.



It is an honour for me to stand here in place of my brother Albert to recall some memories of Ron and the wider Clapp family — one of Chedzoy's institutions. Many members of that renowned wider family are here today to celebrate Ron's life and mourn his passing. It is important to do both. It is perfectly natural to laugh and/or cry – it's all OK. My talk has to include references to changes during Ron's life, particularly in agriculture. I fully intend to inject a little humour. I mean NO IRREVERENCE.

Ron was born in 1939 - before WW2 - the 6<sup>th</sup> child of 11 in the Clapp family – Jack, Brenda, Barbara, Joan, Jim, Ron, Peter, Pearl, Margaret, George and Steven. The sisters unusually all passed away before any of the brothers. Ron's life was truly unique - he was born in the same house as he lived all his life, and, he worked his entire life within the parish of Chedzoy. He worked on two farms: Sibleys for 38 years from the age of say 14 till my Father Norman's retirement in 1990; then Temple Farm for the Denning family 'till he retired. His lifetime spanned the years of great change in farming.

After attending the village school he went on to secondary school at West Huntspill. His long association with Dorothy and Fred Fry (my Grandparents) at Sibleys Farm started before he left school. He would start odd jobs at Sibleys before school and catch the school bus from there. He would return from school - getting off the school bus and returning to Sibleys to continue working. He would have his tea there before returning home: this was a custom which continued when my parents Norman and Audrey Fry took on at Sibleys (although the quality and reliability of the tea did diminish in my mother's day). There were times when poor Ron's tea didn't materialise at all! Needless to say Ron would take this completely in his stride and quietly go home without complaint.

To me Ron typified reliability, generosity of nature and a very friendly disposition. He was undoubtedly a devoted employee, although there were times when Ron could certainly call a spade a spade. He took a keen interest in his cows. No one (including my father, Norman) knew more about the cows than Ron. He once turned up to work when he was on holiday to help with the hay making - this was so he knew where certain hay from certain fields was stored, so he could apportion it appropriately to the best cows to have it! When my Dad retired in 1990, Ron was the expert, with all details of the history of each cow, which he was happy and anxious to pass on to the new owners of the cows. It is fair to say the Sibleys herd was one of the best non-pedigree herds in the county, and this was due in no small part to Ron's devotion to his job. Anyone doing this sort of job these days would be rewarded with a salary many times that which Ron was happy to receive. Don't forget he never enjoyed the usual farm worker's perk of a tied cottage. A.I. these days can stand for Artificial Information. It also stands for Artificial Insemination – the system of not keeping a bull, but selecting the best semen to improve the herd. The Inseminator comes *to do the deed*. Ron helped in the selection process.

At Christmas I can remember going out to the cow stall to show Ron my Christmas presents. He was always interested and usually found me a half-crown, which was appreciated. Farming was (and still is) a 365 day per year occupation. I remember when storing the then small bales in the Dutch barn, using the elevator, Ron would be up under the galvanise precisely stacking the bales, and several youngsters would be helping. Ron invariably sent someone to the village shop for ice creams for all of us. He was a man who was very proud of the village. He was a keen skittler, tended the land at Penwood Farm and the allotments he and Jim rented. He was a keen vegetable gardener, and with Pauline keeping an exemplary flower garden, they complimented each other perfectly. The lead up to Christmas was always frantic with preparing the poultry for Christmas orders. Julie Clapp (Peter's daughter-in-law) told me last week her husband Michael was never at home at that time. Ron also kept hens and sold eggs.

The large and very supportive Clapp family have known several young lives being cut tragically short, but they have found the strength to come through bad times. The Clapp brothers certainly worked hard. It could be said they also knew how to play hard! There were some occasions when playing hard led to excitable and effervescent behaviour. Rumour has it that at one time Ern Clapp had to go all the way to Bridgwater for a glass of beer, having been barred from both the Manor Inn and Hunters Lodge at the end of Chedzoy Lane. Pauline, George's late wife, was known to have to bring the boys home after a bit of over imbibing. Ron was perhaps a bit quieter than others.

I only became aware of Ron's illness in November last year while seeing Peter on Parish Council confidential business, when he told me of both Ron and Jim's predicament. I went home and offered to provide hospital transportation as necessary. On 28<sup>th</sup> November, Ron and me went to Musgrove for a single dose of radiotherapy. I overheard the nurse saying something to Ron as she wheeled him back after the treatment which I shall reveal to you at the end of my talk (*not long now*). I was told it would take a couple of weeks to see any improvement. Pauline says the improvement was nothing short of miraculous, with Ron resuming driving and getting his ducks back from Peter and enjoying a near normal Christmas. Regretfully, but maybe not surprisingly, the improvement was only to be short-lived, and sadly, Ron's treatment became purely palliative. Now I'll tell you what the nurse said that day in November, and what I overheard. She assumed that I might be Ron's son. If things had turned out different I would have been quite happy for Ron to have indeed been my father.

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St. MARY'S CHURCH

SOUP'S ON!

St. Mary's Church has been holding one Soup Lunch a month during the three months leading up to Easter. We offer at



least seven varieties of home-made soup - served with fresh bread - and we happily dish up seconds - and even thirds - so that people can choose their favourite, and then go on to sample a new flavour or two. Wine and juice are available and the soups are followed

by a second course of cheese and biscuits, with the usual accompaniments, and a nice cup of tea or coffee.

It's a very popular event, and a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. We've served close to 40 lunches at each of the first two sessions, and raised over £600 for church funds so far. Thanks to everyone who has helped make the lunches such a success.

Our third soup lunch will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th April - running from midday to 2:00 pm, and we hope to see you then.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### *Extracts from meeting - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018*

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

- **Adopt a Kiosk** The Chairman reported on a meeting he has had with Sarah Sutcliffe who has kindly offered to take the lead in the project to develop the old telephone kiosk. Her plan, which has been very well researched, involves a similar scheme to that at Stawell. She has visited and spoken to a volunteers there and talked about the mini library that has been developed. There are about five shelves holding about 20 books each and this is also the plan for Chedzoy. The Editor of Chedzoy News has offered to construct the shelving and the Chairman and his wife are happy to assist in any way. The Parish Council is fully supportive and has agreed to cover any reasonable costs. All councillors present unanimously agreed to support the plan. This will be discussed at the next meeting as appropriate.

#### *Sedgemoor District Council report*

David Hall reported as follows:

- **Financial matters.** He confirmed additional funds have been received to deal with potholes. Four out of the five local MPs are supportive with the SCCs financial difficulties surrounding the total of £130 million cut in Central Government funding over the past few years.
- **Giggaclear's Contract delays.** David reported a delay of approximately 1-2 years in the latest rollout, which would affect Chedzoy. A remedial plan is being put in place.
- **Local Grit Bins** - these are to be replenished by SCC.
- **Hinkley Point.** The target date for the jetty opening is Easter 2019.

#### *Sedgemoor District Council report.*

Cllr Alder reported as follows:

- **"Sedgemoor - Top Again"**. The SDC Planning department is celebrating after hearing that they have won the *Excellence during the Planning Decision Process* category in addition to being awarded the *Overall Winners* in the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) South West awards for planning excellence.

#### **Planning**

**Reference: 18/18/00008/DT.**

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness.

Location: Land to south of Manor Barn Higher Road Chedzoy TA7.

Applicant: Oxford University.

This application concerns an application by Oxford University to show evidence that this land has been used on a domestic basis for the last 10 years, which is indeed supported by written submissions contained in the application papers.

These cases are never referred to the planning committee.

Unless the Parish Council has specific evidence in support then the appropriate comment for the council to make is *No comment*.

The Clerk was asked to submit the following comment to SDC planners: *The Parish Council of Chedzoy has no comment to make.*

**Reference: 18/18/00008/DT**

Type: Full Planning Permission.

Proposal: Erection of 4 detached dwellings on site of existing dwelling and outbuildings to be demolished.

Location: Glebe House Front Street Chedzoy Bridgwater YA7 8EB.

Applicant: Harris Brothers and Collard Ltd.

The Chairman outlined the position here, with 22 letters of objection as

well as the Parish Council's objections - all well-crafted and relevant with regard to valid planning grounds.

The application was withdrawn *After registration* at lunchtime on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Any further alternative proposal will necessarily require a fresh Planning Application to be submitted. Several parishioners present expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council in this matter.

#### Correspondence

- **Tell us your views on Health and Care** The NHS is seeking the opinions of members of the public on Health and Care in Somerset, and explore how it could change in the future. A series of County-wide events are taking place and the public can review information and feedback their thoughts at: <https://www.fitformyfuture.org.uk/>
- **Recommendations for Library Service Redesign.** SCC advises that the recommendations for the Somerset Libraries Service Redesign decisions have been published with 19 existing library buildings being recommended to be retained by SCC. For the remaining 15 library buildings, SCC are seeking to develop Community Library Partnerships (CLPs) where communities would support library buildings in partnership with SCC. David Hall of SCC has advised that 13 proposals have already been received.
- **Changes to Highways Winter Service 2018/2019.** The SCC Cabinet recently voted to reduce the budget available for highways winter service for this winter. Precautionary gritting will be carried out on 720 miles (1159 km) or around 17% of the total road network of 4164 miles (6702 km) in Somerset, which represents a reduction from 900 miles or 21% of the network last year.
- **Be the Difference between Homelessness and a Brighter Future.** SCC are seeking appropriate adults to come forward and become *Stepping Stones Carers* for young people who are coming to the end of their time in care, and assist them in preparing for independent living. This can be a very rewarding activity and allowances and full training and support are given. Call 0800 5879 900 or visit [www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk](http://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk).
- **Bower Ponds Park Improvements.** SDC have confirmed improvements costing around £70,000 have started at Bower Ponds Park and is being jointly funded by SDC, Live West and Bridgwater Town Council.
- **Spring Flowering Bulbs.** These have been received and passed on to Cllr Brian Gale who has kindly agreed to deal with them.
- **Surviving Winter Appeal.** SCC are advertising the scheme whereby people in receipt of the winter fuel allowance can donate it to those living in fuel poverty. More information available at: [info@somerset.org.uk](mailto:info@somerset.org.uk).
- **Fry's Lane Improvements.** The Clerk read out a letter from a Fry's Lane resident which confirms he has arranged for the *road planings* to be spread over the un-metalled part of the lane that is designated highway, and the remainder over the lay-by as suggested by Laurence Hackling of the SCC Highways Dunball Depot. The letter also confirms that all the building faults at Old Rectory Farm - dating from the 1990s when it was built - have been put right. The same resident has decided to carry out further improvements - which it is hoped will do a little to improve the village scene. The Clerk will reply to the letter.

#### Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Current Account                     | £5,197.41  |
| Deposit Account                     | £2.48      |
| Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac | £12,318.53 |

The Clerk confirmed the latest water bill for the allotments covering the dry summer has been received and is £117.31 and will be paid by direct debit on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

#### Any Other Business

- **Connecting Devon and Somerset.** An appeal is being made to Chedzoy parishioners to take part in their *Digital User Survey* in order to get an updated picture of *where we are* - go to: [www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/broadband-user-survey](http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/broadband-user-survey). Details are to appear in the current issue of *Chedzoy News*.
- **South East Parish Cluster Group.** Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at The Lounge at Woolavington

Village Hall Higher Road, Woolavington, TA7 8DY at 7:30 pm. This date clashes with the SDC planning training on the same night.

- **Avon and Somerset Constabulary "Police carrying out insurance checks".** In an attempt to catch drivers who either knowingly or unknowingly drive without insurance, the Police recently used the very latest technology - ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) cameras in our force area, between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Flood Risk Consultation.** The Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) is seeking the opinion of householders in flood affected areas of Somerset on the potential flood risk to their local community. 1200 questionnaires are being delivered for completion. More info' at [www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk](http://www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk).
- **Parish Path Consultation.** Somerset has one of the longest public rights of way networks in the country. It is of similar length to the road network. Monitoring this network with limited resources is challenging, but with the help of several hundred volunteers across the county over 80% of the path network is open and easy to use. The SCC rights of way team would like to review:  
**Path categories and Vegetation Clearance Schedule.** The consultation runs until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, and for more details contact: Jake Taylor, Volunteer and Trails Officer - [Jtaylor@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Jtaylor@somerset.gov.uk). 07917 837 542 or 01823 358 250.
- **Police launch Youth and Policing Education website.** Avon and Somerset Police have launched the youth and policing education hub - a new website offering free online access to a range of resources to schools and youth groups. Resources include lesson plans on such subjects as county lines, sexting and knife crime. [www.youthandpolicing.co.uk](http://www.youthandpolicing.co.uk).
- **Audibility issues at Village Hall meetings.** The Chairman brought up the matter of the difficulty that can be experienced in hearing proceedings at meetings, particularly well attended ones. Both he and the Clerk sometimes have difficulty.
- **E-consultation with Parishes in Planning Matters.** The Chairman is keen to ensure the council has access to on-line plans now that these are not supplied in paper form by SDC. The Clerk said he can download Zip files of planning applications but is unsure of the connection arrangements to the hall equipment. He said he would make enquiries into both this and the previous item.

#### Extracts from meeting - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

- **Audibility issues at village hall meetings.** A parishioner has offered the parish council the use of his radio microphone for larger meetings where audibility can be a problem.

#### Correspondence

- **CAB donation request.** The Clerk has received this but reported it was only in July 2018 that the last donation was made.
- **Mendip Community transport donation request.** The Clerk said a further request has been received. This was noted.
- **CIL annual return.** This will be a *nil* return.
- **Free Festive Parking across Sedgemoor.** In an endeavour to promote local traders, parking fees are to be suspended for the two Saturdays leading up to Christmas.

#### Finance

Parish Council balances were as follows:

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Current Account                      | £4,323.24  |
| Deposit Account                      | £2.48      |
| Cambridge BS Council Easy Access a/c | £12,318.53 |

The Clerk presented the projected expenditure for 2019/2020 at just under £7,000 - not including any provision for Bus Shelter maintenance. He went on to explain that, bearing in mind the possibility of Parish Council Election expenses in 2019 cropping up, this could be *taken* from the £2,000 anticipated reserves at year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and reclaimed from SDC the following year. He therefore said he thought it possible to keep the Precept level for 2019/2020 at £7,500 - the same as the past two years. Following a discussion this was proposed by Cllr Ray Triggol and seconded by Cllr Martin Baker - all agreed.

#### Any Other Business

- **Fostering leaflets.** SCC have enquired if it is possible for fostering leaflets to be distributed with the Parish magazine. Cllr Martin Baker kindly offered to hand deliver these.

- **Village Agent attendance at a parish council meeting.** The Clerk advised the meeting that Vanda Squire has agreed to attend the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March to give a talk on her rôle.
- **2020/2021 School Admission Arrangements Consultation.** A six week consultation on school admissions arrangements for children who are due to start, transfer or move schools during the 2020/2021 school year is currently taking place. Go to: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admission>, or call 01823 356 671.
- **Sedgemoor's Open Space. Sport and Recreational Study.** A survey to collate views on the quality and quantity of open space, sport and recreational provision has been sent to the Chedzoy Playing Fields Committee for comment - if they wish to. The deadline for submission 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.
- **Avon and Somerset PCC winter newsletter** - received.
- **The new Local Plan.** The Chairman said this is due to come into effect in early 2019, when Chedzoy is likely to be reclassified as a Tier 4 Settlement.
- **Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme.** This scheme is designed to reduce the flood risk in the area and it is a key component of the 20 year Flood Action Plan developed following the 2014 floods. The Environment Agency has been charged with developing proposals and securing funding for the barrier which should be operational by 2024. The Chairman recently attended a promotional event in St Marys Church Bridgwater, and he will complete a questionnaire. Members of the public may make comments at <http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/shlaa> or <http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/bridgwaterbarrier>.
- **Bus Shelter maintenance.** The Clerk was asked to investigate the need to obtain an estimate for maintenance going forward.
- **Blocked drain at West End Farm.** Cllr Martin Baker brought up the localised flooding problem at times of heavy rain when the large puddle starts opposite West End Farmhouse and creeps across the road, with drivers leaving the village crossing into the path of oncoming cars to avoid it. The Clerk was asked to consult Laurence Hackling of SCC Highways Dunball Depot on the matter. A similar problem further along the lane has recently been eradicated.

#### **Extracts from meeting - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

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

- **Bus Shelter Garden Maintenance.** The Clerk reported on his discussions with Ms Rhiannon Buckton about the possibility of her business taking over the maintenance of the bus shelter garden. She has offered to take the job on at the rate of £15 per hour with two gardeners working on it on a quarterly basis. To initially bring it up to scratch she estimates three hours for the two of them will be necessary. Three hours @ £15 each = £30 per hour = £90. Thereafter, one or two hours @ £15 per hour = £30 or £60. The first year would be £90 + £180 (max) = £270 (max) and £240 annually thereafter (max). This would be for the garden to the left of the shelter. No work on either the shelter itself or the corner garden. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Rhiannon about including the corner as well, on a pro rata rate. Then he can speak to the villager who expressed an interest in the keeping the corner tidy. He can engage Rhiannon if agreement is reached and report back to the next meeting. This was proposed by Martin Baker and seconded by Pat Lennard. All agreed.
- **Poor road drainage at West End Farm.** The Clerk said that he had reported the problem of poor surface water drainage in Chedzoy Lane near West End Farm to SCC Highways, and it was verbally indicated that the usual clearance of the drain would take place *in the round*. A discussion took place, with the general feeling being that the drain in question is probably a *soakaway* and therefore a drainage pipe would need clearance. An email, sent last week, will be followed up with more detail.

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

David Hall reported as follows:

- **SCC Budget.** He confirmed it was now highly likely that SCC would end the financial year *under budget*. A helpful factor having been that SCC has been accepted in the Business Rate Pilot exercise to retain 75% of the business rates for one year.
- **Unitary Authority Discussions.** These are progressing slowly, possibly due to the SDC elections due on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

- **Sedgemoor Campus.** This is complete, providing 1,000 bed accommodation.
- **Hinkley Point.** Construction is progressing well. EDF report that the Jetty is on schedule for completion around Easter.
- **Connecting Devon and Somerset.** Giggaclear have been issued with a formal notice of being *in breach of contract* because of long delays. SCC has no financial risk here but the project is a full year behind schedule. David was taken up on his offer to look into the possibility of arranging a meeting between himself, Paul Coles of BT and Cllr Martin Allen.

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

Cllrs Derek Alder and Liz Perry reported as follows:

- **SDC Budget.** A full SDC Council meeting is due on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to agree the budget for 2019/2020.
- **Council Tax.** The SDC element of this is expected to rise by about £5 per year for a Band D property.
- **Somerset Rivers Authority.** The Government Bill making the SRA a separate legal entity and conferring on it the powers to separately Precept it's funding received its second reading on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February and is now in the Committee stage.
- **New Cinema at Northgate.** A company is offering to take over the proposed Cinema development here, which would trigger the Northgate development itself.
- **New Council Homes.** There are 11 of these under construction across Sedgemoor.

##### **Planning**

No new applications to consider – But:

- **Parchey Planning Breach.** Following receipt of an anonymous phone call about this, the Clerk spoke to Colin Arnold of SDC planning enforcement who confirmed there have indeed been breaches, and that the householder concerned has been advised that he must submit a retrospective planning application

##### **Correspondence**

- **Somerset West Lodging Scheme.** This scheme which is being run by Lisa Godfrey at the YMCA Dulverton Group (formerly YMCA Somerset Coast), aims to support homeowners, private and social tenants in Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane and West Somerset to become landlords and let out their spare bedrooms to earn additional income. The scheme itself is run on Hinkley Point and Council funding, and is a mitigation scheme designed to reduce homelessness, to keep people in their homes and help make ends meet. Under the scheme, lodgings would be created safely and managed professionally. For more details go to: <https://www.lodgingscheme.org>.
- **Concerns over condition of footpaths and footpath stiles.** The Clerk wished to make the Parish Council aware of the many instances of blocked footpaths and damaged stiles. A couple of villagers who regularly walk the network have reported these problems on the net, as has our efficient PPLO. There seem to be long delays in remedial action being taken.
- **SCC Scheme - Somerset Wood.** The Parish Clerks of Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton are making a joint approach to all the Parish Councils in Sedgemoor to support them in the establishment of a very laudable scheme to establish a wood in memory of the fallen in WW1. Parishes are asked to help with the costs of maintaining trees planted on a proportionate basis as to the number of those lost to the parish. A figure of £25 per tree is mentioned. Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to reply saying the Chedzoy Parish Council considers this to be an excellent idea and to establish more details of the financial costs going forward, and to report back to the next meeting.
- **Phone Kiosk Library.** The Chairman reported on the very successful transformation of the former phone kiosk into a mini lending library. The project has been spearheaded by Sarah Sutcliffe, ably assisted by volunteers to transform the kiosk with shelving and floor tiles. The Village Hall Committee have been approached for *overspill* book storage. Incidental costs are being borne by the Parish Council, (as previously agreed). The Chairman will discuss with Sarah the possibility of a formal opening ceremony in due course.

- **Sedgemoor Planners Award.** The Clerk reported on the success of the SDC Planners in winning the top award for Planning Excellence in the South West at a special ceremony hosted by the Royal Town Planning Institution (RTPI), at the National College for Nuclear in Cannington. The award centres on their excellent work in connection with the Hinkley Point Development.
- **Sedgemoor Health Walks.** These are designed for people of all ages who wish to improve their health and meet new people, as well as explore the local environment. The walks are led by trained volunteer walk leaders and can take the form of buggy walks, wheelchair walks, GP surgery walks, seaside walks, urban or rural. They last between 30 and 90 minutes and cater for differing abilities. Benefits can include reversing type 2 diabetes diagnoses, losing weight, coming off blood pressure tablets, bereavement rehabilitation etc. For more details go to: <http://sedgemoor.gov.uk/healthwalks> or call 01278 435 715.

#### Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Current Account                     | £3,953.91  |
| Deposit Account                     | £2.48      |
| Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac | £12,341.09 |

The Precept request for 2019/2010 of £7,500 has been submitted (this represents the same figure as the previous two years).

#### Any Other Business

- **RTL2 Funds.** These are funds which were paid historically by developers, and are designed to fund leisure facilities in the same parishes. Chedzoy have none of these as they were used towards the development of the playing field. These payments have now been replaced by CIL payments.
- **Election 2019 – Purdah.** No politically sensitive issues are to be brought up or discussed by the Council from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March until after the election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.
- **Litter Problem.** Two villagers have raised the problem of litter around the village, particularly in Ward Lane. The Parish Council is supportive of the need to keep the village tidy but it is also aware of the possible personal liability issues of organising a formal litter pick, particularly as Ward Lane itself is so narrow and potentially dangerous. Following a discussion it was agreed to take up Liz Perry's offer to obtain high visibility jackets and pickers and bags from SDC Clean Surroundings and deliver these to the Clerk.
- **Damage to the edge of the road near Temple Farm.** The dangerous state of the road edge near Temple Farm - which has already caused a car to leave the road and also shredded tyres - was discussed. The age-old debate of the liability issue between the SCC for the roadway itself and the landowner for the roadside was discussed. The problem has already been reported to SCC Highways.
- **Fit For My Future (NHS CCG).** The strategy for how we will support the health and wellbeing of all the people in Somerset is progressing well. The need now is to reduce the long list of possible options to a short list of proposals for public consultation in Autumn 2019. The public are being encouraged to spare 5 or 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire at: <https://www.response.questback.com/nhssomersetccg/phase2appraisalcriteria>
- **Clerks' Briefing – Somerset – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.** The Clerk will attend this annual event at Edgar Hall Somerset from 10 am till 1 pm. (Free to SALC members).
- **Local Council Administration - by Charles Arnold Baker 11<sup>th</sup> edition.** This *must have* publication is a reference point for any possible issue that the Parish Council will face. The Clerk's (old) edition was lost in his house fire in November 2017 and SALC can get a 20% reduction of the list price of £129.99. It is proposed to share the cost between Chedzoy and Stawell and the cost involved would appear to be about £52. Following a discussion it was proposed by Brian Gale and seconded by Pat Lennard that a copy should be obtained. All in favour.
- **Village Hall Social Events.** The Chairman wished to record the grateful thanks of the Parish Council to those volunteers who arrange the very professional and successful events such as the themed new year's eve party and the Burns night celebration. All agreed.

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CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL

from Pat Davies



Exploration has been our focus over recent weeks including a topic on *Under the Sea*; the activities included games, song and dance, books and art. We are continuing to explore a range of sensory activities including rice and oats with beautiful colours; sensory foam which a child described as *looking like marshmallows* and *gloop*, a mixture of cornflour and water. Our next topic will be science based, including colour mixing, floating and sinking, together with mixing media such as bicarbonate of soda, food colour and vinegar to study the effect!

We have some lovely new resources - including some red shiny wheelbarrows, ladybird and dinosaur counting resources, a range of dolls and a set of remote-control vehicles. Thanks to the Co-op project which has enabled us to invest in some great products to enhance our setting. Designing and replenishing our nature area is next on our list together with cooking activities.

The children have fun, challenge and educational opportunities at our OFSTED graded *Outstanding* preschool. Registrations are now being accepted for September 2019 so please pass on our name to anyone looking for a local preschool with a great reputation!

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### MEMOS TO DOG OWNERS

The dog warden suggested that the following notice be inserted here in view of the fact that a dog has been attacked by another on more than one occasion recently:

**IF YOUR PET IS AGGRESSIVE  
PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG MUZZLED  
AND ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES  
AND PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER IT**

**THANK YOU**

Also on the subject of canine pets, it was requested that the following plea be published in Chedzoy News::

Dog owners, please have some consideration for your neighbours. A dog, or dogs, has been heard over several months, barking at 11:30 pm and in the early hours of the morning – around 2:30 am.

This barking goes on for some time.

Please also be aware that if you go out and leave your dog(s) at home, they are liable to bark the whole time whilst you are away from home!

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JAYNE ELIZABETH THEATRE SCHOOL - JETS
BRIDGWATER BRANCH MISS ANNIE

EXCITING NEW DANCE CLASSES AT CHEDZOY
VILLAGE HALL

Miss Annie Blizzard Associate IDTA & ABD.

Annie started the school in Chedzoy in September 2018 and it has been growing steadily - at present she has the following classes:

Peppa & George Ballet	2½ – 4 years,
Jets Production Class	4 years plus
Acting Singing & Dancing	
Dance –Ma-Taaz Ballet	5 years plus
Cheerleading	4 years plus
Tricks Tumble, Pom & Dance.	

She hopes to add a TAP class in the very near future.



The school is very friendly, highly professional and aims to promote fitness and fun through dance. The classes are aimed towards encouraging pupils to work as a team - at the same time working towards excellent technique, exams and shows. Pupils do not have to take exams or be in shows if they do not wish to.

We are holding our first SHOWCASE GALA on Saturday 13th July, where pupils will be performing their class work and putting on a little show, starting at 4:30 pm. There will be an entrance fee of £5 to come and watch, with a free cup of tea in the interval. Annie will be offering class incentives if you join on that day. For more information on the Gala, classes, and to enrol, please contact ANNIE on 07525269690. We look forward to seeing you all.

Brief School History:

Jayne Fearn Principal Fellow IDTA & ABD.

Jayne Elizabeth Theatre School was established by Jayne over 25 years ago. The school has 100% pass rate in exams - they also enter competitions all over the country and put on fantastic shows. Annie has been with Jayne for over twenty years - this is where she has done all her training - and is now an Associate Teacher in IDTA & ABD. Annie still teaches at Worle, and decided to branch out under the umbrella of Worle and open her own school in Chedzoy, as part of the Jayne Elizabeth Theatre School (JETS).

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**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING**

**First Wednesday of the month**  
**From 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**We need more volunteers to run the Coffee Mornings – or  
the future of the Coffee Mornings is in doubt!**

Please contact **Amanda Triggol** on 0797 4203 856  
if you are willing to help.

Next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**THE TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY**

**is unofficially OPEN**

*from Sarah Sutcliffe*



So far, the skilful woodworker Don Johnson has designed, built and installed the shelving – it's perfect! Roy Beal has done a fab job tiling the floor. Ian Medland, Don Johnson and I spent a fun morning cleaning inside and out - thank you guys. Many villagers have very generously donated books to fill the shelves and of course John Weeks has photographed the activity. Thank you, everyone. The library is now unofficially open - please use and enjoy.

I have the paint (the official BT red) and some frames to repair the glazing, and we are waiting for some warmer weather so that the final renovations can be completed. Volunteers with sand paper and brushes will be required please. Some space in the village hall storage has been requested for the book bank. Book donations can continue please - either leave in the Telephone Box and let me know, or drop them at my house - *Greylee*, Front Street. The plan is to refresh the books every few months, so fresh supplies of books are always welcome.

Are there any other villagers who would like to get involved in the on-going maintenance? It's very simple, only involving keeping it clean weekly and checking the books are neat. It takes about 5 minutes. Then every few months meeting and changing some of the books. Please get in touch. It would be good to have a few of us with a simple weekly rota. I am thinking it will be wonderful to have an official opening linked with a Friday *Pop-In*, perhaps in May/June with a BBQ? Thoughts please?

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SWISHING PARTY

from Caroline Litchfield

Calling ladies . . . all ages & all sizes. You are invited to a Swishing Party, at Chedzoy Village Hall. The idea is simple: bring along 3-5 (or more) items of nice clothing you no longer wear, pay £5, and pick some other items you like. All of the money collected will go to charity - I was thinking St Margaret's Hospice? If we can get 30 of us to come, that will be £150 going to a really good cause.



You can also bring along shoes, hats, jewellery, perfume, books, pictures - anything that deserves a nice new home. The clothes and other items will be displayed around the village hall on clothes rails, tables hangers etc. There will be tea and cakes/cream teas, and then you can all go and mooch and choose as many items as you like. There will be mirrors so you can try stuff on.

So basically . . . you come along, eat lots of lovely cake and go home with some (technically free) new pretties as well as donating money to a really good cause - what's not to like! At the end of the day, if you would like me to, I can take left over clothing/items to a charity shop

Please can you email or text me to confirm you are interested. I am planning to book the hall for Sunday 14th April at 2 pm. I'm on 07971 886 850 or caslitchfield@hotmail.co.uk.

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## Who's Who - Village Contacts

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| <b>Web Site – <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy">www.achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy</a></b>                                                                               |                                                                                                          |                              |           |         |                             |                                       |
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| <b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                          |                              |           |         |                             |                                       |
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| <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 |                                       |
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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 |
| Slope 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 | Slope 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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