

# Chedzoy News

**SUMMER 2018 ISSUE**



**Chedzoy Affordable Housing Survey**  
Esther Carter and Duncan Harvey  
will present the survey's outcome  
at Chedzoy Parish Council meeting  
on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm** in  
the Village Hall  
**Open Meeting - Everyone Welcome**

## FLOWER SHOW DONATION REQUESTS



**Bottles for Bottle Stall  
– to POP-IN**

**Cakes for Cake Stall and  
Plants for Plant Stall – bring on the day**

Old crockery for *Smash  
the Plate* stall  
can be left at the rear of  
the Village Hall  
**(NO GLASS items, please)**



**Prizes for Evening Raffle – to Laura Chandler**

## CHEDZOY

VILLAGE SALE / BROCANTE



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AT VILLAGE HALL

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10 - 4

£5 PER TABLE  
AT HOME OR VILLAGE HALL FIELD

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*following the FLOWER SHOW*



**with a Pig Roast, Bar  
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**Ticket Entry Only – Adults £5, under 16's £1**  
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## CHEDZOY

## VILLAGE

## FLOWER SHOW



**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY AT 2.00 pm**

*at Chedzoy Village Hall and Field*

**Entries in by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**to Sarah Gower, Fowlers Plot Farm**

**459 975 or 0780 098 9314**

## POP IN FOR A PINT PRODUCTIONS

**Date for your Diary!**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Irresistible FUN!  
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Long-a**

## GREASE





### AUDREY FRY

who passed away on  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - aged 86

A service, conducted by the Reverend Kelvin Williams, was held at St Mary's on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, where the eulogy included:

Audrey was born at Coronation Farm, Middlezoy on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1931 and

was the only child of Rupert and Mary Bown. Life was very tough on all farms during the depression and also the war years. Audrey, although only young, would work and help as expected in any small way she could. She would recall her childhood days as very full, walking many miles to feed, count and generally look after livestock as well as all the other jobs required. Her favourite job was to fetch the farm horse, called *Lion* - some one and a half miles away, down on the moor. She would then pull out a sack bag from a dry culvert left the previous day, calling and coaxing her gentle giant over to the five bar gate, climbing up the gate to reach its back, and throwing the sack over the horse. Then the pleasure of riding home bare back. No health and safety in those days.

She attended Middlezoy School until the age of 14 and then went straight off to *Tamlyns* in Bridgwater, working in various office positions. During this time she also attended evening classes to learn typing, shorthand, book keeping and accountancy. She stayed with Tamlyns until the late 1960s.

Audrey married Des at Middlezoy Church on the 28th October 1965, then in November 1971 tragedy struck when she was shot in the face by a farm workman - causing total blindness. After around two years of surgery and convalescence - including time spent in the Norfolk School for the Blind - Audrey showed her true grit and determination, by rebuilding her life in helping to run the farm by doing the accounts, as well as organising, cleaning, and collection of the rents from their rental properties.

By 1977 she had planned, designed and organised the building of East Field Farm, although Des liked to curtail the spending a little - or even more than a little! Life continued as normal, although difficult at times, until the death of Des in January 1998. Ten days after Des's funeral, Audrey was burgled and robbed at East Field by three men - but she still chose to live alone and be independent, looking after herself with very little help. She stated at the time that she was not afraid of anything or anyone. This was typical of her determination and doggedness that nothing in life would deter her from achieving her goals and in her own way - this she did, very successfully.

A true country woman, who loved the land and countryside around her, and delighted in being told of a rare beetle, unusual plant species or issues with Natural England on her land. Then would come a long series of lengthy phone calls to find out more information, to friends, contractors, land agents and organisations in general. Sometimes too early in the morning - as her day always started with the Farming Today programme on the radio at 5.45 a.m., to keep in touch with farming events and prices. With her lifelong hobby of collecting land, Audrey was ever mindful of the fact that she was just a steward to look after the land - then pass it to the next stewards of the countryside for safekeeping.

These few words will never do justice to such a patient, tenacious, mentally tough and remarkable lady who before her recent illness rose to every challenge that life threw at her. For the last four years she endured her last physical challenge with great fortitude.

### BERYL GWENDOLINE CHAPPELL

who passed away on  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 - aged 90

A service, conducted by the Reverend Mary Clements, was held at St Mary's on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, where the eulogy - read by Arnold Giles - included:

Beryl was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1927. She attended schools in Chedzoy and West Huntspill and at the age of 13 she left school and started work in the office of *Real Medland and Wills* in Bridgwater. Nine months later she changed jobs and went to work for the *Mills Brothers* for 33 years until they closed down.

Beryl then obtained a job in *Hoopers Drapery Store* in the High Street in Bridgwater, where she worked until she retired at 60 years of age.

Beryl lived her entire life in Chedzoy - she had never been to London - and the furthest she had travelled was to Shropshire to attend a family wedding, and to Bath to spend a holiday with friends. Beryl never married, in spite of a number of suitors and offers over the years. As far as we know, she never had any regrets in this direction, enjoying instead her many nephews and nieces, and a position as matriarch of the family.

Beryl started collecting for the Poppy Appeal in Chedzoy when she was 16 years old, and continued to do so into her 80's. (*in present day values, she personally raised over £25,000 - Ed*) Beryl didn't own a car, and she didn't drive, and her only mode of transport for her working life was her bicycle.

After retirement, she enjoyed using her bus pass to travel to Bridgwater for her shopping. During these years she looked after her mother and later nursed her until she passed away. In her later years her legs became a problem and she used walkers and wheelchairs. Beryl could *shop for England*, and enjoyed being taken to town by car by every member of the family - and a meal in Morrisons often rounded off the day.

Beryl was dependable, honest and hard-working, and definitely a bit *old fashioned*. She used the telephone and letters to keep in touch with family and friends - always remembered birthdays, and insisted on *giving presents* rather than money in an envelope.

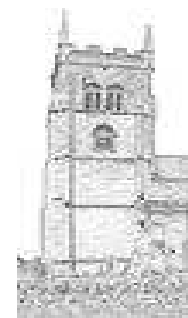
Beryl will be sadly missed by family and friends, and for us it is the end of an era - for now a link is gone.



## CHURCH TOWER OPEN TO VISITORS

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
The day of the VILLAGE SALE

from Noon to 2:00 pm



## PARISH COUNCIL

### Extracts from meeting - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

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

- **Suggested usage of the Kiosk** Ideas have been sought through *Chedzoy News* and to date the following suggestions have been received:

A mini information centre  
A therapy box  
A mini library

Following a discussion it was decided to approach the people who made the suggestions to see if a working group could be formed to take matters forward

- **SID programme withdrawal** The Chairman advised that the programme was withdrawn from 31<sup>st</sup> March and, bearing in mind views were required before that date, and - noting the lack of enthusiasm at the last meeting to take part in an alternative self-funding scheme - the Traffic Dept. at SCC had been advised that Chedzoy did not wish to be involved. David Hall reminded the meeting that the equipment stored at Bawdrip was available for our use should the *Speed Watch* team be reformed.
- **Affordable Housing October 2017 survey results** The Chairman briefly outlined the bare bones of the survey results. Six respondents, whose personal details remain confidential with Sedgemoor District Council Housing Health and Wellbeing Service, have expressed an interest in Affordable Housing - four in Shared Ownership schemes and two in renting. The significant and very specific questions now posed to Chedzoy Parish Council by the SDC Affordable Housing Team, are as follows:

- Do Chedzoy Parish Council agree to tackle the Affordable Housing shortfall in the parish?
- The Parish Council is usually asked to put sites in order of preference, however with such a small number of sites available, could members look at any alternative sites in the Parish?
- Would Chedzoy Parish Council be interested in accepting the Community Housing Fund grant, and which payment option would be appropriate?
- Would Chedzoy Parish Council like to set up a Housing Sub-Group?

A full discussion took place with the Chairman requesting the opinions of each Councillor present, before opening up the meeting as a whole to take comments and opinions from all present. It quickly became apparent there was strong opposition to the proposed scheme. There are already several developments, quite close to the village, which provide considerable affordable housing, Kingsdown (Bridgwater Without) and the land running along Bower Lane to the Westonzoyland Road (Bower Flowers) in the pipeline. The Chairman pointed out that the likely reclassification of the village from *Unsustainable* to *Tier 4 Settlement*, later this year, could bring about limited infill and incremental housing development in Chedzoy, which could possibly help to alleviate any pent up shortfall.

It was also pointed out that affordable housing normally took up 40% or so of any relevant development, and it seems unlikely that the relatively small number identified as required could therefore justify any bespoke development in its own right. The numbers do not appear to be viable.

It was decided to invite Esther Carter to the next meeting when members of the public and the Parish Council could put questions to her, ahead of the Parish Council finally deciding on its responses to the questions posed by SDC Affordable Housing Team. A flyer will be sent round the village inviting parishioners to attend this meeting and put their points of view.

- **Frys Lane** The Chairman read out a letter from a resident of Fry's Lane stating support had been sought from Laurence Hackling of SCC Sedgemoor depot at Dunball, and that limited constructive assistance has been offered as follows:-
  - SCC will sort out the damaged tarmac at the end of the metalled part of the lane, above the main sewer.
  - They will clear the two storm drains at the Front Street end of the lane which should alleviate the flooding outside Sibley's Farm and along the lane.
  - They suggest SDC Clean Surroundings people are requested to mechanically sweep the upper part of the lane three or four

times per year when the other roads are swept (the resident will make the request).

- They will arrange for 10 tonnes of road stone planings to be supplied.

More significant improvements cannot be funded at the present time. The recent serious fly-tipping problem further down Fry's Lane - when many cans of old sump oil were dumped in a ditch, amounting to 750-800 litres in all - was cleared promptly by SDC Clean Surroundings. The Chairman asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to them.

#### Somerset County Council report

Cllr. David Hall reported as follows:

- **Kiosk.** He reminded the well-known author, Damian Boyd, may be persuaded to open any Kiosk library when/if set up.
- **SRA becoming a Precepting Authority** The neighbouring MP, David Warburton, is sponsoring a private members bill which could receive its second reading later on this month in Parliament. It has government support.
- **Colley Lane Relief Road Bridge** Work has recently started on this single span bridge which will go over the railway line, canal and river.
- **£83 million Central Govt. Funding** This has been received for Capital spending in the Bridgwater/Taunton corridor. Use of these funds is restricted to Capital schemes such as road access improvements and schools.
- **Highways department** They have coped well during the recent bad weather

#### Sedgemoor District Council reports

Derek Alder and Liz Perry said the new SDC Chief Executive, has been initiating an internal reorganisation at Sedgemoor.

- **Houses building** is taking place e.g. 8 units at the old Withey Cutter site in Sydenham and several other small sites. Some council houses are being bought back by SDC, where it simplifies improvement work.
- **Commercialism** This is when SDC is the prime developer of a site e.g. at Northgate (this development is to include a cinema).
- **The Old Cattle Market site** has just been sold to a new developer (100 homes).
- **A new food waste digester** has been approved off the A38, opposite the Car Auction site.

#### Planning

- **Application Reference: 18/18/0001/CAN.**  
**Location:** 1(2), the Barn, Front Street, TA7 8RE  
*Granted Permission.*
- **Appeal application Ref No. 118/17/00003.** (Victoria Osborn).  
The appeal has been rescheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> April at Bridgwater House. Liz Perry (SDC) has kindly agreed to attend.
- **Application reference: - 18/17/00008/DT.**  
**Location:** - Land to the south of Manor Barn, Higher Rd.  
**Applicant:**-Oxford University.  
*Granted Permission.*

#### Correspondence

- **Somerset Libraries Services Consultation 2018.**  
This has been extended to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - see [www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation)

#### Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

Current Account	£2,806.36
Deposit Account	£2.48
Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac	£12,318.53

The Clerk presented the 2017/2018 Income and Expenditure Account. He said the Council had exercised remarkable control over expenditure, with the bank balance rising by £1,000 + during the year.

The accounts were adopted by the Parish Council - with Cllr. Ray Triggol proposing and Cllr. Martin Baker seconding the motion.

The accounting Statement was signed off by the Chairman and Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer). The Internal Audit will now proceed and then the Governance Statement will be presented at the next meeting followed by the External Audit.

### Any Other Business

- **EDF/Hinkley Connection** The Clerk reported receiving a telephone call from Donna Burnell of the National Grid, advising work on the power line to Bristol was starting. The only work to be carried out within the village is the burying of some lines and this will not take place till 2020/2021.
- **Pig Lane** It was reported there remains a problem of visitors' parked cars causing congestion near the playing field. The Clerk was asked to speak to SDC Planners to see what they may be able to suggest to help matters.
- **Churchyard Statue** The Chairman pointed out that there was a plan, as reported in the Chedzoy News, to replace the missing Sydney Mason Collins Equestrian Statue with a replica, using a resin-based material of similar appearance to the original, but of no residual scrap value. Although this action does not directly involve Chedzoy Parish Council, the chairman wished to congratulate the project as an outstandingly good idea, and it was welcomed and supported by all at the meeting.
- **Village Agent** Now we have lost our Village Agent, Cllr Pat Lennard said that Vanda Squire of the Somerset Village and Community Agent scheme would be happy to attend a Parish council meeting to outline the service she offers. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

### Annual meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7:15 pm

#### Elections:

- Chairman – Martin Allen
- Vice-Chairman – Martin Baker
- Footpaths Officer – Mark Smith
- Parish Pothole Liaison Officer – Mark Smith
- Webmaster – Mark Smith
- Two Parish Councillors as representatives in the Village Hall Management Committee - Ray Triggol and Pat Lennard

### Annual Parish meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 pm

**Chairman's annual report** Martin Allen reported as follows:-  
*I shall summarise Chedzoy's hopes and fears for all the year as:*

*Great Expectations, hopes, false starts and Great Trepidations.  
"Life in the countryside is about to change. Full fibre broadband, Ultrafast Internet for rural Britain . . . Your questions answered. When can I get ultrafast broadband? . . . Over the next two years". These are quotes taken from the Gigaclear leaflet, delivered to your door a few days ago, giving both hope and disappointment. We are glad of our CDS temporary fix, but it is not the answer. The system is creaking at the seams. We need a proper solution. Let us hope Gigaclear can deliver much sooner than two years.*

*The new Local Plan has recognised that Chedzoy is sustainable. The Secretary of State is expected to confirm this in the autumn. This will bring with it challenges, as well as new opportunities. For example, Sedgemoor DC's Affordable Housing Scheme. Controversy dogs this scheme, even though it is little understood. Self builds and incremental infill are amongst many possible options. Shared ownership, help to buy, rented, first time buyers to retired, helping people in our own village community must be the priority. We must not be too ready to distance Chedzoy from this scheme.*

*The 3.9 acres of land to the west of the church has just been sold. What plans the new owner has for this land we cannot know, but Planning Policy regulations will apply to this land, as to any other. The future of Chedzoy depends on the commitment of its people, and I hope that the younger generation will consider standing as candidates for Chedzoy's Parish Council, when the time comes. You must decide how your village needs to develop in the future. Defending the status quo is simple. Shaping the future – more difficult. That needs creative vision, courage, humanity and common sense.*

*As always, we are fortunate in benefitting from the energy and enthusiasm of a growing team of people who organise so much. Their contribution to our communal enjoyment is phenomenal.*

*Long may it continue to sustain Chedzoy as a vibrant community.*

#### SCC Report.

David Hall reported as follows: It has been a year of financial challenge, although Somerset, together with Sedgemoor is undoubtedly thriving.

Unemployment in Sedgemoor is reportedly under 1%. The growing temporary workforce as well as a rapidly expanding population will generate taxes and spending boosts to many areas of the local economy.

- **Adult social care** in the county is hugely expensive and people are, happily, living longer.
- **Superfast broadband** Chedzoy is in phase 2 of the connecting Devon and Somerset scheme, but completion may not be achieved for maybe two years. A benefit of having been delayed is that the plans are now to connect each home/premises *individually*, rather than connection to the junction boxes alone, as at the start.
- **The Beast from the East.** This came late in the season and managed to use up all the stocks of road grit. The pothole issue has been aggravated by this, and it is important to keep complaining about the problem.
- **Flooding.** The bill that was recently advanced in Parliament has failed, but only because of pressure of business, on a technicality.
- **Unitary debate.** This is simply a discussion at this stage.
- **Hinkley Point.** This is now romping ahead.

Cllr Terry Oxman brought up the problem of Bridgwater's roadworks literally driving shoppers down to Taunton to spend their money. David Hall said the roadworks were only temporary and will one day end, and he went on to say the Sedgemoor area itself is very attractive with the river barrier, superfast broadband as well as excellent transport links via the M5 and A303 being close by.

#### SDC Report

Liz Perry said the suggested unitary authority was a worrying concept for the SDC's workforce as, if progressed, it will clearly have implications for them.

She also said there is a lot of development in Sedgemoor with redundant buildings being converted to residential units.

### Extracts from meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 8:15 pm

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

- **Adopt a Kiosk.** The Chairman said his wife, Lynne would be getting together with the other two ladies who made suggestions, with a view to possibly forming a working group to take matters forward. Francis Hunt suggested it might be a good idea to incorporate housing for the defibrillator in the plans, as the Phone box is in a much more recognised location than the present position at the side of the village hall.
- **Affordable Housing.** Martin Allen said that Esther Carter and Duncan Harvey had agreed to come to the next meeting to meet with the Parish Council and members of the public. The Clerk pointed out that it had been made clear that the whole scheme would be driven solely by the Parish Council. The Chairman is determined to do all he can to make everybody aware of the scheme, which he considers has some positive aspects as well as negative ones. A notice advising parishioners of this meeting on 13th June 2018 will appear in the next issue of *Chedzoy News*.
- **Village Agent** The Clerk reported that Vanda Squire, Sedgemoor Community Agent, had agreed to come to the June meeting and suggested it might be constructive to bring the Village Agent along so that they can explain their differing roles within the community.

#### Somerset County Council report

(see Annual Parish Meeting minutes)

#### Sedgemoor District Council report

(see Annual Parish Meeting minutes)

#### Planning

No new Planning Applications but:

Town and Country Planning Act – Section 78.

Proposal: Conversion of one dwelling to two separate dwellings.

Location: 35 Higher Road Chedzoy TA7 8QU.

Appellant: Mr S Baker.

Appeal reference: APP/V3310/W/18/3197333.

Appeal start date: 18/04/2018

Details of this appeal had not been received by the Clerk until about 1<sup>st</sup> May or so. The letter states that the appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations. All the representations made to Sedgemoor Planners during the original application have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate and appellant, and these will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal. Any comments or alterations which may wish to be made can be lodged online at



<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If access to the internet is a problem letters can be sent to:

Pauline Dun, The Planning Inspectorate, 3P Kite, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN.

The meeting was opened up to the public so the neighbours who were in attendance could comment. A comprehensive submission which one had drawn up, giving a point by point assessment of the objections, was presented.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to submit the following comments on behalf of the Parish Council: *Having discussed this Appeal Application fully, Chedzoy Parish Council continues to support the Planning Officer in his refusal to the original application 18/17/00007.*

### Correspondence

- **General Data Protection Regulations – SALC training seminar 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.** The Clerk reported he had received several emails about this and that the tone of the Regulator was definitely softening towards the Parish Councils as regards them instituting the stronger regulations - which are due to become law by the end of May. There is also news of a move to exclude Parishes from the regulations altogether. The Chairman is unable to attend but the Clerk will go along.
- **Parish Bridle Paths** – parishioner's letter. The Clerk read out a letter received from Karen Bennett of *Tower View*, in which she explains she is a horse rider and finds the bridle paths in the area are not always accessible during the summer months when they are likely to be used most. She describes impassable barriers which have taken the place of opening gates - a situation which renders some paths impossible to use. A discussion took place with many present being unaware of the problem. Katrina Maxwell offered to make a visit and take photos which could be considered at a future meeting, probably in July. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter.
- **Polden Project** The Clerk advised he has received confirmation that Sedgemoor had granted a lease on the old Co-op store in Woolavington to a pharmaceutical firm, thereby rejecting the Polden Plan.
- **Somerset Waste Partnership re-organisation** As from 16<sup>th</sup> April, Kier - working with Somerset Waste Partnership - has been restructuring the collection rounds in the Sedgemoor area. This needs to happen every few years as new properties are developed and populations grow in different parts of the district. Most residents will probably not notice changes. A small number of properties will have their collection day changed, but these will receive a letter of explanation.
- **Avon and Somerset PCC Rural residents to be asked their views on police response times to rural crime.** Rural communities are being encouraged to have their say as part of the 2018 National Rural Crime Survey, to help better understand the true picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural areas and the impact it has on local people who live and work there. You can take part in the survey by visiting [www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net](http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net) and you have until 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to respond.
- **SCC Let's take action against dementia** SCC is asking everyone to help make a difference to the lives of people living with dementia. It is a sad fact that one person develops dementia every three minutes, and often these people live alone and feel excluded from their local communities and wider society. The Alzheimer's Society is leading Dementia Action Week (21-27 May) and SCC is calling on everyone to come together to help create a *dementia-friendly* County. You can sign up to be a Dementia Friend across the County by visiting [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk).
- **SCC – Work underway to transform health and social care** Somerset CGT, the organisation that plans and buys healthcare services for Somerset residents, and SCC, responsible for providing social care services, have agreed to work together on a joint programme called *Fit for the Future*. The best option will be sought for future health and social care provision in the County. For further information please contact the Press Office on 01823 355 020 or email [pressoffice@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:pressoffice@somerset.gov.uk).

### Finance

Parish Council balances were as follows:

Current Account	£6,113.00
Deposit Account	£2.48

Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac £12,318.53

The first tranche of the 2018/2019 Precept of £3,748.00 has been received.

The Clerk explained to the members the order of actions needed to sign off the 2017/2018 accounts, which have now been internally audited, and these procedures were actioned. When the Statutory Notice of public scrutiny of the accounts is advertised, then the procedures ahead of the External audit will be complete.

### Any Other Business

- **Fry's Lane** Stuart Farmer was invited to outline the position, which he did, and said it was a story of prompt and positive assistance by SCC Highways (Laurence Hackling) and SDC Clean Surroundings, as well as Ray and Simon Triggol, each doing all they can (in these straightened times) which now meant things were almost in place and the condition of the lane already looking so much better. The Lane is scheduled to be mechanically swept at regular intervals and it now only remains for the planings (which have been delivered) to be spread into the areas of potholes and areas where conditions remain poor. The Chairman agreed to approach Ray Triggol and enquire if he is able to kindly assist.
- **Bus Shelter Garden** A parishioner raised what she felt was the poor condition of parts of the garden. Also there is a problem of a small bush having established itself within the party wall between School House and the garden. Cllr Baker kindly agreed to have a look to dealing with the bush.
- **Computer courses in the Village Hall** The Chairman said he had received a letter enquiring if there was a possibility of computer *starter* courses being held at the Village Hall, as seems to have been the case at some point in the past. Martin Allen felt this might fall within the remit of the Hall management body, and Rodney Young advised there was a move afoot to get internet access installed at the Hall. Cllr Lennard (Parish Council representative on the hall management committee) agreed to raise the issue at the next meeting.

### ~~~~~ CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL

*from Pat Davies*

The children have been busy at preschool over recent weeks having fun as they explored the activities based on Growing. A highlight was watching our tiny caterpillars develop into beautiful butterflies – the children watched with fascination as the butterfly garden was opened, they showed great patience as the butterflies were not in any hurry to fly away! One child thought the butterflies may *fly to Chilton* whilst another child thought they may *fly off to find some friends to play with*. Several children helped plant up the lovely tubs that are now in full flower at the front entrance.



We are continuing to focus on Literacy, with activities promoting reading, letter sounds and letter formation, the children are responding very well. In June and July we will be focussing on topics of Health and Sport - including some tasty food-based activities and making use of our great spacious inside and outside facilities.

Thanks to Bridgwater Without Parish for their generous donation which has enabled us to purchase some lovely new carpets on a range of themes including Numbers, Letters, Emotions, Space and Nature.

Preschool places are filling up for the Autumn term so if anyone is looking for an OFSTED graded **Outstanding** preschool, please contact Pat or Gemma via [leader@preschool.org.uk](mailto:leader@preschool.org.uk) or telephone 07989 034180.

The preschool can also be contacted via Facebook Messenger.

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**COFFEE MORNING**  
**First Wednesday of the month**  
**From 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
*from Avril Johnson*

I have had to hand over the organisation of the First Wednesday Coffee Morning, which is now operating on a rota basis, with different volunteers running the event each month. I am sorry to have to give up doing it myself as my damaged spine now makes it too difficult and painful for me – both at the hall and when cooking cakes at home.

It seems amazing to realise that Pat Lennard and I started the mornings on a weekly basis over eleven years ago, and although Pat had to give up after a while because of her sight problems, various other villagers have helped over the years, with baking, serving and of course table shifting. Don became quite an expert with the dishwashing machine, and indeed seemed to resent anyone attempting to take over his domain. My health problems meant that we had to drop from weekly to monthly mornings last year, and I did have to miss some dates completely, so it seems sensible for me to step down now.

The Coffee Mornings were never intended to be a money-making concern, just a facility for the village and an opportunity for residents to get together regularly for a chat – hence the 50 pence price for coffee AND cake which particularly surprised walkers and cyclists who often popped in. Nevertheless, some money did accrue, and I was able to give a total of around £2,000 away over the years, including sums to Macmillan, The Air Ambulance, Children in Need and St Mary's Church. However, I suggested that as I would no longer be making most of the cakes myself, the price should be raised to £1, to reflect the current costs for volunteers.

It has been interesting to see the changes that took place over the years – such as the need for toys and a play-mat gradually disappearing as local toddlers grew and went off to school. Also we had occasional parties from residential homes visiting us, and we provided a morning out destination for some handicapped people and their carers. I really appreciated the friendship and pleasant atmosphere that we enjoyed over the years, and thank everyone for their help in the past.

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**MUSIC ON THE LEVELS**  
**Church Fête Concert: Mrs Price's Parlour**  
**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 3:30 pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Westonzoiland**

Take time off from the Church Fête to celebrate our wonderful Somerset folk song heritage with Amanda Boyd & Nick Cocking from Mrs Price's Parlour, along with special guest performer, Graeme Furlong. The programme includes songs of love, courtship, sea, rural life, celebrations and camaraderie.

The name *Mrs Price's Parlour* is inspired by the photo that Cecil Sharp took of a singer called Mrs Elizabeth Price. She sang him a version of *Blow Away the Morning Dew* and was living at Compton Martin when they met. He wrote very fondly of her in his little essay entitled, *The Mendip Singers*.  
*We'll be celebrating Somerset's folk song heritage with a lovely selection of songs from Cecil Sharp's collection, says Amanda.*

The Church Fête, in the church, opens at 2:00 pm.  
 Admission to the concert is free

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**POP IN for a PINT**  
*from Carole Edmunds*

**First Friday of the Month**  
 7:00 – 11:45 p.m.



Come along and meet your fellow villagers!

We had a very snowy March POP In but nobody minded as it was the perfect excuse for Dave Edmunds to make use of the open fireplace at the Village Hall. We did not have to worry about being cut off from town as Amanda had made sure the Bar was well stocked, as usual.

In April we celebrated our Fifth Anniversary – with an impromptu party! In the past 5 years £15,000 has been donated to charities and good causes from our community. Local and national charities have been supported with gifts of up to £1,000 and we hope everyone has enjoyed the monthly social evenings. Please encourage any new neighbours you have to come as these Evenings are open to all, in our comfortable Hall.

Thanks to your support we have been able to support **three** further fundraising efforts with cheques presented in May: £1,000 to Claire Luce to add to her London Marathon sponsorship for Barnardo's, £200 each to Sarah Bunney and Sam Haggett who took part in Moon Walk London 2018 for Walk the Walk – a grant making breast cancer charity, and £200 to William who is raising money for The Princes Trust.



If anyone has a charity close to their hearts, please let us know as we are happy to support good causes,

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## THE CHEDZOY VILLAGE BATTLE OF SEDGEMOOR TOUR

from Carole Edmunds

A fantastic afternoon exploring the history of the Battle of Sedgemoor, in off-road vehicles over the ground where the battle took place. Brought to life by General Sir Jack Devereil KBE OBE - a noted expert on the subject - who approaches it from his perspective as retired commander-in-chief of allied forces in Northern Europe. There was no end to the detail on the circumstances of the events that took place so near to Chedzoy. At various key locations, including the garden at Peasey Farm where the Duke of Monmouth's forces left behind the majority of their ammunition - for what reason no one quite knows - King James' victory over the Rebel army in the early hours of 6<sup>th</sup> July 1685 was retold.



The afternoon ended back at the Village Hall with tea and cake. ABF - The Soldiers Charity - were given a donation in appreciation. The tour takes place annually as a public event - details can be found at

[www.soldierscharity.org/regions/south-west](http://www.soldierscharity.org/regions/south-west).

Thanks to Mark Holder who arranged this private tour for the village.

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## HEDGEHOGS

from Lorna Tanner

**Hedgehogs in the garden** Hedgehogs are a gardener's friend, as they eat snails, slugs and insects.



**Make a hedgehog a home** Leave areas of the garden 'wild', with piles of leaf litter and logs. These are an attractive nest as well as a home for the invertebrates (slugs, beetles) that hedgehogs like to eat. Making an artificial home can be as simple as placing a piece of board against a wall. Or buy a purpose built hedgehog house.

**Feeding hedgehogs** Food and fresh water will encourage hedgehogs to return. Leave out foods like minced meat, tinned dog or cat food (not fish-based), crushed cat biscuits, or chopped boiled eggs. Specialist hedgehog food can also be bought from wild bird food suppliers. **Never feed hedgehogs milk** as it can cause diarrhoea; instead provide plain, fresh water in a shallow bowl.

**Hedgehog-friendly gardening** Cover drains and holes and place bricks at the side of ponds to give hedgehogs an easy route out. Cover swimming pools overnight and when not in use. Check for hedgehogs before using strimmers or mowers, particularly under hedges where animals may rest. Check compost heaps for nesting hogs before forking over. Build bonfires as close to time of lighting as possible and check them thoroughly before lighting. Remove sports or fruit netting when not in use to prevent hedgehogs becoming entangled, and getting injured. Slug pellets can poison hedgehogs and should only be used as a

last resort. Instead try using one of many "natural" alternatives, like sprinkling crushed eggshells or coffee grounds around the plants you need to protect. If you have to use pellets, place them under a slate which is inaccessible to hedgehogs. More information at:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/inthewild/gardenhedgehogs>

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## THE ROYAL WEDDING

from Carole Edmunds



Meghan and Harry said **I Do** in Windsor and we celebrated their Marriage in Chedzoy Village Hall with a Country Wedding reception. After watching the emotional ceremony on the Big Screen and trying our best to concentrate on Bishop

Michael Curry's message - we know Americans pronounce things differently so when he was talking about a *bomb* he meant *balm* (!) we were more than ready for a glass of bubbles - at only £1 per glass - to toast the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their carriage ride as we enjoyed a variety of snacks and canapés. It was lovely to be joined in the afternoon by so many other friends who had watched the wedding at home, and to enjoy the wonderful cakes with a traditional cream tea served at the tables for those that wanted it.



As the day continued into the evening as most Weddings do, the barbeque was lit and it was a case of DIY your evening food and enjoy the sunshine. Definitely one of those Village Hall occasions everyone will remember. If you have left any plates etc at the Village Hall, please get in touch with your usual contacts and come to the next POP IN as we would like to reduce our lost property!

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## Time is running out to have your say

Anyone with an interest in Somerset's libraries has one more month to take part in the County Council's consultation on the future of its Library Service.

The consultation ends on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and more than 4,000 responses have been received so far.

Somerset County Council is keen for anyone yet to complete the questionnaire to go online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation), view the proposal on the future of the library they visit most often and give their feedback. Alternatively, complete the survey at your local library.

Decision makers want to know the impact potential changes to the library service would have on you, your family and communities.

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## Who's Who - Village Contacts

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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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