

Chedzoy Clarion

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The Clarion recently celebrated it's first birthday. I did raise a glass (or two) to celebrate. It's been a fantastic journey, but very enjoyable thanks to the enormous help I get from printers, distributors, and contributors.



But YOU, the readership, deserve the biggest thanks. For taking the time to read, learn and inwardly digest the many diverse articles that appear. For supporting the events publicised. For giving your feedback about what you like. From a humble beginning of 8 pages to a whopping 20 page issue last quarter! Hopefully the Clarion covers everything that is important to the Village. From Dancefit in the first issue to "Chedzoy Lane Cycle Path Extension" in the last issue. If you keep supporting the events, the enthusiasm is there to put them on.

Perhaps you would like to make a suggestion for a future event. Please let me know. Quiz coming in the New Year

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St Mary's Church Chedzoy



HARVEST AUCTION

MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER – 7:30PM

Chedzoy Village Hall

Anyone that would like to donate to this event can leave items at the hall after mid-day. Previous auctions have seen plenty of local produce, bananas, apples, pumpkins, butternut squash, beans, pears, not forgetting the Grand Pumpkin Auction.

Probably a few cakes, chutneys and perhaps some local home-made wine. Raffle also available and the Bar will be open. Please support local Auctioneer Mr Ray Triggol and make his life easier by putting in plenty of bids. Light refreshments to finish up with.

The Wardrobe *by Will O Green*

Is a box in the corner of a bedroom of a lady's boudoir
With a mirror to view herself in when dressed up in her finest attire

The Wardrobe could tell many stories of all the changes it has seen
It's hinges are as new and unused as most of it's contents have been

It's contents rarely see daylight and for a treat, would be glad to adorn
But their future, in the dark, in the wardrobe, just waiting and waiting to be worn

The Wardrobe is full to overflowing and bursting at the seams
It takes two more Wardrobes to fulfil a lady's dreams

For the lady that says she has nothing and needs three Wardrobes to keep it in
Offers unimaginable reasons. Too fat, too tall, too short, too thin

Does not match her lipstick, or the colour of her eyes
The neck is quite revealing, too tight around the thighs

It's a week old and out of date, her friend has one, just the same
She bought hers a month before, she looks awful, such a shame!

The Wardrobe in the boudoir in the corner of the room
Suffers the strain in silence and it's contents full of doom

Every Wardrobe is a charity shop waiting for the doors to open wide
Fairies will fly over the Rockies, before the lady will decide

If it wasn't for the Wardrobe and men were not to blame,
Women would find another reason to torment and complain.

But when all is said and done, when complaining of what they own
Thank goodness for Wardrobes, women leave us men alone

Until men enter the boudoir, to rest in peace, free from pain
The lady mentions the Wardrobe, to inflict more financial drain!



Winning caption to this picture, in the opinion of the independent judge was

"Multitasking? Pah, there's nothing to it!" submitted by Karen Medland. Well done on receiving a box of Chocolates.

(Personally, I preferred the runner up which was '... and, if I twirl it really fast, they fly off all over the place. Ha ha ha!)

But the Judge's decision is final!!

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Congratulations to last issue's winner ,Ian Medland who won the £15 voucher kindly donated by Seafoods of Burnham

This month's competition is for a delicious home-made fruit cake, kindly donated by Maureen Weeks. Thank you kindly, Maureen. To go with it, a £10 Pop In Voucher as well

How many painted children's hands are there on the entrance board to the Playing Field?

Answers to Rodney Young (details on back page) by 5pm, Tuesday 1st November. Winner will be drawn at 8pm at Pop In for A Pint on Friday 4th November

Anyone like to donate a Prize for the next Issue? Please let me know.

Chedzoy Champion by Ian Medland

This issue's Chedzoy Champion is

Karen Medland

Since she retired in 2020 she always said she wanted to give back to the village and from finishing work and going straight into the first Covid lockdown, she jumped enthusiastically into the Chedzoy Volunteer Scheme by doing weekly grocery shopping for 3 additional households and running errands for others. Over the past few years she has also regularly helped me with litter picking, Rhyne clearing and the survey and maintenance of our 11 miles of parish footpaths.

She can often be found working behind the bar at our Friday 'Pop In' evenings and helping to set up and take down after village events and parties. Always having enjoyed the actual event and joining in with the theme by wearing some costume or other. A Jack-in-the-Box at the Mary Poppins Production being one of them!

Karen has a passion for conservation, so the Chedzoy Fair Project came along at the right time and gave her the opportunity to leap in, wellies first, to help create the beautiful planting areas we have around the village today. This passion continues with her role as a Volunteer Ranger with Sustrans. A small group of volunteers help maintain and conserve the Cycle path beside the King Sedgemoor Drain and the Bawdrip to Cossington cycle path. Many of us regularly enjoy using these.

Karen has recently been co-opted to the Parish Council where she is taking an active role in helping to deal with village issues. In particular, the maintenance of the Fair Share Project planting which at present is quite demanding. When she's not doing that, you can find her with her 'librarian' hat on, tidying and cleaning the Telephone Box Library! It needs repainting but that's on the to do list.

On top of all this she does an excellent job of looking after me!

(Editor's note – In the last sentence Karen insisted that Ian change “fair job of looking after me to EXCELLENT.”)



Last Issue's Competition Winners – Ian Medland with his £15 Seafoods Voucher and Karen Medland with her Box of Chocolates

Fair Share Project Vandalism by Marion Dethier

This is what was done to our Community Orchard overnight on Saturday July 2nd, probably by someone from our community. Every single tree has been deliberately snapped off, even the one planted as a memorial to a loved one who passed away! This is the third time the orchard has been targeted but never so brutally. The mindlessness is unbelievable. The Fair Share Project is trying to make Chedzoy a more beautiful place to live yet there are some who wish to destroy, not build. This incident is now in the hands of the Police and the Neighbourhood Team. The crime reference number is 5222158518.

If anyone has any information as to who the culprits are please call 101 and quote the crime ref number or report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you know anything, please do the right thing



Charity Donations by Martin Chandler

Thanks again to the generous people of Chedzoy who frequent the regular 'Pop in for a pint' evenings on the first Friday of every month, the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend and the annual Flower Show/Party in the Field we have been able to give away two separate donations,

The first one was for One Thousand pounds to Micha Chandler who is running the London Marathon on October the 2nd in aid of The British Heart Foundation. We recently lost a very good friend who was also Micha's Boyfriends Dad (Mark Prosser) to a heart attack so this is a cause that is very close to the hearts of Micha and everyone who knew Him. She has currently raised over £4000.00! If anyone would like to sponsor Micha she has a 'Just Giving' page on Facebook or you can drop it off at 'The Old School' on Front Street.

The second donation was for £500.00 which went to St Mary's Church in Chedzoy.



If you have a Charity that is dear to your hearts, please approach Martin and ask for a donation. What a wonderful bunch we are in Chedzoy. Well over £30,000 donated to Charitable causes in the last few years

Yes it's back, due to popular demand

Progressive Whist Drive

The ever popular Sociable, Progressive Whist Drive makes a return on

Friday 30th September, 7.30 start at the Village Hall

Come along at 7.15 to learn how to play or refresher game. Bar available for participants. £5 will get you entry for several games of whist, cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit. Prizes for highest score plus prize for lowest score. Just a sociable night. There will also be a raffle All profits to the Church.

Other dates for Whist Drives are Friday 28th October and a Xmas themed one Friday 25th November

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Perhaps something a little Different

RACE NIGHT

Do you like Horse racing? Even if you don't, why not come along anyway. All the thrill of going to the races (without the extravagant travel expense or extortionate entrance fee).Cash only.

Friday 21st October 7.30 Start. Entrance Fee £2 Sponsors and Owners Half Price.

Watch video Horse Racing and have a little flutter. Back a Horse and shout it on to win. Tote available (Minimum £1). Refreshments available, catered by the Playing Field Committee. Raffle and Bar.

Last race, all the horses will be Auctioned. Winning owner will have half of the total money raised by the auction.

All the Sponsors have been found and all the horses sold. (Many thanks to the Pop In Patrons)

All that is missing is YOU!! Please support your local community organisations. Proceeds from the night to the Church & Playing Field.

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Due to the constant ringing, I climbed into the church bell tower and cut the ropes.

My neighbours have nominated me for the Nobel Peace Prize

[Walter Raleigh Lived in My House - by John Paige](#)

The rectory in Chedzoy was built circa 1625 and divided into 2 properties around 1964; it is now Crosstree House, where I live with Karen, and the Old Rectory, where my lovely neighbours Jonathan and Marion live. Whilst undertaking a little research on the Battle of Sedgemoor I found some information that I thought quite interesting (Mr Stephen Fry please note!): a gentleman named Walter Raleigh used to live here! Here's a little about this somewhat unlucky gentleman.

Walter Raleigh or Raleigh (b. 1586 d. 10 October 1646) an English divine¹, was rector of Chedzoy from 1620 to 1646 and Dean of Wells from 1641. He was the second son of Sir Carew Raleigh of Downton, Wiltshire the elder brother of Sir Walter Raleigh (favourite courtier of Queen Elizabeth I). His mother was Dorothy, widow of Sir John Thynne, of Longleat, Wiltshire. Between 1620 and 1623 Raleigh married Mary (Maria), daughter of Sir Ralph Gibbs.

A staunch royalist and a member of Lord Falkland's circle, Raleigh suffered grievously during the civil war. While he was attending the king, his rectory-house at Chedzoy was plundered by the parliamentarians, his property stolen, his cattle driven away, and his wife and children expelled from their home (there's an idea!). Mrs Raleigh took refuge at Downton (not in The Abbey – that was the Earl of Grantham silly!), where she was joined by her husband. In the western counties, for some time, fortune was favourable to the king, so Raleigh was able to return to Chedzoy. He continued to live in the rectory in safety until the defeat of lord George Goring (a Royalist), at Langport in 1645. Raleigh then fled to Bridgwater (never wise!), and on the fall of the town on 21 July 1645, he surrendered to the parliamentarians. From Bridgwater, he was imprisoned in his rectory here in Chedzoy, but on account of his weakness was allowed to live in free custody (house arrest). The departure of Fairfax and Cromwell was for him the beginning of new troubles. It is said that Henry Jeanes, who was anxious to secure the rectory for himself, carried Raleigh off to Ilchester and there had him lodged in the county gaol. (Jeanes was a clergyman and I have found it written that eventually he “received” the rectory in Chedzoy but there is no record of his being rector of Chedzoy). From Ilchester, Raleigh was removed to Banwell, and then on to the deanery in Wells. Here, Raleigh was entrusted to the care of David Barrett, a shoemaker (I'm talking cobblers), but Barrett treated him very badly and he was eventually mortally wounded in a scuffle. According to Simon Patrick (Bishop of Ely), Raleigh “was murdered while attempting to screen from Barrett's impudent curiosity a letter that he had written to his wife”. He died on 10 October 1646 and was buried in the choir of Wells Cathedral before the dean's stall; no inscription marks his grave. Raleigh's eldest son George attempted to bring Barrett to justice; I cannot find details of the outcome. A priest-vicar of Wells named Standish was arrested for having permitted the burial of the dean in the cathedral, and “was kept in custody to the hour of his death”. Among Raleigh's friends were Lucius Cary, second viscount Falkland Henry Hammond, William Chillingworth, and Edward Hyde, earl of Clarendon. Now I live here; I have no notable societal friends other than the eminent villagers of Chedzoy.

¹ Anglican "divines" are clergy of the Church of England whose theological writings have been considered standards for faith, doctrine, worship, and spirituality, and whose influence has permeated the Anglican Communion in varying degrees through the years.

Flower Show



Chedzoy Running Group *by Mary Clothier*

This free running group has been set up since January 2022 and still going strong. There are 18 members of all varying abilities, speeds and distances. It's a lovely informal group, where you can post on FB group if you want company on a run or attend the weekly Friday run. Interested? Then please speak to Mary Clothier or anyone in the group for further information.

Christmas Chedzoy Advent Running Event

Open to all

Christmas Eve December 24th 9am

Meet at the T Junction

(Front Street with Higher Road)

All speeds and distances welcome

Optional - Wear something Christmassy

This year we will be running the advent windows trail in order again. Run some or all of the advent calendar distance. Total distance TBC once the advent windows have been assigned.

Is there any interest in Live Streaming the Carnival at the hall? For the ones without transport, who feel the cold, who can't stand for 3 hours. Perhaps bring your own food & drink? Please let me know. If enough interest, we will try to arrange it. Date is Saturday 5th November

SAVE THE DATE



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

Chedzoy Village Hall
Saturday 26th November
6pm-9pm
Further details to follow...

Chedzoy Christmas Advent Window 2022

The Annual Chedzoy Advent Window event returns again this year. For those that don't know; residents decorate a window during advent. We are looking for people to decorate a window of their house, that can be seen by the road/path. You will be asked to reveal it on a given date. It can be any Christmas design you like and can be as simple or creative as you like. Ideally, your display needs to be kept in situ until 24th December to allow everyone in the village to enjoy it.

There will be a map produced with all the locations on, as well as an activity sheet for children nearer the time.

So, fancy being creative and bringing some light and Christmas joy to Chedzoy in the run up to Christmas? Let Mary Clothier (Stoneleigh, Front Street) know, including any preferences on date/number. Once enough residents have signed up, advent numbers will be assigned and further details to follow.

Julian's Page

Dates for your Diary

Every Monday – Dancefit – 10.30 to 12. Dance your way to fitness

Every Monday – Childrens Dance Classes – 4 to 7pm

1st & 3rd Thursday + 1st Saturday monthly – Chedzoy Stitchers

29th September – Village Hall AGM.7.30PM- Have you any ideas for future events? Any bits of equipment you think the hall ought to have? Do you think it should be run differently? Would you like to stand on the Committee? Come along and have your say

30th September – Whist Drive 7.30 start. 7.15 for practice. Come along for a Social evening playing cards. Entrance fee £5, includes several games of whist, a cup of tea or coffee & biscuit. Bar open for participants. Raffle.

3rd October – Harvest Auction. 7pm.Please bring Produce after midday. Come along and grab some real bargains. Vegetables, fruit, cakes, chutneys, etc. Free Entry. Raffle

5th October – Macmillan Coffee Morning. 10.30 til 12 noon. Where else can you get coffee & cake for £2? Come & meet your friends and Neighbours. Make this date special.

7th October – Pop In for a Pint – THE Social event of the month. 7pm onwards

15th October- Harvest Supper in aid of Church Funds. Tickets £12 from Carole Edmunds.

21st October – Race Night.7.30 Entrance Fee £2. (Sponsors & Owners half Price.) All the thrill of a horse race meeting only warmer & cheaper.

28th October – Whist Drive 7.30 Sociable Card Night. Entrance fee £5.Cards & Company

2ND November -Coffee Morning. 10.30 to noon. Where else can you get coffee & cake for £2? Come & meet your friends and Neighbours.

4th November – Pop In for a Pint. Ever popular event to socialise at.

19th November – Xmas Fayre

25th November – Christmas Whist Drive 7.30 start Entrance fee £5. Free cup of tea & biscuit

26th November – Christmas Wreath Making 6 til 9pm. (See advert inside this Clarion)

2nd December – Pop in for a Pint

7th December – Coffee Morning 10.30 to Noon. Come and meet your friends for £2

7th December – Xmas Fayre 6 to 9pm

23rd December – Pop in Xmas Special

24th December - **Christmas Chedzoy Advent Running Event.** 9am at the Bus Stop.

Pekingese Party by Jane Paradise

On Sunday 27th August The Wales & West of England Pekingese Association held their annual garden party at the Village Hall. Owners of all toy breeds of dogs are welcome to attend. A fun dog show is held, with a raffle, bring and buy stand, Pound table and most importantly a garden party tea.

The food spread was full of variety from hot sausage rolls, quiche, sandwiches, crisps, Pringles, cakes, and cream scones. All washed down with plentiful tea and coffee.

With beautiful weather, warm but not too hot for the dogs, it was the perfect setting for a social gathering.

Pekingese of all colours were there - black, red, cream, and also an assortment of other toy breeds from Cavalier King Charles Spaniels to Pugs.

Rosettes were given out in each class. Some classes were confined to Pekingese only and other classes were open to all toy dogs ranging from puppies up to 12 months old to veterans of seven years and older. The oldest today was a noble Pekingese of thirteen years old who came in a car with his personal registration of PEK2.



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What are these 2 on about? Box of chocolates for funniest caption. Entries to me by Tuesday 1st November. Winner announced at Pop In on 4th November



Bus Timetable Route 19

BRIDGWATER - CHEDZOY - MOORLINCH - STREET

MONDAY - FRIDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) - *From: 10/08/2020*

BRIDGWATER, BUS STATION	0900	1100	1400
BRIDGWATER, SAINSBURY'S	0902	1102	1402
SLAPE CROSS	0907	1107	1407
CHEDZOY, CROSS	0908	1108	1408
STAWELL, CHURCH	0914	1114	1414
SUTTON MALLET	0919	1119	1419
MOORLINCH, RING OF BELLS INN	0925	1125	1425
GREINTON, PHONE BOX	0927	1127	1427
PEDWELL	0929	1129	1429
ASHCOTT, THE RIDGEWAY	0932	1132	1432
WALTON, CHURCH	0937	1137	1437
STREET, CRISPIN HALL, LEIGH ROAD	0942	1142	1442
STREET, CRISPIN HALL, LEIGH ROAD	0950	1150	1450
WALTON, CHURCH	0955	1155	1455
ASHCOTT, THE RIDGEWAY	1000	1200	1500
PEDWELL	1003	1203	1503
GREINTON, PHONE BOX	1005	1205	1505
MOORLINCH, RING OF BELLS INN	1007	1207	1507
SUTTON MALLET	1013	1213	1513
STAWELL, CHURCH	1018	1218	1518
CHEDZOY, CROSS	1024	1224	1524
SLAPE CROSS	1025	1225	R
BRIDGWATER, SAINSBURY'S	1030	1230	R
BRIDGWATER, BUS STATION	1032	1232	R

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Finally, a very big thankyou to all the contributors for this Edition. May I be the first to wish you all a Very Merry Xmas

