

Chedzoy Clarion

Issue 8 (April – June 2023)



I cannot believe it's that time of year again. Spring has sprung. The flowers are beginning to bloom, and the muck spreaders are going full tilt. Life in Chedzoy is beginning to blossom again after the winter. We have the Coronation weekend (5th to 8th May) to look forward to. The Flower & Vegetable Show (22nd July) to prepare for. Maintenance on the Nature Trail is needed. Volunteers, where are you? Your Village needs you. One little aside. If anything happens to you, would anyone know who to contact? Have you lovely neighbours who would know how to contact your family members? Perhaps just jot down a contact phone number and name and say to your neighbour "If anything happens to me, please contact...".

How about us neighbours just enquiring from the old or the lonely that we know, who to contact on their behalf. Just trying to make Chedzoy, a safer community.

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CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) Charity Donation



Yet another very generous donation from the Pop In coffers. This time to Simon Young, who is running in the London Marathon for CALM. This organisation helps those with mental health problems and suicidal thoughts. Ambassadors include Declan Rice (footballer) and Shirley Ballas (Strictly). Last year CALM spent over 3 million minutes helping people find a way forward and helped over 40,000 people through their website (www.theCALMzone.net)

Have you a Charity close to your heart? Please mention it to Martin and you may get a donation

Certain Age – Part Three *by Will-O-Green*

Having reached that Certain Age
With the need to plan ahead.
Feeling proper poorly
Laying in my proper poorly bed.

Life has been my bowling green
To reach this Certain Age
I need to plan my Heaven
The “Golden Gates”, next stage

I googled an e-mail to Saint Peter
Informing him on bowling I was keen
Enjoying nature’s beauty
On Earth’s Bowling Green.

May I ask your advice, Saint Peter
Would you have a place in your Angels Teams
For a life long keen bowler
To fulfil my heavenly dreams.

Saint Peter checked with his Angels
For a team in which I could play
“A place is confirmed with my Angels
You are booked to play next Tuesday!”

Thank you for taking an interest
In Heavens peace from strife
It’s for the best – a special request
Just don’t bring the wife!



Hey Party People!.....

Get out your Glam & Glitter for THE BIG EUROVISION PARTY at the CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 13TH MAY - 7PM till LATE.

Big Screen, Bar, Bring & Share Food, Fab Music and Dancing!

Tickets available from Caroline Litchfield, 37 Higher Road/Lesley Harmes at the Coffee Morning or from the April Pop-In.

Only £5 per person (children free). All proceeds to go to UNICEF Ukraine.

Fancy Dress highly encouraged, as after tickets are purchased you will be allocated a country to represent.

Please bring food from your designated country or from the UK, Ukraine, Spain, Italy or France.

"But what Eurovision Costume can I wear"?...I hear you ask.....

.....Why not go all out on the glitter and sparkle, or maybe dig out your posh gear for red carpet glam....but if you want to fully embrace the Eurovision Style - you can dress head to toe in your delegated county's colours or better still - think out of the box and get creative.

Prizes for: **Best Costume**
 Best random 'thinking out of the box' costume
 Best child's costume

The bar will be open, the big screen will be up and there will be food and dancing - all we need is you - to bring the glitz, glam and Eurovision spirit to this special event.

Donations for raffle prizes will be very much appreciated - please drop off to Caroline Litchfield or to the April Pop-In.

A NEW MINISTRY HAS BEGUN by Carole Edmunds

Revd Dr Jane Sutton was officially licenced and installed as Rector of Westonzoyland with Chedzoy by the Bishop of Bath & Wells, Rt Revd Michael Beasley at a special service in January, followed by a Cheese and Wine reception . Her name has been added to the board in church, joining a list going back 900 years.

Don't worry if you missed this – you will have plenty of opportunities to meet Revd Jane in the next few weeks at our Easter services. St Mary's church has a very useful website – www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11212 – with a page of services and events.

Our beautiful and historic Chedzoy church is open every day, officially from 10.00 am until 5 pm but usually longer so you are free to visit at any time. Don't be put off by the bird screen across the South Door; just push, the door IS open. There is a guide booklet, which is only £1 and full of interest.

Maintaining the building and churchyard continues to be a challenge. The vast majority of the costs must be met locally through giving and fundraising, and by grant applications. The PCC is very grateful for the financial support from the Quiz in February, the Whist Drives and for all the customers, gifts of time, skills and raffle prizes for the Lent Lunch in March. The current focus for fundraising is the repair needed to the church roof in several places. We have over half of the £12,500 needed for this but if anyone would like to make a donation towards this project please do get in touch, either through the church website or the church contacts on the back of the Clarion.

Dates to note;

Sunday 2nd April 11.30 am Palm Sunday Family Service with palms crosses for the congregation – please join us if you can.

Friday 7th April 2.30 pm Good Friday Liturgy Service followed by hot cross buns and a hot drink.

Sunday 9th April 9.00 am Easter Day Communion Service

Friday 21st April 12.30 – 2.00 pm Soup Lunch at the Village Hall



FRIDAY 21st
APRIL
AT CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL
SOUP LUNCH
12.30-2.00PM
Soup•Bar•Raffle
Supporting Chedzoy Church

King's Coronation – 5th to 8th May

Please find below list of events planned to celebrate the King's Coronation. Most will be at the Hall, unless otherwise stated.

Friday 5th May – Usually Pop In for a Pint on the first Friday of the month, but this now moved to the Saturday.

Saturday 6th May – Starting in the morning with live streaming of the actual Coronation. Cream teas in the afternoon for £5 from 2.30pm. If you remember how popular these were at the Queen's Birthday do, I would advise to get there early. Please be patient if there is a queue, I'm sure the ladies of the village will sort you out. Playing field committee B-B-Q in the night. Please support this fund-raising event for the Playing Field coffers. Combine this with live music from MG (easy listening classics). This is the entertainer that played the night of the Queen's Concert. Oh, I nearly forgot. Pop In for a Pint will be open for most of the time.

Sunday 7th May – Coronation Big Lunch. It is hoped that residents will have lunch in their front gardens, and generally socialise with friends and neighbours. The last time we had tea in the Garden (VE Day) it was a great success. Let's make this one better!! In the night live streaming of the Coronation Concert on the Big Screen in the Hall. Bar will be open.

Monday 8th May – The "Big Help Out" day. Meeting 11am at the Hall for a Village Litter pick until 1pm. Alternatively Children's Coronation Crafts from 11am. If you would like to "Help Out" by Revarnishing/ Repainting seats on the Nature Trail, please see Karen Medland or Mary Clothier beforehand. Don't be afraid to take the initiative to make Chedzoy a better place under the Big Help Out.

Probably a Prize donated by Village Hall or Parish Council for the Best Decorated House for the Celebration

Simple Hot Cross Bun Recipe

By Will Clothier

I made these first when in lockdown and have enjoyed making them since. I'm currently doing cooking as my skill for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, which means cooking something every week for at least 3 months.

Ingredients

500g strong, white bread flour
50g caster sugar
50g butter (cubed)
200g dried mixed fruit
7g dried yeast
200ml milk
2 eggs
2 heaped tsp mixed spice ½ tsp salt

To decorate

3 tbsp plain flour
2 tbsp water Honey or golden syrup

Equipment

Oven
2 mixing bowls
Measuring jug
Fork or whisk for beating
Blunt knife
Baking sheet
Cling film
Piping bag
Pastry brush



Method

1. Mix the bread flour, salt, mixed spice and sugar.
 2. Rub in the butter using your fingertips and stir in the dried fruit.
 3. Sprinkle the yeast over the mix and stir.
 4. Carefully, warm the milk and beat this with the eggs. Then, add the dry ingredients.
 5. Mix the ingredients until they form a moist dough and leave for 5 minutes.
 6. Remove the dough from the bowl and cut it into 8 equal pieces.
 7. Shape each piece into a bun and place on a floured surface. Then, put them on a baking sheet. Cover them loosely with cling film and leave in a warm place until they have grown about 50% bigger (anywhere between 45 minutes and 1 ½ hours).
 8. When they have risen, mix the flour with the water until it forms a paste. This will make the cross decoration on top.
 9. Put the paste into a piping bag. Pipe crosses on top of each bun.
 10. Bake for 12–15 minutes until golden. Brush the honey or golden syrup over the top.
 11. Enjoy warm or toasted with butter!
- (Makes 8-12 depending on how big you like them)

Villagers to run London Marathon for NSPCC by Mary & Mat Clothier

We said never again; but here we are!
We are running the London Marathon 2023 for the NSPCC.

After one of us being fortunate with receiving a London Marathon ballot place; we have decided to both run for the NSPCC again, after running for them in 2017.

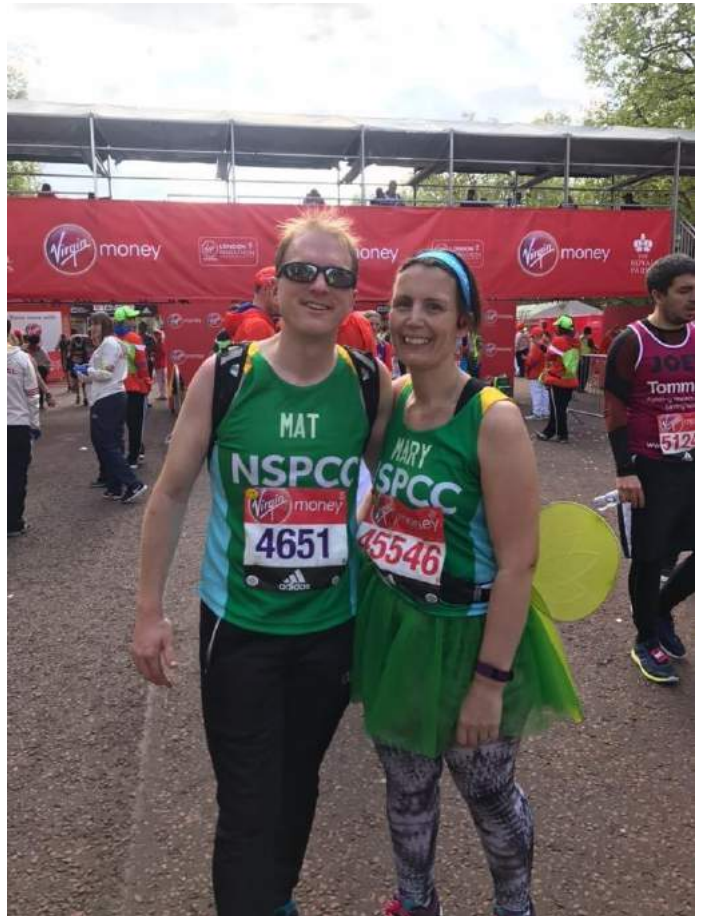
NSPCC Charity protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow, to transform society for every childhood, as well as provide education and training. This is can only be possible with charity funding.

With Mary's background in education, as a retired headteacher, she has experienced the positive impact NSPCC can have and the need for such a worthy charity. As parents, of two wonderful boys, we appreciate the need to protect all children and that every childhood is worth protecting.

We both love running, although our fitness levels were not where they have been, so the training has certainly been gruelling. However, we have been very fortunate to have the wonderful Chedzoy Runners to support us all the way. We are looking forward to the challenge and hope you can sponsor us.

Please visit matandmary.com to donate.

Mary and Mat Clothier
Stoneleigh, Front Street



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Wanted – Bell Ringers. Over all the country there is a shortage of over 6000 bell ringers. There is a big push to get people trained in time so that they can participate in “Ring for the King”. Why not come along on a Tuesday night from 7pm to see what it is all about. You never know, you might enjoy it. Very therapeutic. Contact the Tower Captain on 01278 426130 for further information.

Celebration for a New Ministry by *Catherine Cowlin*

On Thursday 19th January, St Mary's Church Westonzoyland hosted the celebration for a New Ministry of the Reverend Dr Jane Sutton. The service was officiated by The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and The Venerable Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton and was well attended by parishioners new and old, members of the Westonzoyland and Chedzoy communities and Jane's family and friends.

The service included hymns, scripture, reflections, declarations, oaths and traditions. After being formally admitted to office by the Archdeacon through a range of symbolic actions, our new Rector was welcomed by representatives of the churches and communities of Chedzoy and Westonzoyland. Chedzoy had representatives from the Village Hall Committee, Playing Field Committee, the farming community and Parish Council who individually greeted and welcomed Jane.

Refreshments were served after the service and Bishop Michael met with parishioners and members of the community. Jane introduced my 10-year-old son to the Bishop and they sat and had a conversation about school, sport and food over a glass of fruit juice and sausage rolls. They finished their interaction with a photograph with Jane and a selfie!

It was a wonderful evening, full of celebration and community spirit.



Memory Corner

Photos kindly donated by Joan Bilton.

Who can remember Jazz in the Field in June 2006? With the band playing on the back of Mark Kidner's lorry at the Village Hall?



A few of the Chedzoy Ladies Group at a Macmillan Fundraiser



Have you a photo that you think villagers would like to reminisce over? Please let me know.

As a one off, to see how it goes on Friday 7th April (Pop In Night) at 6.30pm, Mr Pete Dodge will be displaying some of his vast collection of historic Chedzoy photos on the big screen, as well as having some albums to look at. If you are interested in the history of Chedzoy, please come along. No entrance fee.

Emergency First Aid Course

The Parish Council were concerned about the safety of Villagers and as such organised a one-day Emergency First Aid Course for Parish Councillors and Village Hall Committee members.

Below are the attendees, together with Hannah Sherfield – Wright of Wright Way Training.



Did you know that there is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the Village? It is on the outside left of the main door of the Village Hall. Hannah has offered to do a demonstration of how to use it at a Coffee Morning. Do you think that's a good idea? Please let me know and we will arrange it.

IMPORTANT In the event of an emergency you should ALWAYS first call 999. If you have a non-life-threatening urgent situation, please call 111, where you can receive medical advice remotely and/or be directed to the appropriate service to best meet your needs.

Please note the Emergency First Aiders are volunteers and NOT qualified First Responders or Paramedics, they do NOT carry any form of emergency equipment. It is advisable that each property has its own up to date First Aid Kit.

The Emergency First Aiders listed below have agreed to share their details with the community of Chedzoy only and can be contacted to provide assistance, if appropriate.

Sally Howes (01278 420952), Hannah Sherfield-Wright (07599 985598), Catherine Cowlin (07795 551625), Martin & Laura Chandler (01278 445534), Marion Dethier (07778 298296), Rodney Young (01278 450731), John Paige (01278 428915), Mary Clothier (01278 422742)

Chedzoy Champion

After the Clarion's last issue nominating Martin Chandler, someone approached me and reminded me of the old adage "Behind every great man, there is an even greater woman" so this issue's Chedzoy Champion is



LAURA CHANDLER

Laura is currently in charge (and ably assisted by numerous helpers) of the monthly coffee mornings that have raised lots of money for Macmillan. Latest donation of £250 has been made to the Long Covid Charity. In the past she has also done a lot of fund raising for Marie Curie. Laura is also on the rota for doing the Church flowers, as well as looking after the planters at the village hall. Pop In nights often see Laura serving behind the bar and clearing up the next day after Village Events (albeit not too early). Currently she has donated over 45 pints of blood, so she is an all-round Community Spirited Lady. Well done, Laura!!!

Do you know anyone that deserves to be Chedzoy Champion? Someone who goes above and beyond. Don't be shy. If you are thinking of someone, the chances are, so are other people. Please let me know.

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Competition time

A great big £20 Voucher to be spent at Milk on the Moors. Fresh milk, marvellous milk shakes, and more. To be in with a chance to win, please let me know outside of which property this picture was



taken. Entries by Wednesday 31st May, draw from all the correct entries to be made on Friday 2nd June at Pop In.

I stood on a proper pavement to take the picture, so it is safe to wander the village trying to find it.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

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To the thief that stole my glasses. I will find you..... I Have Contacts!!!

Cold? Go stand in the Corner. It's 90 degrees there!!

My friend David had his ID stolen. Now he's just DAV.

Chedzoy Quiz Night

Which sport has a finishing line that is not crossed? When was the Battle of Hastings?

Just a couple of the questions at the recent Quiz Night. 11 teams fought it out to be Brains of Chedzoy. With Don Johnson being Question Master and Electronic Scorer Extraordinaire, a very sociable night was held by all. The Bar was open, and the Playing Field did the refreshments (to feed the brain) and the Raffle. With Front Street's Finest of Carole Edmunds, Dave Edmunds, Lesley Peppin and Janet Young beating Chedzoy Chumps by one point, the trophy is stopping in the Village. Thanks to Martin Hawketts for remembering & repairing the trophy, and a very big thank you to all those people who supplied quiz questions. Some people so enthusiastic that they gave me enough for at least 3 more quizzes. But the biggest Thank You must go to YOU for participating. Look out for local advertising for the next one. By the way, what do the letters BMW stand for in English?

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Progressive Whist Drive

Here it is. The long-awaited Whist Drive is on

Friday 14th April 2023, starting 7.30

Sociable Card Night. Practice at 7.15. Never played before? Don't worry. You will soon get the hang of it. Raffle as well. Bar open for participants.

Only £5 entrance on the night, includes a hot drink and biscuit.

Proceeds to the Church

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Charity Donations from Pop In & Coffee Mornings

Do you realise that since September 2014, over £36,231 has been donated to Charitable causes, spread over 32 different organisations.

Main recipient has been the Chedzoy Playing Field, followed by Chedzoy Church. Very pleasing to know a lot of the money is kept locally to the Village.

Your support to these good causes is very much appreciated and with the regular Pop Ins on the first Friday of the month (apart from May when it will be on the Saturday due to the Coronation), together with Coffee morning monies and other ad hoc village activities, Chedzoy should be very proud of itself.

Have you a charitable cause close to your heart that could do with some funds? If so, please let Martin Chandler know.

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Nostalgic? How, I can't remember anything.

Gorillas in the Bedding by Hollie Jakins

Just a quick thank you to all of those that kindly donated bedding to use for enrichment for a troop of 8 gorillas that I look after at Bristol Zoo. We provide lots of varieties of enrichment to keep them busy, but the gorillas always get really excited when they have bedding. They use them for lots of fun things such as wearing them like capes, climbing inside and rolling around or simply playing peek a boo with each other. Our two young boys Hasani and Juni particularly enjoy running around with them, terrorising the grown-ups!

Whilst having so much fun they do destroy them quite quickly. If anyone finds anymore, even if it's something small please get in touch via email (Hollie.jakins@hotmail.co.uk) or I'm in the villagers Facebook group if you want to drop me a message. We can use pillowcases, sheets and duvet covers (no pillows or duvets). Thanks again,



EUROVISION

INAUGRAL CHEDZOY FANCY DRESS EUROVISION PARTY

Saturday 13th May 7pm to late

Entrance £5, under 16's free. All proceeds to Unicef Ukraine.

Bar, Big screen, Bring & Share Food and Disco & Dancing.

Places are limited, and the aim of the evening is to dress up, either as one of the nations taking part, or alternatively you can bring your glam, sequins and PRIDE to the night, dressing up thus.

The aim is fun in costume. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd .

There will also be a raffle, contributions for prizes will be gratefully received.

Each Family / Group to bring some food or snacks along, ideally but not necessarily based on the nation or theme of your fancy dress

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2023

Village Hall

Tickets from Lloyd
the.Lloyd@btinternet.com
or Caroline Litchfield

Flower & Vegetable Show – 22nd July

A sneak preview of the **DRAFT** schedule so that you can get going on your entries. Open to change. All open classes are open to anyone that has a close relative living in the village. (eg parent or grandparent.) All Childrens Classes are Open. All classes are restricted to 1 entry per person.

Vegetables

Class 1 – Collection of Vegetables (6 kinds, 3specimens of each. Space provided not to exceed 92cm x 61cm)

Class 2 – Potatoes (5 White)

Class 3 – Potatoes (5 Red)

Class 4- Any other vegetable (1 variety, 3 specimens)

Class 5 – Beetroot – 3 no.

Class 6 -Onions- 5 no.

Class 7 – Shallots – 5 no.

Class 8 – Pea pods – 6 no

Class 9 – Runner Beans – 6 no.

Class 10 -French Beans (OPEN CLASS) – 6no

Class 11 – Tomatoes (OPEN CLASS) – 5 any variety

Class 12 – Cherry Tomatoes – 6 no.

Class 13 – Cucumbers – 2 no.

Class 14 – Courgettes – 2no. (any variety)

Class 15 – Cauliflower 1 no.

Class 16 – Collection of herbs – 5 varieties displayed in a jam jar.

Class 17 -Carrots – 6 no. (tops to be cut off)

Class 18 – Spring Cabbage – 1 no.

Fruit

Class 19 – Raspberries – 10 no. any variety

Class 20 – Strawberries – 10 no. Any Variety

Class 21 – Rhubarb – 4 Sticks

Class 22 – Any other fruit – 10 no. Any Variety

Eggs

Class 23 – Any Eggs – 6 no.

Class 24 - Duck Eggs – 3 no.

Flowers

Class 25 - Rose (OPEN CLASS) – 5 blooms any variety.

Class26 – Specimen Rose – 1 single bloom on a stem.

Class 27 Sweet Peas (OPEN CLASS) – 12 stems any variety.

Class 28 – Dahlia – 3 blooms pom pom any variety one vase.

Class 29 – Dahlia 5 blooms any variety one vase.

Class 30 – Flowering Geranium in a Pot – Not to exceed 92cm x 62cm.

Class 31 – Foliage Pot Plant – Not to exceed 92cm x 62cm.

Class 32 – Orchid – Any Variety

Class 33 - Patio Container or Hanging Basket (Please specify on entry form)

Preserves

Class 34 – Any marmalade – 1 Jar clearly labelled.

Class 35 – Any Jam – 1 Jar clearly labelled.

Class 36 – Chutney /Preserve – 1 Jar any variety clearly labelled.

Class 37 – Lemon Curd – 1 Jar Clearly Labelled

Baking

Class 38 – Savoury Flan – Please supply list of ingredients.

Class 40 – Victoria Sandwich – 3 egg recipe, raspberry jam and castor sugar on top

Class 41 – Fruit Cake – 1 no.

Class 42 – Any scones – 6 no.

Class 43 – Sausage Rolls – 6 no.

Class 44 – Shortbread – 5 pieces

Class 45 - Home Made Bread – NOT USING A BREAD MAKER

Class 46 – Chocolate Cake – 1 no.

Class 47 – Gluten Free Cake – 1 no.

Class 48 - Vegan Cake – 1 no.

Handicrafts

Class 49 – Knitted Article – Not to exceed 2 ft Square.

Class 50 – Crochet Article – Not to exceed 2 ft Square.

Class 51 – Specimen of Embroidery – Not to exceed 2 ft Square.

Class 52 – Upcycled Item – Not to exceed 2ft square.

Class 53 – Paper Craft – Not to exceed 2 ft square.

Class 54 – A piece of Woodwork – Not to exceed 2 ft square.

Class 55 – Quilt – Not to exceed area 6 ft x 6 ft.

Floral

Class 57 - Arrangement of 5 varieties of Foliage – Not to exceed 2 ft square.

Class 58 – Arrangement in a Watering Can – Not to exceed 2ft square.

Class 59 – An arrangement in Yellow & Blue – Not to exceed 2ft square.

Photography

Class 60 – Black & White Photo

Class 61 – Farming

Class 62 – Nature

Class 63 – Comic Caption Photo

Art

Class 64 – Any Medium

Childrens Class

Class 65 – Photo “What makes you happy” taken by a child under the age of 16 years.

Class 66 – Recycled piece of art – Day Out (under 8 years old)

Class 67 – Poster “Save our Planet” – Day Out (9-14 years)

Class 68 - Animal made from vegetables.

Class 69 – Decorative Cup Cakes – 5 no.

Class 70 – Brownies – 5 no.

Childrens Class (cont.)

Class 71 – How many different items can you get in a Smarties Tube

Class 72 – A miniature garden on a dinner plate.

Class 73 – An arrangement in a boot or shoe

Class 74 - Write a poem in own handwriting starting with "When I looked out my bedroom window I saw....."

Class 75 -Picture of my pet – PRE SCHOOL ONLY.

Wine

Class 76 – Home Made Bottle of Wine – Bottle must be clearly labelled.

Class 77 – Home made bottle of flavoured gin – Bottle must be clearly labelled.

Class 78 – Home made bottle of Sloe Gin – Bottle must be clearly labelled.

Class 79 – Home made Cocktail – List of Ingredients required.

Class 80 – Mock tail – List of Ingredients please

Adult Scarecrow Class and Junior Scarecrow Class

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Thursday 18 May 2023 19:30 at Chedzoy Village Hall

Chedzoy Playing Field is a volunteer run playing field, we hold a few fundraising events each year, and are really looking for new people to come along and join in. It's a great way to make new friends and meet new people in the village, as well as help us to make the Playing Field the best place for the children of Chedzoy! We're a really fun group of parents, and we'd love to see you!!

Please come along for cake and tea and have a chat with us to see what we're about, we promise not to try to force you to do loads, we'd just love to see some new faces and get some new ideas!!



Playing Field AGM. Desperately need help to keep this marvelous facility for the Children. A wonderful safe area for them to play. If you use the Playing Field why not give a little something back and attend the AGM.

Chedzoy's Great Tommy Camp Out '23 by Paul Haynes

Every March the RBLI (Royal British Legion Industries) organizes a Great Tommy Camp Out to raise funds for the many homeless Veterans in the UK. During the Camp Out, fundraisers can choose the level of “homelessness” they wish from makeshift cardboard shelters to fancy tents – the accommodation doesn't matter as long as the money comes in for this much needed cause.

As a member of The RBLI's Tommy Club I receive regular newsletters, which was how I came to hear of the campaign and with veteran support being very close to my heart I immediately signed myself and William up for this year's campaign. A couple of conversations later over a beer or 2 at a Pop-In night I was soon to be joined by a burgeoning cohort from the village plus Martin Chandler had very kindly pledged £1000 support from the Pop-In charity fund. A few WhatsApp messages later the date was set for March 11th with our final group consisting of Mark & Jack Holder, Kyle, Jonathan Dethier along with Will and I.

As the date drew closer, keen eyes on the forecast suggested that a quick recce was in order to decide a suitable location with some strong winds predicted. Ray & Simon Triggol had kindly offered us use of their fields behind the village and following a quick scope of the fields we settled on a location behind the farm where some barns would afford us some sort of shelter from incoming weather.



With Land Rovers suitably positioned to support the barn as a wind break our temporary “shanty town” was built and with some straw bales (kindly donated by John House) to stop wind from blowing under the vehicles, we were set. Sandra had very kindly provided a delicious stew for our evening meal and we had a couple of firepits providing some warmth as it drizzled and rained into the night.



As the afternoon progressed Marion, Rea and Sid plus Philippa and Poppy called by, then, just before dark, we had a visit from our host Ray to check we were safe 😊, as night fell, getting suitably “embalmed” in a mix of liquids we variously sang and joked through the rather soggy night.

A wholesome breakfast of bacon and egg rolls with strong tea rejuvenated us in the morning before breaking camp - this to me was the point that reality struck home, with us all having the luxury of returning to our loved ones in warm and safe homes - so unlike those we had set out to support!

Anyway, the upshot of all of this means we, along with a number of others, have raised lots of money to support these veterans in need. As I type, the running total for the 2023 Campaign is £86,351 of which our pot sits at £2,760 which is amazing!

On behalf of “Chedzoy Hobos”, I would like to thank all of you who contributed either directly or via the funds from the Chedzoy Pop-In donation as well as the Triggol family for the use of the field and John House for the loan of his straw bales.

Keep your eyes peeled for next year as everyone wants to make it an annual event and I understand one or two others expressed an interest in joining next time too.....

Chedzoy 'Big Help Out'
Monday 8th May 2023
11am-1pm

As part of the Kings Coronation bank Holiday Monday the King is suggesting members of the public take part in 'The Big Help Out', which encourage people to volunteering to support their local communities.

Village Litter Pick

Meet outside the village hall for 11am. All the necessary equipment (high viz jackets, gloves, pickers and bags) will be provided.

Children's Kings Coronation Craft Activities

Village Hall 11am-1pm

Volunteers from the village will give up their time to run King Coronation themed craft activities for the village children.

Kings Coronation - Family Orienteering & Quiz

The village orienteering will be set up around the village during the weekend of the Kings Coronation. At each location there will be a flag with an orienteering dipper & a fact card about the King. There will be two quiz questions associated with each fact card.

Paper copies of the map & quiz will be available in Chedzoy library/phone box and an electronic version will be updated to the Chedzoy Facebook page.

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You know you are old when the candles cost more than the Birthday Cake.

Went to this horrible pub called The Fiddle. It really was a vile inn.

My wife asked me what the female version of a man cave would be. I told her it was called a "Kitchen".

Snippets from the Minutes

Don't forget to visit the Chedzoy Parish Council Website (chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk) for a wealth of information about Chedzoy. Things such as Local Footpaths, Local Councillors, Back Issues of the Clarion, Minutes of Parish Council meetings, etc

Items discussed at recent Parish Council meetings included

New Parish Councillor

Due to the resignation of Brian Gale on ill health grounds (since then Brian has died. Our condolences to his family), Mr Graham Bentley expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. After advertising on the local notice boards, no other applicants were forthcoming, and Graham was co-opted.

Parchey Footpath

The Parish Council are still trying to get the footpath at Parchey re-instated to dry land as it was never re-directed when the King Sedgemoor Drain was widened. New definitive maps are being produced and it is important that this is rectified before they are produced.

Speed Watch Team

There were enough volunteers to form a Speed Watch Team under the guidance of the Police.

Budget Overspend 2022/23

This was now at a projected overspend of £24.3 million. Cutbacks were due to be made in CCTV provision and library services.

Volunteer Drivers for Medical Appointments

There is a desperate need for volunteer drivers to get patients to medical appointments. Since COVID over 30% of drivers have not returned.

Village Design Statement

Councillors are trying to produce a Village Design Statement and have come forward with some ideas but would welcome any suggestions/ comments from residents.

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Thank you to the mystery donor who left bunches of daffodils around the village with the attached card. It certainly was a "Random act of kindness." Bunches were left at The Bus Shelter, Phone Box, Front Street sign, Fry's Lane seat and the car park at bottom of Manor Drive to name but a few. It certainly did make lots of people smile. Thank You

(PS I am guessing that you live quite close to the Bus Shelter)

Music on the Levels announces a free concert on Sunday 30 April 2023 at 3.00 pm in St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP with The Ciderhouse Rebellion.

The Ciderhouse Rebellion's performance is described as 'uniquely magical, whether springing from a single unplanned note or a traditional tune.'

The duo is fiddle player Adam Summerhayes and master accordionist Murray Grainger.

Profound and eloquent, epic, haunting and dramatic, The Ciderhouse Rebellion sees master musicians Adam Summerhayes ('Paganini of the traditional violin.' fRoots) and Murray Grainger combine to produce incredible tapestries of sound.

'The pair specialise in creating music *in the moment*', says promoter Katie Whitehouse, 'often springing from a single note, key, time signature or emotion. It's this unusually improvisatory focus that is uniquely magical.'

She goes on to explain that they aim to create music with no conscious thought between conception and playing – always searching for the unexpected.

Both Adam and Murray are recognised virtuoso musicians in their own right, touring the world as professional artists. Although the pair only started working together in 2020, they have already released four celebrated albums, won Arts Council support, been featured on Folk on Foot, scored the BBC Radio 4 play *Lud In The Mist* and played significant festivals across the UK and Europe. The duo have been awarded Best Instrumental Album of 2022 by FATEA for their North Yorkshire Moors-inspired *Genius Loci 2: The Valley of Iron*.

Gorgeous stuff. - *Georgia Mann on BBC Radio 3*

Compelling, exciting and utterly original. - *Phil Beer (Show of Hands)*

Free-flowing, ambitious and fiercely creative. - *The Strad*

I could almost feel a super power between the two of them. - *MusoMuso*

A work of startling, immediate beauty. - *Folk Radio UK*

Grainger's accordion with Summerhayes's fiddle is especially beautiful. - *Songlines*

I became utterly bewitched by the beauty of what Summerhayes and Grainger had created. It could justifiably be described as a folk symphony, possessing cyclical completeness yet creating a form that is, at once, both elemental and pastoral. - *Fatea Magazine*

There are currently no statutory requirements with regard to Covid and we are being a little more relaxed about numbers but Music on the Levels is retaining the informal booking system to help provide a comfortable and enjoyable experience for everyone and give an indication of how many cakes to bake! However, if you have not booked by the time of the concert, almost certainly there will still be room for you.

Refreshments (tea, coffee, choice of cakes) are available at a modest charge from 2.15 pm until the start of the concert.

In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held. In addition donations are encouraged. It costs over £350 to put on a concert.

Those wishing to go to this concert are asked to contact Frank Challenger on 01278 699071 or email f.challenger@icloud.com .

Dates for your Diary (all at Village Hall, apart from the Church Services)

2nd April 11.30 am Palm Sunday Family Service with palms crosses for the congregation – please join us if you can.

5th April – Coffee Morning 10.30 til noon. A cup of coffee or tea plus a slice of cake for £2.50 and plenty of sociable company.

6th April – Chedzoy Stitchers. 10 – 12.30. Come and enjoy sewing, stitching and much more.

7th April 2.30 pm Good Friday Liturgy Service followed by hot cross buns and a hot drink.

7th April 6.30pm. Pete Dodge displaying Historic Pictures of Chedzoy on the Big Screen.

7th April – Pop in for a Pint – 7pm til late -What more can I say about this event? Pleasant company, pleasant surroundings. Altogether a pleasant night out.

9th April 9.00 am Easter Day Communion Service

14th April – 7.30pm – Whist Drive. £5 for a night of sociable card playing. Bar open for participants. Raffle.

17th April – Dancefit. 10.30 to 11.30. Keep mobile by dancing. No partners required.

17th April – Blizzard Dance Classes – 4.30pm to 7pm. Childrens Dance Classes

21st April – Church Lunches at the Hall. 12-2.30. Various soups, rolls, cheeses.

24th April – Dancefit 10.30 to 11.30, then Childrens dance 16.30hrs to 19.00hrs

27th April – Village Hall Committee Meeting. Future Events Ideas welcome.

2nd May – Childrens Dance Classes – 4.30 til 7pm

3rd May – Coffee Morning

4th May - Chedzoy Stitchers

Sat 6th May – Live Streaming of the Coronation. Afternoon Cream teas £5. Evening B-B-Q by the Playing Field Committee and entertainment by MG (solo performer singing easy listening classics)

Sun 7th May – Live streaming of the Coronation Concert

Mon 8th May – Big Help Out – Meet Village Hall 11am til 1pm for litter picking

Mon 8th May – Childrens Coronation Craft Activities 11am – 1pm

Tues 9th May – One off on a Tuesday, Blizzard Dance company Childrens Classes 4.30 – 7

13TH May – Eurovision Party. Tickets £5 from Caroline Litchfield.

15th May – 10.30 – 11.30 – Dancefit, then 4.30 to 7pm – Childrens Dance Classes

18th May – 10-12.30 – Chedzoy Stitchers

18th May – 7.30pm – Playing Field AGM. If your children use the Playing Field, please make an effort to attend and offer your support to keep this facility going.

22ND May – 10.30 to 11.30 – Dancefit, then 4.30 to 7pm – Childrens Dance Classes.

1st June – 10-12.30 – Stitchers

2nd June – 7pm to late –Pop In for a Pint

3rd June – 10 to 12.30 Stitchers

5th June – 10.30 to 11.30 – Dancefit

7th June – 10.30 – noon. Coffee Morning. Cake & Coffee for £2.50

12th June – 10.30 to 11.30. Dancefit

15th June – 10-12.30. Stitchers

19th June – 10.30-11.30- Dancefit, then 4pm to 7pm – Blizzard Dance Childrens Classes

26th June – 10.30-11.30- Dancefit, then 4pm to 7pm – Blizzard Dance Childrens Classes

Bus Timetable Route 19

BRIDGWATER - CHEDZOY - MOORLINCH - STREET

MONDAY - FRIDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) - From: 03/01/2023

BRIDGWATER, BUS STATION	0900	1130	1430
BRIDGWATER, SAINSBURY'S	0902	1132	1432
SLAPE CROSS	0908	1138	1438
CHEDZOY, CROSS	0911	1141	1441
STAWELL, CHURCH	0916	1146	1446
SUTTON MALLET	0922	1152	1452
MOORLINCH, RING OF BELLS INN	0925	1158	1458
GREINTON, PHONE BOX	0928	1200	1500
PEDWELL	0930	1203	1503
ASHCOTT, THE RIDGEWAY	0937	1207	1507
WALTON, CHURCH	0945	1215	1515
STREET, CRISPIN HALL, LEIGH ROAD	0952	1222	1522
STREET, CRISPIN HALL, LEIGH ROAD	1000	1230	1530
WALTON, CHURCH	1007	1237	1537
ASHCOTT, THE RIDGEWAY	1013	1243	1543
PEDWELL	1017	1247	1547
GREINTON, PHONE BOX	1019	1249	1549
MOORLINCH, RING OF BELLS INN	1022	1252	1552
SUTTON MALLET	1028	1258	1558
STAWELL, CHURCH	1033	1303	1603
CHEDZOY, CROSS	1039	1309	1609
SLAPE CROSS	1042	1312	R
BRIDGWATER, SAINSBURY'S	1048	1318	R
BRIDGWATER, BUS STATION	1049	1319	R

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