

The Chedzoy Clarion - Oct/Dec 2021 Issue

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THANK YOU from Rodney Young, Editor

What a busy place Chedzoy has been (and is going to be with all the future events). Hopefully there is something of interest for everyone in this bumper issue. I would be grateful for any feedback you would like to give me. (What you liked/disliked in this issue, etc)

Don't forget



Anyone that would like to donate to this event can leave items at the hall. 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.

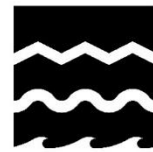
Please support local Auctioneer Mr Ray Triggol and make his life easier by putting in plenty of bids. Light refreshments to finish up with.

ST MARY'S CHEDZOY OPENS ITS WEST DOOR by Carole Edmunds

The opening of a door! It might not sound like headline news! The West Door at St Mary's was boarded up internally in the 1960s and has never been opened since. Until now!

The anticipated cost of the door renovation was well beyond the resources of Chedzoy PCC and although some aspects of the project will be grant funded this work could only go ahead with the support of the church's friends and neighbours who have donated over £1,000 to date.

With a grant secured from Historic England's Heritage at Risk Fund for nearly half of the £16,000 needed, the timber door can be saved by replacing an earlier repair with spliced in bespoke panels and the entrance brought back into use. The surrounding stonework and threshold, deteriorating rapidly due to weather damage, will also be refurbished. The work is being carried out on site so we are watching the progress. Preparation for the work involved removing the draft proofing – rolled up copies of the Daily Mirror dated January 1970! And installing a new entry point for the electricity, for which the builders needed the biggest available drill in Somerset to penetrate the four feet thick wall of the tower. The PCC are excited to see this project finally started as it will be another beautiful feature for the historic church.



Historic
England



Chedzoy Fair Share Project – By Steph Bryan

Thanks to the extended warmth in September the Herbary has bedded down and established well. If there are any budding natural dyers in the village, go ahead and pick some of the Dyers Camomile flowers and have a go.

The bus stop garden is now complete and should be bursting with life in the spring, we used sheep's wool to suppress the weeds and also installed a second water butt to harvest the rain and make it easier to maintain.

The 15 metre Permaculture Bed is in, what's Permaculture? Basically it's permanent agriculture using perennial or self seeding plants. What have we got! A massive mint bed to keep the cocktails topped. Welsh, walking and chive onion, horseradish, selfheal, teasel, ragged robin, tansy, sorrel, curry, verbena, salvia, pelargonium, clary sage, lovage, sweet woodruff, mullein, hyssop, fennel, rhubarb and achillea. Thank you to the amazing volunteers that pitched up to help.

The project now has its own dedicated public Facebook page, please follow and share so that we can inspire and help more communities to get involved with the Climate Change movement <https://www.facebook.com/Chedzoy-Fair-Share-Project-102543152143700/>

What's next? We will be mulching around the benches to keep them clear of nettles, preparing the remaining areas on Front Street, installing the community orchard and starting the massive job of clearing in the nut lane and foraging hedgerow. Everyone is welcome and we really need more people to help us achieve the next leg, look out

for dates on Facebook and the T-junction notice board



Many thanks to Pete, Simon, Sally, Martin, Kerry, Mary and Lionel.

Snippets from the Minutes

Below are just a few snippets taken from recent approved minutes of Chedzoy Parish Council. The full minutes can be found at www.chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Planning

Erection of Dormer Bungalow – Land to the rear of Higher Road – Supported by the Parish Council

Drainage Problems

Manor Road Outfall Ditch – “Homes in Somerset” to be contacted for help in keeping the ditch clear.

Ward Lane – The flooding problem had been reported to Somerset County Council and the situation was to be monitored

Front Street – This appears related to the problem at Pig Lane which is now back in the hands of Somerset County Council Highways Department

Speeding Cars

The Chairman was delegated to spend up to £1000, if he feels it appropriate, for a Speed Indication Device

Allotments – All the rents had been paid and there was only 1 person on the waiting list.

Calling all tradespeople & professionals. Would you like to be included in a mini Chedzoy “Yellow Pages” (Ask your mum or Dad what that is.) Whether it be Plumbers, Builders, Electricians, Mechanics, Accountants, Doctors, Food Suppliers etc. as a first point of contact for Chedzoy residents that might require services in a hurry. All it would mean is adding your details to the Contact List in this publication. Please contact me if interested.

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**Jazz Evenings Autumn 2021
Cossington Village Hall
Trivetts Way Cossington TA7 8JN
SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th 8.00 pm
HOT FINGERS**

Upbeat acoustic jazz from the 20’s, 30’s and 40’s played on a multitude of instruments, led by the incomparable Tom “Spats” Langham and introducing the melodic voice of Emily Campbell. A super evening awaits you as the recently named (Best Small Band In the Land) take you on a compelling and highly entertaining journey.

**Reserved seats £12.50 from Roger Collett 01278 451187 or email
rogercollett.sounds@talktalk.net**

Supporting the Vascular Unit Musgrove Park Hospital

HARVEST SUPPER – Saturday 16th October 2021

This year we are limiting the numbers to 50 due to COVID

Raffle. 7.15 for 7.30 start

Places - £10 each. All proceeds to the local Church. To book your place, please contact Rodney Young (Tel 450731 or call 42 Higher Road, TA7 8QU)

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Whist Drive – Friday 12th November – Start 7.15pm

Do you fancy a night of playing cards? Have you ever been to a Whist Drive? Then we would like to see you at the Village Hall on Friday 12th November for a friendly Whist Drive.

Depending on the success of this venture there might be a Xmas Whist Drive with a lot better prizes. Entry on the night, only £1.50. All proceeds to the Church

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MILK FROM THE MOORS FARM SHOP

PUMPKIN COMPETITION COMES BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR

PUMPKINS WILL BE ON SALE FROM SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER FROM THE SHOP

CARVING JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2.30PM,

ALONG WITH FANCY DRESS COMPETITION (UNDER 16'S ONLY)

RAFFLE

ALSO THERE WILL BE A SMALL CRAFT FAIR ALL DAY

SO IF YOU HAVE A CRAFT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SALE, THEN PLEASE FEEL

FREE TO BRING IT ALONG. (PLEASE BRING OWN GAZEBO)

THERE WILL BE MORNING COFFEE AND CAKES SERVED ALONG WITH CREAM TEAS IN THE AFTERNOON

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TO CANCER RESERCH THIS YEAR

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL AT THE FARM SHOP, OR RING SARAH ON 0780098931

Martin Chandler writes

'Pop in' News,

'Pop in for a pint' was started by Amanda Triggol in April 2013 using a table at the back of the hall to sell drinks from, It has been held on the first Friday of every month since. More recently a bar was built in the Hall during the extension works to the kitchen, toilets and new rear entrance. Over the years 'Pop in' has become a regular meeting point for the village to get together and have a catch up over a drink. as you may be aware this is run on a completely voluntary basis with all profits going to local charities and (with huge thanks to all the kind people of Chedzoy), so far a staggering amount of £27610.00 has been raised. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda and everyone who has helped in any way during this time. The latest donation of £1000.00 was to 'Freewheelers', The photo below shows Vince Houlihan accepting the cheque on behalf of Freewheelers with a brief explanation of the vital services they provide.



Who are Freewheelers.

A registered charity since 1990 operating an out of hours (overnight & weekends) emergency medical courier service.

The area covers Somerset, Bristol and Bath hospitals, hospices and homes delivering: -

- Blood
- Pathology samples
- X-rays & scans
- Patient notes
- Drugs
- Equipment
- Breast Milk

We also provide a nightly service 7 nights a week to two air ambulance bases
As Freewheelers, we are all volunteers who not only deliver the service but have to raise the money to enable the service to operate at no cost to the NHS.

Chedzoy Pre-School 1973 – 2021 – By Cat Cowlin


On Sunday 22nd August 2021, Chedzoy Pre-School held a farewell picnic and family event as a celebration of the 48 years the setting has served our community. It was wonderful that so many families and staff were able to join us and share their memories. Enjoying our picnics and drinks in the glorious sunshine, the children happily played on the bouncy castle and many left with rather beautifully painted faces. All the children had a lucky dip prize and a pre-school themed cake to take home with them – a huge thanks to our volunteers who made this happen.

I was particularly interested in Maureen Weeks' story of how the pre-school originally started in the village hall back in 1973 – the first children who attended the setting would be in their 50s now! When we were clearing out the storage cupboard, we found old photographs and it was a joy to hear the stories that accompanied these.

Although it is with great sadness that Chedzoy Pre-School has closed its doors for the final time, as the outgoing Chair I am immensely proud of our setting and all that it has achieved over the past 48 years – the Ofsted grading of 'Outstanding' in May 2017 being a particular highlight in recent years. I would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all the Pre-School Leaders, staff, Chairs and committee members over the years who have committed their time and have been dedicated to making Chedzoy Pre-School a wonderful setting for our children to thrive.

On Friday 19th November 2021 'Pop in for a Pint' productions will be hosting the first sing-a-long night in over 3 years

With doors opening at around 7pm the magic will commence at 8pm



Some of you may be wondering what happens on one of these evenings... Its really very easy, you turn up in (optional but encouraged) fancy dress, we play the film and whilst you treat yourself to frequent drinks you sing a long to the film at the appropriate moments. Spontaneous dance re-enactments or relevant random outbursts are also a fun part of the evening

Thinking of wearing fancy dress..? Then let your mind wander to every corner of a film that you will have all seen.....

The main characters, the cartoons, and the props – so much to choose from how supercalifragilisticexpialidocious is that !!

Bridgwater Ploughing Match

Chedzoy was very privileged to host Bridgwater's 73rd Annual Ploughing Match. Although no Chedzoy folk ploughed, they were definitely represented by helping behind the scenes with stewarding. The sun shone and the crowds appeared. With over 100 entries from as far afield as Devon, Cornwall and even Carlisle, this was a very prestigious event. It was the horse ploughing that most spectators were drawn to, with their immaculate turn out of horse brasses glistening in the sunshine.



Then

Now. (Louis Bagg from Huntworth giving some idea of size. Louis came 1st in the Novice Class. Well Done!)

Chedzoy Playing Field - by Kerry Evert

Well, it's been a busy summer with a new bike track and a new gate being installed with huge thanks to the Chedzoy Hall Committee who donated an incredible £3,000 towards our new gate, which I'm sure you will agree is a great improvement.

In mid-September the results of our Sunflower Competition could be seen on display in the village hall, many of our sunflowers didn't quite make it, as the slugs seemed very hungry this year! But we had a great turnout of arty and crafty pictures, photos, models and hats! We had more adult entries than we thought we would, which was a wonderful surprise. Our big winners for the children's categories were Thomas Clothier, April Stockham (pictured), Evelyn Berridge (pictured) and Amber Evert who entered almost all of the categories – see the picture for some lovely examples of the gorgeous artwork we were treated to!



Thank you also to our judges, Steph, Rodney and Lionel and sponsors Morrisons Bridgwater and Angela Uren for the beautiful art set!! And of course, the committee who work so hard to make sure these events are well stocked with cake and helpers, so thank you!!

We managed to raise around £200 (thanks to the huge raffle) which will pay for 6 months rent of the field, so that helps a lot!

Dates for your diary:

Halloween Sunday 31 October:

Trick or Treat night refreshments from the Village Hall

We will be serving hotdogs and drinks from the front of the village hall to keep you going on your trick or treat trail through the village.

Burns Night Saturday 29 January 2022:

Tickets now on sale for our famous Burns Night Supper, get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. Get that first date in the diary for 2022.

Tickets available from any playing field committee member, or text Kerry on 07870518475 (text is easier for record keeping) or on Facebook.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

Still looking for ideas for the Queens Platinum Jubilee next year (2nd to 5th June).

There is talk of a Pig Roast on the Friday with a Cockney knees up band suggested to keep you entertained. Saturday is planned to have Cream Teas in the afternoon, with a large outdoor TV for the night to screen The Queen's Platinum Party at the Palace. Suggested you bring your own picnic. Already booked is the Chedzoy Beacon to be built & lit and Blitz Time Sally will be performing sometime over the weekend.

Even the energetic folk of Chedzoy don't think they can sustain 4 days of partying so it will only be a couple of days.

If you have any ideas, please let any Committee member know.

Nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers to help with the various events. Wouldn't it be nice if every road in Chedzoy could supply 4 helpers. That way, nobody would have to do a lot. The more help that is available, the less any particular person will have to do. Don't be shy. You might even enjoy it!!

Flower Show 2022

Advance notice that next year's Flower Show will be on Saturday 23rd July 2022. The Schedules are already printed (because we did not use them last year). Plenty of time to perfect your growing, baking & making.

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Next planned issue should be in early January 2022. Anyone with any contributions to be with me by 18th December 2021 please.

As this is the last planned issue before 2022, may I be one of the first to wish you ALL a very Happy Christmas (less than 100 days away!) and a very Prosperous New Year.

[Bus Route 19](#)

Bridgwater Bus Stn	0900	1100	1400	Street. Crispin Hall		0950	1150	1450
Brdgwtr,Sainsbury	0902	1102	1402	Walton		0955	1155	1455
Slape Cross	0907	1107	1407	Ashcott		1000	1200	1500
Chedzoy Cross	0908	1108	1408	Pedwell	0802	1003	1203	1503
Stawell Church	0914	1114	1414	Greinton	0804	1005	1205	1505
Sutton Mallet	0919	1119	1419	Moorlinch	0807	1007	1207	1507
Moorlinch	0925	1125	1425	Sutton Mallet	0813	1013	1213	1513
Greinton	0927	1127	1427	Stawell	0819	1018	1218	1518
Pedwell	0929	1129	1429	Chedzoy Cross	0825	1024	1224	1524
Ashcott	0932	1132	1432	Slape Cross	0827	1025	1225	R
Walton	0937	1137	1437	Brdgwtr, Sinsbury	0837	1030	1230	R
Street, Crispin Hall	0942	1142	1442	Bridgwater Bus Stn	0841	1032	1232	R

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