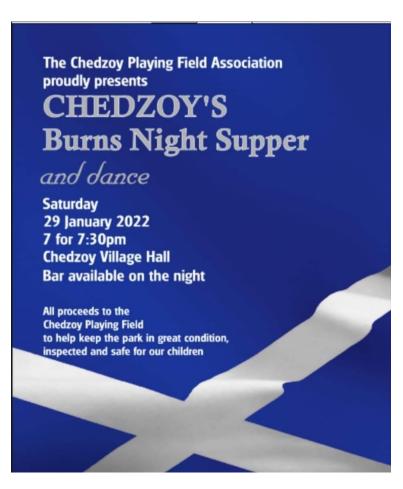
Chedzoy Clarion (Jan to Mar 2022)

The ideal village. What should an ideal village have? A Church? A Pub? A Village Hall? Perhaps a Pond? Childrens Play Area? Wide Open Spaces (Footpaths)? A recent survey into happiness put Community Spirit, a sense of belonging, friendliness of local residents and being able to be yourself as the most important factors. Taking all of the above into account I would suggest to you that Chedzoy should rank very highly as an Ideal (Idyll?) place to live.



Thank you to Carla Mercy, ex of this Parish, for her contribution (and the ONLY entrant) for a Chedzoy logo. What do you think?



CHEDZOY MUSIC REFLECTIONS

A concert to relax in the Village Hall On an Orchestral Organ played. By an old chap who lives in the Village For Fifty years, quietly stayed.

The Music is played with expression, And tender on the ears. Includes a variety of favourites From Composers over the years.

On "One Fine Day" to "Morning in Cornwall" And up "The Danube" with "Straus" Then to a piece called "Scene from Swan Lake" To "The Lonely Shepherd" in the Swiss Alps.

Returning home "Over Troubled Waters" With "The Wind Beneath Our Wings" Gently landing home again Where the Choir "Ave Maria" sings

For the meeting of friends on this journey It is of your interest I wish to know. For the World Trip of Melodies, one evening With your thought and comments contact below.

Email:Hughcwatts@icloud.com Music Tutor Cherry Lea, Willow Green Off Manor Road, Chedzoy

Please let Hugh Watts know whether you are interested. This a small form of survey to reach the interest of Chedzoy residents who enjoy the non-beat, more gentler listening form of music, with a view to collate views to see if the project would appeal. Mr Watts is giving his time free of charge.

Competition Time

Very disappointed that the competition of where you might find JA12 did not draw any interest at all. Not even anyone asking for a clue. Was it too hard? Try this one What is the distance by road for a round trip to visit all 3 locations pictured and return where you started.



Or wasn't the prize good enough? This time winner will get a **£10** voucher to be spent at the Manor Inn, Chedzoy. Your dog friendly local. Entries to Rodney Young (contact details on the back sheet) by 31st January 2022. Winner will be drawn at Manor Inn on Thursday 3rd February 2022, 8pm. Good Luck everyone!!!

If you've not had a chance to check out the new willow classroom and bug hotel yet, pop down to the playing field and have a look - but please remember that dogs are not allowed into the field, this is for the health and safety of our children. The willow classroom will root over the winter and burst into life in Spring! And we've prepared the raspberry curve for planting soon too. Read more in the Chedzoy Fair Share article.

If you haven't booked your spot for Burns Night, taking place on Saturday 29 January 2022 at 7pm, be sure to contact Kerry Evert, there are posts on the village Facebook page. It's a brilliant night, always loads of fun with a great meal too. The options are haggis, vegetarian haggis or sausages (gluten free), we can accommodate most diets, but we will need to know in advance. After the main course, a table of puddings and cheese will be available. The bar will be open on the night too, with all profits going to the Chedzoy Playing Field. Tickets are a bargain at £12.50 for adults. Under 12s for £8.

If you've already been in contact, tickets will be distributed soon.

We are really looking forward to it after last year's break. Our dancers have always said that ours is one of their favourites and this year they're only joining one other event, so we are certainly very honoured! They've told me that the Chedzoy crowd is always such fun... no pressure!

Remember that no one will try to force you to dance, but you won't regret it if you decide to join in! If we are unable to hold the event, moneys will be refunded

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHEDZOY (by Carole Edmunds)

Worship in Chedzoy recommenced in June 2021. Since the completion of the West Door restoration work the church has been open every day and will continue to be unless we are instructed otherwise. All are welcome to visit and enjoy the peace and special atmosphere.

As a community we love our beautiful and historic church and want to take care of it. Simply keeping the building insured and secure so that the doors remain open this year cost over £2,300! Something to think about! An unexpected and very welcome £152 came from the pop-up Whist Drive – a fun, social evening in November. Don't miss the next one because hopefully the Whist Drive will be back – in January, so keep an eye on the notice board.

The pandemic once again prevented much of the fund raising we have relied on in the past. The door restoration was not the only maintenance carried out – the hinges of South door needed to be re-seated, the hanging cross fixings needed strengthening and gutters were cleared. Financial challenges continue so if anyone would like to make a donation our bank details are: HSBC sort code 40-13-25 account number 71116428 To quote the Bible; Let there be light! As some of you know the lighting in St Mary's needs some major work and recently several services had to take place in near darkness. While we cannot afford even the cheapest quote for anything major, in the mean time the remaining working lights have been made to work and work better – with brighter LED bulbs.

ST MARY'S CHEDZOY – SEE THE CHURCH IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT Repairs to the West Door of St Mary's Chedzoy are very nearly completed and what a difference! The project has been largely funded by Historic England's Emergency Heritage at Risk Fund but an appeal was launched to cover the shortfall. The generous Chedzoy residents have given over £1,200 to date. Parts of the door are believed to be over 400 years old and despite its appearance it was not considered to be beyond repair. Past replacement pieces of mouldings and boards became visible once the flaking grey paint was removed. These old repairs are a fascinating insight and part of the history of the door. The new very obvious repair will eventually weather and become part of that history. The grant criteria required that the work helped to preserve and teach traditional skills for maintaining heritage buildings, providing immediate work in the current post-Covid 19 recovery period. The on-site work required keeping the doors hung while bespoke iron strap hinges and all of the lower sections that had been made in the workshop were fitted to each door. No doubt this was a great learning opportunity for the 17 year old apprentice working alongside his boss with over 40 years' carpentry experience.

Sunday 5th September saw the West Door open for a service for the first time in over 50 years. The church is now open daily and well worth a visit, not least to see the door.

Churchguides and postcards are available. In suitable weather conditions the West Door will be open



While talking things Church, a villager approached me and mentioned the Pumpkin Auction at the Harvest Sale. Very generous bidders used to buy the Pumpkin and then put it up for sale again. This used to raise over £400 for Church funds. Wouldn't it be nice if these very generous bidders would like to donate the equivalent of what they would have spent at the auction to the Church funds. Who knows, we could raise several hundred pounds for a virtual Pumpkin. Please mark your envelopes "Pumpkin" and drop it off to Carole at The Gables, Front Street.

Thank you again to all the generous people who attend and volunteer at Chedzoy Village Hall's 'Pop in for a Pint' & Coffee Mornings. The latest donation of £1000.00 goes to Bridgwater League of Friends. The picture shows Carol Stokes receiving the cheque on behalf of Bridgwater League of Friends from Laura and Martin Chandler. Thank to everyone again and keep up the good work.



Carol Stokes says "The Bridgwater League of Friends thank you all for the fabulous amount you've raised for your local Hospital. The money couldn't have come at a better time as Bridgwater is about to have a new Oncology Room for patients which is nearing completion and we have had a request for a specialist chair which your cheque will pay for."

Let's Climb Yr Wyddfa (by John Paige)

This is your chance to scramble up and down Mount Snowdon vicariously. We'll do it in 3 parts: Part 1 - The Introduction, Part 2 - The Assent, and Part 3 - The Descent. Brace yourselves, we're off!

Part 1 – Introduction

As he was leaving me behind in my hospital bed and walking out of the ward, the surgeon turned to me and said: "you can go home tomorrow but remember, other than walking, no significant physical activity, even driving your car, for <u>6 weeks</u>". 'Holy cow!' I thought that means almost certain divorce and either suicide or death from boredom; I need a plan: I'll give it a couple of weeks then I go on an adventure.

So, just moments before my wife garrotted me for "still being here", I threw stuff into panniers, booked a room in Penmaenmawr jumped (or sort of slithered) onto my motorbike (which I reckon doesn't count as driving!) and set off for North Wales. Two hours up the road, I realised I'd forgotten my wallet, turned round went back, picked up my wallet and 9 ½ hours after first leaving home I arrived in Penmaenmawr; tomorrow, you and I are going to climb Mount Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa).

After a full fat-boy breakfast and throwing more kit in my rucksack than Edmond Hillary took up Everest, I set off. Now North Wales is god's country for many reasons but not least because it's nirvana for bikers. We'll set off along the A55, then left to Llanberis, up to Peny-Pass and all the way there we'll be racing along the wiggles. We've got breath-taking views and we're having more fun than a frog in a glass of milk!

At Pen-y-Pass, the car park attendant wouldn't let me in: "now, look you, see, you have to book a space in advance; no booking – no parking – hwyl fawr! (goodbye)" So back 2 km and down 500 ft to the Cromlech Boulders, park in the layby and walk all the way back up trying not to get run over by passing cars as there is a wall either side of the road and no pathway. Hello Mr car park man (may your whites turn pink in the wash)!

The assent via Crib Goch is one of the most spectacular scrambles in the UK and by far my favourite route. However, it is very exposed and with winds today over 50 mph we're likely to be blown off the mountain and that hurts; many scramblers have lost their lives falling off Crib Goch. So, we're going to go up the Pyg track to the summit (3560 ft, 1085m) and we'll come back down Miners for a bit of variety; I've walked, scrambled and climbed up Snowdon more than 10 times so we won't get lost! The good news is that the rain, hail and 50 to 60 mph winds are forecast to remain with us all day so when we get back, we'll feel like we've been on the mountain; the bad news is that the Visitors' Centre and restaurant (Hafod Eryri) at the summit is closed, so no hot coffee and pies before the descent; lucky I packed black pudding, pickled eggs and a flask of lavender tea.

Next episode: Attacking the Pyg



Is the Penguin on the right saying

"Blimey! How did you manage to swallow a whole human, especially feet first!!!"

Think you can do better. Captions to me please, Rodney Young (contact details on back sheet). Box of chocolates for the winning caption which will be printed in the next issue. Closing date is 14th February 2022.

I remember when Chedzoy.....

- Had a Youth Club that was the envy of other villages. It was the place to be.
- The Pub was packed on a Sunday night with live sing-a-long music
- Had a Primary School
- Used to hold Raft Races from Parchey to Bawdrip
- Had a couple of Cider Farms. Most famous being Norman Fry's Cider House, which was legendary (as well as Norman's Hospitality)
- Had at least 3 working farms within half a mile of the Bus Stop.
- Had a Ladies Hairdresser

I am a relative newcomer (only been here for over 35 years.). I am sure SOMEBODY out there can do better. Don't be shy. Even one or two items would be nice

MARY POPPINS IS ALIVE AND WELL!!!!

19th November saw the return of the Village Sing-a-long film after a two year absence. Mary Poppins was the chosen film and participants were asked to "think outside the box" for their costumes, and boy did some of them do that! Any strangers in the village that night must have wondered what was on with Chimney sweeps, kites, penguins, spoons, bowls of sugar, jack in the box, to name but a few making their way to the hall. Some of the Mary Poppins even had beards. With everyone in fine voice, especially for Superca......, the roof was nearly raised. Unfortunately, it wasn't the roof that collapsed but one of the benches. A giant packet of Bird Seed made an appearance for "Feed the Birds" and even a Fox was chased by all manner of beings. A thoroughly enjoyable night for which many thanks must not only go to Mark Holder (A spoonful of Sugar,) but also his band of helpers that prompted the audience as to what to do. Anyone with suggestions for the next one?

On a misty, clammy December night, some 30 odd souls, adults, children and even a few dogs sang (?) Christmas carols around the village. Choir Master Mark Holder was helped by Alexa, and lead vocalists Mark Hamlin & Carole Edmunds. The lead vocalists were ably assisted by various trebles, altos, tenors and some inbetweeners. Carols and Christmas songs were belted out to the startled Villagers. Some of it sounded really nice and there were several compliments from people that had been encouraged to their doors by a collection bucket being rattled fairly forcefully in their direction. As time went on, the throats were getting drier, so a final carol was sung outside the Manor Inn. Then inside for mince pies and mulled wine. Thank you all that so generously donated. A fantastic amount of £235 was raised for Church Funds. Many thanks also to Amanda Triggol and Vanessa Edmunds for organising the event



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Whist Drive

Back by popular demand. A return of the well liked card playing Whist Drive on Friday, January 21st, starting 7.15pm at the Village Hall

Come along at 7pm if you want to practice or learn. Hopefully it will be played as last time, a social, friendly, fun night. Taking on board comments made at the last one re being Gender Neutral, "Ladies" & "Gents" will be replaced by A,B,C,D. What am I on about? Come along on 21st and find out. Prize for the Highest Score and booby prize for the Lowest Score. Only **£5** to enter which will get you several games of whist, a raffle ticket, a cup of tea or coffee accompanied by a biscuit. (Additional raffle tickets can be purchased.) And I am sure that there will be a Bar for the participants. All proceeds to the Church

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 <u>www.chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>

Drainage Matters

Somerset County Council say that the Drainage Board have agreed to clear the outfall ditch at Pig Lane. The gullies and drains in Manor Road should be jetted by SCC contractors.

Speed Indication Device

It was agreed to buy a Speed Indication Device for approximately £2763 (exclusive of VAT). Over £2240 is coming from a CIL levy, so only the difference would be coming from the Parish Council's reserves.

SDC Sports Funding

Liz Perry said that there is still grant funding available for individual and groups engaged in sporting activities.

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	1003	1203	1503
Stawell Church	0914	1114	1414	Greinton	1005	1205	1505
Sutton Mallet	0919	1119	1419	Moorlinch	1007	1207	1507
Moorlinch	0925	1125	1425	Sutton Mallet	1013	1213	1513
Greinton	0927	1127	1427	Stawell	1018	1218	1518
Pedwell	0929	1129	1429	Chedzoy Cross	1024	1224	1524
Ashcott	0932	1132	1432	Slape Cross	1025	1225	R
Walton	0937	1137	1437	Brdgwtr, Sinsbury	1030	1230	R
Street, Crispin Hall	0942	1142	1442	Bridgwater Bus Stn	1032	1232	R

Bus Route 19

Chedzoy Champion

Contributed by Lionel Uren, this issue's Chedzoy Champion is

Steph Bryan

Thank you, Steph (and the Volunteer Team). In essence that could be enough. Poor Rodney could probably produce The Chedzoy Clarion on an envelope if all the postings were as brief. COP 26 and all the intentions and promises that came with it are long gone. What really happens now? There was much talk by world leaders of their intentions relating to generations that are yet to come.

For varied reasons, a record album I return to often is "To Our Children's' Children's' Children's' Children" by the Moody Blues in 1969.

"The children that I will never know, and I know not how the world that they meet will look and feel."

Should they be lucky enough to grow up in Chedzoy, or even just visit it, they will certainly find it a different place to how it is today. One reason for that will be the result of one person's dream. Having an idea is one thing. Seeing it through to the end (if there is one) is an entirely different matter. Steph had an idea and it was named The Chedzoy Fair Share Project. In April of 2021 the go ahead was given. From that point the work began. Siting, contacts, permissions, licenses, sourcing, pricing, collections, distribution. To name just a few of the unseen hurdles to be jumped prior to what I feel is the hardest bit. That is managing an unknown quantity of volunteers. Much has already happened since May and there's yet more to come and who knows when Steph's dream will end. To those of you who are still reading, thank you.

Finally though, THANK YOU Steph, and your helpers from many of us. But perhaps, above all, from our children's' children's' children.

The volunteers have been super busy this Autumn rocking up well over 100 hours of labour. The project has taken a massive leap forward with; the verges in Front Street



(Zone 1) prepped ready to plant wild flowers and herbs in the spring, the Willow Meeting Place and Bug Hotel installed in the Playing Field (Zone 2), 60 trees planted in The Whittling Wood (Zone 3), the Community Orchard completed (Zone 4), mass clearing and planting including the eight Sweet Chestnut trees on the Nut Lane now in (Zone 5) along with 75kg of Daffodils running around the route. We are also super excited to announce that in partnership with

the Playing Field Association we have received a second grant from the Queens Green Canopy Fund to purchase a further 420 trees in phase two of the project. If you have an area of land you would be interested in planting up or an idea you would like to share, please get in touch. Further tree planting days will be arranged in January and March, come along it would be lovely to see you (Steph 07976576025)

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