

Chedzoy Clarion

Issue 4 (April – June 2022)



Hurrah. We appear to have come to the end of COVID restrictions. As things gradually get back to normal, so activity in the Village is increasing. Weekly there is Dancefit, Children's Dance Classes, Church Services, Bell Ringing and Chedzoy Stitches (Well, the Stitches are nearly weekly). Monthly there is the Coffee Morning and Pop In For A Pint. Newly formed Chedzoy Running Group operates as and when. Parish Council meetings in person every month. The Annual Flower Show is back on 23rd July. (Please put date in your diaries) Another Whist Drive is coming. Also planned is a 4-day celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Charity Soup Kitchen, a Village Garage Sale and the official opening of the Fairshare Scheme Nature Walk. Oh, and the Local Government Elections are taking place in May. With such a variety of events, hopefully there is something for everyone!! Please make an effort to support at least one of these events, because without YOU, there is no point in putting them on.



Ukraine Appeal by Martin Chandler

Thank you once again to all the wonderful people of Chedzoy and beyond who help and support 'Pop in for a pint' and The Coffee Mornings at The Village Hall. Your hard-earned money has definitely been put to a good cause. We have donated £1500.00 to St Marys Church Ukraine Crisis Appeal to cover the cost of an articulated Lorry and Driver to transport donated items to the border of Poland & Ukraine where it is most needed. The Picture shows (From left to right) Reverend Suse Osmond, Martin & Laura Chandler, Amanda Triggol (Who is volunteering at St Marys Church, Bridgwater) & Vicky Gould.



A NOTE OF HOPE by *Will-o-Green*

Chedzoy Local Observation, North Meadow, Moggs Farm

THE MOURNING OF THE DEW

Across the meadow we enjoy the view,
The pleasant green, the morning dew.
Such beauty of the distant hills,
The feeling of well being.
The Summer. Spring. The Winter chills.
Plus the morning dew

It glistens now, but for how long will we enjoy the beautiful view?
To be ruined by estate building, destroying the view and dew.

Plans are muted for change of use, of this meadow land, near you
It will be sad to say, only yesterday, it WAS a beautiful view.

Change is now on the horizon. The QUESTION, do WE really care?
Chedzoy will change for ever when the view, and the dew, is not there.

When we are asked the "QUESTION" will you want buildings in front of you?
It's another ill, another pill to take away the dew and the view.

We now have a choice, to show we care. We are part of the hills and the view
The abuse of use, of the meadow, depends on your point, on dew.

The thought for today, is to ponder. Do you really a JUNGLE need?
Spoiling natures beauty, and wonder, on the meadow with a view

Your thoughts are very important, to show that you really cared.
That the view and the dew on the meadow will be forever spared.

Tomorrow will soon be yesterday, where there is nothing we can do.
To feel, and enjoy, yesterday, the meadow, the view and the dew.
We all start life with nothing on a journey of tender care.
For the dew on the hills, the seasonal chills, sound decisions will get us there

Life rushes on into tomorrow,
With decisions left overdue,
With an estate viewed from your window
It's too late! Too late to ENJOY! The Meadow View?????

News from St Mary's Church, Chedzoy by Carole Edmunds, Treasurer, Chedzoy PCC

Reverend Chris Keys retired as Rector of our Parish at the end of February. At his last service with us special prayers were said for him and his family. At the end of the service Malcolm Friend paid tribute to him, thanked him for 14 years work in our parish and presented a John Lewis voucher to him on behalf of the PCC and congregation. Chris was also given a number of individual gifts including this stunning watercolour of the Church, painted by Tom Jacobs from Combwich. Chris and Lorraine have moved to Norfolk to be close to their family, including grandchildren, so he will be kept very busy.



Goodbyes are never easy especially as it leaves Chedzoy and Westonzoyland benefice without a vicar. This period of vacancy, known as an interregnum in the Church of England, is the usual practice to allow planning for the future. While there is a vacancy, services at Chedzoy church continue as normal – at 9.00 am for Holy Communion or 11.30 am on the first Sunday of the month – with visiting clergy and worship leaders. So far we have welcomed Revd Alastair Wallace and Revd Simon Hill, archdeacon of Taunton. Revd Dr Jane Sutton, who many will remember as a vicar in training, attached to our parish a few years ago, will be with us on Easter Sunday, so please join us if you can.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

Spring has sprung and the primroses in the north side of the churchyard are lovely to see in late March. The grass cutting season has started and thanks to Martin Baker and Michael Ellicott the accumulated grass cuttings of at least a year have been taken away. The PCC is very grateful for this help.

EASTER 2022 SERVICES

Palm Sunday 10th April – 9.00 am Holy Communion with Revd David Barge

Good Friday 15th April – 2.30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday 17th April - 9.00 am Holy Communion with Revd Dr Jane Sutton

FURTHER AHEAD

Church tower open – Sunday 22nd May - Time TBC

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Sunday 5th June – 11.30 am with Revd Kelvin Williams.

Competition Time

Have I got it cracked? I had more participation to the last issue's competitions than any other article in the past issues. When I said "More" I actually had 2 (yes, a whole 2 entrants!) for the mileage competition and 2 (yes a whole 2) for the caption competition. Mileage Competition was drawn at the February Pop in for a Pint by an independent person, so well done to Mary Clothier on winning and hard luck Lloyd Francis. I would like to thank you both very much for participating. Below is a copy of an e-mail sent by Mary.

Chedzoy Sign Competition Run

On Sunday 30th January, the newly formed Chedzoy Running Group, ran the distance between the three Chedzoy signs. Although the temperature was low, the sun was shining, and spirits were high as the group set off at 10am to complete the challenge. The run started at the T junction running along Chedzoy Lane, back to Ward Lane and then finally embarking on the third sign next to Milk & Moor. Obviously stopping at each sign for the obligatory group photo. Eleven residents ran it and measured a total distance of 4.73miles. It was a lot of fun! If anyone is interested in joining the Chedzoy Running Group, please speak to Mary Clothier or anyone pictured in the photo for further information. Everyone from the village welcome, no matter how fast or slow a runner you are. 'Finish Line, not finish time'



I have since heard that Mary is donating her winnings to Charity. Well done Mary.



CHEDZOY NATURE WALK OPEN FUN DAY 3RD APRIL 11AM CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL

- OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY
- CAKES AND REFRESHMENTS
- FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
- ORIENTEERING
- GUIDED WALK
- BUILD A BIRD BOX
- CANDLE MAKING
- SCRAP VEG GROWING
- AND MUCH MORE.....



**BAR
OPEN!**

Let's Climb Yr Wyddfa by John Paige

Part 2 - Kill the Pyg, kill the Pyg!

We have arrived in the Pen-y-pass car park at the base of Snowdon (sort-of), it's blowing a gale, rain and hail showers are constantly blowing through, the temperature's around 8°C, and we're heading through the car park, moving to the right to hit the start of the Pyg Track to the summit of Mount Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa), Wales's highest mountain. In the past, I've been described as 'all-the-gear-n-no-idea' but today we'll need the gear; conditions are harsh, the rocks are slippery (and hard!), and I've not renewed my life insurance; let's go!

The well-maintained path goes straight into a steep ascent heading towards an overhanging spur, then veers to the left and after about half an hour, we break out onto a ledge that falls away almost vertically. Ahead we can see many of the big peaks of the Snowdonia mountains; breathtaking and beautiful. Beneath us lie the 2 big lakes on the inside curve of the Snowdon Horseshoe, Llyn Llydaw and the smaller Glaslyn (we'll be walking around them on the way back down on the Miners' Track); above and to our right is the formidable ridge (or arête) of Crib Goch (Red Ridge) but we'll have to take that route another day; conditions are too dangerous today. Between the hail and rain showers, there are brief periods of sunshine so give yourself a moment to take in that view; it's 'proper awe-inspiring' and we're feeling truly alive: harsh conditions, incredible scenery, a steep ascent, we're in Snowdonia's most beautiful region, we've only just started out and already we can see the Pub from here – knockout!

Following the ledge around, we scramble up what can only be described as a small waterfall (ouch, that water's cold) to the top of a 50 m craggy peak, where the majority of the challenge that lies ahead is laid out before us. The track ahead winds ever upwards, over numerous crags, from col to ridge and ridge to peak then it turns right and steepens dramatically, up what looks like a glacial corrie, to the ridge just shy of the summit. Swallow hard and push on!

In this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, I have often seen as many as 3 Peregrine Falcons soaring the ridge of the horseshoe on the lookout for prey, and Ring Ouzels on the rocks around the lakes, but not today. I've even heard of sightings of Choughs, but I've never seen one in Snowdonia.

Onwards to where the other significant track up Snowdon, known as Miners', comes up in a steep ascent from our left (we're going back down that way) and joins the Pyg, so forward to the big ascent. Time for a break first. There is a row of those rock-filled wire cages (known as Gabion Baskets – who on earth carried them up here?) placed strategically to hold back falling rock debris – perfect for rain-bathing! If I were organized, I have a flask of something hot, but water and chocolate will have to do; then onwards.

The last push is not difficult, but it is steep and requires stamina, and I feel as fit as a butcher's sloth; these legs are going to hurt tomorrow but an hour or so later, over the top

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Chedzoy will be trying to follow the timetable and events for the Jubilee and as such will be looking for a few volunteers, e.g.

Bag Pipe Player that could play *Diu Regnare* (Latin for 'Long to reign')

Bugler or Cornet player that could play "Majesty" bugle call at 9.40. Anyone know of such a person, from Salvation Army, local Cadet Force, School, voluntary band, etc. Please let me know

Any choir would like to perform "A Song for the Commonwealth" as the beacon is lit

The confirmed Chedzoy program at the moment, is as follows.

Thursday 2nd June – 2pm – Chedzoy Cross (Bus Shelter) – Reading of Royal Proclamation to start off the celebrations. Read by Chedzoy's very own Town Crier

Thursday 2nd June – 9.45pm Lighting of Beacon in the Village Hall field. This will be part of over 1500 beacons lit to start the Celebrations. The Playing Field Committee will be providing a B-B-Q (and the bar will be open). Have you any photos or slides of previous Jubilee Celebrations that can be copied, and the originals returned to you? The idea is to show them on a Giant 140" screen inside the marquee.

Friday 3rd June – Evening entertainment with a band (The Flings, guitarist supported Cliff Richard recently) and a Pig Roast. Bar available

Saturday 4th June – In the afternoon there will be cream teas, price £5, with entertainment from Blitz Time Sally

Saturday 4th June – In the night bring your own food and see the Queen's Platinum Party, broadcast by the BBC, on the Giant 140" screen. Perhaps a Last Night of the Proms feel attached to the evening? The Bar will be open for those people so inclined.

Sunday 5th June – Nothing planned, but if someone else would like to organise something, please see the Village Hall Chairman to discuss it. The marquee would be available for the right sort of Celebration. The Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council have agreed to issue all households in Chedzoy with a free Commemorative Mug. Might be issued out on the Sunday? Who knows?

Tickets for combined Friday night and Saturday Night, all for an incredible value for money price of £15. Available shortly from Martin Chandler or Jo Smith. (Contact details on back sheet)

Garage Sale

The Chedzoy Brocante and Garage Sale is back! Always a busy event, and after a 3-year hiatus we are hoping it will be even bigger and better this year. For a small donation the church tower will be open for visitors too, if you've never climbed the tower before it's well worth a visit, the views are spectacular!

Having spent much of the past 2 years at home or in lockdown, many of us have managed to have a clear-out (or 2!), but if you haven't there is still plenty of time. Scheduled for Sunday 22nd May from 10am-4pm, all you need to do is register (see email address below) and sell your items from your driveway. Pitches are also available at the village hall, a lot of footfall and near the refreshments too!

The £5 per seller fee goes to 3 worthy causes within the village. For this reason, we ask that if you share your driveway or your table with another seller who doesn't live at your property, the cost is £5 per seller ie 2 sellers on one driveway = £10 total, 3 sellers = £15 total. Fees will be collected during the week before the sale.

For those not familiar with the layout of the village, we will provide maps at various locations on the day.

We are also lucky enough to have a stall at the Old Rectory by Trish of Vintage in the Avenue, Bridgwater, a lovely vintage clothing shop, so if you fancy something unique and special, look no further....

As a buyer why not make a day of it and visit the weekly car boot sale at the top of Chedzoy Lane (opposite Morganians) on the day?

To register, please send your name, address, phone number and number of sellers to sallyjhowes@icloud.com



**Chedzoy
Brocante & Garage Sale**

Sunday 22nd May 2022
10am-4pm

Pitches outside houses and in the village hall field
£5 per seller

Refreshments available at the village hall

Proceeds to Chedzoy Fairshare Project, St Mary's
Church and Chedzoy Playing Fields Association

** The Church tower will be open to visitors **

To book please contact sallyjhowes@icloud.com

Snippets from the Minutes

Below are a few snippets from the latest Parish Council meetings. Full minutes can be found at www.chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk . Just a straw poll. How many of you have actually visited this site? It has a wealth of local information. Local footpaths, Fairshare Scheme, etc.

Jubilee Beacon – It was agreed to buy a Gas Beacon (£490 plus VAT) for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Afterwards it was to be sited in the Bus Shelter Garden together with a Commemorative Plaque

Parchey Footpath – This has recently been re-opened so that access is available from Parchey to the fields heading towards Westonzoyland

Speed Indication Device (SID) – This is due to be erected once the strong winds have subsided, making it safe for personnel to erect it.

Local Government Elections – Correspondence encouraging eligible voters to make sure they are registered in time for the May elections

Fair Share Scheme – There is now a link on the Parish Council website for nature walks relating to the Fairshare scheme. The Parish Council felt this scheme is something to be proud of.

Why not be a Parish Councillor?

Whilst talking Local Government, are you Community minded? Do you think that Chedzoy gets its fair share of funding? What should our Parish Precept be spent on? What should the Parish Council be doing to help the Villagers aspirations? Have you a pride in your surroundings? Meetings are usually once every month and last for about hour and a half.

Just come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 25th April ,7.30pm at the Village Hall to see if YOU could make a difference as a Councillor. With Local Government re-organisation giving greater powers to Parish Councils, it is more important than ever that Chedzoy has a strong voice.

If you are keen and quick, you could still get your hand delivered nomination papers into Sedgemoor District Council by 4pm on Tuesday 5th April. Would be nice to think that there were so many applications that we would have to have a Parish Council Election on Thursday 5th May.

Further details available from the Chairman, Simon Howes or Clerk to the Parish Council, Chris Fry. Contact details on the back sheet. Or any Parish Councillor.

Dates for your Diary

All events at the hall, unless otherwise stated

- April 1st** – 7pm til late – Pop In for a Pint. Come and socialise with your friends. Meet new neighbours
- April 3rd** – 11 am - Official opening of Chedzoy Fairshare Scheme. Cakes, refreshments, Nature Walks, Build a Bird Box, Candle Making, and much, much more.
- April 8th** – 7.30 - Progressive Whist Drive. £5. A friendly night of cards. Prizes, Raffle, Bar open for participants
- April 13th** – 7.30 – Village Hall Committee Meeting. Anyone any ideas of what activities should be encouraged at the hall? Please let a Committee member know.
- April 25th** – 7.30 – Parish Council Meeting. Come along and listen to issues and decisions that affect your community. Perhaps YOU would like to be a Parish Councillor.
- April 30th** – Midday – 2pm SOUP KITCHEN – In aid of the Ukraine Appeal. £5 for Soup and Cheese.
- May 4th** – 10.30am – Midday – Coffee Morning. Come along and have a Coffee and a piece of cake for £2 in the company of friends and neighbours
- May 5th** – Local Government Elections. Please ensure that you use your very important Vote especially this time with re-organisation.
- May 6th** – 7pm – late - Pop In for a Pint. Winner of Clarion Competition will be drawn at 8pm. Meet with friends, relations and neighbours.
- May 22nd** – 10am – 4pm – Garage & Brocante Sale. Village wide. All proceeds to local causes
- June 1st** - 10.30am – Midday – Coffee Morning. Come along and have a Coffee and a piece of cake for £2 in the company of friends and neighbours
- June 2nd** – 2pm – Reading of Royal Proclamation by Chedzoy's very own Town Crier at the Bus Shelter to start the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- June 2nd** - 9.45pm – Lighting of Queen's Beacon in the Village Hall Field. B-B-Q
- June 3rd** – 7 pm onwards - Pig Roast and music by The Flings
- June 4th** – 2pm – 4pm – Cream Teas £5. Entertainment from Blitz Time Sally
- June 4th** - 7pm onwards – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert on the Big 140" Screen. Bring your own picnic. Bar available.
- July 23rd** – Flower Show

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

BETTER BUS CHARTER FOR SOMERSET *by Somerset Bus Partnership*

We need to do something about improving our buses in Somerset. Our county currently has the second lowest level of bus journeys per resident of all the counties in England and Somerset's bus services have the very lowest level of passenger satisfaction in the country.

Residents of Somerset experience this every day, whether it's with difficulties getting to health services, reduced opportunities for those seeking work and further education or just the limited (if any) evening and Sunday bus services. As a result, we see ever increasing numbers of cars on our roads which causes higher levels of local air pollution and increase our carbon emissions.

Somerset Bus Partnership was formed just a year ago to campaign for better bus services across our county and already we have a Somerset-wide network of 115 town and parish transport representatives who share our passion for better buses.

We have developed a Somerset Bus Charter and invite not just Councillors but community groups, churches & residents to join with us & endorse it. Get in touch somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

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