Chedzoy Clarion

Issue 14 (October - December 2024)



Summer. Did we have one this year? Did I blink and miss it? At time of writing



this, we have had two consecutive days of sunshine, even though it's nearly the end of September. And THAT appears to be our summer. Talking point of the year must be the rain, rain and more rain. The village has encountered floods, occurring in places where it has not flooded before. How about "Adopt a drain"? Perhaps there is one outside your house. Why not just keep an eye on it. If it becomes blocked, please let the Parish Council know through their website(chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk) . Would you be

interested in being a Volunteer Flood Warden?

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St Mary's Church Chedzoy



HARVEST AUCTION

Monday 7th October – 7:30 pm

Chedzoy Village Hall

Anyone that would like to donate to this event can leave items at the hall after 4pm. Previous auctions have seen plenty of local produce, bananas, apples, bananas, pumpkins, butternut squash, beans, bananas, pears, not forgetting the Grand Pumpkin Auction. Probably a few cakes, chutneys and perhaps some local home-made wine. Raffle also available and the Bar will be open. Please support local Auctioneer Mr Ray Triggol & assistant and make his life easier by putting in plenty of bids. Light refreshments to finish up with.

Works and Pension Department by Will -O- Green

DWP was informed of a Farmer, not awarding the correct wages as due An Inspector was sent to the Farmer, for an informative interview.

The Inspector asked the question "How many people do you employ?" "There is the Farmhand, the Housekeeper and the doddery nitwit old boy"

The Farmhand gets a rent-free cottage and £400 a week, the Housekeeper shares all I own, so to speak.

The old boy nitwit gets a bottle of whisky and £25 pocket money each week.

The Inspector asked to see the nitwit, the Farmer said his name was Jim. "Where can I find this doddery old nitwit?" "YOU ARE TALKING TO HIM!!"

O00000 O000000 O000000 O000000 O000000 I met a Genie on the side of the road who said "I will grant you one wish" Being fairly contented, I replied "I just want to be happy."

Now I am living with six dwarves and working down a coal mine!!

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John and Maureen Weeks being blessed by Reverend Jane Sutton on the occasion of their recent 59th Wedding Anniversary.



Chedzoy Village Christmas Displays Run or walk

Tuesday 24th
December
(Christmas Eve)
10.30am
ALL WELCOME
4-6 miles



An inclusive run or walk around the village looking at the Christmas decorations.

Walk/jog/run at your own pace.

Total distance depending on which homes take part, but normally 4-6 miles.

Join us for part or all of it.

Fancy dress encouraged.

Meet us at the village T-junction/Phone box.

Mince pies & mulled wine or hot chocolate at the finish.

Don't forget there is a village Facebook group 'Chedzoy Running Group' if you want to join. There are runners are all abilities and everyone is welcome.

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Don't tell secrets in the Garden.

The Potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears and the Beanstalk!

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

Rector's Ramblings September 2024

Well, I have a lot to ramble about this time. It has been such a busy summer. The highlight was the Benefice Fete at the end of August. I am so grateful to everyone from both churches who joined together to make it such a success. We made around £1400 which has been divided between the two churches. But it is not about the money for me. For me, the most important thing is bringing people together to work together for a common cause and to have a lot of fun at the same time. Chedzoy Village certainly came up trumps with so many people offering their time and their money to contribute. We have a surprising number of committees in the village – church, village hall, parish council (to name a few) who all strive to make this village a good place to live. I got to know members of some of them better during the planning of the fete and have a better understanding of Chedzoy village life as a result. The church committee struggles to find new members and I am very grateful to the village hall ladies (you know who you are) who have kindly offered to take over the organising of the Harvest Supper. This is the best gift ever and I can't thank you enough both personally and on behalf of the PCC. Talking of harvest and on a personal note – my husband was diagnosed with vascular dementia this time last year and it is increasingly difficult for me to be away from home in the evenings. I therefore will be unable to attend the harvest events but will be thinking of you. Harvest is such a difficult time for so many people in our rural communities and at Harvest Festival we give thanks to God for his blessings on our farms and fields and all they contain. When the harvest is poor it is so difficult to look forward with any sort of hope. But now as I drive from place to place the fields have been ploughed and have turned a beautiful brown. Soon the green shoots of new life will be visible and that in itself is a sign of hope. A hope that what we have planted will flourish and that next year we will have a bumper harvest. The Church is all about following the mission and ministry of Jesus. Jesus' greatest gift was to love people so that they grew and flourished in their lives. As mere humans, all we can do is to sow the seeds and to nurture them as best we can, but it is God who makes things grow –crops and humans alike. St Paul tells us: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." (1 Corinthians 3: 6-9) The common purpose that St Paul speaks of was manifest in the way we worked together this summer both in God's field and in his building. So, thank you again. I close with God's blessing: Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the Son of peace to you. Amen.



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM-12.00 CHEDZOY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee, Tea, Seasonal cakes and mince pies.
Supporting Our Church.

Linda's Christmas puddings,
Preserves, wreaths, crafts,
decorations and more



keep up to date with St Mary's, Chedzoy at achurchnearyou.com/chedzoy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STRICTLY DANCEFIT! by Lyn Warren

At the beginning of September 2014, the hills near Chedzoy weren't alive with the Sound of Music, but the village hall was!

Strictly Dancefit had arrived in Chedzoy and is now celebrating it's 10th anniversary.

For a whole decade, Monday mornings in the village hall have seen dancing to rival *Strictly Come Dancing* but without the sequins, fake tan, or the Judges.

Anyone passing between 10.30-1130 may hear the Latin beats of the Cha Cha, Samba, Salsa or Rumba or maybe, the dulcet tones of the Foxtrot, the liveliness of the Jive or Quickstep and even, on occasions, the drama of the Paso Doble - to name but a few! All these sounds are mixed with a total blast of laughter which makes this unique class, which is choreographed to ballroom technique (but not necessarily stuck to!) and danced alone, such a pleasure to teach.

Lyn and her colleague, Kay, would like to thank all class members for their continued support and to Rodney and Carol for helping us reach this milestone.

So, it's happy 20th anniversary to BBC *Strictly* but more importantly, happy 10th birthday to us!

Lyn Warren September 2024



CHEDZOY PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE By Amy Kimber on behalf of the

Committee

On the afternoon of this year's Flower Show the Playing Field Committee provided some games and entertainment for the children in the village including hula hoops, giant Jenga, hook-a-duck, skipping ropes, other games and even some sparkly face painting. Luckily the sun was shining, and fun was had by all who took part.

The festivities continued in the evening with children and adult alike enjoying more glitter and the opportunity to get hold of the extremely popular light up head bands (which sold out rapidly). We also held a raffle which helped to raise a significant amount for the playing field. The total raised was a whopping £669.15!!!

Thank you to those who supported the Playing Field Committee by volunteering their time to coordinate all of this, to all those who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who took part and enjoyed what was available over the Flower Show Weekend. It takes a lot to organize such a fantastic event so a massive thank you to all the other Committees and Volunteers as well. Another Success Flower Show we cannot wait for next year's already!

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For those of you who might wonder where the money that the Playfield raises goes to, we have just had our annual inspection report and work with the maintenance company to ensure that all the equipment continues to be safe and in good order. In addition to this the committee members regularly monitor the equipment, do litter picking etc.

However, if you have any concerns about anything please let a committee member know or email the committee directly – chedzoyplayingfield@gmail.com
Chair – Jo Smith

Secretary – Lucy Smith

Treasurer - Robin Kyd

As always if you would like to join the committee, volunteer for any events we are holding or are just interested in what we do and would like to speak with a committee member or pop by one of the meetings – everyone is welcome. We are a friendly bunch and hope to hear from you. Every little bit of support helps.

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Our next fundraising event is...... HALLOWEEN! Hope to see you there.



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3 stupid stages of life!

Teen age:

Have Time + Energy ...but No Money

Working Age:

Have Money + Energy ...but No Time

Old age:

Have Time + Money ...but no Energy

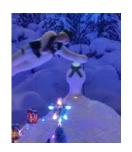
CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



CHEDZOY VILLAGE WREATH MAKING EVENING

Chedzoy Village Hall Saturday 7th December 6pm-9pm £18

If interested, please contact Mary Clothier 07909707460 or via Facebook Messenger



<u>Chedzoy Christmas</u> <u>Display and Light Trail</u> <u>2024</u>



It will be soon time to think about Christmas and dust off those Christmas lights and decorations. In previous years the village have had a Chedzoy Advent Window Trail.

This year, we are going to have a **more general Christmas house display and light trail** to celebrate the great Christmas displays around the village. Please note the Village Advent windows will happen biennial.

Therefore, if you normally decorate the outside of your house/drive/windows and fancy bringing some light and Christmas joy to Chedzoy in the run up to Christmas, please let me know and I can pop your house on the trail map.

There will be a map produced with all the house locations of the Christmas decorations and light displays, as well as an activity sheet for children. Both will be available electronically on the Chedzoy Facebook Page and a paper version will be in the Village library/Phone box.

If you'd like your house on the map please contact Mary Clothier (Stoneleigh, Front Street) 07909707460 or Facebook Messenger. Please let me know whether your outdoor decorations are best seen at day, night time or both and when you hope to have them displayed (e.g. 1st December, last week before Christmas, Christmas Eve etc)







Chedzoy Annual Vegetable and Flower Show

Chedzoy's Annual Exhibition of all that is the best in the Village, was held on the first weekend in August. A week later than usual to give the budding gardeners chance to perfect their specimens. This is a Community event that for years has tried to be non-political and non-controversial, trying to get as many people to enter as possible. With



more entries this year than last, hopefully next year will be better, with even more entries. Everything from vegetables to flowers to handicrafts to Childrens Classes.

Mary Clothier (overall winner) and family done extremely well taking away a wheelbarrow full of trophies.

Next year's show will be Saturday 2nd August 2025



The thing that made me chuckle was 2nd prize in the photography. A photo by Amanda Triggol entitled "Men at Work".

The day was rounded off with a Pig Roast and dancing to Voodoo 7 til the wee small hours. Special thanks to Martin Chandler for coordinating the evening entertainment, and Sarah Speed for being Show Secretary.

Very many thanks must go to all those that helped behind the scenes, as well as helping on the day (and the next day clearing up.) Members

of the Village Hall Committee, Playing Field Committee, and Church all helped to make the event a success. Marquees, tables, chairs, straw bales, bar, etc do not magically appear overnight (or disappear next day). Thanks to everyone that helped.

If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let me or a Village Hall committee member know.



Chedzoy Traditional Cold Meat Harvest Supper @Chedzoy Village Hall starting at 7pm on Saturday 12th October. £12 for adults and £6 for children aged 6 to 12, please contact Jo Smith on Facebook or 07876694505 to book tickets.

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Chedzoy History Group

Following on from the success of Pete Dodge showing a lot of old photographs of life and characters in Chedzoy, there is another opportunity for people to get together on

Saturday 5th October from 2pm to 7pm

Pete will be re-running his previous presentation. We are asking for people to bring along any old photos, documents, small memorabilia and display them on tables for everyone to see. It would be nice to know beforehand if you require a table, just so we have a rough idea of how many to put out. Very informal. Just drop in. Free entry. Light refreshments may be available.



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

Friday 25th October, 7.30 start at the Village Hall

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

0000000 00000000 000000000 0000000 PACE NIGHT

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

Friday 22nd November, 7.30 Start. Entrance Fee £2 Watch video Horse Racing and have a little flutter. Back a Horse and shout it on to win. Tote available (Minimum £1). Refreshments available. Raffle and Bar. I will be at the October and November Pop Ins encouraging people to buy a horse for £5 and also looking for Sponsors for £10. Winning owners of the first 7 races will receive at least £10. (Any horses not sold before the race will be auctioned.) Last race, all the horses will be Auctioned. It is usually best to get 3 or 4 of you to organise a syndicate which increase your buying potential. Winning owner will have half of the total money raised by the auction. All that is missing is YOU!! Please support your local community organisations. Proceeds from the night to the Church & Playing Field.

Bridgwater Ploughing Match

Chedzoy was very privileged to host the 76th Bridgwater Ploughing Match. The day did not start off too well with a torrential downpour just before everything got under way. But then the rain stopped. Spectators could walk around the site in normal footwear and not have to worry with wellies. Plenty to see with



Horse Ploughing, vintage Tractors, Newer tractors, Trade Stalls, Refreshment Tent. All for free admission and the villagers turned out to support the event

Picture taken from the top of the Church Tower shows the extent that was covered. The Tower was open to the public for a couple of hours.

Most Chedzoy ploughmen have now retired, but still participated by Stewarding. Trying to find any one local that was taking part was a bit difficult



but eventually tracked down Aaron Baker, ex of this Village, winning 1st Prize in his Class. Well Done. Perhaps next time the event is held in Chedzoy there will be a lot more local participation.



Ploughing with horses, the traditional

way.

Council Matters

The new Chedzoy Parish Council website (chedzoyparishcouncil.gov.uk) seems to be a great success. Anything Chedzoy, this should be your first port of call. With worldwide "hits "reaching well over 5000 already since it's launch, it's going from strength to strength.

Matters discussed at recent Parish Council meetings include

Trying to get a Flood Plan together. The Environment Agency were to be asked to attend a meeting with villagers relating to flooding problems. The Parish Council intend to do a survey of where all the drains are in the Parish. This will enable them to target flood prone areas.

Speedwatch was still on hold due to the lack of action from the highways department to bring the signage and roundels up to Police acceptable standards.

The Clerk was asked to register Chedzoy's interest in the VE Day 80 celebrations planned for 8th May 2025.

Church Flowers

Somebody mentioned to me, an unrecognised group of volunteers that work extremely hard are the ladies that refresh and replace the flowers in the Church.

Well done to Carole Edmunds, Sue Bellaers, Laura Chandler, Helen Hunt, Amy Kimber and others!!

Keep up the good work!!

My new car has a button for pretty much everything. There is even one that says "Rear Wiper". I'm still too afraid to try that one.

WHO TO CALL FLOOD INFO



Police, Fire and Ambulance

During an emergency 999

Police

Non emergency 101

floodinginsomerset@avonandsomerset.co.uk

Environment Agency Hotline

For 24 hour reporting **0800 80 70 60**

For advice **0345 988 1188**

Somerset Highways

Report road problems 0300 123 2224

Somerset West & Taunton

Monday to Friday 0300 304 8000

Somerset Prepared

01275 816974 or 07799342236

Wessex Water

24 hour emergency **0345 600 4600**

Sewage floodline **0345 850 5959**

Western Power Distribution

@wpduk power cuts & enquiries

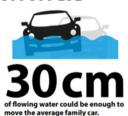
24hr emergency **0800 6783 105** or **105**

Enquiry line e.g. trees 0800 096 3080

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For landline faults **0800 800 151**





STAY SAFE FLOOD ADVICE



Before a flood

- Sign up for flood alerts and weather warnings
- Prepare your personal flood plan
- Locate water stopcocks and electrical master switches
- Take detailed photos of house and contents now
- · Prepare a flood 'grab bag'
- Prepare a flood store cupboard
- Check your personal flood equipment each year
- Identify where you'll move you car to
- Remain calm

Flooding imminent or current

- Put your personal flood plan into action
- Tune into local radio
- Don't put yourself at risk by entering flood water
 - Ankle deep fast-flowing water can knock over an adult
 - Water that's knee deep can move a car
- Wash your hands thoroughly if you touch floodwater it may be contaminated
- Call 999 if you are in danger, or people have been injured
- Check on vulnerable neighbours
- Remain calm



Pop In Donations



Here is Beau Maxwell, taking part in "Race for Life". She has done it twice now and been sponsored by Pop In at £500 each time. The last time she suffered a very bruised ankle within the first 5 minutes of starting but very bravely carried on, so as not to let her sponsors down, and completed the course. Looks like she enjoyed getting muddy. Very well done!

Help!! Martin is keen to give money away from the Pop In funds, but people seem to be shy about asking him. If you have a charitable or worthwhile cause (even better if it has a village connection) that might benefit from some extra cash, please see Martin Chandler (contact details on back sheet)

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Another in the series "Men at Work". Perhaps you have a photo on the same theme, you would like to share. You never know, there might be a Pop In voucher for the lucky participant

Dates for your Diary

All events are at Village Hall, unless stated different

Mondays – Dancefit – 10.30 to 11.30. No partners necessary.

Mondays – Blizzard Dance- For Children – 4.30 to 6.30

Stitchers – First & Third Thursdays and First Saturday – 10 to 12.30

Oct 2nd – Coffee Morning. 10.30am to 12. Meet friends and neighbours.

Coffee & Cake £3

Oct 4th – Pop In. 7pm til late. Meet friends & neighbours for a drink.

Oct 5th – Photographs of Old Chedzoy. 2pm – 7pm. Free Entry. Come and reminisce and wallow in nostalgia.

Oct 7th – Harvest Sale. 7pm start. Bargain fruit & veg to be had.

Oct 12th – Harvest Supper. Tickets £12 from Jo Smith

Oct 21st - Parish Council meeting 7.30. Come & have your say on Parish Matters

Oct 23rd - Village Hall AGM 7.30. Come & have your say on running the Village Hall.

Oct 25th – Whist Drive.7.30. £5 for games of whist and tea & biscuits.

Oct 31st – Playing Field Halloween Drinks & Food. Stop over for a nibble.

Nov 1st – Pop In. 7pm til late. Meet up over a drink.

Nov 6th – Coffee Morning. 10.30 to 12. Coffee & Cake £3.

Nov 18th – Parish Council 7.30. Come and have your say on Parish Matters.

Nov 22nd – Race Night 7.30. £5 entrance. All the fun of an actual Race Meeting

Nov 29th – Coffee Morning in aid of the Church. Watch local notice boards for further details.

Nov 29th – Whist Drive 7.30. Whist, tea & biscuits for £5.

Dec 4th – Coffee Morning.10.30 til 12. Friends, coffee & cake. All for £3.

Dec 6th – Pop In. 7 til late. Getting ready for the Christmas Spirit.

Dec 7th – Wreath Making. 6 – 9. £18. Contact Mary Clothier 07909.707460

Dec 20th – Christmas Pop In. Really get in the Christmas Spirit. I am sure that Father Christmas will be making an appearance.

Bus Timetable Route BRIDGWATER - CHEDZOY - MOORLINCH - STREET

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

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

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Emergency Aid Contacts - A number of the Emergency First Aiders 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).