

Chedzoy News

AUTUMN 2016 ISSUE



MADE IN CHEDZOY

FREE exhibition in St Mary's Church on

Saturday 17th September

(same day as the Ploughing Match)

and Sunday 18th September

Sat: 10:30 am to 4:00 pm Sun: 12:00 to 4:00 pm

A second chance to see a display showing the talents of people living in the village - which are usually only seen by a few friends or relatives



Church Tower open on Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 pm

- get a bird's eye view of the ploughing!

If you would like to join in the display
– previous and new participants equally welcome –
please contact Avril on 455 611

(more details on inside pages)

St Mary's Church Chedzoy HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 2nd October 11:30 am

A special service to celebrate the safe gathering-in of the harvest, featuring some of your favourite harvest hymns. The congregation are asked to bring along their harvest gifts to the service so that they can be blessed, and added to the contributions for the following night's Auction.



HARVEST AUCTION
Monday 3rd October 7:30 pm
Chedzoy Village Hall

The traditional auction of produce, with licenced bar and refreshments

BRIDGWATER & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH



Saturday 17th September

from 10 am onwards

At Chedzoy - access to site will be signposted (from Ward Lane)

ENTRY FREE

Charity collection for SURE (Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Contact Ted Bird, Honorary Secretary 01278 671 874

SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN

Wednesday 28th September

The usual Coffee & Cakes – plus a Cake Stall

HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 8th October

7:30 pm for 8:00 pm in the Village Hall

Featuring Shepherd's Pie and vegetables



Vegetarian option available

A variety of Puddings and Cheese & Biscuits

Bar for wine and beer

Ticket entry only

Adults £8 Children under 10 – half price

Tickets from Linda Friend

Westland House, Front Street Tel: 428 641

Views from the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

I hope the summer was good for you all. Westonzoyland church is now open again and Chedzoy church is looking at repairs. Both the Parochial Church Councils are grateful for the support given to maintain the buildings in both communities.



I am asked by those who regularly attend the churches - as well as others in the community - about the future of the buildings. In both churches the majority of the congregation and office holders are in their late sixties and older. We can fix the buildings, but of course if there is no one to run them then no amount of fixing of the fabric will keep them open.

I will retire at sixty-six, which is in less than six years time. If we continue as we are as a church I would think by that time there will be no one left to keep the buildings open. It is a question for the whole community.

In Westonzoyland we do not have the two church wardens which is a legal requirement. The treasurer has retired before from the job in Westonzoyland - and has had to take it on again - but clearly cannot continue indefinitely. So will the buildings have to close when I retire?

God bless Chris

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### St. MARY'S Chedzoy Charities from Malcolm Friend



Every year at Christmas, St. Mary's Church makes a distribution from four 19<sup>th</sup> century charities, keeping alive a long standing village tradition. The four charities started in 1812, 1856, 1874 and 1876, and were originally to give money, coal or bread to the deserving of the Parish. As the Retirement Pension wasn't then in existence, these payments would have made a real difference to those who received them.

In more recent times, a token payment has been made each Christmas to every household in the village with a resident aged 70 or over, and it's nice to think that a village tradition started by such caring people so many years ago continues today. If you've received payments in previous years then you will continue to do so. If you haven't received payments in the past but will have reached the age of 70 by 31<sup>st</sup> December this year, then please let us know so that you can be added to the list. Please send your name and address to me at chedzoyppc@btinternet.com or telephone me on 428641. I'll need to hear from you by 5<sup>th</sup> November if you want to be included in this year's distribution.

### Church Spring Clean

Thanks to everyone who turned up to help at the Church Annual Spring Clean. Valerie Fry, Richard and Sue Bellaers, Mary Coulson, Pat Lennard, Carole Edmunds, Helen Hunt and Malcolm and Linda Friend made short work of cleaning the windows, sweeping, hoovering and dusting.



## Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am in the Church

A special service to remember and give thanks for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. A wreath will be laid at the village war memorial, followed by a minute's silence. The collection will be given to the Royal British Legion.

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KATHLEEN FRANCES CURRY

who passed away on 19th August 2016 – aged 90 years

A service was held at St Mary's on Friday 2nd September, during which the following was read:



Kathleen Curry, or Aunt Kath, was born on 22nd January 1926 to Bert and Francis Ashford, at Fishers Farm, Chedzoy. She was the youngest of three, having two brothers, Herbert and Joe. She grew up during the war years, where long hours and hard work were normal on the farm, with the milk round and rearing chickens and turkeys. She also worked in the warehouse for Tupperware, and later as a chambermaid at the Alfoxton Hotel at Holford - until her mother came out of hospital - when she left to take care of her.

Kath was a member, and Treasurer, of the Bridgwater Young Farmers Club, during which time she went to Denmark on an exchange visit. She also played hockey for the Young Farmers. Another pastime Kath enjoyed was horses - riding her own, attending many hunt meetings and rarely missing a point-to-point. When Herbert married Anne in 1950, Kath moved to Croftside with her parents, and lived there for about 40 years. Kath and John were married in 1984, here at Chedzoy Church, and Rob had the pleasure of giving her away. They bought Fairways in Burnham in the late 80's and moved there from Croftside. When John sold his house in Dulcote, Rob and Kathy remember going there to move furniture. Kath cooked a meal there, and was mortified because she didn't have a serving dish for the potatoes, as they had been packed, and so had to serve them out of the saucepan.

Whenever Aunt Kath visited Rob or Jane she would always bring something from her house. One time, when visiting Rob, she brought a massive bag of horse shoes, and proceeded to tell him which shoe came from which horse many years before. This was indeed an excellent present - it helped add weight to the trailer when it went to the scrap yard. He wasn't sure what else he was supposed to do with them! Kath always liked travelling, driving around Europe in her little old car on holidays, together with one or two friends, with a tent and camping gear. In the 1960s, Kath and her parents had a caravan, and sometimes camped at Charmouth - where her brother and family were. Later, when her father died, she and John would take her mother to the caravan. Later in life she and John bought a camper van and travelled around England and Wales, enjoying many holidays this way. In the 80s, Kath bought the chalet in Lyme Regis. She, her Mum, John and the cat, enjoyed many relaxing holidays there in this tranquil setting

The more you travel on the roads, the greater the risk of breaking the law, and Kath was no exception. Recently she had to attend a Speed Awareness Course, though she could not hear anything that was said, and could not answer any of the questions at the end - but that did not matter, she had attended the course! This was not her first speeding offence. Kath led a full, active and enjoyable life, and will be sorely missed by many.

PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from meeting - Wednesday 29th April 2016

Matters arising from previous meeting's minutes

- Landline and Broadband Problems.- follow up meeting on 26th May 2016. Attendees:- Paul Coles (BT), Martin Allen and Chris Fry (Chedzoy Parish Council), Don Johnson and Cllr. David Hall (SCC). Paul Coles advised the meeting that the problems of Chedzoy's landline telephony and connectivity had been the subject of substantial remedial work. A large amount of copper wire had been installed and many personal home visits had been made to check and replace equipment where necessary. The work was completed on 27th February and no further complaints had been received since. Martin Allen thanked Paul for the speed with which this had been carried out. Sadly the broadband range issue was never part of this work, and it will not improve until substantive work is carried out to overcome the problem of the distance the village is from the enabled box outside Mole Valley Farmers. There are some grounds for optimism here in that a further phase in the rollout- Phase 2- is shortly due to be put out to tender by the County Council. Let us hope this is the case, but Martin Allen said it is important that any further landline telephony and connectivity problems are reported as before.
- SID possible relocation to Front Street. The Clerk read an email from Dave Grabham of SCC, in which he agrees to relocate to a place of the Parish Council's choosing, but points out that the supporting bracket of the SID needs to be attached to a standard traffic sign, rather than a telegraph pole. There appear to be two options in Front Street, and after a discussion it was decided to request the relocation to the '30' sign outside Fisher's Cottages.
- Isolation and Loneliness in Sedgemoor. The Clerk reported on the seminar on the subject held at Cossington village hall on 25th June, attended by Pat Lennard and the Clerk. He said it had been a useful and interesting event in which thoughts were exchanged from a wide range of representatives of many organisations and charities and voluntary groups. Although there are many groups and charities out there aiming to overcome the problem, it can sometimes be a matter of pinpointing and offering assistance to all lonely individuals. Approach has to be sympathetic and caring with problems sometimes surrounding transportation difficulties. The causes of the problem can vary – poor health and physical weakness and illness and failing faculties such as hearing difficulties. The Death of a partner can trigger it. Poor diet can lead to mental and physical problems. Depression and low self-esteem are relevant. Chedzoy seems to be lucky with many gatherings taking place Details of the seminar will be sent through in due course.
- Short Mat Bowls. David Hall understands the problem we face - with little or no demand to utilise the equipment in the village - and he said he would approach both Bawdrip and Stawell Parish Councils to see if they were interested in receiving it as a gift.

Somerset County Council report

David Hall reported as follows

- Brexit. He said the Brexit vote would have an inevitable effect on the County Council's present - and probably future – activities, as yet to an unknown extent.
- Hinkley Point and EDF. Happily EDF had made an announcement that the Brexit vote would have no effect on the FID decision which is now expected in the early autumn.
- Broadband. The SCC Phase 2 contract is due out to tender within the next 10 days
- Somerset Rivers Authority. Good news here, in that the Secretary of State was progressing to formalisation - which would clarify the future permanent funding arrangements. In the meantime, however, this is unlikely to be completed before next year's Council Tax level needs to be set, and so this will simply mean a further year of *Temporary Levy* showing separately on householder's demand notices.
- Severn Barrier. Progressing with the original 7 possible sites being reduced to 4.

- Local Government Association Conference. This was coming up in the following week.

Planning

- Ref: 18/16/00004/LE Applicant Mrs C Williams
Location: – Parchey House (2), Ward Lane, TA7 8RW.
Proposal: Erection of dwelling to form holiday accommodation, on site of previously approved garage for which the foundations have been constructed. This is the same as a previous application and it was agreed to send supporting comments as before. Any flood plain issues etc. would be covered by the appropriate bodies.

Correspondence

- Mr Antony Codner and Jane McCabe outlined the legal requirements here. All employers with at least one employee being paid via the PAYE system are required by law to set up a work place pension scheme, regardless of hours worked and salary level, even if (as is the case with Chedzoy's current Parish Clerk) the employee is not at all likely ever to wish to join the scheme. The scheme has to be in place before the *Staging Date* - in our case 1st May 2017. Every salary payment has to be monitored on an ongoing basis, to ensure the rules are followed at all times. Employees have to be contacted and advised of all options. The whole matter is involved, with heavy penalties imposed if deadlines are missed or instructions not followed.

Tailored Auto Enrolment has a special package aimed at Parish Councils, and will set up and monitor as required. They will liaise with the payroll officer (Diane Malley) and lift the burden from the Parish Council Clerk - who would otherwise be writing letters to himself. Costs are: £349 + vat to set up, and a monthly monitoring fee of about £10 + vat per employee, per month. They need to be engaged fairly soon both to ensure adequate time and to ensure they do not have a full client list.

A full question and answer session took place and, with just 4 councillors present it was decided to hold any final decision over till the next meeting. More information will be sent to the Clerk for circulation – particularly to those not present. Several of the councillors will be aware of this as employers themselves. Agreement in principle to eventually ensure a suitable system is put in place was proposed by Brian Gale and seconded by Terry Oxman.

- Somerset Foster Care Association. The Clerk reported that a series of coffee mornings were being held at the Edgar Hall Somerset, in aid of the association. More Foster Carers are needed in the county.

Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

Parish Council balances were as follows:

Current Account	£5,789.23
Deposit Account	£2.48
Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac	£12,252.99

Any Other Business

- Twinning Association Funds. Mr John Weeks of the Twinning Association contacted the Clerk to advise that it is looking like the Association will fold soon due to lack of interest. He wondered if the Parish Council would agree to hold and *ring fence* the monies on hand (approx. £800) for possible use if revival takes place in the future, in the same way that the Neighbourhood Watch did in the past. Agreed - and the funds could be placed in the Cambridge account when received.
- Localised Storm Drain Flooding. Katrina Maxwell has been advised by her neighbour, Stephanie Bryan, of the fairly serious flooding that occurred recently near to her house when there was a deluge of rain. A discussion took place and it was noted that many such storm drains throughout the village were blocked solid, and only very partially cleared by the regular unblocking team. The Clerk was asked to liaise with SCC Highways (Laurence Hackling) to see if he could do any more to help.
- Playing Field Inspection Regime. Katrina Maxwell has recently left the Playing Field Committee, and she has been carrying out the required checks of the equipment. She sensibly wanted clarification as to any duty the Parish Council may have – bearing in mind they insure the asset value for damage or loss under their insurance policy. The Clerk had sent a somewhat confusing e-mail in the past

which made her think there was something to worry about. The Clerk said he had sought clarification today from Messrs Came and Co - the brokers- who have confirmed that they recommend that a weekly visual check of the equipment is carried out, and appropriate check lists be completed of any visual damage. This is being done by the Playing Field Committee and Katrina said she has complete faith that this will continue. Came and Co advised the Clerk that an agreement should be drawn up, and signed by both the Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee, along the following lines:-

The Parish Council accepts that it has responsibility for any damage or loss of the equipment. The Playing Field Committee accepts it has responsibility for any Public Liability claim arising. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

Extracts from meeting - Wednesday 17th August

Matters arising from previous meeting's minutes

- SID possible relocation to Front Street. Agreement had been reached to re-site the SID device on the 30 mph repeater sign outside of Fishers Cottages.
- Work Place Pension. For clarification, the Clerk updated the meeting on the Presentation, Question and Answer session and Agreement in Principle to Proceed to comply with the directive of setting up a Work Place Pension scheme. A further full discussion ensued and it was felt a matter of some regret that a smaller number of Councillors were present at this meeting (3) compared to the previous one (4). However, bearing in mind the statutory responsibility the Parish Council has to comply here, the possible ramifications of delay, the *Agreement in Principle to Proceed* taken at the last meeting and the attractiveness of the offer by *Tailored Auto Enrolment* to Parish Councils – namely a setup fee of £349 plus vat, and an ongoing monthly fee of £10 plus vat per employee (in our case solely the Clerk)- it was decided to proceed to engage this firm to handle the matter. The proposal was made by Cllr. Brian Gale and seconded by Pat Lennard. All agreed. The Clerk was asked to place on record the regret felt that so few councillors were present.
- SCC *Listening, Learning and Changing* initiative. The Clerk read a communication from SCC concerning its initiative during this summer to obtain the views of the public about the Council's priorities and other key issues. Cllr. David Hall (SCC) advised the meeting that there was an event this Saturday at the Cornhill Bridgwater on the matter. Pat Lennard agreed to arrange the completion of the questionnaire on the issue and to return it by 30th September.

Somerset County Council report

David Hall reported as follows

- Brexit. David said that following Brexit, and the subsequent change of Prime Minister, there were several important issues awaiting clarification on the way forward, namely : Devolution, Hinkley Point and the Business Rate retention proposals.
- Hinkley Point. Following agreement by the Chinese, French and EDF to the FID, the latest delay is by the Teresa May's government having a review of all the details before giving the final go ahead. David said activity is still on going on site and there seems confidence that agreement will be forthcoming before Christmas.
- Broadband Problems. David said the response to the invitation to Tender for Phase 2 was encouraging. Clearly he could not go into detail but expressed the hope that Chedzoy's problems could be part of the eventual project.
- Road improvements. Substantial projects are continuing.

Sedgemoor District Council report

Cllr. Liz Perry reported the following:-

- SDC Core Strategy Plan. This is under due consideration by Sedgemoor.
- Recycling Limits. These are under review.

Planning

- Ref: 18/16/00005/LE Applicant Headway
Location: West End Cottages Chedzoy Lane TA7 8QR Proposal: Retention of change of use of dwelling to a children's' home.
The Clerk read the views of the Chairman, Cllr. Martin Allen (currently abroad on holiday): *I have read this application through several times, and it seems to only amount to a confirmation of a use that has already been established by Somerset County Council. I am not aware of any problems arising from its previous use, in spite of the concerns voiced in the beginning by some parishioners. Having said that, however, I think it might be wise to get the views of the current Chedzoy Parish Council, just in case anyone has strong opinions about its use. Personally I see no reason why the application should not be supported, but there may be things I do not know about that need to be considered.*

After a discussion it was decided to support the application, but to express the preferred view of the Parish Council that a liaison committee be set up much as had been in place previously.

The Clerk to report appropriately to Sedgemoor Planning Dept.

- Ref: 18/16/00004/LE Applicant Mrs C Williams
Location: – Parchey House (2), Ward Lane, TA7 8RW
Proposal: Erection of dwelling to form holiday accommodation, on site of previously approved garage for which the foundations have been constructed.
The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Development committee had decided to refuse permission for this application at its meeting of 16th August.

Correspondence

- CAB donation request. The Clerk read a letter from the Sedgemoor CAB, appealing for a donation to help cover its costs. This is becoming an annual appeal, and again the Parish Council decided to respond positively. Cllr Brian Gale proposed a donation of £50 be sent and this was seconded by Cllr Pat Lennard. All in favour.
- SCC Chairman's Award for Service to the Community. The Clerk read the details of this year's award, and after a discussion it was decided to put Mrs Amanda Triggol's name forward. This was proposed by Pat Lennard and seconded by Brian Gale, in recognition of the tireless good work she carries out in organising many social events in the village, including *Pop in for a Pint*, the recent Queen's birthday celebration weekend, and the Harvest Auction refreshments. Cllr Pat Lennard agreed to complete the nomination form and in particular the section requiring specific details of reasons for the nomination.
- SALC AGM Saturday 17th September. This to be held at the Edgar Hall Somerset - to run from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. The Clerk said 2 representatives from each parish are invited and it was resolved the Clerk together with Pat Lennard would go.
- SCC Somerset - Our County Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016. The Clerk read to the meeting the Public Summary outlining the strengths and its weaknesses of Somerset, on a comparative basis with other counties, concerning all aspects involving vulnerable children and young people.
- Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation 2016 - survey. The Clerk read the aims of the PCC, Sue Mountstevens, in setting the Police and Crime priorities for the area in the Police and Crime Plan - the new one of which will run from 1st October 2016 to 31st March 2021. The Clerk was asked to complete the survey.

Finance

Details of various cheques issued were given.

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Cambridge BS Council Easy Access ac	£12,252.99

The external audit was now nearing completion. A few points of clarification had been sought by Messrs Grant Thornton and the Clerk hoped there would be no fee payable again this year.

Any Other Business

- Volunteer Request. Avon and Somerset PCC asked for volunteers to come forward, to be trained to check on the welfare of people detained in custody in the Bridgwater area. The Clerk read details of this very commendable scheme. He said he would give serious consideration to applying.
- Overgrown trees in Higher Road. This problem was discussed and it was decided to monitor the situation and consider any possible further action at the next meeting.
- Rubbish being dumped in the drainage culvert at the bottom of the gardens of Nos. 1- 4 Higher Road. This culvert needs to be kept clear as a vital part of the drainage of surface water from Manor Road. The Clerk was asked to seek the help of *Homes in Sedgemoor* on the matter.

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#### **VILLAGE AGENT** *from Kate Symonds*

#### **GOIN' PHISHING?**

Phishing is a method used by fraudsters to access valuable personal details, such as usernames and passwords held on the internet. A new phishing campaign which has hit students of UK universities claims that the student has been awarded an educational grant by the Department for Education. The email purports to have come from the finance department of the student's university and tricks the recipient into clicking on a link contained in the message to provide personal and banking details.

**Protect Yourself:** Do not click on any links or open attachments contained within unsolicited emails. Do not reply to scam emails or contact the senders in any way. If an email appears to have come from a person or organisation you know of but the message is unexpected or unusual, contact them directly via another method to confirm that they sent you the email.

If you receive an email which asks you to login to an online account via a link provided in the email, instead of clicking on the link, open your browser and go directly to the company's website yourself.

If you have clicked on a link in the email, do not supply any information on the website that may open

Targets or victims of this phishing – or any fraud, scam or cyber crime – should report it to Action Fraud, 0300 123 2040, [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk). Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting service for this sort of crime. It is not an emergency service – if a crime is taking place, ring 999.

The Action Fraud website includes information about a depressing number of other frauds, and what to be aware of in order not to fall victim. You can sign up for regular action fraud alerts by clicking *Support & prevention* on the website.

#### **BAG IT & BIN IT!**

On holiday a little while back, we were enjoying a walk along a Welsh beach to the wreck of an old sailing ship. As we got near, I noticed a little orange bag hanging from a nail in the old timbers. It was a dog mess bag, neatly hanging there for all to see . . . REVOLTING!

Here are some wise words on the subject from the Dogs Trust:

- Picking up your dog's mess is an important part of being a responsible dog owner.
- The few who don't clear up after their pet give everyone else a bad name.
- Remember always to carry a couple of poo bags with you. Tie them to the lead, so you always have a spare.
- Dispose of dog mess in a bin – do NOT throw it in a hedge or anywhere else, for someone else to pick up!
- Make sure you see where your dog goes, so you can clear up after them.
- If you see someone in need of a poo bag, offer them your spare.
- Wash your hands when you get home, as dog poo may contain worms – your vet can advise you how to treat worms in your pet.

And a final word of warning – it is an offence to not clear up after your dog, or to not dispose of the mess properly, and you could be *fined £1,000!*

So, enjoy walking your dog, but make sure other people can enjoy their walk, too

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MADE IN CHEDZOY - 2016

from Avril Johnson



Made in Chedzoy is another opportunity to celebrate and share the talents which exist in our village – and they are many and various. Sewing, knitting, jam-making, sculpting, painting, printing, woodworking, paper crafting, home-grown fruit and vegetables – the list is endless! This year we are also including a childrens' section – which could be fun! You can show off your models, pictures, or even vegetable animal sculptures – whatever items you do, everyone would love to see them. Don't be shy!

The Tower will be open on Saturday, so you can have a bird's eye view of the ploughing going on in the adjacent fields, or if heights are not your idea of fun, just sit and have a cup of tea and a piece of home-made cake. There will – of course – be whole home-made cakes on sale. Do please take part in enjoying this village affair, whether as an exhibitor or as a spectator.

Setting-up will take place on Friday or from 9 am on Saturday morning. Display areas will be ready covered and named – all you have to do is let me know what you want to exhibit – on 455 611 – and turn up with your items. There will be people supervising the safety of exhibits so you do not have to be present the whole weekend.

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#### **SHARING ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Following on from the item above, would *you* like to learn a new craft, or share it with others? It could be drawing, painting, embroidery, crocheting – it all depends on what people want, or already know well. An introductory evening has been arranged to bring people together, and to see how skills can be passed on or shared.

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm  
in the Village Hall**

This will be a light-hearted evening in which to participate – or just enjoy the company. If you want to learn, no skills or previous knowledge is required. Or, if you are happy to share your existing abilities, and pass them onto others, your presence will be much appreciated.

For more information, ring Amanda on 427 406.

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PATCHWORK/SEWING GROUP
from Avril Johnson



We are back on Wednesday afternoons once again, but concentrating on larger projects this year. You are welcome to come along and see what we do – we work in the Committee Room of the village hall, between 2:30 and 4:00 pm.

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## ZOY VILLAGES TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In August 2001, contact was made between Chedzoy and a group of villages known as Val d'Ille in Brittany, with a view to establishing a twinning link. Exploratory visits were made and once it was established that Val d'Ille was rather larger than Chedzoy, our French visitors suggested that Chedzoy should join with other villages to form a link. As a result, approaches were made to Westonzoyle and Middlezoy, and the Zoy Villages Twinning Association was formed.



In 2002 larger groups visited in both directions and then, in April and November 2003, official twinning ceremonies were held in Guipel and Westonzoyle. Since then the arrangement has been that visits would be made once each year, alternating between Somerset and Brittany. All of these visits were very successful and we were pleased that our fund raising efforts brought sufficient money that we were able to offer a 50% discount on the travel costs for local children taking part on twinning trips. With the exception of a small start-up grant from Sedgemoor District Council, all of the associations funds have come from events, with members all paying their own fares for trips - the only exception being when Eurotunnel gave us three return car's tickets to mark their ten years of operation.

Sadly, in recent times, the numbers taking part in the twinnings have reduced dramatically, partly as we have lost some members through age and infirmity whilst others have moved away from this area, including four who are now residing in Brittany. Our French partners were, at one time, generously supported by their local councils, but that funding has been removed, and they, like us, now have to rely on their own fund raising efforts. Consequently, the numbers involved in the twinning group in Brittany have also dropped dramatically.

With the agreement of our French friends, we have decided that, sadly, it is probably time to bring the twinning to an end, as we cannot justify maintaining the link with only half a dozen or so families involved: this seems to be a common theme with other local twinning groups. The Zoy Villages Association now has about £900 in our bank account, which had been intended to subsidise travel for local children to Brittany, and to help towards costs when our French friends were visiting us. Although Chedzoy Parish Council had kindly agreed to hold these funds *ring fenced* in the Council's account - for use should a further twinning group be formed in the future - it was felt that with the country's Brexit sentiment that it is unlikely that further twinning is likely in the foreseeable future. Consequently, we have decided that with the closure of our bank account, all remaining money will be distributed to local charities and we will report on these in due course.

We would like thank everyone who has supported the twinning in the past, either by helping with fund raising, offering accommodation when our French friends were visiting, or by taking part in trips to France. We will miss our large group of French friends, but hope to continue family links on an informal basis.

*A bientot,*

*from President John Weeks and Secretary Paul Smith*

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CHEDZOY PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

from Kerry Evert

Summer time is always busy at the playing field and the children have certainly been taking full advantage of the longer days!

Fundraising: Many thanks to all who have supported us at the Pop-in-for-a-Pint summer BBQs - we raised over £300, which will go towards upkeep and future improvements. We intend to continue providing a dinner option in the coming months and if anyone has any suggestions or special requests, please let us know!

Halloween party: We have a Halloween Party planned. This will operate in the same way as the Pop-in usually works, the bar will be available and we will be selling food too. Dress up is optional, with prizes available. See the advert for more details.

Village show: Following some feedback from the summer edition of the Chedzoy News, we decided that it would be best to postpone the village show this year, to give everyone plenty of time to grow, make and plan their entries. So we will be hosting the show next year, and plenty of advance warning on the categories will be given! We are in discussions with neighbouring villages, and are hoping that they will join in.

Contact us: If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at Chedzoy.Playingfield@gmail.com

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## POP IN FOR A PINT



*Friday 28th October*

*From 7pm*

*Chedzoy Village Hall*

*Bar will be open*

*Food will be on sale*

*Dress up optional*

*Prizes for the best dressed man,*

*lady, child, couple outfit*



*from Amanda Triggol*

The first Friday of each month wouldn't be same without Pop in for a Pint. Thanks to team that help keep it going, and dealing with the ever-increasing number of visitors.



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## THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

*from Mark Holder*

It's amazing to think that our Queen is actually now 90 years old - a constant in our rapidly moving and complex lives - and what better way to celebrate her leadership of our glorious country than with a weekend of fun and frolics, in what is rumoured to be her favourite village in England. A huge amount of effort and planning was put into play by mainly the ladies of Chedzoy, who just pulled it out of the bag for what was a momentous weekend

It all started with a Royal bang when our - rumoured to be fake - royal family turned up for a rousing rendition of God Save the Queen followed by a right Royal feast, and entertainment fit for the monarch. Black tie and spiffing dresses were plentiful, as were the uplifting drinkies to see us all through the balmy evening.



Day 2 started with a fuzzy excitement following the right Royal revelry of day 1 - this time a full on Prince Harry night out, lots and lots of happy juice, dancing and the odd game of spoof until the early hours of the morning.



Day 3 in the marquee of dreams was a calm and chilled out day, with tea, cake and ice creams in the stupendous Chedzoy sun - we were even graced by a visit from the Red Arrows !!



All in all a fabulo us weeke nd, one I would have imagin ed Her Majest y would have approv

ed of . . .

*God Save the Queen*

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CHEDZOY PRE-SCHOOL

from Pat Davies

We have lots of fun times and learning opportunities planned for our Autumn term. We have two topics planned for the first half of the term - *All About Me* to encourage self-confidence and making friends; and *Harvest* which explores our local community and will involve the picking of blackberries and using local apples to make blackberry and apple crumble.



The outside shelter is now complete – this large structure will enable even more outside fun and physical development whatever the weather! We would like to reiterate our thanks for the kind donations that enabled this project to be achieved. A special thank you to Chedzoy's *Pop in for a Pint* for their donation which really helped our fundraising efforts. Our committee will be continuing with our popular Bingo evenings – please watch out for dates on the village noticeboards.

Chedzoy Preschool continues to remain popular – we have a few spaces remaining in the Preschool and our Toddler Group continues to be held twice a week. If you are looking for high quality Preschool or Toddler group provision, please contact Pat or Lisa on 07989 034 180 or email info@chedzoypreschool.org.uk for more information.

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| <i>Rector</i>                                                                                                                                                               | Revd Chris Keys | The Vicarage, Church Lane                                                                                | W'zoyland | TA7 0EP | 691 098 | chris.keys@me.com           |                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <i>School Office</i>                                                                                                                                                        |                 | Web Site – <a href="http://www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk">http://www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk</a> |           |         | 683 371 | sch210@educ.somerset.gov.uk |                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Bridgwater Bus Stn      | -- | 9:05 | 11:00 | 12:55 | 14:50 | 16:45 | Street Crispin Hall     | --   | 10:00 | 11:55 | 13:50 | 15:45 | 15:45 |
| Bridgwater Sainsburys   | -- | 9:07 | 11:02 | 12:57 | 14:52 | 16:47 | Walton Church           | --   | 10:06 | 12:01 | 13:56 | 15:51 | 15:51 |
| Bridgwater College      | -- | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | Ashcott Ridgeway        | --   | 10:12 | 12:07 | 14:02 | 15:58 | 15:58 |
| Slape Cross             | -- | 9:14 | 11:09 | 13:04 | 14:59 | 16:54 | Pedwell                 | 8:02 | 10:16 | 12:11 | 14:06 | 16:02 | 16:02 |
| Chedzoy Cross           | -- | 9:16 | 11:11 | 13:06 | 15:01 | 16:56 | Greinton Phone Box      | 8:04 | 10:18 | 12:13 | 14:08 | 16:04 | 16:04 |
| Stawell Church          | -- | 9:22 | 11:17 | 13:12 | 15:07 | 17:02 | Moorlinch Ring of Bells | 8:07 | 10:21 | 12:16 | 14:11 | 16:07 | 16:07 |
| Sutton Mallet           | -- | 9:27 | 11:22 | 13:17 | 15:12 | 17:07 | Sutton Mallet           | 8:13 | 10:27 | 12:22 | 14:17 | 16:13 | 16:13 |
| Moorlinch Ring of Bells | -- | 9:33 | 11:28 | 13:23 | 15:18 | 17:13 | Stawell Church          | 8:19 | 10:33 | 12:28 | 14:23 | 16:19 | 16:19 |
| Greinton Phone Box      | -- | 9:36 | 11:31 | 13:26 | 15:21 | 17:16 | Chedzoy Cross           | 8:25 | 10:39 | 12:34 | 14:29 | 16:25 | 16:25 |
| Pedwell                 | -- | 9:38 | 11:33 | 13:28 | 15:23 | 17:18 | Slape Cross             | 8:27 | 10:41 | 12:36 | 14:31 | 16:27 | 16:27 |
| Ashcott Ridgeway        | -- | 9:43 | 11:38 | 13:33 | 15:28 | --    | Bridgwater College      | --   | --    | --    | --    | 16:35 | --    |
| Walton Church           | -- | 9:48 | 11:43 | 13:38 | 15:33 | --    | Bridgwater Sainsburys   | 8:37 | 10:51 | 12:46 | 14:41 | --    | --    |
| Street Crispin Hall     | -- | 9:55 | 11:50 | 13:45 | 15:40 | --    | Bridgwater Bus Stn      | 8:41 | 10:55 | 12:50 | 14:45 | --    | 16:40 |

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