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WELCOME TO OUR LATEST "CHARD FLYER" FOR AUTUMN 2026.

Another very full issue offering a huge range of service providers, motor repairs, things to do, home improvements, places to eat and celebrate - even a tea-dance!

Our front cover is The Corner House, on the corner of Silver street and Fore Street. Most recently this was an Italian restaurant, but has now reverted to a private home. Do the portico, those lovely bay windows and elegant parapet indicate an 18th Century origin?

On **Page 10** we bring you "Sweet Memories of Chard", courtesy of Craig Hussey. On **Pages 14 & 15** we have news from Chard Rotary Club. Chard Community Hub bring their news on **Pages 18 & 19**. Then on **Pages 22 & 23** some stunning photos accompany an article from The Friends of Chard Reservoir: Across **Pages 26 & 27** we have our useful town and local area maps. Chard Hospital League of Friends have their update on **Page 40**. Chard Town FC look forward to the new season on **Pages 42 & 43**. Chard Inner Wheel have lots of news on **Pages 46 & 47**. Then on **Page 50** Allsaints Quilters announce their exhibition in October.

With so many great businesses and local organisations offering a great autumn season, I really hope that you will support each and every one!

Anthony Bucke EDITOR.

Friday 14 August 2026.

Email: chard@theantiquetourist.com



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NEXT TIME

The next edition of The Chard Flyer – for Winter 2026 - will be distributed week commencing Monday 9th November. What a great way to promote your business and winter specials; Christmas offers; Seasonal parties; gift ideas; get-togethers?

Deadline for inclusion is Friday 9th October 2026.

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SAT 17TH OCT - FROM 12PM: "HAS CHARD GOT TALENT?"

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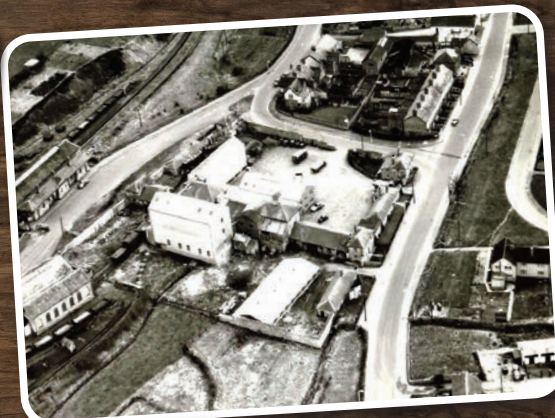
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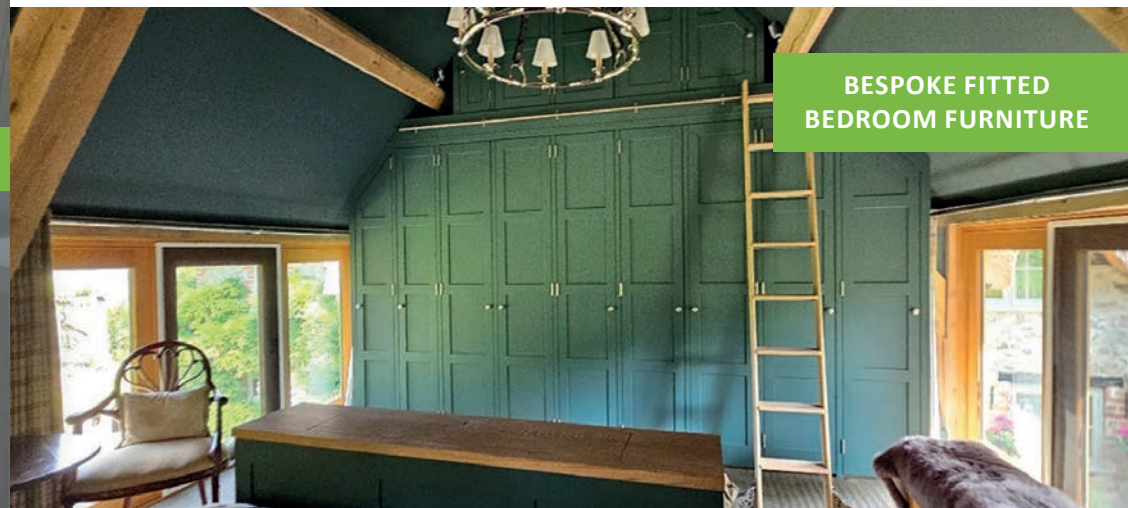


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CHARD ROTARY PEACE GARDEN

We are very pleased to say that work has now started on the Peace Garden, located at the top of Chard Cemetery. Local landscape gardener, Tony Wiltshire, started laying out the hard landscaping towards the end of April and work is progressing well. There is still the opportunity for members of the local community to be a part of this project by making a donation or sponsoring some of the planting or seating, perhaps in memory of a loved one. We do have a planting scheme so if you would like to help please contact Rotarian Richard Harris on **07712 885656**.

Many of you will have joined us for the 'Night at the Musicals', which Tatworth Amateur Pantomime Society (TAPS) performed in St. Mary's Church in support of the Peace Garden project. We know that, everyone who attended had a very enjoyable evening, and will be pleased to hear that we raised over £1000 towards the Peace Garden, with a donation of £250 being made to TAPS.



WALK FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

The Club has continued its long standing support of Childrens Hospice South West with a 14 mile walk along the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal on Sunday 3rd May. Five intrepid walkers, both Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, started from Bridgwater Docks and followed the canal to Dunelm in Taunton. On the way a well earned break was taken at the Maunsell Lock Tea Rooms for a light lunch. Thanks to all who took part both walkers and the drivers who dropped them off and picked them up. As a result of their efforts over £1100 was raised for the Childrens Hospice.

QUADKIDS PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Unfortunately, due to safety concerns over the risk of slips and falls on the wet grass, a decision was taken, in consultation with Holyrood Academy Sports Team, to cancel



this year's competition. We know that this will have been a disappointment for the children taking part and we hope that we will be able to hold the event next year. Who would have thought that we would have so much sun shortly afterwards!!

CLUB HANDOVER EVENING

As we reached the end of another Rotary year, members enjoyed our annual Club Handover Evening when stewardship of the Club passed from outgoing President Barry Gibbs to incoming President Peter Stefanovic. This years handover took place at the Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club on Tuesday 30th June and proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Peter will be ably supported over the next year by President Nominee Cathy Morrison. As part of the evening the Club took the opportunity to recognise service to the community by presenting two Paul Harris Fellowships, the highest award that Rotary can give. The first of these was to outgoing President Barry Gibbs for his service to both the Club and the wider community. The second was to Anne Arnold, wife of Rotarian Paul Arnold in recognition of the support that she has given to Rotarians and their partners, together with members of Chard Inner Wheel, over many years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th October.

We will be welcoming the Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir back to St. Mary's Church. This is a very talented group of singers who have been a regular supporters of the work of Chard Rotary Club. Look out for further details of what will be a very enjoyable evening.

Saturday 5th December.

Plans are in hand to hold a Children's Christmas Party in St. Mary's Church Rooms as part of our Christmas celebrations. As soon as details have been finalised they will appear on our website and social media pages.

Thursday 10th December.

Our Christmas celebrations continue with our annual Carols by Candlelight Service in St. Mary's Church. This is an evening when you can join in with some well loved Carols and be treated to some wonderful singing by children from one of the local Primary Schools. This is always an uplifting evening which is not to be missed.

December

During the month we will be meeting at Tesco in Tapstone Road to sing an assortment of Christmas Carols and Songs. This has become a regular fixture of our Rotary year when we are very grateful for the support of our partners and friends.

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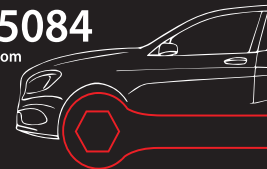
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As the darker nights draw in and the months become colder, we want to share our groups and activities that offer social connection and improved wellbeing, as well as provide a warm space to spend time.

Our weekly Warm Spaces happen on Tuesdays (10am to 1pm) and Thursdays (3.15pm to 5pm), with friendly and welcoming volunteers on hand to offer not only a hot drink, but a listening ear. Attendees can expect board games, crafts, great company and a chance to unwind in a safe space. We're also able to signpost to other avenues of support to help with those winter worries, including information on energy bills and taking care of your pet.

For those living with substance use and addiction, our weekly Regain drop-in with Somerset Drug and Alcohol service takes place on Thursdays, between 10am and 1pm. Run



by an SDAS worker and peer mentors, it's an opportunity to have something to eat in a warm space, while receiving advice and support. There's no pressure of an appointment and no need to book, and attendees are welcome to come as often or as little as they like.

We aim to fill as many dark evenings as possible, with groups happening almost every night of the week.

On Mondays (6.30pm to 8pm, 13+ welcome with a parent/carer), there's Evening Art Hub and a chance to explore creativity for wellbeing.

On Tuesdays we host a Sewing Workshop (6pm to 8pm, 13+ welcome with a parent/carer) and monthly Crochet Hub (first Tuesday). Bring along a project you're working on or come as a beginner and the team will get you started.

From September, the Silent Book Club will be back on Wednesdays (6pm to 8pm, 13+ with a parent/carer). Part of an international network, it's a book club with no assigned reading and no pressure to discuss literature. Bring along whatever you like to read, including e-readers and audiobooks and settle down for some quiet reading time with no distractions.

There are two offerings on Thursdays! Games Hub (6pm to 9pm, 18+) meets weekly, with a chance to meet like-minded people for tabletop gaming. Talk Club (fortnightly, 6.30pm to



8.30pm, 18+) is a group for men, to share worries, talk things through and to support one another.

Chatting with others, having hobbies and filling our time is so important for our wellbeing. We hope that our free activities help provide some time for connection, trying something new and getting support when it's needed. All of this runs alongside our existing services for families, individuals and young people, as well as our food support.

If you'd like further information, please do get in touch with us. You can send an email to secretary@chardcommunityhub.com, give us a call on **01460 923149** or find us on social media: [@chardcommunityhub](https://www.facebook.com/chardcommunityhub)

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Sewing Workshop (13+ with parent/carer)
6pm to 8pm

Crochet Group (first Tuesday, 13+ with parent/carer)
6pm to 8pm

Wednesday

Reach Youth Hub (11 to 18 years) 3.15pm to 5.15pm

Silent Book Club (September to June, 13+ with parent/carer) 6pm to 8pm

Thursday

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The summer has been a very busy time with events for groups, individuals and families. The last meeting of the 'Friends' heard an update from the rangers regarding the events which had taken place. There were visits from Avishayes school, a local scout group and other community groups. Also, a talk for a Women's Institute group.

A photography walk hosted by local artist Carolyn Lefley and ranger Edd Chilcott was fully booked and with the recent sun, photographs will have been bright and detailed. Recurring events such as 'pop-up planes' hosted in collaboration with the Chard Museum are family favourites, too.



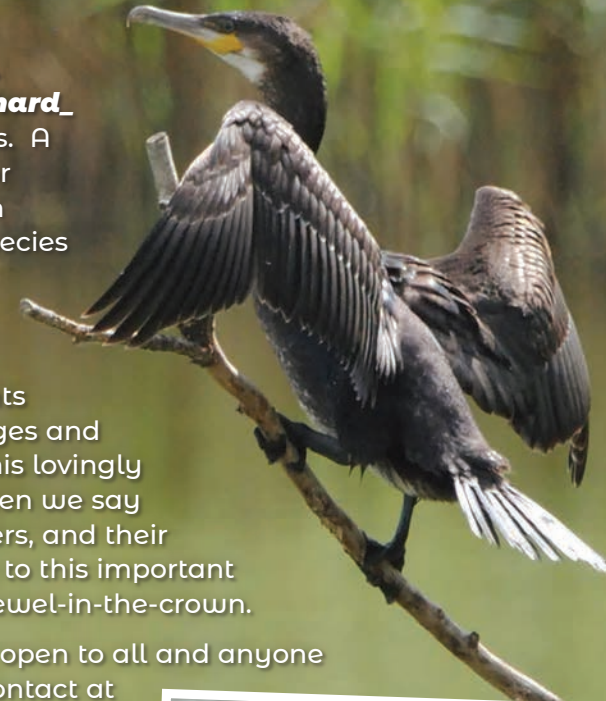
Follow the **'Friends of Chard Reservoir'** Facebook page and Instagram page at www.instagram.com/friends_of_chard_reservoir2025 for future events. A fascinating event scheduled for October is the Fungi Foray. An expert talk about the many species of fungi found at the reservoir nature reserve.

I think the Friends of Chard Reservoir speak for the residents of Chard, it's surrounding villages and all visitors who benefit from this lovingly maintained nature reserve when we say a huge thank you to the rangers, and their teams of volunteers, who tend to this important attraction. It truly is Chard's jewel-in-the-crown.

As usual, the 'friends' group is open to all and anyone wishing to join us can make contact at friendsofchardreservoir@outlook.com and anyone is welcome to attend the groups meetings.

Jan Hooper.

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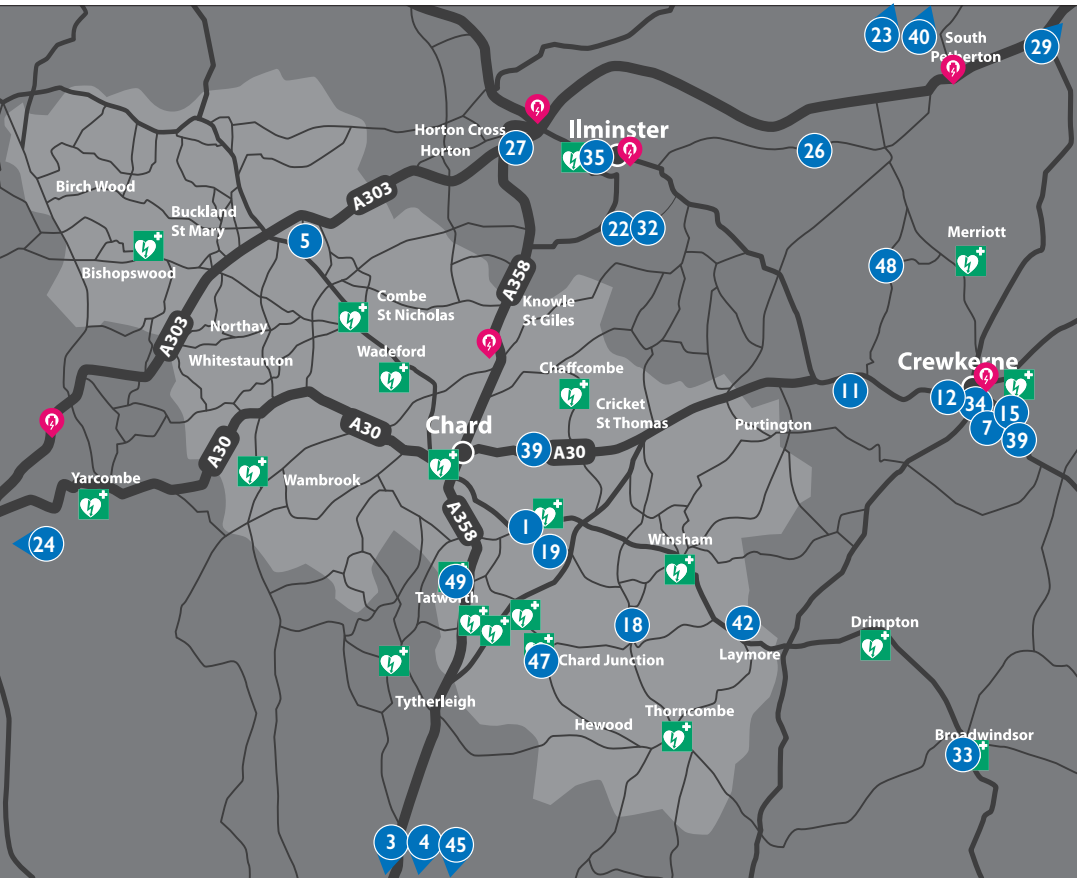


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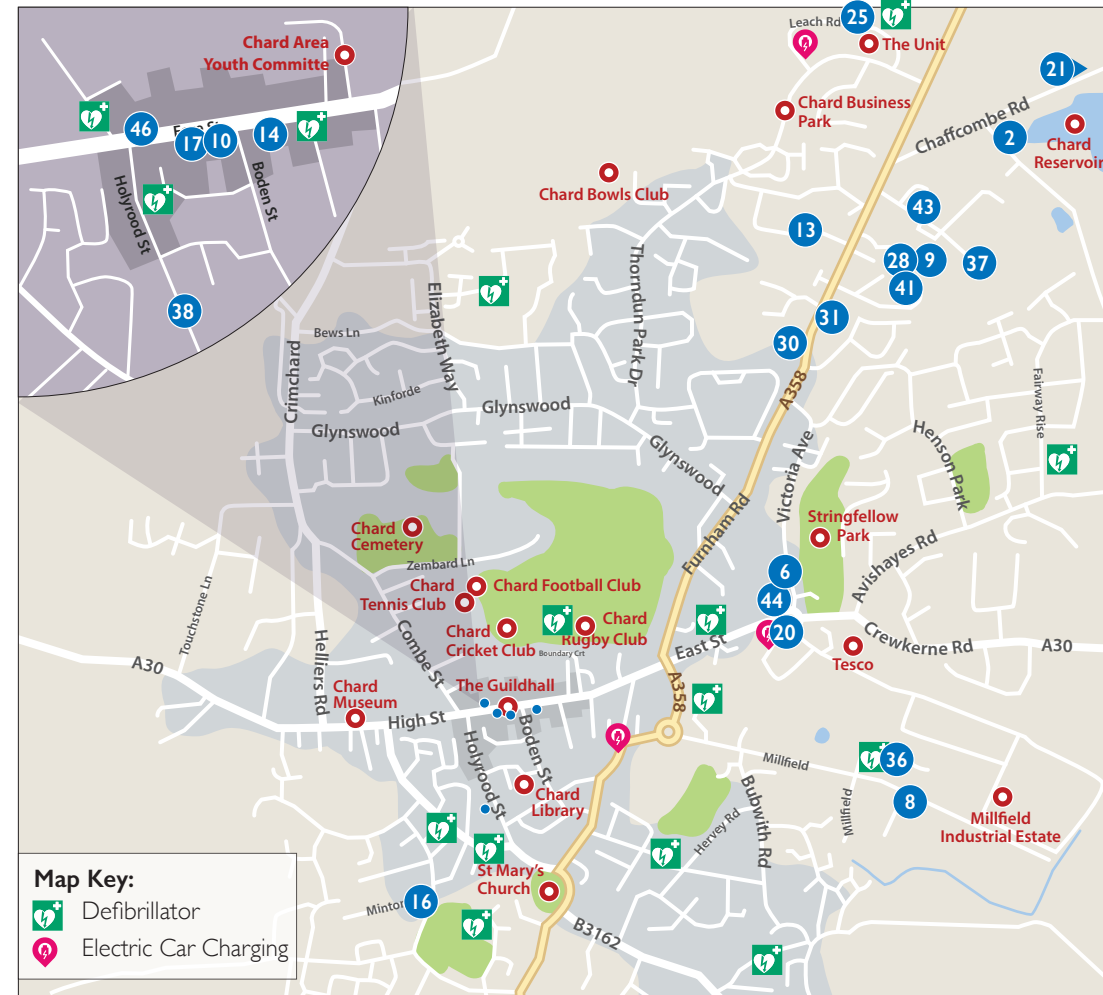
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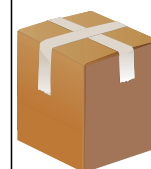
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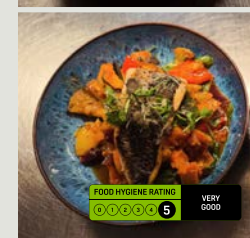
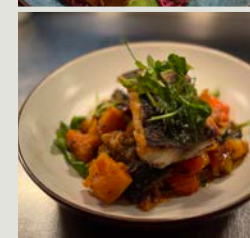
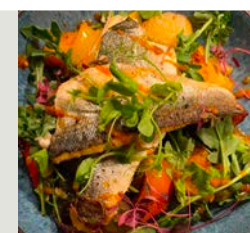
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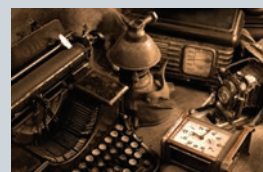
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UPDATE FROM CHARD TOWN F.C.

As the World Cup comes to an end we now start looking to the new season at Chard Town FC.

Steve Redwood has taken over from Andrew Holmes to run the first team, but will still oversee the U18s with Nick Crittenden. Gary Parsley is managing the Reserves with Dan Isaacs.

On the committee we now have Mark Morris as treasurer and Duncan Lewis is the Commercial Manager, the future is looking good at Chard Town FC on and off the pitch. Although new players are always needed.

The first team fixtures have been released and they are available to view on our website, a snapshot of fixtures upcoming will be available on our Facebook page. By the time you read this we will have played five fixtures. Three

away at Ashton & Backwell, Clevedon United and Yatton & Cleeve and two at home against Hengrove Athletic and Stockwood Green. Hopefully we have had a good start with some well-earned points.

SOME FIXTURES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 26th December 2026
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Saturday 27th March 2027
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As we go to press the Reserves fixtures aren't available. After a successful season of last they were promoted to the second division of the Devon & Exeter league, however this has meant travelling further distances to play football and with a change of management players have left the club. The

decision has been made to exit the Devon & Exeter League and join the Perry St League as it's more local. Gary Parsley has now left his position as manager and it's too late to join a league this season.

The U18s will play in the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League, South Division again this season. Players are always needed to join the football club and this is an ideal stepping stone to gain experience and progress to the first team, many of our regular first team players are ex U18 players and some still are U18 players.

The first game is against Axminster away on 16th September, home against Wellington 29th September then home against Ilminster on 6th October. All fixtures are on our website.



Steve Redwood
U18s Manager



Nick Crittenden
U18s Assistant Manager

BREAKING NEWS

Michelle Perry has great ambitions to form a Ladies team, we used to have a very successful ladies team in the past so it will be great to get one up and running again, maybe too late for this season to enter a league but friendlies could be arranged. A formal meeting has been arranged for Monday 3rd Aug for people interested. If you are interested or know anyone that is please get in touch.

On Friday 17th July the Clifford family organised a football match in remembrance of Adrian Clifford several ex-players attended and it was a good night of football with a very large number of spectators. Despite Clifford XI going ahead with a goal from Ash Manning Chard Legends

XI soon hit back with a goal from Tim Legg. Minutes later Ryan Mason got the second for Chard Legends. Clifford XI tried so hard to get back into the game but Chard Legends were too strong and after a few missed chances they were awarded a penalty. Jason Hutchins had to run up the slope to take it and slotted it home expertly. With 20m left to play a serious injury to Kieron Bailey brought the game to an end, it was revealed later that he had a broken leg in three places. Everyone at the Football Club wish him a speedy recovery.

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Autumn Update from Chard Inner Wheel

This past year under the Presidency of Lynda has been and gone in a flash and we now welcome Kate McElligott as our new President.

This is a new venture for Kate as it is the first time she will have been President of the Club. She will be encouraging members, new and old, to become much more involved in both the Community and the Club. Although we have been prominent in the community over the years, life moves on apace and we need to adapt to Chard's changing demographic.

We are looking at adding some more accessible meetings; sometimes at a local venue and sometimes at members' homes. This will allow much more flexible drop-in sessions for members and visitors who may not be able to commit to an evening meal and will also add to the stock of ideas to give a different perspective on local issues. The focus this year is very much on communication with our local community - which, to put it mildly, has been struggling over the last few years as more and more houses are being built with little infrastructure to support the growing numbers.

Kate's personal interests since moving to Chard some 12 years ago are unpaid carers, dementia and adult social care. Caring for her mother (sadly no longer with us), who had dementia, she experienced the somewhat isolated life of an unpaid carer; very much a case at the time of 'not knowing what

she didn't know' in a place with which she was unfamiliar. She now volunteers for the Chard Carers' Support Group, helping to run the group. After this, joining the Somerset Dementia Partnership started to improve communications around all things dementia and, from that, she was asked to be part of the Working Together Board, which is organised by Adult Social Care.

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We look forward to a busy programme this coming year and as always, we love meeting new people and welcome visitors to our meetings and events.

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