

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

7 Aug	Trinity 7	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Village Service (The Chideock Players)
14 Aug	Trinity 8	11am Holy Communion (CW)
21 Aug	Trinity 9	11am Holy Communion (CW)
28 Aug	Trinity 10	11am Holy Communion (CW)

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH AND VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION OPEN DAILY 10-4pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer

Sat, 6 August Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Fatima, Poole

Sat, 13 August 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Fri, 19 August 10.00am Mass

Fri, 26 August 10.00am Mass

Sat, 27 August 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

7-13 September 2-4pm daily Dorset Architectural Heritage Week,  
Sacristy, Barn Chapel & Memorial Chapel also open

See Church Noticeboard or [www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk](http://www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk) for more information.

### CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Nick Zaiger (01297 489580) Treasurer: Barbara Arnold (01297 489423) Secretary: Nick Baker (01297 489555).

Chideock Village Hall is available as a venue for regular events and special occasions.

**BOOKINGS/ENQUIRIES 01297 489580 or 07716 201440**

**BINGO/WHIST DATES (all sessions start at 7.30pm)**

Thursday 4th August BINGO

Thursday 11th August WHIST

Thursday 18th August BINGO

Thursday 25th August WHIST

### DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the SEPTEMBER 2011 magazine to : Mrs. Ruth Wrixton, Sweet Briar, West Road, Bridport, DT6 6AE. Tel: 01308 422649 or mobile 07811672058 or e-mail me : [ruthwrixton@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthwrixton@hotmail.com) (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

There is a **YEAR PLANNER** in the porch of St. Giles. Please indicate any future events as early as possible by filling in the date on the Planner. This helps to avoid having more than one event on the same day.

## **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP 2011 DATES**

(Mondays 2-5 pm) Chideock Village Hall.

### **Autumn Term:**

Sept 12 Terry Whitworth Sept 19 x Sept 26 Jenny Cuthbert

## **COMMUNITY POLICING ...**



Littering is still an ongoing problem. Our beautiful countryside needs to be looked after. Please be mindful when out enjoying the scenery to ensure you take your litter on with you. Please also ensure your dog foul is picked up.

When you are out walking, please bear in mind livestock and other animals that are near by. Dogs can often be very distressing to farm animals including reared game such as pheasants and partridges to say nothing of the natural wildlife we are lucky to see. Please also ensure farm gates are closed when passed through to ensure nothing escapes.

Be aware that roads are now busier with lots of visitors to the area. Always keep an eye on the speed limit and the conditions of the roads.

It is likely that now that the summer is here and the days are longer the potential for persons driving whilst tired is at a high, 'Driving while tired is extremely dangerous, both for yourself and other road users. Driving requires intense concentration and perception, but these are greatly reduced when you are drowsy. Your judgement skills are also impaired, which can make you slower to see potential or actual dangers and react to them. The law takes a dim view of drowsy driving. If you are caught driving while drowsy or you fall asleep at the wheel, you can be charged with careless or dangerous driving. If you are involved in a fatal accident, you can be charged with dangerous driving. This can result in a prison sentence of up to fourteen years.' (Comment from a website that explains driving offences, for further information please visit, <http://www.nopenaltypoints.co.uk/>)

Most of all be safe and enjoy the attractions that Dorset has to offer.

PCSO Paul MINERS Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

## CHIDEOCK W.I.

Summertime for the WI in Chideock means outings!



The visit to Athelhampton House on the 14<sup>th</sup> June to view the house and walk in the delightful gardens was enjoyed by all. The gardens are divided up into small areas each with a very different, often surprising style of planting and purpose to encourage you to linger. The stunning and much painted Topiary garden, with its hidden seating and the small formal Crown garden, contrast with the quiet bench overlooking the River Piddle. This is the occasion when husbands, partners and friends join us. Judging by the photographs of everyone enjoying the dinner, the food and drink at Athelhampton was also excellent. (see the photo's on the WI notice Board). Many thanks to Linda Gould for organising the event.

The WI membership is very varied in age, ability and availability to attend away events, so members day on the 4<sup>th</sup> July was a local 'outing'.

Members gathered in warm afternoon sunshine at the Bay Tree House garden – beautiful with summer flowers - for a tea of scones, jam, cream *and* strawberries. Jenny did us proud.

This is a great opportunity for getting to know more about other members who may not live in the same part of the village as you. I discovered one member who as a young woman lived and worked in what is now our house and was married from there.

There is plenty of time for chat and laughter, as anyone passing the Bay Tree on that afternoon would have heard. However, even when on outings there is no escape from everyone learning that you are a year older, as the birthday posies came too!

Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next outing, by bus to Weymouth.

The autumn session starts on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the village Hall at 2.30pm. John Dobinson will be our guest speaker to talk on 'Shelter Box', always relevant when the news is so full of famine and other disasters.

*New members, visitors and guests are always welcome*



- On behalf of the WI members, President Shirley Lambert thanks Jenny for the food and hospitality provided by the Bay Tree House.
- Members enjoying the event.

## **CHIDEOCK CONSERVATIVE SUMMER LUNCH**

All friends, supporters and members are invited to this year's SUMMER LUNCH PARTY, on Thursday 18th August at 12.30 for 1.00pm.

Admission by ticket only at £10.00 per person from Steve Warburton 01297-489926.

## **ST GILES CHURCH**

The Musical Evening by Stephanie Humphries and friends in St. Giles church on Friday 26th August has had to be cancelled.

The Chideock Luncheon Club (Village Lunch) will meet on Tuesday 30th August at The Clock at 12.15 for 12.30.

Please ring Sue McDougal (489 408) or Judy Campbell (489121) if you would like to come and/or to arrange transport. If you haven't been before and would like to enjoy a simple lunch with other people and have a laugh and a chat why not give it a try?

## **MURDER MYSTERY TREASURE TRAIL**

**(organised by Chideock Village Hall Committee)**

**To be held on Sunday 21st August, leaving from the Village Hall from 2.30pm onwards.**

A murder has been committed in the village!!!! Use your skills as an ace detective to discover where the suspects live and who is the murderer!

Walk around the village looking for clues, then back to the village hall for refreshments. Clues sheet £2 each. FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

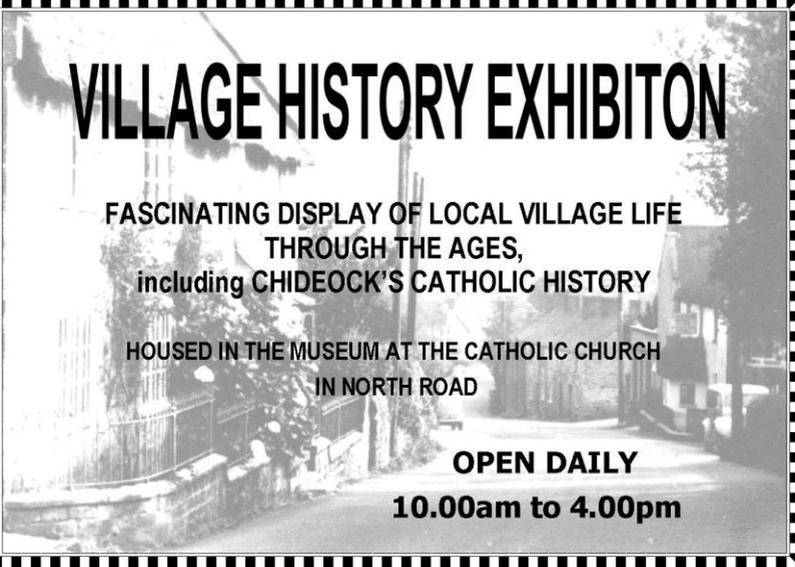
## **MESSAGE IN CHIDEOCK**

I am passionate about massage and the wealth of benefits it can bring to any individual. When embarking on this career path I had no idea of how much massage would become such a big part of my life and I continue to be astounded by its potency and healing properties.

Massage is a great way to be in touch with your body; the connection between mind and body is so often lost in the hectic pace of everyday life and massage restores this. I believe Massage can heal both physically and emotionally but most of all it is a wonderful, relaxing treat and I feel really lucky to be able to share it!

As a therapist I aim to treat each person with integrity and compassion. I try to listen carefully and create an individual treatment which will be both beneficial and enjoyable. The treatments vary from person to person and session to session. I tend to work quite deeply using a variety of massage techniques to help restore the body to good health.

BELINDA SILCOX



# VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITON

FASCINATING DISPLAY OF LOCAL VILLAGE LIFE  
THROUGH THE AGES,  
including CHIDEOCK'S CATHOLIC HISTORY

HOUSED IN THE MUSEUM AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN NORTH ROAD

**OPEN DAILY**  
**10.00am to 4.00pm**

## **CHIDEOCK AND SEATOWN COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

**<http://chideockandseatown.co.uk>    **Launch Date 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011****

After a lively informal meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall we are pleased to advise that the new Chideock & Seatown Community Website is going ahead. Our launch date is 31<sup>st</sup> July but a limited preview website will be available before that date. This website will be about the Community – all the different groups that everyone can join – all the different entertainments and events that are happening – Chideock News online, ‘What’s On’ Calendar of Events, Photo gallery, Jobs Page, The Chideock Bells Project, History, links to Bus Timetables and Tide Times, Parish Records, Holiday Guide, Articles for Sale, Places to go – in fact anything and everything to do with Chideock and Seatown!

It is hoped that all the Chideock Groups will have a page each – The Chideock W.I. The Chideock Society, The Chideock Players, The Chideock Lunch Club, The Chideock Cidermakers, The Chideock Fete Committee, The Bopper Bus, The Chideock-Eype Footpath Project, St.Giles Church, The Roman Catholic Church, The Village Hall Committee, The Parish Council, The Friends of St.Giles, The Chideock Trust....the list goes on and on. These Groups can tell us all about what they are planning, membership details, contacts and future events.

We want to achieve an ever changing website and we are inviting people to contribute by way of stories, favourite walks, histories of people or houses, favourite recipes – in short anything and everything – we want your ideas?? Featuring every month will be a page from the beautiful photograph album held by The Chideock Museum. This Album dates back to the early 1900’s and each page has a photograph surrounded by exquisite water colour paintings of flowers or shells. We will also be telling you about the history of the lady who took the photographs.

Please come on board and help us to make a website worthy of the name of Chideock.

Should anyone wish to advertise on this new and exciting website please contact either Lyn Crisp or Heather Pepper for further information.

We need to have as much content as possible by 14<sup>th</sup> July to be ready for 31<sup>st</sup> July Launch and regular updates will be made after that date. Please email content to the addresses below or drop in by hand to The Farmers Arms, Mill Lane, Chideock.

Heather Pepper email: [heather@correling.co.uk](mailto:heather@correling.co.uk).

Lyn Crisp ~ 01297 489098 email: [l.crisp@homecall.co.uk](mailto:l.crisp@homecall.co.uk)

## **Bell Fund**

The last few weeks have seen plenty of progress on the fund raising initiative, with monies coming in from:-

Smarties, Visits up the tower, Verdi's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party, sundry donations, and two full bell sponsorships. We have also had a donation from the ringers of St Mary's Bridport.

The committee are anxious to place the order with the bell founders (Taylors), so that the work can start in September. An all out effort is therefore needed to ensure that the remaining monies can be raised.

Fund raising activities and events will continue, with the cider makers skittles week, and stalls at the village fete, but individual efforts and initiatives will be both essential and most welcome.

One of the bells has been generously sponsored by Gwyneth Winter, in memory of her late husband Herbert, who did so much for the music of the village during his time here.

There are still four bells that could be sponsored, and in addition to a plaque being placed in the bell tower, your name (or that of your chosen relative) will be engraved on the actual bell, by the bell founders, during the period that the bells are being restored. How exciting is that, to know that in 400 years time, people will look at yours, or your chosen name, and wonder who you were, and how you lived. What they will know, is that your generosity gave pleasure to the whole village, for hundreds of years.....what a legacy.

All donors are being recorded in a book of thanksgiving, that will be available in the church for people to see. It has come to the committee's attention that many of the donations from the Smarties (which now total £1,155.00), have been anonymous.

We would like to include the names of those who have given, and the committee ask that anybody who would like to give their name please do so by filling in the form which is located in the shop.

You could also email it to Val at [cowell524@btinternet.com](mailto:cowell524@btinternet.com). You do not need to mention the amount of the gift.

If we are able to commence the work in September, it is just possible, that the bells will ring in the New Year of 2012.....Please keep the effort going.

With grateful thanks

Bell Fund Committee.

THANKS...

After living in 12 Arundell since August 1999 we decided to locate nearer to our family and it was with sadness that we moved from the village in early July. We made a lot of friends during our time here and found Chideock very welcoming. We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to those people we were unable to see personally before we moved. May we wish everyone best wishes for the future. Freda and Tony Goodwill

# CREAM TEAS

at

**SEATOWN HOUSE**

(Near the Beach)

**Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 until 5:00

**Price £3:00**

*Delicious homemade scones and strawberry jam and endless tea*

In aid of the 'Friends of St Giles'

## **CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS**

The Society has no meetings or events in August or September, but the committee will be busy preparing the programme for next year. If you have any ideas or recommendations for speakers, outings or events let a committee member know. Phone numbers are on the front of the magazine.

Suggestions so far include: An update on the Golden Cap dig from an archaeologist, information about the Olympic Legacy for Dorset. (it's all happening next year and how are people getting to Weymouth from

## **Chideock Society... (continued)**

Devon and Cornwall?), Someone to tell us about the new local craze of Gig racing, days out exploring unknown places in Dorset, Homegrown entertainment, Local history and a special evening for new residents.

We still have some Green Card useful contact numbers available. This is a handy card to keep near the phone or in your pocket when out walking. It has numbers for contacting help when you come across problems in the environment. e.g. Dead, injured or stray livestock, river or stream pollution, stranded dolphins, injured wildlife. Cards are available in the village shop or from 01297 489422

**\*\*Don't forget the A.G.M. on TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER  
7.15 pm in the VILLAGE HALL\*\***

## **CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL ...**

### **Parish Councillors**

There are currently 4 councillors:-

Cllr Rob Murray	Chair
Cllr Caroline Barnes	Vice Chair
Cllr Kate Geraghty	
Cllr Elizabeth Grant	

There should be 7 councillors, so the council is working at just over half strength which limits what can be achieved. There is also a real danger that meetings cannot be held as there must be 3 or more councillors present.

Please consider coming forward for co-option.

### **Part Night Time Street Lighting.**

As you may know, Dorset County Council has decided that nearly all street lights in both urban and rural residential areas will be turned off from midnight to 5:30am (i.e. the lights will be on from dusk until midnight and then back on again from 5:30am until dawn - if still dark. N. B. In the summer the lights still operate on GMT so will go off at 1:00am and back on again at 6:30am, if still dark), although some lights in these areas will remain lit, where safety or statutory requirements cannot be met by other means. The lights are being turned off to save money and this will also reduce carbon emissions. DCC states that the times chosen to extinguish the lights coincide with the lowest levels of highway use in residential areas.

## **Chideock Parish Council (Continued)...**

Lights in Town Centres, on designated traffic routes, roundabouts and roads with speed humps will remain lit all night. Some areas with higher crime levels, CCTV installations or all night use (near police stations, hospitals etc.) may remain lit all night.

The part night lighting program is due to be completed within 2 years for the whole of Dorset, although at present there is no date for Chideock.

### **Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Just a reminder that overnight parking from 6pm to 8am is **FREE**.

**Charges still apply every day from 8am to 6pm.**

Season tickets are still available for day time parking – a **BARGAIN** at £40 a year, £20 a half year or £10 a quarter. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in buying one.

### **Grateful Thanks.**

The Parish Council would like to thank the following people for their much appreciated voluntary help:-

- Mrs Gratten for looking after the flower beds at the Village Car Park
- Rob Murray for trimming the hedge at the Village Car Park
- Martin Cox, West Dorset Leisure Holidays for grass cutting at Clapps Mead Playing Field
- Mr & Mrs Mudford, Lyn Crisp and Nick Zaiger, and anyone else whose name I don't know, for their work strimming etc. at Clapps Mead Playing Field.
- Nick Zaiger for agreeing to continue the regular equipment inspections at the Playing Field and carrying out repairs as necessary.

### **A35 Matters.**

The Parish Council continues to press the Highways Agency and VOSA for a Roadside Enforcement Site to the West of the village to inhibit un-roadworthy vehicles from using the A35 between Exeter and the East. We are meeting with our MP Oliver Letwin to discuss this and other matters including Air Quality and HGVs. In the meantime please continue to make a note of any heavy vehicles which have difficulty getting up Chideock Hill travelling West. Please inform the Clerk of the date, time, name of company; by phone or e-mail. (01308 426327 / [chideock@dorset.parishes.gov.uk](mailto:chideock@dorset.parishes.gov.uk))

The Parish Council has received the following interim update from Oliver Letwin MP:-

“So far as the discussions with the Highways Agency are concerned, these are continuing and work is under way which may well lead to a substantial diminution in the number of large heavy goods vehicles coming through Chideock.”