

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

DEC 2011/JAN 2012

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK Ms. S. Robinson, 60 North Allington, Bridport (01308 426327)
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN Rob Murray, 9 Winniford Close (489206)
W.I. CHAIRMAN Mrs Shirley Lambert, 16 St. Giles Close. (01297 489099)
VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN Nick Zaiger, 6 Bilberry Close (01297 489580)
CHIDEOCK PLAYERS Nick Baker, Annables, North Road, DT6 6LE (01297 489555)
CHIDEOCK SOCIETY 01297 489580 / 489422 / 489619
CHIDEOCK FETE COMMITTEE Keith Baylis, Seatown Cottage, DT6 6JT (01297 489027)
CHIDEOCK CIDER MAKERS Colin Hopkins, Colraine, Main Street, DT6 6JG (01297 489899)
ST. GILES CHURCH RECTOR Rev. Stephen Skinner, 4 Dragons Hill, L/Regis (01297 443763)
LICENSED LAY MINISTER Mr. Jim Pettifer, 7 Winniford Close (01297 489260)
ST. GILES CHURCHWARDEN Mrs. Valerie Cowell, Longwood, Chideock Hill (01297 489417)
Mrs. Sue Pettifer 7 Winniford Close (01297 489260)
ST. GILES CHURCH BELL CAPTAIN Mr. Dave Symonds, Dormer Cottage (01297 489644)
ST. GILES CHURCH PCC Mrs. Valerie Cowell, Longwood, Chideock Hill (01297 489417)
FRIENDS OF ST. GILES Ms. Ann Walker, Glenston, Main Road.(01297 4894363)
CHIDEOCK ART GROUP Anne Harrington, 8 Foss Orchard, DT6 6SG (01297 489440)
CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. IGNATIUS Bridport Parish Office 01308 422594
FRIENDS OF OUR LADY Karen Warburton, 4 Collins Court, DT6 6HS (01297 489672)
CHIDEOCK VILLAGE TRUST Mrs. Lisa Tuck, Broadlands, Chideock (01297 489543).
SYMONDSBURY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER (01308 423502)

SERVICES AT ST. GILES

December Services

4 th December	2nd Sunday in Advent	11am Village Service
11 th December	3 rd Sunday in Advent	11am Holy Communion (CW)
18 th December	4 th Sunday in Advent	11am Holy Communion (CW)
		6pm Carol Service
24 th December	Christmas Eve	11pm Eucharist
25 th December	Christmas Day	10am Family Service

January Services

1 st January	Circumcision of Christ	11am Holy Communion (No Village Service this month)
8 th January	Epiphany	11am Holy Communion
15 th January	Epiphany 2	11am Holy Communion
22 nd January	Epiphany 3	11am Holy Communion
29 th January	Candlemas	<u>4pm Team Candlemas</u>

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer

December

Fri 2nd 10 am Mass
Sat 10th 6 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Wed 14th 12.45 Christingle with Year 3, St Catherine's School
Fri 16th 10 am Mass
Fri 23rd 10 am Mass
Sun 25th 10 am Christmas Day Mass
Fri 30th 10 am Mass

January

Sat 14th 6 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Fri 20th 10 am Mass
Thurs 26th Visit from Bournemouth branch of NADFAS
Fri 27th 10 am Mass
Sat 28th 6 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
See Church Noticeboard or www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk for more information.

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 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 7.30 pm)

Thursday 3rd November BINGO

Thursday 10th November WHIST

Thursday 17th November BINGO

Thursday 24th November CHIDEOCK PLAYERS PANTOMIME

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the FEB 2012 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 (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Wednesday 18th Jan 2012.

ANYONE FOR TABLE TENNIS?

Would you be interested in playing Table Tennis? We are hoping to arrange for two tables to be available in the Chideock Village Hall. Sessions could be arranged for either afternoons or evenings or BOTH. Games could be held for children and adults – we need your feedback? A small charge would be necessary to cover hall hire costs and to help maintain and buy equipment. Please if you are interested in playing or just helping to organize events please telephone Sue McDougal on 01297 489408. It is good fun AND keeps you fit!

Christmas Cards for the Bells

Last year several people decided to donate money to a good cause instead of sending local Christmas Cards. The scheme was a great success, so it has been decided to repeat it this year. If you would like to donate the money you would have spent on Christmas cards, why not give it to the Bells Fund? A chart will be put up in the church porch for you to indicate your participation in the scheme. Money can be given to Val Cowell or Diane Benjamin.

Christmas Carol Service

In November the choir at St. Giles will be beginning to practise for the Carol Service, which is on Sunday, 18th December at 6pm. We meet on Thursdays at 6pm in the church. As usual we would like to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us for this special occasion. We hope to include some of our younger villagers again this year. Please ring Sue Pettifer 489260 for more information.

CHIDEOCK WI

President Shirley Lambert and members welcomed Clive Edwards of the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) to talk about this valuable charity, operated entirely by volunteers for the purpose of assisting preservation of life and safety along our coast. Clive showed us an interesting DVD presentation on the work of the NCI currently based at 46 stations around England. This featured members at work on 'look-out' in a range of locations from Portland Bill to the Lizard; in training, for new recruits and to keep old hands up to date and in rescue situations where they were liaising with the other search and rescue organisations, the Coastguard Service and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Clive emphasised the growing importance of this voluntary body along our busy south coast. With cutbacks to the Coastguard service there will be no Coastguard presence from Lee on Solent to Falmouth. Locally there is a temporary NCI base above Hive Beach but plans are in hand to have a purpose-built base on the East Pier in West Bay. Wrestling with planning authorities and fundraising is on-going. When operational more volunteers will be needed to serve the new base. We all wished Clive and his colleagues the best of luck in their endeavors.

After a welcome tea break and time to socialize, we returned to WI general business...

On 21st October 6 members attended the Dorset Federation of WIs' annual conference at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. Iris gave a resume of this very successful event. The two speakers were Ann Widdecombe, who proved an entertaining, interesting and challenging speaker. In complete contrast the afternoon speaker was Sheila Dibner, glamorous widow of the TV personality and original Fred Dibnah. Sheila was an extrovert northern 'lass' with a lifelong passion for spanners, who was both entertaining and interesting as she related events in her life with the "most, least romantic man in Britain".

At the national level there are two projects which contribute to the WI Centenary celebrations in 2015 that are of particular interest to us locally.

The NFWI are seeking to form a 'Singing for Joy' choir and invite any local WI members who are interested in becoming involved in this initiative to come forward and join the singing workshops which will be taking place in 2012. The national initiative 'Keeping the Past Present' asks local WI groups to bring together the archives they have of their branch history. Members were asked to look out any photographs or mementoes of past events.

November is a busy month for birthdays with best wishes given to Val Cowell, Audrey, Beryl, Jenny, Pat Hussey and Sue Walliker. A card for Day Barr was put out for members to sign. Day remains poorly and it is hoped that our good wishes will lift her spirits. Shirley won the main competition for a seashore souvenir and Evalina came first in the monthly flower competition.

Reminders Linda Gould needs more soft toys for the WI stall at the Village Bazaar on December 3rd.. We need a few more helpers to run the stall throughout the day – any volunteers please contact Linda.

The coach for the Exeter Cathedral Christmas Carol service will leave from the shop car park at 9am.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Chideock WI (continued)

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas lunch on December 9th – 12.30pm for 1pm at the Lyme Regis Golf Clubhouse.
The next meeting will be on January 3rd 2012 in the village Hall, at 2.30pm.
Peter Hammond will give a talk on *'The Joys of Watercolour'*
New members, visitors and guests are always welcome.



Clive Edwards of the local National Coastguard Institution speaking at the WI meeting.

COMMUNITY POLICING ...

So we're into THAT time of year again where shops are full of Christmas goodies and now that Halloween has come and gone, people are on the not so long wind down to the festive holiday.



We are also into the time of year when people have already started to fill up their oil tanks in preparation for winter. Therein lies a threat to many with fuel tanks, of possible theft of heating oil. At Beaminster over the last few years, we have been giving out lots of advice to protect your fuel tanks, so please contact us for advice.

We have seen a number of thefts from motor vehicles over recent weeks, of personal belongings left in view and vehicles being left insecure. This presents a great opportunity for any criminal or would be criminal, looking for this kind of opportunity, so please remember to take ANY personal possessions out of your car and secure it.

Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Experienced cleaner and ironer, currently employed part time would like extra work in the Chideock area. If interested please call AIDA on 01297 489542 or 07990 7833 32

CHIDEOCK AND SEATOWN COMMUNITY WEBSITE

<http://chideockandseatown.co.uk>



WELDMAR HOSPICE CHIDEOCK

During one of the wettest mornings this Autumn the Chideock committee were delighted to see so many at the Weldmar coffee morning held at Apple Trees Thatch---- the magnificent sum of £601 was raised for Hospice funds.

Grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Christopher Walliker for opening their home and to all those who helped and provided raffle prizes.

Calling all jazz followers.

The annual Hospice event for 2012 will be held at the village hall on Friday 16th March 2012.

During the course of the evening there will be a two course dinner, a raffle, a pledge auction and the main attraction-The Sunset Cafe Stompers-drinks will be available throughout the evening.

There is considerable interest in jazz in the village and demand for tickets is likely to be high—Mr Guy Mills on 01297 489231 is our ticket master and tickets can be reserved with Guy. We shall put in place a seating plan to avoid any disappointments. Ticket prices have been held at previous levels of £20 a head.

The Chideock Committee

QUIZ NIGHT IN CHIDEOCK

The first Quiz Night of the New Year will be held on Friday 27 January 2012 in Chideock Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are £6 which includes a super buffet supper. Please remember to bring your own drinks and glasses. As ever there will be jolly good prizes for the top five tables. We urge you to come along and enjoy an evening of light-hearted fun with your friends and neighbours. So forget the Greece problem, the plight of Bristol City, the Coalition's efforts to turn us into a third-world country, the cold weather, the continuing rubbish on tv etc and bask in the warmth of the welcome awaiting you in Chideock's most fashionable venue.

In aid of St. Giles Church.


R.W.

Judy and George Campbell and Deborah and Guy Mills
wish all our Chideock friends a very Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year.

As in previous years we shall be making a donation to our
favourite charities as an alternative to sending cards.

Marian and Steve Warburton wish all their many friends and
acquaintances in Chideock, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous,
healthy New Year. Instead of sending Christmas cards this year we are
making a donation to the Bell Fund"

* Christmas good wishes to all in Chideock *
* from Jack and Karen Warburton *
* who are making a donation to the Bells Appeal *
* instead of sending local cards this year *



I shall not be sending Christmas cards to my friends and colleagues this
year but will be giving a donation to the St. Giles Church Bells fund.
Meanwhile, I wish you all a....
Merry Christmas and a more settled New Year in 2012. John McMorro

CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 3rd December, from 10.00am until 4.00pm

Stalls, Seasonal items, Gift ideas etc

Festive refreshments. Raffle

Free admission

Persons or organisations wishing to book a table (£10) should

contact Nick Zaiger

(01297 489580) as soon as possible.

ANNUAL CHIDEOCK TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

This years procession will take place on Saturday 31st December, NEW YEARS EVE, leaving Cains Farm at 6.00 pm. The proposed route will be along the main road towards Broadmead, cross over the road, back past The George to Arundel Close, around the Church and back to Cains Farm for light refreshments and mulled cider.

This event is suitable for all ages, so do come and enjoy this festive gathering. Keith Baylis 01297 489027 Colin Hopkins 01297 489899, on behalf of the procession volunteers.

The Chideock Luncheon Club

There will be no meeting of the Luncheon Club in December. The next lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 31st January at 12.15 for 12.30. Please ring Sue McDougal (489 408) or Judy Campbell (489121) if you would like to come. If you are new to the village and /or would like to enjoy some company over lunch why not come along?

Christmas at St. Giles

Our celebrations begin with the **Carol Service** on Sunday, 18th December at 6pm. We will have a traditional service of readings and carols sung by our augmented choir and children from the village. There will also be a chance for the congregation to sing some of the usual well loved carols. Please come along and bring your friends and neighbours.

On **Christmas Eve** the 'Midnight' Eucharist will be at the earlier time of 11pm. On **Christmas Day** we shall have a family service at 10 o'clock. This will be a short, simple service of readings, prayers and carols for children and their families. We ask the children to bring along one of their presents to share with us.

Bible Study Group. The bible study group will meet this month on Tuesday, 22nd November at 3pm at Silverbridge Cottage North Chideock. All are welcome to come along.

Come and find the 'Friends of St Giles' stall
at the Village Hall Bazaar
on Saturday 3rd December
We are holding a
CAKE TOMBOLA
so you have a good chance of winning a delicious home-made
cake

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES
are holding their traditional
MINCE PIE MORNING

Thursday December 15th
at 10.30am

Come and meet your friends and enjoy a delicious mince pie.
(most are homemade)

NB. Note Thursday instead of the usual Tuesday, so as not to
clash with the Chideock Society party.

CHIDEOCK ART GROUP 2012

Monday afternoons 2pm to 5pm
in the Village Hall:

The dates for the Spring Term are

9th January - no tutor

16th, 23rd & 30th January

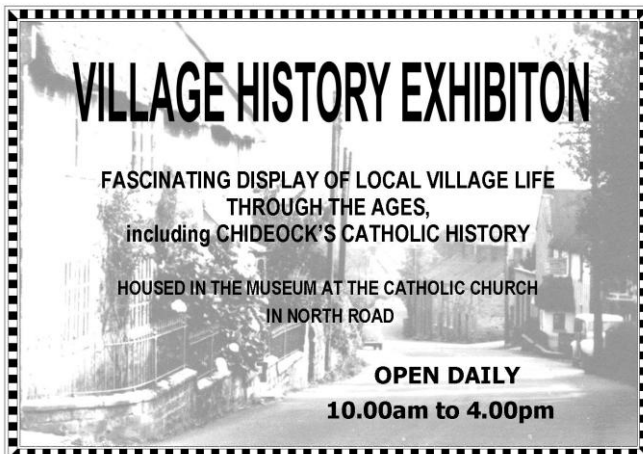
6th, 20th, 27th February

5th, 12th, 19th March

A varied programme of tutors is being arranged.

Details in next month's NEWS.

If you would like more details or would like to
join us please contact Pat Bowditch on 01297489567
or Beverley Young on 01297489565.



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

The advertisement features a background image of a village street with a church and a museum. The text is overlaid on this image, with the title 'VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITON' in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below the title, the text describes the exhibit as a 'FASCINATING DISPLAY OF LOCAL VILLAGE LIFE THROUGH THE AGES, including CHIDEOCK'S CATHOLIC HISTORY'. It also states that the exhibit is 'HOUSED IN THE MUSEUM AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NORTH ROAD'. At the bottom, it says 'OPEN DAILY 10.00am to 4.00pm'. The entire advertisement is enclosed in a decorative border of small black squares.

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Revised Refuse and Recycling Collection Dates for Christmas.

WDDC have published the following revised dates:-

NORMAL DAY	REVISED DAY
Wednesday 28 December	Thursday 29 December

Normal collections resume on Monday 2 January 2012.

West Dorset Local Plan.

The current West Dorset District Local Plan was adopted in July 2006 and helps to guide development in the area.

It is now undergoing a thorough review and everyone can be involved. This is being done jointly by WDDC and Weymouth and Portland District Council. The 1st phase is in progress. After initial public meetings in September, various work groups have been formed and these groups will report on their findings at events being held in at the end of November. The Parish Council is involved in these meetings and events. The topics being covered include Environment and Climate Change, Sustainable Patterns of Development, Economy and Tourism, Housing (Including Affordable Housing and Growth Areas), Community Needs and Infrastructure and Area Specific Allocations. A key question is how many houses should be built over the next 10 – 15 years, whether they should be for local people and how many will be built outside existing development boundaries.

West Dorset District Council is keen to get as many people involved as possible. If you want more information go to

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/newlocalplan/west/weymouth>

The following is taken from this web page:-

“Whatever happens, development will take place over the coming years. The quality, location and type of development will be of crucial importance to all of us who live and work in the area. This consultation is a valuable opportunity for you to share your views and participate in discussions on how future development can be brought forward in the most sustainable way.”

There will be public consultation on the draft Local Plan in June - July 2012 and this will be advertised in the local press and in the Chideock News (provided that the information is available in time for inclusion). The draft plan will be amended in the light of the consultation responses and will undergo independent examination in December 2012. The finalised Local Plan will be adopted in July 2013.

Chideock Parish Council (continued)

Charmouth Library – Volunteers Needed.

Charmouth Library is one of the libraries which DCC is closing. It is hoped that it can be taken over by the community.

BUT for this to happen then volunteers are needed.

It is the intention of the Friends of Charmouth Library to increase opening hours from just ten hours a week to every weekday afternoon from 2 to 5 with one later evening and on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30. Volunteering will be on a flexible basis.

have a library which is also a comfortable internet café (Wi-fi ,coffee/tea/wrapped snacks) with:

Tourist, village event and council services information;

Reading, writing, book, craft, bridge, Scrabble etc groups;

Storytelling, bounce & rhyme etc for children;

ICT classes, language classes;

Sales of donated books, DVDs , computer games, locally-produced craft goods;

B & B displays and bookings;

Cake-Feast Fridays – eat in or take away.

If you are interested in helping then please contact Hazel Robinson (Chair, Friends of Charmouth Library) on 01 297 561214 or

chair@charmouthvillagelibrary.org.uk or [C/O Charmouth Parish Office, The Elms, The Street, Charmouth, DT6 6PE.](#)

Superfast Broadband for Dorset.

The following information is taken from a presentation to Parish Councils, hosted by the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils on 10 November.

Please note that “exchanges” include the “green boxes / cabinets” which are sited at various locations.

What will Superfast Broadband deliver?

Superfast Broadband = greater than 24 mbp/s as defined by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK)

BDUK vision is to deliver this to 90% of premises by 2015.

Infrastructure (trunk supply to exchanges/cabinets) access to broadband for 172,670 residential and business premises in Dorset – i.e. fibre optic cable or similar (technology neutral)

Funding will not cover the connection to the individual premises; this remains the responsibility of the customer and internet service provider (ISP)

Chideock Parish Council (continued)

National Context Government priority – to stimulate private sector investment to deliver the best superfast broadband network in Europe together with increased coverage across the UK by 2015.

Funding - £530m allocated to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) – part of the Department for Culture Media & Sport (DCMS) - to achieve increased coverage across the UK by 2015, -potential for an additional £300m up to 2017.

Money used to stimulate investment in broadband rollout in those areas where commercial investments alone will not deliver.

Improve accessibility of broadband services in areas with a weak commercial investment case (rural/hard to reach areas).

Where broadband infrastructure can make a vital contribution to the growth agenda

Dorset Context

BDUK will only deal with tier 1 authorities – DCC acts as lead authority and sets up a team to deliver the project

Where are we now?

£9.44m fund has been ‘ring fenced’ for Dorset – 16 August 2011

Subject to approval by BDUK of an acceptable local broadband plan

With a capital allocation of £9.44m, Dorset will need to provide a minimum of £10m capital match funding over the two financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Proposed match funding split 2/3rd to Tier 1 authorities (£6.665m) and 1/3rd to Tier 2 authorities (£3.335m). (*Tier 1 = Dorset County Council, Tier 2 = the various District Councils*).

CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS

Our Antiques Valuation night was very enjoyable. None of the items brought along required a police escort home, but they were very varied and interesting and considered treasures by their owners. Matthew Denney from Hy Duke is a really good speaker and kept us well entertained. He handed round items for us to value and some of us were amazed to find we had been handling things of considerable worth. What was thought to be a nice bit of cut glass turned out to be a £500. diamond ring. We picked up tips about what is in vogue and

Chideock Society (continued)

what is not wanted any more. Dark furniture is OUT, pretty tea-sets IN (cos of the cup cake and Cath Kidston craze!!) Try saying that quickly. A donation of £58.00 was collected for the Weldmar Hospice Trust. Two paintings were brought in to be valued. One is a charming oil painting of a country church by James Mitchell who lived for some time in North Chideock. The other picture which created a lot of interest is a Victorian print of Chideock Castle drawn in 1733 by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck entitled ' The North East view of Chideock Castle in the County of Dorset'. The pictures have been given to a member of the Chideock Society to be auctioned to raise money for the ST Giles Bells Fund. THEY WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT ON TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL.--- SO don't miss this opportunity to make a bid to have a part of village history on your wall AND TO HELP KEEP THE CHURCH BELLS RINGING.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT DECEMBER 13TH - put the date on your calender now!

We already have some cracking entertainment lined up for December 13th including

THE SYMONDSBURY MUMMERS, THE UKELE BAND, SKETCHES AND POEMS AND OF COURSE THE AUCTION. We have room for more so any singers, dancers, conjurers, jugglers, contortionists, stand up comics, musicians step forward!

CHIDEOCK's GOT TALENT!! CALL 01297 489422 , 489983, 489580 and make the evening go with a swing..

HISTORY BOARD AND VILLAGE TRAIL.

It is beautiful.. Just waiting for the frame. then the unveiling. Date TBA

WOODLAND TRUST -MORE TREES, MORE GOOD, JUBILEE PROJECT.

We need to know if you would like to be involved with this free tree project and could help to get it off (and in) the ground. Watch out for leaflets coming your way.

CALLING NEW RESIDENTS

If you would like to join the Chideock Society it is still only £5.00 p.a. Phone 01297 489619 or join at the Christmas event.

Chideock Society (continued)

A free copy of our illustrated book 'A Wander Through Chideock' is available to new residents. Call 01297 489422.

Copies of The Chideock Parish Map are available at Moore's Biscuits Shop in Morcombelake or from the above number.

FROM THE BELL COMMITTEE

The bells were successfully brought down on 15th November, and work is progressing well. A group of children were able to see them, and do some brass rubbings before they went off to the bell foundry.

As the work progresses, it has become apparent that there will be quite a number of artefacts and memorabilia, which the committee has decided to make available to the village. To that end the committee have planned an evening event at the village hall for Friday 20th January, starting at 7.00 PM (19.00hrs). There will be mulled cider, and fruit juice to enjoy, whilst watching a presentation of the work carried out, together with a question and answer session. This will be followed by an auction of the memorabilia, with proceeds going to the bell fund.

The book of thanksgiving will be available on the night for people to see, and for those who have given, but whose names have not appeared in the book, there will be the chance to ensure that their names are included.

There are still some Smarties that haven't been returned, and we would ask people to fill these and return them to the village shop as soon as they are able. The list is still in the shop for people to add their names, if they haven't yet done so.

The fund raising has gone well, but there is still around £8,000.00 to raise, so please keep the donations coming in. For those of you who are intending to make a donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year, the bell fund would be very appreciative, should you choose the fund as a beneficiary.

We have had a very generous offer from Shige Takezoe of North Chideock, to provide two evenings for twenty people at his home. The evenings will be a great deal of fun, and will include a wonderful, authentic three course Japanese meal. The dates will be confirmed, but we are aiming for mid January and early February. Places are obviously limited to 40 people, so an early expression of interest is advised. For more information (including costs etc.), or to reserve your place, please call Val Cowell on 489417.

We hope that you will all join us at the village hall on 20th January at 7.00PM, for what will be an interesting and fun evening, and who knows, you could go home with a bit of history in your pocket.