

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

JUNE 2013

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Trinity 1	11am	Village Service
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity 2	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity 3	11am	Morning Prayer (CW)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Trinity 4	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity 5	11am	Whitchurch Canonorum

(No service at St. Giles)      **Team Service to launch the Pilgrimage Trail.**

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST. IGNATIUS

CHURCH AND VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION OPEN DAILY 10-4pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer -

Friday, 7 June 10 am Mass

Saturday, 8 June 6 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, 21 June 10 am Mass

Saturday, 22 June 6 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, 28 June 10 am Mass

Saturday, 29 June 2 pm Wedding

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

## 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 (489580) Treasurer: Barbara Arnold (489423) Secretary: Nick Baker (489555). Table Tennis Group Liaison Sue MacDougal 489408

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

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

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

Thurs day 6th June **NO BINGO- CHIDEOCK PLAYERS**

Thursday 13th June **WHIST**                      Thursday 20th June **BINGO**

Thursday 27th June **WHIST**

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the JULY 2013 magazine to : Ms. 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 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

## Spotlight

Funerals are sadly very much part of our daily lives in this part of the world. Over the years, having met many bereaved people these observations have been of some help. The death of someone you love causes perhaps the worst pain known to human beings. No matter whether that death is expected or unexpected, the shock is still immense. There's a period of disbelief and numbness. There are those terrible, unanswerable questions, which churn, round and round in your brain, particularly at night. Questions like: Why? Why him? Why her? Why us? Why now? And those awful questions can be accompanied by feelings of guilt. Mostly irrational guilt, but the feelings are still there. Like: Could I have done something to prevent it? Maybe if the diet had been different or if I'd stopped him smoking. Or, O God, I was so nasty to her only two days before, if only I had known. Or I never said goodbye.

Sometimes there are feelings of intense anger. Anger, which may be directed at the medical profession: They didn't do their job properly. They should have prevented this. Someone's to blame. Or it may be directed to God: I prayed and prayed, but you took no notice. You never answered my prayer. It may be directed at the one who has died. How could you leave me alone like this? Why didn't you look after yourself properly? How can you leave me with so many problems, so many decisions to make? How can you leave me so lonely?

And all this may be accompanied by still not quite believing it. At least, not all the time. That person you catch sight of in the distance, and for a moment, your heart skips a beat and you think it's them. Or waiting for them to come in at the usual time and realising they're not going to.

All these after-effects, the effects of bereavement, which everyone suffers to some degree, can last for a long time. When the death happens, even if it's expected, most people are stunned. Perhaps unable to think clearly or concentrate on anything. Nothing feels quite real. There's a great deal to do in those first few days, so until after the funeral, there's not much time to think. And everybody is usually so good. Supportive and kind and ready to help out in any way they can.

But a few weeks down the line and all that seems to change. Suddenly there's too much time to think. For many people there is hour upon hour spent alone, longing for some human company. Clinging to the television, or the radio or a well-loved pet. Anything to fill the hours and blot out the emptiness, the dreary agony.

Where does God fit into all this? After all, isn't it God who causes all this misery? Isn't it God who takes us when our time is due, whether or not that time seems too early to us humans? .../

### **Spotlight** (continued) ...

I'm never convinced God takes us. I think we die because our bodies become too weak or too sick to sustain life any longer. Or we die as a result of a terrible accident. Or occasionally because of a sickness of the mind, when life becomes just too much. In years to come we'll live much longer, because medical science will eliminate many of the diseases, which now result in death.

So I don't think God takes us. I think he's just as hurt and devastated and upset at death as we are. But I do think he receives us after we've died. No matter what we've been like in life, I believe he is waiting there for us, with arms outstretched, ready to hug us.

Jesus said one quality was more important than any other. The quality of love. He said those who love a lot, are forgiven a lot. God knows we are human. He doesn't condemn us for making mistakes. He doesn't judge us for getting it wrong. But we are here on this earth to learn to love, so that when the time comes for us to pass into the next life, we'll have suitable clothes. Without love, we wouldn't recognise heaven if we found it, for we need love to be able to appreciate God and heaven. So the more we have learned to love in this life, the more likely we are to enjoy the banquet.

Jesus also said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me". He showed us the way to love. He showed us what real love is all about. He showed us it is about caring so deeply, that you are prepared to sacrifice yourself for those you love. So those who love in this life will find themselves close to God in the next life, living and loving with him.

Jim Pettifer. LLM

**Fri 14th June 3pm**

High Tea in the gardens of  
Chideock House



## High Tea

Plants and Craft Stalls, Raffle, and of course High Tea to include hand made savouries, small cakes, tea or coffee.

**Price:** £7.00 per person

All proceeds to go to the Chideock RC Church Dome appeal

## COMMUNITY POLICING ...

Recently there have been reports to Police that livestock have escaped from fields and have strayed onto roads. We would ask that owners of livestock regularly check their boundary fences and ensure that they are secure. On occasions where we have been called to retrieve animals we have been unable to identify the owners. With this in mind it would be useful for owners that keep livestock on land away to provide neighbours at the location with all relevant contact details, because the first port of call for the Police will be nearby properties.



We can start to expect many visitors to Dorset and with this a large increase in vehicles on the roads. Remember the two vital elements of driving, speed (appropriate) and road position. Driving on country lanes should be approached with a different frame of mind than that of busy main roads. If anyone would like to discuss this aspect of road safety please contact us.

I again remind locals and visitors to the area of the importance of removing valuable items from your vehicles when you park, especially when at beauty spots. **Hiding items is not a crime deterrent; the only way to guarantee items will not be taken is to take them with you.**

Please report any suspicious activity/incidents on the non-emergency number 101.

PCSO Paul MINERS

Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

## Chideock Community Website [www.chideockandseatown.co.uk](http://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk)

The Chideock Community website has now been up and running for well over a year. We try and cover lots of issues ranging from a calendar of events, history of the village and it's people, photo galleries, local stories, useful phone numbers and many other topics. Village Groups have their own page, i.e. The Art Group, The Friends of St.Giles, Chideock W.I. etc., giving contact details and notice of events. There is a feature on the Chideock War Memorial with a page dedicated to each of those who gave their lives in the Great War. Recently we have added a publication on the Chideock Egg Lady – Cissie Squire who decorated and sent eggs to the Front in WWI. This had been researched by local resident Frances Colville. Parish Council Minutes of Meetings are published as well as a copy of the ever popular Chideock News. There is also accommodation and businesses so if you are looking for an 'extra room' for family guests or need an electrician this is the place to look. We get many 'hits' from all over the world especially in connection with the family history side of things.

So keep up to date...check out your own community website today! Shortly, an article on Raymond Jerrard who died in WWII will be added. Also if you have a story or event you wish us to publish or a photo or a poem or whatever please just contact us via the website.

**8<sup>th</sup> LEIGH FOOD FESTIVAL AND CLASSIC CAR/BIKE  
DISPLAY**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013**

**10am-4pm**

CHIDEOCK PLAYERS  
The Chideock Players present



# AGAINST ALL ODDS

(a revue)

at Chideock Village Hall  
on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June  
at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 from Hilary Baker (01297 489555) or at the door

CHIDEOCK PLAYERS AGM will be held in the village hall on Monday 15th July at 7.30pm; all are welcome to attend.



## **The Chideock Luncheon Club**

The lunch in June will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12.15 for 12.30. Please ring Judy Campbell (489121) if you would like to come. This is a chance to enjoy some friendly company over lunch. Anyone is welcome to come. The draw for the 100 Plus Club will take place at this event.

## **THE 100 PLUS CLUB (CHIDEOCK)**

April winners (30 April 2013)

No. 98	Evelyn Epps	£30 First Prize
No. 14	Laurie Elliott	£20 Second Prize
No. 107	Simon Lloyd	£10 Third Prize

Tony Fuller 01297 489477

## **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP**

Remaining dates for the Summer Term

3rd June No tutor

10th June No tutor

17th June Jo Hamilton

24th June Jo Hamilton

For further details contact Pat Bowditch 489567 or Beverley Young 489565

# **CHIDEOCK W.I**

Are supplying refreshments at the

## **Brit Valley Rotary Club Annual Dog Show**

on  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

From 12.00 noon to 4pm

At the

**Melplash Show Ground  
West Bay**

**THANK YOU CHIDEOCK**

*for all your warmth, comfort and friendship  
during Jack's illness and afterwards  
Karen Warburton*

# Chideock W. I.



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May was the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Chideock branch of the Womens' Institute. This record is a significant achievement for a small village and bears witness to the value of such an organisation for women and the ongoing commitment of its members. Numbers remain around 40 with several new members joining over the past year. Shirley welcomed members and guests.

We celebrated in typical style, with a sumptuous WI tea and a really fun entertainer! Trisha Lewis specialises in reviving the spirit of the 1940's and 50's, which most of the members recall, either from memories of their parents or in some cases personally!

In character as Mrs Brown, wife of Mr Brown (never seen but always present) she dressed the part, (you forget how flattering those full skirts, fitted blouses and pinched waists were for the fuller figure). Trisha used published advice in books and magazines of the time to deal with the business central in every woman's life of keeping young and beautiful... the objective being to please your man.

There was a wide range of advice, from dealing with a double chin(s), maintaining sparkling eyes, keeping fit as you completed the interminable housework and a strange ritual to enable you to enter a room and sit down correctly. As for advice on diet, too many of us recalled the unappetising 'energen rolls' which were the maidens' answer to a prayer. A really professional and fun performance greatly enjoyed by all the members.

The *Annual competition* winners for 2012/13 were –

First – Val Rivers

*Flower Competition:* First – Evalina Malyon

Second – Pat Kent

Second – Val Rivers

## ***Dates for the Diary 2013:***

The Craft Group meeting: 28th May, 2 – 4pm at the home of Brigid Crawford.

Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> WI outing, departing at 5.30pm for *The Granary* in Wareham.

July 18<sup>th</sup>, the summer Coffee Morning will be held in the garden of Tamarisk, home of Marion Warburton.



**The WI committee comprises -**

Shirley Lambert, Chair  
Secretary

Iris Jones, Vice Chair  
Programme

Janet Carey, Treasurer  
Raffle

Annette Jones, Assistant Treasurer

Val Rivers, Skittles

Moore

Ros Hipkiss,

Linda Gould,

Clem Allan,

Pam Fuller, Trading Stall

Doreen

**Date of next meeting:** June 4<sup>th</sup> 2013, at the Village Hall 2.30pm  
Chris Dodds will talk about the work of the 'Save the Children Society'  
The competition is an anagram of **Save the Children**

*New members and guests are always welcome*



1. Trisha Lewis entertains

2. Shirley and our 2 newest members cut the birthday cake

## **TRUST – FAITH – TRUTH**

Following on from last month's invitation to come and hear Christianity simply explained, let us now consider Trust, Faith and Truth.

The dictionary defines faith as 'to trust in somebody or something without logical proof'. As we shall see, we often interchange the words 'faith' and 'trust' in our everyday conversations.

For example – when we buy a tin of sardines we trust that when we open it we will find sardines in olive oil and not pilchards in tomato sauce. Our past experience enables us to have the faith to believe that what it says on the tin is the truth.

Another example – if when visiting a friend you are invited to take a seat overlooking the garden, do you dare to sit on a rather rickety, thin-legged antique chair? Suddenly doubt enters your mind and you wonder if the chair will take your weight. The question is: do you have the faith to trust that you should sit there?

So, we can now recognise that we do interchange the words faith and trust in our everyday language – and for those of use seeking that all important heavenly ticket we can see that these words are connected.

Evangelists explain faith in two progressive steps – Pursuing Faith and Demonstrating Faith.

When I was on my faith journey I asked many Christian meetings and to many different churches. I was Pursuing Faith.

My New International Bible has 1284 pages – much is the Old Testament, which traces the to-ings and fro-ings of God's people over thousands of years, both in and out of His plans. Then there is the New Testament with the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – and it is here where we are challenged by Jesus' teaching to make an active response in order to get right with God (see Matthew 4 v 17).

Newspapers offer crosswords and puzzles to solve – but perhaps the greatest puzzle of all is understanding how to get right with God – this is the Gospel Challenge ... this is Demonstrating Faith.

In John's Gospel it is written: 'If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples, then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free' (John 8 v 31, 32)

The truth is that God is waiting for each one of us to 'Demonstrate Faith' by meeting the gospel challenge and taking the opportunity to get right with Him. To also acknowledge that the Holy Bible hasn't changed, nor needs to, for us to direct our footsteps to finding a meaningful faith.

Humphrey Barker June 2013.

# Chideock Parish Council News.

## Keep Chideock Tidy!

The Parish Council asks all residents to look after the pavement area outside their property and to try to keep it free of litter.

The Parish Council is in communication with West Dorset District Council regarding the road sweeping of side roads. Connect is responsible for Main Street.

## Community Sand Bag Stores.

Chideock Parish Council has obtained 100 plus sandbags from West Dorset District Council, to be used as necessary when there is flooding.

These sandbags are mainly being stored by residents, for use by themselves and neighbouring properties. These "stores" are as follows:

Denys Brunsdon, Vine Cottage, Seahill Lane. Tel: 01297 489768. To serve adjacent properties in Seahill Lane.

Callum Crawford, Mervyn House, Main Street, Chideock. Tel: 01297 489578. To serve adjacent properties, i.e Fairfax, By the Stream, Bridge Cottage, etc.,

Colin Bowditch, 2 Fairfax. Tel: 01297 489567. To cover Fairfax etc.

Brenda Natriss. 4 Bilberry Close, Main Street. Tel: 01297 489962. To cover Bilberry Close and The School House.

Roger Carey, 2 Pettycrate Lane. Tel: 01297 489782. To cover adjacent roads and properties, i.e. Seahill Lane.

Lyn Crisp, The Farmers Arms, Mill Lane, 01297 489098. To cover Meadow Cottage, The Cottage, The Farmers Arms, Frying Pan, Trim and other properties

Elizabeth Grant. Brook House, Pettycrate Lane. 01297 489421.

The remainder are held, **for EMERGENCY USE only**, in a storage bin in the Clock House car park - many thanks to Mike Long for allowing this.

**Please note that the sandbags belong to the Parish Council and MUST be returned to where they came from once the flood event is over and the bags have dried out.**

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

Mrs Gratton is unable to continue working on the garden area at Foss Orchard car park – she can continue until June. Is there anyone who would be willing to take this on? It does **NOT** include mowing the grass or cutting the hedge.

If you are interested then please contact the Clerk, by phone, letter or e-mail.

The Parish Council takes this opportunity to thank Mrs Gratton for all her work in keeping the area tidy and colourful over the past few years.

### **Vehicle Activated Sign at Bilberry Close**

This sign, kindly donated to the Parish Council by Connect, has been in operation for over 6 months since its installation in September 2012.

It is a speed advisory sign, set to trigger above 30 mph, and is meant as a reminder to drivers westbound on the A35 to stay at 30 mph or less. It is radar activated, and speeding vehicles are picked up as they pass The Old School House / St. Anthony's. This is some distance away from the sign itself, which is located by 6 Bilberry Close / Wickham Cottage. This is to give drivers plenty of warning so that they can slow down.

The sign stays illuminated for a time to allow drivers to react, and if there are a number of cars close together, a driver at the front of the line might well be just approaching the sign when a (slightly) faster vehicle behind triggers the sign.

This can be a little disconcerting for the lead driver, who is travelling at under the 30 mph limit. In these circumstances, continuing at 30 mph or less will ensure that the offending driver behind slows down and stays within the limit.