

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Trinity 14	11am Village Service
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 15	11am Holy Communion (CW)
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 16	11am Morning Prayer
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Trinity 17	11am Holy Communion (CW)
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 18	11am Holy Communion (CW)

4pm TEAM SERVICE BRING and  
SHARE HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE - Whitchurch Village hall

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer -

Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am Mass	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	11 am Visit and Mass - St Edward's Parish, Shaftesbury	
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Vigil Mass	
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 am Mass	
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Baptism	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Mass	
Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am Visit and Mass - Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre	

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** all sessions start at 7.30pm

Thursday 5th September	BINGO 12th	WHIST
19th	BINGO 26th	WHIST

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the OCTOBER 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF CHIDEOCK

Chideock Village Hall has been an important venue for community meetings and social events for over 60 years. It is totally self-financing being run by trustees and receiving no financial support from any local authority. Inevitably, a building of its age is going to require certain repairs and renovations, and these will require considerable effort in planning. Amongst other items to be addressed is the shortage of vehicle parking, which has led to a loss of much needed revenue from events such as wedding receptions. We are already in the early stages of trying to find a solution to this problem, but we need to gauge the feelings of you, the residents of Chideock before getting involved in detailed work.

To this end, an OPEN MEETING will be held in the Village Hall, on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm. We urge you to come and hear what is being proposed, and give us your views.

Please come and show your support for this invaluable village amenity.

The Chideock Village Hall Trustees

### 100+ CLUB

Winners on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013

No. 8	Lesley Short	1 <sup>st</sup>	£30
114	Neil Middleton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20
93	Val Cowell	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10

Winners on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013

No.61	Carol Hart	1 <sup>st</sup>	£30
76	Erica Wilkinson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20
16	Pat Kimpton	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10

### PLAYING FIELD – MILL LANE

The gentleman who is keeping the grass cut in the Mill Lane Playing Fields is doing a wonderful job. I have never seen the field in better shape. The grass is cut short and evenly, the cut grass is removed and a couple of yards around the field has been left standing for the benefit of the wildlife. In fact a perfect job, well done. I would say he could not do better but I would be wrong because he does even better – he makes no charge!

Congratulations!      Tony Fuller

## **Cream Tea at the Bay Tree Tea Garden**

Sally and Jerry Coade are very kindly giving a Cream Tea in their garden in aid of the Church Dome Appeal on Wednesday, 4 September, 2-5 pm. Tickets are £5.25 and there will be a competition with prizes

## **COMMUNITY POLICING ...**

There has been a substantial rise in breaks to garages in the last couple of months. Those mainly targeted are in quiet villages and where the garage is away from properties overlooking. It is very simple to protect these types of buildings, if anyone would like any advice on how to do this then please contact Beaminster SNT.



Recently there have been thefts of building materials where the materials have been left outdoors and not in a secure/alarmed building. Please ensure that all building materials and tools are kept secure.

If there is anyone who would like crime prevention advice then please contact Beaminster SNT on 101.

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

PCSO Paul MINERS, Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

## **DOME APPEAL ...**

Quiz night at the village hall 7 for 7.30  
on Friday 20th September  
Raffle and light snacks  
bring your own drinks and glasses  
£6.00 per person

## **The Chideock Luncheon Club**

The September lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday 24th September, 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? The 100 Club draw will be made at this event.

## **Who is wise among you?**

When thinking about wisdom the name of King Solomon may come to mind. You may recall that the Queen of Sheba recognised from afar God's wisdom in Solomon, and that this wisdom had brought wealth and honour to the king. She wanted to find the key to such things, so that she too might benefit. Like Solomon, she also was seeking to understand the meaning of life, she also had riches, and the time to ponder deep questions.

Solomon had tried music, architecture, farming, art appreciation, pleasure, gourmet food and fine wine, as well as various commercial interests which had increased his finances – but nothing truly satisfied, and he was still left wondering, 'what is the meaning of life?' As he looked around he saw people's confusion, fears, uncertainty and their frustration due to a lack of fulfilment.

As an old man Solomon wrote down his reflections and unanswered questions in the Book of Ecclesiastes. One observation was: 'God has set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end' (ch.3v11). Solomon struggled to understand where God fits into our lives, and how to find a satisfying way through life. He wanted to fathom out whether life was worth living, how to make the most of it, and what it is really all about.

The dictionary defines eternity as 'a timeless state ... after death ... having no end'. So what does it mean when the Bible says 'God has set eternity in the hearts of men?' In His wisdom God has given to each of us a hunger to know what happens to us after death. As the end approaches we may reflect upon a mis-spent youth, family upheavals, broken relationships, broken promises ... and perhaps wish we'd done things differently.

Solomon answered all the Queen of Sheba's questions explaining everything. She remarked, 'In wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard'.

Solomon reviewed at length his thoughts about life in the Book of Ecclesiastes, and he concluded that i) God holds the key; ii) God can be trusted, iii) We should respect God's teachings, iv) We should live responsibly – one day we shall be called to give account. (See Eccles. 12v11-14)

Humphrey Barker, September 2013

**WELDMAR HOSPICECARE TRUST  
CHIDEOCK FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

## **A Real Dorset Evening on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Tranters Folly are coming to Chideock Village Hall



Tranter's Folly are a popular West Country folk group that have delighted audiences with their versatility and enthusiasm from Olympia to the Dartmouth regatta.

Comprising Roger Trim, Eddie Trim and Nick Thomas their songs and music create a wonderful atmosphere that can be enjoyed by all. Roger has even had the privilege of making a unique recording using Thomas Hardy's own violin. You can be assured of great food as always but with a 'proper Dorset' theme.

**To reserve your tickets at £20 each contact Guy Mills on 01297 489231**

## **100 Plus Club update**

Dear Friends,

The twelve month subscriptions for the 100+ club are nearing completion (so far we have completed ten months) and it is time I reminded all who wish to continue, or to join, that the next twelve months subscriptions (£12 total) will be due in September. You may pay anytime but no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September. I am hoping that you will all continue and that more will join because it has been very helpful for the Chideock News. We were able to donate 50% of the takings (£800 less setting up expenses of £77) to the Chideock News.

Our aim this year is to donate equally to the Chideock News and the Village Hall, who are sorely in need of funds.

The monthly draw will take place at the monthly village lunch which is held in the Clock Inn. The prizes will remain the same, £30, £20, £10 as long as the subscriptions remain the same of course, if the subscriptions go up so will the prize money.

Please! Please! Please! Support these worthwhile causes and don't forget you can have as many numbers as you wish.

Please telephone me if you wish to continue or if you wish to join.

Thanks.

Tony Fuller 01297 489477.

## **Harvest Celebrations**

The Village Service on 6<sup>th</sup> October will be a joint celebration of the Harvest with our Roman Catholic friends from North Chideock.

## **Chideock W.I. - Village Hall Chairs Project**

Thank you, to the Chideock Players, Anna Dunn and Mr & Mrs Peacock for their donation towards the purchase of new chairs for the village hall. The W.I. coffee morning in July raised £310.00, our thanks to all who supported this event.

With the donations received and promised so far, together with the W.I's own fundraising, we will soon have enough funds to hand over to the Village Hall Committee to enable them to select and purchase replacement chairs.

Chideock W.I is grateful to all who have supported this project.

Shirley Lambert

## CHIDEOCK PLAYERS

The next play will be a comedy,

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It will be directed by Val Cowell, and will be staged on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29th and 30th November; further details to follow.

## DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The annual DHCT sponsored ‘Ride and Stride’ event takes place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (10am – 6pm)**.

Once again Richard Benjamin will be taking part, and welcomes sponsors, to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Throughout Dorset £52,918 was raised last year, divided equally between the Trust and the participants churches.

Thank you for your support – please give generously.

John McDougal

## CHIDEOCK ART GROUP - AUTUMN TERM

Dates and tutors for the Autumn Term:

Friendly Group - we meet at 2pm on Monday afternoons in Chideock Village Hall. A mixture of our own painting afternoons and a variety of tutors and subjects. – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Contact BEVERLEY YOUNG 489 565 OR ANN WALKER 489 363

9th September	No tutor
16th September	Eileen Deardon
23rd September	No tutor
30th September	Eileen Deardon
7th October	Michael Chappell
14th October	Half term
21st October	Michael Chappell
28th October	No Tutor
4th November	Barbara Green
11th November	No tutor
18th November	Barbara Green
25th November	Christmas lunch



## **Chideock Parish Council News.**

### Keeping roads, pavements, street lights and signs clear of vegetation.

The following advice has been received from Dorset County Council for vegetation bordering roads and pavements maintained by them. The same advice applies to the A35, which is maintained by Connect on behalf of the Highways Agency.

“The cutting back of highway hedges and trees is the responsibility of the landowner or occupier on whose land the hedges and trees are growing. It is the responsibility of all landowners or occupiers to ensure that their hedges and trees do not interfere with the safe use of public footways and roadways or obscure street lights and road signs.

Dorset County Council as the Highway Authority has a duty to ensure that landowners and occupiers recognise their responsibilities to keep public highways clear of their overgrowing hedges and trees for the benefit of all highway users, whether they are drivers of vehicle, cyclists, equestrians or pedestrians which include pram and wheelchair users, the disabled and the visually impaired.

Rather than wait for complaints about vegetation obstructing highways, the County Council enlists the help of Town and Parish Councils to identify those locations where problems exist so they may seek local co-operation of landowners or occupiers to deal with any offending hedges and trees on an informal basis.

Should a landowner or occupier’s co-operation not be gained, then the Town or Parish Council will inform the County Council’s highways department so that formal enforcement action may be considered.

The County Council’s highway enforcement officer will further seek the co-operation of the landowner or occupier and advise that if the offending vegetation is not cut, then enforcement action will be taken. Where it is not possible to gain voluntary co-operation, a formal notice will be served to cut back the vegetation within 14 days. If after 14 days the work has not been done, then the Authority will arrange to carry out the work and recover the cost of doing so from the landowner or occupier.

If in the mean-time an accident happens attributable to the overhanging vegetation, this exposes the owner or occupier responsible for the hedges or trees to a claim from the injured or damaged party which, depending on circumstances, could be substantial.”

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## **Chideock Parish Council** (continued)

### Footpaths and Bridleways.

Keeping Public Footpaths and Bridleways clear is also the responsibility of the land owner.

If you find a Public Footpath or Bridleway which is overgrown or ploughed up etc or a damaged gate / stile etc then please contact the Dorset Rights of Way Team.

This can be done online (see below) or via Dorset Direct, giving the Footpath / Bridleway number and the location of the problem.

The Rights of Way team will then either ask the land owner to sort out the issue or will add it to their own list of tasks. However, do not expect the problem to be rectified immediately – both Rights of Way and landowners have many demands on their time and resources.

Don't worry about whether the problem has already been reported - better it is reported many times than not at all!

Dorset Direct - 01305 221000

Online reporting:-

<http://maps.dorsetforyou.com/countryside/reportproblem/>

### Hell Lane, North Lane, Shutes Lane and Quarr Lane.

The Parish Council has been told by Dorset Highways that these lanes will be closed temporarily as works have been arranged to start clearing the lanes at the end of August/September 2013.

Dorset Highways say that trees will be cut back, a drainage channel placed down one side of the lanes, the surface re-profiled and planings rolled into the surface. This will be done in sections with assistance of off-roading groups and land owners in the area.

The closures will be advertised in the Bridport News before works begin.

## **CHIDEOCK SOCIETY UPDATE.**

The Committee have been working on next year's programme of events and activities. Next July marks the 25th Anniversary of the Chideock Society and we intend to hold an exhibition of film, photos, tape recordings and memorabilia that we have collected over that time which record some of the activities which past and present members have participated in. The Village

## **CHIDEOCK SOCIETY UPDATE** (continued)

Hall is booked for the weekend of July 5th and 6th. If you have any film or photos of some of the events please let us know.

Like the summer, we are about a month behind with our programme so the guided walk will now take place in late September. We are planning to revive the ancient custom of 'Beating the Bounds', a tradition carried out in villages since Anglo Saxon times. Based on the need for inhabitants to know the extent of the Parish land before the days of maps, a walk was carried out around the Parish Boundary . Usually led by the vicar and choirboys, one of the traditions was to beat the boundary stones with willow 'wands' or even beat the choirboys heads against the stones so they would remember where the boundary was!! In Chideock, the last time the walk was carried out was in the Millennium Year. Two groups set out from Seatown, one going east, the other west and met up in North Chideock. It is about an 11-12 mile round trip. If you would like to join us please let us know. Watch out for posters with more details.

Apart from our 25th Anniversary, our events for the coming year will focus on Lyme Bay, the Marine life within it and the attempts to protect it. So we are delighted to welcome Dr Tom Brereton , Director of the Dolphin Research Programme on Tuesday 8th October to give a presentation on sealife in Lyme Bay.

In November, David Sales, Chairman of Bridport and West Bay Commercial Boatowners and Fishermen's Association will be coming to give a presentation which will include information about the Blue Marine Foundation, an alliance of fishermen and conservationists whose aim is to protect Lyme Bay from overfishing.

We hope some of you will join us for more treeplanting in November and hope it won't be so wet this year. We regularly check the ones we planted last year and so far they seem to be surviving.

We also hope you will be preparing something for our Christmas Entertainment in December - we don't know if we will manage a Maritime theme, but we will try.

News of our other events will be confirmed at the AGM on October 8th.

## **News from Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service**

It is estimated that nearly half of people in the UK have been targeted by a scam and that £3.5 billion is lost to scams every year. .../

## **Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service (continued)**

Scams are schemes to con people out of their money. Other names for scams include fraud, hoax, con, swindle or cheat. Scams con in a variety of ways such as by post, phone, email, online and sometimes via a knock at the door.

There are hundreds of scams including fake lotteries and prize draws, bogus health cures, dodgy investments schemes, pyramid selling, phishing – to name just a few. These may change as people become aware of them and as scammers attempt to keep one step ahead.

People from all walks of life get conned because scammers are clever and are always on the lookout for dubious new activities.

### **Spot Scams**

It could be a scam if:

The call, or letter, e-mail or text has come out of the blue.

You've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about and didn't buy a ticket.

They are asking you to send money in advance.

They are telling you that you have to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends before you decide.

They are telling you to keep it a secret.

### **Stop Scams**

**Report it.** If you have been scammed, or if you think someone has tried to scam you, report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us)

**Get advice.** The Citizens Advice Consumer Service **08454 04 05 06** can provide advice and pass details of rogue traders to Trading Standards.

**Tell someone.** Tip off a friend, neighbour or relative about the scams you become aware of.



Look out for the Buy With Confidence logo - trading standards check traders so you don't have to.

Visit the website [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) or call The Citizens Advice Consumer Service **08454 04 05 06**.