

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

2 nd March	1 st before Lent	11am Village Service
9 th March	Lent 1	11am Holy Communion
16 th March	Lent 2	11am Holy Communion
23 rd March	Lent 3	11am Holy Communion
30 th March	Mothering Sunday	11am Holy Communion
	venue t.b.a.:	4pm Team Tea Party & Compline

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

CHURCH AND VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION OPEN DAILY 10-4pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer -

Wed 5th 12 noon Ash Wednesday Service

Fri 7th 10 am Mass

Sat 8th 6 pm Vigil Mass

Fri 14th 10 am Mass

Fri 21st 10 am Mass

Sat 22nd 6 pm Vigil Mass

Fri 28th 10 am Mass

See Church Noticeboard or 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.

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the APRIL 2014 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 (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Wed 19th March 2014.

CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298) 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 Sue Walliker **01297489545**

For more information please contact the bookings secretary (see above for telephone numbers) or refer to <http://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/> and go to Village Hall page.

BINGO/WHIST DATES all sessions start at 7.30pm

Thursdays: 6th BINGO; 13th WHIST; 20th BINGO; 27th WHIST

LENT COURSE

As is our custom we shall be following a course every Thursday during Lent beginning on Thursday 13th March at 'Humbers' at 2.30pm to 4pm by kind invitation of Mrs. Clemency Allen. We shall be following the York Course "BUILD ON THE ROCK". (Subtitled "Faith, Doubt and Jesus". Specific Sessions:

- 1: "Believing and doubting" (faith when times are hard).
- 2: "Jesus our teacher" (the centrality to Jesus of the Kingdom of God).
- 3: "Jesus our Saviour" (why Jesus died on the Cross for us and the world)
- 4: "Jesus – conqueror of death" (what happens after we die, and what is 'resurrection')
- 5: "Jesus – our Lord and Brother" (what kind of relationship can we have with Jesus)

The Course Sessions will include listening to input on CD from various well known Christian leaders such as the Bishop of London and a previous Archbishop of York. We will read together the material presented in the Course Booklet. We will have plenty of time for discussion on the questions suggested by the Course writers. There will be tea and refreshments to conclude the afternoon! Everyone is most welcome to attend – even if it's for the first time this year, or despite the fact that you cannot attend every Session. Each Session is 'free standing'. There is no charge, but if you wish to purchase the excellent Course Booklet then these cost £4 each, through the Course Leader.

For more information please ring 01297489260

MARCH Lent Course

The Lent course 'Build on the Rock' begins on Thursday 13th March and for the 4 following Thursdays at 2.30pm to 4pm at 'Humbers' by kind permission of Mrs. Clemency Allen. Everyone is most welcome to attend--- even if you cannot attend every session. For more information please ring 01297489260.

The Chideock Luncheon Club

The March lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 25th March at 12.15 for 12.30. Please ring 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 draw for the 100 plus club will take place at this event.

SPRING PLANT SALE

As forewarned in earlier Chideock News, to raise money for both of the Village churches and the Village Hall, all of which are in need of funds to meet routine and extraordinary maintenance, we will be holding a plant sale. This will be held at "Tamarisk", next door to Chideock House Hotel/B&B on Saturday 15th March between 09.30 to 12.00 am. I am grateful to many people that have said that they will provide plants. However, with my loss of one small greenhouse in the gales in early February, I am short of space. I would be grateful therefore, if you could keep them with you until the few days before the sale, or indeed, bring them along on the day. I expect to have bedding plants for plenty of spring and summer colour, as well as perennial plants for longer colour, also vegetable plants and some fruit bushes. Please publicise this outside the village, we look forward to seeing you. Steve Warburton

CHIDEOCK ART GROUP

The Art Group programme for the Spring Term - a mixture of our own painting and interesting tutors:

3rd March- Michael Chappell

10th March - no tutor

17th March - Michael Chappell

24th March - no tutor

Friendly group - water colour - acrylics – pastels ... what you like to do.

More information from

Jo Giles 489 050 / Ros Hipkiss 489 080 / Ann Walker 489 363

THE BOPPER BUS SPRING TERM

The Bopper Bus Spring Term has now started and we are now in our 11th year! If anyone has a child of 8 years or older who would like to 'jump on the bus' on a Friday evening (term time only) for sports activities and swimming at Bridport Leisure Centre please contact either Sarah Silcox on 01297 489905 or Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098. Pick up points are at The Clock House and The George and parents are required to be at pick up points both on arrival of the bus and the return of the bus. All our volunteers are CRB checked and undergo First Aid and Child Protection training. This is a great way for children to meet others from surrounding villages as well as try out new sports and adopt a healthy lifestyle.

Chideock Parish Council News.

Clear a Drain!

If, when you are out walking on any of the side roads, you see a drain blocked or partially blocked by leaves, mud or other debris then please give it a bit of a clean with your boot or stick! DCC Highways are doing their best but there are an awful lot of drains in Dorset, not to mention potholes etc.

If you think that the drain is actually blocked inside or find another Highway problem then let DCC Highways know, either by phone on 01305 221020 or via the dorsetforyou.com website, or contact a member of the Flood Group or the Clerk.

Do not attempt to clear blocked drains on the A35. Contact Connect on 01404 823381 or a member of the Flood Group or the Clerk.

Superfast Broadband in Dorset.

Chideock is in Phase 1 of the roll-out of Superfast Broadband in Dorset, together with Bridport. Work starts in the spring and the new service should be available by October. You may need to change your existing internet package to access it.

The area covered by this phase does not include North Chideock but BT will be coming back at a later stage.

For more information please visit <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast> or ring 01305 221048

Help with Superfast Broadband for Businesses.

Superfast Business provides support to help businesses exploit the opportunities of Superfast Broadband (SFBB) and associated technologies to grow their business.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES – visit <http://www.superfastbusiness.co.uk> for more information or ring 0845 603 8593.

Annual Village Meeting – 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm WEDNESDAY 16 April, at the Village Hall.

Refreshments, courtesy of the Chideock Society, will be available from 7:00pm with the meeting starting at 7:30pm.

The Parish Council will report on what has been done over the past year. WDDC Cllr Summers, DCC Cllr Turner and the Police will be invited to attend and speak about their work.

Representatives of Village groups are invited to give a short summary of their activities.

There will be an "open session" for residents to raise matters which they think the Parish Council should take on board.

If any matter is called to a vote then only people on the electoral role are eligible to vote.

This meeting has, by law, to be hosted by the Parish Council and must take place between 1 April and 1 June. The Chair of the Annual Village Meeting must be taken by the Chair of the Parish Council, if present, otherwise by the Vice Chair of the Parish Council. If neither is present then the Village Meeting must appoint someone to take the chair. The Clerk to the Parish Council takes the minutes.

The Annual Village Meeting is NOT a Parish Council meeting.

Budget & Precept 2014-2015.

Clock Service. The Parish Council has agreed with the PCC to fund a 3 year contract for the annual servicing of St Giles Clock, which will save approximately £120 over the 3 years 2014, 2015 and 2016. This is being funded from unused Restricted Reserves which have been unspent for at least 3 years. The Parish Council will precept over the next 3 years for the next 3 year contract.

N.B. The Parish council pays a grant to the PCC to cover the cost of the annual Clock Service by Smith of Derby.

Last year it was only necessary to precept £10 for the Clock Service as it had not been carried out the previous year due to the works on the tower, so there was money carried over.

Village Hall. The Parish Council intends to make a £300 grant to the Village Hall this coming April, taken from General Reserves, and is precepting for a further £300 to be given as a grant at the end of the next Financial Year i.e. March 2015. The allocation of precept money follows from the suggestion made at the recent public meeting about the Village Hall. These grants are for maintenance not general running costs.

External Audit. The External Audit fee is now £0 if income and expenditure are both less than £10,000. The money budgeted in the 2013-14 precept will be carried forward at Financial Year End, so there is no need to precept for this for 2014-15.

INCOME	Budget 2013/4	Budget 2014/5
Precept	£8,181.00	<u>£8,396.00</u>
Interest	£10.00	£5.00
Vat Refund	£86.00	£66.00
Rent for Flow Meter	£100.00	£125.00
Council Tax Support Grant	£434.00	£262.00
From		
Unspent Restricted Reserves	£0.00	£600.00
From General Reserves	£0.00	£300.00
TOTAL PREDICTED INCOME	£8,811.00	£9,754.00

EXPENDITURE

Clerk's Salary (Gross)	£3,283.00	£3,316.00
Clerk's Travel	£255.00	£255.00

Councillor's Travel	£75.00	£75.00
Clerk's Office Allowance	£66.00	£66.00
Postage/Phone	£30.00	£30.00
Stationery (V)	£90.00	£90.00
Stationery - print cartg etc (V)	£120.00	£120.00
Training - Clerk & Councillors	£150.00	£100.00
Internal Audit	£60.00	£60.00
External Audit (V)	£120.00	£0.00
Insurance	£430.00	£440.00
Room Hire	£326.00	£300.00
Subscriptions	£230.00	£240.00
ROSPA - Annual Playing Field Inspection (V)	£87.00	£90.00
Playing Field Maintenance (V)	£100.00	£100.00
Playing Field Depreciation	£400.00	£400.00
Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing /Maintenance	£500.00	£500.00
Foss Orchard Car Park River Bank Maintenance	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Community Fund Grant	£250.00	£250.00
Village Clock Servicing Grant 2014 - 2017	£10.00	£582.00
Village Clock Servicing Grant 2017 - 2020	£0.00	£210.00
Cemetery Grass Cutting Grant	£650.00	£650.00
General Grants	£100.00	£100.00
Bus Shelter Cleaning	£80.00	£80.00
Bridleway (Mill Lane)	£100.00	£0.00
Salt/Grit for Winter	£100.00	£100.00
General contingency	£199.00	£0.00
Village Hall Support from Reserves 2014-15	£0.00	£300.00
Village Hall Repair Grant 2014 - 2015	£0.00	£300.00
TOTAL PREDICTED EXPENDITURE	£8,811.00	£9,754.00

BT works on the A35 in March.

BT will be working on the eastbound carriage way of the A35, from Chideock Hill through the village and on to Miles Cross, Bridport. The work is scheduled to take place OVERNIGHT from 5th – 12th March and will involve the use of “rolling” 2 way temporary traffic lights.

Message from Mr Nigel Wraxall re the Concrete Slipway and Boats at Seatown

In February Mr Wraxall, the owner of Seatown Beach, intends to change the padlock for the gates leading to the concrete slipway. He will ensure the Emergency Services have a key, but anyone else needs to ask him for one.

He also wishes to know who keeps or would like to keep a boat on the beach.

Mr Wraxall can be contacted at nigel@wraxalls.co.uk

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

Some years ago I conducted Bible studies with prisoners on death row in an African prison; All of these men (mostly under 30) were realistic about what lay ahead of them, and knew that they needed 'to get right with God' whilst there was yet time. They knew that God was able to forgive them – provided they met the challenge of repentance by speaking aloud a confession of their sins – and it soon became obvious from their answers to my questions that all of them had done just that. Now, with the certainty of Man's punishment ahead of them and some time on their hands, they were able to reflect on their lifestyle choices and recognise their mistakes.

Amazingly, they expressed an exuberance of faith that could only have come from God – an exuberance that shines out from all Christians who, like them, have met the repentance challenge and received a glimpse of Heaven. These prisoners knew their Bibles and that God doesn't listen to 'sorry prayers' – He expects us to acknowledge our sins and he calls us to repentance.

There's a huge difference between 'sorry' and 'repentance'. 'Sorry' expresses regret, maybe remorse, possibly a promise not to do that thing again, perhaps an offer of compensation ... but it falls short of what God calls for.

The prisoners understood that repentance calls for a change of heart, otherwise God's forgiveness would be denied them. They discovered for themselves that repentance is the gateway to the joy-filled life and brings a glimpse of Heaven.

In Luke 5 v27-31 when the Scribes and Pharisees questioned Jesus' disciples as to why they ate with tax collectors and sinners, Jesus responded, 'I have not come to call the righteous ... but sinners to repentance', (Lk 5 v32).

Those prisoners had side-stepped Bible truth for most of their lives, but adverse circumstances enabled them to see that their lifestyle choices hadn't served them well – and that they needed to change – and did. I, too, reached a point in my life when I opted for change – it was then that I received a glimpse of Heaven.

Humphrey Barker, March 2014

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKET FOR THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES SPRING LUNCH YET?

on Sunday March 2nd

in the Village Hall

at 12:30 for 1;00

price £12;00 including a glass of wine.

There are a few tickets left, available from Deborah Mills,
Little Orchard, Mill Lane, Chideock, 01297 489231

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES ARE COOKING PANCAKES

on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th

in the Village hall

at 10:30

£2:50 for a pancake and coffee

Come and meet your friends and enjoy some home cooked pancakes.

COME AND ENJOY A WARM BUTTERED HOT CROSS BUN

with the Friends of St Giles

on Tuesday 15th April

at 10:30

in the Village Hall

£2:00 for a bun and coffee.

Enjoy a delicious bun and coffee in the company of good friends.

At the same time

VIEW THE EXHIBITION OF THEIR WORK BY THE LOCAL ART GROUP

There will be an opportunity to buy!

100+ club

1st prize £30 Mrs. Pilatowicz (no. 122)

2nd prize £20 Alison Brooke (no. 125)

3rd prize £10 Guy Mills (no. 128)

4th prize £10 Joyce Lyall (no. 129)

Draw took place at Clock House Inn, 28th January 2014.

CHIDEOCK SOCIETY UPDATE.

2014 will have some of our popular events, Skittles and Vittels, Local History, Tree Planting, Wildlife Features and two special dates to remember:

May 31st Beating the Bounds and

July 5th and 6th. A weekend exhibition to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Chideock Society. Our archive material is going 'digital' so all can see the films and hear tape recordings of past people and events.

Calling all new residents!

Your household is entitled to a free copy of our Millennium Book "A Wander Through Chideock". Please contact 01297 489477 for details of how to apply.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT WAR.

‘Chideock in the Wars’ is a project to commemorate the 100 Year Anniversary of the First World War and the brave men named on the Chideock War Memorial as well as how life was in Chideock at that difficult time. The project will also include World War Two. We intend to have a Power Point Presentation, a performance of the Play ‘The Chideock Egg Lady’ written by Frances Colville, Remembrance, Information Boards, Photographs, Books and other wartime memorabilia plus a ‘war themed’ tea. The project will be held on Friday 12th September in the Village Hall from 2.p.m until 8pm with repeat presentations and performances. Further details will be advertised over the coming months. Many thanks to The Chideock Trust for their donation towards hall hire costs, etc., If you have any information or memorabilia please contact Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098 or Frances Colville on 01297 480833.

Woodland Trust Trees on the East cliff at Seatown.

On Saturday 1st February ten intrepid Chideock Society tree lovers braved the 60 mph gales to re-stake and weed around the saplings planted in 2012 on the East Cliff, Seatown. They managed to clear round nearly all the 350 plus trees. When the trees were planted in 2012 it was recorded as the wettest day in November. This year it was the wind which made things difficult. Everyone said the trees are in good condition considering the tough year they have endured and there are lots of buds and new growth. Huge thanks to all those who took part, including two who hadn't been able to take part in the planting. and especially to Richard Duke who bravely continued the following day.

COMMUNITY POLICING ...

Locally there has been a recent rise in vehicle crime. Unattended vehicles are being broken into and property being stolen from within. Dorset Police strongly advise that all valuables are removed from your vehicles at all times. Ensure that your vehicle is locked at all times and if possible park it in an alarmed garage or secured area.



Due to recent, and ongoing, adverse weather conditions we advise that if you are planning on any journey you check if there are any road closures or expected floods along your route. Many vehicles have been caught up in the recent floods and sometimes it is the safer option to stay at home until you are sure it is safe to drive.

Details of road closures or expected areas for flooding can be found by following our facebook page (listed below) and by listening to other media outlets, such as your local radio station.

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

For all the latest on local crimes, incidents and crime prevention please 'like' our facebook pages.....

Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team or/and

Bridport Town and West Bay Safer Neighbourhood Team

You can also follow us on Twitter @BridPoliceSNT for any ongoing Policing and local interest stories.

PCSO Paul MINERS, Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Cupboard Love

Cupboard Love is the name of a local food bank operating in Bridport from St. Mary's church in South Street. We at St. Giles, Chideock, have decided to help this valuable work by donating food and other items. We have put a large basket inside St. Giles behind the font where goods may be left.

There are leaflets explaining which foods are particularly needed. It is mainly tins of vegetables, beans, meat and fish, pasta, rice, cereal, jars of baby food etc.

Some items of clothing are also needed.

The food is distributed to homeless people, low-income families, vulnerable adults and youth who are nominated by various bodies. If you would like to leave your donations in the church they will be collected and taken to Bridport every week. Thank you for offering targeted support at the point of need.

People in Chideock are also eligible for support, given the right circumstances. If you or anyone you know needs help please contact, in confidence, Sue (489260) or Val(489417)

Chideock W.I invites you to
Feel the sway of the fifties and shake of the sixties in

‘A Time Travelling Cabaret Evening’

with Trisha Lewis

on

Friday 21st March 2014

7.00pm for 7.30pm

IN CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Price £10

Includes cheese, biscuits and two glasses of wine

Entry by ticket only from: **Janet Carey**

Telephone 01297 489782

ALL ARE WELCOME

In Aid of Chideock Village Hall Funds



Dates for Your Diary.

11 March – Wildlife Talk – details to be confirmed.

8 April – Local History Talk by Professor Brunsdon, based on film taken in 1940 – “Snapshots of The Past”, including the coast and farming,

Everyone is welcome at Chideock Society events – a charge is made for non-members, or you can join for only £5!.

New Residents.

Did you know that a FREE copy of the book “A Wander Through Chideock”, which was produced by the Chideock Society for the Millennium, is available for new residents? Please contact Kate Geraghty if you would like to claim your copy.

Chideock W. I.

Robert Rhodes, from the West Dorset Branch of the National Trust was warmly welcomed to the meeting. We all live with the beautiful coastal scenery of the Golden Cap Estate around our homes; some of us regularly walk in the area and have a favorite place we love to visit. Robert really made us appreciate how lucky we are to live in such a place.

The Estate began in the 1960's with the purchase of West Hay Farm and has grown over the following 50 years to the present size. Although it is a wonderful natural resource it is very much a 'managed' landscape. Without the work of the farm tenants and their farming methods and the continuous work of the ranger team, supported by volunteers who clear the scrub, the wealth of wildflowers and rare insects which flourish on the estate would not exist. Robert showed some stunning slides and talked about the Trust's core work of 'conservation and access', where it was not always easy to get the right balance. West Hay Meadows is a national SSI with rare orchids and butterflies. If you spot any 'fussy' eaters like the small pearl bordered fritillary which only feeds on wild violets, then the Meadows are made for them.

Archaeology is kept to a minimum but the area has been occupied since the Bronze Age and has some important burial mounds which have been excavated on Golden Cap itself, before they are lost through continuing erosion. This aspect of the estate is very evident as the recent weather has hammered the soft sedimentary blue lias; a lovely but changing coastline which we were left much more appreciative of after Robert's visit.

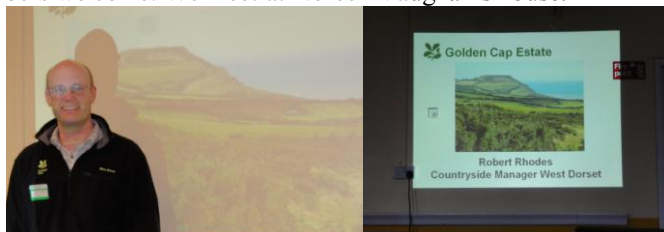
Competition Winners for the best photograph of the Golden Cap Estate were – winner, Pat Gale, second Diane Benjamin.

For flower of the month: 1st Marion Warburton, 2nd place Evalina Malyon.

Future Events

Tickets for the '*Cabaret*' Evening on 21st March 2014 are on sale at £10.00 each from Janet Carey.

Craft Group: The new project is Blanket making to raise funds for 'Water Aid'. All members welcome. We meet at Noreen Vaughan's house.



Next Meeting: March 4th 2014 at 2.30pm in the Village Hall 'Dorset Buttons' - speaker Rosalind Atkins New Members / Visitors welcome