

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sunday after Ascension	11am	Village Service
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity Sunday	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Trinity 1	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity 2	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
		3.30pm	<b>BIG SING</b> Cluster churches, St. Andrews, Charmouth

The **BIG SING** at Charmouth with our cluster churches is a chance to sing some of your favourite hymns with a large number of people. Tea and cake afterwards.

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer -

Services at the church are suspended while the work on the interior of the dome continues, though the church remains open every day. The special tiles have now been delivered and everything should be finished by mid/end June. We are delighted that Bishop Mark O'Toole of our Plymouth Diocese will be celebrating with us at a special service in the church on Thursday, 3 July at 6 pm, followed by a reception. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Also, many thanks go to Steve Warburton who has made another kind donation to our Dome Appeal from his second plant sale.

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.

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the JUNE 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](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> June 2014.

## **CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL**

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298) Treasurer: Roger Carey (489782) 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:

Bingo 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Whist 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Date for your Diary – “Men Can Cook Too”**

By popular request the Award winning Chideock Master Chefs and full supporting male cast invite you to a Special Summer **Carvery** Lunch in the Village Hall on Sunday 1st June in aid of much needed funds for the Village Hall. Tickets, costing £15 to include a glass of wine, can be obtained from Guy Mills on 01297-489231.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
CHIDEOCK W.I  
are holding a**

## **COFFEE MORNING**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**From 10.30am**

*At ‘Tamarisk’, Chideock*



**Home-Baked Food Stall, Raffle,  
Books, Bric a Brac and Craft Stall**

**Come and join us**

## **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP**

### **SUMMER TERM PROGRAMME**

9th June - Ray Gray

16th June - No Tutor

23rd June - Lynda White

30th June - Lynda White

7th July - No tutor

14th July - No tutor

We meet at 2pm on Mondays in Chideock Village Hall - Water colour -acrylics - pastels - what you like to do. Friendly group - new members welcome.

CONTACTS: JO GILES 489 050 ROS HIPKISS 489 080 ANN WALKER 489 363

## **'Am Dram for Murder'**

Calling all super sleuths, Miss Marples and Sherlock Holmes, Chideock Players are pleased to announce they are having another of their popular Murder Mystery nights...

At Chideock Village Hall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm a light supper will be served but please bring your own drink and glasses.

Tickets cost £10 per person and will be available from 16th May from Moira on  
01297 489164 or the Chideock Londis shop

**CHIDEOCK WI CRAFT GROUP/ WANTED/ ANY LEFTOVER DOUBLE KNITTING WOOL FOR OUR CRAFTWORK. CONTACT:  
01297489202**

### **The Chideock Luncheon Club**

The lunch in June will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 24<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.

## 100+ club

Draw 29 April 2014

1 <sup>st</sup> prize £30	No.23	Phillipa Salter	
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize £20	No. 95	Chris Woods/Mel Hayes	
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize £10	No. 142	Samantha Budd	
4 <sup>th</sup> prize £10	No. 102	Mr. Hipkiss	
5 <sup>th</sup> prize	No. 141	Michael Budd	£15 Easter bonus
6 <sup>th</sup> prize	No. 93	Val Cowell	£15 Easter bonus

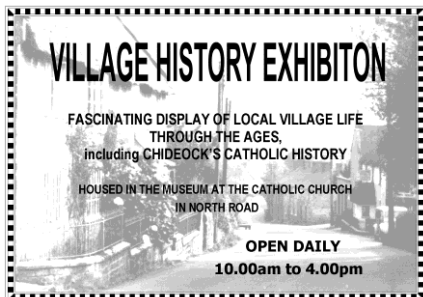
Thank you for all your support.

Anyone wishing to join or take up extra numbers will be welcome.

The cost for the remainder of the year is only £5.

Tony Fuller, tel: 489477.

## LEIGH FOOD FAIR & VINTAGE/CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY – LEIGH VILLAGE HALL 10AM – 4PM



## APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

Under the terms of the Village Hall Trust drawn up in 1949, various village groups were entitled to appoint a representative to the Management Committee. Several of these groups are still in existence and continue to be represented, but there are others which appear to have ceased to function.

We are trying to establish the position of the following:

**Children of Mary, Committee of the British Legion, Committee of the Mothers' Union, and the Committee of the Farmers.** None of these groups seems to be active within the village but it would be useful to have confirmation of their disbandment, or indeed their continued existence if appropriate.

If you can assist with any information on these organisations please contact Nick Baker (489555) or e-mail to: [lackaday@btinternet.com](mailto:lackaday@btinternet.com) . Your help will be gratefully accepted.

## Chideock W. I.

### Chideock WI, birthday party, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

On May 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, members of Chideock WI celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch with the traditional birthday party at Chideock Village Hall. Our guests included local friends and representatives of most of our group of WI branches. Good wishes in the form of birthday cards were also received from Bridport WI and from the Dorset Federation. Penny Dunscombe, who was introduced to us by member Carol Batchelor, led us in "Singing for Joy". We sang in unison and also in groups to make rounds of songs, some with haunting words and others which were just fun. The enjoyment of all was very much reflected in the atmosphere in the hall and surely we will invite Penny again. Linda Gould, our new president, expressed our appreciation and then announced the overall winners of our 2014 competitions, who were Evelina Malyon, Shirley Lambert, Pat Kent and Sue Pettifer.

There followed tea, provided by the committee, and the ceremonial cutting of the cake by members, Evelina Malyon, who had used her recipe which was chosen as runner in in the Dorset Federation competition, and Annette Jones who had decorated the cake to perfection.



Our next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Bay Tree in Chideock. New members are always welcome and should contact Linda 0127489202 or Ros 01297489080, or come along as a visitor to see if you would like to be part of our friendly and supportive group.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## **FRIENDS OF ST. GILES**

Would you enjoy a short stroll along a delightfully green and leafy lane?  
Especially if it ended with a cup of tea and a delicious home made cake?

Or if walking is not your thing, how about a short car ride, with plenty of parking space, and tea and cake as well?

Or maybe you are wondering how to amuse your Summer visitors without having to travel along the A35?

Perhaps you or your visitors would like to know more of the history of our village, and a small intimate museum, dating back to the Civil War and beyond, but including pictures and artefacts up to the present, would be just the thing. Rounding off the visit with tea and cake would be – well, the icing on the cake!

If these ideas for the Summer appeal to you, make a note of the dates and times when the 'Friends' of the two Churches are working together in a new venture.

We shall be serving tea and cake, in the museum alongside the beautiful RC Church in North Road on the following Sundays, from 2:30 to 5:30pm.

JULY 20TH    JULY 27TH    AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>    AUGUST 10TH  
AUGUST 17TH    AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>    AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>    SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

## **CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS**

### **BEATING THE BOUNDS.**

IF YOU ARE

- a) Interested in local traditions.
- b) Free on Saturday 31st May.
- c) Would like a guided walk around the Parish.

THEN come and join in

**"THE BEATING OF THE BOUNDS"**

On **SATURDAY 31st MAY**

**Dogs welcome but must be on a lead at all times**

**Meet in the turning circle at Seatown at 10 am**

Walks arranged by Mike Tuck, John Hallett and Judy Campbell

**If you would like to take part please give your name and contact number to**

**Mike Tuck 01297 489040**

or

**John Hallett 01297 489059**

**For more information contact Mike or John**

***BRING A PACKED LUNCH AND WATER!***

## **CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

The Chideock Village Hall committee would like to thank the local community for their generous donations received over the last few weeks.

Chideock W.I. for a magnificent donation of £620

Chideock Society for a very generous donation of £50

Grateful thanks also to Steve, Marion Warburton & family for a grand total of £128 from the proceeds from their two interesting plant sales

A special thank you to Bev Taylor for a raising an astonishing £97 from the raffle of her Easter cake

A massive thanks to Annette Jones for a wonderful donation of £300 given by family and friends at her special birthday celebration

*Another special thanks to Carol Hart for her very generous donation*

Also thanks to the Fete committee for £85.68 raised earlier in the year from the Torchlight procession

We also have heard whisper of other donations coming soon and news of a grant due later this year from Chideock Parish Council. Finally in advance a great big thank you for donation that will be raised from the "Men Can Cook Too" lunch which we hope everyone will support

With our own internal cost cutting measures and your donations we are confident that the Village Hall will be able to carry out essential maintenance work in the coming months. We wish to thank you all for your continual support of the hall.

Roger Carey

Hon Treasurer

Chideock Village Hall

## **"PLANT SALE - EASTER SATURDAY**

Once again a big "Thank You" to all those that supported our Easter Saturday Plant Sale, by providing plants or buying plants. The sale raised £184.26 for our three worthy causes, our two Village Churches and our Village Hall. Thus over the two plant sales, each has benefited by £128.00 because of the generous support given by the village to the plant sales. Thank you all for you support.

Steve Warburton



## **CITIZEN'S ADVICE**

### **Are you aware that your rights are changing when shopping online, by telephone or mail order?**

Currently, as you may be aware, you have seven days to cancel an order which has been made for most goods or services by 'distance', such as when you ordering online, by telephone, or by mail order. You have the right to cancel for ANY reason, including simply changing your mind and returning the goods for a FULL refund, although you may have to pay for the return postage costs if that was specified in the terms of the contract when you placed your order. From the 13 June 2014, the law is changing. From this date you will have 14 days to change your mind and cancel the contract.

Obviously, there are exceptions to this rule and your cancellation rights do not apply to the following:

- prescribed medicines
- taxis
- magazine subscriptions
- auctions
- CDs, DVDs or software if you've broken the seal on the wrapping
- perishable and other items that deteriorate rapidly such as food and flowers
- tailor-made or personalised goods
- underwear and earrings

There are also some services contracts you can't cancel simply because you change your mind, including:

- contracts for transport and some leisure services to be provided on a specific date eg hotel bookings, flights, car hire, concert and other event tickets
- a tradesman coming for emergency repairs

A new addition to the legislation is that if you have devalued the goods by handling them more than you would be able to in a shop, then the seller will now be able to reduce the amount that they refund you by the difference in value. Of course, if you are returning the product because it is faulty then a reduction would not apply.

If you are ever unsure of your rights regarding goods or services, then call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 040506. or look at [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition.**

**Sat 5 July and Sunday 6 July at the Village Hall.**

The Chideock Society is holding an exhibition of our large collection of film, photos, recordings and information gathered over twenty five years of activities, events and occasions in the village. It also records the efforts the membership has made to contribute positively to village life.

The exhibition will open at 11 am each day and close between 4 – 5 pm.

Refreshments will be available all day, copies of film and recordings will be on sale, plus prints, cards, maps and books.

Entry is free for members, £3.00 for visitors to help cover costs. There is a prize of a meal for two at the Clock for the Lucky Ticket holder.

So, come and take a look back on a quarter of a century of some of the activities which YOU and old friends may have been involved with in Chideock.

For new residents and visitors it will give an insight into the interests and vitality of the Chideock community. Don't miss it!

If you have an interest in village history, have any photos, film or information you would like included in the exhibition please contact a member of the committee. Phone numbers of the front of this magazine.

**Volunteers are needed to help set up the exhibition on Friday evening 4 July and on the Saturday and Sunday to welcome visitors and serve refreshments.**

**Home made cakes required!!**

**If you can help in any way please contact Val Cowell on 01297 489417**

## **STOP PRESS!**

**DID YOU MISS THE 1940 FILM AND TALK?? OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IT AGAIN??**

**The 1940 film will be shown at 2:45 pm for 3:00 pm on SUNDAY 6 JULY, and Professor Brunnsden is again giving the talk.** So if you missed it or would like to see it once more then please come along! Entrance for visitors £4, which includes the exhibition and refreshments. Free entry for members.

## **BUT SMALL IS THE GATE**

I remember a time in my childhood when our apple trees were weighed down with an abundance of fruit, more than we could cope with. We put a notice by the front gate: 'Help yourself' but nobody took the free apples from the box. Being the young entrepreneur I changed the notice: 'Apples one penny each'. Now, I needed to refill the box several times a day!

It seems that people are suspicious of things for free, as if there must be a catch. Even when things are cheap some people say, 'Well, it can't be any good I it's that cheap!' To doubt and distrust anything cheap seems a sensible precaution, and 'there's no such thing as a free lunch', they say.

When it comes to making decision many of us don't always use our wisdom or learning – we 'go with the majority', hope that it will be a safer option.

Most of us know the story of Noah and the Ark, but many not have realised that this story highlights the possible pitfalls of following 'the majority:'. When Noah started building this huge boat, in a place far from the sea, people thought he was off his rocker! They ridiculed him for claiming to be following God's advice, but when the flood came those same people realised that Noah had heard God. Noah's family of 8 people, and the animals, were saved. And what became of 'the majority'? They all drowned because they refused God's advice through Noah.

Death is humanity's greatest enemy. It can be delayed sometimes, but comes to each one of us sooner or later.

Heaven is the good place to which we are invited to go after death – but to qualify you have to meet God's conditions for entry, i.e. to believe in Jesus and to repent to God. It required humility to confess your sins aloud to a listening, Holy God. No other way will do. Intelligence, wealth, important positions held, even kindness, will not qualify anyone for a place in heaven. Only God can forgive sins.

For the majority the prospect of speaking aloud one's sins to God pricks pride and conscience, It's a tall order that the majority would rather not address, perhaps not even think about. But as Noah's story illustrates 'the majority are not always right'. Like Noah, I too would urge you to take God's advice seriously. It leads to a better life now, and a heavenly life in the future.

Jesus says in Matthew 7 v 13: 'But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life – and few find it.'

Humphrey Barker

## COMMUNITY POLICING ...

The PCC (Police And Crime Commissioner) Martyn Underhill held a talk and open forum at Broadwindsor Hall during the evening of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Sadly only about a dozen local stalwarts attended but lively discussion ensued! It emerged that his vision for the future of Dorset Police will mirror many of the police practices already employed by the Bridport Section so delivery and type of service will be largely unchanged, to all intents and purposes. Technology will be playing an increasing part in day to day work including body cameras and personal lap top computers. Even I, as a technophobe, can see how efficiency should increase and paperwork decrease. Promised for many years maybe at last this vision will start to come true.

I welcomed his comments about retaining a police office in Beaminster after the current site is sold. As the station occupies only a small portion of the site it is clearly an underused resource. Beaminster sits, geographically, fairly centrally in the patch I manage (stretching from the coast as far north as Hermitage) so the logistics of working from Bridport would have lessened our effectiveness.

All in all I left feeling quite optimistic about the future.

Regards, Tim Poole, PC 681

Beaminster SNT beat Manager (in Paul's absence)



**[from Articles and letters relating to the English Carpentry Association, 1867-1957 - NLA MS 5952] William Kennett's next instalment in his journal reads...**

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1867

My dear Friends,

...Northern Australia is I think almost less known than any other part of the world except New Guinea. A great deal has been written about Australia but none of it applies to this part; although this neighbourhood was visited twice at least before any other part of Australia, first by Luis Vaer de Torres who landed at this very spot in 1606; then by General Carpenter who explored the Gulf of Carpentaria 1628 and afterwards by Capt. Cook who visited Cape York in 1771.

A more recent explorer was Mr E. B. Kennedy who in attempting to explore this peninsula in 1848 was killed by the natives (the Yaardiagans) within ten miles of this place; and ten out of the twelve composed of his party died (two are buried on Albany Island and can now see their grave from this house); and the whole of Cape York and its vicinity were surveyed in 1849-50 by H.M. Ships "Rattlesnake" and "Bramble". This settlement was formed in August 1864 partly as a harbour of refuge for shipwrecked crews but chiefly to form the nucleus of a town, which as Sir George Bowen writes should rival Singapore. It still keeps however, to its original size and the population if anything has decreased. As a harbour of refuge it has been more successful, the crews of three vessels having been received here during the last twelve months - "The Cathay" "Adelaide" and "Conqueror". During this time there have been three deaths, two of children (Dr. Hasans) and one marine who was speared....

*Editor:* some of it is not only 'not PC' but is also rather gory so I would not like to put the entire 14 pages in, but if anyone would like me to email them a copy, please let me know, but be prepared ... we are talking 'cannibals' here!

## SYMONDSBURY SCHOOL NEWS

As I write this, the hush of examination time permeates around the school. Pity it isn't quite so quiet the rest of the year! Given that the performance of the school is largely measured by the success (or otherwise) of 12 children over the next 4 days I just hope the silence doesn't spook them as much as it does me....

Over the Easter break our kitchen garden was completed and a donated greenhouse erected. Already both are in full production thanks to the efforts of the children. Our wildlife club are revitalising the bottom of the field and we already have a monster 'bug hotel'. That's a large pile of pallets and assorted materials rather than a collection of very large insects if you see what I mean. A spot of sunshine would be nice now.....and the gardening club would appreciate if the slugs would nibble the grass rather than our runner beans.

I will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. I have accepted the offer to run a large primary school in Suffolk. It was a very difficult decision for me – only two years into post here at Symondsbury, I did not anticipate leaving quite so soon. We have achieved much in a short period and there is plenty more I would like to do. But the offer was too tempting and it will be a new challenge. By next issue we will hopefully have completed interviews and selected a new head. I haven't gone just yet so it is not quite goodbye!

Colin Haley  
Head Teacher



Our new green house!