

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

FEBRUARY 2021

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The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

Symptoms	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold
Fever	Common	Common	Rare
Cough	Common	Common	Mild
Loss of taste & smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Aches & pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	No	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
Diarrhoea	Sometimes	Sometimes	No
	(for children)	(especially for children)	

Remember **Hands... Face... Space...** to help stop the spread

Hello!

If you are self-isolating ... we can help!

We can: deliver shopping, post mail, provide supplies or even a friendly phone-call. Anything you need, we are here to help!

We have lots of volunteers from the local community willing to assist, where we can - for free, of course!

Our names are Sue, Jane and Francis and our numbers are:

Sue: 01297 489520 Jane: 01297 489996 Frances: 01297
480833

Please call one of us and we will do our best to help you

CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298); Secretary: Paul Ramsden (480941)
Treasurer & Table Tennis contact: Roger Carey (489782)

For hirer's responsibilities during Covid-19 please contact any of the above
For regular bookings contact Sue Walliker **01297 489545** or

smwalliker@icloud.com

If you wish to cancel a booking please notify us as soon as possible

For general information about the hall:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>

For the current availability either contact Sue Walliker or go to:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>
and click on 'Check availability'

ANNE WARMAN.

My family and I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who responded to Anne's passing in December with cards and letters of condolence and kind offers of assistance. We have received almost 100 cards and letters which is, I think, a measure of both this village and the affection in which Anne was held. Your love and support have helped to make the unbearable, bearable. We thank you for your good wishes and your prayers.

Bob Warman & Family.

SERVICES AT ST. GILES

Please see noticeboard outside church for up-to-date information on services. Currently the church is open on Saturdays 10am-2pm for private prayer.

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

Because of restrictions the following times and dates are provisional. Please check on the church website for up to date information:

Friday 5th. 10 am Mass
Friday 12th. 10 am Mass
Saturday 13th. 6 pm Vigil Mass
Friday 19th. 10am Mass
Friday 26th. 10am Mass
Saturday 27th. 6 pm Vigil Mass

APART FROM THESE TIMES THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the March 2021 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 Friday 19th February 2021.

CHIDEOCK PRAYER NET

These are stressful times: at the time of writing we can't meet friends or family; we can't go to the pub, coffee shop or hairdresser; we can't go to church. But we can pray, and members of St Giles have always prayed for our village and neighbours.

If you would like prayer for a concern you have, or to share your thanks for something (because good things are still happening!), please send an email to chideockprayernet@gmail.com. Your request will then be sent on to individual members of St Giles.

Your request will be kept confidential, and can be anonymous if you wish; even those receiving the request won't know who else is getting it.

Thank you. Peter Stapleton, St Giles PCC

THANK YOU

The Chideock Village Hall committee wish to sincerely thank Mrs Carol Hart for her very generous donation of £500. This money will be ring fenced towards various projects that we still have outstanding including replacing the old heating boiler which is fast approaching the end of its useable life and extra ceiling insulation. Mrs Hart has been a kind benefactor of the village hall and has previously given us donations which have been used towards other major projects

THE FRIENDS OF ST GILES

Would like to wish you a happy and healthy 2021 and to thank all those who supported their Christmas Take-Away Teas event in December 2020. It looks like we will be under Covid regulations for some time to come yet so events will continue to be limited but we are hoping to find some way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes on February 27th 2021 – so look out for notices around the village.

WI Report

Into another lockdown and for many this brings knowledge that meeting fellow members of the WI is still someway off. Thoughts of various outdoor meetings of groups of six with mulled wine and mince pies went by the board. However, the committee has continued to try and boost morale. The planned Christmas Fair with the Friend of St Giles was able to take place with pre-ordered teas to take away and cakes and Christmas Wreaths on sale. The proceeds were shared by both groups.

This year's Christmas lunch was out of the question it was felt the festive season had to be marked somehow. Committee members put together Christmas goodie bags which contained numerous different items, including beautiful lavender bags made by Annette, Christmas goodies and, to keep the brain engaged, puzzle books and a pack of cards. These were delivered to members by the Committee in time for Christmas and enabled us to touch base with all.

The book group met in the New Year via Zoom and were able to share book titles. Next month the group will discuss books they are currently reading and for the March meeting we will be discussing Douglas Stewart's *Shuggie Bain*. It is hoped that many members will take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch on the 29-31 January. Information is available on the RSPB website.

In January the Committee held their first Zoom meeting. They are planning to host Zoom coffee mornings for members.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHIDEOCK HISTORY?

We are in the process of setting up a new website in connection with the history of Chideock. The Chideock Society holds a huge archive of old photographs and other memorabilia and we hope over the next months to 'scan' all this material in to the new website so it is held safely and for everyone to see. The hard copies can then be placed with the Dorset Archive. If you can help in any way please contact Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098 or email me at lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk. We will also provide a link from the Community website to this new 'history website'.

DIAL A FRIEND – COASTAL CLUSTER

Maybe you know of someone, or you happen to be that someone, who lives alone and has little social contact. Are you aware of what is available? Do you live in the Chideock, Morcombelake or Lyme Regis areas and would like even a brief visit, maybe simply for a talk. We are members of a Team from these local churches. Would you like to meet us and see what we can share together? If you would then please just call Anne: 01297 442 558; Ann: 01297 489 532. (NOTE: obviously visits are temporarily suspended).

Wreaths for Weldmar

We are delighted to report that we raised £2234 for Weldmar Hospice. We smashed our target with your help, support and generosity and I thank you. We made 80 beautiful wreaths, sold 40 wreath kits, doubling last year's amount which is tremendous which brings a total of over £15K raised from making Christmas wreaths over the last 13 years. It was a pleasure to keep our charity wreath making day going especially this year and huge thanks to my elf makers, we all support Weldmar and the work they do.

My thoughts and prayers are for those loved ones who are being looked after by Weldmar both in the hospice and at home. We thank and admire the dedicated Weldmar staff who care and support us in our times of need. <https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/>

Spotlight Article February 2021

Well here we are in 2021. How are you feeling? Relieved? Optimistic? Fearful? I have no doubt that there is a whole range of feelings being experienced by different people at this time.

In 2020 there were many sad losses for family and friends, some through Covid and some through illness. Many families were unable to meet with each other, no holidays and severe economic hardships.

Yet through it all there emerged a remarkable human spirit, of community, of charity, of kindness, of love for one's neighbour and so many more acts of human interaction.

No doubt that will continue into this year as hopefully things improve with the spread of vaccinations and in due course, a recovery of our economy.

At Christmas we of course missed the majority of our normal services and carol services. However, we did manage some worship over this period. So all is not lost. In St. John's gospel many of you will be familiar with chapter one which is read every year during our Christmas worship. In particular verses 4 and 5 'In Him was life and that life was the life of mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never mastered it.' In these words lies our strength as we face the next twelve months. Because through the centuries that brought us war, plague, famine etc. the light has never been extinguished by the darkness.

The human reaction in the past year as seen in our NHS staff and support services, our scientists, individual fundraisers such as Captain Tom and many more, does indeed show that the darkness will never overcome the light.

A peaceful and healthy New Year to you all.

Jim Pettifer LLM.

STAR QUIZ ... QUESTIONS (answers on separate page)

- 1 A magician will never get his desire, even in this seasonal attire.
- 2 A happy and small festivity for you alone, "Meet me in St Louis" is the film from which it's known.
- 3 In 1955, letters at yuletide starts with candy, and ends with Santa which is handy.
- 4 Isolation at Yuletide 2020. You'll be stuck in the mud aplenty.
- 5 Who was it we saw by the mistletoe? Lucky that Daddy didn't know.
- 6 This tree wears the crown of the ancient forest, and bears the fruit that the birds like best.
- 7 In mid Winter I saw some boats. They were sailing all afloat.
- 8 Xmas 2019 was a real blast. Shame to remember it is in the past.

9 The chap in the red suit with presents he brought, excitement and anticipation of arriving in Bridport.
10 It must be fun to ride in a sleigh with tintinnabulations guiding your way.
11 It is really only precipitation. We don't mind if it covers the nation.
12 An amazing Christmas period, 2000, 2019 and 2010. In fact it's almost always lovely, and will be again.
13 Christmas happiness for a boy, as labour ends bringing joy.
14 Raise a glass of red and give him a kiss. It's a Christmas tradition you don't want to miss.
15 A realisation of a seasonal time!
16 Travelling quickly to see loved ones dear. Frosty tracks lead to festive cheer.
17 Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds.
18 All is quiet, this special time. The babe asleep but no bells chime.
19 Embellish the interior passageways with rings of festive greenery.
20 I tapped my sticks, played best I could; His happy face told me it was good.
21 Harry Belafonte sang about him in 1957. He was a wonderful gift from Heaven.
22 The silent stars pass over this town. As its citizens sleep in dreamless round.
23 John and Yoko said it all. Peace and happiness - have a ball.
24 The days are short, the nights are long. The ground is cold, the leaves have gone.
25 I slept so deep; Bing got it right. Snow has fallen overnight.
26 In supermarkets across the land. This song is played by a Brummie band.
27 On my knees I speak to you. With words I was taught at just aged two.
28 Dearest Jesus, remember me. From our captors set us free.
29 Festive questions? Our hearts were grazed. Thankful children, millions raised.
30 On Boxing Day, sovereign Lord am I. Outside all white and bright, I did espy.
31 Three men on three camels, travelling west. Bearing three gifts, each thought was the best.
32 We're told this poor child in a manger lay. His bed was all straw and prickly hay.
33 Not Donner, not Blitzen, but he with the nose. That should be the one that Santa chose.
34 Our planet has an ecstatic feeling. With the arrival of our Holy King.
35 Lots of people, 23 birds and some jewellery. Were sent as a gift to this fair lady.
36 A cockney lad, was fair of face. A frosty tale he did embrace.

- 37 There was a regal conurbation. In which was found a cattle station.
38 Happy chaps you can always be. The redeemer lives for you and me.
39 As sheep on the hills, with their guardians, grazed. Lights in the sky held them all amazed.
40 We hope you have a joyous Noel. And 2021, we pray, as well.

HELLO TO ALL CHIDEOCK QUIZZERS

Hello and a very happy new year to all, hope you are all coping with the latest lock down and moving up the vaccination list!! As promised in the Christmas issue, here are the answers to the Christmas Quiz:-

1. What alcoholic drink is added to lemonade to make a Snowball? **Advocaat**
2. What name is given to a Male Turkey? **Tom**
3. What is the chemical formula for Snow? **H₂O**
4. What colour is the egg of a Robin? **Blue**
5. What colour does Brandy burn? **Blue**
6. Why should you stir a Christmas pudding clockwise? **To bring good luck**
7. In " A Christmas Carol " What carol is sung outside Scrooge's office? **God rest ye merry gentlemen**
8. Which City donates a Christmas tree to Trafalgar Square each year? **Oslo**
9. 'Feliz Natal' is Merry Christmas in which language? **Portuguese**
10. In Pantomime, what is the name of Cinderella's Father? **Baron Hardup**
11. Which Angel informed Mary she was pregnant with Jesus? **The Angel Gabriel**
12. Which Cheese, eaten at Christmas is known as the 'King of English Cheeses?' **Stilton**

Hope it was full marks all round and a little fun, maybe even stimulating!!

Now, just to keep our "SPIRITS" up, and, maybe exercise the brain cells, in preparation for the next Village Quiz Night, here's a few questions for February 2021. Answers in the March edition.

1. Who is the West Dorset MP?
2. What are the dates of the Great War?
3. Which is the longest river in the World?
4. To date who has been the youngest British Prime Minister?
5. Used for Snooker Championships, where is the Crucible Theatre?
6. How long does PMQ's last?
7. Which is the only vitamin NOT found in an egg?
8. In which year was the very first episode of Coronation Street aired?
9. Which singer has had the most UK singles ever?
10. Which singer's real surname is SARKISIAN?

11. An EMU can fly, true or false?

12. According to Scottish law it is illegal to be drunk and in charge of a cow, true or false?

THAT'S IT, VERY BEST OF LUCK

See you in the March Edition,

John

Chideock Parish Magazine 2020

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total adverts		230.00
Donations (£100 WI +£100 +£100)		300.00
100+ club		<u>906.00</u>
Total in		1,436.00
Out: Printing (£708 Creeds/£1170 Footprints)		1,878.00

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2020

At bank 01.01.20	1,447.02	
Receipts	1,436.00	
Payments		1,878.00
As at bank 31.12.20		<u>1,005.02</u>
	2,883.02	2,883.02

NOTE: I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people who have made fabulous donations towards the cost of the magazine. The cost of printing the magazine is about £190 per month so their £100 donations together will pay for a month of the printing costs. Also the WI donation will pay for about ½ a month too, which is fantastic. This coming year is going to be tricky as we currently no longer will have monies coming in from the 100+ Club, which was invaluable.

Star quiz ... answers

- 1 I wish it could be Christmas every day (Wizzard)
- 2 Have yourself a merry little Christmas. (Judy Garland)
- 3 Christmas alphabet (Dickie Valentine)
- 4 Lonely this Christmas (Mudd)
- 5 I saw mummy kissing Santa Claus
- 6 The holly and the Ivy
- 7 I saw three ships
- 8 Last Christmas (Wham)
- 9 Santa Claus is coming to town
- 10 Jingle bells
- 11 Let it snow
- 12 It's the most wonderful time of the year
- 13 When a child is born (Jonny Mathis)
- 14 Mistletoe and wine (Cliff)
- 15 So this is Christmas (John Lennon)
- 16 Driving home for Christmas (Chris Rhea)
- 17 Hark the herald angels sing
- 18 Silent night
- 19 Deck the halls
- 20 Little Drummer Boy
- 21 Mary's boy child
- 22 O Little town of Bethlehem
- 23 Happy Christmas, war is over (John and Yoko)
- 24 In the bleak mid winter
- 25 White Christmas
- 26 Merry Christmas everybody (Slade)
- 27 Millennium Prayer (Cliff Richard)
- 28 O come, O come Emmanuel
- 29 Do they know it's Christmas? (Band Aid)
- 30 Good King Wenceslas
- 31 We three Kings
- 32 Away in a manger
- 33 Rudolph the red nosed reindeer
- 34 Joy to the world
- 35 12 days of Christmas
- 36 It's only a winter's tale (David Essex)
- 37 Once in Royal David's city
- 38 God rest ye merry gentlemen
- 39 While shepherds watched their flocks
- 40 We wish you a merry Christmas.

Chideock Parish Council News.

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Please note that the Clerk works 30 hours per month so may not respond immediately. The Council continues to lobby various individuals, organisations, and bodies regarding the A35 issues experienced by the village.

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Parish Council meetings will be held virtually using Zoom, until such time as the Village Hall is available. The meetings will continue to be at 10 am on the last Tuesday of the month.

Members of the public are welcome to attend “virtually” – if you wish to do so please e-mail the Clerk prior to the meeting to be sent an invitation. You will require a PC, laptop, or tablet / smart phone, with a video camera and microphone.

Face, Hands and Space!

Casual Vacancy.

Peter Hunt was elected to fill the casual vacancy at the virtual meeting held on 17 December.

Electric Car Charging Point at Foss Orchard Car Park.

This facility is now available for use. Please note that these spaces are **NOT** available for parking, they are only to be used by vehicles whilst being charged.

Are you a “riparian owner”?

You are if a watercourse of any type either forms a boundary to your property or runs below your land.

A water course is defined by the Environment Agency as any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows, such as a river, stream, brook, ditch, or culvert.

Where the watercourse forms a boundary, you own to the mid-point of the watercourse.

Such ownership comes with rights and responsibilities.

Environment Agency information about these rights and responsibilities can be found at

https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/EA_Guide_to_rights_and_responsibilities_of_riverside_ownership.pdf

The following information is taken from the above guide.

- **You are responsible** for ensuring that water can flow through your land without any obstruction, pollution, or diversion.
- **You must** keep the banks of any open watercourse clear of anything which might cause an obstruction and increase flood risk if it is swept away.
- **Do not** use watercourse banks to dispose of garden or other waste, where it could be washed into the water. This includes grass cuttings which pollute the water.
- **If you do not carry out your responsibilities, you could face legal action.**

Seaside Sauna Haus.

The Parish Council has received several enquires as to whether the Seaside Sauna Haus at Seatown requires planning permission.

As it is a mobile facility it does **NOT** need planning permission. It operates from private land at Seatown and the landowner has confirmed that the sauna is there with his permission.

Obviously, the sauna is unable to operate during the lockdown. The Seaside Sauna Haus Facebook page states that, when it is in operation, there is half an hour between appointment slots, presumably to sanitise between users. And also says that only “household bubbles” should book it.

Clapp’s Mead Playing Field.

The Parish Council has contracted Kevin Hussey to carry out quarterly inspections of the play equipment. This will include any minor repairs required. Kevin is ROSPA approved and carries out inspections and repairs for several other local parishes, including Bridport. This arrangement replaces the annual ROSPA inspection previously carried out by PlaySafety.

Councillors will continue to carry out visual inspections every 2 weeks.

Cllr. Peacock’s “Chideock High Street” discussion document.

Thank you to those who submitted comments. Unfortunately, the number of responses was too low for any statistically valid analysis. The discussion document and the public responses will be considered at the Parish Council meeting on 26 January 2021 and any further action will be determined. A report will be submitted for the March Chideock News.

Parish Precept for 2021-2022.

The budget and precept will be approved at the January meeting. It is anticipated that there will be a very small reduction of £0.94 per year for

Council Tax Band D, slightly less for lower bands and slightly more for higher bands.

Full details of the Budget and Precept will be published in the March Chideock News, and the draft is already on the website with the papers for the Parish Council meeting held on 26 January 2021.

CHIDEOCK

THE STORY OF AN 'ENCHANTED' BROOM

(Bridport News 13 March 1885)

A correspondent sends us the following extra-ordinary narrative:-

'I am not a nervous man, neither am I superstitious, but during my professional travels in the neighbourhood of your town a few days since I came across an incident which for a time, fairly baffled the understanding and gave rise amongst the country folk to conjectures and speculations of an extraordinary kind. It was in the pleasant vale of Chideock, surrounded by those hills which make Western Dorset especially beautiful by their picturesqueness and ever-changing variety of scene, that I became acquainted with the circumstances which at first seemed so bewildering and so incomprehensible. In almost a central position in the village, where it would have formerly been o'ershadowed by the ancient Castle walls and towers, stands a humble dwelling in which reside a respectable elderly couple, who have in their possession, what under ordinary circumstances would have been considered a very commonplace and useful domestic article, viz, a broom. But this was no ordinary broom, as I shall show. It had formerly done duty in the streets of Bridport with the scavenger's man, but in the course of 'the changing scenes of life' it had been relegated to the quietude of the little house at Chideock. Not long ago this broom began to manifest what were believed by some of the good people of the village to be supernatural powers, for all at once a startling rumour got abroad that the broom could not be kept still, and that placed in any position it would shift about the house apparently at will. The curiosity of a walking broom naturally excited the wonder of the neighbours, who, with that tendency to superstition which I find is not yet extinct in this favoured district, at once began to 'explain' the matter, and they did so, for a time, very much to their own satisfaction. It was related with startled expression how this broom when placed against the wall, would fall to the ground with a startling crash, would change ends as it lay on the floor, would disentangle itself if covered up, and would perform many peculiar manoeuvres equally mysterious. The neighbours were credulous; the owners of the broom got frightened and the public interest began to be stirred. Numbers of people resorted to the cottage

to endeavour to prove the truth of the wonderful story. The old man resorted to the famous hostelry adjacent which, in its name as well as in the vivid painting which adorns its front, perpetuates the memory of the ancient castle, there to drown his sorrows and to soothe his perplexities in a cup of 'mine host's' noted 'apple juice'. But I will draw a veil over the old gentleman and return to his cottage where the old dame was greatly frightened by the strange things which were taking place. People of various stations in life attracted by the marvellous story, visited the house and the affair formed a fruitful topic of gossip. Amongst these on one occasion was a driver connected with a well-known hotel in Bridport and he was greatly impressed with the wonderful character of the occurrences which nobody was able to explain. The owner of the broom remembered that the day on which the 'manifestations' first presented themselves was the birthday of his brother who had owned the broom and that the festive occasion was in some way being kept up; then again it was thought to be a sign of the mortal dissolution of a resident who was at the time confined to his bed by sickness. A certain individual of the village, wiser, I suppose, in his day than the rest, sought, after the manner of his superstitious Brethren, to appease the disturbed spirit which was believed to inhabit the broom, and held the room tightly in his hands whilst he repeated over it a mysterious incantation. In the efficacy of which he doubtless implicitly believed. Gradually, it oozed out that all these peculiarities had not been actually *seen* by anyone but the movements of the wonderful broom had been *heard* from an adjoining room and that when the broom was removed to another part of the premises the peculiar influence transferred itself to other articles in the same apartment, which fell from their accustomed places on the floor. These occurrences were repeated day after day and night after night and from the adjoining room were distinctly heard strange noises and scuffling, but on each occasion, upon a search being instituted, nothing could be discovered which could in the slightest degree account for the extraordinary noises. The excitement had risen to a considerable pitch and all sorts of wild rumours got afloat, when there was a rude but practical interruption to all by the discovered that the 'manifestations' were due to the mischievous but ingenious pranks of a couple of young girls who lived adjacent, and who had adopted this singular means as a way of frightening two inoffensive but nervous and suspicious individuals. Some people are now wondering how they could have been so foolish, and the laugh now goes merrily round the pleasant vale of Chideock at what, after all, has been proved to be simply a cleverly-arranged practical joke, and has been barely a 'nine days' wonder.

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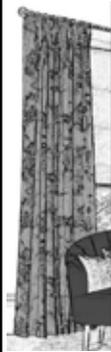
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Chideock Village Trust

Charity No. 1084576

The Chideock Village Trust has been in existence for nearly 20 years and its objects are:

- To preserve for the benefit of the Chideock community whatever is of artistic, architectural, historical or constructional beauty or interest.
- To promote the study and general knowledge of all artistic and scientific subjects with the object of advancing the education of the Chideock community.



The Trustees would welcome applications for grants from students planning to advance their education, especially by way of unfunded expeditions either in this country or overseas, and from groups seeking to enhance village amenities.

Applicants, which should be from residents of Chideock Parish for a prospective (not retrospective) project, should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Trustees, Mrs Lisa Tuck, Broadlands, Chideock, DT6 6HX or by email to enquiries@broadlandschideock.co.uk.