

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

APRIL 2013

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

April Services

7 th April	Easter 2	11am Village Service
14 th April	Easter 3	11am Holy Communion (CW)
21 st April	Easter 4	11am Holy Communion (CW)
28 th April	Easter 5	11am Holy Communion (CW)

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

CHURCH AND VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION OPEN DAILY 10-4pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer -

Friday 5th 10 am Mass

Friday 12th 10 am Mass

Saturday 13th 6 pm Vigil Mass

Friday 26th 10 am Mass

Saturday 27th 6 pm Vigil 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.

CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

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

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

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

BINGO/WHIST DATES FOR APRIL

(All sessions commence at 7.30pm)

Thursday 4th April BINGO Thursday 11th April WHIST

Thursday 18th April BINGO Thursday 25th April WHIST

Thursday 2nd May BINGO

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the MAY 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 (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Wed 17th April 2013.

Notification that Chideock is at risk of flash flooding...

The Environment Agency is working with Chideock's Flood Group, to help Chideock's community become resilient to the risk of flash flooding. The Environment Agency have recently undertaken a study to identify areas at risk of flash flooding. The study confirmed that Chideock is a location that may be at risk from this type of flooding.



Flash flooding is caused by intense rainfall. It occurs suddenly, with little or no warning – often before emergency services arrive. Flash flooding can be very destructive: flooding homes, moving rocks, tearing out trees, sweeping away vehicles and damaging buildings, walls and bridges. Flash flooding can also happen where drainage systems are unable to cope with extreme rainfall. We are working together to mitigate the impacts of a flash flood for Chideock. Key to this is awareness raising within the community as well the development of Chideock's Community Flood Resilience Plan.

There are lots of things you can also do to prepare for flooding, to minimise the risk to yourself and your property e.g. moving valuables and family mementos upstairs, moving cars to higher ground, or businesses moving stock and equipment to protect it from floodwater.

You could also prepare a flood kit or a personal flood plan in advance, to keep on standby.

Flood Kit:

- Important documents - such as passport and insurance certificates. Some documents are expensive to replace. Having these in your kit will keep them safe and to hand.
- Torch - in case it floods at night and your power is affected.
- Radio - a wind-up or battery radio will help you monitor local news and weather broadcasts for the latest flooding situation.
- Batteries - have spare batteries available to power your torch or radio.
- Blankets or warm clothing - it may be cold and you could be without power for some time.
- First aid kit - keep a first aid kit to hand in case of minor injuries. Put any prescription medication in your kit so that you have easy access to it.
- Bottled water - flood water can contain sewage, chemicals and animal waste. Drinking bottle water will keep you hydrated and make sure your water hasn't been contaminated by the flood water.
- Tinned food - you don't know how long the flood will last. Have tinned and non-perishable food available for you to eat.
- Personal items - some items are irreplaceable. Put items of personal value such as photos, family videos or treasured mementos in your flood kit so that they are safe.
- Mobile phone - keep a fully charged mobile with you so that you can contact people in an emergency or call for help. If your phone has Internet access you can use it to check on the latest flood situation.
- Waterproof clothing – keep wellies and rubber gloves available should you need to enter the flood water

For further information on how to develop a personal flood plan and to have a look at a community flood plan template, please visit the following website:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/>

Alternatively, email floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk or speak to us by phoning 03708 506 506 and ask to speak to Kate Taylor.

Services at St. Giles

Following the recent questionnaire given to worshippers at St. Giles the Parochial Church Council have made two decisions;

1. The times of all services will remain the same. i.e. 11am
2. The pattern of services will be as follows..
 - 1st Sunday Village Service
 - 2nd Sunday Holy Communion (Common Worship)
 - 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
 - 4th Sunday Holy Communion (Common Worship)

The occasional 5th Sunday will either be a Team Service or Holy Communion.

This pattern will begin in **May**, for a trial period of 6 months. If you supported these arrangements we look forward to seeing you there.

Val Cowell and Sue Pettifer, Churchwardens.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO THEIR EVER POPULAR

SPRING LUNCH

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH

12:30 FOR 1:00

PRICE £10:00

INCLUDING A GLASS OF WINE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

DEBORAH MILLS (LITTLE ORCHARD, MILL LANE 489231)

Or any member of the committee



The Chideock Luncheon Club

The April lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 30th April 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.

Annual Meeting at St. Giles

The Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held this year on Sunday 7th April after the Village Service. This will be a short meeting reviewing the life of our church during the past year and outlining plans for the future. We hope that this time will enable all members of St. Giles to attend.

WELDMAR FUNDRAISING

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND DINNER

MAY 23rd 2013

7.00 FOR 7.30

CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

FEATURING

JAMES HICKMAN AND DAN CASSIDY

A TRANSATLANTIC DUO INSPIRED BY THE TRADITIONS
OF AMERICA AND BRITAIN



TICKETS £15.00 EACH TO INCLUDE 3 COURSE DINNER

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: GUY MILLS: 01297 489231

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSES

LOOK FOR THEM ON YOU TUBE TO HEAR THEIR AMAZING MUSIC
IN AID OF ST. GILES CHIDEOCK

THE 100 PLUS CLUB (CHIDEOCK)

Draw 26 February 2013 –

1st Prize No. 1 Naomi Brain £30, 2nd Prize No. 72 Clive Bath £20

3rd Prize No. 94 Sally Coad £10

Next draw 26 March 2013 (Easter Draw)

2 extra prizes of £15 each (Total 5 prizes)

Tony Fuller

TABLE TENNIS IN CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Dates for Table Tennis in March are the first Tuesday and Wednesday and the third Tuesday and Wednesday,

Please come along and join this friendly group. Everyone welcome – children accompanied by an adult please. It is good healthy exercise and good fun. A small charge is made towards hall hire. For more information please phone Sue McDougal on 01297 489408.



QUIZ??????NIGHT
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CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 19th APRIL



7.15 for 7.30

B.Y.O.wine and glasses

ADMISSION AT THE DOOR £6.00 INCLUDING SUPER SUPPER
PRIZES FOR TOP FIVE TABLES IN AID OF ST.GILES CHURCH

COMMUNITY POLICING ...



Last month I mentioned that there have been a number of reports of unattended vehicles being broken into. Unfortunately, this type of crime has been occurring more regularly and I would like to remind everyone that it is vital that **all valuables are removed from your vehicle at all times that it is unattended.** Leave empty glove boxes open so thieves can clearly see that there is nothing there. Simply hiding items is not a crime deterrent and you may still end up being targeted. Recent thefts have occurred at most of our local beauty spot car parks. Most of these car parks are in isolated locations that make them ideal places for criminals to wait for their opportunity, I do ask you to not let this report put you off of visiting these outstanding areas of natural beauty but would make you aware of the risk you will be taking by leaving valuables in your vehicles.

To those who have access to a facebook account and are interested in keeping up to date with local issues and information requests please 'like' our facebook page 'Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team', the more members that this page has the easier it becomes to spread information requests to a larger audience. Please report any suspicious activity/incidents on the non-emergency number 101. PCSO Paul MINERS Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

WELDMAR FUNDRAISING

"The Chideock Weldmar fundraising committee regrets having to postpone the spring event planned for 9th March at short notice due to circumstances beyond its control. The committee would like to thank all those who had offered support and hopes that they will be willing to help again in the future. However, don't despair plans are already afoot to put on a replacement event for the Autumn, probably early October. Keep your eyes on the Chideock News for the date and advance publicity.

Clive Bath, Chairman

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...?

HOW roads and lanes got their names?

WHAT the main road was like before it was 'Trunked'?

WHICH famous folk passed by on their holidays?

WHY Mr Hore Belisha (of Belisha Beacons fame) was written to by Chideock Parish Council in 1936?

WHEN the excessive speed of heavy contractors lorries in Sea Lane threatened to bring down ceilings?

LIKE TO FIND OUT THE ANSWERS AND LOTS MORE?

Come to **Chideock Village Hall - Tuesday 9th April, at 7.30pm** to hear local historian Antony Broad give a presentation on the **"Highways and Byways of Chideock and those who travelled them"**. A Chideock Society Spring event. Entrance £4.00 – Members Free. 01297 489422/489983 for details. Real Coffee and Interesting Biscuits available.

Help wanted on some Fridays with large holiday cottage changeover in Chideock. Mostly bedmaking. 10.00 - 1.00 £10 per hour. Must be reliable. Please contact

Jane Willitts on 01300 348722 for further details.

CHIDEOCK PLAYERS

After a long period of inactivity we are pleased to announce our programme for the remainder of the year. On Thursday and Friday 6th and 7th June we will be performing a one act play and some sketches, which will enable us to showcase the talents of some new members as well as letting some of our more seasoned performers loose on the stage again. Further details will be available shortly, but if anyone has an act or party piece that they are keen to inflict on the unsuspecting public, please give me a ring. (Seriously, I would be delighted to hear from possible contributors) Then on Sunday 18th August afternoon we are planning to hold one of our popular murder mystery events, the setting being a 1920's engagement party. Start looking out your flapper dresses and Oxford bags now. Finally, on 28th 29th and 30th November we will perform an atmospheric thriller, "Deliver Us From Evil", a bit of a departure from our usual run of comedies, but variety is the spice of life, they say.

Look out for details of all the above over the next few months, and if you fancy joining us in any capacity give me a ring. Hope to see you all soon.

Nick Baker, Chairman, Tel 01297 489555

Chideock Community Website www.chideockandseatown.co.uk

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

CHIDEOCK ART GROUP

Summer Term - Dates for your diary

8th April - No tutor

15th April - Liz Shewan

22nd April - Liz Shewan

29th April - No tutor

13th May - Karen Hodgeson

20th May - No tutor

3rd June - No tutor

10th June - Jo Hamilton

17th June - Jo Hamilton

24th June - No tutor

Contact Pat Bowditch 489 567 or Beverley Young 489 565 for more info.

CHIDEOCK SOCIETY

We are considering organising a day out to a National Trust Property or similar, during the summer months. There are lots of Stately Homes, Gardens, Agatha Christie Home, and Brownsea Island etc., etc.

May we invite Members to let us know if there is a particular place you would like to visit and if there is sufficient interest we will organise a "bargain" day out. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Rhoda Elwick on 01297 489983 or e-mail her on thethatch@lineone.net

VISIT BY OUR NEW FRENCH FRIENDS FROM GAILLON IN NORMANDY: MAY 3RD – 6TH.

The visit by our twinned parishes in the Evreux Diocese of northern France is still going ahead! A small planning group are now at work to sort out the arrangements and Programme.

Our hope is they arrive for Friday 3rd, and leave on Monday 6th May. We expect them to come by car on the Poole or Portsmouth Ferries.

There will be 3 couples coming along with their Parish Priest, Nicholas. So we will be looking for offers of bed and breakfast accommodation for 3 nights.

We hope that they will have opportunity for one or two evening meals in people's homes to relate more closely. Most are quite good English speakers, so no worries on that score! Would you like to offer?

We aim to give them a busy Sunday, including: Morning Visits to Whitchurch Church Cafe, and to a special Village Service at Chideock. We could give them lunch at a local pub, followed by some good discussion with the local Roman Catholics on ecumenical cooperation. Some might go to Lyme Regis for the "Blessing of the Boats" at the RNLI. Finally we are planning a Team Songs of Praise at Charmouth that evening. Please put these in your diaries, to see if you could join us at some of these!

On the Saturday or Bank Holiday Monday (preferably) we are planning a day trip to a local Horticultural Garden & Historic House, such as Forde Abbey, Mapperton, Bicton or Athelhampton. We will have lunch out, and hope many of you will sign up to join us for a fun day out!

On either the Monday or Saturday (preferably) we are looking to mount a Seminar on a subject they have chosen: "The effects of Secularisation on our churches and our Christian faith, and how we respond!" The idea is that we invite several good and interesting speakers to address this subject, and then provoke us into lively discussion with our French friends. If you have suggestions for any good speakers on this subject area (preferably in the wider spheres of professional life), then please let me know urgently.

So these are our plans at the time of writing (11th March). We are now consulting with the good folk in our Twinned Parish, and following that a definite Programme will be published. It should be a wonderful few days – please mark it in your diaries, and aim to take part!!

Please offer your help direct to me! Thanks,
Stephen Skinner.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND in chideock

Chideock will benefit from the Superfast Dorset project to invest £19 million public funds to ensure rural areas do not get left behind in the race for faster and more reliable broadband.

Commercial providers will install access to Dorset's larger towns but big rural areas including much of West Dorset would be left behind without Superfast Dorset. The project aims to ensure 95% of Dorset's premises have access to superfast speeds of at least 24Mbps.

Any premises which do not get superfast broadband will get access to at least 2Mbps, which will be a considerable improvement for many. Currently one in five premises across Dorset get just 0.5Mbps. A map is available on www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast showing where the commercial rollout will happen and where Superfast Dorset will be improving access.

Superfast Dorset went out to tender in February to find a provider to install the infrastructure. Once appointed in the summer, detailed planning will begin on the rollout plan.

Over 7,000 people have already registered their interest in superfast broadband through an online survey at www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast. The survey collects information about people's broadband needs which will help with the detailed planning.

If you haven't already expressed an interest, please do let us know what broadband requirements you have.

Penny Syddall

Senior Public Relations Officer, Superfast Dorset, Dorset County Council

Ext: 710-5065; Tel: 01305 225065; Email: p.syddall@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Lyn Crisp & Heather Pepper

Chideock W.I.



As the winter continues to drag on the March meeting found many of our members and our guest Speaker from the Wessex Autistic Society had succumbed to illness.

With true WI spirit and less than half an hour to prepare Sue Pettiffer stepped in to speak about the cruise she and Jim had recently undertaken to the Eastern Mediterranean. We were transported from damp and chilly Chideock on the P & O cruiser Oceania to colourful Cadiz, the first stop after 2 days at sea eating and joining in a wide variety of entertainments (the photo of Jim showed he obviously enjoyed the local 'dancers').

This was followed by a stop at the ancient city of Valetta where the old houses cling to the cliffs and the Knights Templar had left their historical mark. The current troubles in Egypt moved the cruise to the old port of Haifa and a

CHIDEOCK WI. (continued) memorable journey overland to Jerusalem, Galilee and Capernaum. This was a cruise where many of the destinations had a special biblical as well as historical significance, other places being Alexandria and Corinth. With Sue leading us we went on to explore Limassol in Cyprus, Taormina in Sicily, Valencia and Lisbon before heading for home.

The finale was a rendition from Sue and Audrey which brought new meaning to the old favourite 'My Favourite Things'.

The flower of the month was won by Evalina with Shirley coming second.

Noreen's doll won the competition for an educational toy. Thanks to Pam for running the Trading Stall.

March Friday Craft Group meeting - This was cancelled in respect for member Jenny Cowdrey who died suddenly on March 14th. Our sympathies go out Jenny's family.

Dates for the Diary:

WI Food stall – 30th April. Foss Orchard Car Park 8am onwards.

26th May Bank Holiday Monday – Tea tent at the Bridport Rotary Dog Show – proceeds to go to WI funds and our fundraising campaign for new chairs for the village hall.

Thursday June 13th WI outing departing at 5.30pm

Date of next meeting:

April 2nd 2013, the Village Hall

Commencing with a Ploughman's lunch at 1pm

Followed by the AGM at 2.30pm with guest

WI Adviser Heather Bartlett and a Dorset Quiz.



WI Speaker : Sue Pettifer

Chideock Parish Council News.

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Cllr. Roger Carey, who was co-opted on to the Council at the meeting on 26 February.

Parish Council (Continued) ...

Annual Village Meeting – 7:00for 7:30 pm Tuesday 23 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 Brierley 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.

Foss Orchard Car Park Garden.

Mrs Gratton is unable to continue working on the garden area at Foss Orchard car park – she can continue until June.

Is there anyone who would be willing to take this on? It does **NOT** include mowing the grass or cutting the hedge.

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

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

Clapps Mead QEII Playing Field.

The grass at Clapps Mead QEII Playing Field has for many years been cut, free of charge, by West Dorset Leisure Holidays and the Parish Council is very grateful for this longstanding and generous support. However, Mr Cox of WDLH has written to the Parish Council to inform them that he is no longer able to continue with the grass cutting. The Parish Council is now looking for a new contractor to take over this responsibility.

It is expected that around 12 cuts are required per year (football pitch and play area).

As there are limited funds available the Parish council is interested in whether any members of the village would be willing to provide their services at a concessionary rate and / or to provide their services as part of a rota.

Please contact the Parish Clerk 01308 426327, (e-mail chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk) or Elizabeth Grant 489421 if you may be able to help.

West Dorset Spring Clean and Great Dorset Beach Clean – 20 & 21 April.

The West Dorset Spring Clean, organised by West Dorset District Council, is being held in **Chideock on Saturday 20 April** and **Seatown on Sunday 21 April**, which is also the day of the **Great Dorset Beach Clean**, organised by the National Trust.

Black sacks, hi-vis tabards and latex gloves will be available.

Please meet in Foss Orchard Car Park at 11:00 am on Sat 20th and at the turning circle at Seatown at 11:00 am on Sunday 21st.