

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

JULY 2013

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

7th July	11am	Trinity 6	Village Service (Songs of Praise)
14th July	11am	Trinity 7	Holy Communion (CW)
21st July	11am	Trinity 8	Morning Prayer (CW)
28th July	11am	Trinity 9	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
Saturday 6th	1 pm	Wedding
Friday 12th	10 am	Mass
Saturday 13th	6 pm	Vigil Mass
Friday 19th	10 am	Mass
Friday 26th	10 am	Mass
Saturday 27th	10.30 am	Golden Wedding Mass
	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 JULY 2013 all sessions start at 7.30pm

Thursday 4th July BINGO Thursday 11th July WHIST

Thursday 18th July BINGO Thursday 25th July WHIST

Thursday 1st August BINGO

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the AUGUST 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 July 2013.

CHIDEOCK PLAYERS AGM

The Chideock Players AGM will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm on Monday 15th July. All are welcome to attend, to hear a resume of activities and to adopt the accounts and elect the new committee.

COMMUNITY POLICING ...

There has been a recent rise in breaks to sheds and outbuildings.

I advise all readers who store valuable items in sheds to review their security. If anyone would like any help or advice with regards to crime prevention then please contact us.

Vehicle crime has fallen slightly this month, there have been 4 thefts from unattended motor vehicles we hope that this is partly due to the advice we continue to offer about this ongoing problem. The safer neighbourhood team are placing crime prevention posters at all of the main beauty spots in the hope that visitors to the area will also take on board the advice given.

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

PCSO Paul MINERS

Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.



St Giles Quiz

Chideock Village Hall. Friday 26th July 7.15 for 7.30.

The Chideock Luncheon Club

The July lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday 30th July , at 12.15 for 12.30. Please ring Sue McDougal (489 408) or Judy Campbell (489121) if you would like to come. If you are new to the village and /or would like to enjoy some company over lunch why not come along?

The draw for the 100 Club will be made at this event.

THE 100 PLUS CLUB (CHIDEOCK)

May winners (28 May 2013)

No. 10 Clem Allan

£30 First Prize

No. 26 Ruth Wrixton

£20 Second Prize

No. 33 Iris Jones

£10 Third Prize

Tony Fuller 01297 489477

Chideock W.I.

Due to family illness Chris Dodds from Save the Children Society was unable to attend. Shirley welcomed Heather Bartlett, WI Adviser for Dorset and the county's Archivist to the meeting.



In 2014 the WI organisation will be 100 years old. Heather gave a fascinating insight into the importance of the national WI archive (housed in the National Museum for Women in London) which provides a glimpse into the lives of women, particularly in the villages and hamlets across the country over an eventful century of our national history. Dorset WIs have been asked to look at their local records and materials. Where these are significant they need to be made known so they can be catalogued. For example, there is a national WI needlework archive, housed at Greenham Common near Newbury. Heather is to catalogue our framed Chideock Wall Hanging for this archive.

A selection of interesting archive material from Dorset WIs was on display:

Chickerell WI memorabilia from the 1960's

1939 -1940 minutes from Canford Cliffs WI

Memorabilia from Wimborne WI ranging from 1920 – 2003

Heather urged us to conserve our own Archives and to consider how we might mark the centenary year in Chideock. This will definitely be the year to think about WI history – Anne Stamper, National WI Archivist will be the Autumn Conference speaker.

This session was followed by a 'True or False' game led by Linda Gould – great fun and demonstrating the very fertile imagination and eventful lives of some of our members!

The flower competition was won by Barbara Watts with Marion Warburton second; Sue Petiffer created the best anagram for Save the Children – 'Hens teach drivell'.

Events round- up and Dates for the Diary 2013:

Shirley thanked everyone who contributed the small mountain of cakes and those who also served in the tea tent on the day of the Dog Show. £362.00 profit was made after donating £50.00 to the Brit Valley Rotary club. This will go towards the Village Hall new chairs' fund.

Next Craft Group meeting: 26th June, 2 – 4pm at the home of Brigid Crawford.

We are working on Christmas goods for sale at the 'Makers Craft Fair'.

July 18th, the summer Coffee Morning will be held in the garden of Tamarisk, home of Marion Warburton. No cakes are needed but do please come and bring any family and friends.

Date of next meeting:

July 2nd 2013, at the Village Hall 2.30pm.

Lynn Crisp will talk about 'Three Village Projects'.

The competition is a limerick about Chideock.

New members and guests are always welcome

Heather Bartlett against a backdrop of the Chideock WI wall hanging



CHIDEOCK ART GROUP

The Art Group is meeting to paint and sketch in our members gardens through the summer (weather permitting).

15th July Pat's Garden 2 Fairfax

22nd July Beverley's Garden Walnut Cottage, Chideock Hill

5th August Ann's Garden, Clenston, Main Street

19th August Liz's Garden Greenhills, Chideock Hill.

Start date for Autumn term 9th September - programme of tutors to be advised. New members welcome - friendly group.

Further information 'phone Beverley 489 565 Ann 489 363

RIDWOOD AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY AT 6.00PM
Chideock Village Hall.

The Planning Application on behalf of Magna Housing for the development of affordable housing in Ridwood, Chideock has been approved. The chosen Developer is C.G.Fry Limited. The estimated start date will be August 2013.

Magna Housing will attend the Public Meeting to explain the timescale of the development and to answer any questions.

There will also be the opportunity to talk to a Housing Officer and to collect Housing Forms for anyone with a local connection to Chideock interested in applying for social housing.

A small Community Liaison Group has been set up together with the Parish Council in order to take this development through to a satisfactory conclusion for all.

Everyone is welcome to attend

A miracle-working God

One day I was approached by a woman in our congregation – “Can you go and see my father? He’s threatening suicide.” Her father, (we’ll call him Charlie) had no time for church – he saw it as boring, irrelevant, and he struggled with the Bible’s authenticity. I wondered how I could make any headway with an atheist.

Driving to his house my prayers were urgent as I sought God’s wisdom as to how to proceed. As I inserted my key to lock my car outside Charlie’s house God gave me the scripture that He wanted me to bring – I instantly knew what I would have to do. Ministry experience told me that this verse would be the key to a miracle. Charlie, looking sad and dishevelled, beckoned me in. He immediately pointed to my Bible – “I don’t believe that *** stuff!” he explained that all his drinking buddies had decided to follow a more interesting path. Sadly, at Charlie’s time of crisis his buddies let him down – they didn’t have the answers, and they walked away when Charlie needed them most. Desperate for help, and against his normal better judgement, he had asked his daughter to find someone who could help him, and preferably without any reference to God!

Charlie led me to a darkened room, clutter piled high, wreaking of cigarette smoke. He sat opposite to me, head hung low in utter dejection, saying nothing.

I knew what I had to do, and asked if there was a Bible in the house. Reluctantly Charlie went upstairs and eventually returned with an old and dusty leather-bound family Bible. I told him that I would like him to read aloud just one verse from the Old Testament. At this he exploded with some choice expletive ... but he eventually quietened down. With difficulty he fumbled his way to Deuteronomy 30 and read aloud verse 15, where it is written: “See, I set before you life and prosperity, death and destruction.” This is what we might call God’s contract, His invitation to the whole of mankind which, like any contract, has its conditions. It’s a noffer inviting us to choose our destiny – life and prosperity, or death and destruction. Christianity is a choice. God doesn’t force us. We are free to choose whatever path we think will lead to peace and contentment.

I explained to Charlie how I saw life and prosperity as God intended, and suggested to him that his suicidal attempts were fulfilling the other side of the contract – namely, death and destruction. As Charlie read out verse 15 he broke down and wept ... he was angry that no one had ever told him about God’s offer ... it was so simple. That day Charlie chose to “go for change” – enough was enough. He hadn’t slept properly for years, he was plagued by all sorts of fears and fantasies, he’d fallen out with friends and family ... now he wanted to get right with God. Here was an atheist taking the opportunity to trade his hopelessness for peace of mind = a miracle. When I had arrived Charlie was opposed to God, but before I left he was delighted for me to pray with him ... Charlie had a lot of catching up to do. Humphrey Barker, June 2013.

Seagulls and litter

If you walk around our beautiful village on a Wednesday morning you will have seen the appalling mess made by seagulls picking at bags of rubbish. If you must leave your rubbish out on Tuesday evening or even early on Wednesday why not cover the bags with an old towel or bedspread or a piece of old carpet? The bin men will leave it behind when they have collected the bags.

Sadly we cannot change the habit of these birds but we can change our own.

A frustrated villager.

An educational visit to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door On Wednesday the 10th of July

**The Chideock Society are pleased to invite you to join us and Prof. Denys
Brunsdn, who has graciously agreed to be our guide.**

Timetable -

11.30 leave the village car park, by the shop

12.45 ish arrive Lulworth Cove

Explore the village and take lunch

2 p.m. Meet Denys Brunsdn at the Heritage Centre for guided talk on the geology and history of the area. Followed by free time to look at the exhibits and Fossils

4 p.m. approx. Take cars to Durdle Door for more geology and history information from Prof Brunsdn. Warning there is a steep, but short, walk involved.

We will be on our way back by 6 p.m. latest

7-15 ish back in Chideock

You will need **STOUT WALKING SHOES**

To keep costs to a minimum we intend to travel by car. We therefore MUST know who wishes to come AND also those willing to drive (plus number of passengers to be taken)

Costs:-

Contribution to petrol/parking

Entry to Heritage Centre. At your discretion

Entry to Fossil Exhibition. At your discretion

**Please contact Rhoda Elwick to book your place. Phone 01297
489983 OR "e mail" the_thatch@lineone.net**

Creeds may be moving, but the Creeds' credo remains the same

Family printers Creeds, which has been printing everything from raffle tickets to perfect bound books from their site in Broadoak since 1956, is to move just over three miles away to the Gore Cross Business Park just north of Bridport. Marilyn Harrison, director and daughter of the founder, explained, "We'll be opening our doors in Bridport at the end of July and, while it will be an exciting move, we are all feeling a bit sad about leaving Broadoak because it has been Creeds' home for so long.

"We promise our customers though that, apart from our change of postcode, nothing else will change. We'll continue to offer exactly the same personal service we have always done. Whether you want a few business cards or a regular magazine printed, we'll sit down with a cup of tea and work out how we can do the best job for you."

Creeds was founded 56 years ago by former farmer John Creed, a distant relative of Thomas Hardy. It is still run by the family – by Marilyn and her husband Andrew (Harry) Harrison and their 24-year-old twin daughters, Laura and Cath.

"Mum and Dad are now enjoying their retirement," says Marilyn, "and it is second and third generation Creeds now running the business. We hope to continue the family involvement for at least a century!"

Their approach has always been root the business in the community, and the company has supported hundreds of local charities and raised many thousands for local good causes over the years.

The move has been prompted by the need for better broadband. They also want to be more easily accessible for their customers, suppliers and staff and – because Creeds is developing its design side – to have a more modern design studio. Printing processes will also be more streamlined in the new factory. Harry explains, "Creeds is just as happy to deal with big companies wanting huge print runs as a local person who might come in with a bundle of photographs and some hand-written notes who wants a short-run book of memoirs for the family."

"It has been wonderful operating from Broadoak, but we hope that our new site will make it easier for clients to pop in and discuss their design brief, look at proofs and work with us closely on their projects."

Creeds will be at Unit 3, 9a Gore Cross Business Park, Bridport DT6 3UX . Phone/email remain the same (T: 01308 423411, E: office@creedsuk.com).

WELDMAR HOSPICECARE TRUST CHIDEOCK FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

An important date for your diary:

We have managed to secure Tranters Folly for a Real Dorset Evening on

Saturday 5th October 2013

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

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

More details to follow

Village Hall Chairs Project

As you will know, the WI has, this year, undertaken to raise funds to purchase new chairs for the village hall. Quotations we have received indicate that the cost will be around £2166 for 100 chairs, including transport. We have so far set aside £750.00, from money raised at the cheese and wine evening, the Easter cake stall and from providing the Rotary Dog Show refreshments. We intend to commit further funds from the July coffee morning and another cheese and wine evening later in the year. Unfortunately we were not successful in our grant application to the Bridport Community Fund.

Whilst we know that over time the necessary money will be raised, we would like to complete the project by Christmas 2013, and are asking residents of the village who use the hall, (as well as organisations) to make an individual donation. There is some information about the chairs displayed on the WI notice board in the village hall, which you may like to look at, to assist your decision.

We would therefore be grateful if you would consider giving a donation toward much needed comfortable chairs in our village hall, if this is something you would wish to do please contact either myself (01297489099) or the WI secretary Ros Hipkiss (01297489080). However, whatever your decision, we would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to consider this request.

Yours sincerely

Shirley Lambert (President, Chideock WI)

CHIDEOCK W.I
are holding a
COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 18th July 2013

From 10.30am
At 'Tamarisk', Chideock
Entrance £1.50

Proceeds in aid of new chairs for our Village Hall



Home-Baked Food Stall; Raffle
Books, Bric a Brac and Craft Stall
Come and join us

St Giles Church Chideock

Parochial Church Council

The PCC manages the upkeep of the St Giles Church Churchyard and the Chideock Village Cemetery. The Churchyard is maintained by volunteers, mainly Richard Benjamin and Jeanette Smith and hosts a wildflower garden. It has entered the Dorset Wildlife Trust competition for best maintained churchyard over the last several years. In 2012 it was awarded 'Runner Up' position, quite an achievement.

Last year the PCC installed a bench in the churchyard, to enable visitors to sit and enjoy the garden and its flowers. If you haven't already been to visit, we encourage you to do so, it is surprising how well the church building blocks out the noise of the A35 traffic – a quiet haven in a busy world.



WISH YOU WERE HERE

Chideock Players put on a brilliant show, Two nights, in our village hall.
Laughter and fun, To please everyone
In fact we were having a ball.

A Revue of two halves, there were so many laughs, For a fiver it was a great deal
At such a good price, I went along twice
And I thought to myself, 'that's a steal'.

The hall, should have been packed but the audience lacked, The numbers that should have been there.
It was a great shame, I suppose we must blame,
All those sat at home in their chair.

So next time a poster tells of a Play, A Revue or something, please come,
You know what to do, Buy a ticket or two
Support your village. Get up off your B...!

Chideock Parish Council News.

Parish Council Meeting Times

The Parish Council has been looking at the times Parish Council meetings are held and would welcome feedback from the village on this.

We moved to daytime meetings to make the Parish Council more accessible during the winter months. We have noticed no significant adverse changes so have continued with the 10 am timing, which works for the present council members.

Ideally we would like to have a mixture of times in order to reach as broad a group of village residents as possible.

We urgently need more parish councillors to enable us to have more flexibility. If you are interested we could co-opt you now for 18 months until the next election at which point you could decide if you wanted to stay on.

In the meantime, if you have an important matter that you would like to discuss or see on the agenda, please contact the clerk 1 week in advance and we can try to make sure it is dealt with early on in the meeting or in exceptional circumstances at a different time of day. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact The Clerk, Sal Robinson 01308 426327, 60 North Allington, Bridport DT6 5DY or email to Chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk

Sweeping of DCC Roads!

West Dorset District Council has provided the following information regarding the sweeping of DCC maintained roads.

“The roads that we sweep / litter pick are Ruins Lane, North Road, Foss Orchard, Winniford Close, St Giles Close, Duck Street, Ridwood, Mill Lane (top Part), Seahill Lane & Pettycrate Lane. All other roads and lanes are private / unadopted. We have

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difficulty in accessing some roads with our large mechanical sweeper but will try to schedule our mini sweeper to visit these roads in future when possible.

The villages were always on a quarterly rota but I have tried to increase this to every 6 weeks.”

In addition they have reported that Foss Orchard had not been swept in the past, even though it was on the list, but that it will be swept from now on.

Sweeping of the A35 is the responsibility of Connect, but WDDC say that their sweeper vehicle will sweep it when in the area, to try to give a better image for visitors and those driving through.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Mrs Gratton is unable to continue working on the garden area at Foss Orchard car park – she can only continue until June, which is now upon us.

Is there anyone who would be willing to take this on? Or it could be a group of you. 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.

Emergency Response.

The Environment Agency has suggested that the Parish Council collects information which could help in an emergency affecting the village. Obviously the emergency services would be involved but there could be a need for local resources as well.

Please let the Clerk know if you could help in any of the following ways (or any other way) if there was an emergency situation e.g. flood, fire, major accident.

First Aid experience - Provide and drive a Tractor - All terrain vehicle e.g. Land Rover

Generator - Pump - Independent water supply ie. a well - Key to the Village Hall.

Electoral review of West Dorset

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of West Dorset District Council.

The first part of the review is for the Commission to consider the right number of councillors to represent West Dorset in the future.

How many councillors?

The Commission is asking local people whether West Dorset District Council should be represented by 43 councillors in future - five fewer than the current arrangement.

Before they take a firm decision, they want to hear the views of local people.

Do you think 43 councillors is the right number for the council to be able to take decisions for West Dorset effectively?

Could 43 councillors effectively represent the interests of all the communities across West Dorset district?

Find out more about the review at www.lgbce.org.uk or have your say directly at consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say

You have until 16 July 2013 to submit your views to: The Review Officer (West Dorset), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk