

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

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| 6 th April | Lent 5 | 11am Village Service 'Cupboard Love' |
| 13 th April | Palm Sunday | 11am Holy Communion (CW) |
| 16 th April | Holy Week | 6.30pm Taize Service |
| 20 th April | Easter Day | 11am Holy Communion (CW) |
| 27 th April | Easter 2 | 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 -

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| Tuesday 1st | 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross |
| Friday, 4th | 10 a.m. Mass |
| Tuesday, 8th | 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross |
| Friday, 11th | 10 a.m. Mass |
| Saturday, 12th | 6 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| Thursday, 17th | 7 p.m. Maunday Thursday Mass |
| Friday, 25th | 10 a.m. Mass |
| Saturday, 26th | 6 p.m. 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.

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the MAY 2014 magazine to : Ms. Ruth Wrixton, Sweet Briar, West Road, Bridport, DT6 6AE. Tel: 01308 422649 or mobile 07811672058 or e-mail me : ruthwrixton@hotmail.com (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Wed 16th April 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: 3rd BINGO; 10th WHIST; 17th EASTER BINGO; 24th WHIST

LENT COURSE

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

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

The Course Sessions will include listening to input on CD from various well known Christian leaders such as the Bishop of London and a previous Archbishop of York. We will read together the material presented in the Course Booklet. We will have plenty of time for discussion on the questions suggested by the Course writers. There will be tea and refreshments to conclude the afternoon! Everyone is most welcome to attend – even if it's for the first time this year, or despite the fact that you cannot attend every Session. Each Session is 'free standing'. There is no charge, but if you wish to purchase the excellent Course Booklet then these cost £4 each, through the Course Leader. For more information please ring 01297489260

ST. GILES CHURCH

At the Village Service on Sunday 6th April our speaker will be Chris Newton-Evans who set up and runs the Cupboard Love food bank in Bridport which our community generously supports. Come and hear about the vital work this organisation is doing.

On Wednesday 16th April during Holy Week there will be a special, quiet, reflective team service of Taize music at St. Giles. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The York Lent course will continue every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4pm up to and including the 10th April at Humbers. It is not too late to come to a session.

The Chideock Luncheon Club

The April lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 29th 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 to this friendly gathering? The draw for the 100 plus club will take place at this event.

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 Buffet 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.

Chideock Parish Council News.

Superfast Broadband in Dorset.

The BT overnight BT works between Chideock and Bridport were to lay the fibre optic cable for superfast broadband.

The Clerk has signed up to be the DCC Superfast Broadband project “local link” person for Chideock. So if you have any questions about it then please contact her, preferably by letter or e-mail. (Sal Robinson, Chideock Parish Clerk, 60 North Allington, Bridport, DT6 5DY or chideock@doesetparishes.gov.uk)

If you would like e-mail updates please send her your e-mail address and she will forward the updates she receives from the DCC Project Team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Annual Village Meeting is NOT a Parish Council meeting.

HOW CAN IT BE?

Often people ask me – How can it be that there are so many different denominations? In the 1730's when the Wesleys were coming into prominence, the two brothers Charles & John of hymn writing and preaching fame, reveal the answer to this question.

Both were Oxford graduates and were ordained as ministers in the established church with separate pastorates but were frustrated in their calling because they didn't seem to be getting through to their congregations. After a few years Charles took up a missionary invitation in America to reach out to the Red Indians whilst John continued to labour here in the UK. After three years Charles returned recognising his 'failure' to preach meaningful sermons and at the same time brother John also concurred that his hearers seemed to be bored; which did nothing for church growth.

Inspired by friends in the Moravian Church they both grasped the nettle and met the repentance challenge and made their peace with God... and the rest is history! Almost immediately their congregations warmed to their forthright preaching; now they were able to communicate the love of God because it had been made real to them. Now they were able to explain how to live out what the Bible calls us to do. But some within felt threatened by the change, such that the brothers were not welcomed in every pulpit. Undaunted by this objection they opted for open air preaching and from 1739 onwards they travelled up and down the land on horseback and thousands came to hear them.

Looking back we can now see that there was a 100 year period of spiritual hunger which resulted in meeting halls and chapels springing up in towns and villages all over the place (including Chideock) and that God was blessing these new ventures. Many different denominations emerged. Many people of that time looked at this denominational growth and said: How can it be?

It is interesting to consider that John the Baptist as recorded in Matt.3 reveals a similar outreach scenario in that he was preaching in the open air in the desert. The people were drawn to his forthright preaching because they recognised their need to Get Right with God and that they had a spiritual hunger to know how to live a Godly life. John the Baptist was preaching the need for people to repent of their sins and he did not hold back from telling the same message to the Pharisees and Sadducees who were feeling uncomfortable with this preaching. In verse 8 he challenges them by saying 'produce fruit in keeping with repentance' ... so what is fruit?

The fruit is the outcome of forthright Godly preaching, which promotes growth and which we see in the Wesley's ministry: - the birth of many new denominations, the formation of Methodism, 6,000 wonderfully uplifting hymns, books on Christian values and an estimated growth increase of 80,000 new Christians coming into the churches. Methodism also introduced prison visiting, outreach to the poor and needy, schools and was a major player in the abolition of slavery. We may rightly say that all this new growth was the 'fruit' of Wesley's repentance ... Praise God.

In recent times observers will have noted that the new wave of church growth is within the Evangelical Christian Fellowships where similar forthright preaching occurs.

So now it's the turn of those denominations that were birthed at the time of the Wesleys 1750-1850, to acknowledge the growth of the new Christian Fellowships ... now they are the ones saying: How can it be?

Humphrey Barker, April 2014

CHIDEOCK ART GROUP

EXHIBITION OF OUR WORK AT THE HOT CROSS BUN

MORNING - TUESDAY 15TH APRIL 10.30 am IN THE VILLAGE HALL.
SUMMER TERM PROGRAMME

28th April - No tutor

12th May - Eileen Deardon

19th May - Eileen Deardon

2nd June - No tutor

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 - acrylic-pastels - what you like to do. Friendly group - new members welcome.

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

PLANT SALE 15 MARCH 2014

Many thanks to all those that contributed plants for the plant sale that I held to raise money for the Village Hall and our two churches. It was very successful and raised £194.10, which included a donation of £20, which meant that each will benefit to the tune of £65. So many thanks to all those that came.

Steve Warburton

PLANT SALE EASTER SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2014

Unfortunately not all my plants were mature enough to sell on 15 March so I will hold another plant sale on Easter Saturday between 10am – 12 noon again at ‘Tamarisk’, next door to Chideock House B&B. There should be Geraniums (Pelargoniums), Petunias, and some vegetable plants including up to 12 varieties of Tomato plant and some plants that were not sold in March. The money raised will again be split 3-ways. Steven Warburton

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES
ARE SERVING

DELICIOUS WARM BUTTERED HOT CROSS BUNS

In the Village Hall
On Tuesday April 15th
From 10.30 am

There will also be an exhibition of the work of the Chideock Art Group and an opportunity to buy a work of Art.

'Am Dram for Murder'

A date for your diary, Friday 12th June - unlucky for some but not for the residents of Chideock with the return of our popular Murder Mystery Night

100+ club

Draw 25 February 2014

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| 1 st prize £30 | Eric Arnold (no. 75) |
| 2 nd prize £20 | Marian Warburton (no.48) |
| 3 rd prize £10 | Gilbert Legg (no. 120) |
| 4 th prize £10 | Alison Brooke (no. 125) |

Thank you for your support. We now have 152 members.

Tony Fuller



Trading Standards' advice: Don't be a victim twice!

Can anyone now remember when it wasn't raining? Combined with strong winds and rising water levels many of us have experienced damage to property in our homes and gardens. Have you been a victim of this persistent bad weather?

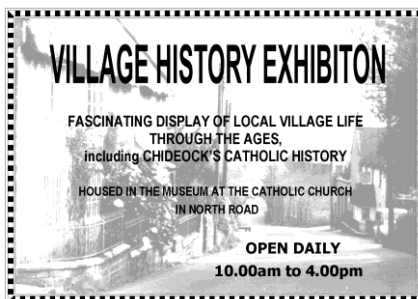
Maybe now you're wondering if the worst has passed and with spring knocking at the door perhaps you're thinking of repairing and securing the damage already done. Some damage will be easy to repair and many will be up to the DIY challenge! Some damage though will require professional help and often we don't know who to call to put it right. The last thing anyone wants is to be a victim of the weather and then of a problem trader. If you choose someone from an advert or directory that is not known to you, or agree to have work carried out by an opportunist uninvited doorstep trader, then you could be setting yourself up for more than you bargained for.

Personal recommendation is always one of the best ways to choose a trader but do you know an honest and reliable local handy person, builder, fencing specialist, gardener or tree surgeon?

We do! The Trading Standards Buy With Confidence scheme brings together local traders of all professions who we have personally checked. We know that they follow consumer protection laws and are fair and honest. Buy With Confidence members are then monitored by Trading Standards so we know that they remain suitable for our approval. If you visit our website you will even see what other customers think of them. Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service check and approve businesses so you don't have to.

For more information visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 08454 040506.

To report or seek advice about problems you have experienced when dealing with a trader call 08454 040506.



Chideock Cider Makers fund raising for 2013. A cheque was presented to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance for £1014.00 at The George Inn Chideock, included in this was the money collected at the garlic eating competition held last year. Photo L-R Colin & Loraine Hopkins, Fran & Pam Eamer & Steve Smith landlord.

CHIDEOCK SOCIETY UPDATE.

Dates for Your Diary.

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

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

31 May – “Beating the Bounds”. The traditional Beating of the Parish Bounds or Boundary, but without the choirboys actually being beaten! This is an ancient custom – in the days before maps a group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and make sure they hadn’t been moved! The walk will be split into between 2 and 4 separate walks, and cars will be available to get people back from the furthest reaches of the Parish.

New Residents.

Did you know that a FREE copy of the book “A Wander Through Chideock”, which was produced by the Chideock Society for the Millennium, is available for new residents? Please contact Kate Geraghty (01297489422) if you would like to claim your copy

COMMUNITY POLICING ...

Recently there have been reports to Police that livestock have escaped from fields and have strayed onto roads. We would ask that owners of livestock regularly check their boundary fences and ensure that



they are secure. On occasions where we have been called to retrieve animals we have been unable to identify the owners. With this in mind it would be useful for owners that keep livestock on land away to provide neighbours at the location with all relevant contact details, because the first port of call for the Police will be nearby properties.

We can start to expect many visitors to Dorset and with this a large increase in vehicles on the roads. Remember the two vital elements of driving, speed (appropriate) and road position. Driving on country lanes should be approached with a different frame of mind than that of busy main roads. If anyone would like to discuss this aspect of road safety please contact us.

I remind locals and visitors to the area of the importance of removing valuable items from your vehicles when you park, especially when at beauty spots.

Hiding items is NOT a crime deterrent; the only way to guarantee items will not be taken is to take them with you.

On 22nd February at 1230 a call came in from young local woman making us aware of three males acting suspiciously in the area of Powerstock Common, they provided Police with an accurate number plate and description of the vehicle linked to the males. Police attended and spoke with these three males, who are linked to vehicle crime in Dorset and surrounding counties, after Police engagement they promptly left the area. It is likely that this local member of publics' swift action and pro-active engagement with Dorset Police has deterred a crime. Please ensure that all suspicious activities are reported to Dorset Police on 101. Dorset Police are very grateful for this local person's action.

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

PCSO Paul MINERS, Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

WARNING ...

Beware of scam phone calls. A Chideock resident recently got a phone call from someone purporting to be from a security company working alongside BT stating they could block incoming unwanted calls and requested £2 via credit/debit card ... it sounded very convincing. Please don't give any details of your cards to anyone over the telephone unless you have contacted the company or you know them.

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 . Your help will be gratefully accepted.

QUIZ NIGHT IN CHIDEOCK

Come and enjoy a friendly, relaxed evening among friends
Easy questions (if you know the answers!)

On Friday April 25th

Starts at 7.30

Prizes for top 5 tables

Superb supper

BYO drinks

Chideock W. I.



Members arrived to meet Rosalind Atkins who had already prepared a display of decorative buttons to illustrate her talk. The button making trade dates back to the early 1600s when it was a lucrative small industry based on home-working and small town business units. By 1700 the Dorset company set up by Abraham Case, inventor of many buttons including the 'Dorset Knob' button was exporting buttons to America and other parts of the world. This trade continued nationally until it sharply declined following the introduction of an automated button maker demonstrated at the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Colourful, decorative buttons never go out of fashion and can make a simple garment special. Rosalind showed us examples of the 'High top' – a conical button originally made on a head of corn as a base for the threads. The 'Dorset Knob' button was made on a hard base with stitching on top and was mostly for women's clothes. The smaller 'Birds Eye' button was for children's clothing. Even the least craft minded of us was fired with enthusiasm to have a go at making a button. Guided by Rosalind we attempted the 'Singleton' button where the coloured thread is wrapped around a metal ring with varying results but general enjoyment!

Flower competition winner: Evelina Malyon

Competition for an unusual button winner: Ros Hipkiss

Future Events

'Cabaret' Evening on 21st March 2014 7 for 7.30pm

Craft Group: meeting on the 19th March 2pm

Skittles Evening 27th March in the Clock House at 6.30pm

Morecombelake WI has invited us to a Games Afternoon on 27th March – proceeds to the 'Chicks' Carers' charity.

Next Meeting: To be held in the Village Hall commences with a Ploughman's lunch at 12.30, followed by the

WI AGM at 2.30 pm and a play reading by members.