

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

MAY 2014

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

4 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter 3	11am	Village Service 'Christian Aid'
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter 4	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter 5	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter 6	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 -

Services in May:

Friday 2nd 10 am Mass

Work is starting on 5 May to restore and redecorate the interior of the dome.

There will be scaffolding all over the altar area, and Fr Richard has decided there will be no masses therefore at the church after that date for about 6 weeks. See our website to keep up to date with progress.

See Church Noticeboard or [www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk](http://www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk) for more info.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

There is a **YEAR PLANNER** in the porch of St. Giles. Please indicate any future events as early as possible by filling in the date on the Planner. This helps to avoid having more than one event on the same day.

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the JUNE 2014 magazine to : Ms. Ruth Wrixton, Sweet Briar, West Road, Bridport, DT6 6AE. Tel: 01308 422649 or mobile 07811672058 or e-mail me : [ruthwrixton@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthwrixton@hotmail.com) (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Wed 14<sup>th</sup> May 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:

1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> BINGO; 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> WHIST; 22<sup>nd</sup> POLLING STATION

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

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

### **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP .**

#### **SUMMER TERM PROGRAMME**

12/19th 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

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

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

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

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

### **CHIDEOCK W.I.**

Thank you to all who supported our Cabaret, Cheese & Wine evening on 21st March 2014, the evening was very successful, and we raised £620.00 for Village Hall Funds, the cheque was presented to them on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

Once again thank you for your support.

Shirley Lambert

## **100+ club**

Draw 25 March 2014

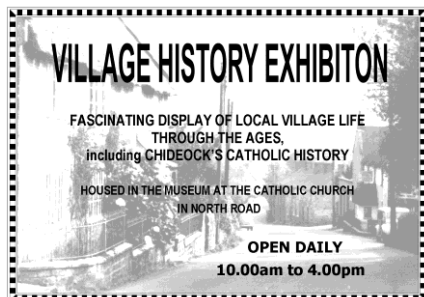
1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£30	Mrs. Brett (no. 147)
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£20	Brenda Natriss (no.9)
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10	Chris Lucas (no. 140)
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	£10	David Jones (no. 116)

Next draw is the Easter Draw when there will be 2 bonus prizes of £15 each. A total of 6 prizes thank you.

Tony Fuller

## **The Chideock Luncheon Club**

The May lunch will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 12.15 for 12.30. Please ring Judy Campbell (489121) if you would like to come. This is a chance to enjoy some friendly company over lunch. Anyone is welcome to come. The draw for the 100 Plus Club will take place at this event.



## COMMUNITY POLICING ...

A reminder to those who are part of the successful 'Stop That Thief' scheme now would appear to be a timely moment to check your kit and ensure that all parts are working properly and batteries are fully charged.



On a related note another crime has been prevented due to the efficient use and reaction to the 'Stop That Thief' kit at a property in the Beaminster area. This is the latest in a large number of prevented crimes due to the scheme which is stopping many criminals from successfully stealing from Dorset's rural businesses.

Sorry to bang on about it but due to the known increase of criminals targeting unattended motor vehicles at local beauty spots I must remind locals and visitors to the area of the importance of removing valuable items from your vehicles when you park, especially when at these locations or at any other time. Recently an unattended car was attacked on a private driveway in Melpash.  
**Hiding items is NOT a crime deterrent; the only way to guarantee items will not be stolen is to take them with you or leave them at home.**

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

PCSO Paul MINERS, Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team.

## APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

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

We are trying to establish the position of the following:

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

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

### **Dates for your Diary.**

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May St. Giles PCC will be running a coffee morning at the United Church Hall in East Street, Bridport from 10am to 12noon. There will be a cake stall. Please support us if you are in Bridport .

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at St. Andrews Charmouth at 3.30pm the coastal cluster churches will be having a **BIG SING**. This is a chance to sing and enjoy some of your favourite hymns with a large group of people. More details to follow.

### **TRADING STANDARDS ....**

Why is it that sales representatives always ring just as you sit down to dinner, or knock on the door just as you step into the bath? Is there anything you can do to try to stop it?

It's not illegal to cold call in itself, unless you have already told the business that you do not wish to be contacted by them.

If they are contacting you by telephone then caller display on your phone can help; if you don't recognise the number, don't answer it. But what if friends and family have withheld numbers – you don't want to miss their calls.

We recommend registering your telephone number with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS). This is a free 'opt out' service which records your preference not to receive unsolicited sales or marketing calls from UK based companies. Once registered, report any persistent callers to the TPS – you'll need to know what company they have called from and when they called. UK companies that persist in calling TPS registered telephone numbers can face large fines. A local company was recently fined £37,992.00 following action taken by Trading Standards for ignoring residents' wishes not to call them.

Stopping cold callers at the door, unfortunately, can be more difficult. Most local authorities provide 'No uninvited doorstep traders' signs which can be placed near a front door or gate. If the brave salesperson continues to knock – feel free to point to the sign and explain that you do not agree to anything on your doorstep. Any person who refuses to leave should be reported to the police. It may help to complain in writing to the head office of the company if their representatives continue to come back. Make it clear that you do not want any further visits and keep a copy.

The Telephone Preference Service can be contacted on 0845 070 0707 or [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk).

To request a doorcard or report a business that persistently cold calls contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06

## Chideock W. I.



March is the month of our Chideock WI AGM, when we reflect on the past year and look forward to the future. It is usually a time to say special thanks as changes are made to the management committee. This year Shirley, our excellent President for the last 3 years is retiring, with our grateful thanks for her leadership and example. Clem is also retiring from the committee after too many years for her to recall! We will miss her at the monthly meeting's raffle table.



(L to R)  
***Clem, at the Raffle table,  
Guest, Nora Arnold,  
Dorset WI Advisor and  
the new  
WI branch President  
Linda Gould***

It is also a time for welcomes; to Linda Gould elected as our new President, and Diane Benjamin joining the committee for the first time, but also handing over the role of PR – so there will be a new hand on the keyboard writing up the WI newsletter in May.

**Thanks** at the end of another year go especially to -

*Pam*, for running the trading stall. The March stall of Bags and Books was particularly popular.

*Noreen and Marilyn* for taking on the catering work for the Cabaret evening and our delicious Ploughman's lunch - an unbeatable duo. Also thanks to Helena for washing-up!

*Annette and David* for hosting yet another Spring Cakes and Savouries stall in their garage in Foss Orchard. This year's raised £169.00.

*Linda* for her unfailing enthusiasm and ideas for the craft group and Noreen for holding the meetings of this productive group in her home.

Our Chideock branch tries to encompass the best traditions of the WI movement focussing on the role and important place of women in society,

encouraging friendship within a community whilst also raising awareness of issues of current and local relevance and interest.

We are sometimes asked why we do certain things, such as sing ‘*Jerusalem*’. We sing this at the start of each meeting because it *is* a WI tradition. The hymn was dedicated to the WI after WWI in thanks for the members’ contribution to the war effort, so this year it is particularly relevant to keep singing-song and some of us have really lusty voices – If you pass by the Hall on the first Tuesday afternoon in the month around 2.30pm you will certainly hear us.

Flower competition: congratulations to winner Evelina Malyon for her beautiful Snake-Head Fritillary.

**Next Meeting: Village Hall at 2.30pm, Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**For our 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party with speaker Penny Dunscombe on**  
**‘The Joy of Singing’**  
***Competition: a four line song to the tune of Happy Birthday***  
**New Members and Visitors are welcome**

A ‘*Cabaret Evening*’ of sentimental music from the 50’s and 60s, with wine and cheese as befits those decades was held in the Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

Entertainer, Trish Lewis sang songs for which many of us remembered both music and words all too well. The purpose was to raise funds for what has been our meeting venue over many years, which currently finds itself in need of funds to meet escalating running costs and essential refurbishment.

A donation of £624.00 was presented by President Shirley Lambert to Richard Benjamin, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.



The Village Hall expressed their thanks for the WI’s support and we thank all of you who bought tickets and came along to make it a very enjoyable event.

## **Betwixt and between**

Looking back to when I was a young man, it struck me recently that really, I was like a pendulum on a metronome as regards my faith in God. Sometimes I was confident enough to believe what I heard preached in church. At other times I swung to the other side, joining my office colleagues at teabreaks, dismissing Christianity as unnecessary. And besides, we'd never met anyone who could prove it! I was a war baby, an only child who was very sickly. My childhood wasn't straight forward – denied the presence of a father, my mother struggled to keep a roof over our heads. My confidence was struggled to keep a roof over our heads. My confidence was deeply dented and I carried a chip on my shoulder.

I found acceptance by wearing two hats; I was myself at home, but told a different story out there in a busy world ... the pendulum again. Imaginary people and events convinced others of my standing and confidence, such that I was accepted as normal, yet all the time I was nursing many hurts and endlessly questioning, 'Why me?' Of course, in ministry one sees this two-hat-syndrome regularly because many of us are concealing relationship hurts from the past, and such things are remembered as if they only happened yesterday ... and they still hurt! Undoubtedly, God sees our hats and He sees our hurts, and he invites us to address these hurts with Him – to bring them out into the open. Many of us hold ourselves back from our destiny, hamstrung as we are, with those hurts from the past.

For some of us, the older we get the harder it becomes to make decisions about things. Some days we feel confident, and on other days uncertainty rules – it's that pendulum again. As to belief in Christianity, it's so easy to put it on the back burner, putting it off till later in life. Some of us vaguely acknowledge God's existence, but defend our corner by coming out with, 'My faith's a private thing. I don't talk about it.' But then, our consciences are jolted when we hear of the sudden death of someone in the village and we wonder whether we dare believe that god is real and that the Bible is relevant.

Some may be surprised to discover that there really is another spiritual force out there whom the Bible calls 'the god of this age', aka Satan, the Devil, the Enemy, the Evil One, etc. His job is to tempt us away from belief in God by inviting us to doubt, to criticise Christians and Christianity (as I did at office tea breaks), to stir up trouble and break relationships 2 Corinthians 4v4 says: 'The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel'... this character drops a veil over the minds of people to prevent them from seeing clearly the truths of God's love for us as demonstrated by Jesus' death on the cross. We all have an in-built hunger for spiritual things, but the god of this age tries to divert us to believe in alternative belief systems which emphasises good works but dismisses repentance. As I have written before – Christianity is your choice. Will you dare to believe, or will you keep putting it off? When I became a Christian I made a vow to myself and God, that from now on I would wear only one hat, because I needed to be honest ... and I hope that this is what you see in me as I involve myself with village activities ... because I am no longer betwixt and between.

Humphrey Barker, April 2014.

## CHIDEOCK SOCIETY

Important dates for your diary.

Are you an intrepid walker? Do you believe in keeping old traditions alive? Are you free on **Saturday May 31st**. ? If the answer is 'Yes' to any of these questions please come and join in the '**Beating of the Bounds**' of the Parish of Chideock. Watch out for posters giving times and meeting places and what to wear. There will be places you can join or leave depending on your stamina, so come and participate in full or in part of this ancient custom. (See an 1880 account below.)

Rev Worthington's account 1880:

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### PERAMBULATION OF THE MANOR OF CHIDEOCK

CHIDEOCK DORSET – A PERAMBULATION OR VIEW OF THE BOUNDS OF THE PARISH AND MANOR OF Chideock in the county of Dorset, before James Knight, Gent, Steward and many others the principal inhabitants o f the said parish of Chideock.

First. The band or bound we began was on the east side of the said parish, on a hill by the turnpike gate, leaving the turnpike house in Chideock. We proceeded south towards the sea to a hedge bounding Frogmore estate, so on bounding part of Doghouse Farm to Thorncombe Becking to the sea. Turning a little to the east on the beach there is a large flat stone with the letter A cut thereon, denoting the extent of the bounds on the east, the sea on the south to a field called Ware, from thence to Cleavacres and Filcombe estate against Noschett Ground, all up the bottom there bounding Wearhouse estate, from St. Gabriels parish crossing the turnpike road at a late public house there called the 'Rising Sun', where a stream of water runs which divides the parishes of Whitechurch from Chideock, from the 'Rising Sun' we proceed towards the north across a field where a bound stone stands to another stone on Haddon Hill, so on to another, on the said hill nearly north to a pit or place called John Devises-pond on the said hill, then turning to the right as the water runs downs to a bottom called Milcombes Pitt, so on as the water runs down the bottom dividing Whitechurch parish from Chideock to a lane called Hollyford Lane, here Whitechurch ends, from thence to Venn Lane, the said stream of water dividing Symondsbury parish from Chideock, through Mr. John Payne's orchard in North Chideock (all which said orchard being in Chideock); thence to Bennett Hill Farm, and up the hill as the hedge ranges nearly straight to a lane called Quarr Cross lane, this lane is the boundary till we came to a plot called Simon Young's Plott, from thence the said lane continues between the said lane and the boundary of Chideock parish till we got near to the first bound where we begun at the turnpike gate adjoining Park Farm in Chideock, dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1800, being Ascension Day.

JAMES KNIGHT, Steward JOHN HALLETT THOMAS FARWELL

ROBERT KNIGHT SAM BARTLETT JERRARD JOSEPH HALLETT

SAMUEL FITZHERBERT GUST HODDINOTT

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## CHIDEOCK SOCIETY (continued)

### **++JULY 5TH AND 6TH++ 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.**

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

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

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

Entry is free for members, £3.00 for visitors to help cover costs. There is a prize for a **Lucky Ticket** holder.

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

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

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

Phone numbers of the front of this magazine.

## **CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Annual Village Meeting.**

The Parish Council hosted the Annual Chideock Village Meeting on 16 April. Refreshments were served from 7:00 pm and the meeting started at 7:30 pm. With a short presentation on Superfast Broadband. The meeting was attended by 30 residents, 4 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, West Dorset Councillor Gillian Summers, Dorset councillor Daryl Turner and the Rev. Skinner.

Reports were given by the Parish Council Chair and the Clerk, Police, Councillor Summers and Councillor Turner. Representatives of 20 village groups / organisations then gave reports on their activities over the past 12 months and for the coming year.

We thank the Chideock Society for once again providing the refreshments and those who helped put out and put away the tables and chairs..

### **“Clacking” manhole cover? Pothole? Subsidence? Damaged sign?**

Problems with the carriageway, footways and signs on the A35 trunk road are Connect's responsibility – either ring them on 01404 823381 or contact the Parish Clerk.

All other public roads are DCC Highways' responsibility – contact them on 01305 221020 (24 hr service) or via Dorset Direct on 01305 221000 or contact the Parish Clerk.

Chideock Parish Council (continued) ...

### **Dog Fouling.**

Dog fouling is unpleasant and can be a health hazard. If you do not clean up any faeces left in a public area by a dog you are in charge of you will be committing an offence. It is particularly unpleasant and hazardous to children on our playing field.

If you wish to complain about dog fouling in a particular area, please contact WDDC Environmental Health on 01305 252289. A dog warden may then contact you and/or visit the area to assess how severe the problem is. They will then take the appropriate action to deal with the problem. If it is not possible to take any action, WDDC will tell you why. Alternatively, inform the Parish Clerk, giving as much information as possible.

### **Dogs and Livestock.**

Chideock is very fortunate in having a network of public footpaths over National Trust and privately owned land. On public access land containing livestock, you must keep your dog on a short fixed lead (no more than 2 m in length).

Dogs and livestock, (e.g. sheep and cows), do not go well together. People are often surprised to find that their friendly family dog chases farm animals.

If your dog chases or attacks livestock or looks as if it is going to, the landowner or farmer is entitled to shoot it. When taking a dog through a field with livestock be aware that they may chase the dog, particularly if they have young. A cow with a calf can be more dangerous than a bull. Consider your safety and that of your dog.

Dorset is home to many important species of ground-nesting birds, such as nightjar and lapwing. Your dog may mean no harm to wildlife, but nesting birds see dogs as predators and may leave their young. While parents are away from nests the eggs get cold, hatchlings could die of exposure, and scavengers like crows may target the eggs and young birds. So please keep your dog on a short lead in this situation.

## **CHIDEOCK PARISH MAGAZINE**

You just never know who is going to see it!

I received an email earlier this week (April 2014)

‘Dear Ms Wrixton

I was intrigued to come across the article in the May 2013 issue of CHIDEOCK NEWS, titled ‘Final stage of voyage from London to Sydney Oct 6 1866 on the Lord Raglan, steamship ...’ by William Kennett.

I am a curator here at the **National Museum of Australia**, and I have been researching a collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander objects that Kennett collected at Somerset on the tip of Cape York, in the late 1860s, whilst he was SPG missionary. The objects are held by the British Museum, and are accompanied by a series of photographs also from Somerset.

I am assuming that it is you that now owns the barn which had previously belonged to Kennett, and wondered if you had come across any other material relating to his time in Australia? All the best,  
Ian’

How amazing – just a click away from anywhere in the world!

Ruth Wrixton

### **Superfast Broadband is coming!**

Superfast broadband will soon be available to residents and businesses in parts of Chideock, thanks to Superfast Dorset's rollout of superfast broadband.

Work has started on the first phase of the programme, expected to make the high-speed fibre optic technology available to most properties in Chideock and some surrounding areas. The first customers should be able to take up superfast broadband service in the coming months, and the majority of people in these areas will be able to take up service by autumn 2014.

In other areas, such as North Chideock where existing infrastructure or geography make it more difficult to connect to the fibre network, the Superfast Dorset team is committed to return later in the year with new technologies to connect even more premises to the fibre network.

As service becomes available in Chideock, existing broadband connections won't be upgraded automatically. You will need to contact your provider to pay for a superfast broadband package. You might be able to save on a superfast connection by bundling other services like TV, phone and mobile.

For residents, faster, more reliable broadband makes staying connected even easier. And as more services move online and reliable broadband becomes essential in every home, it will keep those living in more isolated areas connected who might otherwise be left behind.

The project brings a positive change to the local economy, too. From cost savings to becoming competitive on a global level, to more flexibility for working from home, Superfast broadband speeds can transform the way we do business in Chideock.

Superfast Dorset is enlisting the help of volunteers to be Local Links between the project and their communities. Sal Robinson is one Local Link for Chideock, and can give you information about the benefits of superfast broadband, progress of the project in your area, how to take up the service when it becomes available, and opportunities for people who need help getting online for the first time. Email her at [chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk) for more information. And if you'd like to volunteer as a Local Link in your neighbourhood or office, please get in touch.

Since Dorset's £31.75 million partnership was announced last year, engineers have been busy surveying the network in order to ensure that the roll-out of the new technology is carried out in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

By the end of 2016, 95% of Dorset premises will have access to superfast speeds, and all premises will have access to at least 2Mbps. Dorset councils are working with the Government, BT and other infrastructure providers to develop additional plans for those most difficult to reach areas to extend the superfast network even further.

To find out whether your business or residence is included in the first phase, to register as a Local Link or to find out about upcoming local events visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast). And to keep informed with the latest Superfast Dorset news, subscribe to the e-newsletter at [www.dorsetforyou.com/e-news](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/e-news).

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