

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	11 am Village service
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	11 am Holy Communion (CW)
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	11 am Holy Communion (CW)
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	11 am 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
Thursday, 11th	11 am Catenian Mass
Friday, 12th	10 am Mass
Saturday, 13th	6 pm Vigil Mass
Friday, 19th	10 am Mass
Friday, 26th	10 am Mass
Saturday, 27th	6 pm Vigil Mass

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.

## 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 07534 091350**

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:**

**BINGO** 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>                      **WHIST** 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the OCTOBER 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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

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

Dorset Architectural Heritage Week runs from **Wednesday 10th - Thursday 18th September**, when the church Sacristy will be specially open **2 - 4 pm** to view the wall paintings and old barn chapel. The Weld Memorial Chapel next to St Giles Church will also be open **2- 4 pm**.

Calling all Cyclists/Walkers - Dorset Historic Churches Trust 'Ride & Stride' takes place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** to raise money for local churches. Participants are encouraged to find sponsors for each church visited between 10 - 6 pm. Ring 01308 488348 for more info. or go to DHCT website.

### **DORSET 'RIDE AND STRIDE'**

Once again Richard Benjamin is kindly taking an active part seeking sponsors for his cycling efforts on behalf of the Dorset historic Churches Trust. This year's event takes place on Saturday 13 September (10am – 6pm).

Last year Richard raised £1,052.00. This was divided equally between St. Giles Parish Church and DHCT. Gift Aid donations adding significantly to the total raised.

Please give generously to such a worthy cause.

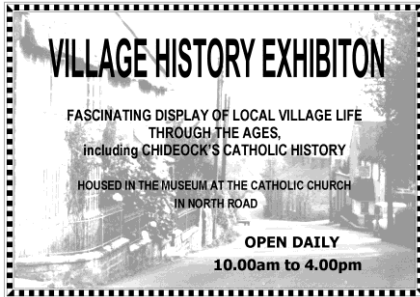
John McDougal.



### **COMMUNITY POLICING ...**

Hello all. Over the last month there has been a noticeable increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles and outbuildings in the area. Cars and vans have been targeted in some of our common hotspots, areas frequented by walkers for example, as well as within towns and villages. Handbags and power tools have been the main items taken. Sheds and garages have also been broken into across the area, with power tools again being the prime target. Dorset Police ask that you remove all items when parking your vehicles, and also consider the crime prevention methods you have in place to protect any outbuildings from theft. The Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team are more than happy to advise on the types of kit which can help you. Contact us on 01305 222736 to arrange a visit. My next police surgery is: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 11am, at Chideock Post Office.

***PCSO Dave Ash 6756***



## **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP**

Chideock Art Group has flourished for many years adapting and reinventing itself over that time to keep up with current approaches to art and the demands of its members. This is a group for beginners and experienced artists, who all support each other to get out of the sessions whatever we want – enjoyment and development being most important. Whatever our experience we are still learning and many of us were beginners when we came to Chideock. Each ten week term has at least five tutored sessions and other sessions are to given to follow up the work or to pursue our own work and interests. This autumn we are asking tutors to concentrate on the basic techniques of watercolour, so this is an ideal term to join as a beginner or to revisit your knowledge of watercolour. We are offering a maximum of three places, at the tutored sessions, to visitors, at a cost of £15 per session.

Samples of our work are on our group section of the Chideock and Seatown website. We welcome people to call in during sessions to see what we are doing so please take us up on this. If you come at about 3 o'clock you will get a cup of tea!

The autumn term starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Village Hall.

The programme for the Autumn is:

15<sup>th</sup> September - no tutor

22<sup>nd</sup> September - Lynda White

29<sup>th</sup> September - no tutor

6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October - Eileen Deardon

20<sup>th</sup> October - half term - no meeting

27<sup>th</sup> October - no tutor

3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November - Jo Hamilton

17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November - No tutor

1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas lunch

More information from:

Ann 01297 489363 Liz 01297 480855 Ros 01297 489080

## **St Giles Church, Churchyard & Chideock Cemetery**

Our village of Chideock is fortunate to have both a churchyard and cemetery. Both are on church land with the churchyard and its Wildflower Garden maintained by volunteers and the cemetery being maintained jointly by St Giles congregation and a donation from the Parish Council.

This year to help with the increasing cost of grass and hedge cutting in the cemetery we are selling calendars (for 2015) showing a year as caught on camera in the Wildflower Garden, with other local views and interiors of the St Giles church. They are on sale in the Londis shop at £5.00 each or from the church where we would ask you to put your money into the secure publications box.

Copies can also be obtained direct from:

Diane Benjamin, The Old Bakery, Chideock Main Street Tel: 01297 489 298

## **FRIENDS OF ST. GILES & CHURCH OF OUR LADY**

Would you enjoy a short stroll along a delightfully green and leafy lane? Especially if it ended with a cup of tea and a delicious home made cake?

Or if walking is not your thing, how about a short car ride, with plenty of parking space, and tea and cake as well?

Or maybe you are wondering how to amuse your Summer visitors without having to travel along the A35?



Perhaps you or your visitors would like to know more of the history of our village, and a small intimate museum, dating back to the Civil War and beyond, but including pictures and artefacts up to the present, would be just the thing. Rounding off the visit with tea and cake would be – well, the icing on the cake!

If these ideas for the Summer appeal to you, make a note of the dates and times when the ‘Friends’ of the two Churches are working together in a new venture.

We shall be serving tea and cake, in the museum alongside the beautiful RC Church in North Road on SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>



**COMMEMORATION OF THE  
'100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY'  
OF THE GREAT WAR**  
History Project in Chideock Village Hall  
**'CHIDEOCK IN THE WARS'**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
at 2.pm ...to be repeated at 5pm.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION  
PLAY OF 'THE CHIDEOCK EGG LADY'  
MEMORABILIA OF BOTH FIRST AND SECOND WARS  
AND LIFE 'GOES ON IN CHIDEOCK'  
RESEARCH OF THE BRAVE CHIDEOCK MEN WHO ARE  
REMEMBERED ON 'THE CHIDEOCK WAR MEMORIAL'  
PHOTOGRAPHS      REMEMBRANCE      BOOKS  
WAR THEMED TEA

Itinerary: 2.00pm – 3.00pm - Browse the exhibition.

3.00pm - Power-point Presentation by Colin Foot followed by  
War themed tea.

4.15pm - Performance of the Play 'The Chideock Egg Lady'  
followed by Remembrance.

At 5.00pm the time line will be repeated but in reverse order.

*Free Admission*

*Any profits to 'Help for Heroes'*

*Thanks to The Chideock Trust*

## **100+ club**

Draw 29 July 2014 at the Clock House Inn

1<sup>st</sup> prize £30      No. 121 Mr. Langdon

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £20      No. 79 Mrs. Walliker

3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10      No. 17 Tyler Brain

4<sup>th</sup> prize £10      No. 50 Marion Goodfellow

Thank you for all your support.

Anyone wishing to join/take up extra numbers will be welcome.

Tony Fuller, tel: 489477.

# Sunday Teas

Catholic Chapel

2.30 - 5pm

Sundays from

20 July to 5 September 2014



««Enjoy a gentle stroll along wooded North Road  
or car park available»»

««Delicious home made cakes»»

««Fascinating village history exhibition within  
this unusual and beautiful little Church»»

*[www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk](http://www.chideockmartyrschurch.org.uk)*



A joint Chideock Churches venture

## THANKS...

“The coffee morning held at Barncroft on 23rd July raised £448.00 for Barnardos. Jean Humphries would like to thank all those who attended, or gave donations”

**WANTED: BUTTONS AND BEADS.** The WI craft group is making necklaces from buttons and beads. If you have any buttons, beads or old necklaces we can recycle for our work, we would be most grateful for them. Please contact a WI member or ring Val 489549. The craft group will have a stall at the Eype Makers' Market this year - look out for us!

# **CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The 1949 Trust Deed, which forms the basis of the operating and governing rules under which the Village Hall is managed, names 10 Chideock based, non-commercial organisations, all with aims broadly similar to those of the Village Hall itself [see below]. Of the original 10 groups, 4 are still in existence and continue to be represented on the Management Committee [St. Giles PCC, W.I., Catholic Church and Parish Council]; 3 are known to no longer exist [Mixed Youth Club, Mothers' Union and Bridport Rural District Council]. The remaining 3 groups are: Children of Mary, Committee of British Legion and the Committee of the Farmers' Club. Unless proof of the continued existence of any of these groups is furnished by 30 September 2014, it will be assumed that they are defunct and a resolution to remove them, together with the 3 groups known no longer to exist, from Schedule 2 of the Trust Deed, will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting on 27 October.

WE HAVE NOW BECOME AWARE THAT THE CHILDREN OF MARY NO LONGER EXISTS AS AN ACTIVE GROUP IN CHIDEOCK

## **Object of Chideock Village Hall**

The Trust premises shall be held in trust for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation, and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments, or otherwise as may be found expedient, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Chideock in the County of Dorset and its immediate vicinity, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions.

## **Invitation**

Any other Chideock based non-commercial organisation not mentioned above, with broadly similar aims to those outlined in the Object Statement [e.g. Chideock Players, Chideock Society, Art Group, Friends of St. Giles], and others which may exist, are invited to apply for approval by the Charity Commissioners to appoint a member to the Management Committee.

Please apply in the first instance to:

Nick Baker, Hon. Secretary, Annables, North Road, DT6 6LE

[lackaday@btinternet.com](mailto:lackaday@btinternet.com) 01297 489555



## **JONAH AND THE \*\*\*\*\***

On hearing the story of Jonah and the big fish many of us have asked ourselves: Is it possible for a person to be swallowed by a whale and then to be spat out alive in a different place? Intriguing through this question is, the main significance of this story lies in God's mercy at the heart of it – how He warned a nation to turn away from their sin, and upon their doing this He forgave them (Jonah Chapter 3). God looked down from Heaven upon Assyria (modern Iraq) and saw how this nation had become wealthy by pillaging the countries around them, how their reputation for brutality caused neighbouring peoples to live in fear of them.

God instructed the prophet Jonah to 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.' (Jonah 1v1) ... God sees all we do – the good things as well as the bad. After his initial disobedience to take God's word to a fearsome nation, Jonah eventually gave God's message, and the warning of impending disaster if the people continued in their wicked ways: 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned' (Jonah 3v4).

We can only speculate as to whether God had previously sent other prophets to Nineveh with this dire warning, whether they had been ignored, whether this was God's final ultimatum. For two centuries the Ninevites had made their own rules, worshipped pagan gods, and indulged in all sorts of sinful perversions. Deep down they knew only too well that their lifestyle choices were contrary to God's best, they knew that they had misused people and become fat at the expense of others. When faced with God's challenge the Ninevites may have considered how obedience to God would affect their wealth, dominance, future prestige ... but amazingly, they responded in a Godly way. When the King of Assyria and the Ninevites heard God's ultimatum through Jonah, a foreign prophet, the burden of their consciences overcame their past complacency – suddenly they recognised their sinful ways and they knew that they must get right with God. They knew that they had to get serious and repent of their sins. Running away wasn't the answer, nor was pretending they hadn't heard or burying their heads in the sand – they knew that Jonah had been sent by God, and they recognised that the extent of their decades of sin deserved punishment.

As an expression of Godly sorrow for sin the king took off his rich robes and put on sackcloth, he sat in the dust and proclaimed a fast (Jonah 3 v 6-10). The king declared over his people: 'Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish' (Jonah 3v8).

The king and his subjects repented. ('Repent' means to come to your sense after due consideration and regret and turn back to where you should be. It is a change of mind followed by a permanent change of direction).

'When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.' (Jonah 3v10).

The same is true for us today in that God can save us from our sin destination if we will recognise our sin, humble ourselves before Him and repent. When we choose to get right with Him, His compassion flows in forgiveness ... and that's what we call being born again ... as Christians. God was able to forgive the mountains of sin that the Ninevites committed, and He is able to forgive us today for whatever wrongs we have done – but he can only forgive us on His terms.

'I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.' (Lk 15v10).

Humphrey Barker.

## **CHIDEOCK SOCIETY**

A few intrepid walkers met at 10am on August 9th to carry out the ancient tradition of Beating the Bounds, walking the Parish Boundary, a round trip of nearly 12 miles.

Starting at Seatown, 3 plus a dog, went East to walk the boundary with Eype and Symondsburry and one lone walker went West to cover the boundary between Stanton St Gabriel and Morcombelake.

The easterly group took a diversion to have a coffee at Downhouse Farm , the lone westerly walker diverted up to Golden Cap then was joined by one other at Filcombe Farm and then another at Ryall. The views were spectacular on such a clear, sunny day, we saw clouded yellow butterflies, scores of pheasants and partridge, buzzards and possibly a red kite . Apart from some missing signs the two groups met up as agreed at Hounsells Corner in North Chideock within 10 minutes of each other. The three eastern walkers plus Willow the dog, then valiantly carried on and completed the whole walk finishing by 4pm.

Special thanks to Mike Tuck, John Hallett and Colin Bowditch for planning the route and to all those who took part.

We hoped more would join us to keep the old custom alive. No-one was turned upside down to have their heads banged on the boundary stones to make sure they remember where the parish boundary is - we have maps these days. The first sections of the routes are steep, but you can join for the downhill stretches which were very enjoyable and allow the village to be viewed from different aspects – well worth coming next year.



## **MUNCHKINS REQUIRED!!**



Chideock Players are looking for Munchkins to appear in our production of "The Wizard of Oz". The Wizard of Oz is being performed on November 27th, 28th and 29th and children need to be available on Mondays from mid October from 6pm -7.15 and a few main rehearsals in November. If you know any children who would like to take part, get in touch! Also we are still looking for help backstage hair and make up, scenery shifting and general stage management. If you fancy any of the above OR KNOW ANY Munchkins ring Moira on 01297 489164.

## **TRADING STANDARDS ...**

**We do not deal with uninvited traders.** That's the message Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service is giving to cold calling traders with our new refreshed door stickers.

Maybe you see a knock at the door from an uninvited trader as an inconvenience or annoyance. Some people find it threatening having to say no to someone uninvited on their doorstep, especially if it's high pressure selling for anything from a packet of dusters to building work.

Uninvited doorstep traders will use all sorts of techniques to try to get you to say yes, that's their job after all, and they are experts at it. Perhaps you've heard the patter 'We're only in the area today', 'We've some material left from a job up the road', 'You'll have to agree now to get this price', 'my livelihood depends on this sale'. Perhaps you've fallen for it in the past?

Over the years many Dorset residents have decided to say 'No' to uninvited doorstep traders by displaying one of our bright doorcards and they have proved to be one of the most popular resources we produce.

Now refreshed and updated the 'We do not deal with uninvited traders' doorsticker comes in two parts. There is an outside sticker for your front door with a clearly visible message to uninvited traders. There is an inside sticker to act as a reminder with phone numbers for who to call if you need advice, assistance, or to report a caller.

Recently it's become a criminal offence for a trader not to leave your home when asked, or to return again another time. We and those we work with, Dorset Police and district and borough council Community Safety teams, hope the newly refreshed stickers will help you to say 'No' by deterring uninvited traders from knocking at your door.

We've made them for you so why not pick up a pair of stickers at your district or borough council office reception, or by sending a small letter sized stamped addressed envelope to: No Uninvited Doorstep Traders, Trading Standards Service, Colliton Annexe, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.

## **OPEN LETTER TO CHIDEOCK VILLAGERS**

Dear Friends,

The '100 Plus' membership fees are due, early September.

As you know I have, in the past, collected the twelve pounds per person by visiting each of you at your homes.

I will be eighty two shortly and since my heart by-pass I have found walking has left me short of breath and in some distress. I am therefore asking if you will each be kind enough to either post the money to me or bring it to my house. It would be greatly appreciate and save me any discomfort.

If anyone would like to become a new member or to add to their existing membership with an additional number we will be delighted to oblige.

Membership at the moment is 153. Although it helps to keep the 'Chideock News' alive it by no means covers all the cost.

Please try to forward your membership fee by 16<sup>th</sup> September – thank you!

The accounts for '100 plus' club are available for anyone to see.

My address is :

2 Clock Cottages, Main Street, Chideock, DT6 6JW.

Tel: 01297 489477

Tony Fuller

## **CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

Just a brief note to thank all those who have supported and raised funds for the Chideock Village Hall so far this year and to let you all know a little of what we have done and are planning to do.

So far we have completed a number of essential repairs:

- replaced one of the rotten wooden windows and the emergency lighting
- tested the wiring to meet statutory requirements and solved the leak in the heating system so the Hall should be warmer this winter
- patch-repaired the leaking flat roof of the toilet block.

You may also have noticed the new signs on the Village Hall external walls to advertise events.

In September we plan to undertake an investigation of the main structure of the building and try to repair part of the rotten timber frame. We can then replace the external door to the committee room which is also rotten. We are also obtaining quotes to carry out a more permanent repair to the flat roof of the toilet block so that this area can be redecorated.

Plenty going on but you may not see the outcome of this essential work until we reach the stage when we can redecorate the outside of the Hall!

Once again thank you for your support.

Chairman