CHIDEOCK NEWS (including Seatown & North Chideock)

APR 2015

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

			Holy Communion
			Village Service (+ coffee)
		3 rd Sunday after Easter	
	11am	4 th Sunday after Easter	Holy Communion
3 rd May	11am	5 th Sunday after Easter	Village Service (+ coffee)

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

CHURCH AND VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION OPEN DAILY 10-4pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Richard Meyer -

Thursday 2nd. 7 pm Maundy Service & Watch until 10 pm

Sunday 5th 8 am Easter Sunday mass

Saturday 11th. 6 pm Vigil Mass

Friday 17th. 10 am Mass

Friday 24th. 10 am Mass

Saturday 25th. 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: Richard Benjamin (489298) Treasurer: Roger Carey (489782) Secretary:

Table Tennis Group Liaison Sue MacDougal 489408

Hall available as a venue for regular events/special occasions.

BOOKINGS/ENQUIRIES Sue Walliker 07534 091350/01297 489545.

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/WHIST DATES FOR APRIL: BINGO 2 & 16 WHIST 9, 23 & 30

DEADLINE DATE:

Items for inclusion in the MAY 2015 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 20th April 2015.

COMMUNITY POLICING ...

Hello all. A fairly quiet month in terms of crimes and major incidents locally. There have been no crimes reported in Chideock in the last month, which is excellent news. We



have though sadly suffered two fatal road traffic collisions on the A35 around Lyme Regis, so I will once again take this opportunity to ask all drivers to be extra vigilant on the roads, especially with summer around the corner and the influx of out-of-town drivers to the area who are not so familiar with our roads.

With the weather finally warming up again, I would also like to remind those who park at our many beauty spots to walk and enjoy the wonderful scenery, please do not leave valuables inside of vehicles, hidden or otherwise; do not risk becoming a victim of crime.

My next police surgery is at Chideock Post Office on Tuesday 7th April at 10am, please come along and say hello.

PCSO Dave Ash 6756 Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team

TABLE TENNIS IN CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL.

There are now three full size tables available. Sessions are held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday and the third Tuesday and Wednesday of every month. Tuesday time is 6pm to 8pm and Wednesday time is 2pm to 4pm. This is a friendly informal group and new visitors are always welcome to pop along and have a game. Just turn up! There is a small charge to cover overheads. For more information please phone Sue McDougal on 01297 489408.

DIAL A FRIEND – COASTAL CLUSTER

Maybe you know of someone, or you happen to be that someone, who lives alone and has little social contact. Are you aware of what is available? Do you live in the Chideock, Morcombelake or Lyme Regis areas and would like even a brief visit, maybe simply for a talk. We are members of a Team from these local churches. Would you like to meet us and see what we can share together? If you would then please just call Roz 01297 489 080; Sue 01297 489 408, Anne on 01297 442 558; Ann on 01297 489 532.

100+ Club

Draw February 2015 Thank you for your support.

 1^{st} prize £30 No. 57 Mrs. Ethridge 2^{nd} prize £20 No. 135 Marilyn Tuck

3rd prize £10 No. 138 Diana Swan

4th prize £10 No. 129 Mr. & Mrs. Lyall

CHIDEOCK LUNCHEON CLUB

The lunch this month will be held at The Clock on Tuesday, 28th April at 12:15 for 12:30. This month I hope to make a giant leap forward and contact as many people as possible, by E-mail, so please keep checking your in-box. Don't worry if you don't 'do' E-mail as I will still be ringing round where necessary. If you are not yet on my mailing list but would like to be included, please ring Judy Campbell on 489121. This is a chance to enjoy some friendly company over lunch. Everyone is welcome so come and give it a try. The draw for the 100 Plus Club will take place at this event.

CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS

WATER VOLES.

Our last event about the voles on the River Winniford was well attended and greatly enjoyed by visitors and members. We were informed that 'Ratty' from Wind in the Willows was NOT a rat --he was a Water Vole. When walking by the river we now know how to tell the difference between a rat swimming and a water vole. The rat keeps its head above water, but the vole swims under the water. Also a rat has a pointed face, the vole a much blunter and shorter snout. A water vole only eats vegetation whereas a rat is a carnivore and will even eat a water vole if it can catch it. If you are still unsure, the rat has a long, bald tail, the vole's tail is shorter and hairy. So don't recoil in horror when you see a four legged rodent 'plop' into the water -- it may only be a harmless water vole.

Tuesday 14 April – The History of Chideock Castle – an illustrated Local History presentation. Visitors £5, members free

Tuesday 14th April... The History of Chideock Castle

When you walk over the humps and dips of Ruins Field, do you ever wonder which part of the castle is underneath your feet, what sort of building it was, who lived in it and how it was furnished. Come along to the Village Hall and discover some very interesting information about the castle which may well make your walks more enjoyable.

Saturday 9th? or 16th May? Date to be Confirmed... <u>Beating the Bounds.</u> Come along and take part in keeping an ancient tradition alive. Like last year, the walks will be led by people who know the area. More details to follow next month.

CALLING ALL NEW RESIDENTS.

You may obtain a free copy of "A Wander Through Chideock" the book published by the Chideock Society for the Millennium which contains a large collection of photos and information on the history of the village, its people and buildings. Call 01297 489477 or 489580 for details. If you would like to buy a copy of the Parish Map which hangs in the Village Hall Call 01297 489422.

Welcome to the parish church of St Giles -

situated in the Dorset village of Chideock. This is an active and friendly community within which the Church plays a full role.

St Giles is open each day with services being held at 11am every Sunday. An ecumenical 'Village' service is held on the 1st Sunday of each month to which all are most welcome.

There are many opportunities to be part of the life of the church. There is a Bell Ringing Team with a growing junior branch; a 'Friends' group: a choir and social events such as the monthly village lunch, table tennis and quarterly quiz nights.

Volunteers maintain our churchyard and its wildlife garden and contribute to the care of the church through flower arranging and general maintenance.

St Giles currently supports with donations and practical help a Foodbank in nearby Bridport and as part of the Golden Cap Team is involved in offering pastoral care to any person or family who needs help.

You are warmly invited to join us both in worship and our wider activities as your time and talents allow.

If you need any other information or support the Church Warden and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are there to help. A list of our names and contact details can be found in the Church porch.

CHIDEOCK ART GROUP

Dates for Summer Term

13th April No tutor
20th April Jo Hamilton
27th April No tutor

11th May Eileen Deardon
18th May Eileen Deardon
1st June Barbara Green
8th June Barbara Green

We are again offering visitors the chance to join us for tutored sessions at £15 per session. If you would like to take advantage of this or join us permanently please contact

Ann 01297 489 363 Liz 01297 480855 or Ros 01297 489080.

CHIDEOCK WI

Chideock WI Monthly Meeting Report 3rd March 2015

What did the Chideock WI get up to on Tuesday 3rd March? Well! What a surprise to see a Royal python, a Chilean tarantula, a Giant Spiny Indian stick insect and even a small Brazilian armadillo named Archie who could curl himself into a tight ball resembling a melon, at our monthly meeting. Yes! All these unusual creatures came to visit from Axe valley Wildlife Park. Our speaker Marie Pullen was warmly welcomed by the President Linda Gould. Mary aided by assistant Kerry gave us not only an interesting and informative talk but also a surreal hands on experience. Phobias and fears dissipated as the afternoon progressed and members who had previously been quite terrified by snakes or creepy crawly insects etc. were actually willing to hold or stroke the snake, the tarantula spider and the large stick insect. We expressed surprise at the silky texture of the snake skin and the velvety coat of the spider. Archie the armadillo was a lively little fellow and caused a great deal of laughter as he explored the room. This gave cause for a group photo, at which point Archie turned shy and curled up. All too soon it was time for tea and thanks were expressed to Mary and Kerry for such an enjoyable and amazing experience. After the usual business we were reminded of future events including an informal and friendly craft afternoon on 18th March, the mother's day cake stall 14th April and a ploughman's lunch preceding the next AGM. Followed by our speaker Nora Arnold and an accessory swop shop. Come along and enjoy yourself at a WI meeting sometime, we welcome new members and visitors.





CHIDEOCK AND SEATOWN EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 6TH APRIL

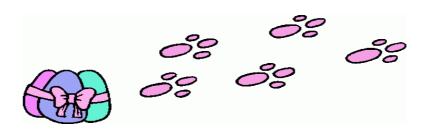
Word has it that the pesky Easter Bunny's been at it again, this time hiding his wares around Chideock and Seatown. On Easter Monday we'll be trying to find them, but don't worry; we've got some inside knowledge and will provide a map to guide you to where we hear the Bunny's been busy. Some say that children are the best searchers for this, so bring as many along as you can. There will be Easter treats for all children who take part and a draw for a special Chideock Egg (kindly provided by the Chocolatiers Café Bridport).

Venue: Chideock and Seatown

Start/endpoint: Clapps Mead Recreation

Ground (off Mill Lane)

Hop-off: 10.00-11.00hrs Easter Egg draw 14.00 hrs Cost: £1 per child entered



THE FRIENDS OF ST.GILES SPRING LUNCH On Sunday 26th April 12:30 for 1:00

£12:50 to include a glass of wine Tickets available from Deborah Mills Little Orchard, Mill Lane

tel: 489231

ST. GILES QUIZ

GREAT NEWS!

We didn't frighten our new quiz master away so we must have been very, very good!

John has agreed to be question master for the next quiz

on 24th April

at 7:30

price £5:50

Prizes for top 5 tables and a really good supper.

SEE YOU THERE.

CLAPPS MEAD PLAYING FIELD

Please do not place dog excrement in the RED Litter Bin in the Childrens Play area of Clapps Mead Playing Field. Apart from the fact that this is disgusting where children are playing this bin is not emptied by the local authority but relies on a local volunteer who should not have to put up with dealing with this problem. This RED Bin is for litter/plastic bottles, sweet wrappers ONLY. There is a 'Bag it and Bin it' Bin at the entrance to the Playing Field in Mill Lane. Clapps Mead Playing Field is owned by the Parish Council and is maintained and run by a small voluntary committee/work group. Mr. M. Maskell very kindly mows the field, Mrs. Teresa Mudord takes care of the strimming, her son Lee helps maintain the equipment and Lyn Crisp helps with painting, notices etc., This small group of four are always looking for help so if you would like to volunteer some time to keep our Playing Field looking good please contact either Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098 or Elizabeth Grant (Chairman of the Parish Council) on 01297 489421.

Note For Your Diary - Charity Plant Sale

The Charity Plant Sale in aid of Diabetes UK will be held on May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May from 0900 - 1230am at Tamarisk, next door to Chideock House B & B, near the village shop. As in previous years, there will be a wide variety of vegetable plants, including many unusual tomato plants, bedding plants such as geraniums (pelargoniums) and pansies, flowering shrubs rockery plants and perennial plants. Also a selection of old gardening magazines, all at very reasonable prices. So make a note of the date, 4th May.

TRADING STANDARDS ...

<u>Investigating problem traders – the whole picture</u>

I was recently at a meeting about problem traders. One of the key messages was that for every person who reports a problem there would be others that didn't report it out of embarrassment. Problems reported would only be the tip of the iceberg. I thought how saddening it was that we find ourselves in a situation where we become the victim of a crime but dare not report it because we feel embarrassed.

When Trading Standards look at what action to take during an investigation there are numerous things we have to take into consideration. One of these is the number and gravity of the complaints. For example, if we only receive one complaint and the trader isn't known to us it might appear to be a simple mistake or oversight on the trader's part. In reality however, there may be a regular pattern of repeat offending by the trader but because the others haven't been reported we don't know about it. If we are only ever seeing the tip of the iceberg we are never getting the full picture. Trading Standards do not act upon all complaints received but they are all recorded and used as intelligence to help focus our work. It is all these little pieces of information we receive over time that make up the whole picture enabling us to protect consumers.

Many problem traders are plausible and believable, that's why they can make a living from it. Please, if you think you have been a victim of a scam or a problem trader then let us know by phoning the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline on $03454\ 04\ 05\ 06$

If you want to find a local trader who is legal, honest and fair then call a Trading Standards approved Buy With Confidence trader. We don't give our approval lightly. We check, approve and monitor our members to ensure they remain up to standard. If they carry out work in or around consumer homes they will also have undergone criminal disclosure checks. To find a local member visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 03454 04 05 06.

UNDERSTAND ... AND ... BE FILLED.

When we lived on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland we often used to see a local crofter sitting outside his home on a wooden seat, puffing away at his roll-up. On his better days he would wave, and maybe chat; at other times he seemed to be both blind and deaf to our presence. Murdo liked to think that a lifetime of world travel as a merchant seaman enabled him to work out all of life's problems, and when speaking to him he seemed to have a negative opinion about everything.

One particular Monday he wanted to talk about death and the failure of the church to offer him any help, or to even begin to understand his problems. Perhaps to shock me he went on to say that when he died he would simply be reduced to a pile of ash in the cemetery.

Clearly Murdo didn't understand what the Bible says in Ephesians 5v.17&18: 'Understand what the Lord's will is ... and ... be filled with the Spirit'.

In last month's article we read of the importance of the Holy Spirit, remembering that Samuel Chadwick had famously stated that 'Christianity is hopeless without the Holy Spirit'.

There comes a time in everyone's life when the Holy Spirit comes along and taps us on the shoulder inviting us to consider the sin in our lives and to get right with Him. My being there that day was Murdo's tap on the shoulder time. I proceeded to tell him about God's plan for his life, that God was able to offer him an end to his alcoholism, and give him hope for the future.

As I spoke I noticed that Murdo kept nervously looking at his watch, as if something was about to happen. Then it did – his daily whisky delivery arrived and I was promptly dispatched. I had filled an awkward gap in his day, and his death considerations were now forgotten.

That same night, in a drunken stupor, he collapsed and died, aged 61.

Despite the tragic circumstances of Murdo's untimely death it's wonderful to consider that God so arranged the final events of Murdo's last lucid moments on earth to draw him to Himself, reminding him that things didn't have to stay the same. Sad to say, that because of his loyalty to alcohol my offer to him to get right with God was firmly rejected ... he had finally run out of time.

Our Isaiah 61 meetings continue at Honeysuckle Cottage, Thursday at 2.00pm. Do come along!

Humphrey and Elizabeth Barker.

Can you help our Village Hall?

Have you ever fancied being a bingo caller? Ever thought of uttering phrases like "two little ducks - twenty two!" or "doctors orders - number nine!" Well now you can! Chideock Village Hall committee runs a fortnightly bingo to help fund the village hall but we need a few more callers to swell the ranks. You wouldn't need to call often (unless of course you want to) but it would be nice to have people we call on in an emergency. We are also looking for bingo shoppers, if you have time and like shopping on a tight budget for a variety of interesting prizes every now and then you may be just the person we are looking for!!! Full training will be given!

Bingo brings in much needed revenue for the village hall but it's difficult to run with such few volunteers.

The hall as you know is over a hundred years old and keeping pace with outgoings/repairs is challenging. We are always looking for innovative ways to fund raise so if any one out there has any ideas and would like to organise a fundraising event then that would be brilliant! Perhaps a family or group of villagers could get together, you would receive help and support from the trustees. After all it's our village hall and a great community asset.

If you can help in any way please contact Richard (chairman) or Moira - moilucas@tiscali.co.uk

CALL FOR BRIC-A BRAC

Have you any small bric-a brac items which you would be willing to donate to the St Giles Church team for their Charmouth market stalls (in May and August). We will collect or you can drop off items. Call: Diane Benjamin 489 298 or Val Cowell 489 417

Chideock Parish Council News.

Are you considering becoming a Parish Councillor?

Do you enjoy living in Chideock, and would you like to be a part of any decision making for the village? If so, have you considered joining the Parish Council? Ideally, the council needs a good mix of people living throughout the parish, 18 years and over, of working age or retired.

Chideock Parish Council should have 7 councillors – there have only been 4 since the last election. At least 3 councillors must be present for a meeting to take place.

Meetings are currently held in the morning to help ensure that at least 3 councillors can attend. **BUT**, in order to get a larger number and broader range of councillors, the meetings can, and will, be moved back to the evening if this proves more convenient to the members of the new council. Councillors should be prepared to attend all meetings if reasonably possible – however, if they cannot attend a particular meeting then their views on any agenda item can be taken into consideration but obviously they do not have a vote on any decision made. Councillors are kept up to date between meetings via e-mail, and where a councillor does not have e-mail the Clerk will periodically deliver copies of important e-mails or arrange for another councillor to do this.

For a nomination pack or further information please contact Sal Robinson, Chideock Parish Clerk 01308426327, chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk

Packs are also available from West Dorset District Council.

If you would like to talk to one of the current Chideock councillors, there is a list of contact information on the Parish Council notice board at the Village Shop, or contact the Clerk.

<u>Completing the nomination forms.</u> You will need to fill in all your personal details and those of the people nominating you. You and those nominating will be asked to fill in your Electoral Register number. This is the district code (CH for Chideock) followed by your number - this can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or from West Dorset District Council

You must get your form completed and signed by those nominating you.

Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the West Dorset District Council office by 4 pm on Thursday 9 April 2015. Although nominations can be received up to the deadline, it is in everyone's interests if papers are submitted early so that prospective candidates have the opportunity to resolve any problems that may arise.

The last chance to withdraw a nomination is also 4pm on Thursday 9 April 2015

If there are between 3 and 7 validly nominated candidates then a poll will not be required and the candidates will be elected "uncontested". In this case the new council may fill outstanding vacancies by co-option. If the number of candidates is less than 3 then a further election has to be held within a period of 35 days of the original election (excluding weekends and bank holidays) and no business can be done by the council.

<u>Annual Village Meeting – 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Tuesday 12 May, at the Village Hall.</u>

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 and the District and County Councillors 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 Chideock electoral role are eligible to vote.

Please note that the Annual Village Meeting is NOT a Parish Council meeting.

A35 Carriageway Repairs between Axminster and Bridport.

Connect are carrying out repairs for 2 weeks in April / May. No works are planned for Chideock itself, but this whole stretch of the A35 will be closed from 8 pm to 6am Monday to Friday. The Parish Council has been assured that local traffic will be allowed through, as will emergency vehicles. The exact dates are not yet available but will be put on the Parish Council notice board and on the community website www.chideockandseatown.co.uk as soon as they are known.

Chideock Parish Council Budget and Precept 2015 - 2016 The precept for 2015 - 2016 has been increased by £206.03, i.e. by 2.45%.

INCOME	Budget 2014/5	
Budget 2015/6		
Precept	£8,396.00	£8,602.00
Interest	£5.00	£4.00
Vat Refund	£66.00	£78.00
Rent for Flow Meter	£125.00	£125.00
Council Tax Support Grant (from WDDC)	£262.00	£196.00
From Unused Restricted Reserves	£600.00	£0.00
From General Reserves	£300.00	£0.00
TOTAL PREDICTED INCOME	£9,754.00	£9,005.00

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Parish Council (continued) ...

EXPENDITURE

EXITENDITURE		
Clerk's Salary (Gross)	£3,316.00	£3,349.00
Clerk's Travel	£255.00	£150.00
Councillor's Travel	£75.00	£50.00
Clerk's Office Allowance	£66.00	£66.00
Postage/Phone	£30.00	£30.00
Stationery (V)	£90.00	£90.00
Stationery - print cartridges etc (V)	£120.00	£120.00
Training - Clerk & Councillors	£100.00	£100.00
Internal Audit	£60.00	£60.00
External Audit (V)	£0.00	£120.00
Insurance	£440.00	£440.00
Room Hire	£300.00	£350.00
Subscriptions	£240.00	£250.00
ROSPA - Annual Playing Field Inspection (V)	£90.00	£90.00
Playing Field Maintenance (V)	£100.00	£50.00
Playing Field Mowing	£0.00	£200.00
Playing Field Depreciation	£400.00	£400.00
Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing / Maintenance	£500.00	£500.00
Foss Orchard Car Park River Bank Maintenance	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Community Fund Grant	£250.00	£250.00
Village Clock Servicing Grant 2014 - 2017	£582.00	£0.00
Village Clock Servicing Grant 2017 - 2020	£210.00	£210.00
Cemetery Grass Cutting Grant	£650.00	£650.00
General Grants	£100.00	£100.00
Bus Shelter Maintenance	£80.00	£80.00
Salt/Grit for Winter 2015/6	£100.00	£0.00
Village Hall Support from Reserves 2014-15	£300.00	£0.00
Village Hall Repair Grant	300.00	£300.00
TOTAL PREDICTED EXPENDITURE	£9,754.00	£9,005.00

Your input is needed about Public Footpaths and Bridleways issues.

The Parish Council will be meeting with the Dorset Rights of Way Officer in early April to look at issues with Public Footpaths and Bridleways in the parish.

Please let the Clerk or a Councillor know of any issues you are aware of – broken stiles, gates, missing or poorly located signs, overgrown or obstructed paths etc. so that these can be brought to the attention of the RoW officer at the meeting, which will also include "site visits" to locations causing concern.