

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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## **SERVICES AT ST. GILES**

7 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday before Lent	11am Village Service +coffee
14 <sup>th</sup> February	1st Sunday in Lent	11am Holy Communion
21st February	2nd Sunday in Lent	11am Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> February	3rd Sunday in Lent	11am Chideock Praise
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday	11am 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 -

Wednesday 3rd	10 am Mass
Friday 5th	10 am Mass
Wednesday 10th	10 am Mass
Friday 12th	10 am Mass
Saturday 13th	6 pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 17th	10 am Mass
Friday 19th	10 am Mass
Wednesday 24th	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.

## **CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL**

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298) Treasurer: Roger Carey (489782) Secretary:

Table Tennis Group Liaison Roger Carey (489782)

Hall available as a venue for regular events/special occasions. BOOKINGS/ENQUIRIES Sue Walliker **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 7.30pm Thursdays

BINGO/ WHIST DATES : BINGO 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb WHIST 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

## **DEADLINE DATE :**

Items for inclusion in the MARCH 2016 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> February 2016.

## **Services at St Giles**

The church council at St Giles are changing the rotas of Services at the church, from January, 2016 in order to broaden the appeal of worship to the greater majority of the Village. On the third Sunday of the month there will be a new service called Chideock Praise which will replace the current Holy Communion service.

After considerable research by a small committee a new form of worship has been adopted which is more spiritual, less formal in its language and is intended to help would be worshippers who find the traditional form of services inhibiting.

Based partly on the Celtic form of worship there will be hymns (with an opportunity to learn new ones from time to time), readings, and prayers and we hope to have some musicians take part in the service. The service may be adjusted in due course after some feedback.

It is hoped that more Villagers will try and come to join our regular congregations. The existing Village service, which will continue on the first Sunday, has been very successful in attracting new members and 'Chideock Praise', this new service, is an effort to grow on that success.

The date of the next new service is 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11.00am. Do help us to help you make our Village church a vibrant centre of community worship.

### **CHIDEOCK PLAYERS**

Once again there is an opportunity to enjoy The Farndale Avenue Murder Mystery – Murder at Checkmate Manor. The Chideock players have been rehearsing very hard these past few weeks and they hope you will come and see the fruits of their work.

The Farndale series of plays are well known for their comedy and we hope you will come along for an evening of laughter and mirth whilst supporting your local drama group.

Chideock Village Hall at 7-30pm, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Tickets are £7 from the Village Store or ring Pam Fuller on 01297 489477.

J. P.

### **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 Roger Carey on 01297 489782.

## **CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL**

On Saturday 2nd July this year Chideock Village Hall will be the location for a tour of The Battle of The Somme without the travel expense. The evening includes a virtual tour of the battlefield, a presentation on The Dorset Regiment actions as well as contemporary accounts, film, photography and much more.

The event takes place 100 years to the day since the first news accounts of the worst day in British military history reached home shores. But expect to be entertained and amused as well as reflecting on the significance of this landmark battle.

Hostilities commence at 19:00hrs through to approximately 21:00 and include a trench stew supper at half time, bring your own mess tins! Look out for further details here, on village notice boards and on the net.

## **THE CHIDEOCK LUNCHEON CLUB**

The Luncheon Club will meet in February on the 16th of the month ie. The Tuesday before the last, since the hall is already booked on the last Tuesday. We meet at 12:15 for 12:30.in the Village Hall (But watch this space! We look forward to returning to the Clockhouse in the not too distant future.) 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.

## **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP**

The Art Group meets on Mondays at 2pm in Chideock Village Hall.

We are planning an exciting new themed programme from January 11th 2016 with tutors on alternative weeks and on the weeks in between, time to practise the skills.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> tutored session – Jo Hamilton

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> untutored session; Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Half term

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> tutored session - Sue Barnes; Feb 29<sup>th</sup> untutored session

March 7<sup>th</sup> tutored session – Sue Barnes; March 14<sup>th</sup> untutored session

March 21<sup>st</sup> tutored session – Ray Gray; March 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday Easter holidays; April 11<sup>th</sup> untutored session; April 18<sup>th</sup> tutored session – Ray Gray

The untutored sessions are an opportunity to practise skills.

Come and join us, all abilities are very welcome. More details from Liz [01297 480855] Jane [01297 489996] or Sue [01297 489520]

## **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.

### **CHIDEOCK WI**

#### **January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 Meeting**

It was warm bright and sunny as Chideock W.I. met to start their new year. We agreed that the run up to Christmas had been good. With a trip to Exeter Cathedral Carol service, an excellent Christmas lunch and our Christmas tree festival entry raising £70 for the Bridport food bank.

The previously researched N.F.W.I. resolutions were put to the vote, before enjoying tea with cakes kindly made by Gloria Ritson. Then we got down to the fun side with an “Auction of unwanted gifts”. Our voluntary Auctioneer for the afternoon was none other than the Landlord of the Clockhouse Inn who changed his role to accommodate our need, an excellent job he made of it. Every one present enjoyed it as Mike Long brought the hammer down on item after item with a quick wit and a cheeky grin. Laughter followed every sale, helped by two assistants Marilyn and Noreen, who along with Mike, modelled many of the items.

We were delighted that Chideock W.I. raised £90 to add to our 2016 charity giving by simply re-cycling goods, which otherwise would have laid unused. What a great afternoon!

We are now anticipating our open “Dorset Evening” fund raising event.

Our monthly Craft Group and the new Natter lunch meeting.

Also looking forward to welcoming new members to come and enjoy our varied activities in 2016.

Do come along and join in.

Iris Jones. Chideock W.I.



## THE MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Chideock fortnightly on Tuesday mornings from 11-11.45am. The van parks in Foss Orchard, behind the spar shop, dates displayed on the shop noticeboard.

### 100+ Club: Draw December 2015

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£30	No. 172	Sue Pettifer
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£20	No. 95	Chris/Mel (Chimneys)
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10	No. 119	Debbie Phillips
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	£10	No. 25	Jennifer Greetham
5 <sup>th</sup> prize	£15	No. 3	Chris Walliker (Christmas bonus)
6 <sup>th</sup> prize	£15	No. 15	John Tilley (Christmas bonus)

Draw : January 2016

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£30	No. 165	Alan Ritson
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£20	No. 171	David & Theresa Winford
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10	No. 9	Brenda Nattriss
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	£10	No. 38	Elizabeth Grant

Thank you for all your support.

## COMMUNITY POLICING ...

Hello everybody, I hope that you have had a good Christmas and New Year. There have been a couple of crimes in and around Chideock to make you aware of.

Sometime between 28<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December, a holiday cottage in Morcombelake was broken into, with electrical items including a television and kettle stolen. On the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> November, a green Land Rover Defender was stolen from the rear of a Chideock public house – offenders have been identified and charged with the offence. Local Police have also received several calls recently regarding vehicles being stuck in flood water, please apply common sense when out on the roads, because when vehicles are becoming stuck they are causing the roads to become fully blocked, often for quite a period of time.

My next Police Surgery will be at Chideock Post Office on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, at 10am.

**PCSO Dave Ash 6756**





**S O C C**  
**SAVE OUR CLOCK CAMPAIGN**  
UPDATE AND EVENTS CALENDAR

  
**VALENTINE'S DISCO**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

8pm – 11pm in Chideock Village Hall

Dance to the sounds of 60's, 70's and 80's!

Fully Licensed Bar.

**Join us for an evening of Fun and Romance**

Ticket Price £7.50

*Enquiries to Lyn Crisp 01297 489098 or Sally Coade on 01297 489336*

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**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7-30pm**

Shige Takezoe of Hell Farmhouse, North Chideock invites you to visit his home and enjoy an authentic Japanese Meal.

**MENU**

**Starter** - Tempura prawns, fish and vegetables

**Mains** - Teriyaki salmon or chicken, or Tonkatsu (fried pork in breadcrumbs) - to be chosen at time of booking - all served with rice, miso soup and salad

**Dessert**

Bring your own wine/beer/soft drinks

By reservation only as numbers are limited.

**£25.00 per person**

Please phone Sally Coade on 01297 489336... to make your reservation and menu choices.

**Please book early to avoid disappointment**

*In aid of The Clock House Chideock Appeal*

## Yoga in Chideock

Are you interested in attending or hosting a gentle relaxing yoga class in Chideock? The emphasis will be on relaxation and gentle stretches suitable for most people, with meditation and breathing exercises as well as postures. I'm a trainee yoga teacher looking to begin a regular drop in class in the New Year, and I would love to hear from anyone who is interested in attending. I'm also looking for a suitable venue which needs to be accessible, quiet, warm and enough space for a few people to practice. Classes will be low cost so the room will also need to be. Time and day TBC. Please contact me Sue Wheeler, if you are interested 07770779646, or [suecwheeler1@gmail.com](mailto:suecwheeler1@gmail.com)

## Pension Scams

Last April, the Government introduced new pension rules enabling greater access to and freedom around, how people spend their pensions. However, there is growing concern that the new rules will increase the risk of investment and other types of fraud. Indeed, it has already been reported that one in seven over 55's have been targeted by pension fraudsters, and it's been estimated that the amount of money lost to pension scammers between April and August 2015 was just over £9 million, which is around twice as much as the same period in 2014. The most common way used by potential scammers to contact over-55s is by email, followed by phone and then by post.



## Defibrillator Steering Group

The Defibrillator Steering Group has held its first meeting with the following members of the community present: Jean Jones (Chideock Society), Heather Kidson-Couch (Community), David Rogers (Parish Council), Mary Rogers (WI), David Wynford-Thomas (Community).

It was decided unanimously to appoint David Wynford-Thomas as Chair.

The Group held an initial discussion on the feasibility of having a defibrillator in Chideock, its possible position in the village, sources of funding and how to provide training in CPR for the community.

The Group will be meeting again in February and would welcome feedback or involvement from anyone in the village. David Wynford-Thomas will be glad to hear from you

[dtwynfordthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dtwynfordthomas@gmail.com)



*Due to move*

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Corner Home Office Desk & storage  
Settees and small tables inc,  
card/tea table etc.

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## **LENT COURSE 2016: "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL"**

The Minister's Team have agreed to run a series of Lent Groups around the Team again for 2016. From amongst the wonderful variety of Courses on offer we have chosen one called "The Joy of the Gospel". The Course is written by Dr Paula Gooder, a highly respected Anglican theologian. It is an extended commentary upon a recent Apostolic Exhortation written by Pope Francis with this same title. The theme of Joy is a very attractive one to study during Lent, as a good counterbalance to the solemnity of the season. Joy is one of the principle fruits of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives – and one that can make our Christian witness far more 'winsome' to others!"

To quote Paula Gooder: "'The Joy of the Gospel' ('Evangelii Gaudium') is a rare document: it manages to capture something profound about the joy that comes from proclaiming and living the gospel, and to put it into words in such a way that it is hard not to be infected by this enthusiastic vision for what it means for each one of us as Christians."

The Course is made up of 6 Sessions (of which we will choose five!):

- 1: Joy and the Gospel – a joy is that intrinsic to the Gospel which we must share
- 2: The church's missionary transformation - going forth to live and embody God's love
- 3: Saying Yes and Saying No – amid the crisis of communal involvement
- 4: Proclaiming the Gospel - with more clarity and more passion
- 5: The social dimension of evangelism - making the Kingdom present in our world
- 6: Spirit-filled Evangelizers - being filled with the Spirit in our life of prayer

Each Session includes a key Bible passage to reflect upon, discussion and a short act of worship.

The Course will be run in three separate locations, all beginning at 2.30pm:

Chideock: Thursday afternoons, starting on 11<sup>th</sup> February (Venue tbc)

Marshwood / Hawkchurch (Upper Vale): Monday afternoons, starting on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The venue is Freda Pitfield's home: "Amber Rock", Hawkchurch.

Lyme Regis / Charmouth: Wednesday evenings 7pm at St Michael's Church (Lecture and Compline) starting on 17<sup>th</sup> February, followed by Discussion on the following Tuesday afternoons, starting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Venue for discussion group is The Rectory, 4 Dragons Hill.

Everyone, of any Christian Church is welcome to this ecumenical course. If you would like to order an advance copy of the Course Booklet, please contact Stephen or Jane.

## **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL - HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

Do you know someone in Chideock who would like to borrow library books but is unable to get to the library easily?

They may be entitled to use the Home Library Service which can organise the delivery of library books by volunteers free, to their home at regular intervals.

For more details contact : Royal Voluntary Service on 01305 236666 Email : [dorsetwiltshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:dorsetwiltshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

[www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) or Dorset CC Library on 01305 225000

Email : [dorsetlibraries@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:dorsetlibraries@dorsetcc.gov.uk) [www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries)

## THY WILL BE DONE ... ?

I remember overhearing a conversation in the church car park one Sunday morning ... 'Have you heard about the new church ... they've been reaching out to the homeless ... evangelising in the streets ... and yesterday, in the shopping precinct, they were asking people about their faith, enquiring, can I talk to you about the Good News?'

Even prior to my conversation I called myself a Christian – I knew something of Christian values, went to church, lived in a Christian country. The word 'Christian' means 'In Christ', with true believers knowing Jesus as Saviour and living in His blessing. But sadly, I wasn't a true believer, but a churchgoer. I didn't know what I was missing. Had I been asked to explain why Jesus had to die on the cross, or why God hates sin, or what the Day of judgement is all about, I'd have struggled to reply. As to defining the Good News ...?

I realise now how little I understood about Christianity, and consequently how little I believed. I got things wrong on a number of fronts. I joined in with the Lord's Prayer, never stopping to consider that it was a private prayer guide for believers, helping them to live Godly lives. Believers are those who have met the repentance challenge of Matthew 4 v 17, but I kidded myself that simply chanting the Lord's Prayer was enough to get my sins forgiven, and I never gave a second thought to forgiving those who had wronged me. Back then, I didn't get to grips with the whole business of forgiving others – easier said than done. Somehow I was content to bumble along in my own quiet way with fingers crossed, thinking I'd get round to giving these things serious thought later in life, and anyway, it was easier to just keep putting it off. I finally accepted conversion when I was nearly 42.

So, what is the Good News? Put very simply it means that Jesus died for our sins, He was entombed, and rose again on the third day, and that when we've repented and believed that good news, we are made right with God. This is the message of the gospels, confirmed in the Book of Acts and explained in the epistles.

A pertinent scripture is Mt. 4v23: 'That Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness.' (NIV). The gospel is the good news of the kingdom of God, and we all have the opportunity to enter that kingdom in this life.

And what of the church that went round the town telling the good news to anyone willing to listen? I heard recently that they now have over a thousand members! And the first qualification for becoming a member is repentance.

Going to church Sunday by Sunday ought to be the most stimulating event of the week – going to a place where hope, insight, encouragement and God's love are expressed in a variety of ways, a place where conversions and healings regularly happen.

For those interested in knowing more – do come to our Honeysuckle Cottage meetings – Wednesdays for Bible reading, Thursdays for enquiring about Christianity. 2.30pm both days.

Humphrey and Elizabeth Barker.

## **Chideock Village Hall News**

The Chideock Village Hall committee would like to thank the local community for their generous donations received over the last few weeks.

Chideock Cider Makers for a magnificent donation of £600

Alex Monaghan for her generous donation of £30 and Mr & Mrs Walliker for their generous donation of £50.

Grateful thanks to Tony Fuller for £35.50 from the 100 club.

Congratulations to Bev Taylor for raising a grand total of £540 at the Xmas Fair (Many thanks to those who donated cash and raffle prizes for the Fair). Thanks also to Bev for £48 raised from her Christmas cake raffle.

These donations and other donations/fund raising events from 2014/15 have allowed us to carry out extensive repairs consisting of a new roof and galvanised flashing to the badly leaking toilet block roof. Judging by the deterioration of some of the rafters this leak had been present for several years but only recently manifested as a leak into the disabled toilets. This major repair will have cost us nearly £5500 by the time we have repaired the ceiling and redecorated the toilet. Thanks to a DCC community grant received via Cllr Daryl Turner we will shortly be upgrading the kitchen water heating system. Other projects include building an internal porch which we hope will alleviate the draft coming from the front doors and improve heat loss. We will also have to renew some of the double glazing units which have become degraded.

We were planning to refurbish the kitchen this year but due to the unexpected outlay on the roof this will be delayed until we are able to have further fund raising events, so watch this space.

We wish to thank you all for your continued support of the hall.

Roger Carey, Hon Treasurer, Chideock Village Hall

## **SWIM THANKS**

I enjoyed my Charmouth dip this year. The sea though wavy was a lot warmer than in previous years, due to the benevolent weatherwise Autumn we have enjoyed. I tried swimming but the polystyrene clock I was wearing kept pushing me up.

I would like to thank: Lynn Crisp, the Daniels family, Ray & Sara, Val Rivers, Audrey Skinner, Shique Takeoyu, Jeremy Nathan, Kelson family, Fowler family, Haines family, Callum Crawford, Pettifer family, Gini Emery, Rosie Young, Caroline McTaggart, Joe Carter, Stevie Smith, A. White, J. Gower, Jane & Laurie, Warren Housing, J O Greenshields, M. Crook, K. Geraghtey, Anthony, Nic Mudford, Callie Croade, Mrs. Greetham, Mark Oborn, Pat Bowditch, Anna Dunn and mother, Keith Payne, Sue Charmouth, Anne Woud, Lesley & John Short, Karen Warburton, Jean Jones, Hilary and Mary (Gate Farm), lost Souls Bar, Howrd and Deirdre Coates, Duncan and Phillipa, Pam and Derek Butt, Adrian Humphries, Carol & Derek, Anne Walker, Robert, Ros, Richard Kimber, Ruth & Robert Venn Farm, who all contributed most generously raising (I also contributed) the sum of £650. I hope this is a help to the Clock.

Isabel Ward.

## **Chideock Parish Council News.**

The Clerk can be contacted by e-mail – [chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk) or by phone – 01308426327.

### **You can help!**

If you have an idea of benefit to the village then please contact a councillor or the Clerk.

### **A35.**

The Parish Council is arranging an evening public meeting with Oliver Letwin MP and, if possible, a representative from Highways England. The purpose of the meeting is for residents to raise their concerns about the A35 Trunk Road.

When a date has been arranged it will be advertised on all village notice boards, and, if possible, in the Chideock News.

### **Come and Have Your Say at a Parish Council Meeting.**

The Parish Council exists to represent **YOU**, the residents of Chideock, Seatown and most of North Chideock, and is funded by a small part of the Council Tax.

There is a “Democratic Period” at every meeting. So if you have got something on your mind which you think the Parish Council should know about and / or do something about, then come along and tell councillors about it. You can also speak about a planning application which you have made.

Parish Councils have few powers, but they can, and do, try to get those who do have the powers to do what needs to be done.

Chideock Parish Council meets at 10:00 am on the last Tuesday of the month, apart from December and August when there is no meeting.

### **Superfast Broadband in Dorset – Progress!**

The latest news from the Superfast Dorset Team is that the safety audit, which was required by Highways England before any work could be done to upgrade / replace the “green box” on the pavement adjoining the A35, has now been carried out and the work to upgrade the box should start around the end of January.

Don’t forget that you won’t get Superfast automatically – you have to sign up for it with an Internet Service Provider and it will cost a little more than your existing package. Also, there is no guarantee that you will get the maximum speed – it all depends on the length of copper wire between your property and the green box.

To be kept informed of progress let the Clerk know via e-mail ([Chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:Chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk)) and she will add you to her Superfast mailing list and will forward any updates she receives from the Superfast Dorset Team.

### **Clear a Drain!**

When you are out walking on any of the side roads and you see a drain blocked or partially blocked by leaves, mud or other debris then please give it a bit of a clean with your boot or stick! DCC Highways are doing their best but there are an awful lot of drains in Dorset, not to mention potholes etc.

If you think that the drain is actually blocked inside or find any other Highway problem then let DCC Highways know, either by phone on 01305 221020 or via the [dorsetforyou.com](http://dorsetforyou.com) website, or contact a member of the Flood Group or the Clerk.

**Do not attempt to clear blocked drains on the A35** - contact Connect on 01404 823381 or a member of the Flood Group or the Clerk.

### **Chideock Parish Council (continued)**

#### **New play equipment at Clapps Mead Paying Field.**

The double swing as it is at the end of its life and the Parish Council hopes that it will be replaced before Easter. The replacement will be of similar construction to the basket swing installed last September but with 2 “normal” swing seats. It is hoped to also purchase a small “spring” piece of equipment suitable for younger children.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved in any way in the management this village asset.

### **Chideock W.I. Hosted “A Dorset Evening “ on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

The “Dorset Evening” held by Chideock W.I. on 15<sup>th</sup> January proved to be very popular. Tickets quickly sold out for this community fund raising event in Chideock village hall. Tables were set using the red and yellow colours of the displayed Dorset flag. The food and entertainment could not have been better. The evening started with the arrival of the “Symondsbury Mummers”. Their performance was amazing creating laughter which set the mood for the entire evening. The menu was Dorset based included homemade “Homity Pie” served with roasted root vegetables and a variety of individual recipes for Dorset Apple Cake.

After supper, entertainment provided by “Tinker’s Cuss” a Dorset folk group was amazing.

The music was easy to identify with, as the audience went back in time. Singing along with the choruses of favourite songs and enjoying the typical lyrics of traditional Dorset songs. What a fantastic village event it turned out to be.



### **CHIDEOCK SOCIETY ...**

#### **CALLING ALL RESIDENTS! WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS.**

If you have walked, driven, ridden, pushed a wheelchair or pram down to Seatown recently, you will have noticed the beachfront, river bank, car park, cliffs have all suffered serious erosion and damage during the last two years of winter storms. It is becoming increasingly evident that if Nature is allowed to follow its own agenda, Seatown, and all it means to so many people, will be lost.

Chideock Society (continued) ...

The concerns have grown over the years. A Seatown Management Committee (SMC) consisting of landowners, businesses, Parish, District and County Councillors, DCC Highways, WDDC Engineers and concerned residents was set up in January 2014 by the then District Cllr Gill Summers to try and find some solutions to the problems affecting everyone who cares about the future of Seatown.

Suggestions and ideas were put forward at the meetings, including a revival of some ideas based on land which would be donated by the Wraxall Family, first presented at a public meeting in Chideock Village Hall in 2003. Although it met with approval by all present at the time, the plan was dropped through lack of Local Authority finance. Disappointment all round.

The Seatown Management Committee regrouped in 2015, chaired by our District Cllr Simon Christopher and began to examine the latest problems and how to find solutions and funding.

Then, Lo and Behold! Late last August, The Chideock Society heard about a new funding stream launched by the central government Department for Communities and Local Government - "**The Coastal Revival Fund**" which small communities were allowed to bid for. The Chideock Society had just over two weeks to meet the criteria for the bid, and, with the support of our Parish, District and County Councillors and our MP, our bid was successful in securing a grant of £11,000 to carry out a Feasibility Study to see if anything can be done to Save Seatown for the Future and to improve safety and provide a more comfortable experience for everyone who goes there – residents, tourists, walkers, people with disabilities etc..

The time scale is very tight - the announcement of the grant was only made on 10 December and the Study has to be completed by Mid March, so time is pressing.

Some of the possibilities talked about are:

- improving a rundown area and creating a new turning point on the concrete beach apron, with access for emergency vehicles
- creating wheelchair and pedestrian ramps from the road for safe access onto the beach
- making the current turning circle a safe vehicle-free viewing point
- providing parking close to the beach apron for people with disabilities, to improve their visitor experience.
- a Transport Management Plan to address traffic congestion issues, which lead to conflict between pedestrians and vehicles.
- a Park and Ride Scheme, using greener, sustainable forms of transport such as electric buggies, pony and trap, cycle hire, thereby creating new employment potential

This project will produce a Feasibility report only, not make any physical changes at Seatown. If the study is approved, further funding is available from the Department for Communities and Local Government and a "bid" will be made for money to implement some or all of the options identified in the feasibility report. Funding would also be sought from other bodies e.g. Lottery Fund.

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A consultant has been engaged to produce the feasibility report, a steering group has been formed and an initial meeting of landowners and stakeholders has been held, attended by the beach owner; representatives from the National Trust, Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Jurassic Coast Team, Dorset County Council Highways, West Dorset Engineers Department and the Parish Council; Professor Brunsden with his extensive knowledge of the geology of the coast, and Seatown residents who are members of the Seatown Management Committee. Representatives from Palmers Brewery and West Dorset Leisure Holidays were unable to attend but both are keen to be involved in the project.

We want to gather constructive and achievable ideas from the Chideock and Seatown community – **SO NOW, OVER TO YOU.**

### **WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE DONE TO SAVE SEATOWN FOR THE FUTURE?**

The enclosed leaflet has details of how to let us know your ideas and suggestions, and different ways to tell us. You may have already thought about this so, **DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**

There will be a public event in early March to allow comment on the draft report.

More information is available on the Community website [www.chideockandseatown.co.uk](http://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk)

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

**Wednesday Feb 10th**—11 am in Village Hall .Chideock Society is hosting the next Seatown Regeneration Meeting. It would help us to know if you are coming so we can provide enough refreshments. Call any Committee member on front of Chideock News.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30 pm. Wildlife and the Law. Police Wildlife Liaison Officer presentation.

**April 12th** – 7:30 pm. What the National Trust Found on the Dig at East Cliff, Seatown.