

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

MAR 2016

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

|                        |                                  |                                |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Mothering Sunday                 | 11am Village Service (+coffee) |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Passion Sunday                   | 11am Holy Communion            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Palm Sunday                      | 11am Chideock Praise           |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Easter Day                       | 11am Holy Communion            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | 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 2nd. 10 am Mass

Friday 4th 10 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th. 2.30 pm Christening

Wednesday 9th. 10 am Mass

Friday 11th. 10 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th. 6 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday 16th. 10 am Mass

Friday 18th. 10 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 24th. 7 pm Maundy Thursday Mass

Sunday 27th. 9.30 am Easter Sunday Mass

Wednesday 30th. 10 am 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March only WHIST 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the APRIL 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

## 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.

## 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.

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]

***March 7th tutored session – Sue Barnes - Pastels/ Collage 2***

***March 14th untutored session - Still Life 'Vintage Toys'***

***March 21st tutored session – Ray Gray***

***March 28th Easter Monday - no session  
April 4th Easter holidays***

***April 11th untutored session - chance to try out skills from 21/03/16***

***April 18th tutored session – Ray Gray***

***We meet in the Village Hall on Mondays at 2pm. All abilities are very welcome. For more details please contact:***

***Liz [01297 480855] Jane [01297 489996] and Sue [01297 489520]***

## **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.

## **CHIDEOCK W.I**

### **Report of Chideock W.I. Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.**

**Who do you think you are?** This was the title for our speaker Bruce Upton at the Chideock W.I. February meeting. The T.V. programme of that name suggests that researching the past would run smoothly but this was seldom the case. The talk was not referring to individual genealogy. It was about tracing past decades of the beautiful village of Chideock. A village that is fortunate enough to have its own Museum. Bruce said that there were three periods in such genealogy. Pre. 1841, 1841 to 1911, 1911 to the present day. The Museum in Chideock is a valuable source for early information whilst the Bridport Museum has many available records. From 1841 there is generally a deluge of recorded census statistics due to poor quality of ink, incorrect spelling of names, irregular marks on pages and alterations. We delved into dominating surnames, unusual Christian names, occupations and statistics of the village population. The highest record of residents was 884 in the mid 1850's, declining thereafter to 1931 and rising again after World War 2. Bruce's enthusiasm with this fascinating subject was evident, he said that researching genealogy was a challenge and once started on local history it was possible to get hooked. Shirley Lambert thanked the speaker for sharing the information with us. After tea, served with chocolate cake and strawberry flan provided by Bev Taylor, the President Linda Gould reminded us of the forthcoming Craft Group and Natter Lunch. A letter was read thanking us for donating £100 to "Cupboard Love" food bank. Linda thanked the members for the tremendous effort put into the recent "Dorset Evening" event which raised £750 for our village community fund. Two returning members received a warm welcome and we would be pleased to welcome new members or visitors to our group which meets in the village hall on the first Tuesday of the month.

Iris Jones. Chideock W.I.

## **100+ Club: Draw February 2016**

|                       |     |        |                    |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | £30 | No. 39 | Bob Rivers         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | £20 | No. 63 | Bernard Waterman   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | £10 | No. 21 | Paul Evans         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> prize | £10 | No. 92 | Darren (Jim) Saint |

Thank you for all your support.

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Friends of St. Giles Spring Lunch will be held on Sunday April 10th

### **“K.I.S.S. – KEEP IT SIMPLE – STUPID!”**

I preached several Sermons on Valentine’s Day on this Acronym of “K.I.S.S.”. I expect you’ve heard this phrase before – it has its good and its bad points! There is no question that life has become far more complex than ever before – in terms of our own individual hectic lives, the issues our society faces, and the theories about how our world works! To take one example – I was reading this week about what scientists claim is the most important astronomical discovery of this century. This has to do with ‘Gravitational Waves’, predicted to exist by Albert Einstein a hundred years ago. This sounds straightforward until you read the scientific explanation – apparently the power released by the collision of two black holes ‘tore’ at the fabric of space / time itself distorting its four dimensions for a few thousandths of a second. It released more energy than all the stars in the universe during that time. Astronomers hope that this new discovery will help them detect the original ‘big bang’.

I find it very hard to get my head around these scientific discoveries – maybe you do too. But should this mean that we give up trying? God has created a wonderful world - beautiful in its complexity – and I think it’s good that we stretch our minds to understand more. The same goes for the truths of the Christian faith – such as our beliefs about God. It is good to learn more about the nature of the Godhead and how God interacts with our world and our lives – probing the mysteries of divinity.

On the other hand it is good to keep our lives from getting too cluttered. Someone has said: “Simplicity is making the journey of this life with just enough baggage”. One of the Christian Aid slogans says: “Live simply that others can simply live”. Too much complexity not only over-stresses our minds, but can also distract us from the really important purposes of life. And in addition, “KISS” when lived out at a spiritual as well as material level releases us to assist in the well-being of others.

*Revd Stephen Skinner*

## **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)

## **COMMUNITY POLICING ...**

Hello everyone. The only crime I have to report to you this month is criminal damage to a speed camera in Chideock in the early hours of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. A fire was started at its base, using wood and a solvent can. If you have any information relating to this crime, please call 101.



Beaminster Police regularly receive complaints of mud on the road, and will always act on these reports by assessing the issue, and identifying whether a local farmer or the local authority should be responsible for its clearing. In brief, if mud is brought onto the road from a field, at a gateway for example, it is the farmer's responsibility, whereas mud cut in from the verges along a road would generally be the responsibility of the local authority. A colleague recently received report of an incident near Askerswell, in which a member of the public, unhappy with mud on the road due to an ongoing farming operation, blocked the road with their vehicle, preventing the operation from continuing. I would like to take this opportunity to advise strongly against this sort of action, and request that a call is made to Dorset Police instead - there would be a strong possibility of offences being committed by preventing lawful use of the road by the farmer.

Finally, I would be interested to hear from anybody interested in becoming a Homewatch coordinator for their area. There is currently a vacancy in the area of North Chideock. If you would like to learn more about the scheme and what would be involved, please contact me via email [dave.ash@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dave.ash@dorset.pnn.police.uk) or by telephone on 101.

***PCSO Dave Ash 6756***

## **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.

## THE CHIDEOCK LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club will meet in March on the 15th of the month ie. The third Tuesday in this month. (There are five Tuesdays this month but the last two are already booked!) We meet at 12:15 for 12:30 in the Village Hall. 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.



UPDATE ON THE CLOCK HOUSE. Work is continuing on The Clock with a new Contractor O'Briens Ltd in charge. Much structural work, new beams, etc., is happening and the next couple of months will see the main building made watertight and the roof being thatched by Dave Symonds – Master Thatcher. The scaffolding will then be removed and extensive internal works will commence. An opening date in July is being anticipated and Fundraising continues to help our Village Pub be the 'hub of the community' once again. Dates for your Diary: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm CREAM TEA at Chideock House. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm HIGH TEA in the gardens of Chideock House. Hosted by Anna Dunn. The SOCC (Save our Clock Campaign) Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone in the village and outside of the village that have supported and enjoyed the many events we have laid on over the last months.



Isobel Ward at The Christmas Day Swim at Charmouth. This amazing 80 year old lady who has taken part in the swim since 1975 raised £640 for The Clock House Chideock Appeal. Lyn Crisp



# CREAM TEA



TO BE HELD AT  
**CHIDEOCK HOUSE**  
Main Street, Chideock.

*Courtesy of Anna Dunn*

**SUNDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**at 2.30pm**

**Price - £5.00 PER PERSON FOR A DELICIOUS CREAM TEA**

**RAFFLE**

*Proceeds to The Clock Appeal*

## **The Friends of St. Giles**

invite you to  
**COFFEE AND A  
HOT CROSS BUN**



**In Chideock Village Hall**

**On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**At 10:30 am**

**£2:00 for coffee and hot cross bun**

## **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 Anne on 01297 442 558; Ann on 01297 489 532.



## 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.



Tell us about Illegal Tobacco.

Anyone selling illegal tobacco commits a criminal offence. The seller can face up to 10 years in prison and an unlimited fine. Why does it carry such a heavy penalty? Sold at pocket money prices, cheap tobacco makes it all too easy for our children to start smoking. The sale helps fund organised crime and those selling illegal tobacco may also be selling other illegal goods and introducing more crime into your local community.

So what is the law on this? It is not illegal for you to go abroad and buy cheap cigarettes for your own use but bringing them back and selling them is.

If tobacco doesn't come through legal supply chains it could very easily be a counterfeit product. The manufacture of counterfeit tobacco isn't regulated so you can't tell where it comes from or what it is made out of. Where counterfeit tobacco has been tested and has failed those safety tests it has been found to contain asbestos, animal faeces and glass. Since 2011 cigarettes must also be able to self extinguish themselves too, but illegal tobacco is more likely to cause fatal blazes as they may not self extinguish.

How to spot illegal tobacco:

- Often tastes different;
- Can be sold in boxes with poor print quality and have spelling mistakes;
- Might be sold in packets without required safety warnings;
- Sold in packaging with a handmade look and feel.

Trading standards are committed to disrupting the sale of illegal tobacco and you can help us. If you think you have information about someone selling illegal tobacco, or know a place where it is sold, then please help us. Any information no matter how small may be the piece we need. You can tell us anonymously on-line at [www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk](http://www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk) or by phoning the illegal tobacco hotline number on 0300 999 0000.

## CAROL SINGING

Our annual village Carol Service was, as always, a great blessing to us all – a beautifully decorated church, Bible readings and wonderful Christmas music – a splendid celebration of our Saviour's birth. This is the heart of Christmas, the reason for the season.

Sometimes we sing 'Hark the herald angels sing' – that uplifting hymn by Charles Wesley – a carol that expresses Godly truths ... 'God and sinners reconciled.... Jesus our Emmanuel... born to give them second birth.' Such familiar words – and yet I wonder if we really understand the meaning of the words we enjoy singing.

For instances – 'born to give them second birth' – what does that mean? Wesley knew, because he'd experienced it. Initially, as an ordained minister, he hadn't understood what the second birth was all about – no one had told him and he hadn't worked it out for himself from John 3v3... 'You must be born again'. Many phrases mean the same as born again/second birth – coming into the Light, being converted, getting saved, getting right with God, and so on.

In childhood I somehow didn't see the love of God in my strict Sunday School teacher, and I put off making any commitment to Jesus. It's easily done. You may remember the sad story of Murdo who rejected God's offer of second birth and died that very night. My father was much the same.

God's offer of second birth came to me when I was nearly 42. Two fellow businessmen gave me a lift back from a meeting. One asked a question I didn't want to answer: 'Humphrey, how well do you know Jesus?' This totally unexpected challenge threw me into confusion and I immediately felt very fearful at the mention of the name Jesus. I couldn't get out of the car quickly enough! I rushed back to the safety of my office desk and dealt with things I could understand ... but that question didn't go away. It was like someone had shot an arrow into my heart, and it was in deep.

I can now see a similarity with what is written in the Book of Acts, 2v37... of how the people responded when they heard that their agreement with the authorities had led to Jesus being crucified. As they recognised their collective guilt 'they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' It was like that for me – I was cut to the heart and my conscience was screaming to make a response.

In Acts 2v38 Peter replied: 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.'

Charles Wesley met that challenge many years ago, and now it was my turn. After 3 weeks of deliberating I allowed the Holy Spirit to draw me into an empty church where I confessed my sins and hurts aloud to God and experienced that second birth for myself.

Is the Holy Spirit prompting you? How will you respond?

Our meetings at Honeysuckle Cottage – Wednesdays for Bible reading, Thursdays for enquiries about Christianity. Both at 2.30pm

Humphrey and Elizabeth Barker

## **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.

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

### **You can help!**

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

### **Almost There! Superfast Broadband for Chideock.**

The latest news from the Superfast Dorset Team is that the new green cabinet has been installed (the location has changed – it is now outside Warren House) and should be “live” by the time you read this. Look out for the appearance of a superfast broadband sticker on the cabinet – once that it there the box is live and ready to go.

**BUT** 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 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 cabinet.

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

The “spring” type play item for younger children and the new wooden framed double swing have been ordered and it is hoped that they will be installed by Easter.

A grant for 20% of the cost has been obtained by the Parish Council from the West Dorset Leisure Development Fund. The rest of the money is coming from the Clapps Mead Playing Field “reserve” fund which the Parish Council tops up each year from the Precept.

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

### **New Salt / Grit Bin for the Junction of Sea Hill Lane and Cumbrey Lane (the road to Langdon Woods).**

A new grit bin has been purchased for this location and it will be installed shortly. Please contact Cllr Elizabeth Grant or the Clerk ([Chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:Chideock@dorsetparishes.gov.uk), 01308 426327) if you are able to give a couple of hours of your time to help with this.

### **Mud and other debris on the Highway.**

Please note that it is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to deposit or cause deposit of mud, hedge trimmings, grass cuttings etc on any highway – pavements / footways / public footpaths and bridleways are included in the definition of a “highway”.

Mud, hedge trimmings, grass cutting etc cause a hazard to vehicles, pedestrians and animals and block the rain water drains, which causes flooding.

### **Public Footpath and Bridleway issues.**

Please let the Clerk or a Councillor know of any issues of which you are aware – broken stiles and gates, missing or poorly located signs, overgrown or obstructed paths etc., so that these can be brought to the attention of the Dorset County Council Rights of Way.

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

### **Budget & Precept 2016-2017.**

The Parish Council budget and precept for 2016/7 was agreed at the January Parish Council meeting.

| <b>INCOME</b>                                   | <b>Budget 2015/6</b> | <b>Budget 2016/7</b> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Precept   | £8,602.03            | £9,101.22            |
| Council Tax Support Grant                       | £196.00              | £131.00              |
| Interest  | £4.00                | £4.00                |
| Vat Refund                                      | £78.13               | £79.43               |
| Rent for Flow Meter                             | £125.00              | £125.00              |
| <b>TOTAL PREDICTED INCOME</b>                   | <b>£9,005.16</b>     | <b>£9,440.65</b>     |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                              |                      |                      |
| Clerk's Salary (Gross)                          | £3,349.16            | £3,382.65            |
| Clerk's Travel                                  | £150.00              | £150.00              |
| Councillor's Travel / Phone calls etc           | £50.00               | £50.00               |
| Clerk's Office Allowance                        | £66.00               | £66.00               |
| Postage/Phone                                   | £30.00               | £30.00               |
| Stationery                                      | £90.00               | £90.00               |
| Stationery - print cartridges etc               | £120.00              | £120.00              |
| Training - Clerk & Councillors                  | £100.00              | £0.00                |
| Internal Audit                                  | £60.00               | £60.00               |
| External Audit                                  | £120.00              | £120.00              |
| Insurance                                       | £440.00              | £490.00              |
| Room Hire                                       | £350.00              | £357.00              |
| Subscriptions                                   | £250.00              | £250.00              |
| ROSPA - Annual Playing Field Inspection         | £90.00               | £100.00              |
| Playing Field Maintenance                       | £50.00               | £50.00               |
| Playing Area Mowing                             | £200.00              | £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              | £350.00              |
| 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 Cleaning                            | £80.00               | £80.00               |
| Salt/Grit for Winter 2016/7                     | £0.00                | £135.00              |
| Village Hall Repair Grant 2016/7                | £300.00              | £500.00              |
| <b>TOTAL PREDICTED EXPENDITURE</b>              | <b>£9,005.16</b>     | <b>£9,440.65</b>     |

**CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL**  
**SATURDAY 5 MARCH**  
**2PM**  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

**All funds to be raised are for the Village Hall.**

**20p on the door**

**Light refreshments available**

**Any donations gratefully received**

**Drop off at Lost Souls Bar**

**01297 480918**

**CHIDEOCK SOCIETY ...**

**CHIDEOCK RESIDENTS INTO EXTRA TIME TO HAVE THEIR SAY.**

Residents of Chideock and Seatown interested in the Government funded Coastal Revival Scheme attended a meeting in the Village Hall to hear an progress report on the Seatown Regeneration Project. Thanks to the intrepid St Giles Church 'Posties', every household in the parish had already received the details of the project and been invited to send their comments, suggestions and ideas on "Saving Seatown for the Future", by email, phone or suggestion boxes placed in the Village Shop and pubs. Twenty four residents joined 21 landowners and stakeholders for a powerpoint presentation by Simon Williams, leader of the Feasibility Study Team. This covered a brief history of the funding bid and research carried out so far on some of the problems, safer access, car parking improvements including provision for the disabled and clearer effective, signage.

The aims of the project are to find possible solutions to problems identified by residents over many years, which have got worse due to the increased number of storms and more traffic trying to access Seatown along the narrow lane, making any visit by foot, wheelchair, horse, bike or car an unpleasant and frustrating experience.

Questions, concerns and comments were invited from those present which led to lively discussion and many points were noted by the Team for further research.

### **Chideock Society (continued) ...**

Another meeting has been arranged for Saturday 12th March, 11a.m. in the Village Hall to hear the final draft of the Feasibility study before it is submitted to comply with the Government's deadline.

**Due to the tight deadline for submitting the Feasibility Study, further comments can only be considered before March 5th** - suggestion boxes will re-appear in the Village Shop , The George Inn and Anchor Inn, or email [Chideocksociety@gmail.com](mailto:Chideocksociety@gmail.com)

The 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.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Tuesday 8th March. 'Wildlife and the Law'**, a presentation by Claire Dinsdale Dorset's Police Wildlife Liaison Officer. Come along to the Village Hall and hear what to do and who to contact if you think that the laws that protect wildlife and the environment have been broken. 7.30 for 7.45 start. Raffle and Refreshments.

Entrance £5.00 --- Members Free.

#### **Saturday 12th March 11 a.m.**

If you missed the Feb 10th meeting about the Seatown Regeneration Project, this is an opportunity to see and hear about the final draft of the Feasibility Study before it is submitted to meet the Government deadline.

The **Woodland Trust** have sent a reminder that after the very wet and windy weather, young trees need checking for loss of the canes or tree guards. A working party will be arranged to check on the trees planted at Seatown during the past 4 years. Please get in touch with any committee member (see cover for numbers) if you would like to help.

**New permanent residents** are reminded that they are entitled (while stocks last) to a copy of 'A Wander though Chideock' , a large collection of old photos of the Parish and much of its' history. Also, Parish maps are still available from Moores Biscuit Shop, Morecomblake or by phoning 01297 489422 or 01297 489477.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

**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.