



# **CHIDECK NEWS**

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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### **The main symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

<b>Symptoms</b>	<b>Coronavirus</b>	<b>Flu</b>	<b>Cold</b>
Fever	Common	Common	Rare
Cough	Common	Common	Mild
Loss of taste & smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Aches & pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	No	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
Diarrhoea	Sometimes (for children)	Sometimes (especially for children)	No

Remember **Hands... Face... Space...** to help stop the spread

## CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298); Secretary: Paul Ramsden (480941)  
Treasurer & Table Tennis contact: Roger Carey (489782)

For hirer's responsibilities during Covid-19 please contact any of the above

For regular bookings contact Sue Walliker **01297 489545** or

**[smwalliker@icloud.com](mailto:smwalliker@icloud.com)**

If you wish to cancel a booking please notify us as soon as possible

For general information about the hall:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>

For the current availability either contact Sue Walliker or go to:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>  
and click on 'Check availability'

## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

Please see noticeboard outside church for up-to-date information on services.

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

Because of restrictions the following times and dates are provisional. Please check on the church website for up to date information:

### **December:**

Friday 4th.	10am Mass
Saturday 12th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 18th.	10am Mass
FRIDAY 25th.	10am CHRISTMAS MASS (limited numbers)
Saturday 26th.	6pm Vigil Mass

### **January:**

Friday 1st.	10am Mass
Friday 8th.	10am Mass
Saturday 9th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 15th.	10am Mass
Friday 22nd.	10am Mass
Saturday 23rd.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 29th.	10am Mass

APART FROM THESE TIMES, THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED

## **DEADLINE DATE :**

Items for inclusion in the February 2021 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 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

## **CHIDEOCK PRAYER NET**

These are stressful times: at the time of writing we can't meet friends or family; we can't go to the pub, coffee shop or hairdresser; we can't go to church. But we can pray, and members of St Giles have always prayed for our village and neighbours.

If you would like prayer for a concern you have, or to share your thanks for something (because good things are still happening!), please send an email to [chideockprayernet@gmail.com](mailto:chideockprayernet@gmail.com). Your request will then be sent on to individual members of St Giles.

Your request will be kept confidential, and can be anonymous if you wish; even those receiving the request won't know who else is getting it.

Thank you. Peter Stapleton, St Giles PCC

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHIDEOCK HISTORY?**

We are in the process of setting up a new website in connection with the history of Chideock. The Chideock Society holds a huge archive of old photographs and other memorabilia and we hope over the next months to 'scan' all this material in to the new website so it is held safely and for everyone to see. The hard copies can then be placed with the Dorset Archive. If you can help in any way please contact Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098 or email me at [lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk](mailto:lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk). We will also provide a link from the Community website to this new 'history website'.

## **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: 01297 442 558; Ann: 01297 489 532. (NOTE: obviously visits are temporarily suspended)

## CHRISTMAS WISHES ...

Val and Peter Hunt are not sending Christmas cards this year, but would like to wish all our friends in Chideock a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Chris and Sue Walliker will not be sending Christmas cards in the village this year but will be giving a donation to charity, and would like to thank everyone for the support they have been given during the lockdown periods.

Marian and Steve Warburton wish all their friends and neighbours in Chideock, a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We will not be sending cards this December, but instead we will make a donation to St Giles Church.

### **Do you think you know lots of Christmas songs and carols?**

We can't have a Carol Service in church this year, but we can still think about the Christmas songs. On December 1st you can buy a **star sheet** from the shop for £3. Then you need to find stars with clues to these songs round the village. Fill in the sheet and return it to the shop by 19th December. **All winners names to be put in a hat, and the first 5 drawn will receive a prize.**

**Answers to be printed in the next magazine** The clues will all be in the Main Road area from Bilberry Close to the Village Hall, (not up side streets), in front windows, notice boards, on railings and telegraph poles. Please join in the fun. All proceeds to St Giles Church.

### **Wreaths for Weldmar.**

Please help me to support our local hospice Weldmar Hospicecare and let's make Christmas sparkle this year.

I've gathered a small A-team of makers with oceans of greenery for another charity wreath-making workshop at Symondsbury Tithe Barn on 4th December.

Wreaths available, and wreath kits to make at home, ring Pauline Bale 07791915228, or Facebook/messenger.

Donations to <https://uk.gofundme.com> Wreaths for Weldmar.

## Recipe for a Xmas Wreath...

Here's how to create a Christmas wreath, beautifully hand-crafted from locally grown materials foraged from the hedgerow and garden. It's the perfect gift for friends and family to celebrate the festive season in style. Arrange a workshop at home and make it fun and filled with festive cheer...carols, mince pies and don't forget the mulled wine!

*Allow one hour per wreath.*

- 1 10" wire ring
- 1 small bag of fresh moss
- 1 ball of garden string, green jute, or a roll of wire
- 1 bucket of freshly cut foliage, nothing prickly
- 1 bundle thick florist wire lengths to try on cones, baubles
- 1 Roll of wide, **wired** festive ribbon, colours of your choice

A selection of baubles, cinnamon sticks, pine cones, dried fruits, orange & apples slices, a pair of scissors or secateurs, gloves optional.

Into a large barn or garage or kitchen pour people, 2 or 3 or in usual times many more! Add buckets of foliage and warmed drinks and tasty mince pies and start by spreading out equipment onto a large table protected with a wipeable cloth.

1. Tie string (or wire) to ring and taking small handfuls of unravelling moss start wrapping the moss around the ring and binding it firmly, giving the string a good tug after each wrap around, over and over until the ring is completely moss covered. It doesn't need to be too heavy. **Don't cut the string**.....leave the string so that you can continue to bind on the greenery in the same way.

2. Cut similar lengths of a variety of foliage, contrasting colours work well. Place the greenery on the moss ring, small bunches at a time, facing the same direction and continue with the string to bind onto the ring, adding another bunch and another, bind firmly working all round for a nice even fill.

3. Now add decorations, pine cones, poppy heads, chillies, orange slices, cinnamon stick (tied together with a rubber band and a ribbon), and secure these onto the wreath with the florist wires and secure with a twist at the back of the wreath. Add sprigs of holly now, just poke it in.

4. Stand back and appraise, and finally add one large bow or several small hand-tied bows secured with florist wire and your wreath is ready to hang on your door, or use as a fabulous table decoration with candles.

5. The wreath will last until 6<sup>th</sup> January if you don't let it dry out, every 7-10 days place it on the ground outside and turnover gently and use a water sprayer to keep the moss damp which will keep the greenery fresh.

Happy Christmas to you all,

Pauline Bale xx

# HELLO TO ALL CHIDEOCK QUIZZERS

2020, I'm so sorry to say, will go down as the year in which we were only able to hold ONE quiz evening in the whole year!!

But not to worry, I've put together a Christmas Quiz, to help keep our spirits up!!

But first, the answers to the November Quiz:-

1. In which year did the second world war start? 1939
2. Born in 1820, who was known as the founder of modern nursing? Florence Nightingale
3. Who wrote "A Brief History of Time"? Stephen Hawking
4. Which is the World's smallest country? Vatican City
5. At which racecourse is the Grand National traditionally held? Aintree
6. Which fictional city does Batman call home? Gotham
7. What is the name for a baby rabbit? Kitten
8. How many bones does a shark have? None
9. What is the name for the prong of a fork? Tine
10. The extinct Dodo was endemic to which Island in the Indian ocean? Mauritius
11. What word can be placed before Bottle, Bell, and Bird? Blue
12. What is the name of the German Airline? Lufthansa

NOW, FOR THE CHRISTMAS 2020 QUIZ!! HOLD THE TURKEY!!!!!!

1. What alcoholic drink is added to lemonade to make a Snowball?
2. What name is given to a Male Turkey?
3. What is the chemical formula for Snow?
4. What colour is the egg of a Robin?
5. What colour does Brandy burn?
6. Why should you stir a Christmas pudding clockwise?
7. In "A Christmas Carol" What carol is sung outside Scrooge's office?
8. Which City donates a Christmas tree to Trafalgar Square each year?
9. 'Feliz Natal' is Merry Christmas in which language?
10. In Pantomime, what is the name of Cinderella's Father?
11. Which Angel informed Mary she was pregnant with Jesus?
12. Which Cheese, eaten at Christmas is known as the 'King of English Cheeses'?

Most answers will be in your Christmas crackers, but the official ones will be published in the February Magazine. Best wishes to all, be happy, stay safe and have a nice Christmas, see you in the February edition.

John



# THANK YOU CHIDEOCK

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for your love and friendship for my late wife Pamela. Pam loved Chideock and her many friends here, I remember asking her if she would like to move back to Bristol to be near her children when she had cancer but she said no she did not want to leave Chideock. Pam loved the involvement with people as do I, neither of us wanted to be anywhere else.

I must also thank the WI because they have purchased a bench seat to put in the playing fields and, with a number of other people we held a ceremony, cutting a tape and saying a few words. I said my poem for Pamela and Tish took some photos for the Chideock Parish Magazine. It was very moving and made me realise how very much Pamela was liked in the village, I was so proud.

Once again, thank you all.

Tony Fuller





## Chideock WI News

Once again we have found ourselves in lockdown which has placed on hold a number of plans for reaching out to members. Following the success of the afternoon meetings for groups of six, venues had been identified where we could meet in covered outdoor areas. Alas this will have to wait.

Members have not, however, been idle having made drain bags, comfort cushions and seat belt pads all of which were presented to MacMillan Nurses. In addition bags have been made for Cupboard Love to be filled for Christmas. (photo below)

The WI has purchased a bench for Clapps Meadow and has been dedicated to a dear friend of the WI, Pam Fuller. We felt this was a fitting tribute and were pleased that Tony, her husband, was able to be there with Vanessa Glen, Chair of the Parish Council and Mary Rogers, President, for the 'cutting of the ribbon'.

Following the damage to the WI banner and tablecloth new ones are being designed and made by the craft group who are continuing to work on various projects. Please check the WI website [www.chideockwi.org.uk/about](http://www.chideockwi.org.uk/about) where on the bottom of the page there is a Makers Gallery 2020 showing some of the amazing crafts our members have produced over the year.

Prior to 'lock down 2' the book group continued to meet in groups of 6 - in a car port! They have shared views on a number of books including that of Lemn Sissay's *My Name is Why*, Victoria Hislop's, *Those who are loved* and Delia Owens *Where the Crawdads Sing*, all of which prompted lively discussion. Recommendations are shared and books swapped to help us through the winter months. It was at the October meeting that we said farewell to Shirley Lambert who had been a founding member of the group. We wish her well.

The WI newsletter continues to be a highlight of each month keeping members up to date and providing quizzes to keep the brain cells alert.

Subject to the regulations allowing it, Chideock WI will be joining The Friends of St Giles in the Village Hall on Friday 18 December between 2.00 and 4.00 pm to bring a little Christmas cheer to the village. The WI will have a stall selling Christmas wreaths and table decorations, craft and cakes/savouries and the Friends will sell ready-prepared Christmas teas. Access to the Hall will be regulated as we want to keep you all safe but we hope that you will take this opportunity to get out, enjoy some Christmas music and stock up for Christmas.



## **CHIDEOCK ART GROUP**



**We are planning to have an art programme from January 2021. However, at the time of the Chideock Parish Magazine going to print we cannot be certain of Government restrictions for Covid-19. So, for more details nearer the time - please contact:**

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

**Our usual sessions are held on Mondays at 2pm in the Village Hall.**

## **CHIDEOCK EGG LADY**

Chideock residents may be interested to know that our Chideock Egg Lady is now featuring on the Bridport Museum website. Many of you will already know the wonderful story of Chrissie Squire and her unique contribution to the First World War, but if you don't now is a great time to catch up. You can access this through the following link

<https://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk/articles/>

Scroll down the page until you see the drawing of the decorated egg.  
Frances Colville

## **Chideock Village Hall Chairman's Report**

Due to the current situation we felt that it was not possible to hold our usual AGM which will now be deferred to next year. The existing officers are prepared to stand until we can hold an AGM.

So, to my report. The year started well enough and then something called Covid-19 arrived and for a lot of us life has changed and may never go back to where it was.

## **Village Hall (continued) ...**

By the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 we were facing a complete lockdown and at 16:00 hours on the 17<sup>th</sup> March we held a meeting to discuss whether there was any way we could help villagers through this crisis. I am delighted and most grateful to Jane Elliott who rallied support from the Chideock Chatters, including Sue, Gloria, Frances, Sally, and many more to help the villagers who needed support. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these unsung people; my wife and I are also particularly grateful to Tanya for her support.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March lockdown everything in the village, including the Village Hall, stopped and your committee was not sure what to do as we had never faced this kind of situation before. However, with Skype, phone calls and ad hoc socially distanced meetings at the end of driveways, the Hall's officers started to formulate a cunning plan to take advantage of the extraordinary situation.

As I reported last year we had plans to redecorate the main hall; we had a little paint left over from other works so we could make a start and take advantage of the fact that we did not have to tidy up after each session ready for the next group to arrive. It took David an exceedingly long time to accept this however he reported for work at 08:30 most days ready to face the challenge. We were now becoming a little bolder, particularly as Roger had obtained a grant from Dorset Council to help halls like our own through this crisis, and we started to investigate other necessary works that maybe we could undertake.

The Committee took the view that we needed to conserve as much of our funds as possible so only work deemed really necessary was undertaken; all the work carried out has been based on purchasing materials only in the hope that we could find people willing to help or calling in favours where possible.

I reported last year that our accessible WC needed to be upgraded and then someone who will remain nameless suggested what about upgrading the main hall floor. We had a small team of workers who could take on anything so long as they remained socially distanced, so we set to work with a will.

The full refurbishment of the accessible WC has now been completed with all wipe clean walls and new sanitary ware. As for the floor – well, after the first pass of the sander it was clear this was not going to be easy. Eventually after four days of sanding, two days of oiling and one more day of sanding I believe the village will be proud of the result. (One of our dance groups, recently re-started, has certainly approved it.)

While working up at the hall one morning we found a section of the cast iron guttering on the south side of the hall had dropped out and smashed. The guttering on this side was made up of cast iron and PVC and the section which had smashed was in the middle of a cast iron section. A decision was made to

## **Village Hall** (continued) ...

replace all the guttering with galvanised steel as that would be the best solution for the long-term future of the hall.

In June we learned that we could reopen the hall. Our insurers were happy to insure the hall when it was closed and not in use, however now they want us to open the hall for use and required us to comply with the ACRE guidelines or they would withdraw the cover for the hall. Issue 1 of the guidelines came out in June, by mid-October we are up to issue seven! Thanks to the sterling work carried out by Paul in understanding the guidelines, handling the required risk assessments and also updating our terms of hire, we were able to open the hall for limited hire again on the 31st August.

Unfortunately, due to social distancing and many other limitations we are unable to bring back hall to full use.

Our Treasurer Roger Carey has done exceptionally well this year, despite the problems we have faced all of which have financial implications, but which the committee felt could not be left and needed prompt action. I will not steal his thunder and let him give you the facts and figures.

Once again, many thanks to Gloria and her team of Jane, Julia, Frances, and Sue who have so successfully run the Community Café for early part of the year we are hopeful that this can be restarted in January 2021. All the team put a great amount of effort in to make everyone welcome with an astounding supply of delightful cakes. This is **not** a hall fund-raising event, although I know that many of you make donations which go to several deserving local charities selected by Gloria and the team. The idea behind the Community Café is for villagers and friends to be able to come to the hall to meet and chat over a cup or two of tea or coffee (with as much cake as you can reasonably eat) in the spirit of good neighbourliness.

Your committee needs as many active members as we can persuade to join us, ‘more hands make light work’, so if anyone would like to be involved in a worthwhile village project (so many activities in the village could not take place without the village hall) please join us.

As I have reported in previous years H&S is now an integral part of the running of this hall and we are committed to ensuring that everyone using it stays as safe as possible. Through regular H&S reviews we keep up with changing requirements. Your Committee is aware that there may be more items to be addressed so please bring to our attention any of your concerns.

Disappointingly we have been unable to progress the H&S problem which was brought to our attention concerning the emergency exit at the end of the hall, which opens onto the A35. We are now going to take this matter up directly with Highways England.

### **Village Hall (continued) ...**

Bookings for the Hall are looking extremely poor at present but we are ever hopeful things will improve as we get used to the new normal, whatever that will mean to us all.

#### **Big thanks go to:**

- Nick Mudford & Nathan for their sterling work in repairing the roof and cleaning out the gutters, Nick has always been a great help to the Village Hall.
- Sue Walliker who manages the hall bookings so well.
- Chris Walliker for auditing our accounts
- Roger Carey who admirably managed our accounts and is always on the look-out for grants. Unfortunately, there have been very few opportunities this year with so many causes needing support.
- David Jones, Paul Ramsden & Roger Carey without whose help endless bits of maintenance work would not get done.
- Bev for successfully running the bingo in the early part of the year until lock down.
- Paul Ramsden for all his work as Hall secretary, without him it would not have been possible to have reopened the Hall and for concluding the work to register the Hall with the Land Registry.
- Jeanette Smith & Rob Murray for looking after our garden.
- Travis Perkins, Bridport Plumbing, Topsparks and Fowlers Tool Hire, all of whom have been a great help to the hall during the works we have undertaken.
- Brian for running the whist in the first part of the year.

Finally, a big thanks to all the committee and members of the village who continue who support the Village Hall, without them I could not do the job of Chairman

Richard A Benjamin – **Chairman**

### **Chideock Village Hall Treasurer's Report 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

It has been a very mixed year for the finances of the village hall as for the first 5 1/2 months of the year we were matching or improving on income for the previous financial year. Then came Covid-19 and lockdown. Since April we had no income until we reopened again in September but then only with limited hall use/income. Although we did finish the year with a healthy bank balance.

## **Village Hall (continued) ...**

Luckily, we were able to obtain a substantial resilience grant from Dorset Council which hopefully will see us through until September 2021 so long as we do not have further lockdowns.

This Dorset Council grant gave us the confidence to utilise some of our reserves and to proceed with several major outstanding projects including the complete refurbishment of the accessible toilet (£1860), the gutters (£280) on the south side also needed to be replaced plus stripping, sanding, and oiling the hall floor (£700) and decorating the hall. These projects were completed with only material costs as the labour was in house. In October we paid for the fitting of the new radiators (£1470) supplied earlier in 2019 and a new main fuse board (£1345). We also spent £790 on necessary Covid-19 precautions including sanitisers, PPE, new signs, and equipment etc.

By the end of March our hall hire income was up £300 on the previous year and table tennis was also up. Proceeds from the Film Night was on par with previous year, whist and bingo had dipped but these had been expected to rise once the holiday makers came to Chideock but unfortunately holidays were cancelled. Whilst the income streams were good until lockdown, we are now concerned as to whether some of these will disappear altogether.

It will be exceedingly difficult to predict the future resilience of the hall until we return to some form of “normal”. However, we must not be downhearted, but we need to continue with cost cutting exercises and to raise money either by fundraising events or seek further grants as and when they come available.

Finally, thanks also go to Chris Walliker for his freely given time in auditing our year end accounts and to Sue Walliker for admirably looking after the hall bookings.

Roger Carey - **Treasurer**

## **Chideock Parish Council News.**

**E-mail:** [chideock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:chideock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

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Please note that the Clerk works 30 hours per month so may not respond immediately. The Council continues to lobby various individuals, organisations, and bodies regarding the A35 issues experienced by the village.

**The November Chideock Parish Council was cancelled due to lockdown. The next meeting will be at 10 am on THURSDAY 17 December, COVID-19 regulations permitting.**

**The Parish Council will adhere to the COVID-19 instructions issued by the Village Hall Management Committee, together with 2 metre social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.**

**Face, Hands and Space!**

**Casual Vacancy.**

Three people have come forward to be considered for co-option to fill the casual vacancy – Mr Peter Hunt, Mr Mick Downes and Mr Kevin Heard.

They have been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on 17 December to give a short summary of why they wish to be a councillor. Current councillors will then vote.

**Electric Car Charging Point at Foss Orchard Car Park.**

The delay in commissioning this equipment is due to the need for a dedicated high-power electrical connection, which requires excavation in the main road. By the time you read this the necessary works should have been carried out while the road was closed overnight for the resurfacing of Chideock Hill, and the equipment should be live by the end of November / beginning of December.

**Hell Lane and Shutes Lane.**

Dorset Council has made an 18-month Temporary Traffic Order closing both lanes to vehicular traffic. At the present time Dorset Highways does not know the details of the work to be carried out but have promised to keep the Parish Council informed and to conduct a site visit with councillors.

Both lanes are Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) which means that use by motorised traffic is legal unless there is a TTRO banning it.

However, please note that only licensed vehicles can be used on a public highway, so, for instance, unlicensed trial bikes etc must not be used on these lanes or any other highway.

**Clapp's Mead Playing Field.**

The Parish Council thanks the Chideock W.I. for the donation of a new bench which they are dedicated to Pam Fuller, a long-time member. Thanks also to George Dunn and Mick Kelson for installing the bench and for renovating another bench.

The ditch on the north side of the playing field which takes water from a small culvert under Mill Lane has been cleared by the Bridport Town Council Lengthsmen and will in future be inspected and cleared twice a year. The main Mill Lane culvert exit into the brook on the southern side has been deepened again and will be inspected twice a year.



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

The Bridport Lengthsman scheme is open to all local parish councils and offers services at a very competitive rate. The Parish Council is using the scheme for Clapp's Mead grass cutting, ditch and brook clearance and twice-yearly Foss Orchard hedge cutting.

### **Christmas and New Year Refuse and Recycling Dates.**

Dorset Council has issued the following information: -

#### **Revised Collection dates: -**

<b><u>Usual collection day</u></b>	<b><u>Revised collection day</u></b>
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Wednesday 30 December	Thursday 31 December
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Wednesday 6 January	Thursday 7 January
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#### **Extra rubbish and recycling.**

Up to two extra sacks of rubbish can be left beside your bin on your first rubbish collection after Boxing Day

Extra recycling that will not fit in your bin can be put in your own boxes, with glass kept in a separate box

#### **Household Recycling Centres.**

Open from 10am to 4pm daily, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day.

#### **Garden waste collections over Christmas and New Year.**

The Garden Waste service is suspended over the Christmas and New Year period, from Wednesday 25 December until Friday 8 January.

## **Stay better connected during lockdown with Dorset's Digital Hotline**

A team of dedicated volunteers is on hand to help hundreds of Dorset residents stay connected during lockdown.

Dorset Council's Digital Champions, who used to hold regular surgeries in libraries, have continued offering their expertise throughout the Coronavirus crisis via the Digital Hotline.

Now with another lockdown underway and winter just around the corner, the Digital Champions are again urging people to contact them if they need help getting online.

From setting up Zoom meetings to FaceTiming friends and family on their smartphones, the Champions are there to assist with any digital enquiry.

Since the Digital Hotline was launched in March, more than 450 people have called in for assistance. Enquiries have ranged from ordering groceries online to setting up virtual Tai Chi sessions and accessing NHS website services to solving more technical problems with a laptop.

Anyone can call the Dorset Digital Hotline with a digital question on 01305 221048 weekdays from 10am to 12noon.

# STAR QUIZ



**Buy from the shop your entry list  
Forty questions in short shrift.  
In Main Street you will find the clues,  
These you must carefully peruse,  
Then Christmas titles on your sheet  
You must very soon complete.  
By nineteenth December take it back.  
With luck you will have found the knack  
With answers correct, you are in the draw  
With chance of a prize, I am quite sure.**

Buy a question sheet £3:00 from Village shop, after Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Find forty Star Quiz clues up and down Main Street.

Fill in the names of forty Christmas songs or carols. Return your sheet to the shop before 19<sup>th</sup> December. All correct answers will be entered into a draw.

The first five will receive a prize. Don't forget to add your name.

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- To preserve for the benefit of the Chideock community whatever is of artistic, architectural, historical or constructional beauty or interest.
- To promote the study and general knowledge of all artistic and scientific subjects with the object of advancing the education of the Chideock community.



The Trustees would welcome applications for grants from students planning to advance their education, especially by way of unfunded expeditions either in this country or overseas, and from groups seeking to enhance village amenities.

Applicants, which should be from residents of Chideock Parish for a prospective (not retrospective) project, should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Trustees, Mrs Lisa Tuck, Broadlands, Chideock, DT6 6HX or by email to [enquiries@broadlandschideock.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@broadlandschideock.co.uk).

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