

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

JUNE 2023

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity Sunday.	11am Village Service (+coffee)
11 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11am Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11am Chideock Praise (+coffee)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11am Holy Communion

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

Friday 2nd.	10am Mass
Friday 9th.	10am Mass
Saturday 10th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 23rd.	10am Mass
Saturday 24th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 30th.	10am Mass

The Church and museum are now open every day 10am - 4pm

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the JULY 2023 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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Richard Benjamin (489298); Secretary: Paul Ramsden (480941)

Treasurer & Table Tennis contact: Roger Carey (489782)

For bookings contact Paul Ramsden **07749 715091**

or email [chideockvh@gmail.com](mailto:chideockvh@gmail.com) or via our Facebook page @ChideockVH

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 Paul Ramsden or go to:

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

## **100+ club**

Winners for the 1st May draw for the 100 club:

1st. prize No 43. Laurie Elliot

2nd Prize No. 61 Carol Hart

3rd Prize No. 134 Ann. Walker

Congratulations to you all

The cost will remain at £12.00 per number

Payment can be made by direct payment via the bank

Payable to 100 Plus Club Chideock News - this is a business account

Sort code 77-50-35 Account no 19265860

For those wishing to pay by cheque payment should be made out to

100 plus Club Chideock News and can be posted through my letterbox

Those wishing to pay by cash the envelopes can be posted through my letter box at Anna Dunn, Chideock House, Main Street, Chideock , DT6 6JN

## **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'

## **CHIDEOCK PRAYER NET**

*Lockdown seems a thing of the past, even though Covid hasn't gone away, and we now have other problems to take its place. Members of St Giles have always prayed for our village and neighbours, so if you would like prayer for a concern you have, or to share thanks for something (because good things still happen!), please send an email to [chideockprayernet@gmail.com](mailto:chideockprayernet@gmail.com). Your request will be sent on to individual members of St Giles; it 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*

# **A SUMMER FETE**

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**2PM TO 5PM**

**at Clapps Mead Playing  
Field, Mill Lane.**

We are now taking bookings for the stalls at this year's fete. Any local group wishing to have a stall at the fete please get in contact with Anna Dunn on 01297 489242. Email [annachideockhouse@yahoo.Co.uk](mailto:annachideockhouse@yahoo.Co.uk)

The charge for the stall is 10% of takings which will go to the Parish Council Community fund the PC have again kindly let Friends Of Clapps Mead have use of the playing field. The cut off date for entries will be the end of July. We would welcome any donations of bottles for our bottle stall tombola. I do already have a list of those who have already expressed an interest.

**THANK YOU** from the Friends of St Giles Church.

We sponsored the Flower Arranging Group at the Church to put on a Festival to mark King Charles III's Coronation and despite the very wet weather many of you attended.

We raised £110.00 from donations, for general Church Funds.

We hope to see you all again at our Summer Barbecue Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 - proceeds for the Church Fabric Fund.

Diane Benjamin, Chair

## WI Report – May 2023

The WI celebrated its 104th birthday in style. Grace Lovelass gave us an entertaining insight into the life of an opera singer and what an eye opener it was! We opened the meeting with a verse from Jerusalem and the WI never sounded better as Grace led the singing!



Grace didn't follow the traditional opera singer pathway of becoming an opera singer but came to it later in life having spent her career in Public Relations before taking the dramatic decision to train as an opera singer. She is also a tri-athlete and I think the stamina and determination needed for this sport has stood her in good stead for the hard work that was involved in her training. She gave an insight into the trials of going to auditions and the challenges faced including having to sing as she searched and collected cutlery! She also gave snippets of information about how singers cope if they are under par including having someone in the wings to catch the top notes if necessary.

All-in-all it was a most interesting and lively talk with the added bonus of Grace finishing an aria which we all enjoyed. As one would expect, we then enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea with our celebratory cake(s) being made by Bev.



WI report continued ...

The Book Group discussed the novel 'Rogue Male' by Geoffrey Household. Published in 1939 it is a thriller set in West Dorset and, more importantly North Chideock! We all enjoyed the Dorset connection and setting and the puzzle of the location. Some of us enjoyed the adventure and found the character interesting and the plot well written, others less so not enjoying the "Boys' Own" type encounters!

Lunch and Natter are trying 'The George Hotel' in Bridport on 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

The Walking Group are meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May in North Road where they will do the Blue Bell Walk at Eype.

For members of the Gardening Group – There will be a visit to East Lambrook Manor Gardens on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, meeting at 11.30am.

The Craft Group are busy making 'Dried Flower Embroidery Hoops' and meet on 31<sup>st</sup> May at 2.00pm.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm when Dr Francis Borrowghes will be telling us all about 'The Wonderful World of Glass'.

### ***Upcoming events:***

*4<sup>th</sup> July – Members Outing* which will be to Mangerton Mill

*10<sup>th</sup> June - Vintage Tea.* The WI will be supporting the Chideock Chatters

*29<sup>th</sup> July - WI Summer Cream Tea at Chideock House*

## **Calling all book lovers!**



A popular home library service, run by Royal Voluntary Service, the national volunteering organisation, is looking to grow its service for housebound readers in the Chideock locality **We have two dedicated volunteers for Chideock, Morcombelake and Charmouth areas** The Home Library Service brings books to people who can no longer get to a library. Volunteers deliver books and share their love of reading with the people they visit. They are a friendly face and a regular visitor to those whose mobility and social interactions are limited, and they provide a useful check on the safety and well-being of their readers, too. The Home Library Service is delivered free of charge; it is not only for older people, but for anybody who finds getting to the library difficult, including carers. To find out please contact the Royal Voluntary Service office on 01305 236666, or e-mail [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk). Or staff at your local library.

**Chideock Village Hall**

Chideock Chatters

presents

**Another fun evening of  
wine tasting!**



**Thursday, June 8th, 2023, at 7pm  
in the Village Hall**

**Sample great wines for summer  
Information and wines by  
'Selected Grapes' of Bridport**

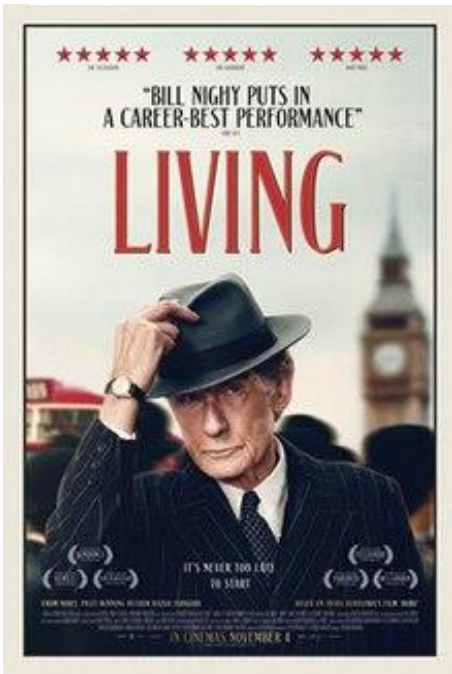
**Tickets available in advance only,  
£12 from Cliff or Sue**

01297 489520 or [suemallen1@gmail.com](mailto:suemallen1@gmail.com)

**[any profits will go to the Village Hall]**

**CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

# LIVING



A buttoned-up civil servant, played by Bill Nighy, works joylessly in the town planning department; he is a lonely widower estranged from his grasping son and daughter-in-law.

Approaching retirement, his supposed reward for a life of pointless tedium, Mr Williams receives a stomach-cancer diagnosis with one year to live. And now he realises that he has been dead until this moment. After a mad and undignified attempt at boozy debauchery in the company of a louche writer (Tom Burke), Mr Williams realises there is one thing he might still achieve: forcing the city authorities to build the modest little children's playground for which local mothers have been desperately petitioning and which he

and his colleagues have been smugly preventing with their bureaucratic inertia. Through sheer force of will, and astonishing his co-workers with his deeply unbecoming new urgency and baffling desire to help people, Mr Williams is determined to get the playground built before death closes in.

**£5.00 Entry which includes free Tea/Coffee & Popcorn**

**Wine, Beer & Cider by glass or bottle & choc ices on sale during interval**



# The Friends of St Giles Church

## Summer Barbecue 1- 4 pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July



To be held in the orchard at Lower Venn Barn, Venn Farm, North Chideock, DT6 6JY  
BBQ food and home-made salads and desserts. Licensed Bar, tea & coffee.

**£12.50, Children free. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Sally on 07891115386 or Diane on 01297 489298**

**Payable on arrival**

**Many thanks to Dr and Mrs R Elwes for the venue and to Dave and Jane Warren for the ample parking.**

# **Chideock Community Café**

**Held in Chideock Village Hall**



**FRIDAY 16th JUNE**

**From 2.30pm until 4.30pm**

**Come along with friends or  
meet new friends.**

**Everyone is welcome**

**Tea/Coffee & Cakes/biscuits  
available**

**We look forward to seeing you!!**



**This is not a fund raising event**

# **Chideock Parish Council News.**

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

**Website:** chideockpc.org.uk

**Address:** 60 North Allington, Bridport, DT6 5DY

**Phone:** 01308426327

**Facebook Group:** Chideock Parish Council

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

The next Parish Council meetings are at 10am on 30 May and 27 June.

## **Casual Vacancy.**

A casual vacancy has arisen due to Deirdre Coates' resignation after 4 years on the council.

The Parish Council thanks her for her input over the past 4 years and for her work with Mr Maskall on the long awaited but still to come all weather pedestrian and cycle route from Chideock towards Bridport. Deirdre will continue to work on this with Mr Maskall.

The Parish Council will know on 1 June whether 10 electors have requested a formal election.

If no election has been requested the Parish Council will be asking people to come forward for co-option to the council.

So, keep an eye on the Parish Council website, Facebook page and the noticeboard in Foss Orchard Car Park for updates.

## **Annual Village Meeting.**

The Parish Council was very pleased to see so many people at the meeting on 26 April and to hear what Village Groups are doing. Andy Mears (Wessex Water) gave a presentation on the Chideock Storm Overflow system. Peter Stapleton (Winniford River Action Group) then gave a presentation about how WRAG was formed and what it is doing to measure pollution of various types in the Winniford.

## **Vegetation Overhanging Footways, Carriageways and Watercourses.**

A reminder that it is the responsibility of the owner or occupier of land or property to ensure that: -

- vegetation growing on their land **does not impede the passage of pedestrians, push chairs, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, etc from safely using a footway of any kind.**
- vegetation growing on their land **does not restrict visibility for pedestrians and drivers.**
- growing on their land **does not overhand the carriageway where there is no footway.**
- vegetation or other material from their land **does not in any way impede the flow of water, which includes anything overhanging the watercourse which could, in severe weather.**
- **trap material being carried downstream.**

In addition, please ensure that no vegetation trimmings are left on a footway or carriageway of any kind nor allowed to fall into a watercourse.

**Please check your boundaries next to roads, pavements, footpaths, and watercourses (including ditches) to make sure that there are no issues and that any adjacent road drains are clear with no obstructions which could stop rainwater flowing into them.**

### **Reporting Issues to the Relevant Body.**

**Sewage / water leakages in public areas** - ring the Wessex Water Operations on 0345 600 4600 with as much information as to the location as possible, preferably a post code.

**Environmental issues** – ring the Environment Agency - 0800 80 70 60 – they will ask for a nearby postcode.

**Rights of Way Issues** –

<https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem>

**Highway Issues** – **except for the A35 – including blocked drains.**

[https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement)

[maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement)

- this excludes street lighting. **In an emergency ring 01305 221020 (24 hours).**

**Highway Issues - A35 - including street lighting -**

<https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/>

**Street Light Issues, apart from on the A35 -**

<http://www.lightsonindorset.co.uk/public/ReportFault.aspx>;

If you do not have internet access, then contact the Clerk or a councillor with as much information as possible.



# Vintage Tea Party



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Chideock Village Hall

Starting at 12.30 for lunch, running all afternoon for those who want a traditional “high tea” with unlimited tea & coffee refills

Freshly made sandwiches and cakes served on vintage china and cake stands made & prepared by Chideock Chatters & Chideock W.I.



Tickets £12.00 which includes a glass of bubbles, on sale now from Jane at Warren House  
Tel: 01297 489996, booking essential  
OR

Cup of tea/coffee with unlimited refills & a slice of cake for £4.00



There will be a bar serving, wine, beer, cider and soft drinks



Raffle tickets will be on sale on the day for £1 each with fantastic prizes!

All profits raised are for Chideock Village Hall please join us & show your support



# CHIDEOCK ART GROUP

VILLAGE HALL

The Art Group meets every Monday in the Chideock Village Hall for creative sessions where we work on our own or under the guidance of renowned art tutors. We are always keen to welcome new members - you will find a friendly, encouraging group, from beginners to experienced artists, all willing to share and learn new skills.

Come and join us!

## June 2023 programme

5th June 10.00am-4.00pm £25

***'Still Life using Pastels'***  
with Richard Turner

12th June 2.00pm-5.00pm £10

***'Painting on Dura-lar and other surfaces'***  
with Jane Coxhill

19th June 2.00-5.00pm £6

***Personal practice***

26th June 2.00-5.00pm £10

***'Animal Portraits in Pencil and Pastel'***  
with Hannah Twine

Tea, coffee and cake or biscuits included

Join as a member for additional benefits!

### CONTACT US!



Please call Joan on 01297 489416 for more information about our sessions and our Membership scheme

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[www.dynamic-dance.uk](http://www.dynamic-dance.uk)  
Call Dee on 07740349393



## Chideock Village Trust

Charity No. 1084576

The Chideock Village Trust has been in existence for over 20 years and its objects are:

- 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.

Applications, 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 [tuckfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:tuckfamily@btinternet.com).



## Whole day experiences for the adventurous family and people alike

The day will be based in and around Seatown, Chideock, Charmouth, Lyme Regis and beyond.

The experience will be muddy, wet and lots of fun! You will get to safely hold sea creatures.

Get up and close with large Lobsters, Crabs and Sharks in their natural environment.

I have 37 years of experience catching and searching for these wonderful creatures amongst the rocks and seaweeds.

*"Selfie with a Sea Creature"*

Learn to target specific predatory fish with private tuition (Baits, tackle, location and weather)

Fossil hunting is also a part of these exciting days.

We will also be taking to the woods in search of Fabulous Fungi, Bugs, Slugs any signs of life really;

Climbing, Rambling and Rooting Around.

Enjoy Succulent Seafood on the beach, away from the crowds in perfect surroundings (additional cost per person)

*Why not treat your family and friends to an experience they won't forget.*

## All experiences are based around the Full Moon Phases

Average 5-6 hrs

Experiences done between the following dates in 2023:

April 4-9<sup>th</sup> Pink Moon

May 3-8<sup>th</sup> Flower Moon (penumbral lunar eclipse)

June 1-6<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Moon

July 1-6<sup>th</sup> Buck Moon

July 30-4<sup>th</sup> August Sturgeon Moon

August 28-2<sup>nd</sup> September Blue Moon

September 27-2<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Moon

October 26-31<sup>st</sup> Hunters Moon

I will also be out on the reef at night during these phases if you would like to join in.

This is an extremely exciting opportunity to view Sea Creatures as they go about their feeding.

We can also observe the bio illumination of various plants and creatures. (Only for the extremely adventurous)

This will involve head torches on slippery surfaces in amongst rocks, deep rock pools and boulders.

Times and locations will be confirmed after payment completion.

Fully insured. Vouchers available. *Catch you soon!*

Chris Gasson 07875 959120

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