

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

FEBRUARY 2024

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

4th Feb	2nd Sunday before Lent	11am Village Service (+coffee)
11th Feb	Sunday before Lent	11am Holy Communion
18th Feb	1st Sunday in Lent	11am Chideock Praise (+coffee)
25th Feb	2nd Sunday in Lent	11am Holy Communion
3rd Mar	3rd Sunday in Lent	11am Village Service (+coffee)

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

Friday 2nd.	10am Mass
Friday 9th.	10am Mass
Sat 10th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 16th.	10am Mass
Friday 23rd.	10am Mass
Sat 24th.	6pm Vigil Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the MAR 2024 magazine to: Ms. Ruth Wrixton, Sweet Briar, West Road, Bridport, DT6 6AE. Tel: 01308 422649 or mobile 07811672058 or e-mail me: ruthwrixton@hotmail.com (I will always acknowledge I have received them – so that you know I have!) LATEST acceptance date will be Friday 16th February 2024.

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 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'

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. 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. 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

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. Or staff at your local library.

November 100 club winners

1st Prize. No 14. Brian Sanders

2nd Prize. No 98. Jenni Epps

3rd Prize. No 27. Nick Mudford







Winniford River Action Group

Public Meeting

Everyone welcome

7.15 for 7.30pm
Wednesday 21 February
Chideock Village Hall

Come and find out:

-  *What our aims are*
-  *What we have been doing*
-  *What we have found out/achieved*
-  *What we plan to do*

Guest speaker John Kenward, retired vet, on
'Flea and tick treatments for pets, and their
environmental effects'

Free glass of wine  or soft drink

THE WINTER BOOK CLUB

AT THE GEORGE INN ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM START

(from November 2023 to April 2024)



For more information contact: Jane on 01297 489996

An evening of wine tasting



Thank you to everyone who supported the wine tasting on December 12th, 2023; we hope you enjoyed it.

We were able to donate £131.00 to the Village Hall from the sale of the tickets.

Hopefully, we will be able to host another tasting later in the year.

Sue and Cliff Allen

Chideock Village Hall Event

Saturday 10 February

The Chatters Group invite you all to a

**Social Supper Evening
with Bar**

from 6.30pm on

Saturday 10th February

Chideock Village Hall

**Winter Chicken Casserole &
Pudding - £12.00 per person**

Tickets available from Jane at Warren House
07759 274905 or via jane@warren-house.com



**Join us just for a drink or treat
yourselves to a home-made hearty
dinner and dessert with friends**

The Friends of St Giles Church

Invite you to come and join us for

Pancakes



on Shrove Tuesday

13th February 2024

10.00 am until 12 noon

at the **Chideock Village Hall**

**Good coffee or tea and two 2 pancakes
per person. £5 on the door. Raffle.**

CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT
Tuesday 20th February - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry



Mild-mannered pensioner Harold Fry (Jim Broadbent) takes a stroll to the postbox one bright Devon morning. But for some reason he can't bring himself to post the letter. It's just a few stunted lines on headed notepaper, a reply to his old friend and former work colleague Queenie (Linda Bassett), who, he learned recently, has terminal cancer. Then a chance encounter in a petrol station gives Harold a new purpose: he decides to walk from Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, where Queenie is receiving palliative care in a hospice. It's an act of faith: he believes that by plodding through the B-roads of rural Britain he can save her life. His wife, Maureen

(Penelope Wilton), hurt and confused by her husband's abandonment, vacuums despondently. This politely unassuming little film builds into a wrenching examination of grief, guilt and eventual closure.

**£5.00 Entry – cash or card payments accepted which
includes free Tea/Coffee & Popcorn**

Wine by glass or bottle, beer, cider & choc ices on sale
during interval

Chideock Parish Magazine 2023

IN	Advertisers	Donations
R&D Tuck	40.00	
Village Trust	160.00	
WrixtonSmyth Creations	40.00	
Dog Training	5.00	
West Dorset Forager (to come)		
Dynamic Dance	<u>40.00</u>	
total adverts		285.00
Donations (£100 each WI, Website, PCC & Hall, £700 Parish Council)		1,100.00
Colin and Lorraine Hopkins Donation		465.64
100+ club		<u>1,100.00</u>
Total in		2,950.64
Out : Printing : Footprints		2,193.00
(1x £285, £225, £155, 2x £197, 6x £189)		

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2023

At bank 01.01.23	923.02	
Receipts	<u>2,950.64</u>	
Payments		2,193.00
As at bank 31.12.23		<u>1,680.66</u>
	3,873.66	3,873.66

Phew: we are looking good for 2024 ... long may it continue.
Many many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this.

Ed.

Advance notice to put into your diaries
Forthcoming events for Friends of Clapps Mead
Sunday 12th May from Midday onwards Classic Car Show.
Back by popular demand
Saturday 15th June. 2.30 - 5pm Cream Tea in the garden of Chideock House
Saturday 17th August from 2pm Village Fete in Clapps Mead.
Please do come and support our local events all proceeds to go into the
Children's Play area for new equipment

Chideock Community Café
Held in Chideock Village Hall



FRIDAY 23rd February
From 2.30pm until 4.30pm
Come along with friends or meet
some new ones.

Everyone is welcome
Tea/Coffee & Cakes/biscuits
available



We look forward to
seeing you!!

This is not a fund raising event

WI News

December 2023 saw our WI enjoy a delicious, beautifully served and very friendly Christmas lunch at Chideock's own pub, The George. Mother Christmas accompanied by her best elf gave out presents. All had a fun time. Those who attended the WI Carol Service in Exeter Cathedral experienced a beautiful service and fun perusing the large variety of stalls in the surrounding Christmas Market.

January 2024's first meeting of the year was appropriately spent voting on the National Federation of WI's choice of four resolutions for 2024.

Members voted on their choice from:

1. Dental Health Matters
2. Impacts of poor housing conditions.
3. Say 'no' to gambling advertising.
4. Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system.

Every member gets a vote and the results of the votes were sent to NFWI for collation and the final result will be announced later in the year.

WI members look forward to February's meeting on 6th where they will enjoy a presentation about The Abbotsbury Swannery from Charlie Weaver, a talented photographer and Swan herder! The competitions will be a swan related item. Anyone interested in the WI is welcome to come to the meeting. Looking ahead to our Annual Fuller Talk on the evening of March 16th. This year we have Kevin Lygo, Programme Controller for ITV. The Title of his talk, 'From Love Island to Byzantium' explores some of his life in television and his passion for Byzantium history and art. Details will appear in the March edition of Chideock Parish Magazine but as this will be a popular event, please book early.

100+ CLUB

Here are the winning numbers for January 2024

1st prize 137. Jenny Higgins

2nd prize. 113. Derek. Grafton

3rd prize 88. Barbara Arnold

It is also time to get the 100 club renewals out - details below

To all newcomers to Chideock welcome. If you would like to join the 100 club the cost is £12.00 per number and you can have as many numbers as you wish. The new draw starts in April 2024 prizes are monthly 1st Prize £30.00 2nd prize. £20.00 3rd prize“ £10.00

All profits go part way to helping the Chideock Parish Magazine to pay for the running costs. Please do consider joining as it is a very worthwhile local cause

Can I remind all 100 Club members that the renewal date for this year is by April the cost is still £12.00 per ticket the more tickets the more chance of winning and the bigger the cheque to help with the running of the Chideock Parish Magazine.

To pay via bank transfer details as follows

TSB. Sort code. 77-50-35

Account no 19265860

Cheques payable to 100 plus club (Chideock News)

As before cash or the cheques could be dropped into my letter box at any time

Anna Dunn - Chideock House, Main Street, Chideock, DT6 6JN. 01297

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Chideock Parish Council News.

E-mail: chideock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Website: www.chideockpc.org.uk

Address: Ms. S. Robinson, 60 North Allington, Bridport

Phone: 01308 426327

Please note that Sal Robinson is temporarily back as Clerk following Steven Rose's resignation.

The Clerk will seek to acknowledge receipt of an email within one working day and respond within five working days.

The Council continues to lobby various individuals, organisations, and bodies regarding the A35 issues experienced by the village.

Parish Council Meetings are in-person at the Village Hall at 10 am on the last Tuesday of each month except August and December. The next Parish Council meeting is 26 March.

Elections for all Parish / Town Councils in the Dorset Council area, Dorset Council itself, and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be held on 2 May 2024.

Nomination forms are now available at

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/3444>

They can be submitted to Dorset Council after March 11th, which is when the formal Notice of Election will be made.

Do you enjoy living in Chideock, and would you like to play a part in decision making for the village? If so, have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor? The council needs a good mix of people living or working in the parish; 18 years and over, working age, or retired.

Do you possess any, all or some of the following skills?

Good at mediation, forward thinking, like helping others, enjoy lively debate, can make awkward decisions without fear or favour, interested in learning how some of our lives are run by others, have a large amount of common sense, and can agree to disagree with others who may not share your views?

If your answer is YES to any of the above, why not share your skills to benefit the village? A Parish Council has few powers but is how those who do have power can be contacted and chased up on their responsibilities to their communities.

Chideock Parish Council usually meets once a month; extra meetings are only called over an urgent matter. Meetings are held at 10 am on the last Tuesday of the month. No meeting is held in August or December unless an urgent issue arises.

Training is provided by the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils and expenses are paid for travel costs made on behalf of the Parish Council.

Why not attend a council meeting? The next Parish Council meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 26 February.

More information on being a councillor can be found on the Parish Council website (chideockpc.org.uk) under the “2024 Elections” tab or contact Sal Robinson, the Clerk.

Parish Council Grants to Village Groups.

Village groups are invited to apply for a Parish Council grant. Please give details of the group and how any money awarded would be used. A grant cannot be made for something which will have been carried out prior to 31 March 2024.

The deadline for applications is **20 February 2024**. Grants will be awarded at the March Parish Council meeting.

Clapps Mead.

The trampoline will be installed when weather conditions permit. This piece of equipment has been purchased by the Parish Council with money granted by the Friends of Clapp’s Mead, raised by the group from various activities such as the fetes. It is a ground level trampoline, not one on a frame. Advice was given by a RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) qualified person before it was bought, and it will be installed by that person.

Meeting With National Highways.

Parish Councillors met with representatives from National Highways on 10 June 2023. Notes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council website under the “A35 / Meetings with National Highways” tab.

Meeting the Cllr Beddow, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities.

Parish Councillors met with Cllr Laura Beddow on 8 August 2023. Notes from the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website under the “Dorset Council Meetings” tab.

Meeting With Other A35 Parishes. (A35 Communities)

Parish Councillors met with members of other A35 Parishes from both Dorset and East Devon on 13 October 2023. Notes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council website under the “A35 / A35 Communities Meetings” tab.

Meeting with the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Mr David Sidwick.

The Parish Council meet with Mr Sidwick on 23 November 2023. Notes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council website under the “Police&Crime Commissioner” tab.

Air Quality meeting with Dorset Council Environmental Health Officers.

The Parish Council meet officers from Dorset Council’s Environment Health on 30 November 2023 to discuss air quality in Chideock (as measured by diffusion tubes along the A35). As Chideock is an Air Quality Management Area due to the high levels of air pollution, this meeting takes place twice annually. Notes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council website under the “Air Quality Information” tab.

The 2023 Annual Status Report to the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is available under the same tab.

Flooding.

Sandbags are available in the Community Sandbag Store in the car park to the rear of The Clock. These are available for free but **must be returned** to the store after use. They are for Chideock residents only.

These are supplied by Dorset Council free of charge and more have been ordered.

Dorset Council is actively involved in remedying the drainage issues in the upper part of Sea Hill Lane. To date a blocked culvert has been jetted which has removed some, but not all, of the blockage and further works are being evaluated and planned. Both residents and Parish Councillors participate in site

meetings with officers from Dorset Highways and the Dorset Council Flood Management team.

Traffic incidents on the A35.

The Parish Council has added a page on its website for residents to report traffic incidents that occur on the A35, <http://www.chideockpc.org.uk/community/chideock-parish-council-14830/report-traffic-incident/>. You are not required to provide contact details when making a report, though this may be helpful if further details are required.

Vegetation Overhanging Footways and Watercourses.

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

- a) vegetation growing on their land does not impede pedestrians using a footway of any kind.
- b) vegetation growing on their land does not restrict visibility for pedestrians and drivers.
- c) vegetation growing on their land does not overhand the carriageway where there is no footway.
- d) 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 vegetation trimmings are not left on a footway or carriageway of any kind nor allowed to fall into a watercourse.

Reporting Issues to the Relevant Body.

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

Reporting Rights of Way Issues –

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

Reporting Highway Issues – except for the A35 – **including blocked drains** -

<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). If there is immediate risk to safety, dial 999.**

Dorset Council Floodline - 0345 988 1188

Reporting Flooding for Property or Road -

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/flooding/report-flooding>

Reporting Highway Issues - A35.

In non-urgent situations only, report these to the Clerk or a councillor – this includes street lighting and **blocked drains**. **In an emergency ring 0300 123 5000 (24 hours). If there is immediate risk to safety, dial 999.**

Reporting Street Light Issues, apart from on the A35 -

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

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

Reporting to Trading Standards

If you think a business has broken the law or has acted unfairly, you can report them to Trading Standards. Call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133. There are two benefits in reporting this way:

Your call will be answered by a trained Citizens Advice helpline advisor. They take details and give you practical and impartial advice on how to resolve your consumer problem. They will tell you the law which applies to your situation and will provide letter templates if needed. They will then pass information about your complaint to Trading Standards.

Trading Standards will use the information you have provided to decide if to investigate unfair trading and illegal business activity. Often business advice is all that's needed. However, Trading Standards can take businesses to court when there have been major breaches and it's in the public interest to do so.

Here are just some examples of when you should report a business to Trading Standards:

- unsafe or dangerous goods, including electrical goods and food past its use-by date
- fake goods
- misdescribed goods
- you were pressurised to buy something
- You paid for something that you didn't receive, and you can't contact the seller
- A business seller has tried to stop you using your legal rights, such as saying you can't return faulty goods
- the price wasn't clear, or an unexpected extra cost was added
- a business is selling age restricted products to people underage
- work wasn't carried out properly at your address

Trading Standards will contact you back if they need more information about what has happened. Often Trading Standards look for persistence, so even if they don't act on one complaint, they may use your evidence to act against the business in the future if other people make complaints too.

Application Form for entrants to Clapps Mead Classic Car Event, 12.5.2024

Friends of Clapps Mead Classic Car Show Sunday 12th May 2024, 12 - 4pm The field will be open from 9 am and public will be admitted from 12 noon when the vehicle access will be closed. Entrants will receive a letter with further details nearer the time.

It is essential that the organisers have details of those who are entering. Please complete the form below and return to letterbox at Chideock House, Main Street or Farmers' Arms, Mill Lane or by email to roshipkiss@hotmail.co.uk Thank you for your continuing support.

I will be bringing a car/motorcycle (delete as applicable) to the Clapps Mead Show on 12 th May and details are as follows:	
Name	
Contact details(phone or email)	
Make of vehicle(s)	
Model	
Registration number	
Please return this form as soon as possible but at latest by 5 th May. Thank you for supporting the Friends of Clapps Mead.	

If you have any queries please contact:

Anna Dunn, 01297 489242 or annachideockhouse@yahoo.co.uk or

Lyn Crisp on 01297 489098 or lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk

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 and encouraging group, from beginners to experienced artists, all willing to share and learn new skills.

Come and join us for something new in 2024!

Spring 2024 programme

22nd January 2.00-5.00pm £10

Silk Painting pt 2

with Barbara Green

www.barbaragreen.org

29th January 2.00-5.00pm £10

Concertina Sketchbooks

with Sue Hodgetts

www.suehodgetts.com

5th February 2.00-5.00pm £10

Creating Depth through Layers

with Jean Seadon

26th February 10.30-3.30pm £25

Pastels using Isopranal

with Richard Turner

artistrichardturner.co.uk

Tea, coffee and cake or biscuits included

Join as a member to support us, meet new people and get cheaper workshops!

CONTACT US!



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

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SHALL WE DANCE?



Chideock Village Hall
Every Monday - 7:30pm
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.



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Dates are based around the full moon phases

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