



CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

OCTOBER 2024

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

6th Oct 15th after Trinity 11am HARVEST FESTIVAL
Service followed by lunch Village Hall
13th Oct 16th after Trinity 11am Holy Communion
20th Oct 17th after Trinity 11am Chideock Praise (+ coffee)
27th Oct 18th after Trinity 11am Holy Communion

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

Friday 4th Oct 10am Mass
Friday 11th. 10am Mass
Saturday 12th. 6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 18th. 10am Mass
Friday 25th. 10am Mass
Saturday 26th. 6pm Vigil Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the OCTOBER 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 20th September 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'

The Friends of St. Giles Church, Chideock



**We invite you to join us for our
Harvest Buffet Lunch
on
Sunday sixth October
in Chideock Village Hall
from 12.30 till 2 pm**

**We shall serve a light lunch and desserts, tea and coffee.
Please bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses if you
wish.**

**£10.00. No booking necessary. Raffle.
Payment on arrival**

CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS

The Chideock History website is up and running!

www.Chideockhistory.org.uk Whilst we still have lots more material from The Chideock Society archive to add to the website, more photographs, memories, etc., we have at last made a good start. We are also grateful to Antony Broad and Neil Mattingly for allowing us to share the link to their website which shows beautiful photographs and maps of Chideock and Seatown. Please look at the new website and if anyone has any photographs or memorabilia they would like added then please contact Lyn Crisp on lyncrip@chideockandseatown.co.uk or tel: 01297 489098.

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 chideockprayer.net@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.

WHIST DRIVES

As you are aware our whist evenings now resume with dates as follows--
30th October 27th November 11th December

If the evenings continue to be successful, then I will let you have dates from January through to May 2025 later in the year.

Delivering a Project for the Future

St Giles church is a Grade I listed 13th century church, whose very presence in Chideock goes back generations. Although today the congregation is smaller, it remains at the beating heart of the village, providing a place for Christian celebrations, for happy and sad occasions and beautiful flower festivals. Today the history of those that have lived and continue to live in the village is celebrated both in the churchyards and in the historical documents which are kept in the church.

A year ago, the management committee of the church (the PCC), began to explore the different options to replace the old, ineffective, gas heaters that are in the St Giles. This reflected the fact that it was recognised that due to the age and size of the church, whatever new replacement heating was considered, had to be able to maintain an optimum level of heat within the building in order to maintain the fabric of the church. Otherwise, if this principal was not adhered to, then it was highly likely the building would deteriorate rapidly.

A number of different options were considered, with initially gas replacement heaters at a cost of between £20,000 to £30,000. However, the Diocese of Salisbury would not agree to this option on the basis that it was not environmentally appropriate, or carbon neutral, and therefore only those heating systems powered by electricity could be considered. Out of the remaining options, it was found that the most cost-effective, regarding maintenance and longevity, alongside maintaining an ambient temperature was the current proposal for which the PCC are now fundraising.

The cost reflects the size of the church and the fact that the replacement of heating is expensive, this can be seen just from the previous estimate to replace the old gas heaters. The chosen provider has over 40 years expertise in delivering heating systems for Grade One/Two Listed churches

The project is divided into two phases, the first part is about raising money for the actual heating system and having it installed. The second phase will be about raising funds for solar panels to be put onto the roof, which then pay for the ongoing running costs.

The PCC recognise that it is unlikely that all the funds will be raised this year. Currently, although individuals and organisations have begun to donate towards the heating replacement fund, further funds cannot be applied for by seeking grants until we have permission from the Diocese of Salisbury in the form of a Faculty. This reflects the fact that the Church of England own St Giles and as such, they have overall control over whatever changes are made to the fabric of the church. Val has been instrumental in putting together all of the paperwork and reports that are required in order to gain a Faculty which, hopefully, will be agreed at their next meeting in September. Val and Vanessa are meeting on a monthly basis to track and project management the process.

There will be further updates on the project in the coming months. If you have any questions or you wish to make donation, then please ask Val or Vanessa, Church Wardens.

THE WINTER BOOK CLUB

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



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CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 15th October - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

OPPENHEIMER



Oppenheimer is a 2023 epic biographical thriller drama film written, directed, and produced by Christopher Nolan. It follows the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist who helped develop the first nuclear weapons during World War II. Based on the 2005 biography American Prometheus by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, the film chronicles Oppenheimer's studies, his direction of the Los Alamos Laboratory and his 1954 security hearing. Cillian Murphy stars as Oppenheimer, alongside Robert Downey Jr. as the United States Atomic Energy Commission member Lewis Strauss. The ensemble supporting cast includes Emily

Blunt, Matt Damon, Florence Pugh, Josh Hartnett, Casey Affleck, Rami Malek, and Kenneth Branagh.

£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.

BRIDPORT CHORAL SOCIETY

coffee morning and cake stall on 19th October 9.30 am till 12midday in the United Church Hall

Christmas Concert on 14th December at 7.30 pm in the United Church

Chideock Bowls Terror

It is Short Mat Bowls in Chideock village hall
We have each paid three pounds to Leigh or to Paul
All equipment is stored in a huge roll away drawer
Hidden behind curtains, under the stage floor

We lay out two mats and we all play our roles
To set it all up and then collect our own bowls
We choose our teams with the peg bag of doom
The unlucky ones get the left side of the room

We all want the right side and demonstrably hope
That we don't have to contend with the left sided slope
There is Paul and John, Ian and Gra
All can play well on their chosen day

There is David and Laurie, Clifford and Chris
Excellent players and a bit hit and miss
Then there is Tony, a really good sort
He can play well but he comes from Bridport

The men aren't consistent as far as I see
The best example of this, is little old me.
Then there's Suzie, Moira, Leigh and Jane
With excellent skills that cause the men pain

But it's a difficult game to master the knack
And quite often we bowl, and it rolls off the back
Or the bowl leaves your hand, and you think it is good
But the journeys cut short, when it then hits the wood

So, to avoid the same problem, you bowl it out wide
And feel quite annoyed when it rolls off the side
But beneath all this fun, is a story quite sinister
As under the stage is buried a government minister

The men were dismayed with his promises, all broken
They dispatched him and kept the secret unspoken
So, you ladies, beware, with your constant winning
We are getting fed up with the gloating and grinning
Us men folk may come from a gentlemen's age
But there is room for you four, under that stage.

Robb Harris July 2024

Chideock WI

A record number of members came back to the Village Hall after the summer break to meet up with friends and to hear Jake Lanning, Deputy Station Officer, HM Coastguard – West Bay tell us all about his organisation and how it operates. Jake's day job is in film and TV and his influence on the visual presentation was very obvious – nothing boring and institutional here, it really kept our attention.

Jake started by giving us some history. In 1809 the [Preventive Water Guard](#) was established, which may be regarded as the immediate ancestor of HM Coastguard. Its primary objective was to prevent smuggling, but it was also responsible for giving assistance to [shipwrecks](#). For this reason, each Water Guard station was issued with [Manby's Mortar](#) (the mortar fired a shot with a line attached from the shore to the wrecked ship).

HM Coastguard was established in 1822. They have gone through a number of changes since then but now they are responsible for all maritime search and rescue and their role includes the mobilisation, organisation and tasking of adequate resources to respond to persons either in distress at sea, or to persons at risk of injury or death on the cliffs or shoreline of the United Kingdom. Since 2015 they have also been responsible for land-based search and rescue helicopter operations. It is in fact the fourth emergency service (not the AA as some would have you believe).

HM Coastguard is a government agency, responsible to the Ministry of Transport – it is not a charity although most of its employees at coastal stations are volunteers who receive training in all aspects of rope rescue, mud rescue, water rescue, casualty care and search duties in all weathers. If someone calls for the Coastguard they will be put through to the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre at Fareham who will immediately page the local Coastguard Station and the rescue teams will be called out. They will continue to monitor the rescue until the person/persons are taken to a place of safety.

HM Coastguard also operate aircraft and helicopters – the red and white whirlybirds we often see flying over Chideock. We are lucky to be within short flying distance of six aircraft from three bases. Next time you see one flying over the village you can be confident that the rescue operation is in good hands.

The Book Group have read *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, not everyone's cup of tea but had some of us in fits of laughter. Next month we will be reading Victoria Hislop's new novel *The Figurine* – the perfect holiday read for those of us flying off to the sun. Lunch and Natter Group will be trying out the new café/restaurant, The Lemon Tree at Swyre, that has had some good reviews recently.

Our next meeting in October will welcome Chris Stevens from Bridport Museum who will be talking to us about Rural Life in the Old Days and we will be hunting out memorabilia of those times for our competition. Do come to one of our talks, you will be very welcome.

Chideock (Village Hall) *ART* Group

The Art Group meets on Mondays 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 Autumn 2024!

7th Oct 2-5pm *Painting Hollyhocks, using acrylics, with Tracy Linwood*

14th Oct 2-5pm *Drawing workshop 2 with Sophie Harrison Knibbs*

Sessions are open to members, and £25 for guests. Tea, coffee and cake or biscuits included. Join as a member to support us, meet new people and get workshops included. You will be very welcome.

Art Exhibition in Chideock Village Hall *by members and friends of Chideock Art Group* **Saturday 2nd November** **11.30 – 4.00**

Come and join us for a viewing, with refreshments
An opportunity to buy an original and creative present!

Contact Joan on 01297 489416

100 Club

Winners for the 1st September 100 Club Prize draw

1st. Prize. No 102. Ros Hipkiss

2nd prize No 25. Charlie Hillman

3rd. Prize. No 110. Nick Zagier

Congratulations to you all

A CHIDEOCK CHATTERS EVENT

Ladies of Chideock, Come and Join Us on
22nd October to

"WALK FOR WELDMAR"

A Guided Walk Around West Bay.

Length: 2.5-3 miles



Starting on the bus from Chideock to West Bay, and finishing at Rise, West Bay, for a well-earned lunch.

Meeting at the Bus Stop by Chideock Bridge, at 10am. The donation to join us is £5

Walk for Weldmar and help one of our "Chatters", Pauline, to raise money. Pauline is heading to Madagascar, in November, for a 12 day challenge, on a 5 day hike and help at a community project.

Pauline is hoping to raise as much money as she can, to support Weldmar.

"My grateful thanks to the ladies that joined me on the Green Walk. We had a jolly time, nice weather and lots of chat, whilst discovering unfamiliar parts of the town. We didn't lose anyone and we raised £210 for Weldmar hospice ... Well done everyone!!!"

For more information call Jane on 07759 274 905 or email

jane@warren-house.com



CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 19th November

7.00pm for 7.30pm

The Miracle Club



Ballygar, Ireland, 1967: a hard-knocks community that marches to its own beat, rooted in traditions of loyalty, faith and togetherness. There's just one tantalizing dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom and escape the gauntlet of domestic life: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. And with a little benevolent interference from their cheeky and rebellious priest, close friends Lily, Eileen, Dolly and her son Daniel are the 'lucky' few to win this ticket of a lifetime at their riotous local raffle night.

An exceptional cast (Maggie Smith, Laura Linney, Kathy Bates, Agnes O'Casey and many fine supporting players) leads the way. These four have a complicated mutual history the threads of which intertwine and finally resolve in unlooked-for mutual forgiveness which, if there is one, is the

actual miracle.

£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 Community Café

Held in Chideock Village Hall



FRIDAY 18th October 2024

From 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Come along with friends or
to meet some new ones.

Everyone is welcome

Tea/Coffee & Cakes/biscuits available



We look forward to
seeing you!!

Chideock Parish Council News.

Parish Council Clerk - Tan Cox

(chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Parish Council Chair - Cllr Caroline Parkins

Parish Council Vice Chair - Cllr Richard Benjamin

Chideock Parish Council News

Email - chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com

Website - www.chideockpc.org.uk

Contact - Parish Clerk

Facebook Group: Chideock Parish Council



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.

Letter from Cllr Caroline Parkins ...

Chideock Parish Council is happy to say that we have appointed our new Clerk Tan Cox formerly Clerk for Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council where she served the Bothenhampton & Walditch community for over 5 years up until it was taken over by Bridport Town Council in March this year.

This is very good news for the Parish Council who as you may know are all new councillors apart from the Chair who has done six months previous!

One of the things that your new council feels very strongly about is sharing information and including your views in parish decisions as much as is possible. As a start you will have received the leaflet on the planning decision that we need to take on the use of the hardstanding on Seatown beach.

The next Parish Council meeting is 24th September. There are 2 vacancies for parish councillors, get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in joining the Parish Council.

Message from Cllr Caroline Parkins

Hello to everyone from your new Parish Council.

I'm sure every Parish Council wants to 'involve' its residents – we do – and one of our first steps has been to propose that in the summer months we will hold the Council meetings in the evenings for those people whose daytime work makes it difficult if they want to attend – just to see what goes on.

The dates and times of our meetings ins 2025 are as follows :

26 January 2025 – 10am
25 February – 10 am
25 March – 10am
29 April – 10am
27 May Annual Parish 6pm
24 June – 6 pm
29 July – 6pm
30 September – 10am
28 October 10am
25 November – 10 am

Every Council meeting has a half hour slot at the start for any resident to raise anything they want their Parish Council to attend to or look into.

We have had several items which have taken up a lot of time during our first three months, including the creation of our new Parish Council website. You can contact us on the new website on www.chideockparishcouncil.com

In the coming months, some of the most pressing things will be:

- Land slippage of the bank in Carters Lane
- A new grass and hedge cutting contract
- Overseeing the ongoing A35 matters including changes at Miles Cross
- Developing our 5 year Parish Plan

Next month we will report back to you in the Chideock News about these matters and their progress.

Thank you for participating in the Poll relating to the proposed change of use of Seafront Hardstanding and siting of temporary mobile business/catering and a sauna.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the recent poll regarding the appeal for temporary food and business facilities at Seatown beach. We have carefully counted all the votes (excluding any duplicates) and shared both the numbers and your comments with the Planning inspectorate – so everyone had a voice!

The results were broken down by paper votes, the Chideock Parish Council Facebook page, and the Chideock and Seatown Community Facebook group. We did this to clearly identify local residents and holiday-makers/beach goers.

We hope you appreciated the chance to have your say in this way, and we plan to sue these platforms for future engagement.

For updates and opportunities to get involved, please follow our Facebook page and visit our new website at www.chideockparishcouncil.com

Clapps Mead Play Area

It is with regret that the Parish Council must inform you that the trampoline at Clapps Mead play area will soon be removed. Despite our tireless efforts to secure public liability insurance, we have been unable to do so. As safety is

our top priority, we have no choice but to take this step. We appreciate your understanding and will keep you updated on any future improvements to the play area.

I am ending this with a plea – there is a lot to do in the Parish at the moment and we are only 5 councillors – we have room for 2 more and would welcome the input very much. Please – if you have the time and could help – get in touch with us or come to a Parish Council meeting and look us over! We would be very happy to see you.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE **Battery safety**

Binned batteries and electricals containing batteries caused more than 1,200 fires over the last year, and many local authorities say the problem is getting worse. Dorset Council Waste Services are urging people to remove batteries from devices before binning them and to recycle them at the correct places.

Batteries in bins can cause fires in both collection vehicles and at facilities where the vehicle contents are delivered to. These fires can be challenging for fire services to deal with, and they endanger the lives of staff working on lorries and at waste plants.

In addition, it is estimated that 1.6 billion batteries were thrown away last year as opposed to being recycled. Recovering valuable raw materials from batteries, such as nickel, zinc, cadmium and lithium can be turned into new products. For example, the lithium collected from batteries could power thousands of electric cars.

If your electrical item contains batteries, they may cause a fire if not recycled properly, so don't bin them. If possible, remove the batteries from your electricals and recycle them separately. Batteries can be recycled at many local retailers, household recycling centres, or you can put them in a small plastic bag and leave them on top of your recycling bin on collection day. If you can't remove the battery, then recycle the whole item at your local household recycling centre next time you visit.

Common household batteries include lithium-ion 'button' batteries from watches, hearing aids, toys, etc. as well as standard barrel-type batteries such as AAs and AAAs.

'Button' batteries should never be left in reach of small children, as if swallowed, they could badly injure or kill a child. Larger lithium 'coin cell' batteries (about the size of a five pence piece) are the most dangerous. Smaller batteries can be inserted into places such as ears and noses, causing serious injuries for children if undetected.

By taking care of batteries and recycling them properly we can prevent fires, help recover valuable material and keep young children safe.



The Chideock & Symondsburry Weldmar
Fundraising Committee invite you to

A Pre-Christmas Brunch

Chideock Village Hall

Saturday 26th October
12o'clock– 3pm

Come and enjoy our festive Turkey or
Gammon Baps with all the trimmings and
something special for our veggie friends
Coffee, Tea, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies

Raffle

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Chideock Village Trust

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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.

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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