

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

APRIL 2025

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

We shall be back in church from now on. **Please dress warmly.**

6th April	Lent 5	11am	Village Service
13th April	Palm Sunday	11 am	Holy Communion
20th April	Easter Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
27th April	Easter 2	11am	Chideock praise

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

Friday 4th.	10am Mass
Friday 11th.	10am Mass
Saturday 12th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 18th.	10am Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Sunday 20th.	EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT 8.30am
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 MAY 2025 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 18th April 2025.

(Opinions expressed in the magazine are not necessarily those of the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit material submitted for publication and all published letters and articles must be attributed unless agreed with the Editor)

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'



**PLEASE JOIN US IN A
CELEBRATION OF
'VICTORY IN EUROPE' DAY ON
SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025
2.30PM TO 5-30PM**

**IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS OF 'CHIDEOCK
HOUSE' ON MAIN STREET (*COURTESY OF
GEORGE AND ANNA DUNN.*)**

**WE WILL BE OFFERING A DELICIOUS
AFTERNOON 'CREAM TEA' AND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT A SMALL
EXHIBITION OF 'CHIDEOCK IN THE WARS' PLUS
OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORABILIA
HELD BY 'THE CHIDEOCK SOCIETY'.**

**£7.50 for two scones, jam and cream
plus tea, of course.**

Raffle.

**Please just 'turn up' and join us on the day or Pop in to
look at the Exhibition. If you wish to book please
telephone Anna on 01297 489242 or Lyn on 01297 489098**

All proceeds to The St.Giles Church Heating Fund.

Lyn Crisp and George & Anna Dunn

THE CHIDEOCK CHATTERS

BOOK CLUB

AT THE CLOCK ON THE 2nd TUESDAY MONTHLY
7PM START



For more information contact: Jane on
01297 489996 / 07759274905

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

Saturday April 5th at 7.30. Minster Church Axminster. Axminster and District Choral Society perform Haydn's Creation, celebrating the choir's 40th anniversary. Tickets £16/£14 from axminsterchoral.co.uk or 01404 43805.

Chideock 100 Plus Club

March 100 club winners

1st prize. Number 2. Clem Allan

2nd prize. Number 58 Pat Bowditch

3rd prize. Number. 43 Laurie Elliott

Congratulations to you all.

For those who have not yet renewed it is not too late to renew your numbers

To those who have renewed already thank you so much .

1st April will be the start of the New Draw. I am now taking new subscriptions for this coming year 2025 a few numbers have dropped out if anyone would like more than one number please let me know the payment details are as listed below .The cost will remain at £12.00 per number

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The Home Library Service is here to help: books and talking books are chosen individually for each person and delivered every three weeks from your local library by Royal Voluntary Service volunteers. This service is free and provides you not only with a regular delivery of books but also a visit by a trusted volunteer who you get to know over time. All our volunteers are DBS checked and carry ID badges.

Maria Jacobson, Dorset and BCP Home Library Service Manager for the Royal Voluntary Service, says, "For people who enjoy reading or listening to an audio recording but find getting out of the house challenging, this service offers a vital link to the local library. It enables them to carry on doing something they've always enjoyed and helps alleviate feelings of isolation and loneliness." If you would like to find out more, please contact Royal Voluntary Service in Dorset by phoning our local office on 01305 236666 or email:

dorsethomelibraryservice@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Alternatively, you can speak to staff at your local library.



Willow Deer Workshop with Jo Sadler *Hosted at Chideock House, Main Street*

Taught by local willow artist Jo Sadler, this fun and creative course will guide you through the process of how to sculpt a Leaping Hare out of willow.



Using locally sourced willow from Somerset, you will learn the fundamentals of willow weaving, taking home your own beautifully handcrafted 4ft willow deer at the end of the day. This course is suitable for beginners and all materials are provided, but we recommend wearing old and comfortable clothing as this course is very hands-on.

Tuesday August 19th from 9-30 to 4-30pm at Chideock House, Main

Street Chideock (courtesy of Anna Dunn)

Price: £120 to include 'soup and a sandwich' lunch with a slice of cake!

To Book a place as numbers are limited please contact Anna at

annachideockhouse@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01297 489242

All Profits to The St. Giles Church Heating Fund.

Chideock Path to Bridport

At long last, work restarted on the section of the path from Park Farm to Quarr Lane on 21 March and should be completed by the time you read this in April's Chideock News. Thanks are due, of course, to Deirdre and Howard Coates for dedicating the Bridleway across their land, to Stuart Semple, Russell Gough and the team from Dorset Council for tenaciously sticking with the project and to SGN for their co-operation in detailed surveying of the location of the gas main that halted the original works.

We are so pleased at this major step to achieving a safe path for cyclists and walkers into Bridport. Of course, there is still work to be done to complete the route between Quarr Lane and the start of the footpath by the former London Inn; so watch this space.

We are equally pleased that we have been able to realise at least part of the late Meash Maskell's untiring efforts to create this link.



We need your help to fund Chideock's new defibrillator which is now positioned on the wall of the Village Store in the centre of the village.

The Chideock WI has successfully managed to obtain a new defibrillator in a smart cabinet for the village but we have to provide 50% of the funding, plus we need to be able to replace the batteries and pads over its expected life span of ten years so we

are looking for around £1,000.

There have been a number of occasions recently when a defibrillator has been needed in the village, either for residents or visitors, and we believe that its position in the centre of the village will be of benefit to all. We are very grateful to Martin Cox and his family and the staff of West Dorset Leisure Holidays for hosting the machine and offering to carry out the regular checks that are needed. The original matched funding payment, which was needed in a hurry to benefit from the offer, was made by Chideock WI but we need to reimburse them for part of that amount. We are most grateful for the donations that have already been received. The Clock have kindly offered to have a collection box on the Bar. Donations can also be made online to Chideock WI – Account Number 00242136, sort code 30-91-21 with the reference Defibrillator/Surname. Donations can also be sent to Mrs Janet Carey, 2 Pettycrate Lane, Chideock DT6 6LB.



Please give generously – any of us could be the next person needing the defibrillator.

Missing defibrillator notice

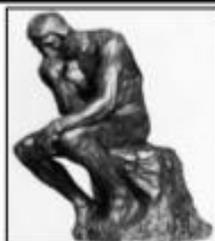
As you are aware we now have a new defibrillator in the village at Chideock Spar.

Shortly after installation at the end of February an official notice was screwed to the wall of Foss Orchard Car Park advising that there was a defibrillator at that point. Unfortunately two weeks later this notice was removed from the wall by an unknown person.

This sign may help to save lives by being visible from the main road but without it passing vehicles would be unaware of the nearby defibrillator. If anyone has seen or heard anything regarding this missing notice please could they contact either Mary Rogers 01297 489452 or Roger Carey 01297 489782.

QUIZ NIGHT

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CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 25th April 2025

7.30 pm prompt start!

£10.00 a head INCLUDING SUPPER



**B.Y.O. drinks, glasses,
tipples & nibbles**



PRIZES FOR TOP FIVE TABLES

RAFFLE

BOOK YOUR TABLE (MAX. 4 PEOPLE) EARLY

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

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IN AID OF ST.GILES' CHURCH



PLANT SALE

AT ST GILES CHURCH

SATURDAY 14th JUNE



AT 10 O'CLOCK



CAKE STALL 10am
coffee and cake £3

Please bring your donated
plants to church by 10 o'clock



Chideock
Community Café
We are Sorry
that there will
be No Community
Café in April as
it is Easter.
Will be back on
May 16th
Hope to see you then

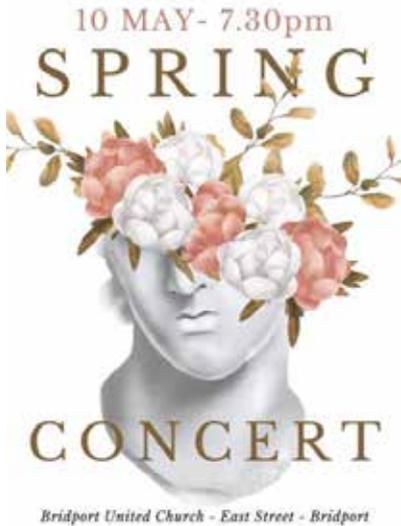


Dear Chideock Trust

I just wanted to write to let you know how brilliant the New York school trip in February was. My first time flying (8 hours later!) we arrived at JFK, in the freezing cold, -4 degrees. We had a wonderful time and were able to see all the sites despite the very cold weather.

We walked miles, worked out how to use the Subway and went up the Empire State Building on the first night to see New York lit up in the dark. Went ice skating, saw a Broadway Show – Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. We walked to The Edge with amazing views! I also particularly enjoyed the Guggenheim Art Museum as the building itself is very interesting. We also got the ferry to Staten Island, Ellis Island and Liberty Island the highlight being to see the Statue of Liberty.

Kitty



HOT CROSS BUN EVENT

Organised by the Friends of St Giles

On the 15th April 2025



At **Chideock Village Hall**
10am to 12 pm.

Gluten Free Easter biscuits available

ALL welcome
Pay on the door
£5.00 (Cash only)

Raffle /Tea/and good coffee.
(Raffle drawn at 11.30am)

WI Report

At our March meeting we were delighted to welcome Richard Balson and a large number of visitors who also joined us for tea.



Richard is the 25th generation of his family to have a butcher's shop in Bridport. They opened in the Market Shambles in the sixth year of the reign of Henry VIII and the animals were slaughtered in a wooden shed near where the Town Hall now stands. In 1785 the Improvement Act forced slaughter houses to register and there were 37 butchers trading under the new Town Hall that was built on stilts. By going into the pub trade they were able to sell liquor in the front of their building and meat at the back for six days a week. With 67 pubs in Bridport the competition was great!.



In 1892 the family bought their current shop which was an open fronted building and they collected Scandinavian ice to chill the meat from the boats at West Bay. Other ways to preserve the meat was to cover it with lard – hence the name larder – pickle it or salt it. Deliveries were carried out at first by horse and cart and later on a motorbike and sidecar and

Richard remembered that his first job after school was to pump up the tyres. Between 1976 and 1992 Balson's had a shop in Chideock in what is now The Castle and they still have a large following of customers from the village. As you can imagine they were very busy during the summer with visitors and in winter if it snowed.

In more modern times things have changed with chicken sausages becoming popular, brown paper being used instead of plastic and a feature on Country File causing a run on Balson's popular faggots. We are lucky to still have three butchers in Bridport but no one else can compete with having traded there for 510 years.

We are looking forward to the Fuller Talk on 29 March which will be given by Her Honour Wendy Joseph KC and our next monthly meeting will be our AGM. As the weather improves the Garden Group will be starting garden visits and the Walking Group will be able to enjoy walking without sliding in the mud.

Madagascar and Weldmar Presentation

Chideock Village Hall danced to an African flavour for the Madagascar Presentation on 25th February.

Anna Willmore and I rose to the challenge regaling our memories and special moments of our African experience, with tales of the challenging terrain, mountain climbs and wild camping on our 12 night Overseas Challenge Trek to Madagascar last November raising funds for Weldmar.

16 crazy people from West Dorset signed up for the Trek, and together we raised over 99k for Weldmar (plus gift aid to add). Super proud of us all.

Clare Dunster from Weldmar gave a short talk about the services and care provided by Weldmar and the exciting new Elephant 'Stampede by the Sea' fundraiser event about to hit Bridport, West Bay and Lyme Regis.

The Evening raised £1400 for Weldmar HospiceCare and I'm very grateful to the fabulous village team of helpers, family and friends who came to support Weldmar, donated raffle prizes and the makers of the delicious array of puddings! It's always a team effort. Thank you everyone.

Pauline Bale

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 website and if anyone has any photographs or memorabilia they would like added then please contact Lyn Crisp tel: 01297 489098 or lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk .

Chideock Parish Council



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The Clerk will seek to acknowledge receipt of an email 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 10am on the last Tuesday of each month for April. Parish Council meetings in May, June and July will be evening meetings starting at 6pm.

Greetings from your Parish Councillors!

Planning Application number P/FUL/2025/01104 relating to the ‘change of use of bungalow to hot food takeaway’ including minor alterations to structure, at Golden Cap Holiday Park.

The parish council is running a Facebook poll to ensure your views are captured in relation to this planning application – we urge you to go to our Chideock Parish Facebook Group and have your say.

The parish council will put together a response to Dorset Council that accurately reflects public opinion. The cut-off date for us to make a submission to Dorset Council is 4th April, we need all comments by **3rd April** please. You may also contact Dorset Council Planning yourself on www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-application and leave your own views.

Your councillors have been liaising with Dorset Council regarding the Carters Lane problems; we can confirm that a survey has now been completed to determine the extent of the work needing to be carried out and Dorset Council have completed discussions and agreements have been made with local landowners in order for the work to proceed. There is not good news in terms of progress and Carters Lane is destined to be closed for some time – more news on this when we get it.

We have also been liaising with National Highways to ensure work on the escape lane running down into Chideock is progressing – more news on this when we get it.

Our next meeting is 10am on the 25th March. Go to our website on www.chideockparishcouncil.com for details of the agenda and for previous parish council minutes.

We continue to need help from the community and would welcome residents within Chideock or outskirts to join us – please contact the Clerk to the council for more information on how you can help shape your community.



A VE Day High Tea Celebration

**Saturday 24th May Chideock Village Hall
2.30—5.30pm**

Lets step back in time,
Bring out your de-mob suit and your 40s
dresses (optional) and sing along and dance to
the Fantastic **DECADETTES**
Followed by a delicious high tea plus **PIMMS**
(no rationing here folks!) **RAFFLE**



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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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