



# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

AUGUST 2025

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

|             |            |      |                 |
|-------------|------------|------|-----------------|
| 3rd August  | Trinity 7  | 11am | Village Service |
| 10th August | Trinity 8  | 11am | Holy Communion  |
| 17th August | Trinity 9  | 11am | Chideock Praise |
| 24th August | Trinity 10 | 11am | Holy Communion  |
| 31st August | Trinity 11 | 11am | Songs of Praise |

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

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Friday 1st.  | 10am Mass   |
| Sunday 3rd.  | 8.30am Mass |
| Friday 8th.  | 10am Mass   |
| Sunday 10th. | 8.30am Mass |
| Friday 15th. | 10am Mass   |
| Sunday 17th. | 8.30am Mass |
| Friday 22nd. | 10am Mass   |
| Sunday 24th. | 8.30am Mass |
| Friday 29th. | 10am Mass   |
| Sunday 31st. | 8.30am Mass |

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

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the SEPTEMBER 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](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> August 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](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:

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and click on 'Check availability'



On behalf of [Golden Cap Churches](#)  
Your new Team Rector -  
Rev Fi Budden

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## THE CHIDEOCK CHATTERS

# BOOK CLUB

AT THE CLOCK ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY MONTHLY  
7PM START



For more information contact:

Jane on 01297 489996 / 07759274905

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## 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*

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## Sponsor a Radiator

If you are thinking of sponsoring a radiator in St Giles, please be quick as we only have 3 radiators without sponsorship left. If you would like to sponsor one for £600, with a plaque with your name on it, please contact Val Hunt, one of the Church Wardens at St Giles on [valhunt2015@gmail.com](mailto:valhunt2015@gmail.com) or 01297 489417

## CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS

The Chideock History website is up and running!

[www.Chideockhistory.org.uk](http://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](mailto:lyncrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk).

### Chideock 100 Plus Club

Although some numbers dropped out we have had a couple of new villagers who have joined. As usual the only out going is the lottery license of £20.00

We have therefore given the Chideock News £1100.00 to help with their costs.

Many thanks to those taking part in the 100 Plus club.

Anna

The winners for the July Draw

100 Plus Club

1st Prize no 27. Nick Mudford

2nd Prize no 94 Robert Woodbury

3rd Prize no 26 Ruth Wrixton

## CHIDEOCK W.I.

We had an informative afternoon thanks to Helen Long, known to many of us through 'The Clock'. Along with her companion

Resusci Annie and a training defibrillator, Helen showed us how to perform

CPR and how to operate a defibrillator in, what would be, a very stressful situation. The reassuring thing, she told us, was not to worry about breaking any ribs when doing CPR as this showed you were pressing hard enough. She carefully guided us through using a defibrillator which took away much of its mystery. It was comforting to note that the machine gives clear instructions for you to follow and makes the decisions for you.

Helen clearly explained the difference between a cardiac arrest, a heart attack and a stroke. She was most generous with her time answering many questions which were of concern to members.

It proved to be an afternoon well spent.

This was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea provided by Caroline and Diane; thank you both.

Lynne Hartman



# Help for Book Readers

## Accessing Lyme Library



**Dorset's Home Library Service (HLS)**, run by the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) across Dorset is looking to grow its ***free service for people who can't get to the library due to health or mobility issues in the Lyme Regis area.*** The Home Library Service brings books to people who can no longer get to the library for free on a monthly basis and operates from Lyme Library, through a team of RVS volunteers living in the area.

The volunteers choose and/or deliver books, after an initial assessment visit to establish the readers' needs and preferences. They share their love of reading with the people they visit and are a friendly face, regularly visiting those whose mobility and social interactions are limited, and they provide a useful check on the safety and well-being of their readers, too.

Ian Rumble, Volunteer Coordinator for the HLS in the Lyme area, says, "For people who enjoy reading or listening to audio recordings, but find getting out of the house challenging, this service offers a vital link to Lyme Library and the wider resources of libraries throughout Dorset and beyond. The service enables them to carry on doing what they've always enjoyed and helps alleviate feelings of isolation or loneliness and puts a smile on their faces"

The Home Library Service was recognised earlier this year for its "***great and valuable services to the community*** in enhancing their lives" throughout Dorset when it received the High Sheriff of Dorset's Award at a ceremony in March. Incumbent High Sheriff, Anthony Woodhouse, presented Maria Jacobson, Service Manager for RVS' HLS in Dorset, with the award and spoke of Royal Voluntary Service as 'an exceptional charity that brings the library service to people who can no longer reach their local facility.'

Early this month, Callum Bremner, current High Sheriff of Dorset who lives locally, visited staff at Lyme Library and met volunteers from RVS' HLS to see for himself what resources and support are on offer and how he could assist in broadening the readership across the town and beyond.

The Home Library Service is delivered ***free of charge***; it is not just for older people, but for anybody who finds getting to the library difficult, including carers, on a long- or short-term basis. To find out more or to request the service, please contact the Library switchboard on 01297-443151, email Ian on [ian.rumble@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:ian.rumble@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) or call him on 07779-919678.

## TRAMPOLINE

Would you believe it is now a full year the in-ground mini trampoline installed into the play area in May 2024 was covered over by the new Parish council. In May 2025 at the annual village meeting I read out the statement below from the installers of play equipment brought about by parish councils being asked to check if their insurance covered the trampolines installed in their play areas this has resulted in the installers of play equipment to write this statement and send it to all insurers to clarify the safety of the in-ground mini trampolines



When this mini trampoline was installed it was indeed insured but in August of 2024 I had a letter from the Parish council stating the insurers had withdrawn the

insurance citing that the insurers would not insure equipment which could be used for "Trampolining and gymnastics"

Furnished with the statement from the installers the parish council who covered over the trampoline on the 3rd August 2024 have as yet not gone back to the original insurers to ask if in the light of this new information if the said trampoline could now be insured.

After a year of being covered over I think it is high time the council revisit their decision from the 3rd August 2024 and get in touch with their insurers forthwith to insure the equipment and uncover and inspect it for damage for the benefit of the children in this village who have been denied use of this for a whole year.

Anna Dunn,  
Chair Friends of Clapps Mead

## **Need help with the cost of travelling to school or college this September? The Chideock Village Trust can help**

As part of a new scheme, the Trust has decided to provide a flat rate grant of £500 a year to all young people in years 12 and 13 who are resident in the village. These grants are designed to support students to get to school, college or work placements - particularly vital given that public funding for school transport stops after year 11.

All you need to do to access a grant is to send an email to:  
[chideockvillagetrust@gmail.com](mailto:chideockvillagetrust@gmail.com)

We also consider applications from residents for grants to cover other educational or preservation activities, for example, financial help to attend a school trip, or to preserve a historically significant public building or space.

Just drop us a line using the above email address.

The trustees meet quarterly to discuss applications so you won't have long to wait to learn if your request has been successful.

**The Trustees, Chideock Village Trust**  
**Charity Number 1084576**



**WHIST DRIVE at the Chideock Village Hall**  
**27th August.**

For further information please email [yawlcrescent@gmail.com](mailto:yawlcrescent@gmail.com) or phone Tan on 07528189815

# **Chideock**

# **Community Café**

**Held in Chideock Village Hall**



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**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.**

This is not a fund-raising event.



## **Friends of St Giles**

Working together with the whole community, the Friends of St Giles, aim to make sure that the fabric of St Giles church is supported financially both now and, in the years to come. Our major project this year, is to contribute to the funds for the new heating system which it is hopefully going to be installed in the autumn.

So far, we have donated £5,000 in June to the fund.

This month, we have raised just over a £1,000 from our annual village barbecue (the final figure is yet to be revealed) - this event was a fabulous day, attended by 100 people and hosted by Sally, Ruth and Robert, Dave and Jane in North Chideock. The heat did not stop people eating copious amounts of food including delicious deserts and salads. Supported by local businesses and farms, it's a real family day out with friends coming together to support the church. This year our new Rector, Fi came along with her husband, Brendon and her daughter, Ellie – and it was lovely to see lots of conversations taking place as people welcomed them into our village and church family.

In September, it is planned to begin a new approach by introducing a Free exchange café at St Giles Church. This is a successful event run by Charmouth church which we are going to emulate. The idea is that you bring along good quality items which you want to get rid of and in return you might pick up something that you might want-there is no exchange of money. If the things you bring do not get taken, then you take them home again. The café will provide cake, savoury scones, coffee and tea for a small charge.

Looking forward to the autumn and harvest, we are already beginning to plan our thoughts about doing things a bit differently, but more of that in the September newsletter. We are a sociable, friendly and lively group, made up of church goers and those who do not - we would welcome anyone to join the group-we can always find something for you to do even when you might think that you have nothing to offer. We meet quarterly with social meals taking place in between. Join us!

## **Chideock Parish Council**

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**Facebook Group: Chideock Parish Council**



Chideock Parish Council

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 6pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

### **Trampoline Insurance**

Just a quick update Chideock Parish Council in conjunction with Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils have been investigating this issue since July 2024, with the goal of securing appropriate insurance for the trampoline. All parties involved agreed not to bring this into the public domain until the matter is fully resolved.

### **Watch out for counterfeit pet medicine**

A cat named Smokey nearly lost his life after being treated with a counterfeit flea product bought online. The counterfeit product was a copy of a genuine and widely used 'Frontline' tick and flea treatment. The packaging itself looked legitimate but inside was a toxic insecticide that led to emergency surgery. Smokey survived, but his story is a warning to pet owners everywhere.

The Intellectual Property Office is warning that criminals are increasingly targeting pet owners through online marketplaces. In fact, over 18,000 illegal animal medicines and supplements were intercepted last year alone. A recent survey revealed that 60% of buyers were influenced by ease of access in buying online, and 72% wrongly believed the quality of counterfeit products would match the real thing.

Pet owners, beware: counterfeit pet medicines including flea treatments are being sold online and they could make your pet seriously ill. These products are untested, unregulated, and potentially lethal. One pet owner described a fake treatment that smelled like white spirit. Others have reported spelling errors and poor-quality packaging. Both reports can be clear red flags that something isn't right.

So, in general terms, how can you protect your pet?

**Buy only from trusted sources** - such as licensed vets, pharmacies, or reputable pet retailers.

**Check the packaging** - look for spelling mistakes, poor print quality, or unusual smells.

**Be wary of large price discounts** - if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

**Report suspicious products** - contact Trading Standards if you suspect a fake.

To report something to Trading Standards that doesn't look right, visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer) or, phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

## **The UK's Ban on Single-Use Vapes**

A vape, also called an e-cigarette, is a handheld electronic device that heats a liquid which usually contains nicotine, flavourings, and other chemicals, into a vapour that users inhale. Vapes can be lightweight, colourful and are made in many different flavours. While originally introduced as a smoking cessation tool, vaping has become increasingly popular, especially among young people.

On 1 June 2025 the UK banned the sale of single-use vapes, which are disposable vapes that cannot be refilled or recharged. Designed for short-term use they are typically discarded after just a few days. As a result, they became a major source of waste and pollution.

Before the ban, nearly five million single-use vapes were thrown away in the UK each week. Most ended up in general waste or as litter, posing serious environmental and safety risks. Their lithium-ion batteries can cause fires in waste facilities, while their plastic casings and chemical residues can pollute land and water.

Importantly, the ban also addresses growing concerns about youth vaping. In the UK it is illegal to sell nicotine vaping products to under-18s, or for adults to buy them for under-18s. Despite this, disposable vapes were the most used products amongst underage users, with a quarter of 11 to 15-year-olds reportedly using them. Nicotine is highly addictive, and the long-term health effects of vaping remain unclear. Withdrawal symptoms can include anxiety, headaches, and difficulty concentrating.

Public support for the ban was strong, with nearly 70% of respondents in a 2024 consultation backing the proposal.

Following the ban on disposable, single-use vapes, a vape can now only be sold if it is refillable and rechargeable, so no longer just a single use product.

Please report anyone you see selling disposable vapes by visiting [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer) or phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133. Your information will be passed to Trading Standards.

# Chideock Defibrillator

In conjunction with



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**Chideock Village Hall**

**7.30pm on Tuesday 5 August 2025**

Free Event

Tea and Coffee available

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**Saturday 26 July**

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