



CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

7th September	Trinity 12	11 am	Village Service
14th September	Trinity 13	11am	Holy Communion
21st September	Trinity 14	11 am	Chideock Praise
18th September	Trinity 15	11am	Morning Prayer

No second Holy Communion this month as there are not enough clergy to hold the service. Many apologies.

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

Friday 5th.	10am Mass
Sunday 7th.	8.30am Mass (last)
Friday 12th.	10am Mass
Saturday 13th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 19th.	10am Mass
Saturday 20th.	12 noon Traditional High Mass (Latin Mass Society)
Friday 26th.	10am Mass
Saturday 27th.	6pm Vigil Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the OCTOBER 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 19th September 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'



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

EXCHANGE CAFE

Starting on the 6th September 2025

2.00 pm to 4.00pm

At St.Giles Church, Chideock.

COME and BRING your UNWANTED ITEMS
for a FREE EXCHANGE

Clothes, books, bric a brac, etc (no electrical
items).

Coffee, tea and cake - donations accepted.

Held by the Friends of St.Giles in association with St.Giles Church.

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

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 or 01297 489417

THE CHIDEOCK CHATTERS BOOK CLUB

**AT THE CLOCK ON THE 2nd
WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM START**



For more information contact: Jane on 01297
489996/07759274905

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 lynecrisp@chideockandseatown.co.uk.

The Passage of Time

*'Stands the church clock at ten to three,
And is there Honey still for tea?'*

Musing on our Chideock church clock; this historical village asset in early 1900 would have chimed out the hours over rural life in the fields and local businesses, marking the passing of a working day.

Fast forward to 2025 it still chimes out the hours of the day, but barely heard over the thunder of traffic on the A35 and to check the time we reach for our smart phones...

With apologies to Rupert Brooke, maybe the current dispute over its management should consider its future as a part of Chideock's history, which 'stands, now still, at ten to three.'

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

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



CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT
Tuesday 16th September - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

GLADIATOR II



Ridley Scott's highly anticipated sequel following the 2000 epic - has been met with a mixed response from film critics, however most noted that the movie is a "thrilling spectacle" and a "gobsmacking reboot". Paul Mescal's performance as the illegitimate son of Russell Crowe's Maximus, Lucius, has been called him a "formidable lead".

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

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interval.

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.

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 or call him on 07779-919678.

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 Defibrillator

The evening learning how to carry out CPR and understanding the use of a defibrillator was a great success. Forty people filled the hall to listen to our speaker John Preston from Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. He took us through an illustrated talk about the workings of the heart and the difference between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest. He then went on to show us how a defibrillator worked, how to access it by first calling 999 and how its verbal instructions guided you through its use. He had brought four mannikins and having demonstrated CPR to us there was the opportunity for questions and to

get down on to the floor and find out just how much pressure you had to apply to give CPR successfully.

A very informative evening which hopefully will give those attending the knowledge and confidence to act whilst waiting for the emergency services to arrive.

We now have a group of three younger members of the village who will be responsible for the funds raised by the village for the defibrillator. Cliff Allen, Alison Ward and Chris Wood will be working together to open a bank account, liaise with West Dorset Leisure Holidays over the upkeep of our defibrillator and generally look after it on behalf of the village. We are very grateful to them for taking on this task and pleased to hand over to them.

Roger and Janet Carey and Mary Rogers

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 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month. (30th September).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025/2026

30th September 2025, 28th October 2025, 25th November 2025.

No December meeting

27th January 2026, 24th February 2026, 31st March 2026.

28th April 2026 - Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting. 26th May 2026 - Annual Meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

Chideock 100 Plus Club

Winners for the August Draw

1 st Prize no 149. Natalie Gladman; 2nd Prize no 105. Lisa. Tuck
3rd. Prize. no 147. Caroline Wilkinson. Congratulations to you all.

Chideock Community Café



Held in Chideock Village Hall

Friday 19 September

2.30pm - 4.30 pm



**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.

Real Madrid Tour

I am writing to tell about going to Madrid, Spain with Axminster Youth Football Club. It was a football tour with two days of training at Valdebebas Training Centre and a game against one of the local Spanish teams. This trip was to mark the end of youth U16 football.

I have never flown from Heathrow Airport and the experience of it was amazing and flying was awesome. We arrived in Madrid in the middle of the heatwave with temperatures of 38 degrees. Luckily the hotel had a swimming pool to cool down in.

Real Madrid training was really good and very hot! A stadium tour of Santiago Bernabeu, home of Real Madrid, in the afternoon showed us behind the scenes. We played CD Molerno which was a good game even though we didn't speak each other's language; we lost 3-1, a tour of the centre of Madrid to see the sights and the amazing buildings, and another tour of the stadium of Civitas Metropolitano, home of Atletico Madrid with behind the scenes sights and then after 3 packed days it was time to fly back home.

Thank you Chideock Trust Fund,
Joel



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