

# CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

OCTOBER 2025

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## SERVICES AT ST. GILES

5th October	Trinity 16	11am	Harvest Village service followed by Harvest lunch
12th October	Trinity 17	11am	Holy Communion
19th October	Trinity 18	11am	Chideock Praise
26th October	Last after Trinity	11am	Morning Worship

No second Communion again this month due to lack of clergy. Many apologies

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

Friday 3rd.	10am Mass
Friday 10th.	10am Mass
Saturday 11th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 17th.	10am Mass
Friday 24th.	10am Mass
Saturday 25th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 31st.	10am Mass

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

## DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the NOVEMBER 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 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:

<https://www.chideockandseatown.co.uk/groups/chideock-village-hall/>  
and click on 'Check availability'



# Harvest Festival

At

## St Giles Church

### Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Village Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11.00 a.m.**

**followed by**

**Harvest Brunch in the church from 11.45 a.m.**

**Scrumptious bacon / sausage baps, orange juice and fresh coffee (or tea)**

**provided by the Friends of St Giles \* \***

**in aid of the new church heating fund**

**Doll's House raffle to be drawn at around 12.00pm**

**Come and enjoy the beautiful harvest flower displays!**

**Please do bring along garden produce and/or tinned/dried goods which will be shared between Bridport Food Bank and Community Kitchen**

**\*\* It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if you could let us know if you're coming!**

**Please text / leave a message on 07891 115386 or email [sallycoade@hotmail.com](mailto:sallycoade@hotmail.com)**



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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 [chideockprayer.net@gmail.com](mailto: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*

## Heating at St Giles

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a radiator. They are all now sponsored. However, if you would still like to donate to the heating fund, it is not too late. Every person who has donated, or who will donate any amount of money will be entered in the book of thanksgiving which will be on display in the church later this year.

To donate either send a cheque to

Mrs Hunt, Longwood Chideock DT6 6JW made out to PCC Chideock

or by BACS to PCC Chideock,

Bank TSB Sort code 30 91 21 A/c no 00167630

with reference heating and your name.

Thank you all so much for your support. Hopefully we can raise enough money to have the new heating installed before Christmas.

Val Hunt Church Warden

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# THE CHIDEOCK CHATTERS BOOK CLUB

## AT THE CLOCK ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 7PM START



For more information contact: Jane on 01297  
489996/07759274905

# WHIST DRIVE

Chideock Village Hall

29 October, 26 November and 10 December.

For further information please phone 01297 48962

## **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**

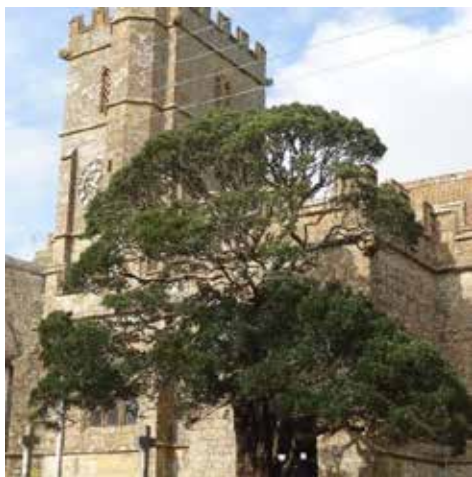


## CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS

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).

# THE FRIENDS OF ST GILES CHURCH, CHIDEOCK An Amble Through the Years 1960-2024



This history is  
dedicated to the many  
women who loved this  
Church and willingly  
cooked, cleaned and  
cared for it over the  
years.

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Hard copies of the above local history can be found in the Chideock Museum, or can be sent in electronic format to any villager who would like to read a copy.  
Email: [diane.benjamin@outlook.com](mailto:diane.benjamin@outlook.com)

## September Meeting: Guide Dogs for the Blind



Geoff Hunt and his beautiful guide dog Pringle delighted us all with a heartwarming talk about the Charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. The Charity runs a very comprehensive programme, from the selection of the dogs through a breeding programme to the personal training of each dog with their new owner. A guide dog will usually be a Labrador, Golden Retriever or Alsatian but they can be cross bred, for example a labrador/retriever cross resulting in a taller dog more suitable for a taller owner. The whole process, from birth to retirement of the guide dog, costs £100, 000, with the training itself costing £16,000.



Geoff explained that the dog's wellbeing is always at the heart of the very intensive training programme. At any stage of training if a dog is deemed unsuitable as a guide dog, they are withdrawn from the programme and are often found alternative work, such as 'buddy' dog, sniffer dog or medi dog, as the early basic training is the same. Sometimes they are offered up for adoption and make good pets for people as the initial training has been done. Geoff explained that a lot of time was lost during the covid pandemic as the breeding programme had to be halted and those puppies already in the programme missed out on early socialisation, thus making them unsuitable.

Geoff spoke fondly about his own experience, being accepted as a good match with Pringle and the instant connection they had. He



said that Pringle has made a huge difference to his life, giving him confidence to go out and supporting his mental health. In preparation for having a dog he made sure the garden was secure, he had the bed bowls and food ready so that when a dog became available he wasn't refused. He pointed out that the dog should have a 40 minute walk every day, ideally with a purpose, like an outing to a cafe or shop. Guide dogs should also have 30 minutes of free time daily where they are 'off duty': released from the lead or harness, to savour the delights of 'just being a dog'. Wag wag!

Through Pringle Geoff volunteers for the charity and this has meant he has made new friends. Geoff and Pringle are very well known locally. He invited us to stop and say 'hello' if we see them out and about, of course mentioning Chideock WI.

Lynne Hartmann & Julia D-S

Chideock WI meet at 2.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Chideock Village Hall. We have a superb committee who arrange excellent talks and events for us and run a variety of clubs which meet throughout the month. We are ALWAYS open to new members.

All women are welcome to join us, just come along.

## 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](mailto:ian.rumble@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) or call him on 07779-919678.



# Halloween

For all of us monsters and things that have died  
There's one night of the year, we don't need to hide  
Werewolves and skeletons, vampires and ghosts  
One special time that we love the most

All of my friends, many monstrous gangs  
There's zombies and mummies and clowns with huge fangs  
We all gather together in my spooky mansion  
It is getting quite crowded but there's room for expansion

We brush the beast's fur and sharpen their claws  
We'll just walk down the street and knock on your doors  
Blood is our tippie; we drink it like wine  
I am the monster from Frankenstein

I've invited the Warlocks and warty old witches  
Spread Vaseline on my copious stitches  
It's good to go out, it's good to be naughty  
I've shined up my neck bolts with WD40

If you open your door, it will seal your doom  
You'll congratulate us on our brilliant costume  
You will give us your candy, we don't need to ask  
And you'll think to yourself, what a fantastic mask

And there we will be in all of our glory  
Then from this moment, it gets screamy and gory  
At the end of the night, we have fed on your fear  
You are now one of us and you'll join us next year

We're the trick of the night and we've taken your treats  
And throughout the year, we are eating your sweets  
Most of the time, we are living unseen  
But you dress up like us, on Halloween

Robb Harris   October 2024

# Chideock Community Café

Held in Chideock Village Hall



## FRIDAY 17 Oct

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!!

## **100+ Club**

Winners of the 100 Plus Club 1st September Draw

1st. Prize. 103. Jamie Smith

2nd Prize. 144 Elizabeth Grant

3rd Prize 82. Pam Brett

## **Chideock Parish Council**



Chideock Parish Council

**Parish Council Clerk -**

**([chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com))**

**Parish Council Chair -**

**Parish Council Vice Chair - Cllr Richard Benjamin**

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**Website [www.chideockparishcouncil.com](http://www.chideockparishcouncil.com)**

**Facebook Group: 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 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month. (28<sup>th</sup> October).

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025/2026**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2025,

25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

No December meeting

27<sup>th</sup> January 2026,

24<sup>th</sup> February 2026,

31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Annual Meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

### **Chideock Defibrillators – Dial 999 first**

These can be found at the Spar Shop in Main Street, Golden Cap Holiday Park – Alberton, Golden Cap Holiday Park - Shop and The Anchor at Seatown.

# CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October -

### 7.00pm for 7.30pm

STEVE COOGAN  
*The*  
**Penguin Lessons**  
Based on a true story



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FULL MONTY  
AND THE WRITER OF PHILUMENA



Coogan brings his signature dry irony to proceedings, but the penguin is the star in Peter Cattaneo's film about mutual human-animal healing against the backdrop of Argentina's 1976 military coup.

Argentina's 1976 military coup d'état, along with the sustained period of violence and forced disappearances that it ushered in, isn't an obvious historical backdrop for a heartwarming tale of human-animal bonding. But that's how the timing worked out for Tom Michell, an English teacher stationed at an elite Buenos Aires private school, at the time of the turmoil: With

the country in chaos and many of his colleagues in crisis, he was figuring out what to do with the Magellan penguin he had accidentally adopted on a weekend jaunt to Uruguay. His 2016 memoir of that period, "[The Penguin Lessons](#)," was the kind of breezy read that bridges adult and juvenile tastes for animal stories; [Peter Cattaneo](#)'s amiable film adaptation matches the book's feathery whimsy while reaching for a little more political import.

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