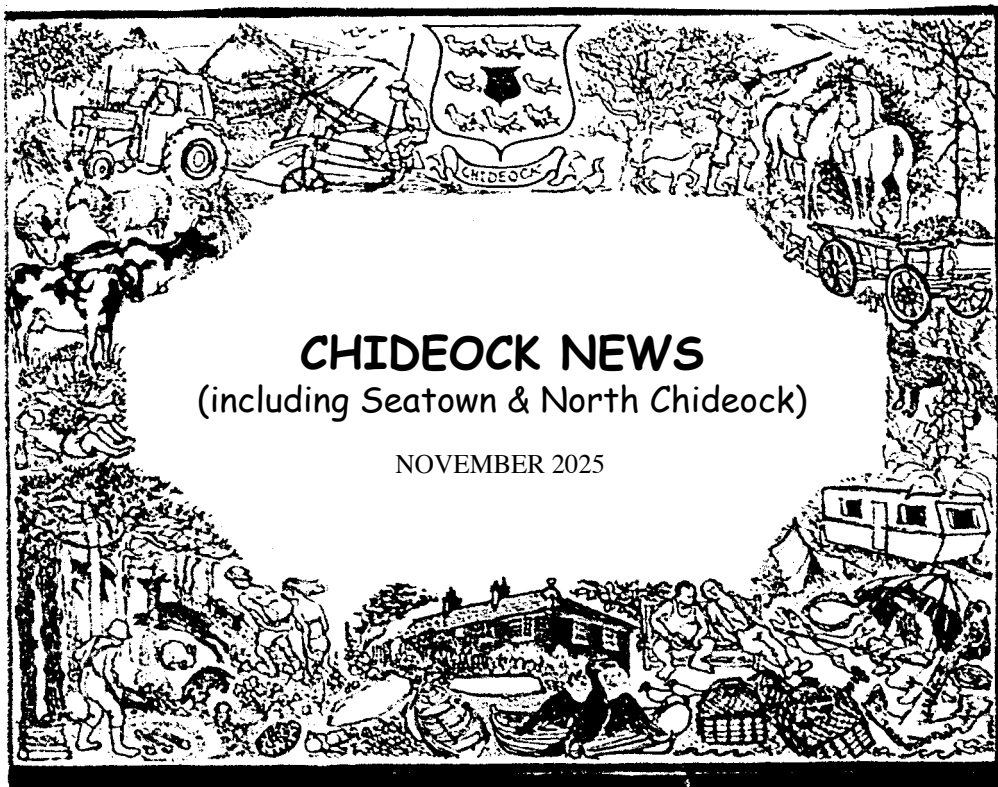




CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

NOVEMBER 2025

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

2nd November	All Saints Day	<u>11.am</u>	Village Service
9th November	Remembrance Sunday	10 50 at Memorial then church	
16th November	3rd before Advent	11am	Chideock Praise
23rd November	2nd before Advent	11am	Holy Communion
30th November	Advent Day	11am	Songs of Praise

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

Friday 7th.	10am Mass
Saturday 8th.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 14th.	10am Mass
Friday 21st.	10am Mass
Saturday 22nd.	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 28th.	10am Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the joint DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 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 21st November 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'

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

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

WHIST DRIVE

Chideock Village Hall

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

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 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 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

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.

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.

WI CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Call for Stallholders, Crafters, Artisans

The Christmas Fayre will be held this year on Saturday 29 November in the Village Hall from 12.00 – 3.00 pm. Anyone who would like to have a stall should make contact with the WI via email – chideockwi@gmail.com. This year we will be charging £5.00 for a small table and £10 for a large table. If you know anyone who sells interesting products, please let them have this information.

Chideock W.I. October Meeting

Chideock W.I. met for a jolly celebration of all things contemporary with singer songwriter Miranda Pender. Miranda delighted us with her performance of 'Musical Musings', singing her own songs with acoustic guitar accompaniment. Miranda's musings ranged from subjects as far apart as explorations into familial ancestry to the fate of the notorious captain of the Costa Concordia. Have you ever thought about a man who buys 'petrol station flowers' for his partner? Miranda has and, perhaps reminiscent of the late and wonderful Jake Thackray, she made us chuckle with her related fantasies. Miranda has a performance history in Essex folkclubs and now can be found on her own You Tube channel.



So What's Next? Apart from the Book Group, Walking Group, Create with Company and Lunch & Natter

The W.I. CHRISTMAS FAYRE is fast approaching.

A DATE FOR ALL YOUR DIARIES: Sat 29th Nov, 12noon-3pm in Chideock Village Hall.

Tasty food, interesting stalls and produce and always a warm welcome. Free Entry. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Coming Together with the Friends of St.Giles

In recent weeks and days the FOSG have hosted two successful events in St.Giles Church. The first was the Exchange cafe at the beginning of September. This free exchange of personal effects provided the opportunity for villagers to move on, various bits of clothing and other stuff such as books and ornaments. Coffee, tea and cake made the event a sociable and relaxing time for all who came along. It is planned to hold the next Exchange cafe after Christmas, when hopefully villagers will have unwanted Christmas gifts to share. The donations given at these events for the refreshments are given straight to St.Giles church as a contribution to the continuing fundraising for the heating and the additional fabric costs.

The second event, was for the first time, our Harvest Brunch in the church on Sunday. This was a fantastic celebration of all things to do with autumn, from the wonderful flower arrangements, to the produce from the field (filling the church with the smell of apples), to the food for the Bridport food bank, to the smell of bacon and sausage baps. The service in the church was well attended and Dave Warren gave an interesting talk on all things about farming, with the odd funny moment producing a nice chuckle from those in church. The majority of people stayed for the brunch, with everyone seated in the church - a true bringing together of our wonderful Chideock and Seatown community.

Last of all, the beautiful dolls house created by Bev Taylor was raffled, and it has gone to a good home, alongside a lovely basket of fruit and veg. Thank you to Bev for her continuing support and all of her innovation.

If you are interested in joining us, then please contact me, Vanessa McAra on 07772 298422. We are a friendly and supportive group who meet bi monthly, and our aim is to work with St. Giles church to raise funds for the fabric of the church.

100+ Club

Winners of the 100 Plus Club October 25

1st. Prize no 149 Natalie Gladman

2nd Prize no 144 Elizabeth Grant

3rd Prize no. 158 Pat Cole

VILLAGE HALL

AGM



Annual General Meeting of Chideock Village Hall

**7.30 pm Tuesday, 11th November
2025**

All welcome

Come along for a glass of wine

Find out what's happened at the Hall in the past year

What events & activities would you like to see?

Interested in joining the Committee?
Let us know by 7th November 2025

07852 160537 or at chideockvh@gmail.com

Chideock Parish Council



Chideock Parish Council

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(chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Parish Council Chair -

Parish Council Vice Chair - Cllr Richard Benjamin

Email - chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com

Website 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. (28th October).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025/2026

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 Christmas Choir 2025!

All being well St Giles Church will have the new heating installed in time for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 21st December. For anyone new to the village, it has been a long held tradition for a 'pop-up' choir to come together for this annual event and practices will be held in the village hall on Wednesday evenings from 7.00 – 8.15pm beginning on 5th November. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses all very welcome so if you love singing please do join us – we have a lot of fun! AND are there any children (12 and under) who would like to take part in a children's choir to sing one or two carols at this year's service? If so we'll probably just need a couple of Saturday rehearsals in December, to be arranged to suit everyone.

Please contact Sally on 07891 115386 or sallycoade@hotmail.com for more information.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

No Blame, No Shame

The national #NoBlameNoShame campaign says that if you think scams only happen to people who are 'gullible' or who are out of touch, then think again. The truth is, anyone can be vulnerable to scams, especially during stressful times or when facing big life changes. Maybe you're moving out for the first time, going through a separation, dealing with bereavement, or an addiction. These moments can make even the most switched-on person a target.

Everyday type decisions can be confusing too, like buying goods online, investing your money for higher returns, switching energy providers, or booking last-minute holidays. We can't all be confident consumers in all we do. If you're not sure what you're doing, then you're potentially vulnerable too. It's then easy to get caught out. If you're not confident with fast changing digital tools and technology, then the risks can be even higher. Scammers use these tools to trick people into handing over money or personal details. They might start off friendly and helpful but might quickly turn pushy or even threatening if you hesitate.

Vulnerability isn't a weakness, and it's often not permanent, it's just a part of life that everyone experiences at some point. The key is to recognise it and take steps to protect yourself. Talk openly with friends and family about scams and how they work. Don't be afraid to ask questions or double-check things that seem off.

If something feels too good to be true, it probably is.

Most importantly, look out for each other. Share what you know, and don't judge someone if they get caught out. Don't let anyone make you feel ashamed for being cautious.

Why not join over 5500 other people in Dorset and become a 'Friend Against Scams'? You'll learn how to spot a scam, increasing your knowledge so you can talk with friends and family to help keep them safe too.

Visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 18th November

7.00pm for 7.30pm

The sequel we didn't know we needed, Mad About The Boy is a heartfelt,

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BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY



charming return to the chaos surrounding the one and only Bridget Jones. You might even shed a few tears.

Zellweger is plenty charming, as is Hugh Grant as perpetual rogue Daniel Cleaver, who has softened slightly in his old age, and although the pair only share a few scenes, their reunion feels like the most well-executed piece of fan service.

What you have is a mature film that captures all the ups-and-downs of life, and all the truths we can hold at the

same time. Bridget can quietly sit with her pain and have fun sexy times with a younger lover.

£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.

Ready steady Go again..Wreaths for Weldmar 2025.

It's our 17th year and we hope you can join us for some festive fun! To be held again at Venn Farm Barn, North Chideock, generously loaned by David and Jane Warren, my greatest supporters, and every penny goes to Weldmar, our local hospice who offer compassionate end of life care.

I've rounded up my fabulous helpers, we all love it and hope that you do too. Last year we raised over £5k, what a fantastic effort by family and friends and all the lovely people who joined in the fun. It's a jolly holly team effort!

Wreath-making Workshops on Friday 5th December and Saturday 6th December 10am-12.30 £25 pp. Book soon, limited spaces.

Wreath for sale to order £25 each. A wonderful team of elves will be busy in the barn making beautiful wreaths with love and care and the orders will be ready for collection on 8th or 9th December from Chideock.

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We look forward to seeing you!!



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Diane Benjamin, Mobile: 07979695378

Axminster and District Choral Society autumn programme



A joyful autumn

The Choral Society's fortieth anniversary year will close with two contrasting events. First is their autumn concert on November 15th featuring three contemporary British composers. Sir John Rutter's jubilant *Psalmfest* will be combined with Bob Chilcott's reflective *Requiem* and a new piece written for the anniversary by the Society's President Andrew Millington.

The choir will be joined by soprano Harriet Mountford and tenor Sam Dressel, and accompanied by a chamber ensemble. It promises to be an uplifting evening.

This concert will be followed on December 6th by a Come and Sing *Messiah*, reprising the event in 1985 that gave rise to the founding of the Society. Do join us, to sing or simply to listen, as we conclude the celebration of our anniversary with this well-loved work. The Come and Sing event will be in Seaton Methodist church, but there will be three optional rehearsals in Axminster beforehand.

Plans for 2026 include Vivaldi's *Gloria* in the spring and Charpentier's *Messe de Minuit* in December.

For more details please visit our website,
www.axminsterchoral.co.uk,
email axminsterchoral@gmail.com
or phone 01404 43805.

For further information, contact:
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PSALM 98: ANDREW MILLINGTON

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