

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

APRIL 2026

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

5th April	Easter Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
12th April	Easter 2	11am	Holy Communion
19th April	Easter 3	11am	Chideock Praise
26th April	Easter 4	11am	Celtic Worship

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

Friday 3rd.	10am	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Sunday 5th.	8.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Friday 10th.	10am	Mass
Saturday 11th.	6pm	Vigil Mass
Friday 17th.	10am	Mass
Friday 24th.	10am	Mass
Saturday 25th.	6pm	Vigil Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the MAY 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 17th April 2026.

(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'

THE CHIDEOCK CHATTERS BOOK CLUB

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



For more information contact: Jane on 01297
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Office: 01305 236666, Mobile: 07786 635154**

Email: maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

This is a free service organised by the RVS. Chideock already has a local volunteer delivering to people in the area, do give Maria a call and join us.



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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. 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

Chideock Village Hall Event

STEP OUTSIDE WITH A NATURE BUDDY

If you've ever wanted to spend more time outdoors but felt unsure about how to start, you're not alone, and help is at hand.

The Nature Buddies Network is a Dorset-wide initiative designed to support people to get outdoors and enjoy nature to improve their health and wellbeing. Whether you're feeling isolated, anxious, or lacking the confidence to get outside alone, Nature Buddies can help.

Managed by Dorset National Landscape in partnership with Volunteer Centre Dorset, and supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project matches trained volunteer Nature Buddies with people who could benefit from FREE, gentle, friendly support to enjoy the outdoors.

Nature Buddies can accompany you on a walk, help you visit local green spaces, support you to try an outdoor activity or even take part in nature-based activities with you at home.

It has been proven that spending time in nature - even just a couple of hours a week - can lift your mood, ease stress, boost your immune system and improve your physical wellbeing. Whether it's a stroll through a local park or simply sitting among trees, let nature be your natural health service.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Nature Buddy please visit: <https://www.dorset-nl.org.uk/project/nature-buddies-network> to find out more, or call Kate on 01305 228246 / email:

kate.townsend@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Saturday Coffee Morning



Saturday 11th April
10am - 12 noon
Chideock Village Hall



Join us once more for another free coffee morning with
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and other treats on offer

Come along on your own to catch up with other
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Bring your children as well as there will be toys and
colouring books for them

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Chideock Defibrillators – Dial 999 first

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

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 W.I.

At our March meeting we had a fascinating talk by local medical herbalist, Alice Martin. Her subject was Weeds as Allies and she gave us a fascinating insight into the uses of plants that many of us would pull out of our gardens – dandelion, nettles and celandine being a few. Herbal medicine can take the form of alcoholic tinctures, teas, or capsules, as well as external treatments such as salves, baths, or compresses and have been in use for thousands of years. We were delighted to welcome visitors for this talk and they stayed for tea afterwards.

Ladies are always welcome to join our meetings as visitors to find out whether they would like to join and many are particularly interested in our special groups which have their own meetings once a month. The Book Group chooses a different book every month, often recommended by a member, and it is amazing how widely our discussions range as we enjoy a light lunch in a local pub. The Walking Group are exploring the local footpaths in the area from climbing Golden Cap, wandering through hollow ways or visiting local nature reserves. The Lunch and Natter Group does just that – a delightful way of visiting local hostelrys and the Create with Company Group meet up over cups of tea to enjoy their own particular craft or learn something new.

April is our AGM and the start of the WI year – why not come and join us this year.

You can contact us via our website www.chideockwi.org.uk.



Two talks to be delivered by the Chideock Local History Group...

Saturday 25th April

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Chideock Village Hall...

Once upon a time in West Dorset. The evolution of Charmouth and Chideock, contrasting fortunes

Speaker: Stan Dolan on behalf of the Chideock Local History Group

£5 entry on the door. Card reader available.

Refreshments will be served

Any queries to alison@cottagesdorset.co.uk 07786980008

Saturday 30th May

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Chideock Village Hall...

The Dawn to Destruction of Chideock Castle

Speaker: Alison Ward on behalf of the Chideock Local History Group

£3 entry. Card reader available.

Refreshments will be served

Any queries to alison@cottagesdorset.co.uk 07786980008

Chideock Parish Council



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Parish Council Clerk -

(chideockparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Parish Council Chair -Vanesse McAra, 6 Winniford Close, Chideock

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2026

28th April - Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting.

26th May - Annual Meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

Let's start with some good news, it's lovely to see "Meash's Way" getting recognition, and a pertinent reminder of what community involvement can achieve, when everyone comes together. Down at Seatown the fencing around the rock armour has been replaced, and Palmers have actively worked to clear the car park. However, the beach remains a difficult area to navigate and everyone just needs to be aware that this is a private beach, and not one owned by the Parish council or Dorset.

There are a few things happening in the coming months which villagers need to be aware of -;

- The instalment of average speed camera's-this has been a long-standing proposal by previous parish councils and it's really great to see that this is about to be realised. Although the cameras are still in the process of being fitted, traffic is already slowing down. Crossing the road has become a little easier and once installed it should impact both on noisy motorbikes zooming through the village and HGVs.
- The parish council are currently setting up a meeting with National Highways, to look at how we can continue to see improvements. We are aware that the current contract with Connect finishes in the autumn and National Highways will take over responsibility for road maintenance.
- Meetings are currently being organised with Dorset Council's environment department, as the current environmental strategic plan runs out at the end of this year. It is important the village contributes.

- Annual Village meeting on the 28th April 2026 at 7.00pm.
- 17th June 2026, public meeting regarding “Seeking Solutions to Flooding in Chideock “. This reflects the growing concerns around the village where flooding has taken place, and thinking together with our partners how we can do things differently to support it not having the same impact.
- A reminder that for those who use the Village car park overnight, that there is available a season ticket, which can be purchased. The car park provides useful revenue for the village.
- **Planning Inspectorate Bridleway 18, Mill Lane, Chideock** (this issue relates to the bridleway that runs just past Roadstead farm and down to the entrance to the caravan park at the bottom of the hill). After 11 years, this matter has at long last reached the planning inspectorate, who will determine the future of the bridleway. Many pedestrians will have experienced holiday traffic using the bridle way, and 11 years ago a community group within the village challenged the ownership of the bridleway and its determination. The group has sadly diminished over the years for various reasons, but then no one expected that it would take so long to get to this point. Cllr Lyn Crisp holds the history, but if anyone is interested then please contact Lyn. Everyone should remember that this section of the road is the only safe route for wheelchair users, children and families to get to Seatown.
- Last of all, interviews will have taken place for a new clerk by the time you get this edition of the parish news.

Reporting Issues to the Relevant Authority

Sewage / Water Leakages in Public Areas - Ring Wessex Water Operations on 0345 600 4600 with as much information on the location as possible e.g. Post code

Environmental Issues - Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60 with Post Code if possible

Rights of Way Issues -

<https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem>

Highway Issues - except for the A35 - including blocked drains

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement> - excluding street lighting

Emergency phone 01305 221000 (24 hours)

Highway Issues A35 - including street lighting -

<https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk>

Street Light Issues (apart from on the A35) -

<http://www.lightsonindorset.co.uk/ReportFault.aspx>:

If you do not have internet access, then please contact the Clerk or a Councillor with as much information as possible.

100 plus club

It is time to get the 100 club renewals out - details below

Chideock 100 plus club renewals and new membership for 2026

To all newcomers to Chideock welcome. If you would like to join the 100 club the cost is £12.00 per number and you can have as many numbers as you wish.

The new draw starts in April 2026 prizes are monthly 1st Prize £30.00 2nd prize. £20.00 3rd prize £10.00

All profits go part way to helping the Chideock News to pay for the running costs. Please do consider joining if you are new to the village as it is a very worthwhile local cause

Can I remind all 100 Club members that the renewal date for this year is by April the cost is still £12.00 per ticket the more tickets the more chance of winning and the bigger the cheque to help with the running of the Chideock News.

To pay via bank transfer details as follows

TSB. Sort code. 77-50-35

Account no 19265860

Cheques payable to 100 plus club (Chideock News)

As before cash or the cheques could be dropped into my letter box at any time
Anna Dunn - Chideock House, Main Street, Chideock, DT6 6JN. 01297 489242

Winning numbers for February 26

1st prize 170 Jessica Long

2nd prize 17 Roger Carey

3rd prize 84. Kathrine Higgins

Winning numbers for March 26

1st prize 136. Helen Long

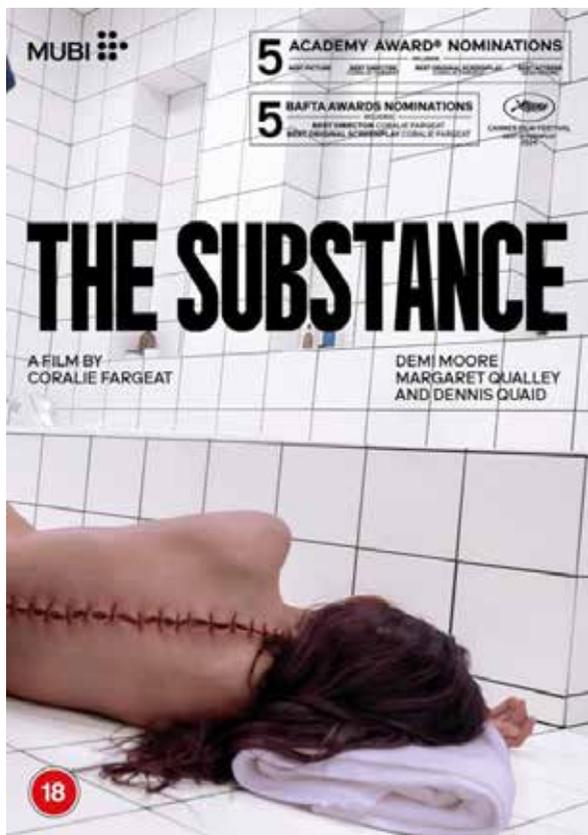
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CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 21st April

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which includes free Tea/Coffee & Popcorn

Wine by glass or bottle, beer, cider & choc ices on sale
during interval

QUIZ NIGHT

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CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 24th April 2026

7.30 pm prompt start!

£10.00 a head INCLUDING SUPPER



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



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Chideock Community Café

Held in Chideock Village Hall



Friday 24th April

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

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SHALL WE DANCE?



Chideock Village Hall

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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



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