



CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

MAY 2026

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

3rd May	Easter 5	11am	Chideock Praise
10th May	Easter 6	11am	Holy Communion
17th May	Easter 7 (Ascension)	11am	Village Service
24th May	Pentecost	11am	Holy Communion
31st May	Trinity Sunday	11am	Sons of Praise

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

Friday 1 st .	10am Mass
Friday 8 th .	10am Mass
Saturday 9 th .	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 15 th .	10am Mass
Friday 22 nd .	10am Mass
Saturday 23 rd .	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 29 th .	10am Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the JUNE 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 22nd May 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

Chair: Richard Benjamin (01297 489298), Secretary: Paul Ramsden, Treasurer and Table Tennis contact: Roger Carey (01297 489782)

Bookings: Contact Paul Ramsden (07749 715091), email: Chideockvh@gmail.com or message via our Facebook page

For news and availability: Search for Chideock Village Hall and choose the website or our Facebook page, follow us on Instagram or just give us a call.

CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT
Tuesday 19th May
7.00pm for 7.30pm



A Complete Unknown tells the story of Bob Dylan's move to New York City at the top of the 1960s, through his discovery by Pete Seeger, instant star-making turns in the Greenwich Village folk scene and ending with the infamous 'Dylan goes electric' performance at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival

£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

Chideock W.I.

March Meeting (updated synopsis)

Our March talk 'Weeds As Allies' was given by Alice Temple who is a qualified medical herbalist. Opening with a poem by Charles E Benham, Alice was very exuberant in presentation, asking everyone to embrace the wonder of the useful weeds/herbs that we can find all around us, even in our own gardens. She said there are probably upwards of several hundred herbs but there is a mainstay of 12 - 20 native herbs which are medicinal powerhouses. Concentrating on a few in the talk Alice said that the system of medicine that uses herbs is the oldest form of medicine with ancient burial sites around the world containing herbs. Animals have been known to use herbs for healing and birds line their nests with herbs to drive out mites etc. Farmers have allowed strips of land containing herbs, useful weeds to be left for animals to graze on to help boost their health. Unfortunately whilst the use of herbal remedies is widespread in many parts of the world, we've lost that to a large extent in the UK. Alice pointed out that 50% of pharmaceuticals are plant based.



DANDELION: A super herb: the root is very bitter to taste but tasting something bitter before eating can prime the digestive system. It can be roasted and small pieces chewed to make it more palatable. It can help relieve bloating, reflux and constipation: like a gut tonic. When the root is roasted it can be used as a coffee substitute. The leaf is packed with minerals and is a diuretic, used for flushing out the urinary system. Infuse leaves in water. Don't eat the stems!

NETTLE: Full of minerals, fibre, protein, iron. A super supplement.

Some uses: nettle soup, nettle tea when infused in water. Roast leaves for crisps. Infused in vinegar nettle can be a rinse for hair. Harvest the leaves when young and not once the plant starts flowering. Just pick the few top leaves. Always avoid picking plants near edges of paths where dogs etc may have been.

PLANTAIN: 'Mother of Worts', Nature's plaster. Better than a dock leaf for rubbing if stung by nettle; rub on a wasp sting. Promotes healing of cuts, wounds and takes the heat out of inflammation. Can be infused in oil or juiced.

CLEAVERS: Often known as 'Goose grass', it is rich in minerals and good for a spring tonic for the lymphatic system which in turn helps the immune system.

PILEWORT: One use only! For external treatment of haemorrhoids!

Infuse in water or in oil for use as a salve and apply to area.

Alice said that she trained for 6 years and now practices in Bridport. She starts by trying in first consultation to ascertain root causes of the problem, not just treating the symptoms. Some problems may need a lifestyle change. She would never try to treat a patient with herbal remedies when clearly they have serious medical conditions which require more orthodox medical treatments.

Notes kindly provided by Theresa Lee

To be delivered by the Chideock Local History Group...

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 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 100+ Club

Winners of our first draw for 2026

1 st Prize. No 36 Sal Robinson

2 nd Prize No 152 Vanessa McAra

3 rd Prize No 18. Janet Carey

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 Parish Council



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(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

20th May - Annual Meeting of Chideock Parish Council. 7pm.

The CPC are pleased to inform the village, that a **new Parish clerk** has been successfully recruited and will take up the post from the 1st. May 2026. The new clerk has many years of experience working for Dorset Council, and the CPC will support him in the coming months to take over the current responsibilities which individual parish councillors have been completing over the last few months.

A decision was made by the CPC to move the **annual village meeting** to the 20th May 2026, at 7pm in the evening. This means that the parish council meeting at the end of April, will just be a parish council meeting.

Notification to Dorset council of blocked drains and potholes. Members of the village can contact Dorset directly. Certainly, over the last couple of weeks Dorset Council have been busy clearing drains-much appreciated by all concerned.

During May there will be two **road closures**, the first related to North Road and the second to Seahill Lane and the turning circle near the beach. Please look on the parish council website.

Commencement of the Miles Cross Roundabout. Many of you will have seen that the A35 will be closed on the 26th April, so that contractors can bring in their machines to commence the work. Although many of us will value having a safe feature such as the roundabout, it will still mean that for the next nine months the village of Chideock is likely to be placed under considerable stress due to traffic lights, diversions and road closures- this will impact upon anyone and everyone in the village. The history of this matter regarding Chideock CPC, dates back to 2020, when the then parish council requested to be consulted over the Dorset Council traffic management plan - to no avail! So

even at this late stage, the future roadworks and the mitigation for this village, remain unknown. The CPC are meeting with National Highways and Dorset Council's environment department and we have placed this matter on the agenda. The CPC will update everyone once we understand what is actually going to happen and when.

The Inground Jumper (or trampoline if you wish), will shortly be uncovered and maintenance carried out. Insurance is in place.

NEW evening bus service will be launched this summer, linking Lyme Regis and Bridport and the villages in between.

The service, called LB1, will start on Friday 1 May and will run every Friday and Saturday night until Saturday 26 September. LB1 will start at Bridport bus station at 6.15pm and the last bus will leave Lyme Regis at 11.30pm, stopping at Chideock, Morecombelake and Charmouth. There will also be the opportunity to link with the X53 service from Weymouth for the first two buses from Bridport and the last bus from Lyme Regis will travel back to Weymouth, offering even more flexibility for passengers.

The project for a late-night bus service was spearheaded by **West Dorset Commons**, who worked in partnership with Lyme Regis Town Council to secure a £20,000 grant from Western Gateway STB, the Sub-national Transport Body for the West of England.

For details of the Bus timetable please go Lyme Regis Town Council website <http://bustimes.org/services/lb1-bridport-bus-station-holm-bush-car-park> or the Chideock Community website www.chideockandseatown.co.uk

Last of all, there remain two parish councillor vacancies and the CPC would welcome new individuals to come forward. With the arrival of a new parish clerk, the workload will be significantly reduced. If you are interested then please contact either the parish clerk or the chair. There is currently no representation from North Chideock.

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

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 started 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 Parish Magazine 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

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. 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

FRIENDS OF ST.GILES AT CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

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EACH MONTH
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489996/07759274905

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Office: 01305 236666, Mobile: 07786 635154**

Email: maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

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SHALL WE DANCE?



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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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