

CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

JULY 2026

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

5th July Trinity 5 Village service 11 am
12th July Trinity 6 Holy Communion 11am
19th July Trinity 7 Chideock Praise 11am
26th July Trinity 8 Holy Communion 11am

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

Friday 3rd. 10am Mass
Friday 10th. 10am Mass
Sunday 12th. 8.30am Mass
Friday 17th. 10am Mass
Sunday 19th. 8.30am Mass
Friday 24th. 10am Mass
Sunday 26th. 8.30am Mass
Friday 31st. 10am Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the AUG 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 July 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 LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PRESENT ON

Saturday 4th July
Village Hall 6.30 pm.
Simeon & Elizabeth Bullen of
Wanhouse Farm, Chideock
~their family`s rise to fame and fortune

Neil Mattingly will be giving an illustrated talk on Simeon Bullen, a direct descendant of Ann Boleyn, who in 1775 was to marry the wealthy Elizabeth Fitzherbert of Wanhouse Farm in Chideock. He will be telling the fascinating story of both famous families and their mark on the nation`s history over the centuries to the present.



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 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.

 We are launching something exciting for our community

The Not So Youth Club⁺

fun for the over 50s

Starting at 11am to 2pm on Wednesday 20th May £3 per session
and on the 3rd Wednesday of the month thereafter:
17th June, 15th July, 19th August, 16th September,
21st October, 18th November, December 16th

A brand-new social group designed for people who want to connect, create, laugh, move, learn, share skills... and most importantly shape something special together.

This club will grow with your ideas, your experiences, and your imagination.

-  **Activities in the sports hall**
Table tennis, badminton, netball, or have you a sport you would like to introduce?
-  **Community Room**
Gentler exercise and health and wellbeing information from Jurassic Social Prescribers PCN, Live Well Dorset
-  **Newspapers, Books, Puzzles etc.**
Bridport Library Team will run a short story reading group, catch up on the newspapers talk over the current affairs of the day, share a crossword clue
-  **Cafe and shared cooking sessions**
Live alone? need a bit of motivation and confidence in the kitchen? The Friendly Foot Club and Bridport Food Matters will be providing short cooking courses or pay £5 for a shared lunch.
-  **Art and Textiles in the studio**
Creative projects art with Sarah Jane Ross and textiles with Bridport School of Regenerative Fashion or come with your own ideas.

Bridport Youth and Community Centre,
Gundry Lane, DT6 3RL
bridportycc.org
email_community@bridportycc.org

 Funded by UK Government

 Dorset Community Foundation

The Friends of St. Giles Church
Invite you to our sizzling Summer BBQ 2026!



Sunday 5th July 1.00 to 4.00pm
in the orchard at Lower Venn Barn,
Venn Farm, North Chideock DT6 6JY

Our usual Scrumptious Barbecue, home-made salads and mouth-watering desserts.

Licensed bar, soft drinks, tea and coffee

Raffle with fabulous prizes to be won as always!

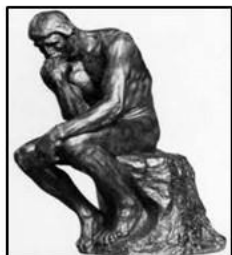
Bookings essential – please contact Sally on 07891115386
or email sallycoade@hotmail.com

£18.00 per head - children under 10 free.
Payment on arrival – cash only please

Venue courtesy of Robert and Ruth Elwes
Parking at Venn Farm courtesy of Dave and Jane Warren.

QUIZ NIGHT

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CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 31st July 2026

7.30 pm prompt start!

£10.00 a head INCLUDING SUPPER



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



• **PRIZES FOR TOP FIVE TABLES**

• **RAFFLE**

BOOK YOUR TABLE (max 4 people)

EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

CALL OR MESSAGE 07852 332938

IN AID OF ST.GILES' CHURCH

CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD & RAFFLE PRIZES WELCOME

(please tell us when booking)

Chideock Parish Council



Chideock Parish Council

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(clerk@chideockparishcouncil.gov.uk)
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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.

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.

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

100 plus club

Winning Numbers for June 26

1 st Prize	129	David Lyall
2 nd prize.	112	Darren Tuck
3 rd. prize.	175	Sally Coade

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.

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
George Dunn - Chideock House, Main Street, Chideock, DT6 6JN. 01297
489242

Trading Standards, real gold

The hallmarking of gold and silver dates back to 1300. Introduced by King Edward I it aimed to protect standards and prevent craftsmen committing fraud when making jewellery. The first hallmark stamp was a leopard's head which symbolised the King's mark of authentication. The actual word 'hallmark' didn't come into use until the 15th century when craftsmen took their artefacts to Goldsmiths Hall in London to be checked for quality and content. Once checked to be of the correct standard the quality mark was applied at the Hall, hence the word 'hallmark'. Today there are four hallmarking offices, known as assay offices, in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield.

If a jeweller makes items of silver, gold, platinum or since 2010 palladium, and wants to sell them, then must get them assayed to guarantee they meet the relevant precious metal standard. The hallmark is then applied so it is legal to sell.

The last national survey carried out looking at fake jewellery confirmed that up to a third of precious metal products supplied online were un-hallmarked and could therefore be fake. Jewellery fraud has consistently been an issue in the precious metal industry where counterfeit items can be made and sold at a high price to the unsuspecting customer.

If you believe you may have bought fake jewellery or have fallen to an investment scam, then please report it at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.



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BAKE SALE

Saturday 25 July

7.30—10.00 am

Foss Orchard Car Park

Opposite Spar Shop

Cakes and Savouries

Chideock WI June 2026



The Stableyard Restaurant at Redlands Yard Broadwindsor hosted a splendid Cream Tea for us for our June meeting, as illustrated below.

Among the festivities our longstanding member Diane, who has made many wonderful contributions to WI and to the local community in general, celebrated a very special birthday. Congratulations!!



We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, often for excellent speakers, and in between for several outings and groups including, gardening, walking, reading and craft. We are always open to new members so do come along to Chideock Village Hall at 2pm or contact Mary on email at

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stonefarmcottage@btinternet.com



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

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**The Old School House, 49 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UT
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.





STEP INTO SUMMER WITH A NATURE BUDDY

With summer just around the corner, now is the perfect time to get out and enjoy the fresh air and all that Dorset's beautiful countryside has to offer.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get outdoors but don't want to do it alone, or need a little extra support - a Nature Buddy could help.

The Nature Buddies Network is a Dorset-wide project offering **FREE**, friendly support to help people spend more time in nature. Spending time outdoors has been shown to boost mood, reduce stress and improve wellbeing, and Nature Buddies are here to help people take part in outdoor activities in a safe and supportive way.

The scheme works with local organisations and activity providers to train volunteers as Nature Buddies, a friendly face to welcome new people along and participate in the activity alongside them. Activities range from walks and nature watching to gardening and conservation tasks, offering plenty of opportunities to get outside, try something new, and enjoy good company. Kate Townsend, Project Coordinator explains *"It's wonderful to see people trying something new and being made to feel so welcome. Having that friendly support can make all the difference - it helps people feel comfortable, included, and part of the group."*

An online **Activity Finder** makes it easy to search for Nature Buddies opportunities across Dorset - <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/nature-buddies-activities/> or contact Kate for more information on 01305 228246 / kate.townsend@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

The Nature Buddies Network is coordinated by Dorset National Landscape and supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Chideock Community Café
Is now ten years old
this year

Held in Chideock Village Hall



FRIDAY 17th JULY

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

Every Monday - 7:30pm

www.dynamic-dance.uk

Call Dee on 07740349393



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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for the adventurous family and people alike**

The days will be based in and around Seatown, Chideock, Lyme Regis and beyond.

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- We will also be taking to the woods in search of Fabulous Fungi.
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