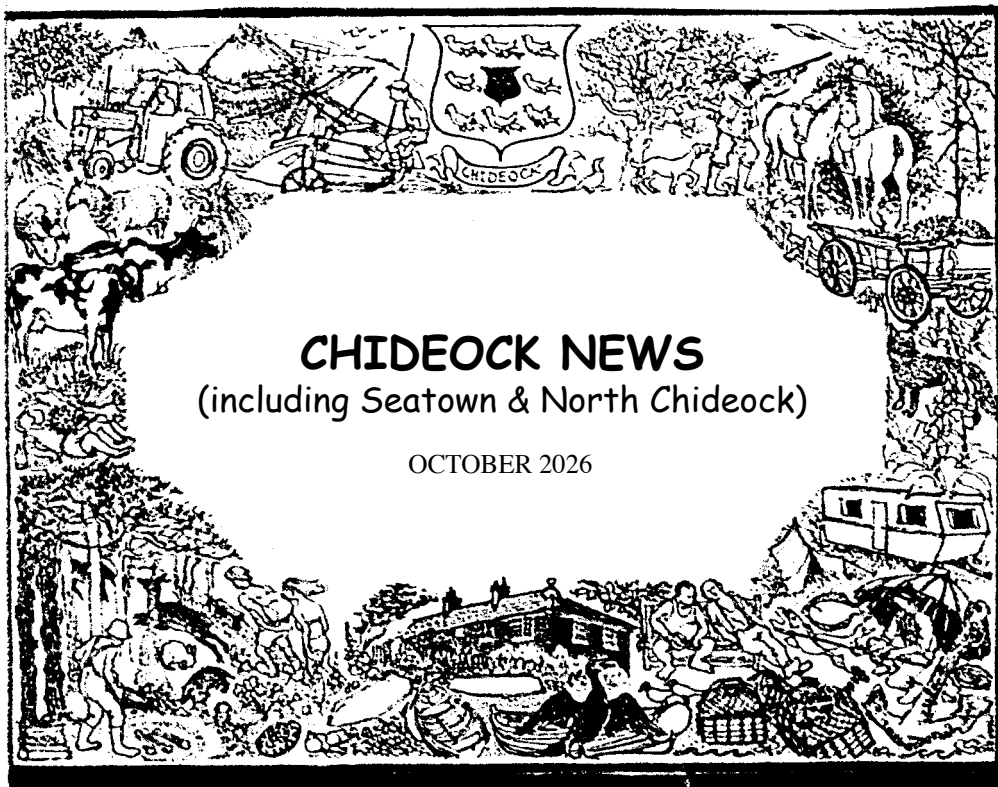




CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

OCTOBER 2026

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

4th October	Harvest	11am	Villages Service followed by Brunch in church
11th October	Trinity 19	11am	Holy Communion
18th October	Trinity 20	11am	Chideock Praise
25th October	Last after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion

For the Harvest Festival dried goods can be bought to church to be donated to Bridport Food Bank.

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

Friday 2 nd .	10am Mass
Friday 9 th .	10am Mass
Saturday 10 th .	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 16 th .	10am Mass
Friday 23 rd .	10am Mass
Saturday 24 th .	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 30 th .	10am Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the NOV 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 16th October 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.

‘RIDE AND STRIDE’ 2026 – A *Thank You* to Supporters

This year Richard Benjamin, now 82, once again completed a 36.4 mile cycle ride in support of the Dorset Historical Churches Trust (DHCT), raising over £1,000.00. A big thank you to everyone in Chideock who sponsored him. Dorset has a rich heritage of church buildings many of which have long and interesting histories linked to local people as well as events of national significance. The DHCT make grants from the money raised to help preserve church buildings across the County.

Richard and the Reverend Fi Budden, Rector for the Golden Cap Benefice, began their separate journeys at 8am from St Giles Church. Fi to walk/drive to visit all 12 of the churches in her Benefice and Richard to visit churches in the Marshwood Vale, Bride Valley and Bridport.



(left) Estelle Rhodes was there to see them off and with other members of St Giles church provided refreshments for any other ‘Ride and Strider’ passing through Chideock during the day.



Harvest Festival at St Giles Church

Sunday October 4th

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 and /or sausage baps, orange juice and fresh coffee or tea £5 provided by the Friends of St Giles.

Come and enjoy the beautiful harvest flower displays!

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

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 Seatown.

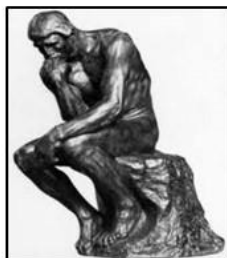
CHIDEOCK SOCIETY NEWS

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 .

QUIZ NIGHT

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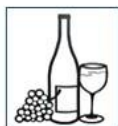
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CHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL

Friday 30th October 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

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD & RAFFLE PRIZES WELCOME

(please tell us when booking)

CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 20th October - 7.00pm for 7.30pm



Belfast is a 2021 coming-of-age film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh. The film stars Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciarán Hinds, Colin Morgan and Jude Hill. The film follows a young boy's childhood in Belfast, Northern Ireland, at the beginning of The Troubles in 1969 where family warmth and youthful adventures are shadowed by rising social unrest. His stable and loving community and everything he thought he understood about life is changed forever but joy, laughter, music and the formative magic of the movies remain.

£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 Parish Council



Chideock Parish Council

Parish Council Clerk -Tom Faulkner
(clerk@chideockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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.

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. Postcode

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 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

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.

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

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Winning Numbers for September 26

1st Prize 79 Carol Grant

2nd prize 31 Nick Mudford

3rd prize 74 Barbara Arnold

A very big Thank You to everyone that participates in the 100+ Club Draw because we have been able to contribute £1300 this year to Ruth towards the costs in producing our Village Magazine The **Chideock News**. Some 380 copies are printed each month for 11 months of the year and then distributed to every household by a team of Villagers who deliver a copy to every home in our Village. The monthly prizes and a £20 "Licence Fee" are the only payments taken from the Magazine "Kitty". So when you give over your £12 in February / March each year you are ensuring the continuance of this valuable Magazine.

All the best

George

Chideock Village Trust

Following the successful launch of our new initiative to help fund school and college transport we are open for new applications.

Have you just done your GCSE's and are starting 6th form, college or an apprenticeship? You need to live in Chideock, but otherwise we are happy to look at all applications for transport

We had several applications last year for local schools, and Kingston Maurward and Weymouth colleges from people doing a wide variety of courses.

Just email us at chideockvillagetrust@gmail.com

WHY NOT BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Have you ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

Chideock parish council is composed of seven councillors, currently there are just four, all of whom were coopted in 2025. The role of the Parish council is supported by a clerk, and we are fortunate that earlier this year, a new clerk was recruited and appointed, who has picked up all aspects of overseeing the parish council business. The parish council is responsible for a range of issues, including working with various partners to support the different aspects of village life, from public rights of way, to planning issues, overseeing the village car park and Clapps's mead play park, to raising important issues that affect the village. The role is voluntary; you do not get paid although very occasionally expenses can be paid. Currently there are no representatives for North Chideock or Seatown, and it would be helpful to have some new individuals who can bring a different approach.

It is important to realise that the current group of councillors may not always be there in the future, and if there is no one willing to consider being a councillor, then at some point, the village would need to consider whether it actually wishes to have an independent parish council, or whether it should merge with another parish, or even become part of Bridport. Either of these latter considerations may mean that the village precept (the money you pay as part of your council tax) is increased, and that the focus on where the money is spent, may not necessarily be in Chideock and Seatown. As the current chair, it's important that I share this dilemma with you, as Chideock residents need to consider planning for the future.

I recognise that the parish council has gone through a lot of change in the past two years, but it is now working well, all of the previous issues have been positively resolved, and the financial situation stabilised. So, it's a good time to join, fresh thoughts, fresh ideas are always welcome. Chideock has always had a lot to say, why don't you add your voice?

If you want to discuss the possibility, then please contact the chair or one of the other councillors through the clerk.

The Chideock Village Hall Community Café is 10 years old!

The Chideock Community Café celebrates ten years of operating this autumn. The café provides an opportunity for the people of Chideock to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice or two of cake once a month on a Friday afternoon in the Village Hall. The café was set up and is run by volunteers, and each café raises money for various charities, donating several thousands of pounds during this period. The one constant volunteer at the café for the ten years is Gloria Ritson who organises and publicises the café every month. Gloria bakes several delicious cakes and biscuits for each café, a vast number of homemade goodies in ten years!

THANK YOU GLORIA for all those wonderful cakes and all the time you give to the café. We could not do it without you.



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

Chideock WI

September Meeting

Here we are, back from summer, or baked from summer....!



In a change from the listed talk, what a truly inspirational talk we received from John Preston, representing Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Since his retirement as a Coast Guard Rescue Officer, during which time he was involved in 700 rescues, John has volunteered for D&S Air Ambulance. He told us that the 21 Air Ambulance services that cover the UK respond to over 45,000 missions per year, on average 126 missions every day. Since its establishment in 2000 The D&S Air Ambulance service has grown in size, now owning 2 helicopters and 2 critical care vehicles, each hosting 2 medical staff and a range of excellent equipment, now moving to an airbase provided free courtesy of Leonardo. Overall the service operates every day and is working towards 24 hour cover. Attending road traffic accidents, trauma (eg falling from a cliff), cardiac arrests and other medical emergencies, as well as transfer of patients to specialist units (eg for burns) and delivering blood, the service does, without doubt, save lives.



John's talk was responded to with spontaneous and heartfelt testimonies from those present who had themselves benefitted from the D&S Air Ambulance service. It costs £10 million per year to run and is funded entirely as a charity. John outlined a range of activities which support fundraising: through talks,

events, sale of merchandise, legacies, collection and even clothes recycling. The Bridport Co-Op has raised £50,000 over 10 years through sale of second hand books. John also described the D&S Air Ambulance Lottery, entry costs £5 per month and yields excellent cash rewards. John encouraged us to get the WHAT3WORDS app on our phones as it enables the D&S Air Ambulance service to pinpoint the person(s) in need and rapidly find a suitable landing place. John's talk was very well received, we are so lucky to have such a wonderful service in our area.

Chideock WI meets on the first Tuesday of every month, from 2pm in Chideock Village Hall. We are a friendly bunch with several interest and activity groups meeting across the course of each month. Interested? Do come along for a taster.

JDS

Chideock Community Café

Held in Chideock Village Hall



FRIDAY 16th October

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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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 Games Night & Supper



Saturday
21st November
6pm - 10pm



Chideock Village Hall

Come along with a friend for your evening meal with open bar and fun games – our last games night was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Home-made macaroni cheese and luxury pork sausages being served (vegetarian & gluten free options available), ask when booking ticket



Table Skittles,
Carrom Board,
Table Football,
Darts, Beetle Drive,
cards, various board



games or bring your own fave!

Wine by glass or bottle, beer, cider, ales & soft drinks on sale at excellent prices, cash or card accepted.

Tickets £10 per person and must be booked in advance
Tel: 07484 709719 or Email: chideockvh@gmail.com

All profits raised are for Chideock Village Hall - please join us & show your support.

Cider Tasting & Cheeseboard Supper

Chideock Village Hall

Saturday 24th October at 7.00pm



DORSET NECTAR
AWARD WINNING ARTISAN CIDER

Cider tasting and talk by local award-winning Dorset Nectar cider makers. See their orchards and farm and discover how their cider is made.

To accompany the cider and talk we will be providing generous cheese boards with a choice of cheeses from Ford Farm Cheesemakers, chutney, grapes, crackers and crusty bread.

Tickets £10 per person and must be booked in advance
Tel: 07484 709719 or Email: chideockvh@gmail.com



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SHALL WE DANCE?



Chideock Village Hall

Every Monday - 7:30pm

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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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- The experience will be muddy, wet and lots of fun!
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- Get up and close with large Lobsters, Crabs and Sharks in their natural environment.
- We will also be taking to the woods in search of Fabulous Fungi.
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