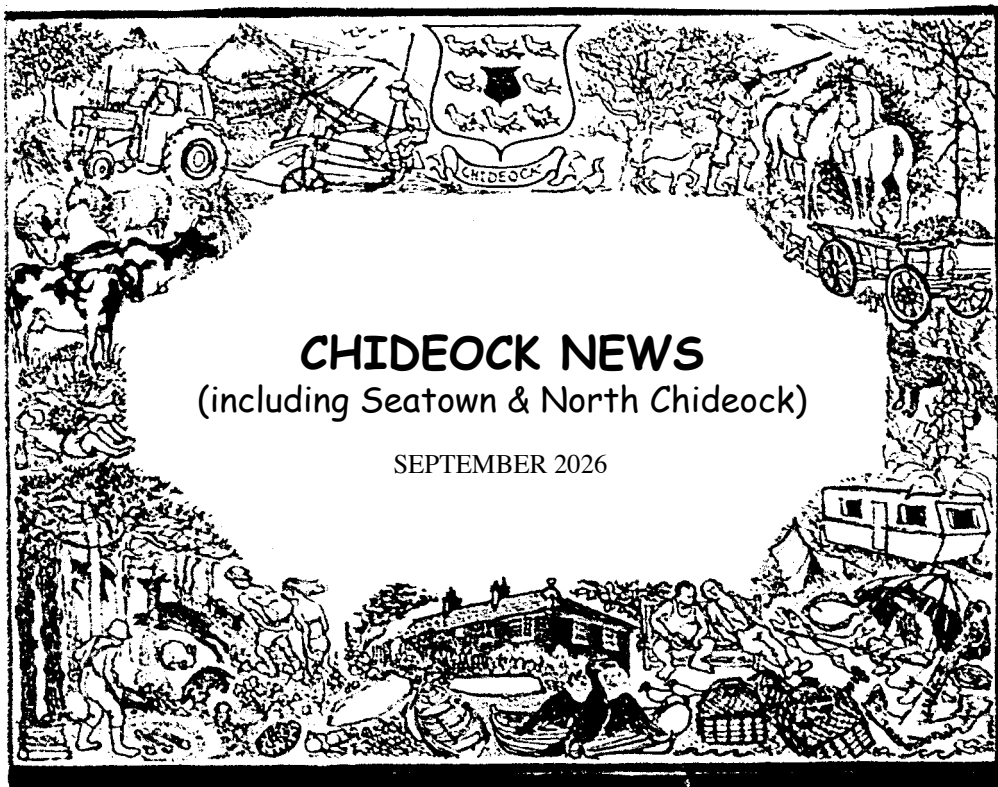




CHIDEOCK NEWS

(including Seatown & North Chideock)

SEPTEMBER 2026

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SERVICES AT ST. GILES

Sunday 6th September	Village Service	11am
Sunday 13th September	Holy Communion	11am
Sunday 20th September	Chideock Praise	11am
Sunday 27th September	Holy Communion	11am

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

Friday 4 th	10am Mass
Sunday 6 th	8.30am Mass
Friday 11 th	10am Mass
Saturday 12 th	6pm Vigil Mass
Friday 18 th	10am Mass
Saturday 19 th	12.15pm Latin Mass Society High Mass
Friday 25 th	10am Mass
Saturday 26 th	6pm Vigil Mass

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

DEADLINE DATE :

Items for inclusion in the OCT 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 18th September 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 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.



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 Food 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
emailcommunity@bridportycc.org

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Chideock Parish Council



Chideock Parish Council

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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.

Chideock Parish council update for September 2026.

Although the Parish council did not meet in August, there are several issues to share-;

1. Mill Lane disputed Bridal way 18 – Outcome from the Planning Inspectorate.

On the 11th August, Vanessa McAra on behalf of the parish council, attended with Lyn Crisp, on behalf of the Community group, the long awaited DFE Inspectorate hearing regarding the status of the Mill Lane bridal way at County Hall. This matter has been a point of dispute since 2013/2015, when Dorset councils Right of way team made a decision that the bridal way was a County Road with dual status. A community group was formed at the time, on the basis of the recommendation by the then MP, Sir Oliver Letwin, to formally object to the proposal in 2015, and the matter (alongside evidence based on historical documents) was sent up to the national planning inspectorate in Bristol. Later in 2019, Dorset council made the decision to recommend that the bridal way should become a restricted byway. It has taken nearly 13 years for this matter to heard by an Inspector.

The Planning Inspector has made a decision following the hearing and the Parish council have been notified in writing. This can be viewed on the Parish council website. The Planning Inspector made the decision that Bridal way 18, would become a Restricted byway. This means the section of the road from B to E (between the two caravan entrances), will only be

open to people, dogs, pushchairs, mobility scooters and horses with carriages. All mechanically propelled vehicles would not be legally allowed. In this latter case, this means if you drive down either a byway or a restricted byway, then you are not only breaking the law, but your motor insurance is invalidated. This means if you have an accident or you cause harm to someone while using the byway, then you would have to pay from your own resources.

The next steps regarding the changes to be made will be discussed with Dorset Council, and will be placed on the September Parish council agenda.

2. **Clapps Mead Management Committee meet on the 3rd September** at Chideock house, at 11am. Members of the public can attend.
3. **Public meeting - Flood management meeting on the 23rd September at 7pm.** Dorset council and the National trust will be present. The focus is very much on what can we do to make a difference together with partner agencies.
4. **Balfour Beatty Bridge works on the A35, due to commence on the 1st - 14th September for three weeks.** The parish council were informed that these essential works to support the flood defences under the bridge, need to be completed by the time that the current contract with Balfour Beatty/National Highways runs out in October. Our Clerk has managed some sterling negotiations with the contractors, to move the dates from August to September. Please look at the actual detail on either the website or the Seatown and Chideock news. Please note that for the period of the works being completed there will be traffic lights, and the suspension of bus stop near the shop. The parish council have agreed that two car park slots will be used to facilitate the works.
5. **A35 Disruption and National Highways.** Throughout August the Parish council has continued through the clerk to raise directly the impact of the additional works carried out in the village by Balfour Beatty on behalf of National Highways. The impact on the village, on businesses and on holiday makers have been significant and unacceptable. In the September Parish council, we will be considering yet again, how and who we attempt

to raise the issue with, in order to ensure that we can live our lives as normally as possible.

6. The next Parish council meeting takes place on the 27th September at 7.00 pm, at the village hall.

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.

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

1st prize 154 Ken and Helen Gray

2nd prize 13 Anna Dunn - She's watching me!!

As much as I appreciated Anna's interception I thought that this number should be redrawn

2nd prize 79 Carol Grant

3rd prize 175 Sally Coade

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 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

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

No meeting in August.



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 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.

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Starting 8th September

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- Tuesdays, 2.30pm - 3.30pm on the following dates;
- 8th and 22nd September, 13th and 27th October 2026
- Price: £40 for the 4 sessions
- Chideock Village Hall, Main Street, Chideock, DT6 6JW

To book your space, visit www.restorativebeing.co.uk. For alternative payment options or any questions, contact nadiya@restorativebeing.co.uk / 07800 712998

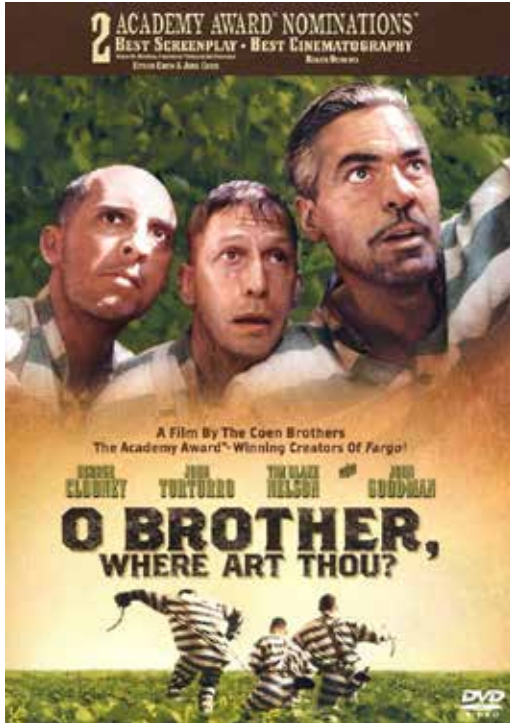
Nadiya Wynn

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CHIDEOCK HALL FILM NIGHT
Tuesday 15th September
7.00pm for 7.30pm



Ulysses Everett McGill (George Clooney) is having difficulty adjusting to his hard-labour sentence in Mississippi. He scams his way off the chain gang with simple Delmar (Tim Blake Nelson) and maladjusted Pete (John Turturro), then the trio sets out to pursue freedom and the promise of a fortune in buried treasure. With nothing to lose and

still in shackles, their hasty run takes them on an incredible journey of awesome experiences and colourful characters. The soundtrack has been described as a lesson in bluegrass music and Rolling Stone said “It's a wild, whacked-out wonder, Coenheads rejoice”

£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.

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.



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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.



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TRADING STANDARDS ...**Squishy Toy safety**

Squishy toys are soft and pliable, often with a liquid or gel filled feel when squeezed. Squishy toys come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Many people enjoy squeezing them for play, to relax, or relieve stress. They are very young child appealing, and as a current craze can be found for sale in many different places, even sellers who don't usually sell toys.

While lots of squishy toys are safe, buyers should be aware that Dorset Council Trading Standards are becoming increasingly concerned that some products on the market do not meet legal safety requirements. Some examples have been classed by the UK Regulator as posing a serious chemical or physical risk.

If you own a squishy toy, or are thinking of buying one, then check that it includes, or that it was included when bought, the information required by law. Missing safety information can be a warning sign that a toy may not comply with toy safety regulations and therefore be unsafe:

- UKCA or CE mark
- An age restriction warning with a reason
- Identification mark such as batch or lot code.
- The name and address of the manufacturer. If the manufacturer is outside the UK, the name and address of the manufacturer and the importer into the UK are to be used instead.

It is also important to examine the toy itself. Be cautious if a squishy toy has a strong chemical smell, feels unusually sticky, leaks liquid or starts to break apart easily. These could be signs of poor quality. Younger children may put toys in their mouths, so damaged or poorly made products can create additional risks.

If you have a toy without the required markings, or if your toy has become unsafe under normal use, then stop using it. You can report any concerns about toys to Trading Standards. You can also report seeing toys for sale that don't have the required legal markings. Report to Trading Standards by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or, by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Chideock Community Café

Held in Chideock Village Hall



Friday 18th

September

From 2.30pm until 4.30 pm

Come along with friends or

To meet some new ones

Everyone is welcome.

**Tea/Coffee &
Cakes/Biscuits
available.**



We look

forward to seeing you.

CHIDEOCK'S LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

PRESENTATION BY DR STAN DOLAN

CHARLES II, THE TRUTH BEHIND THE ESCAPE FROM OUR SHORELINE



**Chideock Village Hall, Saturday 26th Sept
6.30pm to 8.30pm.**

Entrance £5 (cash or card).



Complimentary refreshments. Questions: 07786980008

alison@cottagesdorset.co.uk <http://www.chideockhistory.org.uk/>

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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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