

# Piddle Valley News & Views



**May / June 2011**



## Piddle Valley Gardens Club Spring Show

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Above Life at Waterfall Nook  
© Ann Hawker



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### Comedia Nocturnus

Special accolade for the younger members of the cast

Alex Brazier  
Hattie Olley  
Jenna Freak  
Annabel Trim

© Rachel Olley

## **Dates for your diary** ~~~~~

### **May**

Thursday	<b>5</b>	<b>Local Elections</b>	
Thursday	<b>5</b>	<b>St John's Plush, Bobby Wellins Trio</b>	7.30 pm
Thursday	<b>5</b>	<b>Over 60s Mystery Tour, coach departs</b>	10 am
Thursday	<b>5</b>	<b>Piddle Valley Tennis Club AGM, Piddle Inn</b>	7.30 pm
Friday	<b>6</b>	<b>Coffee Morning P'thide Memorial Hall</b>	10.30 - 12
Saturday	<b>7</b>	<b>Plant Sale, Higher Tything Cottage</b>	10 am
Sunday	<b>8</b>	<b>NGS Ivy House Garden, Piddletrenthide</b>	2 - 5pm
Tuesday	<b>10</b>	<b>Piddletrenthide Village Meeting, Memorial Hall</b>	7.30 pm
Wed'sday	<b>11</b>	<b>Piddlehinton Village Hall Committee AGM</b>	7.30 pm
Thursday	<b>12</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Friday	<b>13</b>	<b>P'trenthide Lunch Club, P'thide Memorial Hall</b>	
Friday	<b>13</b>	<b>Plush Cricket Club Quiz Night, Piddle Inn</b>	
Sunday	<b>15</b>	<b>Breakfast Club at Piddlehinton Village Hall</b>	9 - 12
Sunday	<b>15</b>	<b>Bluebell Walk, Holcombe Woods, Alton Pancras</b>	2.30 pm
Monday	<b>16</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b>	
Thursday	<b>19</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Friday	<b>20</b>	<b>Coffee Morning P'thide Memorial Hall</b>	10.30 - 12
Friday	<b>20</b>	<b>"Nuts in May", P'thide Memorial Hall</b>	7.30 pm
Sunday	<b>22</b>	<b>MAGNIFICAT, St Mary's Church, P'hinton</b>	6.30 pm
Monday	<b>23</b>	<b>Gardens Club 'Ponds for Wildlife' P'thide Mem H</b>	7.30 pm
Thursday	<b>26</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Saturday	<b>28</b>	<b>Alton Pancras Fete, Manor House Garden</b>	from 2pm
Sunday	<b>29</b>	<b>Rogation Day Readings &amp; Music, Melcombe Newton</b>	10.30 am
Sunday	<b>29</b>	<b>NGS Butts Cottage Garden, Plush</b>	2 - 5 pm
Tuesday	<b>31</b>	<b>Piddle Valley Parish Council, P'thide Mem Hall</b>	7.30 pm

### **June**

Thursday	<b>2</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Thursday	<b>2</b>	<b>Over 60s, Blue Pool Outing coach departs</b>	1.30 pm
Friday	<b>3</b>	<b>Coffee Morning P'thide Memorial Hall</b>	10.30 - 12
Friday	<b>3</b>	<b>Mares &amp; Foals Day, East Farm Piddletrenthide</b>	2 - 5 pm
Thursday	<b>9</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Friday	<b>10</b>	<b>Piddletrenthide Lunch Club, Galton Garden Centre</b>	
Sunday	<b>12</b>	<b>NGS Butts Cottage Garden</b>	2 - 5 pm
Monday	<b>13</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b>	
Thursday	<b>16</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Friday	<b>17</b>	<b>Coffee Morning P'thide Memorial Hall</b>	10.30 - 12
Thursday	<b>23</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12
Sunday	<b>26</b>	<b>Cream Teas, 13 High Street, Piddlehinton</b>	2 - 5 pm
Monday	<b>27</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b>	
Tuesday	<b>28</b>	<b>Piddle Valley Parish Council, P'thide Mem Hall</b>	7.30 pm
Thursday	<b>30</b>	<b>Open Coffee Morning, P'hinton Village Hall</b>	10 - 12

## **Introduction from the editors ~~~~~**

An informal supper followed the PVNV Editorial meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March here in Plush and was the perfect opportunity to welcome a special guest and thank Heather Bland for her tremendous work over the years as Editor and Helm of PVNV. Alongside a pruned but leafless climbing rose in a pot (not too impressive in March even tied with a pink ribbon), we presented Heather with a Thank You card and Castle Gardens Tokens to help with the pink, white and fragrant theme she has planned for her garden now she has a little more free time.

The most devastating recent news for our community is the suggestion that it may be necessary to apply for permission to change the Piddletrenhide Shop & PO to residential use, unless it is sold as a going concern soon. This drastic action is being considered because most of us don't use the shop enough. If the shop closes we will all have to travel more frequently and further afield at a time when the price of petrol and diesel seems set to continue rising. It is worth everyone considering whether its worth regularly buying some things there now, to avoid losing it altogether. A slight premium on a few groceries now is likely to cost us far less in the long run.

Rural communities rely for their life, livelihood and vibrancy on local businesses, enthusiastic volunteers and good neighbours. Though we increasingly use the internet to seek out information and ideas, source products and window shop, there is no substitute for village stores, farm shops and country pubs. We have seen the shutters fall (hopefully temporarily) on one Valley pub, a nearby farm shop and the prospect of losing the Piddletrenhide Post Office & Stores is daunting. It provides our papers, milk, bread, vegetables and fruit and all sorts of groceries, birthday cards sweets and chocolates, wine and beer and if you are that way inclined cigarettes, not to mention a healthy noticeboard and a Post Office Counter for stamps, pensions, paying bills and much more. For many it is within walking distance where you pass neighbours and the time of day. As a community we should recognise its value, as to lose it will cause difficulty and hardship for many.

On a lighter note, at the time of writing we are enjoying warmer days, blossom is appearing and trees and hedges are bursting into leaf. We are finalising Easter plans and Royal Wedding celebrations and we hope for a good growing Spring.

***Dot Browning + Ros Charlton | Co Editors***

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## **News from the Vicarage** ~~~~~

### **PROCEED WITH JOY**

The Rogation Days (from the Latin *rogare*, 'to ask') are the three weekdays before Ascension Day which fall 50 days after Easter and so, this year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. However, in practice, many churches have observed Rogation on the preceding Sunday and this is what we shall be doing as a benefice on the 29<sup>th</sup> May at Melcombe Newton Farm, Melcombe Bingham, the home of Margaret and Simon Smail. Melcombe Newton Farm enjoys a delightful setting close to Bingham's Melcombe house and St Andrew's church, Melcombe Horsey. The farm is surrounded by beautiful, peaceful Dorset rolling countryside with lovely trees and a lake. From Cross Lanes, Melcombe Bingham, take the road signposted to Bingham's Melcombe. Pass the 'eagle gates' to Bingham's Melcombe on your left and then turn left. Pass through the ford (or take the adjoining bridge) and Melcombe Newton Farm is on your right. Margaret keeps sheep and their lambs will be about eight weeks old when we are there among them.

Originally, the Christian observance of Rogation was taken over from Graeco-Roman religion, where an annual procession invoked divine favour to protect crops against mildew. The tradition grew of using processional litanies, often around the parish boundaries, for the blessing of the land. These processions concluded with a mass. The Rogation procession was suppressed at the Reformation, but it was restored in 1559. The poet George Herbert is one of our local saints. He was Vicar of Bemerton on the outskirts of Salisbury for three years before his early death at the age of 39 in 1633. He interpreted the Rogation procession as a means of asking for God's blessing on the land, of preserving boundaries, of encouraging fellowship between neighbours with the reconciling of differences, and of charitable giving to the poor. The tradition of 'beating the bounds' has been preserved in some communities, while others maintain the traditional use of the Litany within worship. In more recent times, the scope of Rogation has been widened to include petition for the world of work and for accountable stewardship, and prayer for local communities, whether rural or urban.

At Melcombe Newton Farm, we shall not be concluding with a mass, nor shall we have litanies, nor shall we beat the parish boundaries. Instead we shall follow an interpretation closer to George Herbert's and simply celebrate the beauty of the area in an informal service of readings and hymns/songs as we ask for God's blessing on the land and those who work it, on the animals and on the crops. This promises to be a wonderful way to worship God and I look forward to seeing you there!

*Rev Tony Monds*  
The Vicarage, Piddlethrethide

### From the Registers

**Holy Baptism** -

**Holy Matrimony** -

**Funerals** A celebration of the life of Ian Amyas Cooper took place at St Martin's, Cheselbourne on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.

The funeral of Wilfrid Gaius Vincent of Muston took place at St Peter and St Paul's, Cattistock on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 followed by cremation at Yeovil crematorium.

The funeral of John Hawker of Piddletrenthide took place at Weymouth crematorium on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

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### An evening of worship at St. Mary's Church, Piddlehinton Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 at 6.30 pm

O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

MAGNIFICAT!

with a new cantata based on the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis  
by Gill Howell

Sung by the Neil Cuthill Singers

Soloists: Hayley England (Mary)  
John Wayman (Joseph)  
Clive Gameson (Simeon)



## Here Comes Summer

As we are approaching the longer and warmer days of summer when there will be many locals and visitors parking at various walks, beauty spots etc within the area it is perhaps a good time to just remind ourselves to take the precautions of:-

- Ensuring our vehicle is securely locked before leaving it.
- Removing all our possessions whilst our vehicle is unattended. This includes satellite navigation equipment, mobile phones, i-Pods, etc.

Equally when at home:-

- Try not to leave valuable or important items on show when you have windows and doors left open.
- It may be worth while locking doors and closing windows if you are likely to be out of immediate view or hearing of them for any length of time, e.g. in the garden.



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**Please only telephone 999 if you have been a victim of crime or witness a crime taking place.**



## Obituaries

### John Hawker (1944-2011)

John was born in Piddletrenthide, the only son of Wilfred and Matilda (known as Phyllis), attended the village school, then on to the 'big school' at Buckland Newton. For the next 30 years he worked for David Wightman at Bellamy's farm, married Ann from Godmanstone in 1968 and set up home at Meadow View, which nowadays looks across to the valley's school. Home comprised John and Ann's children Andrew, David and Jo, affectionately known as Porky, Dip and Fuss respectively, and Ann's father.

They moved to Waterfall Nook cottage, formerly known as The Retreat, close to the Memorial Hall in 1989 and John worked for Evans and Pearce at Trent near Sherborne as a crop specialist for 13 years. In 1996 he had a freak accident, causing him to lose sight in one eye, which meant losing his HGV Class 1 licence.

John was later employed by Nigel Powell at Middlemarsh saw mills and finally Camelco at Milborne St Andrew. He enjoyed working with wood and was good at DIY and repairing engines, as well as gardening and fishing, and in Robert White's words "he had a real passion for agriculture and the countryside that shone through in all that he did and said."

Ann Hawker and family would like to thank everyone for their letters and cards, the care and kindness of the Rev. Tony Monds, to Sue Beckingham and her team of helpers, to all who attended the crematorium and those who made donations to John's chosen local causes, the Air Ambulance, RNLI and Cerne Abbas surgery.



"For me as a child growing up there is hardly a memory of the Evans and Pearce company that does not contain John in some form, whether him lying underneath a broken seed cleaner covered in dust, hammer in hand, or perched on his favourite milk churn in the rest room telling of the latest exploits of his beloved family; time spent with John was always entertaining. The greatest testament to John is the fact that of all people that have worked for this company over the years, the only one that the customers ask after is John. He was highly regarded by customers and work colleagues alike. I am glad that I had the chance to work with him and learn from his huge knowledge."

*Robert White, Evans & Pearce*

**PIDDLETRENTHIDE MEMORIAL HALL**

# **BLUEBELL WALK**

**And Picnic**

**in**

**Holcombe Woods**

**Alton Pancras**

(by kind permission of Mr John Waterman)

**£3/adult, £1/child under 14**  
includes sandwiches, cake and a cold drink

Bring your own blanket!

**Sunday 15th May 2011**

**Meet** at the barn just at the beginning  
of the drive to Holcombe Dairy,  
Alton Pancras at **2.30pm**

(If weather unsuitable we will adjourn to  
Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall)

## **News, comings & goings in the valley ~~~~~**

### **Alton Pancras**

⌘ The Welcome to Alton Pancras - *a fine, healthy, sporting part of the County of Dorset, abounding with Game and Trout fishery, 8 miles from Dorchester, 11 from Sherborne.* Well, that's how we were described when the estate village was up for auction in 1794 !

⌘ Fete (May 28 from 2pm) has been described as a very traditional Dorset village event, held as it is in the walled garden of the Manor House and organised this year by Andrew Graham and his sister Charlotte Gerard. Its reputation for selling superb home-made cakes means that they sell out quickly, although portions are available as part of the afternoon teas. There are stalls and your pet dog could enjoy taking part in the Dog Show. There is appropriate live country music and it is worth the £1 entrance fee (in aid of the adjoining church) just to experience the atmosphere. Parking will be off-road alongside the new village map.

⌘ First results from the 2011 census show that although ⌘ has only 12% of the valley population, it provided 39% of the participants at the recent Piddle Valley Players' Roman theatre production. Strong debut performances from Jen Tindall, keepers Tom Ferrett, Nick Boniface and last-minute sub Stuart Bland, while Gill Greenslade, Alex Brazier and Hattie Olley are now established stars. Two more Blands took turns at front-of-house along with soothsayer and raffle promoter Sally Dangerfield and the village boasted both directors, Rachel Olley (show) and Elizabeth Sweetnam (musical).

⌘ The PV Gardens Club Spring show had a record number of entries, 211 and produced AP class-winners in Jean Groome (flowering narcissi), Sally Dangerfield (orchid) and Julie Squires (Spring photograph), with Sallie Johnson and Susan Dean among the other prize-winners. Eric Groome was overall show winner, he must have a surplus of overalls by now! For those visiting who pondered the location of the handsome house with the superb crocus display in front, shown in one of the photographs, the answer was .....Forde Abbey!

⌘ Tidying the pond near Barcombe farm with *Best-Kept Hamlet* again in mind led to the discovery that while some of the mud-bottom is fairly firm, other parts lead you to quickly sink thigh high – and it is very difficult to get out of. And it is beyond the jurisdiction of coastguard helicopter rescue!

⌘ Is an important international highway but can anyone please tell us where those high-flying passenger aircraft are actually en-route to and from?

*Colin Dean, 8 Holcombe Mead [colinsuedean@btinternet.com]*



An event not to be missed.  
It kick starts the summer.  
It's the one and only!



Alton Pancras  
Village Fete.  
Saturday  
May 28th  
2.00 pm

Set in The Manor walled garden .  
A great afternoon for all the family.  
Teas, books, plants, cakes, entertainment,  
dog show and children's games.  
Bargain bric a brac and live music performed by  
'Howling at the Moon'  
All the traditional things on offer plus lots more.  
Come and join us.  
It will be great to see you.

By kind permission of



Mr Andrew Graham.

## **Race for Life for Cancer Research UK**

Rachel Olley and Jen Tindall are training hard for the 3 mile 'Race for Life' on the 22nd of May at Kingston Maurward. Running is not coming that naturally to us but we are determined to complete the challenge without stopping! Please help us raise money for Cancer Research UK by sponsoring us. Please pop any donation how ever large or small through my door in an envelope on to us in Alton Pancras, and we will pass it on to this worth while charity. Hope you can help us to help others.

Many, many thanks. *Rachel Olley and Jen Tindall (10 Holcombe Mead)*

## **Piddlehinton**

### **Magnificat !**

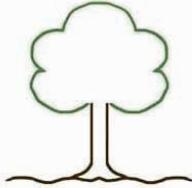
In those far distant days, when the Piddle Inn was still Dinty's Green Dragon, and Percy Abbot reigned over the petrol pumps near the old school, the Piddle Valley Players were born. With Claire Waddy at the helm, people who didn't know they could act, sing, carpent stage scenery or make elaborate costumes found themselves doing just that. And who (of a certain age group) can forget the demure young Liz Larpent as Alice in Wonderland Mark 1, with Mike Simes as the maddest of Hatters, Bin Roy as the ravishing butterfly/caterpillar, and Turbo's epic appearance as a Tweedle, Dum or Dee? That was the year we won the trophy for the best pantomime music in south-west England, and Andrew Lloyd Webber himself couldn't have been more pleased than I was to hear Waddy and Howell songs brought to life with such gusto by soloists, grand chorus and thumpy piano. The most recent Piddle Valley production was fantastic, with Liz and Turbo STILL strutting their stuff, but now with Rachel Olley at the helm, steering the new crew creatively up/down stream, and Elizabeth Sweetnam energising the thumpy piano onwards to new and splendid musical heights.

And now, something a bit different: MAGNIFICAT! I can't remember when I started writing this evensong meditation. Being a mother I enjoyed voicing Mary's great words, and pondering things in my heart. But once I'd finished the Magnificat, it seemed only right to go on to the Nunc Dimittis. One thing led to another, and we are now able to offer an evening of worship with a Magnificat expanded by a setting of the poem "Jesus and his Mother" (Thom Gunn), and the Nunc Dimittis which uses some words of the compline, a metrical psalm and a litany to the Holy Spirit (Herrick).

And why at St. Mary's, Piddlehinton? First, it has a wonderful tradition of BCP Evensong. But also, though we have moved to Dorchester, I have left behind some ineradicable brambly roots in the Piddle Valley, and it is lovely to have permission to bring this musical offering back to base, not QUITE like the pantomimes of yore, but with the same spirit of joy and dedication though fewer problems with Health and Safety. Do come and join us at St. Mary's Church, Piddlehinton, on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30 p.m.

*Gill Howell*





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## Piddletrenthide + White Lackington

### Ivy House Garden - National Gardens Scheme (NGS)

The sun shone, the tulips blossomed, the bees hummed and the visitors duly appeared! Our first 'Opening' of the year saw nearly 100 friends, family and other visitors arrive to witness our garden emerge from last Winter, not too much the worse for the long cold spell.

During the afternoon £400 was donated and has now been forwarded to the NGS for the excellent charities that they support. Our special thanks go to John Preston, for manning the Plant Stall, Ros Charlton for ushering in the trippers and Ann Hawker, aided and abetted by Laura, for serving delicious home-made teas in the kitchen.

If you were unable to join us this month, we'd love to see you at our next 'Opening' on **Sunday May 8th, 2-5pm. Do come!**

*Bridget & Dave Bowen 01300 348255*

### REMEMBERING PIDDLTRENTHIDE

Plans are underway for our next exhibition which we are holding on Saturday November 19th at 2.30 in the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide.

Our theme this time will be: *Our Daily Bread*, with the focus on Farming and the Church. As usual, we welcome your memories and photos, so turn out your albums, sift through your grey matter and phone your family and friends to provide us with anecdotes!

Please phone or call at the house if you would like to be interviewed, but above all, write the date in your diary and bring your friends and family to share their memories....

*Dave & Bridget Bowen, Ivy House, Piddletrenthide 01300 348255*

## **Comedia Nocturnus by Piddle Valley Players**

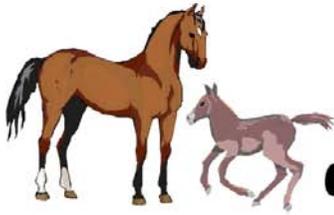
Congratulations are once again due to Rachel Olley and the Piddle Valley Players for another series of sparkling performances, playing to packed houses and hugely appreciative audiences. This was an ambitious project with a complicated plot but which was carried off with great success. It contained all the elements of great comedy: mistaken identity, cross-dressing, double-entendre, slapstick, comic timing, deception, exaggeration, parody, quick-fire dialogue and a hugely fast pace. The cast must have lost lbs (or should that be kilos) in weight if the tempo of the action was anything to go by, and the Director probably also lost a few lbs in nervous energy, especially as two members of the original cast dropped out quite late on in the schedule owing to illness and injury respectively.

This was truly a team effort, rewarded by much laughter and enjoyment from the audiences. In performances like this everyone's contribution (including all those important people backstage) is essential for it to work but special mention must go to Peter Lindsley (Pseudolus), Geoff Lewis (Hysterium) and Nick Boniface (Senex) who between them were on stage for much of the time, were all word perfect and who all gave flawless illustrations of deadpan delivery with brilliant results.

Congratulations also to the hero of the piece, Hero, played with gentle humour by Karen Cooke and to Rosie Parsons, his love interest, the beautiful but rather dim Phelia, whose inability to tell the difference between the numbers 3 and 5 were crucial to the plot. Her singing talent and the gift of being able to hold a true note are worth a mention. Well done also to Liz Larpent as the shrewish Domina, Senex' wife, and to Tom Ferrett, who, as Captain Miles Gloriosus, demonstrated tremendous stage presence and showed an admirable ability to "ham it up" to great dramatic and comic effect. Special mention to the younger members of the cast Alex Brazier, Hattie Olley, Jenna Freak and Annabel Trim

Elizabeth Sweetnam is to be congratulated on memorable yet simple tunes and words which, unusually for amateur groups, also actively contributed to the development of the plot and, in some cases, were as much fun as the dialogue. The duo of Senex and Pseudolus extolling the virtues of having a maid/working girl in the house were one of the highlights of the evening. The only slight criticism I would make is that sometimes the piano was a little too loud and it was difficult to hear the words, especially when it was a female or child's voice. This was an enjoyable and very funny outing for the PVP and, as well as clearly all revelling in the performance themselves, they should bask in the knowledge that all those people who paid to come along and be entertained felt that they had had a wonderful evening, which, when all is said and done, is what it is all about.

*Heather Bland*



# **MARES and FOALS DAY at East Farm Stables**

**EVENT:** Mares and Foals

Richard and Elsie Mitchell at East Farm, on the Plush road, are opening the farm so that children and parents and anyone else can go and see the Mares and Foals born this year.

Children's Tombola

Children's Activities

**DATE:** Friday 3rd June 2011

**TIME:** 2.00 - 5.00 pm

**VENUE:** East Farm (on the Plush Road)

**COST:** £2.50 per adult, children free

**In aid of the  
AIR AMBULANCE**

**Sorry - No dogs**

For further information ring 01300 348851



**The Bobby Wellins Trio**  
**Thursday May 5th at 7:30**  
**St John the Baptist Church, Plush**

Bobby Wellins is considered to be one of the icons of British modern jazz.

His career spans from playing on Stan Tracey's "Under Milk Wood", recorded in the late 60s, to leading the Charlie Watts Big Band. He is one of the finest melodic saxophonists in the world. His gentle sound and approach are unique ".... impeccable control, combined with a rich, luxuriant, tone" *The Scotsman* "A masterful display of controlled sensitivity from one of the most original voices in European Jazz"

*The Sunday Times*

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**The Denner Ensemble - 'Virtuosi'**  
**Saturday, May 7th at 7:30**  
**St Lawrence Church, Affpuddle**

A concert of Baroque music written by and for some of the leading virtuosi of the 18th century. Using period instruments, the Denner Ensemble presents thrilling, edge-of-the-seat performances of sonatas trios and quartets on violin, oboe, bassoon violone and harpsichord. Lively and informative introductions; great music and learn about the composers too.

**The Piddle Valley Players** would like to thank all the people in the valley and beyond who supported us at this years show and contributed to our raffle run by Sally Dangerfield. We raised £226.00 for our chosen charities, The Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall and Age Concern (UK). The money will be divided equally between these two charities. Thanks again. *Rachel Olley*

## **Plush**

**P** We hope for fine weather on 29<sup>th</sup> April as the Plush Royal Wedding Party is to be held in Jock's Field, so if it rains we will be partying in wellies !

**P** Regardless of weather, a Plush social institution started in early 2010 is still going strong - an informal arrangement that residents meet for supper at the Brace of Pheasants on the first Thursday of each month. Ann Jordan collects numbers to forewarn the Brace so that tables can be arranged for the 10 to 20 who turn up to sit together and catch up on each others news.

**P** Bobby Wellins Trio, THURSDAY 5th MAY 2011 at 7.30 pm. St John's proudly opens its doors to a great saxophonist and true icon of the UK jazz scene. Visit Plush for this terrific fundraising concert featuring 'one of the most original voices in European jazz' (Sunday Times). See poster.

**P** The sixteenth season of concerts at Plush with Festival Weekends 17/19 June, 1/3 July and 2/4 September. [www.musicatplush.net/02032861885](http://www.musicatplush.net/02032861885)  
*Ros Charlton*

## **Butts Cottage Garden - National Gardens Scheme (NGS)**

This will be our first year of opening for the National Gardens Scheme so we hope for fine weather and plenty of visitors. All profits from the Scheme go to charity, Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care are among the organisations. Do come along, bring your friends, relax in the garden and enjoy a refreshing cup of tea/coffee and some delicious cake.

Our garden covers almost an acre, sheltered by mature beech trees and comprises several contrasting areas. A stream runs between deep banks with a bridge leading to the lawn with wild flower area, pond and flower borders. The vegetable-garden and orchard (with Southern Marsh orchids) lie behind the 18th-century cottage with a rose-pergola to one side - and much more. There are plenty of places to sit and enjoy the views over Plush, the hills and along the valley and parts of the garden are accessible to wheelchairs and buggies.

From Piddletrenthide, take the turn right to Plush. At Plush follow the 'No Through Road', sign past the pub and look for yellow signs for Parking and Garden. There is limited parking for the disabled near the cottage. Cost is £3; children under 16 free. Dogs welcome on short leads. We are looking forward very much to welcoming you to our garden.

**Sunday 29 May and Sunday 12 June from 2-5 pm**

*Jane and John Preston*

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#### **Piddlehinton**

Paynes Close            2.00 – 4.00

**Letters ~~~~~**

Dear Editor

**Piddletrenthide Remembered**

Regarding Field-Marshal Bernard Montgomery, he stayed at the Vicarage a number of times. The Vicar of the day the Rev W Hamilton Dicker was a great friend of Monty's father, who was Bishop of Tasmania for some years. Monty's bedroom (above what was the study) was always known as 'Monty's Room'. That's probably been long forgotten, though I'm sure the current owners would love to resurrect it – unless they're pacifists, of course !

The M.E. 110 crashed at Doles Ash on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1940 just as the Battle of Britain was reaching its climax. The pilot was killed and was buried somewhere in Doles Ash but the Vicar objected to an enemy body being buried in the Parish, so the poor chap was dug up and disposed of we know not where. The co-pilot, as Mr Graham pointed out in his letter, survived and was duly apprehended. The pilot of the Hurricane, which actually collided with the M.E.110, didn't survive and bits of the plane were scattered over a very wide area. My son, Nicholas, has the landing light and the bombing mechanism of the German plane and a small piece of the Hurricane.

Returning to General Jackson, I'm sure you know the story of the local Home Guard, commanded by the General, who got their target practice in by aiming and firing at the weather vane on All Saints' church tower. When the General found out about this he banned the practice ! When the weather vane was restored during my time as vicar, strict instructions had to be given to the craftsmen not to fill in the bullet holes. So they are here to this day.

Very sincerely *Derek Parry (Vicar Piddle Valley 1974/93)*

Dear Editor

**Lawn mowers, strimmers & power tools**

We live in a lovely area of the country and it's nice to sit in the garden on a summer day and listen to the birds. With this in mind a few years ago a number of people in Piddletrenthide agreed to try to avoid using lawn mowers, strimmers and similarly noisy power tools on a Sunday, or at least the afternoon. I should like to thank everyone who supported the idea, having written in News and Views and we were pleased that so many others joined us, making the valley very peaceful. Obviously there will be times when such activities will be necessary, but if we all continue to make an effort it can to work and we all benefit.

*Sally Condon*

**Piddle Valley Country Dancing Group**

Please note in your diaries that Country Dancing sessions resume on the 19<sup>th</sup> September in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall. New recruits would be very welcome, so please get in touch for more information. *Jane Preston / 348545*

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## **Clubs, Groups, Organisations ~~~~~**

### **Piddle Valley Gardens Club**

#### **Japanese Gardens**



Garden designer, Jenny Short, delivered a very interesting, illustrated talk on the history of Japanese gardens. Although Japan has a similar climate to Britain and many Japanese plants thrive in parts of Britain the intrinsic garden designs are very different. Japanese garden design has been linked to religion through the ages; gardens are for viewing and relaxing in,

shapes are rounded and copy patterns from nature. Rocks and gravel areas are raked to look like water rippling or a rocky stone waterfall; some plants are pruned to copy rock shapes. They are restrained in their choice of plants having bands of just one or two colours.

The popular tea ceremony of the 14th century features in Japanese gardens today with meandering paths leading to symbolic tea houses, lanterns and a hand washing basin. By the 19th century, 'stroll gardens' gardens were designed for walking in but still kept to simple designs and colours and water features crossed by crooked bridges so that evil spirits would fall off. Jenny made everyone an origami crane to take home as a reminder of her talk.

*Ann Jordan 01300 348015*

#### **Vegetables**

If you have a small garden or even just a backyard and you want to grow some vegetables then you should have been at the Gardens Club meeting in March. Members were treated to an illustrated talk by staff from Kingston Maurward College, Ruth Whitty and Trevor Ings. The main message was that with just a little bit of effort and some ingenuity no place is too small for you to produce some delicious vegetables, extremely fresh and free from pesticides and pollution. All kinds of containers



*Trevor & Ruth talking 'spinach' to members*  
can be pressed into service from old garden pots, large thick plastic bags to old boots. Trevor is also an avid grower of vegetables for exhibition and gave members a few tips for the Flower Show in August. *Ian Condon*

## Record Breaking Show

For the valley gardeners the week preceding Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April was tense. Would the spring bulbs be out or over, with rain and wind predicted may be they would all be lying down? In the event 214 magnificent entries were displayed to great effect.

*Member Eric Groome,  
a regular winner, receives the  
Challenge cup for gaining the  
most points by Sue  
Beckingham*

*Photo Brian Beckingham*



The new photographic class with titles of Winter Warmer, Spring Fever and Jack Frost produced 26 entries, showing much local talent. The Floral Art section with 17 entries showed wonderful imagination in interpreting the titles from "An arrangement in an egg cup" to topical "Royal Reception". Our judge Mr Merrifield commented that for a "Small Village Show" the standard was excellent.

Peter Chance won the vegetable section, Ann Millard the Floral Art and Patrick Charlton the Photography. At every show the public disagree with the judges decision! The public were therefore asked to put a coin beside their favourite exhibit. This was awarded to Gay Hanbury and the monies collected from this donated to Julia House Hospice for Children.

We now look forward to the Summer Show on 13<sup>th</sup> August when vegetables and summer flowers will be at their best. Home baking comes to the fore, more inspiration appears from the flower arrangers, and children have the opportunity to be creative. To get the photographers thinking, the titles are "Watery World", "All Alone" and "Seasons Delight".

*Elizabeth Jolliffe, Show Secretary*

Plant sale at **Higher Tything Cottage**, opposite The Poachers on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Indoor meeting at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Ponds for wildlife. All welcome.

*Ann Jordan (Secretary) 01300 348015*

## Piddletrenthide Lunch Club



The Lunch Club dates for the rest of the year have been finalised and the dates and menus will be published in the News and Views and a Poster will be displayed in the Post Office.



Thank you to all the volunteers who make the Lunch Club such a success. We now have the Five Star Award for Food Safety & Hygiene proudly displayed in the Hall.

### Dates for your diaries

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> MAY

Beef Pot Roast with vegetables

Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Lunch at Galton Garden Centre

If you would like to join us for lunch, volunteer to help or provide a raffle prize please contact

*Sue Jennings 01300 348076*

## Piddle Valley Over 60s

On 5<sup>th</sup> May the Piddle Valley Over 60s will have the first of this year's outings. This will be a Mystery Tour with a lunchtime stop for a carvery. The coach will leave Piddletrenthide at 10.00am.

The second outing on 2<sup>nd</sup> June will be to The Blue Pool and includes a cream tea. The coach will leave Piddletrenthide at 1.30pm.

Non-members are welcome on any of the outings as long as there are spare seats on the coach. If you wish to go on an outing, or would like information about the club, please ring

*Hilary French / 01305 848501*

## Childrens Activities

RAINBOWS (for girls aged 5 – 7 years)	4.15 – 5.15pm
Wednesdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall
Contact	Sarah Goddard / 01300 345413
BROWNIES (for girls aged 7 – 9 years)	5.45 – 7.15pm
Wednesdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall
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## The Twinning Association, twinned with Longueville, Normandy goes “Nuts in May”

On Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> an evening of French music and food with Magdalena Atkinson singing your favourite French songs and Dave Bowen and Mike Bottrill on sax and guitar.

The menu will be carbonade à la flamande (beef slow-cooked in beer), pommes dauphinoise and petits pois, followed by a selection of French cheeses, tarte aux fruits and coffee. There will also be a bar and raffle.



**All are welcome** - bring a party of friends to Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall and enjoy a summer's evening French-style ! Tickets are £12, available from the end of April from Dave (348255), Bernard (348434), and Piddletrenthide Post Office and Shop.

**Normandy Visit** will take place the first weekend in September. If you would like more information about the Twinning, call *Jo Thornton 01300 34867*

### Piddle Valley Children's Centre

The Piddle Valley Children's Centre is managed by Barnardo's on behalf of Dorset County Council, funded through the government's Early Years and Child Care Service and forms part of the Mid Dorset Cluster which also covers Broadmayne and Sherborne.

The Piddle Valley Children's Centre aims to support all children and their parents/carers to reach their full potential through fun and educational play opportunities. Training courses, financial, employment and benefit advice is also available.

**Do you have or care for children aged 0 – 5 years?** At present within the Piddle Valley the Children's Centre are providing free of charge (unless otherwise stated) a range of activities that include:

**Puddletown Village Hall** - Messy Play

10:00 – 11:30 on Mondays – 23 May, 20 June

**Charminster Village Hall** - Musik & Movement

10:00 -11:30 on Wednesdays – 11 & 25 May, 8 & 22 June

**Charminster Village Hall** - Active Play

10:00 – 11:00 on Fridays - 27 May & 24 June

**Puddletown Cricket Pavilion** Piddle Valley Bus

10:00 – 11:30 on Fridays – 15 April, 20 May, 17 June

For more information on wider venues (or to book your place) please telephone Broadmayne Children's Centre on 01305 852843 or contact your local Children's Centre Community Contact Point at your local First Schools.

*Jo Holdsworth, Barnado's Administrator*

## **Parish + District Council ~~~~~**

### **Piddle Valley Parish Council**

#### **Meetings**

The Piddle Valley Parish Council continues to hold its monthly meetings in the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, normally on the last Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7.30 pm. Every meeting starts with a 'democratic half hour', during which any local resident may personally raise matters that affect the Valley community direct to the Council. So if you think you have something important to say, please contact one of your local councillors, or deliver it in person at the next meeting! The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011

#### **Local Elections and Referendum**

Don't forget, local elections will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. You can vote in the referendum (on the voting system used to select MPs to the House of Commons) and local elections, if you are registered to vote, and are 18 or over on 5 May 2011.

#### **Planning Matters**

1/D/10/001752 – Fleet Farmhouse, White Lackington, Piddletrenthide – Single storey extension – conditions

1/D/10/001753 Listed Building Consent – Fleet Farmhouse, White Lackington, Piddletrenthide – Single storey extension & internal alterations – conditions

1/D/11/000133 – Park Farm, Towns Knapp, Mappowder – Form steel framed side apex – Prior approval is required

1/D/11/000086 – Land at Church Lane, Piddletrenthide – Barn/Stable/tack room – REFUSED

1/D/10/000447 – Sunnymead, Egypt, Piddletrenthide – Demolish existing dwelling & outbuildings. Erect two dwellings & outbuilding. New access & extended garden – Conditions

1/D/11/000087 – 1 Barcombe Farm Cottages, Alton Pancras – Extension & Porch – APPROVED

1/D/11/000193 – Piddle Valley CE VA First School, Piddletrenthide – Pirate Ship play equipment & rubber chip surface

#### **Village Meeting**

Piddletrenthide Village Meeting - The annual village meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011** at 7.30pm.

Everybody is welcome to attend to raise any issues they may have regarding the village.

*Anthony Trevis*

## **Notes from your District Councillor**

### **Local Elections ~ Don't Forget to Vote on 5<sup>th</sup> May**

These are the elections that are really local and in many ways can be more relevant to what happens in the Piddle Valley than Government Elections. This is your chance to vote in your team of Parish Councillors and your representative on West Dorset District Council.

If you have not had reasons to call on your Parish Councillors you may not be aware of what an incredible, and often unseen job they do in the Valley. They put in an enormous number of voluntary hours to keep the communal parts of the village in good shape, organizing litter picks and keeping the river weed free. They check the safety of the children's play equipment and deal with all sorts of traffic, flooding and local nuisance problems. They alert the Council to highway problems and where potholes need to be filled. They purchase and organize the filling of salt bins and have a sand depot for sand bags at times of flood. They advise on local issues pertinent to planning applications and fight battles to retain our footpaths and bridleways free of vehicles.

8 local people represent residents of Piddletrenthide including Plush, 2 represent residents of Alton Pancras and 5 represent residents of Piddlehinton including White Lackington. It is a job for the public-spirited and you should treasure those you vote in, as the wellbeing of your village depends upon their skills. Anyone wishing to stand should contact the Parish Clerk Sam Paulley on 01305 757307 or [piddlevalleyclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:piddlevalleyclerk@hotmail.co.uk).

### ***Piddle Valley Personalities* ~~~~~**

#### **Dave Bowen**

The tanned and bearded face of Dave Bowen from Ivy House is a familiar sight in the Valley, particularly when connected to one of several musical instruments. Dave was born during the war, the only son of a Welsh miner and later pit under-manager, Trevor Bowen who died only a year into Dave's life after a terrible accident, being crushed by a runaway coal wagon. He was left the only male with his mother Gwyneth and five sisters, two of whom remain living in Wales.

He grew up in Bridgend where musical interest came from his grandfather's role as Chapel organist and from attending Eisteddfods. He was a pupil at the Boys Grammar School, one of the local boys able to 'escape' from the pits by gaining a place to study for a BA Hons in English Language and Literature at Kings College, London. Jazz had caught his interest at school where he was inspired by Louis Armstrong and Sidney Bechet but it was only when he reached university that this took flight and in 1962 helped form the Kings College Jazz Band. After Kings, he taught English in London until the early 1970s, including a year out with the British Council in Finland. Living around the centre of the capital, he gained playing experience at various London pub jazz sessions and happily met a professional

# Go nuts in May



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in the Memorial Hall*

# French meal & music

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musician, Jimmy Skidmore who gave him some good advice : buy a saxophone ! He joined local GP, Dr Mel Henry to form a new quintet playing together for several years, even with Nathaniel Moletrencher and his Band and Humphrey Lyttelton in a London shop window. They attracted the attention of ITV Arts producer, Humphrey Burton who commissioned them to make a programme in the Aquarius series on the life of George Melly. But Dr Henry also opened up another direction in Dave's evolving lifestyle by introducing him to one of his patients, a beautiful young music student, Bridget Hammond from Cambridge.

Dave and Bridget married later that year moving to Cambridge where Dave became an English teacher at the Boys Grammar School and joined the Riverside Jazz Band. Three children, Sam, Anna and Laura arrived in the next few years but by this time Dave had been offered the job of Head of English at Thomas Hardy in Dorchester, a place they did not know but were reassured by friends that Dorset was the place to be.

It was then that his jazz scene took off properly, the Dave Bowen Quartet was formed to play at the Judge Jeffreys Restaurant in High West Street. He was able to reconnect his London links to many American stars and accompanied such jazz greats as pianists Dick Wellstood, Ralph Sutton and Dill Jones, cornettists 'Wild' Bill Davison and Kenny Davern, saxophonists Bud Freeman, Jim Galloway and Benny Waters, the oldest jazz musician then playing at 81 who had actually played with King Oliver in his youth. Even a member of Glenn Miller's wartime orchestra, 'Peanuts' Hucko brought his quintet to the restaurant but, best of all was sharing his 40th birthday one Saturday evening with Fats Waller's former guitarist, Al Casey who was celebrating his own 68th birthday.

In 1986, Dave and Bridget were able to move away from their tiny garden in Dorchester to the well-known Ivy House where Bridget's horticultural genes were able to take root. They not only created the wonderful garden that extends to over half an acre up the steep hillside (next open 8 May for the NGS), but started a nearby allotment and took up beekeeping ! Dave retired from teaching fourteen years ago and became secretary to the Dorset Teachers Council with links between the profession and the teaching unions. In more recent years, they have decided to start their latest social history project, 'Remembering Piddletrenthide', collecting images and narrative about the village going back to the early 1900s; their 4th exhibition is planned for the autumn in the Memorial Hall. Jazz and Baroque music continues to occupy them both as do regular jazz sessions at The Three Compasses in Charminster the first Wednesday each month.

It was while talking to Dave we turned to the evolution of jazz of the more modern idiom and he surprised me by saying that jazz was largely obliterated by the coming of the Beatles in the mid 1960s when the direction of alternative popular music was changed for ever.

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Front cover picture / Dave Bowen in action  
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## **Piddle Valley School** ~~~~~

The biggest news this term has been that sadly, our Headteacher Melanie Cridland is leaving after four years. Melanie has done a brilliant job in her time at the school and will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and parents. We wish her every success in her new position as Headteacher of Manor Park School in Dorchester.

The Governors have appointed Mrs Tracy Jones who will start as our new Headteacher in September. We all look forward to working with her. We have also appointed a new teacher to replace Sarah Robertson who left at Christmas to spend more time with her family. Mrs Rebecca Why has joined the school working part time in the Buzzards (Year 2/3) class. Welcome Becky!

Life at Piddle Valley School continues to be as busy as ever. Our creative curriculum continues to be a great success; topics included World War 2, Knights and Castles and Simply Shakespeare! It is a very effective way of teaching and learning and our pupils certainly seem to enjoy working in this way.

We have been out and about this term. The Owls (Year 4) were fortunate to visit **@Bristol** thanks to the Dorset Asset Fund. Buzzards had a fabulous day out visiting Maiden Castle, Dorset County Museum and the Roman Town House while Woodpeckers visited Corfe Castle. Pupils have also taken part in netball and lacrosse festivals, a skipping competition and sung in the DASP voice works concert. We also had a BBC film crew at the school - they chose some of our younger children who **will appear on CBeebies in May**.

The new Piddle Valley Foundation Base, made up of Preschool and Reception children, enjoyed sharing their learning this term indoors and outdoors with various animals who have visited during our topics about 'Animals' and 'Once Upon a Time'! We have stroked kittens, fed and carried chickens, groomed goats, held baby chicks and ducklings, taken dogs for walks and measured how fast they run! A lovely little lamb came to visit us just before the Easter break.

In the summer we will be visited by 'People who Help Us' from the local community as well as learning how to keep fit and healthy. Our places for preschool are filling fast so if you are interested in joining our fun and caring setting please contact the school as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting and playing with new children as they begin to join the preschool. *For more information contact Cathy White and Nicole Lefebvre-Woods at the School on 01300 348219 (Piddle Valley Foundation Base).*

As the evenings are getting lighter we would like to remind you that after school hours, the school grounds, resources and equipment are private property.

We are looking for **more volunteers** and would be extremely grateful for any help. We are planning a big revamp of the outside area so if you would like to help with this or in any other way (reading for example) please contact Claire at the office and look out for our Community Questionnaire. Thank you for your continued support and a very Happy Easter.

*Cath Rothman, Assistant Headteacher*

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*Jonathan Bond, Hon Secretary*

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*Dot Browning 01300 348280 dot.descon@easynet.co.uk*

## Surgeries ~~~~~

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**www.piddlevalley.info ~~~~~**

We are delighted to report that we have secured our community website, complete with the correct email address for Editors or Advertising. The website team (all volunteers) have been extremely active and the website will be launching just as soon as we can achieve all the information and images to be included. This does rely on many of you to come forward with information and detail on your club, organisation or business together with specific activities and amenities. We need definitive statements too on all the settlements. We would like to receive your contribution as soon as possible and will be issuing guidelines, so do email your interest to **editor@piddlevalley.info**

**And now for some very welcome news !** On the 21<sup>st</sup> March, your editor briefed the Parish Council in the Democratic Half Hour on the plans to evolve the PVNV with wider content, the current financial situation and the community website. We are extremely grateful to the Parish Council who have confirmed their support for the community website and have voted to cover the costs for two years. This is tremendous news and enables the website to move forward more quickly. But please be assured, that the website will run in parallel to the PVNV magazine and advertisers will only have the opportunity of a presence if they advertise in the magazine.

So do look now at **www.piddlevalley.info**

**Editorial ~~~~~**

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