

Piddle Valley News & Views



September / October 2011



Valley events

Piddletrenthide Fete, Gardens Club Summer Show and Talent Show, Gardens Club Summer Lunch, Plush Cricket

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The Three Churches Fete



..with a Tudor Theme

At Meyden Revel, Cheselbourne

Sunday 11th September, 12pm 'til 4pm

Admire the elegant Elizabethan Dancers, be astonished by the power of the longbow, admire the grace of the birds of prey and let the kids roam free around the children's area.

Enjoy the stalls, try the delicious food including a traditional hog roast and enjoy a real beer (or other tipple!) in the beautiful grounds of this Dorset idyll.

Look out for Blackadder, Melchett, Baldrick and Queenie!!

From the editors ~~~~~

Many of us lucky enough to reside in the folds of the Dorset landscape cannot but be thankful that we live among a friendly, caring and tranquil society. Where there is noise a-plenty from the birds and sounds of a working countryside, we are not discomfited by angry mobs and out of control individuals. We can walk or cycle by day or by night along the road and the paths, able to talk to each other and our neighbours as we go, unhindered by chaos and aggression. But we should be mindful of the horrors that do exist whether within some of the UK's towns and cities, or beyond in the wider world and we should all strive to influence a better attitude which we can all roll out into the world around us.

In this issue you can read about another *Piddle Personality*, a statement from Amity Hill who chaired the Shop Steering Group and a summary of the comments and suggestions included in the Questionnaires, very kindly completed and returned by some of our fellow Piddle Valley residents. Thanks too to PVNV deliverers who have received contributions towards the magazine – we are very grateful.

In the Piddle Valley we have much to be grateful for – we have enjoyed some summer sunshine, our roads are receiving attention, the Piddetrenthide Post Office & Stores looks to have been reprieved - and English cricket is thriving !

Dot Browning | Editor

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Nigel Pearce-Buckley on 60 mile cycle ride (taken at 25 mph) for Macmillan Cancer Care © Kristina Pearce-Buckley

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Dates for your diary ~~~~~

September

2	Fri	P'thide Lunch Club	P'thide Memorial Hall	12.30-2pm
2-4	F-S	Music at Plush	Former St John's	various
5	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
8	Th	PV Over 60s	Outing to Seaton	10.00am
9	Fri	Coffee Morning	P'thide Memorial Hall	10.30-12.00
10	Sat	Stride & Ride	See posters	
10	Sat	Duck Race	Thimble Inn	from 2.30pm
see poster				
11	Sun	Three Churches Fete	Meyden Revel, Cheselbourne	12-4pm
16	Fri	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church, P'thide	7.30pm
17	Sat	Autumn Jumble Sale	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.00pm
19	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
19	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15
21	Wed	'Duo Isaria'	St Mary's Church, P'ton	7.30pm
23	Fri	Coffee Morning	P'thide Memorial Hall	10.30-12.00
26	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15
27	Tue	PV Parish Council	P'thide Memorial Hall	7.30pm
30	Fri	P'thide Lunch Club	P'thide Memorial Hall	12.30-2pm

October

1	Sat	'Puddings Galore'	P'thide Memorial Hall	7.30pm
2	Sun	Harvest Festival	St Pancras Church, AP	6.30pm
3	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
3	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15
7	Fri	Coffee Morning, Harvest Festival	P'thide Memorial Hall	10.30-12.00
7	Fri	Michaelmas Coffee Morning	St Mary's P'ton	7pm
8	Sat	Michaelmas Coffee Morning	P'thide Memorial Hall	10.30-12.00
9	Sun	Harvest Supper – tbc	Barcombe Farm	
10	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15
16	Sun	Breakfast Club	P'ton Village Hall	9.00-12.00
17	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
17	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15
17	Mon	AP Village Meeting	AP Church	7.30pm
21	Fri	Coffee Morning	P'thide Memorial Hall	10.30-12.00
24	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15
25	Tue	PV Parish Council	P'thide Memorial Hall	7.30pm
28	Fri	P'thide Lunch Club	P'thide Memorial Hall	12.30-2pm
31	Mon	PV Country Dancing	P'thide Memorial Hall	2.15-4.15

News from the Vicarage ~~~~~

SCHOOL'S BACK

Both of the schools in our benefice start the new term and, indeed, the new academic year with new headteachers.

Cheselbourne Village School (CVS) said farewell at the end of last term to Ann Herridge who retired after more than ten wonderful years with the school. She is succeeded by Bob Duffin, already a senior teacher at the school and so well known to the children, parents, staff and governors. Bob has also been prominent in the local community where his musical talents, both as a music teacher and as a key board and trumpet player, have been seen in school services at St Martin's and at village fetes where the children have sung for us.

Melanie Cridland resigned as headteacher at Piddle Valley CE VA First School (PVFS) in order to take up the post of headteacher at Manor Park CE VC First School. She is succeeded by Tracy Jones who comes to us from Bovington First School where she has worked for some 14 years, reaching the post of deputy headteacher. Melanie has left the school in excellent form and, at her invitation, Tracy has already been to the school during the summer term for several meetings with the staff so as to ensure that the autumn term kicks off well.

PVFS is due an Ofsted inspection soon. Usually Ofsted give just 48 hours' notice of their inspection so Tracy could find that they are on the phone while she is still getting her feet under her desk! Bob had a similar experience at CVS last year when the call from Ofsted came while Ann was away recovering from surgery and he was acting headteacher.

When there has been an Ofsted inspection of a Church of England School, the diocese usually then makes a SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) inspection within eight weeks. Technically the SIAS inspection is to ensure that the school is fulfilling the Trust Deed that established it in the first place. In essence it concentrates on how distinctive and effective is the school as a Church of England school. This will be an extra challenge for Tracy and her team since PVFS is, of course, a Church school 'founded on Christian values, principles and beliefs' (as the school's Mission Statement makes clear).

Both schools are keen to contribute to and to be involved with their respective local communities and I hope that we are keen to be supportive of them. If you would like to volunteer to help in either of these excellent schools, then do be in touch with the relevant headteacher.

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LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

at

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
PIDDLETRENTHIDE



Friday 16TH September 2011
at 7.30 pm

Featuring:

John Hudson, International Tenor

Deirdre Ashton, Mezzo Soprano, Bournemouth Symphony Chorus

Magdalena Atkins, Soprano

Elizabeth Sweetnam, Piano

The Durnovaria Silver Band

Musical Director Elizabeth A. Carter

In aid of local
charities and
organisations

Programme to include

E Lucevan le Stelle and My Heart and I – John Hudson

L'Amour Sei Tu and Rule Britannia – Deirdre Ashton

Habanera and The Man I Love – Magdalena Atkins

Imperial Echoes and Radetsky Marches, Annie's Song, Wartime Medley Singalong,

Jerusalem, Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Pomp and Circumstance No 1

TICKETS £10 ADULT, £6 child

to include canapés

Wine available to purchase

Tickets available from Piddletrenthide Post Office,
Sue Beckingham 01300 348865 and Janet Keen 01300 348851

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Sofia Rose Altuzarra and Isabel Amy Palacios were baptised at St Martin's, Cheselbourne on the 12th June 2011.

A service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Riley Ted Gregory and Fenn Cecilia Gregory was held at All Saints, Hilton on the 18th June 2011.

Hector Charles Ambrose Rawlings and Aimee Elizabeth Vincent were baptised at All Saints, Piddletrenthide on the 19th June 2011.

Holy Matrimony

Christopher John Randall and Nicola Jane Kellaway were married at St Martin's, Cheselbourne on the 18th June 2011.

Wayne Philip Strickland and Rachel Louise Brooks were married at Milton Abbey on the 16th July 2011.

Funerals

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Louise Jackson of Sturminster Newton was held at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 10th June 2011.

The funeral of Eric Cardy of Piddlehinton took place at Weymouth crematorium on the 13th June 2011.

The funeral of Sidney Robert Phelps of Piddletrenthide took place at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 14th June 2011 followed by cremation at Weymouth crematorium. His ashes were interred at All Saints on the 19th July 2011.

The funeral of Ray Hollesley Coverdale of Broadmayne took place at Weymouth crematorium on the 16th June 2011 followed by a service of thanksgiving for his life at St Pancras', Alton Pancras where his ashes were interred on the 10th July 2011.

The ashes of Elizabeth Ann Mary Ware of Dorchester were interred at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton on the 19th June 2011.

The funeral of Reginald Allan Stewart of Melcombe Bingham took place at Poole crematorium on the 28th June 2011 followed by a service of thanksgiving for his life at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey.

The funeral of Geoffrey Frank Wareham of Melcombe Bingham took place at All Saints', Hilton on the 4th July 2011 followed by burial.

The funeral of Stafford James Hammett of Plush took place at All Saints', Piddletrenthide followed by cremation at Weymouth crematorium on the 8th July 2011.

The ashes of Dennis Aubrey Riggs of Farningham, Kent were interred at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 9th July 2011.

The funeral of Douglas John William Smith of Piddletrenthide took place at All Saints', Piddletrenthide followed by cremation at Weymouth crematorium on 4th August 2011.

SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY		
<u>4th September</u> Trinity 11 (Proper 18) Green Ps 149 Ezek 33.7-11 Rom 13.8-14 Matt 18.15-20	<u>Hilton</u> 8.30am Holy Communion <u>Cheselbourne</u> 9.30am Family Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism (Lyscombe) <u>Piddlehinton</u> 9.30am Family Service	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> 11.00am Morning Prayer <u>Piddletrenthide</u> 11.00am Morning Prayer <u>Alton Pancras</u> 6.30pm Evening Prayer	
<u>11th September</u> Trinity 12 (Proper 19) Green Ps 115 Gen 50.15-21 Rom 14.1-12 Matt 18.21-35	<u>Cheselbourne</u> 8.30am Holy Communion <u>Alton Pancras</u> 11.00am Parish Eucharist	<u>Piddlehinton</u> 6.30pm Evening Prayer	
<u>18th September</u> Trinity 13 (Proper 20) Green Ps 105.36-44 Jon 3.10-4.11 Phil 1.21-30 Matt 20.1-16	<u>Alton Pancras</u> 8.30am Holy Communion <u>Piddlehinton</u> 9.30am Parish Communion <u>Piddletrenthide</u> 9.30am Family Service	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> 11.00am Parish Communion <u>Hilton</u> 11.00am Morning Prayer <u>Cheselbourne</u> 6.00pm Evening Prayer	
<u>25th September</u> Trinity 14 (Proper 21) Green Ps 78.1-9 Ezek 18.1-4, 25-32 Phil 2.1-13 Matt 2123-32	<u>Piddletrenthide</u> 8.30am Holy Communion <u>Alton Pancras</u> 9.30am Family Eucharist <u>Cheselbourne</u> 11.00am Family Service Harvest Festival	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> 11.00am Morning Prayer <u>Hilton</u> 6.00pm Evening Prayer <u>Piddlehinton</u> 6.30pm Evening Prayer	
<u>2nd October</u> Trinity 15 (Proper 22) Green Ps 19.7-15 Is 5.1-7 Phil 3.4b-14 Matt 21.33-46	<u>Hilton</u> 8.30am Holy Communion <u>Cheselbourne</u> 9.30am Family Eucharist <u>Piddlehinton</u> 9.30am Family Service	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> 11.00am Morning Prayer <u>Piddletrenthide</u> 11.00am Morning Prayer <u>Alton Pancras</u> 6.30pm Evening Prayer Harvest Festival	
Morning Prayer is said at 8.00am on the 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Tuesdays at Piddletrenthide, on the 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays at Alton Pancras, every Wednesday at Hilton, at 9.30am on the 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thursdays at Piddlehinton. A said Eucharist is celebrated at 9.30am on the 2 nd and 4 th Thursday at Piddlehinton and on the Feast of St Matthew (the 21 st September) at Hilton.			

SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY		
<u>7th October</u>	<u>Piddlehinton</u> <u>7.00pm Harvest Festival (with + Graham)</u>		
<u>9th October</u> Trinity 16 (Proper 23) Green Ps 106.1-6 Is 25.1,9 Phil 4.1-9 Matt 22.1-14	<u>Cheselbourne</u> <u>8.30am Holy Communion</u> <u>Hilton</u> <u>9.30am Family Eucharist</u> <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Piddletrenthide</u> <u>11.00am Family Eucharist</u> <u>Harvest Festival</u>	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> <u>6.00pm Evening Prayer</u> <u>Harvest Festival</u> <u>Piddlehinton</u> <u>6.30pm Parish Communion</u>	
<u>16th October</u> Trinity 17 (Proper 24) Green Ps 96 Is 45.1-7 1 Thes 2.1-8 Matt 22.34-46	<u>Alton Pancras</u> <u>8.30am Holy Communion</u> <u>Piddlehinton</u> <u>9.30am Parish Communion</u> <u>Piddletrenthide</u> <u>9.30am Family Service</u>	<u>Hilton</u> <u>11.00am Morning Prayer</u> <u>Melcombe Horsey</u> <u>11.00am Parish Communion</u> <u>Cheselbourne</u> <u>6.00pm Evening Prayer</u>	
<u>23rd October</u> Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25) Green Ps26.1-8 Jer 15.15-21 Rom 12.9-end Matt 16.21-end	<u>Piddletrenthide</u> <u>8.30am Holy Communion</u> <u>Alton Pancras</u> <u>9.30am Family Eucharist</u> <u>Cheselbourne</u> <u>11.00am Family Service</u>	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> <u>11.00am Morning Prayer</u> <u>Hilton</u> <u>6.00pm Evening Prayer</u> <u>Piddlehinton</u> <u>6.30pm Evening Prayer</u>	
<u>30th October</u> All Saints' Sunday White Ps 34.1-10 1 John 3.1-3 (use as OT lesson) Matt 5.1-12	<u>Hilton</u> <u>9.30am Family Eucharist</u> <u>Patronal Festival</u> <u>Piddletrenthide</u> <u>11.00am Family Eucharist</u> <u>Patronal Festival</u>	<u>Melcombe Horsey</u> <u>3.00pm All Souls' Service</u>	
Services shown in italics are taken from the timeless prose of the Book of Common Prayer published in 1662. The Family Eucharists (based on Common Worship Order One) Family and other services are in contemporary language.			



DUO ISARIA

REBEKKA HARTMANN

Violin

(Jascha Heifetz prize)

CAROLINE BERGIUS

Harpsichord

CORELLI	Sonata op.5 no.2, B flat major
HANDEL	Suite no.7 G minor for harpsichord solo
VITALI	Chaconne G minor
YSAŸE	Sonata for violin solo op.27 no.6, E major
J.S.BACH	Sonata no.4 C minor, BWV 1017

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Piddlehinton, Dorset**

Wednesday 21st September 2011

Tickets £9, children under 15 free

Part proceeds to the Church Fund

Information and tickets, Honor Brown, tel: 01300 348 252

Raymond Hollesley Coverdale 1933 - 2011

Born in Dulwich, London on 24th September 1933 to parents Arthur and Grace Coverdale, Ray was the eldest by some margin to his siblings Vivien and Jeffery. He was a member of Emmanuel Church choir, Youth club and the local scout group and badminton club.

In 1959 Ray married Stella, whom he had known all of his life. Their married life started in Worcester Park, Surrey where they were committed to St Phillips Church and their children Graham, Colette and Barry were born. Much later the family grew with the arrival of spouses and grandchildren, Aiden, Ryan and Matthew.

Following one too many letter bombs at work at Victoria postal sorting office Ray and Stella took the opportunity of living the dream and moving to the countryside, thus arriving at the Post Office in Piddletrenthide. They became involved with Alton St Pancras church, with Ray being on the PCC for some 35 years. He also helped with cubs, scouts, and a youth badminton club.

On moving to Broadmayne some 13 years ago Ray became involved with St Martins Church, using his practical skills to help re-point the church boundary wall along with some like-minded parishioners who became firm friends.

Badminton remained his greatest sporting love. During illness his driving force was to play another game of badminton. Ray was known for his 'can do' attitude, always having some project in hand, both at home and for others. Despite ill-health for some 22 years, his aim was to live life to the full and enjoy his time, not sit around waiting for life to happen.

Ray died on 31st May 2011 and Stella and family would like to thank everybody who attended his service and for the many cards, letters and prayers received at this sad time.

Stafford James Hammett 1922 – 2011

Stafford was born in Exeter and was educated at Shebbear College, North Devon, a Methodist School, where his love of music, particularly organ music, was born and where he sang with the School Choir.

In the Home Guard, he witnessed the Air Raid destruction of large parts of Exeter. From there he joined the Navy as a seaman gunner on a Destroyer on convoy duty out of Scapa Flow. Once commissioned (and skipping quickly past his accidental collision with an anchored vessel off the Isle of Wight), he became commander of his first ship aged just 21, a landing craft used in the Normandy landings in 1944, taking Canadian Engineers and tanks to clear mines from Juno Beach. Promotion to full Lieutenant on a Gunboat with a crew of 28 seaman and marines soon followed. His love of the sea remained with him and family holidays with four disparate children, Stafford's Sally and Mandy, Audrey's Patricia and Gordon, always involved some seaside adventure, from rough sea crossings to perilous dinghy sailings. He was a sanguine commander and soon had his motley crew licked into shape. Much

adventure, from rough sea crossings to perilous dinghy sailings. He was a sanguine commander and soon had his motley crew licked into shape. Much later in life, when faced with increasing debility brought about by his long battle with lung cancer, he liked nothing better than a drive by the sea.

1947 saw the start of a career in marketing and sales at Communication Systems worldwide, with East Africa and the Far East his early stamping grounds, later joining Rank Xerox at the beginning of the office technology revolution in the UK where his skill won him numerous awards and prizes. He also had a fascination with kitchen and domestic gadgets and his retirement ahead of his wife, Audrey, gave him the opportunity to make ample use of these ! It was at this point he honed his cooking skills, and in particular enjoyed making puddings (his specialities were junkets and pavlovas). He was also keen on photography and cine filming and has a substantial collection of slides and films from his days abroad.

Cricket was another interest; from early prep school success onwards, as an opening batsman, he loved that most English of games: its team ethic, its test of character, its ebb and flow. It was the opener's typical qualities of patience, courage, steadfastness and balanced judgement that he espoused in life beyond the pitch that were to serve the family so well through its ups-and-downs.

In 1984, Stafford and Audrey moved from Layer Breton in Essex to Dorset, settling in Plush. Stafford was always most appreciative of the care he received both from Cerne Abbas Surgery and the Dorchester and Poole Hospitals during his illness, and the family would like to add their thanks to his. Our grateful thanks too, for the many warm messages of condolence that we have been sent. He is much missed.

Douglas Smith 1931 – 2011

Doug was born at March in Cambridgeshire, the eldest of three brothers and one sister. His father was an agricultural HGV driver and the family lived in a cottage tied to his work. He left March school at 14 to work on the farm, interrupted by National Service in the Royal Artillery during which he earned his HGV driving licence, in Nicosia, the first time he had left England.

After National Service, Doug settled down to family life and Sandra and Beverley were born. Now he was qualified to drive lorries for a living, first on the farm, then 28 years for his brother Dudley's haulage business, and 12 more years for a large operator near Wisbech. It was a hard life, very long hours, getting up in the early hours to take loads to London, to Wales or the North of England.

He loved to be with his family and every weekend they would go into town shopping on a Saturday and out for a trip every Sunday, Doug driving; he hated being driven!



In Aid of The Dorset Historic Churches Trust

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

**WALK FROM ST ANDREW'S MELCOMBE HORSEY
TO ALL SAINTS, PIDDLETRENTHIDE**

**Lunch afterwards with William and Serena Ansell
at Southcombe Farmhouse, Piddletrenthide**

We are organising a walk starting from St Andrew's Melcombe Horsey at 9.30am and finishing at All Saints, Piddletrenthide on Saturday 10 September.

Supporters are also welcome to join for part of the way, eg at Lyscombe or Plush, and then come to have a simple lunch which we will provide at Southcombe Farmhouse.

Those who are not up for the walk but would like to support the project may wish to give lifts to the walkers to their starting point and then join us for lunch at 1 o'clock.

The organisers of **Ride & Stride** encourage walkers to seek sponsorship. We can provide forms, but if you would prefer then we would ask for a £10 donation to the Dorset Historic Church's Trust that we would collect at lunch. Half the proceeds will go to Dorset Historic Church's Trust and half to your local church.

Please contact William or Serena Ansell if you would like to join for all or part of the walk (they can advise on the route) and tell them if you would like some lunch.

Telephone 01300 348359

or email

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When Doug found himself on his own again, his daughter, Sandra persuaded him to go on a blind date with his brother, Dudley, his sister-in-law Pat, daughter Sandra, and a lady called Eileen who Dudley knew through work. They all met at the Polgate Inn near Swaffham, it was love at first sight and Doug and Eileen married in 1983. As well as his own two daughters, Doug took on Eileen's three sons whom he treated as his own. He also took on Eileen's mother who lived with her at the time.

On retirement, Doug agreed to move from the flat and tree-less Cambridgeshire to Eileen's native Dorset, with its rolling hillsides, woodlands and hedgerows, settling at Wightmans Orchard in 1995. There Doug spent time gardening, playing bingo, shopping for neighbours who could not get out so easily, in fact helping anyone he could. He enjoyed beating on the Alton Pancras shoot where latterly he drove the beaters' wagon.

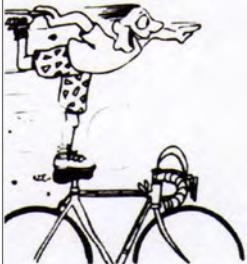
When illness struck a year or so back, he was hugely appreciative of the care he received, especially from Dr Dobbs. "I couldn't have had better if I had been a millionaire" he said. He resisted extending his chemotherapy, preferring the quality of his time with Eileen, his daughters, sons, grand- and great-grandchildren rather than the length. Doug was a popular and contented man, who will be missed enormously but remembered with great affection.

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

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride 10 September 2011

Has your church benefited from a grant or loan from the Dorset Historic Churches Trust – or might it need help in the future? Why not take part in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride and Stride event. Not only can you raise money for the Trust, but you can nominate the church of your choice to receive half your sponsorship. 200 parishes and local communities took part in last September's Ride and Stride event raising a total of £55,798. The Morshead Trophy was presented last April to Reverend Canon Henry Pearson, Rector of Queen Thorne Benefice and Rural Dean of Sherborne for his single cycle ride which raised an all time individual record sum of £3,025. During 2010 Dorset Historic Churches Trust paid grants totalling £86,650 and gave three interest free loans totalling £7,000.

Those who take part, on a bicycle, on foot, in a wheelchair or indeed on a horse, will be helping to raise money not only for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, but also the church of their choice. The great thing about this sponsored ride is that it is very flexible – you can visit as many (or as few) churches and chapels as you wish and start and finish at your choice of times. Those unable to take part in the actual ride, can help out by staffing their local church to welcome visiting cyclists and if that is impossible, anyone can be a sponsor! See the poster for details of Ride and Stride from St Andrew's Melcombe Horsey to All Saints Piddletrenthide. *William Ansell 01300 348259*



RIDE & STRIDE 2011

In aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

SPONSORED RIDE

(by bicycle, horse or foot)

VISIT AS MANY DORSET CHURCHES AS YOU CAN IN THE DAY

Start at Piddlehinton or any other church

MOST CHURCHES WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Sponsorship forms and further information from

Alan Neades - telephone 01300 348579 or e-mail alan.neades@btinternet.com

Half the sponsorship money goes to St Mary's Piddlehinton and half to
Historic Churches Trust

Alton Pancras

AP Andy 'Blondie' Calder always said that when (if?) he married, he wanted it to be somewhere unusual. And so it was; in a cave 500 feet deep at Dan-yr-Ogof, twixt Swansea and Brecon. His bride, Tracey Wheller, was given away by her son Matthew, dressed in a white tuxedo, still almost-white at the end of a long day, while other son Thomas was principal witness. A superb, unique day.

AP The excellent photographs of the AP Royal Wedding on the inside back cover of the last edition were taken by the village's internationally renowned professional photographer Jonathan Gooding. Seek out his advert in this –and every - edition for more details.

AP Amid the early June monsoon, Felicia and Lyra Webb and Andrew Prentice hosted a 100th birthday party for Felicia's grandmother, Maria Vogel, at Higher Barton. With perfect timing a two-day window of sunshine allowed the international visitors (including 35 family members from Germany) to see Dorset at its best.

AP AP Fete raised £2,541 for the church, the third highest-ever figure. Biggest 'earner' was the Teas (£354), followed by Silent Auction (£308), just beating Books & Gifts (£305) with Home-Made Cakes closely behind at £261.

AP At least two websites give brief details of some of the historic houses and sites in AP (and other villages). www.imagesofengland.org.uk include photos, www.BritishListedBuildings.co.uk has details. Type-in the village name at search rather than any house-name and you will get a list.

AP The annual village meeting (the second and last this year!) is on Monday 17 October starting at 7.30pm in the church's choir area where the acoustics are better. Sally Dangerfield will be there earlier to ensure it will be warm enough when we arrive. Find out what's happening/what's not, tell us what you like/don't like/would like. There is no village mafia; it will need a resolution to be carried at the meeting to form one!

AP Our village postal delivery person has been bitten five times while delivering in AP, an average of once a month. I have been bitten once and chased three times this year delivering N&V. It happens when we have to enter gardens to deliver; a letter box on or near the gate, as used by Gill Greenslade from the day she first obtained Oscar, as an excellent example, would help. Otherwise.....

Harvest at Alton Pancras

Our Harvest Festival service will be held in the Church on Sunday, 2nd October, at 6.30 p.m. We are wondering if you would be interested if we were to follow it up with a *Harvest Supper* the following Sunday 9th October ? It would be held in a barn at Barcombe Farm. There would be a 2 course meal

with a drink at a cost of £10 per person, with a reduction for children. We hope this will be an enjoyable Alton Pancras community get-together with a good time had by all, and hopefully the start of a regular yearly event. Please telephone Sally Dangerfield (01300 348880) or Frances Mallett (01300 348439) by 12th September so that we can make plans.

Piddlehinton

The Millennium Green

A very big thank you to all those who came to the *Costa del Piddle* at Paddock House on the 24th June. Your support for our fund raising event for the Millennium Green was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Sue Hennessy for hosting the event in her garden. We had a great time despite the threat of the weather and we hope you did too.

Linda Bellini

St Mary's Piddlehinton - Harvest Festival - Friday 7th October, 7 pm

The Bishop of Sherborne is taking our Harvest Festival service this year. Afterwards there is *Harvest Supper* in the Village Hall and absolutely everyone is urged to go to this very popular village event when the Bishop will have a short auction of the produce that decorated the church with the proceeds going to charity, so please be generous ! All donations of fruit, veg, eggs, etc. would be very welcome, also flowers and greenery. Please put these in the porch before 9 am on Friday. We will need a good team of volunteers to help decorate and make this a really special occasion.

Gay Hanbury

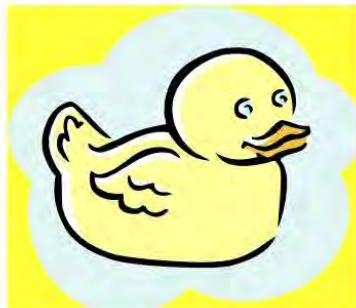
Magnificat Meditation

Many many thanks from the choir and Gill Howell to everyone who supported this May act of worship in whichever way, whether with joyful mouths, singing, or equally joyful but perhaps muffled mouths eating the tasty contributed fare afterwards. Your hospitality was boundless, as (we hope) were the angelic echoes joining in from wherever these things may echo, resonate, or otherwise join in. Over £450 was raised for Shelter (thanks, Gay, for the envelope-work etc). As it happens I guess the next Bishop of Salisbury is in harmony with this particular charity; but of course we who do have homes can all give thanks for these via our contributions to various charities. God the Great Treasurer doesn't have to bother with yellow envelopes we suppose.

For anyone who may be interested, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis meditations will be forming part of Evensong at St. Peter's, Dorchester on Sunday September 25th at 6.30pm with refreshments afterwards. (Loos, and parking are relatively nearby.) Date to be confirmed for another chance to worship with these canticles, possibly in Advent at the Friary Hilfield.

Gill Howell

PIDDLEHINTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



DUCK RACE

on

SATURDAY 10th September

First Race starts 2.30

at The Thimble Inn

Barbecue Bar available

Raffle Music Other Attractions

**A donation will be made to
The DCH Mammography Scanner Appeal**

Cream Tea

Many thanks to all those people who came to the cream tea at the end of June. What a fabulous afternoon! We raised a total of £204.00 which was divided between Piddlehinton Village Hall and The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Cynthia and Alan Legg

Piddlehinton Village Hall

Sunday	16 th October, Breakfast Club	9.00 - noon
Tuesdays		
TABLE TENNIS		7.00 – 9.00pm
Contact	Beryl Ellis / 01305267394	
POST OFFICE		2.00 – 4.00pm
SHORT MAT BOWLS		7.30 – 9.30pm
Contact	Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264	

To Hire Very reasonable hire rates for groups, parties and events,
15 large and 5 small tables, tea urn and other equipment

Bookings Contact Vickey Steven / 01300 348294
Chair Pam Lock / 01300 348474
Treasurer Fay Lord / 01300 348335
Secretary Sue Nicholas / 01300 348436

Piddletrenthide + White Lackington

"Remembering Piddletrenthide"

Just a reminder that the next exhibition will be held on Sat 19th November beginning at 2.30 in the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide, when the theme will be OUR DAILY BREAD.

We welcome pictures or memories you'd like to share with us on the subject of Church or Farming. Please drop photos and written memories into us at Ivy House, Piddletrenthide, or call/phone to arrange an interview. This picture, kindly loaned from Joan Hunt's collection is Vicar Dicker during the 1911 Pydel Pageant.

We've recently been talking with Rev. Derek Parry, whom many people will remember and also the Boyer sisters, who grew up in the Vicarage during the 1920's - 30's.

Dave & Bridget Bowen / 01300 348255



Macmillan Cancer Care 60 mile cycle-ride

A big THANK YOU to all who sponsored Nigel for his 60 mile cycle-ride for Macmillan Cancer Care on July 3rd. He did it in 3 hours 59 minutes, average speed 15 mph, fastest speed reached 40 mph. With your support he raised £239.45 for the charity.

Kristina Pearce-Buckley

Plush

The Music at Plush Festival Weekend in July was a choice of delights – three days of lunchtime and evening concerts, pre-concert talks and open rehearsals; the music a homage to Eastern Europe classical through to folk themes. A distinct shortage of tickets, but the sounds and setting evocative !

Maria's 40th birthday celebration was definitely a '60s event; she flamboyantly demonstrating the fashion, so too most of the village! The mid summer birthday wish celebration was granted and much enjoyed by all.

A warm welcome to Mariusz Piotr Czerwinski (Marius) from Poland to Prisoners Cottage to work at Armswell, and to Steve Piper who has moved from Shaftesbury to join John Hiscock at Monkwood Hill Farm.

Letters ~~~~~

My wife and I would like to thank all those people who offered love and support over the tragic loss of our special, beautiful daughter, Naomi. We were overwhelmed by the response and it was a great comfort to know we had that kind of sympathy during some very dark days. Losing Naomi was the most devastating day of our lives and we are struggling to come to terms with not being able to see her anymore, but continue to be thankful for the compassionate thoughts surrounding us.

David & Vivian Saxby

Choosing to live in the Piddle Valley you learn to accept the tractors and trailers passing the door. Power tools and lawn mowers are a nuisance but at least in a short time they come to an end and when we do have spates of hot weather, it is a pleasure to have the doors and windows open, washing on the line and even time to sit in the garden. Then comes the lighting of bonfires which smoulder for days on end, the smell entering houses. Is it really necessary to pollute the air and spoil living in the Piddle Valley ? Could we ban bonfires and take our rubbish to the tip ?

Ann Hawker

General News + Notices ~~~~~

Dorchester Mobile Library

Mondays	September	5 + 19
	October	3 + 17
Alton Pancras	Holcombe Mead	11.25 – 11.45
Piddletrenthide	Poachers Inn	11.55 – 12.10
	Wightmans Orchard	1.20 – 1.50
Piddlehinton	Paynes Close	2.00 – 4.00

Blood and Tissue Donation

You can make an initial check to find out whether your health allows you to donate blood by calling 0300 123 23 23 or on the Blood Transfusion website www.blood.co.uk which explains what to expect at a donation session and how blood is used. You can book an appointment as well, which minimizes your waiting time at the session.

DORCHESTER sessions are held at the United Church Hall, South Street (near Goulds household store) and all are from 13.30 - 15.25 and 16.30 - 19.00.

The next dates are:

Thursday 1 + 29 September

Thursday 20 October

The blood donation website has links giving information about registering as a potential donor of tissues such as skin, bone and bone marrow.

Rosalyn Charlton

The Bridge Educational Trust

(Registered Charity No 1068720)

The next meeting of Trustees to make grants in accordance with the objectives of the Trust will take place in February next year.

The Bridge Trust is being reorganised, and the procedure for applying for grants has to be revised. This will take time, and regrettably it will not be possible to make awards in October as in the past. Those who have already submitted an application will receive an individual reply from Mr John McCormack appropriate to their particular case. Queries can be referred to him by e-mail : admin@bridgeeducationaltrust.org.uk A description of the Trust and objectives is on its website : www.bridgeeducationaltrust.org.uk

The procedure for making an application as described there is being updated as changes are made, but the full details may not be finalised before the end of 2011. If you are thinking of applying for a grant next year, the right time to send in your form is during November/December.

Further details will be published in News & Views on 1st November.

Rex Goddard 01300 348363

Dorchester and District Action Group Bible Society

Coffee Morning and Sale

Saturday 8th October 9.45am to 11.45am at United Church Hall, Dorchester

United Service for Bible Sunday

Sunday 9th October 6.30pm United Church, South Street, Dorchester

All Welcome to both these events.

Piddletrenthide Post Office & Stores

"I am sure you will all have heard by now that the shop is under offer. It looks as though it will be sold and divided into 3 properties, 2 flats and a stand alone shop which will be leased to the new future shop keeper which will be great for the community." *Amity Hill, Chair Shop Steering Group*

Following the public meeting in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on 10th May, some 14 Piddle Valley residents came forward to form the Shop Steering Group under Amity Hill (chair) and Vickey Stephen (deputy chair). The discussion, subsequent research and dialogue demonstrated the importance of retaining a Village Shop and Post Office in the Valley and many suggestions and ideas emerged. We hoped for a good response to the Questionnaire – but perhaps because a possible solution appeared on the horizon, many Valley residents felt there was little point in completing. Many thanks to the 6+% of Valley residents, (40+ households), who did complete and return it.

The full information will be passed on to the new shop keeper when the sale is complete and the following is a Summary of the Questionnaires received :

700 distributed | approx. 6% returned

Assumption that potential sale negated the need to complete and return

1 Would you or any member of your household use a community shop?

Daily 12 / 2/3 times week 17 / weekly 11 / fortnightly 1 / occasionally 1

* Daily for all Alton Pancras papers & Plush papers

2 What products would you be most likely to buy ?

Newspapers – 39 / Dairy etc – 38 / bakery – 36 / fresh fruit veg - 32 / local produce - 28 / fresh meat etc – 25 / stationery – 18 / frozen ice/food – 14 / dried packaged goods – 12 / tinned food – 11 / sweets – 10 / drinks beer etc - 6 / organic fair trade – 6 / ready meals – 5 / tobacco etc – 3 / sandwiches – 0

3 Which 5 items do you currently buy from the village shop ?

Newspapers – 27 / Dairy etc – 39 / bakery - 38 / fresh fruit veg – 18- / local produce - 3 / fresh meat etc – 15 / stationery – 14 / frozen ice/food – 4 / dried packaged goods – 12 / tinned food- 11 / sweets – 6 / drinks beer etc – 8 / organic fair trade - 6 / ready meals - 5 / tobacco etc - 1 / sandwiches – 0 / magazines – 0 / ready meals 0

* "Would buy / only buy Evershot Bakery if stocked again"

4 Items you would like to buy that not available currently ?

Local produce

Loose local cheese

Fresher fruit including melons, and vegetables

Top quality cakes – Evershot
Bakery – Evershot

Spices and sauces

Fresh fish – once a week

Organic basil / pesto
Wider range of fresh meat
Range of Dorset Cereals
Honey crunch muesli
Organic Apple + juices
Crisps – more variety

Frozen Quorn burgers
Soya milk
More household cleaning products
Rye & wholemeal flour
Sunday papers

5 Additional services, what would you be most likely to use ?

Dry cleaning	Cashback
DVD rental	Passport renewals
Post Office	Vehicle taxing
Phone top ups	Newspaper delivery
Prescriptions	Plant swaps
Pick up point for signed mail	Fresh flowers
Book Club collection point	Charity recycling
Photocopy	Wifi
Local information	

* Tea Room – often mentioned

6 At what time of day would you be most likely to use the shop?

Before 8 - 1 / 8-12 - 46 / noon-2 - 14 / 2-6 - 24 / after 6 – 3

7 How important is it to have a village shop in the Piddle Valley? –

Not Important <<< 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 >>> Very Important
1 4 45

8 On the scale of 1-5 below please show how important you think it is to have a Post Office in the Piddle Valley? - please circle your answer:

Not Important <<< 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 >>> Very Important
1 4 37

* 5 indicated it was 'crucial' to have a Post Office in the Piddle Valley

9 The main services you use the Post Office for ?

postage stamps - 35	weighing letters / parcels - 28
cash withdrawal – 21	foreign currency - 7
bill / utility payments – 7	pension payments - 6
mobile top ups – 2	banking - 3
car tax – 1	child benefit - 1

10 How often do you use the current shop to collect a prescription ?

Regularly - 12 / often – 4 / sometimes – 9 / never – 1

some 'fortunately' hadn't required service | others were not in the Cerne medical practice

11 Would you be interested in helping a community shop in any way?

32 individuals offered their help and of those Steering Group – 5 / Fundraising – 8 / Volunteering in the shop – 20 / helping professionally with legal, financial, design advice – 3 / helping with physical set up – 1

Age Concern is looking for volunteers

Do you like helping people? Can you spare one morning a month? Age Concern Dorchester is looking for volunteer minibus drivers to help us with our rural shopping service. For more information, please contact Anna or Lucy on 01305 269444 development@ac dorchester.org

Anna Biley, Wellbeing Manager, Age Concern Dorchester

Clubs, Groups, Organisations ~~~~~

The Dorchester Disabled Club – Autumn Jumble Sale

Saturday 17th September at 2 pm | Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

There will be clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books, a raffle and teas etc. If you have any of the above items to spare, please bring them along to the Hall on the morning of the Sale between 10 am and 12 noon, or contact Eileen on 01300 348407 for more details.

I would like to thank all those who supported our Spring Sale – we raised a total of £185.46 towards our Ambulance Fund. *Eileen Cuff*

Piddle Valley Country Dancing Group

We are desperately seeking...new dancers ! We meet on Mondays, 2.15-4.15 pm at the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall and the new term will start on the 19th September. We are very keen to recruit a few more dancers in order to keep our numbers up when people go on holiday, are ill or have other commitments. It would be very sad if, after 10 years of dancing, we had to close down - just 4 or 5 new dancers, ladies or gents, would make all the difference. Flat shoes are recommended to avoid tripping.

Absolutely no experience is needed, just a willingness to have fun, keep fit and have a good laugh when things go wrong (which is often) and all for only £1.50p per week which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Please note - there will be no class on 7th November. *Jane Preston / 01300 348545*

Piddle Valley Over 60s

Our next outing is on September 8th to Seaton. We have spare seats on the coach for this trip so we will be happy to take guests. The cost for guests will be £7. Note that the departure time from Piddletrenthide will be **10.00am** and not 10.30am as in the Outings Programme. If you are interested, please contact Hilary French.

On October 8th we will be holding a Michaelmas Coffee Morning in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall from 10.30am to noon. There will be stalls selling cakes, bric-a-brac and crafts. Any donations for these stalls will be most welcome. Please support this event which is open to all. Entrance fee will be 50p to include coffee and a biscuit. *Hilary French / 01305 848501*

PIDDLETRENTHIDE MEMORIAL HALL

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yum!



More Puddings
Galore

Another evening:
of Delectable Desserts
Succulent Sweets
Appetising Afters

Saturday 1st October 7.30pm

Tickets £6.00

from the Post Office or 01300 348851

Includes a light snack plus Puddings Galore
Wine & soft drinks available

Piddle Valley Gardens Club Summer Lunch

The Gardens Club (aka the Gourmet Club ...) Summer Garden Party on 24th July was kindly hosted by Eric and Jean Groome in their immaculate garden at The Knappings, Alton Pancras. Forty-seven 'gardeners' took over Eric's velvety lawn and enjoyed a delicious lunch selected from the great variety of dishes and delectable puddings brought along by members. Thanks to Sue Beckingham's organisation there was more than enough of everything and no duplication ! Although the sky was grey, the garden setting was cheerful with floral colour. When we could eat no more, a gentle stroll around Eric's abundant vegetable plot and greenhouse provided more interest, his towering tomatoes and exquisite orchids provoking great sighs of envy from those of us with less chlorophyll in our fingers.

Our thanks again to Eric and Jean for welcoming us into their kitchen and garden, and thanks also to John Waterman for allowing us to park on his land.

Rosalyn Charlton

Gardens Club Show

Opulent onions, fabulous flowers, creative cuisine - for those who were



not able to be at the Piddle Valley Gardens Club Show, you missed seeing so many wonderful entries from gardeners and cooks in the Valley. Competition and friendly rivalry abounded, all trying hard to reach the high standard achieved by long standing member, Eric Groome. Two newcomers clearly have horticultural skills to rival Eric - Carol Cuff came 1st with her onions and Neil Herbert 1st with his tomatoes.

Liz Whittle's pepper plant was a clear winner, and Sue Dean's lovely floral design "Twists and Turns" delighted visitors. Ann Northey produced a

magnificent bunch of grapes while Ian Condon's "Sweet Million" tomatoes won him Best exhibit in the Vegetable section. The home produce section was well represented with several new classes encouraging over twenty people to enter bread, cakes, savouries and preserves. Elizabeth Jolliffe's cold pea and mint soup was to the judge's palate, winning the Home produce award. The photographic section attracted forty very scenic and striking images. Here, family rivalry was evident amongst the Condons, with son Simon, taking the coveted Best exhibit entitled "Watery World". Sadly only four children entered their section, but their entries were exceptional. Jacob Osgood an accomplished photographer and Lauren Osgood made a delightful hat. Matthew Longley made four delicious cup cakes, created an intriguing treasure map and designed an attractive party invitation. Izzy Molland

captured a bee on a flower with her camera and the judge awarded her the Children's Best in Section for her intricate butterfly collage. Richard Agg kindly donated cacti prizes for all four children and we hope to see them entering them in future shows.

Chairman Sue Beckingham recalled the judge's comments of a very high standard show and thanked those who had contributed to the smooth running of the show and to all who had entered. She then congratulated the winners, presenting them with the Section Certificates and to the overall winner Eric Groome, The Sir Robert Williams Memorial Trophy and the RHS Banksian Medal.

We look forward to competitors and visitors at the Spring Show on Saturday 30th March 2012. *Elizabeth Jolliffe, Show Secretary PV Gardens Club*

Piddletrenthide Lunch Club

The dates of the Lunch Clubs for September and October are as follows - we have TWO lunches in September !



Friday 2nd September	Chicken in Tarragon Lemon Surprise Pudding
Friday 30th September	Steak & Kidney Pie Trifle
Friday 28th October	To be decided

Over the past few months we have enjoyed a Salad Lunch and Cream Tea all provided by our team of volunteers. Talking of which we really could do with some more help, so if you could offer any assistance to help our team of volunteers we would be so grateful, even if you could help for just one session a year!

The Lunch Club meets once a month at the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall from 12.30 to 2 p.m and provides a two course meal for diners with tea or coffee at a cost of £5.00. New members are always welcome to come along and enjoy a good meal and good company. If you would like to join us for lunch or volunteer to help please contact *Sue Jennings / 01300 348076*

The Twinning Association

Twinned with Longueville, Normandy

Our annual barbecue took place on July 31st, in glorious sunshine. Together we toasted our friends in Longueville, most especially a couple who were celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary in France on the same afternoon. All our thanks to John and Jane Preston for hosting the party in their lovely garden.



Our visit to Longueville will take place from September 1st-4th, with a variety of outings, picnics and dinners being laid on for our enjoyment. Everyone will stay with French families and be treated as favoured guests. Those going will not be crossing the Channel together in a small flotilla.... but many will take the opportunity to extend the holiday and explore more of France afterwards!

The Autumn / Winter programme will start in October and we hope to include skittles and our very popular quiz again this year. For more information please contact *Jo Thornton / 01300 348670*

Parish + District Council ~~~~~

Piddle Valley Parish Council

Meetings

The Piddle Valley Parish Council holds monthly meetings in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, normally on the last Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7.30pm. Each meeting starts with a "Democratic half-hour", during which any local resident may personally raise direct to the Council any matter that affects the Valley community. If you have something important to say, please contact your local Parish Councillor or raise it during the start of the next meetings :

September 27th, October 25th, November 29th

December – No meeting

Website

The Parish Council section of the **www.piddlevalley.info** website is now live, and contains details of your Parish Councillors, together with details of past and future meetings, planning applications and any other relevant news and information. The usual reports will however continue to appear in PVNV.

Update of Parish Councillors

Piddletrenthide

Ian Coombs – revised telephone no.	07946 512037
Lynn Mailer (Co-opted)	07788 718289

Piddlehinton

Elise Henry	01300 348735
Michael Strainge (Co-opted)	01305 260949

NB, to adjust the distribution of Councillors, Andy Howard is a Piddletrenthide Councillor, for White Lackington.

B3143 Resurfacing Complete reconstruction/resurfacing of those badly deteriorated stretches of the Valley road, between Piddlehinton and Alton Pancras, will be carried out over about a 10 day period in October/November this year. For safety reasons sections of the road will have to be closed while work is in progress. Highways have been invited to attend the September 27th Parish Council meeting to explain the arrangements in detail.

Sewer Cleaning Wessex Water will be arranging for the Public Sewers through the Piddle Valley to be cleaned, between 15th August and 1st October. Most of the sewers run through fields, but where sections are in highway, some temporary disruption to traffic will occur at the various manhole positions.

Planning Applications Refused

- 1/D/11/000164 Piddlehinton Camp... Erect building for Class B1 & B8
(light industrial/storage & distribution) – outline application.

Planning Applications Approved

- 1/D/10/001752} Fleet Farmhouse, White Lackington. Single storey extension
1/D/10/001753} and internal alterations (Approval of conditions)
1/D/11/000515 20 Paynes Close, Piddlehinton, Convert. existing garage
and erect new garage. (Approval of conditions)

Planning Applications Pending

- 1/D/11/001067 Cerne Hill View, Main St, Piddletrenthide. Extension and
alterations
1/D/11/001103 Middle Thatch, Main St, Piddletrenthide. Listed building
application – internal & external alterations.
1/D/11/001171 Brownsville, Piddletrenthide. Listed Building application.-
Single and 2 storey extension and alterations.

District Councillor's Update

My first quarter as your new District Councillor for the Piddle Valley Ward has certainly been challenging in terms of learning the role, policies and procedures, organising my time and dealing with the issues that have arisen. Every day I have learnt something new and have been particularly impressed by the genuine interest and enthusiasm for promoting the long term future of our rural villages and services. This was clearly demonstrated at the well attended meeting regarding the shop and post office in Piddletrenthide and the subsequent research and action undertaken by a number people to investigate ways of preserving this key service.

The main concern I have been loosely involved with is of course the roads – which have been passed to Dorset County Council Highways – latest news for resurfacing of B3143 between Piddlehinton and Piddletrenthide is between September and November, probably during October half term week – please be warned, this will entail road closures!

Planning in one way or another has cropped up several times and anybody who is interested in the planning implications of the Localism Bill should either contact the Department for Communities and Local Government on 0303 444 0000 (08:30-17:30 Mon-Fri), call me on the number below or if you have internet access go to

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/decentralisation/localismbill/>

I have learned so much that I would love to share with you and over time I will add snippets in this newsletter. I am particularly keen to encourage people to have a voice and if I discover any relevant opportunities I will pass them on. They usually take the form of a ‘consultation’ where they have a draft proposal for change which is available from the appropriate authority or through dorsetforyou website under the council and democracy section. It is well worth looking into as it is important your views are considered so Councillors are better informed when they have to make decisions on your behalf.

Dorset CC is offering Dorset Driver Courses at £5 per 2 hour session. It is an opportunity to brush up your driving skills and designed to address the most common causes of collisions in Dorset which are primarily due to human error. A variety of dates and locations are available including Buckland Newton Village Hall on 9 Sept at 10.30am, with alternative dates in Stalbridge, Poole and Wimborne. To book a place, contact 01305 224558, or email roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk

From our MEP's recent enewsletter, there is currently a proposal for a blanket 30kph (18.64mph) speed limit in urban areas throughout Europe (imagine the cost of changing all the road signs!) and that there are plans to ensure the European 'twelve stars' flag should be on all national team sports shirts. Did you know the story to ban curved bananas, is apparently a Euro Myth?

Apologies to those unable to contact me by email, I am now properly connected and with best wishes and many thanks especially to Nicki Barker for her continued support and to the Piddle Valley Parish Councillors and Clerk for their time and patience.

Jacqui Cuff, District Councillor for the Piddle Valley

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01300 345405 Mobile 07870 686854 Email CllrJ.Cuff@westdorsetdc.gov.uk

Piddle Personality~~~~~

Nigel Pearce-Buckley

How many residents recognise the subject of our cover picture ? He has been working among us for 35 years as a chef but even fewer may know of his prowess as a competition cyclist, sponsoring Macmillan Nurses through his Club after his mother died from cancer. Nigel Pearce-Buckley was born in Suffolk but at the age of five moved with his family to Nigeria where his father was a mining engineer. Boarding school brought him back to Suffolk and he developed a particular interest in model boats. Sadly, his maths did not reach the level required for a naval architect so he turned to his other interest, cooking. Lucky to train at Ealing Catering College under a tutor whose cookery book remains a standard work, he was gaining experience in a London hotel when he met a young Norwegian, the effervescent Kristina ! They were engaged within weeks and married a couple of years later as her visa expired. Unforeseen events have happily shaped Nigel's journey through life. After becoming sole chef in a Knightsbridge bistro, they decided, perhaps unwisely, to delay buying a flat in London to travel extensively in Norway for a year where he gained sufficient grasp of the Norwegian language to converse with his many new relations. He returned to his absent parents' house in Exeter and a position at the Woodlands Hotel in Sidmouth in the days when half the guests were resident and made up of retired colonials - and colonels ! In the hot summer of 1976 Nigel came to Dorset and loved it here, as he still does, becoming chef at The Poachers, The Old Bakehouse in White Lackington, The Piddle Inn and now at the celebrated Brace of Pheasants, one of the first true gastro-pubs in the country in the 1950s.

Nigel took up cycling seriously in London, became Club Champion of New Cross but is now an active *Cycle Club Weymouth* member. He enjoys the combination of fitness, movement, athleticism and competition but the Dorset hills are shorter

and steeper than many in Norway and the Alps. He is very aware of the poor state of the Valley road surfaces but he believes thorough resurfacing is needed rather than just top dressing. Classic racing is what he enjoys : Time Trials and Sportifs at 60 and 100 mile distances. The front cover picture was taken on a specially demanding run from Keynsham, Barrington Gorge to Axbridge and up through Cheddar Gorge, along roads from level to 1 in 4 ! He has managed to avoid serious accidents but still remembers his worst ever, near Gatwick, when his chain came off, jammed and catapulted him on the road, leaving a scar which took twenty years to fade !

His Norwegian experiences have coloured his cooking style but how many people realise that Gravlax is a traditional way of preparing salmon by burying in the sand above the tidemark for days to ferment slightly before preparing, and Syltelaks, sweet cured salmon. They could never live in Norway but enjoy visiting; the standard of living is much higher, largely because they have benefited from oil wealth much more than us, the population little more than 5 million but it is much more expensive to live there. The recent tragedy has shocked their small population to the core.

Shortly to celebrate his 65th birthday, Nigel is riding with local friends to the top of Mont Ventoux in Provence, the most famous and demanding of all cyclists' climbs up to the 6,200 ft summit - why ? Because it is there !

For more information about cycling, see www.ccweymouth.co.uk *The Piddler*

Sport ~~~~~

BADMINTON	Tuesdays	Piddlehinton Gym 2 – 4 pm
	Contact	Hilary French / 01300 848501
CRICKET CLUB	Contact	Graeme Stephens / 07899 663773
SHORT MAT BOWLS	Thursdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.30 – 9.30pm
	Contact	Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.00 – 9.00pm
	Contact	Beryl Ellis / 01305 267394

Plush & Piddle Valley Cricket Club Tournament & Shoot

The annual PPVCC Tournament took place on Saturday 16th July, followed by a clay shoot at the ground on Sunday 17th July. The pitch and grounds had as usual been magnificently prepared by Tom Atkinson, Declan Chubb, Jeffery Perks, Mike Green and Phil and James Ralph. Sadly the weather did not compliment the outstanding venue and Hazelbury Bryan and Bournemouth School Associates decided not to attend which left us with our two local teams of Plush and The Piddle Inn and our trusted South East touring teams, Phene Philanderers and Old Rippleonians.

With only four teams we played 20/20 matches once the weather had relented, the winner of both matches playing each other in the final. We managed to start at 12.30 and the standard of cricket was of the highest order, with some fine fielding, bowling and individual batting performances, most notably by Chris

Holman aka Miller who scored 92 run out. The final played in brilliant sunshine, was a local affair with Plush CC ably captained by Tim Mitchell, outclassed by the younger fitter Piddle Inn eleven, who under Declan Chubb's inspirational captaincy deservedly won the 2011 trophy.

With over 80 people attending the Saturday tournament and 70 for the shoot on Sunday, we are enormously grateful to all who helped and contributed to a wonderful weekend. Special thanks to 'The Ground Team', Phil Ralph and Laura Baxter for manning the BBQ for two days, to Rocket Ron and Geraint Chubb for the usual high standard of bar work, and to Turbo for the use of his bar equipment and gazebo, Mrs Edmunds, Mrs Stephens and Lucy Mitchell for the delicious cakes, plus all other cake and sandwich makers, to our fantastic Valley public houses in the valley, The Thimble, The Piddle Inn, The Poachers and The Brace of Pheasants for their generous raffle prizes, meal vouchers and barrels of beer, and also to The Piddle Brewery for their continued support. Special thanks to Caroline and Chris at The Piddle Inn for organising all the cooked food and even more beer and wine.

Personal thanks to Nicolle Chainey for her hard work with the raffle, posters, and liaising with everyone to ensure the smooth running of the tournament, and to Perceptions Matter for securing press and media coverage.

Heartfelt thanks to Andy Langlands and his helpers for the tremendous *Clay Shoot Day*. With his Northamptonshire contact John Spademan and team, they put together 4 stands and a flush for 40+ shooters, some from Frome, Warminster and Honiton. Thank you also to James Boughey for the use of his loader.

Club Captain Graeme Stephens, ably assisted by Nicolle Chainey, organised and managed the whole two days brilliantly and we are grateful to Club President Peter Hiscock for continued use of his land. Thank you to all the players, teams, supporters and helpers. The monies raised will be directed to running the club, improvement to the ground and facilities.

We look forward to welcoming any new players who wish to join PCC, so if you, your family and or friends are interested in joining then please ring either Riou Baxter 07976 328916, Tim Mitchell 07796 857744 or Graeme Stephens 07899 663773. We look forward to welcoming you to our club in 2012.

Riou Baxter, Chairman

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Cerne Abbas Surgery Newsletter

July 2011

NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE:

Hazelbury Bryan Village Hall is being refurbished as of Friday 15th July until Friday 2nd September. This means there will be no Surgery on any Friday during this period but there will be a Surgery every Wednesday. Medication drops will continue to the Red Barn every Wednesday and Friday however the Friday drop will not be made until 3.30pm. Any problems please call the Surgery or Dispensary.

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When closed, in emergency telephone 0845 600 1013

To contact the Dorset Emergency Care Services (DECS) or if you require health information or advice, please contact NHS Direct (24 hour advice line) on 0845 4647

A big thank you to staff and patients of Cerne Abbas Surgery who have raised a total of £698.22 for Weldmar Hospice Care Trust.

We would like to say welcome to Hannah Murphy our newest member of the Nursing Team. You may have seen her before and she is now a permanent fixture at the Surgery!

From the Dispensary...

Please be aware that as of the 1st September 2011 we will no longer be making medication drops to Buckland Newton Stores on a Monday as it is no longer viable to do so. There will still be deliveries on both Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Below is a reminder of where we deliver and when. Please remember to allow 2 full working days notice prior to collection from your preferred destination.

Monday

**Buckland Newton - the
last delivery on a Monday
will be Monday 22nd
August**

Tuesday

Piddletrenthide

Wednesday

Buckland Newton,

Hazelbury Bryan, King Stag

Thursday

Piddletrenthide

Friday

Buckland Newton,

**Hazelbury Bryan (after
King Stag)**

3.30pm),

**Look out for Flu Clinic dates in the next
Newsletter...**

Dr Jill Vines' Retirement

Dr Jill Vines retired from the Cerne Abbas Surgery in early June, her last working day being Thursday 2nd June 2011. After a holiday, Dr Vines is intending to continue her medical work through the out-of-hours service and in general practice as a locum. She would also like to return to Uganda to support the charity Kisiizi Partners as a volunteer with her husband who has become involved in the hydroelectric power plant at Kisiizi hospital.

With Dr Vines retiring from the practice the remaining Partners, Drs Wakeham, Dobbs & Taylor and Mrs Lynne Dolder, are pleased to welcome Dr Jenny Bubb to the Partnership.

Dr Bubb has already been working at the surgery for several years. She qualified from Southampton medical school in 2001 and subsequently moved to Dorchester with her husband to start work at Dorchester hospital. Having fallen in love with the area they chose to stay here to complete their GP training. They moved to the Piddle valley and have stayed there since. Outside work Dr Bubb loves walking in the beautiful Dorset countryside or in the mountains of Scotland or the Lake District when the opportunity arises. Dr Bubb also enjoys playing tennis and travelling.

"I first came to Cerne Abbas surgery as a GP locum in 2006. The surgery is a wonderful place to work and I have really enjoyed the time I've spent getting to know the area and our patients. I am delighted to accept the offer of a partnership at the practice and look forward to an exciting and challenging future in General Practice.

Nurses Station

The Giant Social celebrated it's 1st
birthday last month!

The Giant Social is a group for Cerne Abbas patients who meet on the 2nd Friday of each month to meet, chat and eat cake!

Friday was given to us by 'POPPS' to enable the group to move to Cerne Abbas Village Hall as the social has become so well attended. The 'socialites' enjoyed tea and birthday cake and we welcomed back previous speakers. A great time was had by all.

Please feel free to come along and join us as we always welcome new visitors.



Puddletown Surgery

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News from Puddletown Surgery

September issue 2011

We'd like to keep you up to date with recent and forthcoming events at Puddletown Surgery and impart important health messages. If there are any other matters you would like us to address, please let us know by ringing to speak to Carol Taylor, Practice Manager, on 01305 848333 or e-mailing carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk.

I imagine you will be aware that we moved in March to our new purpose-built premises on Athelhampton Road. Our new building has capacity for our practice patient list to grow as well as to extend the range of services we can offer. If you have any suggestions about new health-related services for the village that you think we could provide please let us know.

Staff News

We have some important staff changes taking place during August and September. Most notably, we have a GP Registrar, Dr Suzannah Sword, working with us until August 2012. She is a fully trained doctor who is just completing the final year of her conversion to become a GP. Dr Sword was highly regarded by patients at GP surgeries earlier in her training. She will be working by appointment in morning and evening surgeries, overseen by her Trainer, Dr Chris Burnham. I am pleased also to tell you that Jill Westropp (Primary Care Nurse) is rejoining our team this month. You will also occasionally see Zena Woodruff back behind the reception desk.

Kai Knell, our Healthcare Assistant, has left to take up her nurse training. We wish her well.

Flu clinics will be starting in October. We will be sending out recall letters this year to those in "At Risk" groups. Flu vaccinations for other patients will only be provided if vaccines are available after those "At Risk" have been vaccinated.

Patient Participation

You may be aware that we have an excellent Patient Participation Group attached to our surgery. All of our patients and staff are members of this, represented by a Committee of twelve that meets quarterly and does its best to represent the views of all our patients. However, a new government programme requires us to be more proactive in seeking views from a wider and more representative group of practice patients through the use of a local patient survey.

At present we are agreeing areas of priority to focus our survey questions on and identifying a survey group that is representative of our patient list. We will shortly be contacting about 200 patients to ask if they would be part of our reference group. This will only mean completing a questionnaire online.

Carol Taylor

Surgery and Dispensary Opening Times

Monday to Friday 8.30 – 6.30 and Saturday 8.30 – 11.00



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Twinning members toast their French friends in Longueville

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right
Piddlehinton Village Hall Coffee Morning

© Bernard Roughton



below
Piddlehinton Fete marquee collapse

© Alister Roughton (aged 11)

