

# Piddle Valley News & Views



**November / December 2011**

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

### **November**

3	Thurs	<b>PV Over 60s</b> AGM + talk	P'thide Mem Hall	2.30pm
4	Fri	<b>Textile recycling collection</b>	PV 1st School Porch (please deliver your unwanted items to school before Fri)	
5	Sat	<b>Bonfire + Fireworks</b>	PV First School	6.00pm
10	Thurs	<b>The Churchfitters band</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30pm
14	Mon	<b>Mobile Library</b>	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various
14	Mon	<b>Country Dancing</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	2.15pm
18	Fri	<b>Paddle along the Piddle talk</b>	P'hinton Vill Hall	7.00pm
18	Fri	<b>Cricket Club Race night</b>	Piddle Inn	7.30pm
19	Sat	<b>Remembering Piddletrenthide</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	2.30pm
21	Mon	<b>Country Dancing</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	2.15pm
25	Fri	<b>Lunch Club</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	12.30pm
25	Fri	<b>Twinning Quiz</b>	Thimble Inn	7.30pm
25	Fri	<b>Sunset Café Stompers</b>	B'land N'ton church	7.30pm
28	Mon	<b>Mobile Library</b>	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various
28	Mon	<b>Country Dancing</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	2.15pm
28	Mon	<b>Gardens Club talk</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30pm
29	Tues	<b>PV Parish Council meeting</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30pm

### **December**

1	Thurs	<b>Over 60s</b> Members Xmas lunch	Piddle Inn	12.30pm for 1.00
1	Thurs	<b>Charity Christmas shop</b>	Piddle Inn	7.0pm
3	Sat	<b>Millennium Green</b> <b>Xmas Fayre</b>	P'hinton Vill Hall	10.0am – 12.00noon
3	Sat	<b>Messiah</b>	St Mary's Church, Dorch	7.30pm
5	Mon	<b>Country Dancing</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	2.15pm
9	Fri	<b>Lunch Club Christmas lunch</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	12.30pm
12	Mon	<b>Mobile Library</b>	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various
12	Mon	<b>Country Dancing</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	2.15pm
12	Mon	<b>Gardens Club Social</b>	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30pm
16	Fri	<b>Xmas raffle</b>	Piddle Inn	
21	Wed	<b>The Phoenix &amp; Carpet</b>	PV First School	7.30pm

## **From the editors ~~~~~**

This edition of PVNV completes the magazine's first year in the printed A5 format, an innovation entirely conceived and created by Dot Browning. The change was introduced with some trepidation and I have been delighted by the many compliments received for her new venture. I offer my congratulations and thanks to her for a successful first year.

Dot took over the Editorship of this piece of 'community glue' because no-one else volunteered to relieve Heather Bland when she stepped down after many years of commitment. And it is a major commitment – every other month the editor must dedicate many hours, over a fixed period of over a week on PVNV, to meet the printer's deadlines. That's where I came in. Dot, particularly as a recent breast cancer survivor, wanted a 'back-up' editor, in case of illness or family commitments and I volunteered to deputise.

Neither of us have magazine publishing experience so we have had much to learn and, inevitably, have had a few glitches, for which we apologise. We would welcome new volunteers, particularly to help with advertising, so please contact us if you would like to know more about this.

We are very pleased that the future of the village shop and PO has been secured and wish Carol Cuff and Caroline Kellaway every success with it. We would also like to thank Katie and Carl and send our best wishes to them and Thomas and Matilda for their future happiness.

Merry Christmas to all!

Ros Charlton | Deputy Editor

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### **Front cover**

John Hudson, performer at the Last Night of the Proms, Piddlehinton Church © Sue Beckingham

### **Inside**

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### **Disclaimer**

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of advertisements and copy in this magazine, we cannot accept responsibility for any information given or claims made by our advertisers.

## PVNV Apology

The PVNV apologises to Sue Wheeler for the poor print quality of her Holistic Therapies advertisement in the Sept / Oct issue. We had technical problems with its reproduction and hope that the guidance below will help us to avoid disappointing advertisers in future.

PVNV has also become aware that some copies of the Sept / Oct issue were missing some pages or the pages were not stapled in, although we have no way of knowing how many copies were flawed. This has been discussed with the printers, Henry Ling, who have apologized and are investigating the problem.

## Advice to Advertisers

As volunteers working from home we don't have the resources of a magazine publisher, so would be grateful if advertisers can help us by taking note of the requests below.

- At present advertisements are submitted in a wide range of software file types, some of which we have difficulty opening and reproducing successfully. It is best if advertisements can be submitted as pdf files. We appreciate that not everyone can do this. If your advert is created in Word and incorporates logos and pictures, or is created in other software programmes, please submit as early as possible as we may need to reset and return for approval in advance of the magazine deadline.
- Please note the higher the resolution of your advert file, the clearer it will be printed.
- If submitting a paper copy, ensure it is the complete ad you are seeking to publish.
- The magazine advertisement sizes are printed in each issue. Please submit advertisements in the stated proportions if at all possible, otherwise we have to adjust to fit.

## Printing Programme

To provide sufficient time to resolve problems, in future PVNV will not accept advertisements or copy after the published deadlines. These dates are dictated by the need to allow 2/3 days for compilation of the final copy into a fixed number of pages (currently 68), minimum 5 working days for printing (allowing for public holidays), delivery on a working day and 4 days for distribution and delivery.

## Charity Advertising Policy

PVNV publishes advertisements for charitable events in the Piddle Valley free of charge. Standard charges apply to advertisements for all other charity events elsewhere.

## Advertising rates, deadline + contact

Dimensions (mm's w x h)	page proportion	annual (6 issues)	single issue
128 x 180	Full page	£95	£25
	inside front / inside back	£110	£30
	back cover	-----	£40
128 x 88	Half page	£80	£20
128 x 58	1/3 page landscape	£60	£15
62 x 88	1/4 page	£50	£12
62 x 56	1/6 page	£40	£10
62 x 42	1/8 page	£38	£10
Small ads	per line		£4

Advertising deadline – 10th February, April, June, August, October, December

Editorial deadline - 15th February, April, June, August, October, 10th December

Advertising + Editorial contacts                    Co-editors | [editor@piddlevalley.info](mailto:editor@piddlevalley.info)

Dot Browning on 01300 348 280 | Ros Charlton on 01300 348063

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

### **AT LAST**

It was on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 that Bishop David Stancliffe announced his retirement as Bishop of Salisbury and his last duty as our bishop was to ordain priests in the cathedral on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010. It was, however, only on the 15<sup>th</sup> October this year that our new bishop, Nick Holtam, was enthroned in the cathedral. The wheels of the appointment process in the Church of England turn exceeding slowly!

Bishop Nick was consecrated as a bishop in St Paul's Cathedral, London on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July and moved to Salisbury in August. But he was able to begin his public ministry only after he had paid homage to the Queen at Buckingham Palace on the 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Before the Enthronement service began, Bishop Nick led a procession from St Mark's Church, Bishopdown, following an ancient tradition when new bishops of Salisbury got off their horses at Bishopdown - the origin of its name - and walked into the city as pilgrims. While he was robing in Mitre House (the Anokhi ladies fashion shop!), the choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields - where Bishop Nick was Vicar for 16 years – sang for him outside before leading him into The Close, accompanied by the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury. On Choristers Green, he was greeted in Latin by the senior boy chorister, following another custom. For the first time, the senior chorister from the Girls' Choir (established 20 years ago as the first girls' cathedral choir in the country) repeated the greeting in English before the Bishop replied.

During the formal cathedral service, Bishop Nick was seated in the Bishop's throne (or *cathedra*).

Bishop Nick is aged 57 and grew up in North London. He read Geography at Durham and trained for ordination in London and Cambridge. He served his curacy in Stepney before becoming a tutor at Lincoln Theological College where he taught Christian Ethics and Mission. He was then an incumbent on the Isle of Dogs at the heart of London's Docklands before becoming Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.

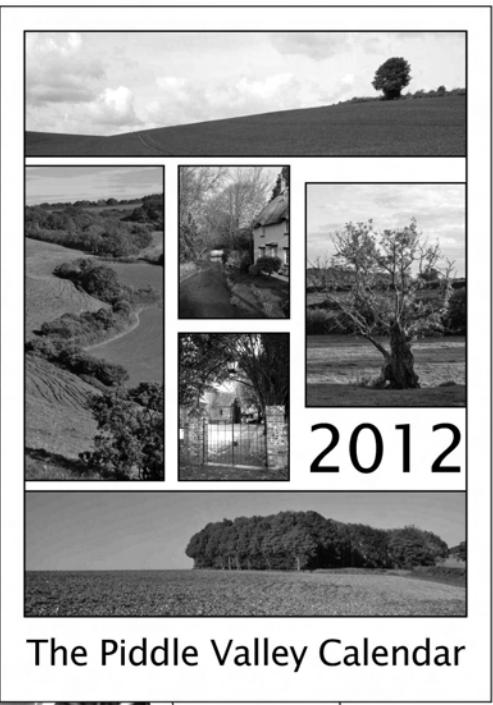
Bishop Nick is married to Helen who is half Danish, a committed Quaker and a Maths teacher. They have four adult children. Bishop Nick is a regular broadcaster and has written two books: *A Room with a View* (2008) about life at St Martin's and the £36m refurbishment of the church building, and *The Art of Worship* (2011), a book of meditations and prayers in response to favourite paintings in the National Gallery.

*Rev Tony Monds*

The Vicarage, Piddletrenthide

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# *The Piddle Valley Calendar*



*The Piddle Valley Calendar*

**£5**

*Twelve seasonal photos all taken in the Piddle Valley,  
beautifully printed and spiral bound.*

*All profits in aid of the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.*

*available from:*

*Ian Condon - tel 348250 or*

*The Brace of Pheasants, The Poachers Inn  
and The Piddle Inn.*

## **From the Registers**

### **Holy Baptism**

Rupert Barrie John Collier was baptised on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at All Saints', Hilton.

Charlie James Eastment was baptised on the 21st August 2011 at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey.

Jake Michael Arseneault was baptised on the 21st August 2011 at All Saints', Hilton.

Arthur Guy Hill was baptised on the 4th September 2011 at Lyscombe chapel.

### **Holy Matrimony**

Wayne Philip Strickland and Rachel Louise Brooks were married at Milton Abbey on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011. *[This is a correction following an error in the last edition. I do apologise for my error and am grateful for the understanding of the parties involved. Tony Monds]*

George Frederick Thurston and Susan Margaret Thurston were married at All Saints', Hilton on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Jeremy Reginald Walton and Nicola Kathryn Bell were married at St Pancras', Alton Pancras on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

William John Warner and April Sarah Diane Ralph were married at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **Funerals**

The funeral of Leonard Douglas Clapp of Dorchester took place at All Saints', Piddletrenthide followed by cremation at Weymouth crematorium on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

The funeral of Michael William Cox of Hilton took place at Poole crematorium on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011 followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at All Saints', Hilton on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The ashes of Douglas John William Smith of Piddletrenthide were interred at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>3 before Advent</b> Red  <i>Ps 70</i> Amos 5.18-24 1 Thes 4.13-18 Matt 25.1-13	<b>Hilton</b> <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i>  <b>Cheselbourne</b> <i>9.30am Family Eucharist</i>  <b>Piddlehinton</b> <i>9.30am Family Service</i>	<b>Melcombe Horsey</b> <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i>  <b>Piddletrenthide</b> <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i>  <b>Alton Pancras</b> <i>12.30pm Holy Baptism</i> <i>5.30pm Evening Prayer</i>	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Red  <i>Ps 90.1-8</i> Zeph 1.7, 12-18 1 Thes 5.1-11 Matt 25.14-30	<b>Cheselbourne</b> <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i> (Patronal Festival) <b>with Act of Remembrance</b>  <b>Hilton</b> <i>9.30am Family Eucharist</i> <b>with Act of Remembrance</b>	<b>Piddletrenthide</b> <b>10.50am Remembrance Service</b>  <b>Melcombe Horsey</b> <i>6.30pm Evening Prayer</i> <b>with Act of Remembrance</b>	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Christ the King</b> White  <i>Ps 95.107</i> Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24 Eph 1.15-end Matt 25.31-end	<b>Alton Pancras</b> <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i>  <b>Piddlehinton</b> <i>9.30am Parish Communion</i>  <b>Piddletrenthide</b> <i>9.30am Family Service</i>	<b>Hilton</b> <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i>  <b>Melcombe Horsey</b> <i>11.00am Parish Communion</i>  <b>Cheselbourne</b> <i>6.00pm Evening Prayer</i>	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b> White  <i>Ps 80.108</i> Isa 64.1-9 1 Cor 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37	<b>Alton Pancras</b> <i>9.30am Family Eucharist</i>  <b>Cheselbourne</b> <i>11.00am Family Service</i>  <b>Melcombe Horsey</b> <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i>	<b>Piddletrenthide</b> <b>4.00pm Advent Carols</b>  <b>Hilton</b> <i>6.00pm Evening Prayer</i>  <b>Piddlehinton</b> <i>6.30pm Evening Prayer</i>	
<p>Services shown in <i>italics</i> are taken from the timeless prose of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> published in 1662.</p> <p>The Family Eucharists (based on <i>Common Worship Order One</i>), Family and other services are in contemporary language.</p>			

SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELABOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY		
<b><u>11<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b>Advent 3</b> Purple  <i>Ps 126</i> Isa 61.1-4, 8-11 1Thes 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28	<b><u>Cheselbourne</u></b> 8.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>  <b><u>Hilton</u></b> 9.30am Family Eucharist  <b><u>Melcombe Horsey</u></b> 11.00am Family Eucharist	<b><u>Piddletrenthide</u></b> 11.00am Family Eucharist  <b><u>Piddlehinton</u></b> 5.30pm <i>Parish Communion</i>	
<b><u>18<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b>Advent 4</b> Purple  <i>Ps 89.1-9</i> 2 Sam 7.1-11, 16 Rom 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38	<b><u>Alton Pancras</u></b> 8.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>  <b><u>Piddletrenthide</u></b> 11.00am <i>Christmas Carols</i>	<b><u>Milton Abbey</u></b> 6.00pm <i>Christmas Carols</i>  <b><u>Piddlehinton</u></b> 6.30pm <i>Christmas Carols</i>	
<b><u>22<sup>nd</sup> December</u></b> White	<b><u>Alton Pancras</u></b> 6.30pm <i>Christmas Carols</i>		
<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> December</u></b> White	<b><u>Cheselbourne</u></b> 5.00pm <i>Christingle Service</i>	<b><u>Piddletrenthide</u></b> 5.00pm <i>Christingle Service</i>	
<b><u>24<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> White	<b><u>Hilton</u></b> 5.30pm <i>Christingle Service</i>  <b><u>Brace of Pheasants, Plush</u></b> 7.00pm <i>Christmas Carols</i>	<b><u>Hilton</u></b> 11.30pm <i>First Eucharist of Christmas</i>  <b><u>Piddlehinton</u></b> 11.30pm <i>First Eucharist of Christmas</i>	
<b><u>25<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> White	<b><u>Alton Pancras</u></b> 9.00am <i>Christmas Eucharist</i>  <b><u>Cheselbourne</u></b> 9.00am <i>Christmas Eucharist</i>	<b><u>Melcombe Horsey</u></b> 10.30am <i>Christmas Carols and Readings (followed by Holy Communion at around 11.30am)</i>  <b><u>Piddletrenthide</u></b> 10.30am <i>Christmas Eucharist</i>	
<b>Morning Prayer</b> is said at 8.00am on the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at <b>Piddletrenthide</b> , on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at <b>Alton Pancras</b> , every Wednesday at <b>Hilton</b> and at 9.30am on the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at <b>Piddlehinton</b> .			
A said <b>Eucharist</b> is celebrated at 9.30am on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at <b>Piddlehinton</b> .			
<b>Compline</b> is said at 5.00pm at <b>Alton Pancras</b> on Friday the 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, at <b>Piddletrenthide</b> on the 9 <sup>th</sup> December and at <b>Piddlehinton</b> on the 16 <sup>th</sup> December and at 6.00pm at <b>Hilton</b> on each of those three Fridays.			

# **REMEMBERING PIDDLETRENTHIDE**

**Our next exhibition entitled:  
'OUR DAILY BREAD'**

**will include pictures and memories of farming and the  
Churches in Piddletrenthide since 1901**

**and will be held on  
Saturday November 19th at 2.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall**

**Refreshments available**

**We look forward to seeing you,  
your family, friends, memories & photos!**

**Dave & Bridget Bowen**

**tel 01300 348255**

Christmas is coming  
Why not get into the festive spirit?  
Come and join us at the



## MILLENNIUM GREEN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Piddlehinton Village Hall  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00-12.00

*Cookery demonstration of a Christmas treat*

*Children's activity table*

*Stalls selling Christmas gifts,  
cakes and produce,*

*Raffle of local produce and locally made  
Christmas cake*

*Admission 50p coffee and mince pies*

*Donations of cakes and produce welcomed*



## *The Twinning Quiz*

*will take place on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>*

*@ 7.30 PM in THE THIMBLE*

*£7 to inc. cottage pie supper.*

*All non-members very welcome !*

*Nos. in advance please to Jo on 348670.*

*Bring a group or join a friendly table !*

## ***News from the valley villages*** ~~~~~

### **Piddlehinton**

#### **The Last Night of the Proms**

The 'Last Night of the Proms' at All Saints Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September was a resounding success with all the pomp and circumstance, foot-tapping and flag waving of the Royal Albert Hall. Every seat was taken – what a wonderful use of the church for such a happy community event. The wine and canapés in the interval only added to the general joy. We are so fortunate to have such excellent local 'talent' – both professional and amateur. The singing was wonderful, as was the playing of the Durnovaria Silver Band.

Janet and Sue are to be congratulated for their planning and running of the evening – they made it look so easy but, as we all know, it must have been jolly hard work! We must all encourage them to consider going through it again next year, as it would be a wonderful addition to the Piddle Valley calendar of events.

*Jill Cox*

#### **... and thanks from the organisers**

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Last Night of the Proms.

The Performers - John Hudson, Magdalena Atkinson, Deirdre Ashton and Elizabeth Sweetnam - who gave their time so willingly to entertain us, the sponsors, the canapé makers, the people who kindly donated raffle prizes and Sally for doing the raffle, Brian and Ian for running the bar and Tony Monds for his support from the first mention of the event to the day itself, the list could go on and on – thank you all.

Our expenses were considerable as you might imagine, but were partially covered by our generous sponsors. We have been able to make donations to local organisations, i.e. All Saints Church, Piddle Valley First School, The Millennium Green, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall and also to the Bournemouth Symphony Youth Chorus. These were the organisations our performers nominated to receive a donation in lieu of their fees.

*Sue Beckingham and Janet Keen*

### **Plush**

Plush recently contributed to the Police statistic that rural crime has increased by 17% in the last 12 months, with the theft of quad bikes from four local farms in one night and the theft of one of the replacement quads a few weeks later. News from our local PCSO Vickie Hedges, of Police Action to Combat Rural Crime, is given under General Notices.

*Rosalyn Charlton*

# Paddle along the Piddle

An illustrated talk by Anne King

***18 November 2011 at 7 pm***

***Piddlehinton Village Hall***

Visit the main settlements along the river from its source to mouth illustrating landscapes and history discovering its links with Royalty, Abbeys, Public Schools, early Trades Unionism and an Entrepreneur – all within one of the most attractive valleys of Dorset.



**Preceded by the AGM**

Bar

Coffee and biscuits

Piddle theme Raffle

**Tickets £5 telephone Honor 348252; Sue 348286; Linda  
348117; Portia 348294; Rebecca 348406; Susan 348228**

In support of Piddlehinton Millennium Green reg charity no 1074956

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spirituals  
and...

Jazz

A large, bold, black "Jazz" word is centered in the lower half of the advertisement, partially overlapping the "Rags, spirituals and..." text.

[www.sunsetcafestompers.com](http://www.sunsetcafestompers.com)

**Buckland  
Newton  
Church**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**7.30pm**

**Tickets..£10**

**from:**

Old Chapel Stores 01300 345336

Dominey's Yard 01300 345295

Wendy Emberley 01300 345427

All profits to:

The Dorset Air Ambulance

Buckland Newton Youth Club

The Church of the Holy Rood,

Buckland Newton

## **Alton Pancras**

**AP** Congratulations to Mrs Jocelyn Mould-Graham nee Saunders who celebrated her centenary on 11 October with Andrew, Charlotte and the family gathering at her residence at Gillingham. As our 'lady of the manor' she was always active at the centre of village happenings, including a time as parish councillor.

**AP** Alton Pancras was again the winner in the Best Kept Hamlet section of the Dorset Community Action judging, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. Councillor Terry Cowley received the award on our behalf, which includes a cheque for £150, that has gone into the Parish Council's Alton Pancras village fund. 'What to do with the money' was on the October village meeting agenda.

**AP** Frances Mallet, Jill Shattock, Susan Cheyne and Sally Dangerfield, assisted by Nick and Ann Boniface, organised the first village *Harvest Supper* for many years, the 24 attendees including John Waterman, and appropriate music from the DK Roadshow aka Duncan and Tracy Williams from *Boldacre*.

**AP** When the Henshaw family of Dorchester cycled up to AP church as part of the Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride event, locals present including Julie Squires had a pleasant surprise. Alexander Henshaw (12) promptly demonstrated his remarkable musical skill on the church's piano and organ and continued to do this at all the churches they visited that day. One now plans to invite him to 'audition' as their church organist!

**AP** The building development at Barcombe farmyard is re-instating it as a dairy farm with a new milking parlour, not the new Dorchester park-and-ride as rumoured. That's at Monkey's Jump behind McDonalds!

*Colin Dean*    [colinsuedean@btinternet.com](mailto:colinsuedean@btinternet.com)

**A Correction to last issue's Alton Pancras news is in the Letters section. Editor.**

### **Treasurer needed for Alton Pancras PCC**

Alton St Pancras PCC is in need of a Treasurer commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

If you would be interested in this role, and would be willing to volunteer a little of your spare time, please contact the secretary, who will forward to you a job description. Regular church attendance is not essential, but some aptitude for keeping accounts is.

PCC Secretary: - Elaine Potts 01300 348035 [elaine\\_j\\_potts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elaine_j_potts@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Letters ~~~~~**

Dear Editor

### **Correction about the distribution of Alton Pancras fete proceeds**

Under the heading "Alton Pancras" in the September/October edition of the magazine is a paragraph commencing "AP Fete raised £2541 for the church ....". This year there was a change to arrangements for the distribution of the fete proceeds, as explained at the village meeting before the fete. The revised arrangements are that from this year forward the fete proceeds will go to the charity, the Alton Pancras Village Trust and not to the Alton Pancras PCC.

The Trustees of the Alton Pancras Village Trust have already decided on the distribution of the fete proceeds for this year. The £2541 raised has been distributed 85% to the church restoration fund and the balance of 15% to the Joseph Weld Hospice and Macmillan Nurses.

The Trustees have agreed that as far as possible in future a sufficient component will go towards ensuring the restoration fund for the Alton Pancras church to meet annual maintenance requirements and repair contingencies. The Trustees have confirmed that it is of great importance that the Trust prioritise the needs of the church in the village as possibly the most significant structure in the community and that they would not want to see a situation arise where the community might divide over the issue of the distribution of the fete funds. The balance of the proceeds of the fete will be distributed to charities as the Trustees annually decide. This may include the Trust itself for projects and causes relating to the village of Alton Pancras.

The Trustees have agreed that next year (2012) the split between the contribution to the church restoration fund and other charities (including for projects and causes for the village) will be 50:50. Following 2013 the division of the proceeds will be split depending on the maintenance and repair requirements for the church and the needs of other causes. In reaching their annual decision the Trustees intend to consult with the PCC, the fete stall holders and with individual residents in the parish to attempt to obtain a community consensus on the distribution of the fete proceeds.

I have enthusiastically promoted this change on the basis that the Alton Pancras community contains a strong secular non church going component (and I am a part of that) which I believe should be consulted on the distribution of the proceeds from our main village fund raising event of the year.

*Andrew Graham, Alton Pancras      Trustee of the Alton Pancras Village Trust*

# Artsreach Events in Piddletrenthide in November & December 2011

*Artsreach*

**Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm**

## The Churchfitters

Unique and energetic! A fast-paced show uniting folk and jazz rhythms with the universal appeal of traditional music. Outstanding vocals and an astonishing array of instruments including fiddle, double bass, bouzouki, flute, sax, guitar, banjo and even a musical saw! All delivered with a large dose of humour, a measure of eccentricity and an abiding sense of fun.



**in The Memorial Hall**

**Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm**



Forest Forge presents

## The Phoenix and Carpet

*A co-production with The Nuffield Theatre Southampton*

Join four children on their adventures as they are whisked away on their new magical carpet, with help of a mysterious and fiery phoenix! When a golden egg falls into the nursery fire and hatches a talking Phoenix Robert, Cyril, Andrea and Jane begin a remarkable adventure that will see them

travel the world on their new carpet. Adapted from the classic children's book by E. Nesbit, this magical winter production features beautiful live music, incredible puppets and a wonderful winter atmosphere.  
Recommended min age 5+

**in The Piddle Valley First School**

**PIDDLETRENTHIDE MEMORIAL HALL**



# 'On the beat'



Who's combating crime in your neighbourhood  
Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team is Dorchester East



PC Jeremy  
Cuff



PCSO Vickie  
Hedges

## OPERATION COUNTRYSIDE

Operation Countryside has been launched to drive down rural crime across the County of Dorset, by Dorset Police.

Rural crime cost the agricultural industry more than £49 million across the UK during 2010 and continuous to be a problem.

A survey by the National Farmers Union showed that crime against agricultural industry was up by 17% on the previous year.

Last year in England and Wales 1975 tractors and other agricultural vehicles were stolen at a cost to the NFU Mutual in excess of £10 million.

According to Farmers weekly the top 5 most stolen items are.

- . Tools
- . Quad Bikes
- . Oil and Diesel
- . Tractors
- . Metals

Dorset Police are working with the rural community to raise the awareness of rural crime by promoting the importance of crime prevention and the necessity of the community reporting suspicious incidents as they happen.

West Dorset is a very safe place to live and work together we can make it even safer.

For more information, please contact Dorchester West Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Call: **01305 222 222**

Mobile: **07500 816 292**

Only dial 999 if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress

Email: **[dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk)**

## **P. S. Piddle Personality** ~~~~~



Nigel Pearce-Buckley DID celebrate his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday by riding to the summit of Mount Ventoux, as predicted in the last PVNV. Here he is at the top with fellow rider, Charlie Thornton of Alton Pancras, having cycled from base at Bedouin to 6200ft in nearly 2 hrs, in temperatures of 26 – 29°C. It only took 15mins to return to base!

## **General News + Notices** ~~~~~

### **POLICE**

**The new police number for NON-URGENT enquiries  
- 101 -**

**is now live across Dorset and the South West.**

This replaces the 01202 / 01305 222 222 number.  
More information is available online at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)

**Always dial 999 in an emergency when life is in danger  
or a crime is in progress.**

*Barry Rogers Safer Neighbourhood volunteer*

### **OPERATION SHOGUN**

In conjunction with OPERATION COUNTRYSIDE, Dorset Police and locally specially trained members of the public referred to as "spotters" ran a covert Operation Shogun. This is a short, sharp hit of proactive police work conducted in a specific area. Using local knowledge, the "spotters" call up anyone or any vehicle acting suspiciously. In this way, the police can quickly identify and disrupt any criminal activity in the moment it is happening.

There have been three recent OPERATION SHOGUN carried out in Osmington, Cerne Valley and the Piddle Valley area. The positive results were that three persons were arrested and a significant attempt at the theft of diesel fuel from an isolated farm was disrupted and prevented.

We would like to thank our 13 "spotters" from across the Dorchester section for their assistance and enthusiasm.

West Dorset is a very safe place to live and working together we can make it even safer. If we can help you then please feel free to call the Dorchester Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team.

*PCSO 6781 Vickie Hedges*

## **Dorchester Mobile Library**

	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>14 + 28</b>
		<b>December</b>	<b>12 only</b>
<b>Alton Pancras</b>	Holcombe Mead		11.25 – 11.45
<b>Piddletrenthide</b>	Poachers Inn		11.55 – 12.10
	Wightmans Orchard		1.20 – 1.50
<b>Piddlehinton</b>	Paynes Close		2.00 – 2.40

## **Piddlehinton Village Hall**

<b>Thursdays</b>	POST OFFICE	2.00 – 4.00pm
<b>To Hire</b>	Contact	Vickey Steven / 01300 348294

## **Blood Donation**

DORCHESTER sessions are held at the United Church Hall, South Street (near Goulds household store) and all are from 1.30 - 3.25 and 4.30 - 7.00pm. The next dates are:

Thursday 17 November  
Thursday 1 + 22 December

There is also a session at The Exchange, STURMINSTER NEWTON, on Monday 5 December from 1.15-3.25 and 4.30 – 7.00pm.

*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 2012.**

The Bridge Trust is being reorganised. A description of the Trust and its objects is given on its website:

[www.bridgeeducationtrust.org.uk](http://www.bridgeeducationtrust.org.uk)

Those wishing to apply for grants should obtain an application form by writing to: **The Administrator, Bridge Educational Trust, c/o Piddle Valley First School, Piddletrenthide, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7QL** or by emailing [www.bridgeeducationtrust.org.uk](http://www.bridgeeducationtrust.org.uk) If you are thinking of applying for a grant next year, the right time to send in your form is during November/December.

**A Volunteer required.** As part of the reorganisation, the Trustees are seeking assistance in the detailed administration of the Trust. If you are interested in helping this local charity in its objective of making educational grants to Dorset students (with a priority area in the parishes of the Piddle Valley), and have time to spare on a couple of days a week, please ask for further details from either of the above addresses, or by telephoning the Chairman of the Trustees, Rex Goddard (01300 348363). *Rex Goddard*

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

### **Piddle Valley Country Dancing Group**

We meet on Mondays, 2.15- 4.15 in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall but there will be no class on 7<sup>th</sup> November.      Jane Preston / 01300 348545

### **Piddle Valley Over 60s**

A big thank you to all who helped with the Michaelmas Coffee Morning. We raised just over £170 to go into club funds.

Our outing season is now over and we are starting our winter programme of speakers. The first of these will be the Dorchester Town Crier Alistair Chisholm who will be speaking after the AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The next event will be the Christmas lunch which is in The Piddle Inn. This will be for members only. The cost will be £15 for a two course meal and includes a glass of wine, or a fruit juice, plus coffee and a mince pie after the meal. Menus and order forms will be available at the AGM.

Hilary French / 01305 848501

### **Piddle Valley Gardens Club**

#### **Bulbs for Showing**

Bob Symes, flower and vegetable judge, gave a talk on buying and growing bulbs for showing to 30 gardening enthusiasts. The message from Bob was to look carefully at bulbs when buying them, and even buy from a specialist retailer; there are an astonishing 45,000 named varieties of daffodil to choose from. Keen Garden Club members will be spotted, at garden centres, sorting through baskets of bulbs looking for the very best bulbs.

We also learnt a few tricks to help bulbs look perfect on show day, by delaying flowering or accelerating flowering, in some cases by rolling in wet newspaper or putting flowers in the fridge. Do not be tempted to remove petals or dead flower heads though because the judges will spot it! With so many experts The Spring Show on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April, should be well worth visiting.

#### **Harvest Supper**

Members of the Gardens Club gathered at The Memorial Hall in Piddletrenthide for their annual Harvest Supper. They were greeted by an amazing display of flowers and garden produce kindly donated and arranged by several enthusiastic members.

The excellent meal, organised and prepared by a team of members, was followed by a very interesting and informative talk delivered by renowned opera singer, John Hudson.



The audience were treated to a brief history of opera, how one becomes an opera singer and what it is like to be an opera singer.

Finally John sang a carefully selected song with fitting references to gardens'.

A very enjoyable evening was experienced by all present and thanks must go to the many people who made all it possible.

*Ann Jordan*

### Piddletrenthide Lunch Club

The details of the Lunch Club's for November and December are as follows:-



<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Sausages and Mash with beans Apple cake and cream
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	CHRISTMAS LUNCH cooked by BECKY GREEN our Local Caterer

We look forward to seeing our regulars in the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall and we will also welcome new 'diners' who would like to sample our delicious meals and friendly company !

Our grateful thanks to Katie and Karl at the Post Office who have supported the Lunch Club from the beginning and we send them our best wishes for their future happiness in their new home.

If you would like to join us for lunch or volunteer to help please contact :  
*Sue Jennings / 01300 348076*

### Children's Activities

#### **RAINBOWS** (for girls aged 5 – 7 years)

Wednesdays      Piddlehinton Village Hall 4.15 – 5.15pm  
Contact            Sarah Goddard / 01300 345 413

#### **BROWNIES** (for girls aged 7 – 9 years)

Wednesdays      Piddlehinton Village Hall 5.45 – 7.15pm  
Contact            Kerry Moore / 01300 345117  
                      Claire Hudson / 01300 348284

## **The Twinning Association Twinned with Longueville, Normandy**

### VISIT TO LONGUEVILLE

Piddle Valley members of the Twinning Association visited their French friends in Longueville, Normandy from 1 to 4 September. Our hosts first met their guests with an aperitif (or several) and a speech from the mayor at the village hall after which we dispersed for dinner with the hosting families.

The next two days included visits to areas of interest in the locality including the port town of St Malo and the tidal island of Tatihou, near where a 17th century naval battle between the French and English took place. Fortunately international relations have much improved since and the island is now frequently the location of music festivals.

Many opted to visit Le Pont d'Ouve Nature Reserve near Carentan which included a boat trip around the marshes allowing close views of a kingfisher, European white storks, purple and grey herons and even a rare glimpse of the small night heron.

As usual we were treated with marvellous generosity; it seemed as though every time we stopped, a meal of several courses was set before us.

The whole group got together for more food and wine at the village hall on Friday and Saturday evenings at the first of which, according to recent tradition, guests and hosts offer cabaret items. In desperation to find a traditional English song that we all knew, we opted for "On Ilkley Moor Baht'at" with at least one authentic Yorkshire man, Brian Beckingham, supplying the original dialect. For their part, the French performed a drum majorette dance with gusto, the male dancers resplendent in silver wigs and pink taffeta skirts. *(see the photo inside the back cover – Editor)*

The weekend weather was warm and sunny though sharp downpours put paid to the traditional Sunday boules competition so we retain the trophy, unchallenged, for a further year. Great fun, great food and hospitality and a further strengthening of the "entente cordiale".

We are always happy to welcome new members. Please look out for our local events: we held a well attended skittles match plus fish and chips supper at The Halsey Arms on 4 October (which we hope to repeat when the French visit us in May next year).

**The Twinning Quiz will take place in The Thimble on Friday, November 25th @ 7.30 pm. £7 to include cottage pie supper. Non-members are very welcome !**

**Please book your place now by phoning Jo Thornton on 348670.**

Dave Bowen (*Twinning Association Chairman*) 01300 348 255



## **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. So, if you have something important to say, please either contact your local Parish Councillor or raise it during the start of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November. There is no December meeting.

#### **Website [www.piddlevalley.info](http://www.piddlevalley.info)**

The Parish Council section of the [www.piddlevalley.info](http://www.piddlevalley.info) website is now fully live, and contains details of all your Parish Councillors, together with details of past and future meetings, planning applications and other relevant news and information. There will however continue to be the usual reports in News & Views as well. It is worth checking the website regularly because any news which is too late for publication in News & Views will be placed there, such as the full details of the resurfacing works to the B3143.

#### **School Association Bonfire Night**

The Parish Council, as Lessees of the Playing Field, have agreed to the Piddle Valley PTA holding their annual Bonfire Night event again this year, but wish to remind everyone that ONLY wood and cardboard items may be delivered to the bonfire site. (*See IMPORTANT NOTICE about this after School News*)

Following last years' bonfire, it was found that paint tins, canisters, glass, wire and other metal items were in the ashes. Tins and bottles are potentially explosive and could cause severe injuries to spectators; some items give off toxic fumes, including dioxins. Metal items, glass and wire are a hazard to our children playing on the bank and have damaged grass mowers.

The School Association is responsible for the safe disposal of this debris, at considerable cost, which will reduce the funds available to the School.

Placing these items in the bonfire constitutes fly-tipping and contravenes the Waste Disposal Regulations. The PTA and the PC will be monitoring the material delivered to the bonfire and anyone found tipping unacceptable items will be reported to the relevant Authorities.

#### **Traffic Speeds**

The problem of reducing traffic speeds through the Valley continues to exercise the minds of all. It is hoped that the proposal not to replace the

centre white line on the road after the resurfacing work will have some effect.

There was a suggestion that the Parish Council could invest in permanent illuminated speed display signs. The Police have advised that the ones that display actual speed cannot be made permanently available. The automatic illuminating signs that just remind of the speed limit cost about £3-4000 each, which is totally beyond the financial resources of the Parish Council.

One of the most effective solutions would be for residents in the valley to ensure that they themselves do not exceed the speed limit! - There are no real opportunities for overtaking, so that should automatically control a lot of the traffic for free. Research nationally has shown that in most areas where speed is seen an issue, it is often the local residents who are to blame!

### **B.O.A.T. Appeal - Lackington Drove BW18**

The application to upgrade Lackington Drove - Bridleway 18 - to a BOAT (Byway open to all traffic), from White Lackington to Heaves Farm drive entrance, has been refused at appeal by the Secretary of State. More details are available at [www.mapping.dorsetforyou.com/countryside/dmmo/T34](http://www.mapping.dorsetforyou.com/countryside/dmmo/T34).

### **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.**

A letter from the Lord Lieutenant's Office has been received, outlining some of the National proposals to celebrate the Jubilee over the Bank Holiday weekend of 2-5 June 2012. I will put more details of this in the next issue of the magazine, as space is limited, but the letter is available on the website at [www.piddlevalley.info/pc](http://www.piddlevalley.info/pc)

Andy Howard

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Approved**

1/D/10/001385	Lower Southcombe Farm, Piddletrenthide. Create conservation pond.
1/D/11/001170 & 001171	Brownsville, Piddletrenthide. Single and two storey extension
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/11/001210	5 London Row, Piddlehinton. Certificate of Lawful Development – relief from Agricultural occupancy condition.

#### **Refused**

None

# BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY

(PROFESSIONAL DISPLAY TEAM)

SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011  
6.00PM AT

PIDDLE VALLEY FIRST SCHOOL,  
PIDDLETRENTHIDE

ADMISSION PRICES: ADULTS £3.00

CHILDREN (5YRS-16 YRS) £2.00

INFANTS UNDER 4 YRS FREE

FAMILY TICKET PRICE £10.00 (2 ADULTS AND  
UP TO 4 CHILDREN)



HOT FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENING  
WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
PIDDLE VALLEY FIRST SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US

## **Pending**

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1/D/11/001280                   | 24 High St, Piddletrenthide Change of<br>use to create two dwellings   |
| 1/D/11/001284 & 001317          | Higher Tything Cottage, Piddletrenthide.                               |
|                                 | Convert garage to two storey extension, build new garage.              |
| 1/D/11/001212                   | Land Adj Church Lane, Piddletrenthide.<br>Erect barn/stable/tack room. |
| 1/D/11/001366 (DCC Application) | Gypsy Camp, Piddlehinton.<br>Erect Acoustic wall.                      |

## **District Councillor**

Our District Councillor for the Piddle Valley Ward is **Jacqui Cuff**

*New Hayes Farm, Duntish, Dorchester DT2 7DU*

*01300 345405 Mobile 07870 686854 Email Cllr.J.Cuff@westdorsetdc.gov.uk*

## **Piddle Valley First School** ~~~~~

What a fantastic start to a new school year! Firstly we are very pleased to welcome our new Head teacher Mrs Tracy Jones.

The children have settled well in their new classes and our creative curriculum continues to be a great success. Topics this half term have included Africa, fairy stories and Australia.

The Piddle Valley Foundation Base, which is made up of Pre-school and Reception children, has got off to a great start. For more information contact Cathy White and Nicole Lefebvre-Woods (Piddle Valley Foundation Base).

You may have noticed that we are in the process of revamping the outside area. We have had teams of parents working on the gardens and 'forest schools' areas and they have done an absolutely amazing job. A special thank you must go to Vicky Stevens who has been such an inspiration and worked tirelessly leading this project. So a big 'THANK YOU' to all our volunteers, it is much appreciated.

As always we are looking for more volunteers to help us in school so if you think you could offer any help we would be extremely grateful. If you would like to help in any way (e.g. reading) please contact Claire at the office.

We will be unveiling the sign for the 'Piddle Valley Venturer', the name chosen for our pirate ship on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November after the commissioning service for Mrs Jones.

You can also help the school by **donating textiles for recycling** to convert into cash. Items can be left in black plastic bags, labelled 'Textile Recycling', under the school porch. The next collection will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

All that remains is to thank you for your continued support.

*Cath Rothman Assistant Headteacher*

## **PIDDLE VALLEY FIRST SCHOOL BONFIRE NIGHT IMPORTANT NOTICE**

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR SPLENDID BONFIRE OVER THE YEARS BY DONATING SUITABLE GARDEN WASTE AND WOOD. HOWEVER, WE ARE SADDENED TO REPORT THAT LAST YEAR OUR BONFIRE WAS USED BY SOME AS A DUMPING GROUND FOR ITEMS INCLUDING PAINT POTS, BUILDING RUBBLE, MATTRESSES, FABRIC/FOAM CHAIRS, GLASS WINDOWS, METAL OBJECTS AND EVEN A TV!

WE WELCOME YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AS ALWAYS, BUT PLEASE CAN WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ONLY DONATING WASTE THAN WILL BURN DOWN SAFELY AND WILL NOT POSE A RISK TO THOSE AT THE EVENT, THE VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN CLEARING UP THE ASH AND DEBRIS AFTERWARDS OR THE WILDLIFE, ANIMALS AND CHILDREN WHO USE THE FIELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THIS YEAR, THE GATE LEADING ONTO THE SCHOOL FIELD WILL ONLY BE OPEN DURING SCHOOL HOURS FROM **MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER TO SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** FOR SUITABLE WASTE TO BE ADDED TO THE BONFIRE.

OUR BONFIRE WOULD NOT BE THE SPECTACULAR SIGHT IT IS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND WE REGRET HAVING TO BRING THIS MATTER TO YOUR ATTENTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ALL TO ANOTHER ENJOYABLE EVENING ON NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.

### **Sport** ~~~~~

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

### **Editorial** ~~~~~

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PLUSH CRICKET CLUB

THE HOME OF CRICKET IN THE PICTURE VALLEY

Plush Cricket Club is always on the look out  
for new players to join our enthusiastic  
and successful cricket teams.

With the brilliant pavilion, 2011 has  
been a spectacular year, so if you are  
14 years or older, and you would like to  
come and join our warm and friendly  
club, set in some of the most beautiful  
surroundings to play village cricket,  
then please contact us.

We will be more than delighted to explain  
what Plush Cricket Club is all about.

Graeme Stephens 07899 663773

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*There must be more to  
Monday  
nights  
than this?*

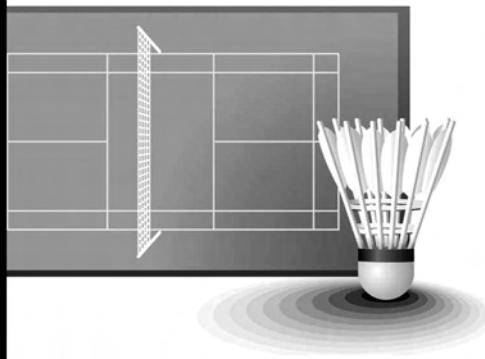


**There is ...**

... come along  
to Piddlehinton Gym on the Enterprise Estate  
and join our friendly badminton group.

New players of all ages and abilities welcome.

We meet every Monday evening  
from 8.15 to 9.45 pm



**For more information,  
please telephone  
Alan or Christine  
Wiseman  
on 01258 817512**



# Puddletown Surgery

Tel 01305 848333

Athelhampton Road, Puddletown, DT2 8FY

## 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](mailto: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

# Cerne Abbas Surgery Newsletter

## October 2011

### NOTICES

#### MEDICATION DROPS:

Historically medication drops to shops and post offices throughout the practice area have been carried out by the doctors. To make better use of doctors' time Friday deliveries will now be made by non-clinical members of staff.

To accommodate this change Friday medication drops will now be made in the afternoons after 3:30pm. To ensure that your medication is available for you to collect we kindly ask that patients collect their medication from their prearranged drop off point after 4pm of the day of delivery

We would also like to thank the post offices and village stores for allowing the medication deliveries to take place. In supporting the practice in this way they are providing a valuable medication collection service to our patients. Please do not direct any difficulties to the staff at the collection points. The dispensary team at the surgery are here to help you with any queries, problems or concerns that you may have. You can contact them at the surgery on 01300 341163.

A big thank you to Caroline for arranging the flowers at the Flower Festival showing life in Cerne. A total of £307 was raised over the weekend for the Squib Garden.

This years chosen Flu Season Charity is Ducks and Drakes, a trust inspired by a mans battle against bowel Cancer to fund specialist recovery nurses.

The Ducks and Drakes Charity was founded by Andrew Drake from Buckland Newton after he was struck with a rare form of cancer. The Trusts aim is to raise funds to support those suffering and raise awareness of the condition.

CERNE ABbas SURGERY  
CLINIC DATES  
FOR  
INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

2011

WE RECOMMEND YOU HAVE A 'FLU' VACCINATION  
IF YOU  
ARE AGED 65 OR OVER  
ARE IN A CLINICAL RISK GROUP (asthma, diabetes etc.)  
ARE PREGNANT

We will be holding OPEN CLINICS at the Surgery  
on the following days:

Tuesday	11th October	2.00	-	3.30 pm
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30	-	10.30 am
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00	-	3.30 pm
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	2.00	-	3.30 pm

There will also be an  
OPEN CLINIC  
at

Hazelbury Bryan in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 - 11.00 am

and at

Wightman's Orchard on  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30 - 11.00 am

Just choose a clinic to suit you and turn up  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

## **Saturday Morning Opening**

Do you find it difficult to see a doctor on a weekday due to work or family commitments? We now offer Saturday\* morning pre-booked GP and General Nursing appointments. To book an appointment please telephone reception between 8:30-1pm and 2pm-6:30pm Monday to Friday.

Saturday Morning Reception Opening Times are for pre-booked appointments only

Reception will be open from 9am-11:45am  
Dispensary will be open from 9am-11:30am  
for collection of ordered repeat medication  
GP and General Nursing appointments - 9am-10:00am

Urgent Health Problems and Home Visits  
on all weekday evenings from 6:30pm and weekends (including Saturday mornings) home visits and urgent health problems will continue to be dealt with by the Out of Hours Service whose telephone number is 0845 600 1013

**IMPORTANT:-** For Emergencies you should attend  
the Accident & Emergency Department  
of your local hospital or dial 999:

\*\*An emergency is a critical or life-threatening situation, and includes things like: chest pain or suspected heart attack, head injury, severe loss of blood, severe breathing difficulties, loss of consciousness, deep wounds, suspected broken bones

\*Excluding Bank & Public Holiday Weekends

**Do you need to see a chiropodist and not eligible for NHS treatment? Do you need your toe nails cut?**

We are pleased to advise you that a not for profit private chiropody and nail care service is available for patients at Cerne Abbas Surgery.

Nadine the Podiatrist is available during the morning of the first Friday of the month for chiropody treatment at £14 per appointment.

We also offer a nail cutting service with Jackie during the afternoon of the first and third Tuesday of the month at £7 per appointment.

To book an appointment please contact reception on 01300 341666.

# Nurses Station

## Lions Message in a Bottle

The Lions Message in a Bottle scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage people to keep their personal medical details on a standard form in a common location - the fridge. Whilst it is focused on the more vulnerable people in our community, anyone can have an accident at home, so this scheme can benefit anyone, including you. As a minimum it will save the Emergency Services valuable time identifying you and your emergency contacts. By telling whether you have special medication or allergies or not, it is a potential lifesaver and provides peace of mind to users and their friends and families.

We at Cerne Abbas Surgery would like to encourage any of our patients with illness, allergies or on regular medication to join the Message in a Bottle scheme. The scheme involves completing a form with information such as: major illnesses, current medication, allergies, next of kin. You may also like to request a printed summary of your health record from your GP, ensuring the most accurate information is on hand. The information you wish to have available is then placed inside a plastic pot and stored in your fridge. You then stick a green cross sticker on the outside of your fridge in a prominent position for the attention of the Emergency Services.

If you would like to join the scheme, or talk to someone to get more information, please contact the Surgery on 01300 341666.

Further information can be found at <http://www.lions.org.uk>



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*bottom* 'The Longueville Majorettes' - French Twinning hosts entertain  
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