

# Piddle Valley News & Views



November / December 2012



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## Dates for your diary ~~~~~

### November

1	Thurs	Piddle Valley Over 60s AGM	P'thide Mem Hall <i>talk + cream tea</i>	2.30 pm
2	Fri	Coffee morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 am
3	Sat	Bonfire + Fireworks	Piddle Valley 1 <sup>st</sup> Sch	6 pm
9	Fri	Lunch Club	P'thide Mem Hall	12.30-2pm
9	Fri	Twinning Annual Quiz	The Thimble, P'ton	7.30 pm
11	Sun	Remembrance Day service	St Pancras, Alton Pancras	10.50 am
12	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
16	Fri	Coffee morning	Wightmans Orchard	10.30 am
16	Fri	Christmas Bingo	P'ton Village Hall	7 pm
16	Fri	Deadline NP questionnaire return	PVNV Postbag, PO Stores, P'thide	5 pm
16	Fri	'Standing in Line'	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
17	Sat	Inspired through the Lens	P'thide Mem Hall	1 – 5 pm
23	Fri	Coffee morning	Wightmans Orchard	10.30 am
23/ 24	Sat/Sun	Winter Weekend Concerts	St Pancras, Alton Pancras	7 pm
24	Sat	Christmas Market P'town	St Mary's Middle Sch	10 - 12
24	Sat	'Remembering Piddletrenthide'	P'thide Mem Hall	2.30 pm
26	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
27	Tues	PV Parish Council mtg	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
30	Fri	Coffee morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 am
30	Fri	Christmas Fayre	Piddle Valley 1 <sup>st</sup> Sch	7–9.30pm

### December

1	Sat	Christmas Sale	Millennium Green	10 - 12
1	Sat	Dorchester Choral Soc Israel in Egypt	St Mary's Church, Dorchester	7.30 pm
3/7		Warehouse Sale	Milborne St Andrew	10 – 4 pm
7	Fri	Lunch Club	P'thide Mem Hall	12.30-2pm
7	Fri	'ALAW'	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
10/ 14		Warehouse Sale <i>see poster</i>	Milborne St Andrew	10 – 4 pm
6	Thurs	PV Over 60s Xmas Lunch	The Thimble, P'ton	12.30 pm
10	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
14	Fri	Christmas Coffee morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 am
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**From the editor ~~~~~**

The summer may not have been full of warmth and sun and our Valley roads may at times have seemingly been taken over by high speed large tractors and trailers, but at least there have been blackberries still in the hedgerows to gather in the autumn sunshine and the sunsets have been spectacular too.

There is more content and news to fit into every issue, more requests for advertising and more to report on, so this issue of PVNV is longer. For those of you who were not able to attend the Neighbourhood Plan presentations on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, you will find a report of the day and a questionnaire for completion. Just pull out the central page, complete one form per adult and return by 16<sup>th</sup> November as it will be up to the whole community to decide whether or not we go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan.

Half term too is a reminder that the clocks go back and the days become shorter and colder, but for me it is the time to make Christmas puddings with family and visitors each stirring and making a wish. And on my wish list is someone to help with the adverts, a knowledge of desktop publishing is an advantage, but enthusiasm more important and a laptop is available !

*Dot Browning*

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

### **REMEMBER, REMEMBER ...**

November sees a change of season in the Church's year. We keep the first Sunday of the month, the 4<sup>th</sup> November, as All Saints Sunday. The Feast of All Saints is the occasion on which we remember all those 'ordinary' people who have quietly lived good lives but who have not been formally recognised as saints by being given a feast day of their own. We will all know such people who have been beacons to us on our pilgrimage through this world. Often they will not have been aware of the influence they have had on our lives but, nevertheless, we thank God for them and celebrate their life and witness.

On the 4th November, we also mark All Souls Day, the day on which we commemorate our departed loved ones. We never forget those whom we love but see no more for a while. They are often on our minds as we remember that they are with God and that, since God is always with us, so our departed loved ones are also still with us in that sense as well. In this benefice we will be holding a simple All Souls service on Sunday the 4th November at 3 pm at All Saints' church, Piddletrenthide. The primary purpose of the service is to be one of thanksgiving for our departed loved ones, and of reaffirming our sure and certain hope in the resurrection to eternal life. The service includes an opportunity to light a candle (supplied at the service) as a silent act of remembrance for any loved ones we hold in our heart. If you cannot make the service but would like a departed loved one to be remembered during it, do let me know their name (01300 348211) and it will be read out with the names of all others commemorated during the service.

The season of remembering continues with Remembrance Sunday on the 11<sup>th</sup> November when there will be a Remembrance Day service at St Pancras, Alton Pancras at 10.50am and Acts of Remembrance at the other services in the benefice during the day.

As well as remembering those who have died, we also start to look forward to Christmas and to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We are designating our Family Services at Piddletrenthide (18<sup>th</sup> November), Cheselbourne (25<sup>th</sup> November), and Piddlehinton (2<sup>nd</sup> December) as Toy Services and inviting those attending to bring with them a new toy (or similar) which we will then give to the Dorchester Women's Refuge so that they can use them as Christmas presents for children who may be having to spend Christmas in the Refuge this year. If you would like to contribute a toy to this cause but are unable to attend one of the services, do please leave your gift with one of the church wardens or drop it into one of the churches the day before the service is due to take place there.

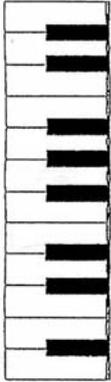
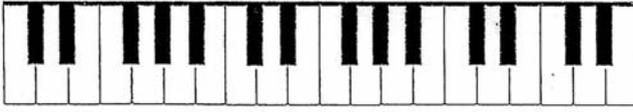
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SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLER VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY	
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>All Saints Sunday</b>  White</p> <p><i>Ps 24.1-6</i>  Isaiah 25.6-9  Revelation 21.1-6a  John 11.32-44</p>	<p><b>Cheselbourne</b>  <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i></p> <p><b>Hilton</b>  9.30am Family Eucharist  <b>Patronal festival</b></p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>  9.30am Family Service</p> <p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>  <i>11.00am Parish Communion</i></p>	<p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>  <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i>  <b>Patronal festival</b></p> <p><b>3.00pm All Souls Service</b></p> <p><b>Alton Pancras</b>  <i>5.30pm Evening Prayer</i></p>
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>  Red</p> <p><i>Ps 62.5-end</i>  Jonah 3.1-5, 10  Hebrews 9.24-28  Mark 1.14-20</p>	<p><b>Hilton</b>  <i>8.30am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance</i>  <b>Patronal festival</b></p> <p><b>Cheselbourne</b>  9.30 Family Eucharist with <b>Act of Remembrance</b></p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>  <b>10.50am Remembrance Service</b></p> <p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>  <i>11.00am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance</i></p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>2 before Advent</b>  Red</p> <p><i>Psalm 16</i>  Daniel 12.1-3  Hebrews 10.11-25  Mark 13.1-8</p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>  <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i></p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>  <i>9.30am Parish Communion</i></p> <p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>  <b>9.30am Toy Service</b></p>	<p><b>Hilton</b>  <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>  11.00am Family Eucharist</p> <p><b>Cheselbourne</b>  <i>6.00pm Evening Prayer</i></p>
<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>Christ the King</b>  White</p> <p><i>Psalm 93</i>  Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14  Revelation 1.4b-8  John 18.33-37</p>	<p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>  <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i></p> <p><b>Alton Pancras</b>  9.30am Family Eucharist</p> <p><b>Cheselbourne</b>  <b>11.00am Toy Service</b></p>	<p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>  11.00am Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>Hilton</b>  <i>6.00pm Evening Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>  <i>6.30pm Evening Prayer</i></p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>  <b>Advent Sunday</b>  Purple</p> <p><i>Psalm 25.1-9</i>  Jeremiah 33.14-16  1 Thessalonians 3.9-13  Luke 21.25-36</p>	<p><b>Cheselbourne</b>  <i>8.30am Holy Communion</i></p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>  <b>9.30am Toy Service</b></p> <p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>  <i>11.00am Parish Communion</i>  <b>Patronal festival</b></p>	<p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>  <i>11.00am Morning Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Hilton</b>  <b>6.00pm Advent Carols</b></p>
<p><i>Services shown in italics are taken from the timeless prose of the Book of Common Prayer published in 1662. The Family Eucharists (from Common Worship Order One), Family and other services are in contemporary language.</i></p>		

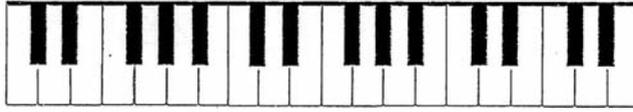
<b>SERVICES and READINGS</b>	<b>THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLER VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY</b>	
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Advent 2</b>            Purple</p> <p><i>Benedictus (as the psalm)</i>            Malachi 3.1-4            Philippians 1.3-11            Luke 3.1-6</p>	<p><b>Hilton</b>            8.30am Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Cheselbourne</b>            9.30am Family Eucharist</p> <p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>            11.00am Family Eucharist</p>	<p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>            11.00am Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>            6.30pm Evening Prayer</p>
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Advent 3</b>            Purple</p> <p><i>Psalm 146.4-end</i>            Zephaniah 3.14-20            Philippians 4.4-7            Luke 3.7-18</p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>            8.30am Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>            9.30am Parish Communion</p>	<p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>            9.30am Family Service</p> <p><b>Milton Abbey</b>            6.00pm Christmas Carols</p>
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Cheselbourne</b>            5.00pm Christingle Service</p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>            6.30pm Christmas Carols</p>
<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>  <b>Advent 4</b>            Purple</p> <p><i>Psalm 80.1-7</i>            Micah 5.2-5a            Hebrews 10.5-10            Luke 1.39-55</p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>            9.30am Family Eucharist</p> <p><b>Cheselbourne</b>            11.00am Family Service</p> <p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>            11.00am Family Eucharist</p>	<p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>            4.30pm Christmas Carols</p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>            6.30pm Christmas Carols</p>
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Christmas Eve</b>            White</p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>            5.00pm Christingle Service</p> <p><b>Hilton</b>            5.30pm Christingle Service</p> <p><b>Plush</b>            7.00pm Carols at the Brace</p>	<p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>            11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas</p> <p><b>Piddlehinton</b>            11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas</p>
<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>            White</p>	<p><b>Alton Pancras</b>            9.00am Christmas Eucharist</p> <p><b>Cheselbourne</b>            9.00am Christmas Eucharist</p> <p><b>Hilton</b>            10.30am Christmas Communion</p>	<p><b>Piddletrenthide</b>            10.30am Christmas Eucharist</p> <p><b>Melcombe Horsey</b>            10.30am Christmas Carols and Readings</p>
<p><b>30<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Christmas 1</b>            White</p>	<p><b>Piddlehinton</b>            9.30am Family Eucharist</p>	<p><b>Cheselbourne</b>            11.00am Family Eucharist</p>
<p><b>Compline:</b> at 5.00pm on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec (Alton Pancras), on 14<sup>th</sup> (P'trenthide) and 21<sup>st</sup> (P'hinton) at 6.00pm on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December at Hilton</p>		



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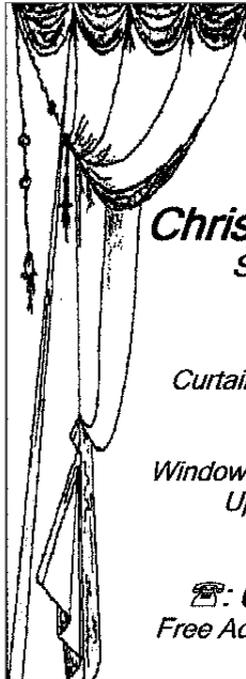
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### Holy Baptism

Jonathan Peter Read was baptised at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 19th August 2012.

### Holy Matrimony

Daniel James Stanton and Charlotte Averil Perrett were married at St Martin's, Cheselbourne on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Adam Robert Ray and Pamela Irene Fabay Marmito were married at All Saints', Hilton on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Stephen Paul Lindley and Rosalie Elizabeth Pratt were married at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Jamie Gordon Macpherson and Louisa Mary Gibbs were married at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012.

David Brian Keen and Jolene Diane Shearing were married at St Pancras', Alton Pancras on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

### Funerals

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Christine Gouldsbury of Piddlehinton was held at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012. -

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*Pat Kenwick*

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

### **Alton Pancras**

**AP** The Guinness Book of Records has still to rule on AP's claim to the longest Queen's Jubilee Celebration event, which began in Sally Dangerfield's paddock with Tea in the Marquee on 5 June but rain delaying the evening BBQ and Bonfire until 8 September.



*"Better light the bonfire, chef's got another complaint"*

**AP** Mixed emotions for Kelvin and Heather Bland when they dropped son Stuart off at Heathrow for his flight to two-years work experience in New Zealand, then on north to place Jenni at Lincoln (UK) University for three years.

**AP** The Remembrance Sunday service on 11 November being at AP this year coincides with a new book by Dorchester author Brian Bates. Dorchester Remembers the Great War gives biographical details of everyone recorded on Dorchester's various war memorials, including at least two with AP connections. Charles Henry Sawyer, one of six sons of John and Ruth, married Alice Woodsford, moving to Wandsworth, London, he joined up for WW1 and died of Diphtheria having fought at Gallipoli and is recorded on the AP memorial. Private George Gibbs is not; one of eleven children and a cousin to the Gibbs once of Meadow View, he was an errand boy for JT Godwin, the High West Street china shop which is now the Horse With The Red Umbrella, and is commemorated on the memorial exactly opposite his former workplace.

**AP** Can we learn anything from the July floods, and not being placed in the Best Village awards for the first time since 2006? Clear the river undergrowth outside our properties, definitely. A car passing through the floods at 'only' 20mph causes a large tidal wave to those trying to clear the drains ? Publish Piddle high-tide times in N&V ?

*colinsuedean@btinternet.com*

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## Piddlehinton

### Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall

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*Sue Nicholas*

### Millennium Green Christmas Sale

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December in Piddlehinton Village Hall. Admission 50p – please see poster for details.

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*Karen Shanahan, Bridge Cottage*



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### **Photos from Inspired Through The Lens Gallery 17<sup>th</sup> November 1–5 pm**

Opportunity to view my photography and buy some pictures, blank cards, village Christmas cards and post cards and a limited stock of glass place mats. Refreshments will be available. For any item sold, a donation will be given to Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.  
*Jo Hawker*

### **Christmas Coffee Morning Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am – 12 noon**

Bett, Prue and Janet will be serving freshly made tea and coffee in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, along with warm mince pies and Christmas pudding muffins. We will be holding a Christmas Raffle and a small Bring and Buy Stall, so come along and join us. If you have never been before, we would love to see you !

*Janet Keen / 01300 348851*

### **Return Visit of the Bedford School Bus**

A certain amount of excitement was evident among local people near the village shop on 20 August following an unusual arrival in the village; parked near the allotments was a green Bedford bus, none other than the one formerly owned by Percy Abbott and used to transport local children to and from school. The regular driver at that time was Bill Purchase for whom the bus was his pride and joy. Woe betide any youngster who didn't treat it with respect !

The bus was restored some years ago and ended up in Essex. When the new owner died his wife put it up for sale and a group of vintage motors enthusiasts living near Chichester combined resources to purchase the bus and get it in working condition again. These days it is used to raise funds for charity at events in Sussex.

Patricia and "Spike" Milligan, Doreen and Ian Johnson from Boxgrove and Jill and Jonathan Penn from East Lavant decided it would be an appropriate holiday for them to drive the bus back home to re-visit Piddletrenthide. To the delight of several lucky residents including young children, Mr Milligan agreed to drive them for a few short trips around the lanes. The hope is that the bus will return in the future possibly putting in an appearance at the village fete.

*Dave Bowen*

### **Trek to Everest Base Camp**

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Memorial Hall, my grand-daughter Lucy and her friend Lloyd, gave a remarkable presentation following their recent trek to Everest Base Camp. Students at Portsmouth University, they had been sponsored by VSO (Voluntary Services Overseas) and they were therefore required to raise a considerable sum. The appreciative audience contributed £436. My thanks not only for their generosity but also to those who provided cakes and raffle prizes. Lucy and Lloyd were absolutely overwhelmed by the response.

*Ione Banner*



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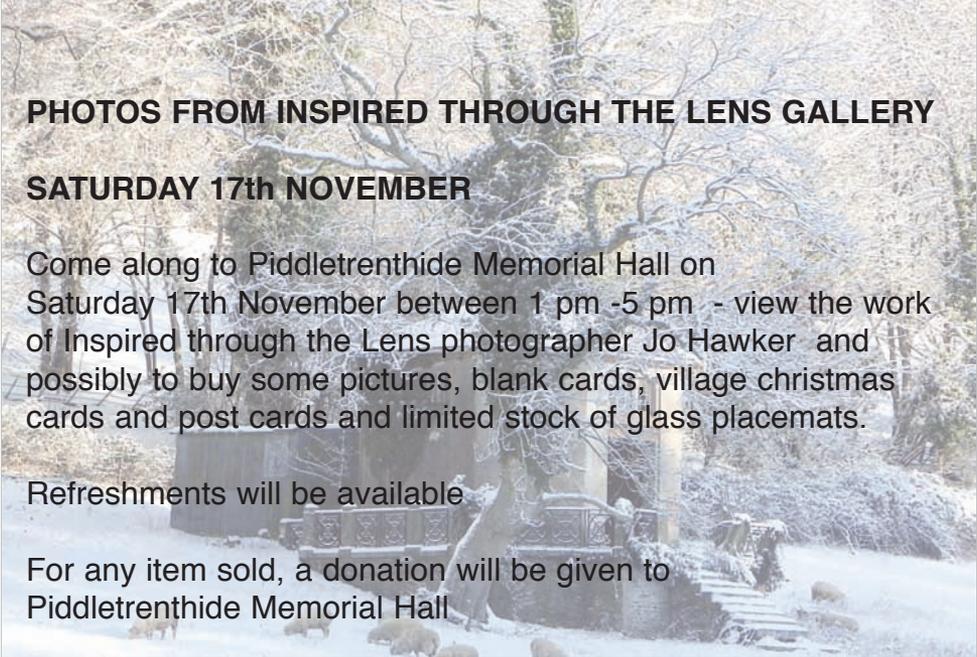
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**PHOTOS FROM INSPIRED THROUGH THE LENS GALLERY**

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Come along to Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on Saturday 17th November between 1 pm -5 pm - view the work of Inspired through the Lens photographer Jo Hawker and possibly to buy some pictures, blank cards, village christmas cards and post cards and limited stock of glass placemats.

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*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 12pm – 3pm Food & Drink*

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm – 9pm Carol Service (Drinks Only)*

*Closed Christmas Day*

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## Plush

☛ Music at Plush September Concerts were remarkable with stunning performances to full houses from leading international musicians, including the renowned Radu Lupu who rarely performs outside national cities.

☛ The village is still awaiting the outcome of the Lower Farm Planning Application – we have all been waiting now for some eight months, so might there be good news before the end of 2012 ?

☛ The Indian Summer saw an informal tea and croquet afternoon, an opportunity for established residents to meet some of the newcomers as well as lots of talking and consumption of cake ! Malcolm, Lucy and Ella Johnstone have moved from Notting Hill Gate to Little Platt, swapping a busy London life of campus relocation and costume curating for the rolling Dorset landscape and village life.

☛ Ali and John Royce have relocated from Thames Ditton to Four Corners; John's fitness (hockey coach at Sherborne Boys) is admirable and a challenge to us all to run at the same pace up Dead Cat Lane and then around the hills before breakfast !

☛ The canine population in Plush has increased too this year, with Pippa at Harveys Farm, Chester arriving at Four Corners and more recently another newcomer, Max, was introduced to all at the regular Plush Residents Supper at the Brace in October.

*Dot Browning / 01300 348280*

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

### **Puddletown NeighbourCar**

Backed by the NHS and Dorset CC and operating with support from the Puddletown NHS practice, Puddletown NeighbourCar helps people without transport to get to medical appointments and volunteer drivers are urgently needed to help elderly and infirm people from the Piddle Valley. Most lifts provided by Puddletown NeighbourCar are to Puddletown Surgery and to Dorset County Hospital. We offer lifts to people who cannot otherwise get to dentists, opticians and other therapist appointments. Volunteers are paid 45p for every mile they drive and insured by our scheme against any loss caused while driving for us (for the past two years and, touch wood, we have never had a claim). Our drivers are rarely called upon more than once a week, and being volunteers, can decline requests if they have made other arrangements. Every now and then emergencies occur so most of our volunteers have the flexibility of being retired. We confine our service to weekdays between 9am and 5.30pm but if we had enough drivers we could develop the service to cover non-medical travel needs and weekends. If you can help - please call Francis Copeman / 01305 848499 or francisandmary@talktalk.net

*Mike Chaney, Co-ordinator Puddletown NeighbourCar*



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Lester Simpson Trio

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Albert Scrimshaw was killed in the third battle of Ieper, better known as the battle of Passendale. Albert, born in 1885 in Eastwell, Notts., worked as a butler near Oxford, married a girl from Windley, Derbyshire, and became a farm labourer, he joined the "Ox and Bucks" regiment and marched off to war, never to return. His widow Annie lived in Duffield, Derbyshire, until her death in the 1970s. Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Lester Simpson tells the story of his Great Uncle's war. Lester's songs have featured on radio, television, stage productions and most recently in a co-production with the former Children's Laureate, Michael Murpurgo.



**7.30pm Friday 16th Nov**

Tickets £8.00  
tel (01300) 345252

## ALAW

*Oliver Wilson-Dickson - Violin*

*Dylan Fowler - Guitar*

*Jamie Smith - Accordion*

'Alaw' is Welsh for melody, and it is a love of melody that is at the heart of this new trio. Drawing on a great wealth of musical experiences Alaw take their audiences on a musical journey - a tune brought back from a tour in Bulgaria or collaboration in India - but at the heart of their set is a passion for the old tunes of Wales. From the elegant to the virtuosic, Alaw play with an empathy that comes from many years of working together. Dylan and Oliver have performed in Szapora and The Ian McMillan Orchestra; Oliver and Jamie are well known throughout the folk world as the frontline of Jamie Smith's Mabon ("A top band led by one hell of an accordion player" **Mike Harding, BBC Radio 2**).



**7.30pm Friday 7th Dec**

Tickets £8.00  
tel (01300) 348247

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

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

Our outing season is now over and we are starting our winter programme of speakers. The first of these will be Derek Williams on "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf" after our AGM on November 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be bringing along his dog. There will also be a cream tea.

The next event will be the Christmas lunch and will be at The Thimble. This will be for members only. The cost will be £15.50 for a two course meal and includes a glass of wine, or a fruit juice, plus coffee and Petits Fours. Menus and order forms will be available at the AGM where we will also discuss transport requirements.

*Hilary French / 01305 848501*

### **Piddle Valley Gardens Club**

#### **Summer Show 2012**

The Annual Summer Show was held in the tranquil garden setting of West Lodge, Piddlehinton. The Club are most grateful to Mrs Susan Belgrave for generously allowing us to take it over for three days.



Despite the season's unfavourable conditions over 330 entries from 40 members produced an excellent show, filling 2 marquees with flowers, fruit, vegetables and home produce. Judges, Mrs Moores and Mrs Knight complimented the entrants on the high quality and variety of produce. It was most encouraging to have first time entrants winning prizes. Longstanding member Eric Groom won the Sir Robert Williams cup as overall winner. Individual sections were won by Eric Groom for Flowers and vegetables, Ian Condon with a mouth-watering Chocolate Roll, and Peter Chance with delicious raspberries. Helen Mitchell gained the highest points in the home produce section and Janet Keen's delightful flower arrangement gained the Floral certificate. The photography section definitely had an "Olympics" theme and Brian Beckingham captured a "Sailing" image which gained him the certificate, Charlie and Archi Beckingham Smith were presented with cacti prizes for their winning entries in the children's section.

The Gardens Group and Island Nurseries generously sponsored two classes, chilli peppers and geraniums. Elizabeth Jolliffe won the former and Brian Johnson the latter.

Piddle Valley Gardens Club are proud of their "Shows" and pleased that contrary to national trends, member's enthusiasm and effort to enter and compete, produces an event which attracts many visitors. Thanks are due also to all the committee and friends who helped with the setting up and dismantling, without their manpower the show could not happen.

*Elizabeth Jolliffe, Show Secretary*

# REMEMBERING PIDDLTRENTHIDE

Our final exhibition

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DORCHESTER sessions are held at the United Church Hall, South Street (near Goulds household store). The next three sessions are all open at the same hours, 13.30 to 15.25 and 16.30 to 19.00. The dates are:

Thursday 1 November      Thursday 15 November      Thursday 13 December

There is also a session at The Exchange, STURMINSTER NEWTON, on Thursday 6 December, from 13.15 - 15.25 and from 16.30 - 19.00. Blood donation website also has links to websites giving information about registering as a potential donor of tissues such as skin, bone and bone marrow.

*Rosalyn Charlton*

## Dorset Police

**Theft from vehicle warning** - following an increase in thefts from unattended vehicles across the county, motorists are warned not to leave valuable possessions in their vehicles and to check the fixing of parts and accessories as handbags, satellite navigation systems, parts, catalytic converters and number plates.



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## **An illustrated talk on Dorset Gardens by Colin Varndell**

About 40 members and guests enjoyed an illustrated foray into the secrets of photographing gardens on September 24th. Colin began by explaining that gardening was not his strength and he knew nothing about gardens. However it quickly became obvious that he did know a great deal about gardens and even more about photographing them. He entertained us for an hour with a wonderful array of photographs taken in Dorset gardens.

We were treated to an amazing variety of photographs, from close up flower heads with drops of rain on them to atmospheric shots of clear focus flowers shrouded in hazy sunshine or fog.

There were plenty of tips for the amateur photographers amongst us. Colin explained why photographing outside was enhanced by rain and why indeed foggy conditions were also a favourite of his. We learnt about hot spots and blocked up shadow when photographing in bright sunshine and also his best photographic tip, keep it simple.

This was a fascinating evening enhanced by anecdotes about how an early interest in wanting to share the excitement of seeing a kingfisher, spread to a life's work of photography.

*Ann Jordan / 01300 348015*

## **Date for your diaries**

November meeting, 26th November 'Composting' by Castle Gardens

AGM, 28th January 2013 - all welcome - wine and canapes

Spring Show, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013

## **Piddletrenthide Lunch Club**

Lunch Club dates for November and December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November    Pork Casserole  
                                      Baked Rice Pudding

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December    CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
                                      cooked by Becky Green our Local Caterer

A big thank you to our 'cooks' who produce such delicious meals and all our helpers for your help and support during the year. It is greatly appreciated by all. We look forward to seeing our regulars in the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall and will also welcome new 'diners' who would like to sample our delicious meals and friendly company !

If you would like to join us for lunch or volunteer to help please contact

*Sue Jennings / 01300 348076*



## ***Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Day ~~~~***

There was a very pleasing turnout at the Valley Meeting held at Piddle Valley First School on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, with over 100 people attending. The aim of the meeting was to update residents on the progress of the Working Group set up in February under the auspices of the Parish Council to investigate Neighbourhood Planning, and to invite opinion on whether the Working Group should proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan.

An exhibition was available during the day, with presentations in the morning and afternoon. The Working Group chairman outlined progress made to date and emphasised that if a decision was made to proceed, many more members of the community would be needed for what would be a demanding, time-consuming and sensitive process.

West Dorset District Council Officer Sally Lloyd-Jacob explained that the Neighbourhood Plan was a new way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live to provide a more democratic, effective and quicker system than at present. It could develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood, suggest areas where development or change might take place, identify and protect important green spaces, decide on development boundaries and influence the design of new buildings.

Under current arrangements the only place where new building is encouraged is within the defined development boundaries in Piddletrenthide. Outside the defined development boundary, new development is more strictly controlled and is limited to that which requires a specific rural location. This may reflect the wishes of a majority in the community and it certainly should not be assumed that proceeding with a Neighbourhood Plan would mean giving the green light to extensive development within the valley.

Parish Council Chairman John Cox and District Councillor Jacqui Cuff spoke about the Parish Plan carried out in previous years and then architect John Browning illustrated how the valley has developed over recent decades. A lively debate in the question and answer sessions following each presentation, illustrated widely differing views.

A very readable booklet 'How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning' has been produced by the Campaign to Protect Rural England and the National Association of Local Councils. A limited number of copies are available from Peter Chance on 01300 348311.

Residents were given a voting form which needs to be returned to Piddletrenthide village shop by **16<sup>th</sup> November**. Further copies of the form are in the centre pages of this issue or available from the shop. Please take the time to cast your vote.

The Working Group would like to thank Piddle Valley First School for allowing the use of its facilities and Hardy Signs from Piddlehinton Enterprise Park for their valued help with the displays.

*Richard Drewe, Chair Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group*



# Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan

*Help make the  
Vision  
for our future*

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YES

NO

Signature .....

Name .....

Address .....

.....

Telephone

/email .....

If you vote YES, would you be willing to help in any capacity in the preparation of the plan ?

YES

NO

Please see overleaf



**If you vote NO,  
it would be helpful if you could say why in the box below.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for voters to provide reasons for their 'NO' vote.

**Thank you for completing this form.  
All completed forms - by hand or post - to PVNV Postbag,  
Piddletrenthide Post Office & Village Stores, Piddletrenthide DT2 7QF  
no later than 16th November**

**Piddle Valley Parish Council**



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## **Piddle Valley Parish Council** ~~~~~

**Meetings** The Piddle Valley Parish Council meets in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, normally on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm. Meetings start with a “Democratic Half-hour”, during which local residents 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.

Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November; no meeting in December

**River Clearing** In view of the extreme rain being experienced and the onset of winter, can we please remind everyone with a watercourse either bordering or running through their property – both agricultural and residential – that they have an obligation to keep the watercourse free running and unobstructed. Vegetation, weeds and silt need to be cleared from the channel at least once a year, to ensure that flooding is avoided. Please also be very careful to ensure that any arisings are removed from the watercourse and not allowed to drift downstream. There has already been a problem in Alton Pancras where cut vegetation has been allowed to wash away and has blocked the river at a bridge lower down, nearly flooding a house and causing structural damage to the bridge.

The watercourse should not be narrowed or low bridges built over it in gardens, as part of landscaping, as this will reduce the channel capacity and lead to increased risk of flooding of the property in the winter. If in doubt, please contact the local Blandford office of the Environment Agency for advice.

**B3143 - Road works at Snowdrop Corner** Highways have advised that the B3143 from the Puddletown turning at Snowdrop Corner through to the Showground near Grey’s Bridge will be closed between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December for repairs and re-surfacing. The official diversion is from the Waterston turning to Puddletown and then to Dorchester along the A35. If more information is available, it will be on [www.piddlevalley.info](http://www.piddlevalley.info)

**West Lane, Piddlehinton** Can we please remind everyone that West Lane, from Rectory Road, is a bridleway and not a public highway. No vehicles, other than for registered disabled persons, should use it to access the Millennium Green.

**Parish Council Vacancy – Piddlehinton** Elise Henry has stepped down as a Parish Councillor due to personal commitments. If anyone is interested in being co-opted as a replacement, please contact  
*John Cox, Chairman of the Parish Council / 01300 348454*

**Traveller transit camp at Enterprise Park** The temporary camp was used during the Olympics, but was vacated immediately before Stourpaine Steam Fair. It is now closed and being reinstated.

*Andy Howard / 01300 348461*

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Approved

- 1/D/12/000615 European Inn. Change of use from Pub to Residential, replace flat dormer roof with twin pitch roof, erect garage. Comments closed. PC voted Against.
- 1/D/12/001038 24 High St, Piddlehinton. Install 2 oil fired central heating systems, tanks, move sheds, erect fences. Comments by 18/08/12
- 1/D/12/000493 Higher Tything Cottage, Piddletrenthide. Erect detached garage. Comments closed. PC in favour.

### Refused

None

### Pending

**Note** by the time these applications have been published here, the opportunity for anyone to make representations has generally passed. Planning applications are however also listed on [www.piddlevalley.info](http://www.piddlevalley.info) as soon as I hear about them, and therefore may still be open for comments to the Planning Authority.

- 1/D/12/00123 Land at Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. Retrospective application for stable, application to erect further stable, barn & workshop as part of the same structure. Comments closed. PC have supported a similar application in the past but object to the application not being made until after one structure was completed.
- 1/D/12/001044 Higher Southcombe Farm, Piddletrenthide. Erect new Dry Sow house No 1 within site. Comments by 18/08/12
- 1/D/12/001047 Higher Southcombe Farm, Piddletrenthide. Erect new Dry Sow house No 2 within site. Comments by 18/08/12
- 1/D/12/000251 Lower Farm, Plush. Demolish redundant modern farm buildings, convert old building to residential, close one highway entrance. PC supported. Comments closed
- 1/D/12/001327 Greystones, Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. Proposed vehicular access.
- 1/D/12/001341 The Hollies, Main St, Piddletrenthide. Refurbish & Extend cottage, provide covered parking.
- 1/D/12/001380 Bank Farm, Smiths Lane, Piddletrenthide. Roof over existing cattle yard to reduce rainwater run-off.

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**POUNDBURY WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

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

### **Annual Quiz**

The annual Twinning quiz takes place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in The Thimble, Piddlehinton. Everyone welcome ! Popular format... picture quiz, anagrams and film rounds amongst others.

Cost £6 ... to include traditional pub supper of local sausages. Raffle. Come and join a table or come as a table of six ! For more details, phone

*Jo Thornton / 01300 348670*

### **DVD projector needed !**

Does anyone have a DVD projector they could lend the Twinning for one evening this winter ? We have a screen and laptop, but no projector ! If you can help, please phone

*Jo Thornton / 01300 348670*

### **Twinning Concert**

As a special event in support of contacts between Longueville, Normandy and Piddlehinton, members of the Piddle Valley Jazz Quartet travelled to Longueville to give a concert in the church there on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. This was the fourth time the quartet has played in Longueville.

The musicians were Dave Bowen (clarinet/saxes) Mike Botterill and Dick Madelin (guitars) and Mike Sayers (double bass).

The programme of French songs and well-known jazz standards was very well received by the local residents and the quartet won a standing ovation at the close of the concert. The musicians were also invited to enjoy the always lavish hospitality of Longueville's twinning association members, including a champagne reception with Dominique Confolent, the town's mayor.

Apart from three of the musicians having to return by Condor ferry during what one paper called "the worst autumn storm in 30 years" (but avoiding the problems at other ports where Brittany Ferries were brought to a standstill by industrial action) this was a most enjoyable and successful visit.

*Dave Bowen*

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

Ione Banner wishes to convey her appreciation for the many cards, calls and personal expressions of sympathy over her recent loss. In August, her special and long-term friend from Australia, Dr Tom Allen, died peacefully in his sleep. Ione and her family will greatly miss him.

*Ione Banner*

Dear Editor        *“The Great Dorset Coastal Walk”*

My son Simon Christophers along with three friends, undertook a four day 90 mile walk along the Dorset coastline starting from Highcliffe Beach and ending at Lyme Regis. Inspired by his father David who was a keen walker and had climbed every mountain in the UK, Simon was keen to do something positive in memory of his father, a former Piddlehinton resident, who died earlier this year. The walk raised money for Macmillan which supports people with cancer as well as their families so a big thank you to all who have supported us – £2,500 has been raised so far.

*Suzanne Christophers / 01305 250738*

## **The Otter Report** ~~~~~

In February 2012 we were shocked and very surprised to come across the body of an otter in our garden close to the outside wall of our house and partly hidden behind a large plant pot. It looked so peaceful and we couldn't see any marks or injuries on its soft brown body. We contacted the Dorset Wildlife Trust, who were most interested in our find, and came straight away to retrieve the body. They too were mystified as to the cause of death but did say that it was unusual to find one in someone's garden and that it looked undernourished.



They informed us that the otter would be passed on to the Environment Agency in Blandford and that they would contact us, which they did the following day. The EA explained they would store the otter in their freezer facility until such time as it was forwarded to Cardiff University, School of Biosciences, who run a nationwide research project on otters, for a post mortem to be carried out. They also told us that as finders of the otter, we would receive a Post Mortem Report from the University in due course.

Some time passed and eventually Cardiff University received the otter at the end of July 2012 and we are now in possession of their report. On examination it was established that the otter was a young male weighing 4.5 kg and 1.095 metres long. The cause of death was unclear although the animal was very thin and there was no other indication of injury or ill health. The University also informed us that the samples and data collected by the Otter Project are of immense value and will help them to identify an enormous amount about otter health, ecology and behaviour.

So this beautiful young otter's death is still a mystery but at least we know that otters do exist here in the Piddle valley.

Environment Agency / 0370 8506506

*Janet and Neil Herbert*

Cardiff University Otter Project / [www.otterproject.cf.ac.uk](http://www.otterproject.cf.ac.uk)



Friends of Piddle Valley First School

# Christmas Fayre

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November

7pm - 9.30pm

Piddle Valley First School,  
Piddletrenthide

Admission: £1

Includes a glass of mulled  
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## **Community Speedwatch**

At long last funding has been made available to go ahead with a **Community Speedwatch** in the Piddle Valley. Because of the delay awaiting the finance, the list of volunteers is nearly 2 years old so it urgently needs updating. To make the scheme viable a minimum of 12 volunteers are required, but of course, having more than that number would provide more flexibility to the Speedwatch.

If you have the time and the inclination to take part in the Community Speedwatch, please give your names, date of birth, addresses and contact numbers to Claire Hudson : [jandchudson@aol.com](mailto:jandchudson@aol.com) / 01300 348284

*David Saxby, Vice Chairman Piddle Valley Parish Council*

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

### **'Open the book' assemblies**

We are lucky to have the wonderful support of Vickey Steven, Anne Bere and members of the local community who come into school throughout the year, using drama, mime, props, costume - even the children and staff themselves - to present Bible stories in ways that are lively, engaging, informative ... and great fun for everyone involved!

These 'Open the book' assemblies, a programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories approximately 15 minutes in length, are slotted into our timetable of assemblies that celebrate the achievements and uniqueness of every child and provide opportunities to reflect on their own experiences and learn about the world around them. 'Open the book' is just one of the ways that the community provides the wonderful experiences that make our school a wonderful place for children to learn and grow as individuals. If you have a child or grandchild at our school, just ask them about Mrs Steven's assemblies and they will share their excitement with you !

If you would like to support one of the sessions then please speak to Mrs Steven (Governor) or Mrs Jones.

*Tracy Jones, Headteacher / 01300 348219*



# **BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY**



**(professional display team)**



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012**

**Gates open at 6.00pm**

**PIDDLE VALLEY FIRST SCHOOL,  
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**Hot food & drinks available**

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Piddle Valley First School

## 'Forest School'

A 'Forest School' is a unique educational experience using the outdoor environment of the forest as a classroom. Our "Forest School" has been set up in our school grounds and has been enjoyed by Years 3 and 4 over the last few weeks. They have been having fun whilst keeping safe; learning to look in detail by tracking what can be found on the site; learning new skills such as gathering fire wood and handling tools, and developing skills in teamwork and cooperation. The remainder of the school will take part over the next few weeks. See also Mr Matt Wash's photos on [www.piddlevalley.info](http://www.piddlevalley.info).

Research into Forest schools has concluded that the provision:

- Increases self esteem and self confidence
- Improves people's ability to work together
- Counters a lack of motivation and negative attitude
- Encourages an improved understanding of the outdoors
- Increases the skills and knowledge of those who take part

"It was a different experience and exciting. I learned new skills like how to peel elder to make an instrument." *Freya*

"Everything was fun. I learned how to make a spark with a fire-lighting iron on dead grass tinder." *Sam*

"We did lots of activities. The footprint hunt was fun in the woods. I found nuts cracked open by squirrels." *Jacob*

*Nicole Lefebvre-Woods, teacher*

## Sport ~~~~~

<b>SHORT MAT BOWLS</b>	Thursdays Contact	Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.30 – 9.30pm Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>	Tuesdays Contact	Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.00 – 9.00pm Beryl Ellis / 01305 267394
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## Casterbridge Indoor Bowls

Come and join us for our friendly, informal, weekly sessions of full length, indoor bowls. We meet every Monday morning at 10 am for two hours in the Piddlehinton Gym on Enterprise Park. Everybody is welcome to join whether experienced or novice. Bowls are available for you to try and see if you can cope with the fun and gentle competition. If you would like to join for an introductory go, please ring or come along on a Monday morning.

*Mike / 01300 348610 Gordon / 01300 348902 Chris / 01300 348278*



## Friends of Piddle Valley First School AUTUMN 2012 NEWSLETTER



### New Term - New PTA



*Hello and a (belated) welcome back to everyone!*

*First of all we'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Katie Hensman & Amy Chambers for all their fantastic work running the PTA over the last two years – they will be a hard act to follow! Taking up the challenge is our new Chairperson, Suzanne Spedding, with her husband, Simon, taking on the role of Treasurer and our new Secretary, Anne-Louise Bellis. We are backed-up by a wonderful and invaluable group of PTA mums (dads are very welcome too!) and we hope that, with all your support over the coming year ahead, the PTA will continue to live up to the high standards set by Katie and Amy.*



### Fundraising - what's it all for?!

Most recently, money raised by the PTA has been spent on lots of fun play equipment and, of course, the fabulous and much-loved pirate ship.

The question is – what next?!

So we turned to Mrs. Jones for inspiration... and she suggested that the area in which the school really needs more funding is ICT (Information, Computers & Technology).

This is obviously a hugely important subject area for all our children, who are growing-up in an increasingly technological world and it is also an area which is always being constantly updated – and keeping up with this is costly. Therefore, we have decided to put the majority of money raised by PTA events this year towards new ICT equipment. We hope that you will all agree that this will benefit all our children at the school and you will be as supportive as ever to all our events.

(For those of you that aren't quite so computer-mad, don't worry, we will still be funding fun stuff too, such as the wonderful travelling theatre productions that have proved to be so popular over the last few years).

### Fundraising - how we're hoping to do it!

#### Future Dates for Your Diary

**Christmas Fayre – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas School Disco - Thur 20<sup>th</sup> December**

... more to follow, including the ever-popular Quiz Night!

### Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Gates open 6pm, fireworks at 7pm

Adults £4, Children £2,  
Family ticket

(2 adults and up to 4 children) £12

It's that time of year again and we are all gearing up for the extravaganza that is Bonfire Night! This is such a fantastic evening – and usually a very successful fund-raiser – so please do bring all your family and friends. As always, we rely so much on volunteers to make this evening run smoothly so please let us know if you are able to help out. We will be sending out a flyer with all the details shortly .....



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## News from Puddletown Surgery

Nov/Dec issue 2012

Once again I am writing to keep you up to date with events 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)

### Opening Times for Christmas and New Year

Over the Christmas period the Surgery will be open as usual, only closed on Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th and Boxing Day, Wednesday 26th December. We will be open as normal on Thursday 27th December. At New Year the Surgery will be closed on Tuesday 1st January and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2013.

If you are unwell while the surgery is closed, always ring 848333. Our recorded message transfers you directly to the Dorset Urgent Care Service who will take details of your condition and pass on to a doctor. In cases of accident or extreme emergency you may be advised to ring 999 and request an ambulance. For general medical information, advice or reassurance, ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

### Minor Injuries

If you are unlucky enough to have an accident of any sort it's always a good idea to phone us here at surgery. The Doctors and Nurses are happy to assess injuries and give advice. We can treat most minor trauma, including wounds which require stitching, saving you a trip to Casualty, and perhaps a long wait. We are happy to assess and see if you need an x-ray if you think you may have broken something. During our opening hours, there is always a doctor available. Speak to our receptionists, and they will be pleased to help.

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- Memory loss in older people

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**Carol Taylor**

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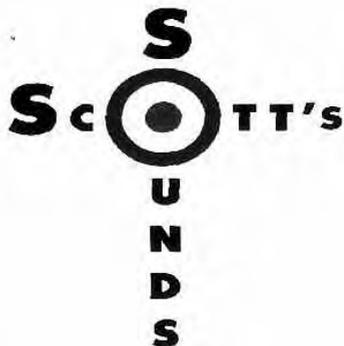
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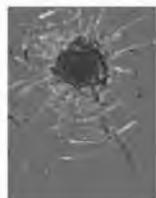
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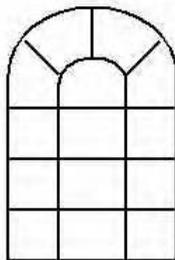
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