Piddle Valley News & Views

Nov / Dec 2013

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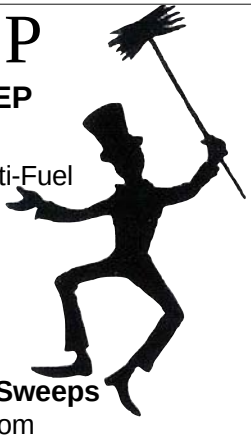

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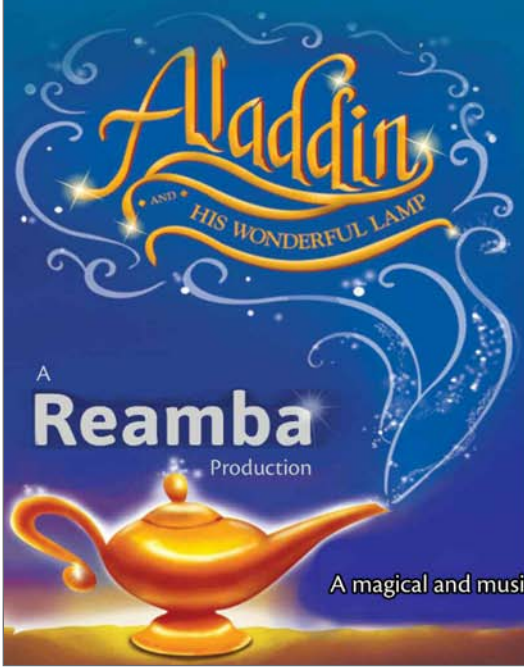

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4	Mon	Cerne Sheep Group	The Piddle Inn	7.30 pm
8	Fri	Coffee Morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 – 12
11	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various
15	Fri	'A Question of Antiques'	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
16	Sat	Jumble Sale	Old Brewery Hall, Ansty	12 noon – 3.00 pm
17	Sun	Breakfast Club	P'ton Village Hall	9.00 – 11.30 am
19	Tues	Christmas Craft Morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.00 - 12.30pm
25	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various
25	Mon	NP Housing Focus Group Open Meeting	Piddle Valley CE First School	6.30 pm
25	Mon	Gardens Club	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
26	Tues	Piddle Valley Parish Council Meeting	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
29	Fri	Piddletrenthide Lunch Club	P'thide Mem Hall	12.30 pm
29	Fri	An Evening of Music + Song	All Saints' Church, P'thide	7.30 pm
29	Fri	Bingo	P'ton Village Hall	7.00 pm
30	Sat	Dorchester Choral Society	St Mary's Church, Dorchester	7.30 pm

December

2	Mon	Cerne Sheep Group	The Piddle Inn	7.30 pm
5	Thurs	Over 60s, Christmas Lunch	The Thimble	1230 pm
6	Fri	Artsreach' 'Celtic Christmas Strings	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
6	Fri	Christmas Fayre	PV First School	6-8.00 pm
7	Sat	Millennium Green Christmas Sale	P'ton Village Hall	10.00 – 12 noon
9	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various
13	Fri	Piddletrenthide Lunch Club	I P'thide Mem Hall	12.30 pm
20	Fri	Coffee Morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 – 12
23	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	Various

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From the editor ~~~~~~

This last week has been busier and more stressful than usual due to the complete failure of my laptop computer (only three years old), full of content and data for this issue of PVNV as well as work projects, family papers and photographs ! So if this issue is a little late, my apologies and a big thank you to all who have kindly sent in their advertising or copy twice. Believe me the lesson has been learnt and in future I will be backing up each week !

With all the climate change talk and different weather patterns across the country, the last few weeks have been interesting. As the summer faded and autumn arrived, days have been crisp and sometimes wet in equal measure. The sky in the mornings has been clear and blue though within a few hours, the clouds have been dark and striking in their outline. The agriculture cycle has continued with silage and tractor movements and the hedges bordering fields have been trimmed. Fortunately some have remained unclipped so it has been such a pleasure to gather blackberries although the speed of the traffic passing up and downhill towards Piddlehinton was unnecessarily fast.

This issue is packed with reviews of past events, upcoming events to choose (remember to put the dates in your diaries) and a fascinating article by intrepid traveller and bee-keeper Bridget Bowen. Catch up with Neighbourhood Plan progress and do let NP Chair John Browning or the Focus Group Leaders know if you would like to discuss any aspect. Including fliers is against PVNV policy, but we have made an exception to make sure that all households in the Valley receive the Housing Survey. Please do return this and note the date of the Open Meeting at Piddle Valley CE First School on Monday 25th November.

Dot Browning

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Remembering

The month of November marks something of a turning point in the year. The clocks go back on the last Sunday in October. The darker evenings begin in earnest and, if the colours in the trees have not already done so, forcefully remind us that autumn has well and truly arrived. We start to put on our heating more often and warmer clothes are looked out again.

November is also the month of remembering. This year we are probably looking back wistfully at the wonderful summer – continuing into September and October – that we have enjoyed. Those of us who are of a certain age fondly like to think that all the summers of our childhood were like that ! It is also time of remembering other more sober things.

The 1st November is All Saints Day when the Church remembers and celebrates all those ordinary folk in whose lives we have been able to see reflected something of the glory of God. They will probably not have realised what others have seen in them. Often it is only when they have died that we realise ourselves what it is that we have witnessed in them.

Then on the 2nd November falls All Souls' Day or the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, to give it its full title. We remember our departed loved ones every day of the year but on All Souls' Day (or the nearest Sunday to it) we often mark that memory with a simple service at which there is an opportunity to *'light a tender candle, as fragile as a friend, a flame against the darkness, a love without an end'* as the hymn puts it. The Piddle Valley etc benefice's service this year is on Sunday the 3rd November at All Saints, Hilton at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome whether they have been recently bereaved or not. We will all at some time have lost someone who is often in our thoughts and whose memory we may wish to mark in this special way.

The season of remembering continues with Remembrance Sunday and the solemn honouring of the memory of 'those who have died for their country in war'. This can all seem to be rather retrospective, a season of looking back. But the Christian faith is not one that dwells in the past but in the present. Certainly we remember All Saints, not so much because of what they did in the past but because they act as a model for how we might live now. We commemorate our departed loved ones, not in a maudlin sense of nostalgia but in the Christian's sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life, a life that we rejoice that they enjoy and which we look forward to sharing in our turn. We honour those who have died in war for their sacrifice so that we might live in the freedom which we take for granted at our peril and in order that we may 'pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women'.

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Holy Matrimony

Michael Jon Green and Lucy Elizabeth Crocker were married at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 17th August 2013.

Colin Andrew Hillier and Tatjiana Stirling were married at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 24th August 2013.

Christopher Trent and Sarah Marie White were married at St Martin's, Cheselbourne on the 6th September 2013.

Alessio Boniolo and Amy Louise Moore were married at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 7th September 2013.

Timothy Warham Scott and Tessa Fiona Edwards were married at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 14th September 2013.

Funerals

The ashes of Kitty Edelston were interred at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 18th September 2013.

The ashes of Gladys Davenport were interred at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 8th October 2013.

The funeral of Jocelyn Edith Katherine Mould-Graham of Alton Pancras took place at St Pancras', Alton Pancras on the 11th October 2013 followed by burial.

The funeral of David Ralph Trott of Piddletrenthide took place at Yeovil crematorium on the 14th October 2013 followed by a service of thanksgiving at All Saints', Piddletrenthide.

SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY	
3rd November **All Saints Sunday** White *Ps 149* Dan 7.1-3, 15-18 Eph 1.11-end Luke 6.20-31	**Cheselbourne** *8.30am Holy Communion* **Hilton** 9.30am Family Eucharist **(Patronal festival)** **Piddlehinton** 9.30am Family Service **Melcombe Horsey** *11.00am Parish Communion*	**Piddletrenthide** *11.00am Morning Prayer* **(Patronal festival)** **Hilton** **3.00 All Souls' Service** **Alton Pancras** 5.*30pm Evening Prayer*
10th November **Remembrance Sunday** Red *Ps 17.1-9* Job 19.23-27a 2 Thess 2.1-5, 13-end Luke 20.27-38	**Hilton** *8.30am Holy Communion* **(with Act of Remembrance)** **Cheselbourne** 9.30 Family Eucharist **(with Act of Remembrance)** **Melcombe Horsey - Old Brewery Hall** 10.30am Songs, coffee and buns **(with Act of Remembrance)**	**Piddlehinton** **10.50am Remembrance Service**
17th November **2 before Advent** Red *Ps 98* Mal 4.1-2a 2 Thess 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19	**Alton Pancras** *8.30am Holy Communion* **Piddlehinton** *9.30am Parish Communion* **Piddletrenthide** 9.30am Family Service	**Hilton** *11.00am Morning Prayer* **Melcombe Horsey** *11.00am Parish Communion* **Cheselbourne** *6.00pm Evening Prayer*
24th November **Christ the King** White *Ps 46* Jer 23.1-6 Col 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43	**Piddletrenthide** *8.30am Holy Communion* **Alton Pancras** 9.30am Family Eucharist **Cheselbourne** **11.00am Toy Family Service**	**Melcombe Horsey** *11.00am Morning Prayer* **Hilton** *6.00pm Evening Prayer* **Piddlehinton** *6.00pm Evening Prayer*

Services shown in *italics* are taken from the timeless prose of the *Book of Common Prayer* published in 1662.

The Family Eucharists (based on Common Worship Order One), Family and other services are in contemporary language.

SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY	
1st December **Advent 1** Purple *Ps 122* Is 2.1-5 (use as Epistle) Matt 24.36-44	**Cheselbourne** *8.30am Holy Communion* **Hilton** 9.30am Family Eucharist **Piddlehinton** **9.30am Toy Family Service**	**Melcombe Horsey** *11.00am Parish Communion* **Piddletrenthide** *11.00am Morning Prayer* **Alton Pancras** **5.30pm Advent Carols**
8th December **Advent 2** Purple *Ps 72.1-7, 18, 19* Is 11.1-10 (use as Epistle) Matt 3.1-12	**Hilton** *8.30am Holy Communion* **Cheselbourne** 9.30am Family Eucharist **Melcombe Horsey - St Andrew's church** 10.30am Songs, coffee and buns	**Piddletrenthide** 11.00am Parish Eucharist **Piddlehinton** *6.00pm Evening Prayer*
15th December **Advent 3** Purple *Ps 146.4-end* Is 35.1-10 (use as Epistle) Matt11. 2-11	**Alton Pancras** *8.30am Holy Communion* **Piddlehinton** *9.30am Parish Communion* **Piddletrenthide** **9.30am Toy Family Service**	**Hilton** *11.00am Morning Prayer* **Melcombe Horsey** *11.00am Parish Communion* **Cheselbourne** *6.00pm Evening Prayer*
22nd December **Advent 4** Purple *Ps 80.1-7, 17-end* Is 7.10-16 (use as Epistle) Matt 1.18-25	**Alton Pancras** 9.30am Family Eucharist **Piddletrenthide** **4.30pm Christmas Carol Service**	**Milton Abbey** **6.00pm Christmas Carol Service** **Piddlehinton** **6.00pm Christmas Carol Service**
23rd December	**Alton Pancras** **6.00pm Christmas Carol Service**	
24th December **Christmas Eve** White tba	**Piddletrenthide** **5.00pm Christingle Service** **Hilton** **5.30pm Christingle Service** **Plush** **7.00pm Carols at the Brace**	**Cheselbourne** **3.30pm Christingle Service** ***11.30pm First Communion of Christmas*** **Piddlehinton** **11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas**
25th December **Christmas Day** tba	**Alton Pancras** **9.00am Christmas Eucharist** **Hilton** ***10.30am Christmas Communion***	**Piddletrenthide** **10.30am Christmas Eucharist** **Melcombe Horsey** **10.30am Christmas Carols and Readings**
29th December **Christmas 1** White	**Piddletrenthide** 9.30am Family Eucharist	**Melcombe Horsey** *11.00am Parish Communion*

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Alton Pancras

AP Our village has again been voted Best Kept Hamlet in Dorset so thanks to all who contributed by keeping their frontages under control. The definition of a hamlet is "a small village, especially one without a church" but we're happy to be special !

AP The exhibition of anti-speeding artwork on display on the road through our village by Piddle Valley school pupils Alex and Sam, plus Jacob who is now at Puddletown, will surely bring a response from us drivers. That's the carrot; hopefully the stick won't have to be used, but it is in waiting, just in case.

AP Self-employed heating engineer John and Cheryl Purser from Bearstead near Leeds Castle in Kent are experienced house movers, spending several months touring the countryside for their new home, so it's quite a compliment that they chose AP and Cowslip Cottage. They arrived in April 2013, in the snow - but Snowdrop Cottage is next door!

AP The George V village letterbox is now back in use – but wait ! Only if you have letters addressed to Bernard and Marlene Clifton, who have recently moved in to the Old Post Office. Being in the construction industry meant that they lived for eight years in South Africa and two in Botswana, and moved here from West Moors near Ferndown to be closer to their daughters in Blandford. Bernard is not the comedian Bernie Clifton, for which he is grateful ! The upper part of the box is the original, the lower part modified after the original Post Office and Store closed in 1976.

AP The social activity in the village may have reached something of a record this year. Music festivals, fete, Garden Club summer show, Queen's Diamond Jubilee, coffee mornings, bonfires and more, best demonstrated by a waiting list for the 'sold-out' Harvest Supper. The reason ? A feeling that newer residents, once settled, are joining in which is excellent news.

AP A recent visitor to our church where she was christened in 1956 was Sarah Gillett, born when her parents Michael and Margaret lived at Beechmead, today's Old Rectory. They were career Diplomats based much of the time overseas, so Sarah saw a lot of 'Nanny Ward' who lived nearby in Rectory Cottage. Sarah's parents and Nanny are commemorated in the churchyard.

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AP The traditional Harvest Home Evensong in our church glowed with warm lights, candles and colour. Flowers, fruit and vegetables adorned window-sills, pulpit, porch, font and altar, while prayers and praises were followed by blackberry-and-apple pie and cider. Several newish residents of our village were welcomed to the following evening's Harvest Supper for the bounteous fayre on prettily decorated tables, thanks to Sally, Heather, Susan and Jo, while Duncan supplied the music and Colin's hilarious – and profitable – auction of seasonal produce raised £80, ending with a special word of thanks from Rex.

Julie Squires

Piddlehinton

With thanks

Jean Curtis wishes to thank all friends and neighbours for their help, especially walking Rosie, since my operation. Thank you all for your kindness. It is a great place to live with so many kind people.

Jean Curtis

Duck Race

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a successful Duck Race. The weather was very kind to us. We would like to thank Stuart and Heather from the Thimble for letting us use the copse, Alan Legg who cleared the river, Alan Andy and Naomi for running the BBQ and Graeme for refereeing the races.

We were able to send Weldmar Hospice £160

Winning numbers were		
	1st 535	Christopher Suter
	2nd 134	Lewis Rogers
	3rd 604	Anne Jeanes
	4th 387	Ross Nicholas

Cynthia Legg, Piddlehinton Village Hall Committee

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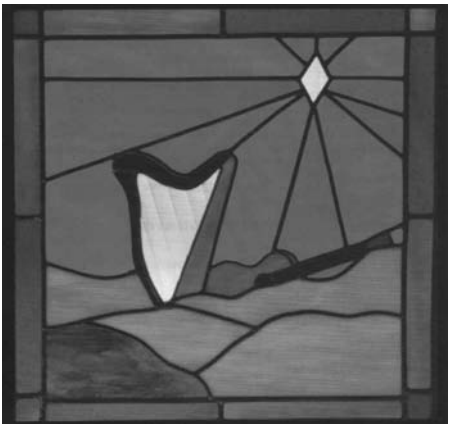

There's something magical about harps, particularly at Christmas, though Máire and Chris's alchemy on harp and guitar creates a very special magic at all times. Individually famed for originality, innovation and virtuosity on their respective instruments, together they have created one of the most distinctive voices in modern acoustic music and brought their unique musical vision to venues large and small in twenty-two countries on five continents.
Their new Christmas show features a breathtaking blend of traditional Irish music, swing jazz and bluegrass, plus festive favourites given a fresh voice with arrangements that are intricate, inventive, moving and beautiful, and performed in the heart-warming style characteristic of them - a spellbinding treat for mid-winter.

"Both are in the virtuoso class" The Guardian

A Festive Feast of Harp & Guitar

Friday 6th Dec 2013, 7.30pm

Piddletrenthide + White Lackington

Memorial Hall at 90

It is the valley's meeting room, theatre, dance hall, cinema, gym, exhibition hall, polling station and much more. On the 28th September it celebrated its 90th anniversary in the form of a café, serving delightful locally produced sandwiches and cakes and appropriate celebration bubbly to toast its continued good health. But as local historian Bin Roy illustrated in a very moving presentation, it is in memory of real people, some of whose descendants are still among us. Bin told of the short lives of several of those commemorated both in the hall and the valley churches, reminding us that they sacrificed their lives that we could enjoy occasions such as this.

The Memorial Hall has been many things to many people but in essence is a very practical way of recognising those local people who served in two World Wars. It is also manageable and affordable. *Colin Dean*

"Summertime" Concert

What a success ! We were delighted to see so many people at All Saints Church for the "Summertime" concert which featured local performers. We were even more delighted that after expenses we had £900 to distribute between our chosen charities. We gave Weldmar Hospicecare Trust a cheque for £400; the remaining money shared amongst All Saints Church, The Memorial Hall and Piddle Valley CE First School. Many people have been affected by cancer, so it seemed appropriate to donate to the Trust this year. There continue to be people in the valley who benefit from its caring services. We are holding another concert on Friday 29th November at 7.30 pm; again in All Saints Church, and again the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust will receive a donation from monies raised at the concert. Please see poster for details.

We could not have organised the concert without considerable support from many people. The Rev Tony Monds was as encouraging and supportive as ever and Mike Howard-Tripp provided practical help on the night. We were very fortunate to receive generous sponsorship from Mr James Boughey, Mr John Waterman and Mrs Prue Jakeman – thank you James, John and Prue! We also received some lovely raffle prizes, and tasty canapés were made and donated by nearly a dozen people – again thank you all very much.

Our "locally sourced" performers, some professional and some amateur, all gave truly memorable performances – thank you John, Camilla, Magdalena, Rachel and the Piddle Valley Players and also Ruby, who at 9 years old, delighted everyone. Our performers were accompanied by Elizabeth Sweetnam who supported us throughout the planning and rehearsal stages and played so beautifully on the night. If we have left anyone out in our thanks, we are truly sorry, we really are so grateful for all the support we are given. *Sue Beckingham + Janet Keen*

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February 20th to 22nd 2014

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Sue Bennett

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DORCHESTER sessions will be held at the United Church Hall, South Street (near Goulds household store) on:

Thursday 21 November + Thursday 19 December

STURMINSTER NEWTON sessions will be held at The Exchange on:

Friday 22 November + Wednesday 4 December

All sessions open at the same hours, 13.30 - 15.25pm and 16.30 - 19.00pm.

The 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

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The Air Ambulance gets no Government or Lottery Funding and has to raise nearly £2 million pounds a year to provide this vital service which equates to £2,500 per mission flown. Please support your Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and thank you for your support.

Susan Dredge / 01300 348120

The Bridge Educational Trust

The Bridge Educational Trust (Registered Charity No 1068720) was established in 1990 in memory of John Bridge, the last of the family which founded the Piddle Valley School in the middle of the 19th century. The objectives of the Trust are educational, and grants are given primarily to those wishing to study at a school, college, or other educational establishment. Applications are particularly welcomed from residents of the Piddle Valley and its immediate neighbourhood. Normally applicants should be nearing the end of their school careers or have left school, though younger children with special educational needs may be considered.

At the Trustees' discretion, expeditions or travel groups for young people which are organised for scientific or cultural purposes may be eligible, provided they contain an educational element. The Trustees give priority to cases involving hardship or difficult family circumstances and where, without some assistance, the desired education, course or activity would not be possible. Special consideration is given to older people who may wish to start training for a particular career or other purpose after normal education has been interrupted

Meetings of Trustees to consider applications are held in February, June and October. Further details of the Trust can be found at www.bridgeeducationaltrust.org.uk. Those wishing to apply should obtain an application form by writing to The Administrator c/o Piddle Valley First School, Piddletrenthide, DT2 7QL, or emailing admin@bridgeeductionaltrust.org.uk. Applications by post or email should be received not later than the 15th of the month before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

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Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Help make the Vision for our future

Newsletter 5

To all residents and friends of the Piddle Valley

This month we would like to reserve our main message for the subject of our Housing Needs and Land Survey which gives us an invaluable snapshot of wishes, needs and resources throughout the Valley settlements.

You will find the Housing Survey with this copy of News and Views but if you need more copies, photocopy a blank one. It should not take long to complete and give us a much clearer understanding of the present position. All forms should be sealed in the accompanying envelope and handed to one of the individuals who have agreed to collect them, for onward delivery to our office. This needs to be done by the end of the month of November 2013 for a summary to be prepared for publication in the next issue of this magazine.

The form is fairly general in coverage at this stage but once we are able to assemble our summary, we shall be in touch with all those who have contributed for a discussion in enough detail for us to show ways in which these needs can be met. It will give us the best possible basis for including specific policies in our plan and help designate possible sites in an area in which external surveys of Dorset have shown is most in need of help. To put minds at rest, we do not envisage significant blocks of housing appearing anywhere but rather better use made of existing land and buildings, possible new workplaces for individuals and the attraction of more, enterprising young people to live and start a business or provide more facilities for visitors and tourists.

We live in a beautiful environment but we need to make it sustainable for the future. The Neighbourhood Plan will be the over riding document in terms of the development and protection of the Piddle Valley over the next 10 to 15 years so we must make every effort to get it right.

John Browning
Working Group Chairman
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Housing - both for open market and low cost for local people

led by Malcolm Johnston *malcolm.johnston@zaffre.co / 01300 34869*

It is likely that readers of PVNV would assume a neighbourhood plan is about where houses are built and little else and we hope the regular reports published here have demonstrated that there is much more than this involved. However, housing will be a central plank of the plan and this report will update you on our thinking.

The plan offers the great opportunity for us to decide how we want housing in the valley to develop over the next 15 years. It will change, whether there is a plan or not, as can be shown by looking back at changes over the past 15 years and we need to ensure that the beneficiaries of future change are the whole community. Young families who need to have a larger house; older people wanting to downsize; land owners wanting to build for their families or others; people who need to work and live in the community; people wishing to offer tourist accommodation and in so doing will help the local economy. And, of course, people wanting to move into the area to enjoy its wonderful countryside and resources. An 'open market' approach to development will serve some of these needs satisfactorily but many people who need to be in the area for family or work reasons, will not be able to afford commercial prices. In consequence, part of our plan will be to identify ways in which the building of lower cost housing can be supported.

The NP Housing Group has reviewed current and future West Dorset District Council housing plans and walked around all our villages. We have seen exactly where current defined development boundaries lie (limiting areas within which development may be allowed) and where there are clear opportunities for some houses to be built should landowners wish to do so. Our remit is to protect the integrity of villages and where appropriate enhance their future viability by generating plans for growth without this damaging their character. The stages of our work are:

- Understand development areas as just described.
- Understand central government requirements placed on the District Council for future housing numbers.
- Understand the existing housing stock – we are compiling plans for each village identifying whether houses are owner occupied, let, etc.
- Understand the local demand for housing. Enclosed with this edition of PVNV, is a Survey asking you to respond if you have a need for or a wish to build housing whether low-cost or not.
- Investigate ways in which low cost housing can be developed and prevented from subsequently entering the commercial market.
- Identify demand for live/work accommodation and potential locations.

We need all the feedback we can get to inform our work, so please do respond to the Survey, come to the Housing Focus Group Open Meeting on the 25th November and please do write to us if you wish to comment on what we are doing.

Business and community needs

led for the time being by John Browning *01300 348580 / or as above*

Progress in this area has been cut short by the loss of several members involved who, for reasons quite unrelated, are unable to help us forward. As a result we have been in touch with several other residents to see if their experience and knowledge of community needs, new business opportunities, workshop and office space for local employment can take us forward in this important area. While we are shorthanded in this area, we shall ensure this important aspect is not forgotten in considering other areas of focus where progress is now more detailed.

Community energy generation and low energy design

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

Hydropower + Woodland fuel - advice from Pete West (leader DCC Renewable Energy Strategy) and Rupert Lloyd (Climate Adaptation Officer) suggests

• funding available for a pre-feasibility to confirm the viability and potential of the identified Piddle Valley locations. With the permission of landowners, a full feasibility on the recommended locations can follow.

• mechanism for managing community woodland for fuel, the need for specific storage and drying facilities.

Solar voltaic panels, reducing energy costs + recycling - advice is being compiled and the new waste arrangements from 2014 include wider collection of plastic items. See http://www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle-for-dorset/recycling/plastics

Environment, landscape and farming

led by Peter Chance *peter_chance@btinternet.com / 01300 348311*

The group is now in the final stages of the walks over the Piddle Valley landscape with only Piddlehinton outstanding.

In Newsletter 4, we detailed 11 aspects to be addressed; our forthcoming report will form an important part of our Neighbourhood Plan. We have no doubt that with our local knowledge we can prioritise particular aspects of our landscape and therefore afford greater protection than offered by the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. This covers a wide area and cannot by definition cover all the aspects we feel makes the Piddle Valley a very special area in which to live.

It will be most helpful if the community can identify their specific interests and aspects for particular attention. Suggestions might range from areas on which future development could take place, to areas already with protection that could be enhanced by improved management eg woodland and hedge planting, improved supervision of wild flower pastures, Rights of Way etc.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Transport, traffic speed, footpaths, cycleways and communications

led by Neil Herbert *sherbetnj@yahoo.co.uk / 01300 348479*

Broadband Speed

Very limited feedback from residents so please check and send me your broadband download speed to enable us to produce an accurate report by checking : http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast-dorset/check-broadband-speed

Traffic on the Valley Road (B3143)

Sixteen 'KEEP US SAFE' boards produced by children from Piddle Valley CEVA First School, and endorsed by Dorset Police, have been erected along the road so we shall hope drivers take notice and drive accordingly. As a result of feedback to the Neighbourhood Plan Group, a separate group is starting a 'Community Speed Watch' to cover the B3143 from Piddlehinton through to Buckland Newton. A traffic survey of Rectory Road, Piddlehinton is currently in operation by DCC and will be added to the B3143 report. See website : http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=6983

SatNav

Transport Group members are checking routes in the area to establish preference in routes being taken through the valley.

Rights of Way

Representatives from Dorset County Council and the Transport Group met on 16th September and walked the whole route of the existing bridleway from Rectory Road, Piddlehinton to Church Lane, Piddletrenthide in order to view the route and discuss the feasibility of an all-weather surface suitable for all users, including horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians. DCC officers intend to carry out further surveys and investigations, reverting to the Transport Group when these have been completed.

Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Timeframe

Responses from residents on first outline of Plan	September/ October 2013
Preparation of Draft Plan by focus groups	October / December 2013
Final Draft Plan to residents	February 2014
Submission to West Dorset District Council	April 2014
Consultation period 6 weeks	May 2014
Adjustment period	June 2014
Independent Examination	July / August 2014
Further adjustments (if needed)	September 2014
Notification period for Referendum	October 2014
Referendum	November/December 2014

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Clubs, Groups, Organisations ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Piddle Valley Gardens Club

Summer Show, 17 August 2013

Despite wet and windy weather on the day there were a record number of entries at this year's Gardens Club Summer Show held at Glebe House, Alton Pancras, creating a wonderful display of flowers, floral art, home produce, fruit, vegetables, a photographic section and delightful children's entries in the marquee. There were 373 entries, reflecting the great enthusiasm shown by both the Garden Club members and non-members even on such a poor day, weatherwise.

Roy Gunning of Beaminster, who judged the flower, vegetable and fruit sections, considered the exhibits in the show to be outstanding, with special praise for the extensive display of vegetables and fruit. Judge for the Home Produce and Children's sections was Tess Burt from Wool, who was most impressed with the quality and quantity of exhibits, and added that she would be quite happy to take Sally Johnson's Dorset Apple cake home with her !

Piddlehinton resident Bernard Roughton judged the three photograph categories, "the sky's the limit", "patterns in nature" and "garden bloom" and thought the photos on display to be most impressive

Diplomas for the best exhibit in each section were presented by Chairperson Ann Jordan to:

- Charlie Dangerfield for his beautifully decorated biscuits in the children's section
- Elizabeth Jolliffe for her stunning floral art creation
- Sally Johnson for her Dorset Apple Cake in the Home Produce section
- Elizabeth Jolliffe for her image of colourful lupins in "the sky's the limit" photography section

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• Peter Chance for his plate of soft fruit in the vegetable and fruit section
• Eric Groome for his exquisite begonia, also awarded the Sir Robert Williams Memorial Trophy for the Best Horticultural Exhibit in the show

This year, the RHS Banksian medal, awarded to the exhibitor with the highest total of prize money in the vegetable, fruit and flowers sections went to David Downton, who incidentally also won the Challenge Cup in the Gardens Club Spring Show.

Home made cream teas were provided by Sue Beckingham, Rosemary Agg and Elizabeth Jolliffe and were hugely enjoyed by the many visitors. Thanks to all involved for their endeavours in creating a most successful Summer Show, and also to Sally Dangerfield for providing the venue for the event.

Neil Herbert, Show Secretary

September meeting - Downsizing your garden

Over 40 members were treated to an interesting and amusing talk by Mike of Castle Gardens on how to reduce maintenance tasks in your garden. Nobody expected to learn how to maintain his or her garden with no effort so it was little surprise to be told that 'Gardening is meant to use up time!' and 'Gardening should be fun!' However, there were lots of tips on how to reduce labour intensive tasks and how to make them easier to manage. The talk was illustrated superbly with an extensive range of plants, tools and gadgets, that were available to purchase after the talk.

Ann Jordan

Harvest Supper

The Gardens Club (aka the Gourmet Club) Harvest Supper was much enjoyed by about fifty members. The spread of dishes, as varied and delicious as ever, was set out on the Memorial Hall stage in front of a magnificent display of Fuchsias and show-worthy vegetables from Eric Groome's garden.

The supper was followed by a visual feast, the after-dinner talk by Richard Kay of Piddlehinton. Richard's theme, 'The Garden is a Lovesome Thing, Got Wot', was taken from a poem by Thomas Edward Brown (1830-1897) and his talk followed the development of gardens in the latter half of the 19th Century and early 20th Century, as depicted in paintings of the period.

Thanks go to all the members who helped organise the event and to Ann Hawker for her help with preparing the hall and managing the washing up.

Ros Charlton

Future meeting: 7.30pm in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall - all are welcome.

Monday October 28th - Developing colour in your garden
Monday November 25th - The New Forest
Monday 27th January - AGM with wine and canapés

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Piddle Valley Over 60s

The coffee morning on 6th October was very successful and raised nearly £190 for club funds that will be used to help pay for the outings in 2014. Everyone who came seemed to enjoy it and a big thank you to all who helped to make it such a success.

In November we will have our AGM followed by a speaker and a cream tea. Then in December there will be our Christmas lunch at The Thimble. Menus and order forms will be available at the AGM where we will also discuss transport requirements.

Hilary French / 01305 848501

Piddletrenthide Lunch Club

Our Lunch Club diners have enjoyed some really delicious meals over the past few months

Thank you again to all the volunteers who so kindly give their time to cook, serve, set up and clear up, you all do a wonderful job for the continued success of the club.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 29th November	Braised Steak in Ale with dumplings Baked Apple and Almond Pudding
Friday 13th December	Christmas Lunch cooked by Rebecca Green Catering Please book places

The Lunch Club meets once a month at the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall from 12.30 to 2 pm and costs £5.00 for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee. We are always pleased to welcome new members. If you would like to join us for lunch or volunteer to help please contact

Sue Jennings / 01300 348076

Coffee Mornings, Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide

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Friday 8th November – with raffle and a surprise Birthday cake !
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Brownies In The Piddle Valley

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Mon, Dec 2 7.30, The Piddle Inn: Larry Skeats, raconteur and 40 years a shepherd, will run his call-my-bluff-type quiz. Christmas buffet included.

Highlights next year include talks by country artist and taxidermist Dawn Warr and bat carer Sally Humphries (who will bring bats for close-up inspection); a visit to Maiden Castle Farm courtesy of John Hoskin, a recent Farmer's Weekly Farmer of the Year who gave us such an enlightening talk in March this year.

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Ann Goold / 01300 341208

Letters ~~~~~~

Dear Editor
I just want to say thank you to Colin Dean for being so proactive in writing his interesting and informative articles about the life and goings on in Alton Pancras in each PVNV. It is lovely that our small community has someone who takes an interest in the village, its people and its activities. Thank you Colin - your efforts are appreciated by many.

Yours sincerely Heather Bland

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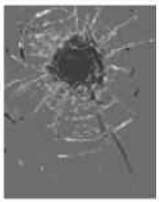

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Dear Editor

I would be very grateful for help in identifying the building in the picture? We are reasonably certain this shows the six Chadlecott girls around the time of the birth of the youngest in 1906. According to the census they lived at Lower Tything in 1901 and Fleet Farm in 1911 - Piddletrenthide. My wife's father's first wife is Winifred on the right, who died in 1932.

Paul Williams, Taunton / paul@okehills.com

Dear Editor

The letter (in Sept / Oct PVNV) regarding the proposed cycle track from Piddlehinton to Piddletrenthide needs redressing as it is surely a pessimistic and negative view. Surely the chances of an accident between bicycles, animals and people is less likely than at present where the road is used. Why would the pace of life change dramatically as it is already a bridle path and can therefore be used by cycles quite legitimately. A better surface would make it safer.

The argument about motorbikes, 4WD vehicles and travellers is little more than scaremongering as with appropriate gates this should be avoided and as pointed out is illegal anyway ! The argument about the current walkway being overgrown is self-defeating because West Lane is used a great deal and who currently looks after that ?

How often would children use it ? Surely encouraging them to use it rather than being taken to school in their parents' cars (very often breaking the speed limit) is a good thing. If 10 children start using it there is a fair chance that this will encourage their peers to do likewise *(from little acorns….).*

Mud around the gates? This is the countryside and in winter I think we all expect some mud around, is that so scary? Again I suggest any encouragement for children to exercise should be applauded.

Nigel Pearce-Buckley

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 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.

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Wind Farm Proposals – Dorchester

This is outside the Piddle Valley Parish Council area but is drawn to your attention as it will affect users of the road from Grays Bridge. It also appears from the Ordnance Survey contours that the turbine blades may be visible above the horizon from parts of the Piddle Valley. You may make comments to the District Council or your District Councillor. If you have strong views either way, it would be useful to let your Parish Councillor know, as the Parish Council may be able to make formal comment to the Planners as well.

More details can be found entering "Charminster Wind turbines" into your search engine. The following has been noted from the Charminster Parish Council website and other articles listed by the search results - www.charminster.info/wpcontent/uploads/2013/08/Windfarm-Information-and-Survey.pdf

"There are apparently proposals to develop a Wind Farm at Charminster. It is for the land to the West of the B3143 between the Showground and Robin's Barrow drove. It appears that the proposal is for 7 turbines, which will be 80m (260feet) high to the hub, 125m (410 feet) to the blade tip. This is apparently 3 times as high as the turbine outside Bere Regis and 1.5 times the height of the Big Ben bell tower. It appears that it may also be connected to a similar development proposal at Tolpuddle."

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Refused	None

Pending

1/D/13/000332	Thimble Inn, Piddlehinton; add ventilation ducts and make internal alterations.
1/D/13/001116	Bourne Park, Piddlehinton; erect solar power array.
1/D/13/001229	Mulberry Cottage, Church Lane, Piddletrenthide; erect single storey extensions and extend garage
1/D/13/001044	Bourne Farm existing PV site; extend adjacent.
1/D/13/001040	Puddle Farm House, Piddlehinton; 2 storey extension and replace garage building with triple garage.

Note. By the time applications have been published here, the opportunity to make representations has generally passed. Planning applications are however also listed on www.piddlevalley.info as soon as I hear about them, and therefore may still be open for comments to the Planning Authority.

Andy Howard / 01300 348461

Piddle Valley First School ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

As I write the weather is turning decidedly autumnal and the summer holiday seems a long way off. Life at school is, as always very busy, with pupils enjoying topics ranging from 'Ourselves' to 'Traditional Tales' and 'People who Help Us' (looking at the emergency services).

Owl's class did a topic on opera at the end of summer term. We were very fortunate in that tenor (and dad) John Hudson came into school and taught pupils about the history of opera. He also worked with the children who learned the chorus from *Nessun Dormer* in Italian which they then performed with John. We were also lucky enough to visit Dorset Opera at Bryanston School where the children got the opportunity to watch rehearsals, try on costumes and handle props. It was a wonderful way to end the school year.

Woodpeckers have been out and about as well. Mr Higgins took his Year One class on the train to Weymouth. They walked along the harbour to the

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lifeboat station where children were able to try on the equipment and go on the lifeboat. "It was great especially the survivors cabin!" said Johnny in Year One. They also had a picnic lunch in Nothe Gardens and had a play on the beach before returning to school.

We continue to make the most of our fantastic environment with weekly Forest Skills sessions. Mrs Woods takes a different class every Friday afternoon and this half term they have been looking at autumn colours.

Staff news

Firstly, we have to congratulate Mr Wash on becoming a father. Baby daughter Marcie was born in June. Welcome to Mrs Jo Neale who is working in Buzzard's class alongside Mrs Rothman. Also Mrs Mandy Joslin who is going to take over from Mr Higgins after Christmas as he is leaving us for two terms to go off on his travels.

We always welcome volunteers into school so if you think you have got something to offer us please speak to Claire in the office on 01300 348219.

Don't forget to come to our Bonfire Night and Firework display on Saturday 2nd November and thanks for your continued support.

Cath Rothman, Assistant Head teacher

Piddle Valley Travels ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Piddletrenthide to Pchelandiia – part 1

"You're going **where**?" asked my incredulous husband, when I casually announced over supper my intention to attend *Apimondia*, the World Beekeeping Congress, held this year in Ukraine. As one of the biggest honey exporters in the world Ukraine actively encourages its inhabitants to keep bees even on a small scale. Currently there are no less than 3.7 million beekeepers although back in Soviet times that number was closer to 6 million. As an add-on to attending the five day Congress itself, my travelling companion, Meli and I decided on a three day bus trip into the 'Honey Heartland' of Northern and Western Ukraine. Accompanying us on our Road Trip were delegates from the US, New Zealand, Canada, Switzerland and Bolivia, all keen and eager to see how this bee-keeping nation did it. Had we taken the delayed departure of our flight from Gatwick as a warning, we would have been more prepared for the timeless adventure ahead of us !

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, land previously owned by the State was offered on a private basis to those willing to develop an agricultural smallholding or homestead. Our first visit was to Motyzhyn, an eco-settlement, where following this announcement, a group of 50 inhabitants of Kiev had met together and claimed their collective 100 ha. This land they further divided into 1 ha plots for each household, the balance of 50 ha then being used to form an eco-village. Initially there were no roads so sand was

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laid to allow vehicular access and houses were built from blocks of clay moulded together with straw. Local timber provided a further building material; bore holes were sunk to supply wells and the barren, wind-swept surrounding countryside was remodelled to create windbreaks, the soil being provided by excavating ponds, now stocked with fish. In recent years about 300 of these settlements have been established. They become partners in experimental eco-construction and employ agricultural techniques of natural farming - healthy lifestyle is an integral part of the families who settle here. They use apitherapy (more on this later!) and organise joint conferences and holidays and encourage the development of creative skills, based on the study of folk traditions and crafts. Each October folk crafts festivals are held.

We also saw the important role beekeeping plays in the education system during a visit to Zhytomyr National Agricultural University, established 90 years ago. Beekeeping study courses are run alongside general ecology, forest ecology and natural resources protection. Linked to this we visited a school with 10 hives, where beekeeping has been part of the curriculum for nearly 20 years. Sadly, by the time we arrived, we were running seriously behind schedule, a recurring theme of our Road Trip, with lunch sometimes not appearing until 4.30, followed all too soon by supper at 7.00 ! Most of the children had left for home on their buses, but two beautifully attired girls in Ukrainian costume and bearing traditional gifts of decorative bread and salt, greeted us with an enchanting song and beaming smiles. We were led to the beekeeping room richly decorated with the children's drawings and writings and were shown 'textbooks' which the teacher had written personally, as none were otherwise available to deliver this very specialised subject. Beekeeping infuses other subjects on the curriculum, including Bee Maths, even the school emblem included a bee ! On completion of the two year course the children sat a bee-exam. Those passing well were awarded Qualified Beekeeper status. The less able were nominated Assistant Beekeeper! Interestingly, more girls than boys chose to study beekeeping and the children had up to 5 hives of their own at home.

Then we moved on to Pchelandiia described as 'a unique place', located deep in beautiful, densely-wooded countryside, reached via a very narrow lane proving something of a hazardous challenge to our coach driver. Here we experienced 'apitherapy', or at least we could have, except for the torrential rain. The farmstead provides outdoor recreation and unique apitherapy methods of healing by bees and bee products. One of the experiences on offer was the chance to sleep in a little wooden cabin on a hard plank bed constructed over 4 bee colonies housed underneath. It was said that the sound-waves produced by the humming of the bees promoted deep and restorative sleep. On describing this 'cure' to a beekeeping friend back home,

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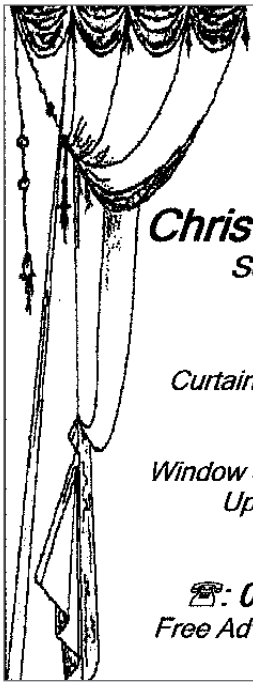

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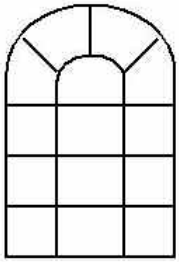

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he looked horrified and said the very fear that those same bees might somehow escape into the sleeping area of the hut, would have ensured that he slept not a wink! But if this apitherapy was not sufficiently scary, we had yet to encounter Doctor Bee aka Vasyl Gromovyy, who in a former life had been a radio engineer. He took us into his laboratory, a sunken underground bunker, resembling something left over from the Cold War [was this when his radio skills were last used?] Here, the more foolhardy of our party, like willing guinea pigs, were 'treated' with Royal jelly, pollen and even wax moth larvae. We were assured we could be cured of anything from ulcers to asthma, thyroid problems, varicose veins, hypotension, even infertility, but most of us on the Road Trip were past the age when the latter was a problem. For blood pressure problems [high or low] we were offered 'drone hydrogenate' which it turned out was male larvae squished up with honey. Actually it didn't taste as bad as it sounds ! Tellingly, the brochure promoting these miraculous cures was entitled *'You Will Be Cured By Doctor Bee'*. We left, wondering, was that a promise or a threat ?

Bridget Bowen

Sport ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

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Short Mat Bowling Club

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News from Puddletown Surgery **November issue 2013**

I am writing to keep you up to date with events at Puddletown Surgery and impart important health messages. If there are other matters you would like us to address, please ring to speak to Carol Taylor, Practice Manager, on 01305 848333 or e-mail carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk.

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If you are aged over 65, pregnant, are a Carer or suffer from an illness such as asthma, diabetes or coronary heart disease, you are strongly advised to have a flu vaccination - and a Pneumococcal vaccine if you haven't had one of these before. Following NHS England guidelines flu vaccinations are offered only to those who are over 65 years of age, are pregnant, Carers or who suffer from chronic disease. Please telephone reception to arrange for an appointment to have your flu vaccination.

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Opening Arrangements for Christmas and New Year

Christmas - the Surgery will be open as usual; only closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th and Boxing Day, Thursday 26th December; we will be open as normal on Friday 27th December. **New Year** - the Surgery will be closed on Wednesday 1st January and will re-open Thursday 2nd January 2014.

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