Piddle Valley News & Views

November / December 2014

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Below left Charlie Thornton and Sarah Cheyne walked and cycled for the Dorset Historic Churches Fund and Alton St Pancras church on September 13th and raised walked £450 between them. © *Jo Thornton* ***Below right*** John Waterman hosting his 80th Birthday Party © *Colin Dean*

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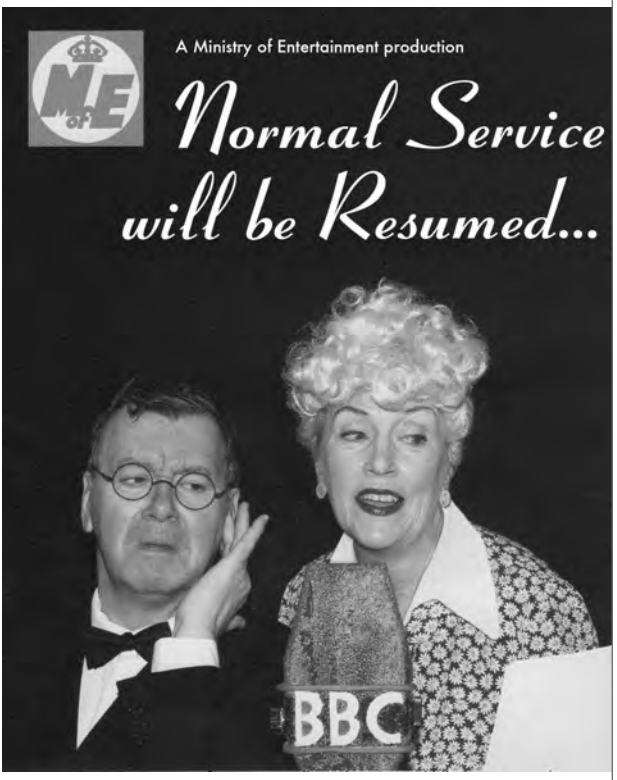

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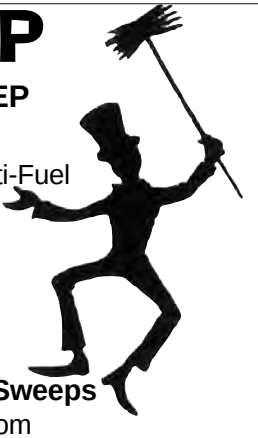

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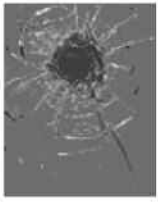

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Dates for your diary ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

November

1	Sat	Dorchester Choral Soc	St Mary's Church	7.30 pm
2	Sun	Breakfast Club	P'ton Village Hall	9 - 11.30 am
3	Mon	Cerne Sheep Group	King's Arms, Dorchester	8 pm
6	Thurs	Over 60s AGM plus talk	P'thide Mem Hall	2.30 pm
9	Sun	"Normal Service ..."	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
10	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
14	Fri	Coffee Morning	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 – 12
15	Sat	Cerne Sheep Group	Kingston Maurward	
18	Tues	"Deer Conservation"	Herrison Hall, Charlton Down	7.30 pm
19	Wed	Alton Pancras NP meeting	St Pancras Church	7.30 pm
20	Thurs	Monthly Prize Bingo	Wightman's Orchard	2 pm
20	Thurs	White Lackington NP mtg	Piddle Valley School	7.30 pm
21	Fri	"Evening with Wild Thyme"	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
22	Sat	The Trinity Entertainers	P'ton Village Hall	7.30 pm
24	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
24	Mon	Gardens Club Talk	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
25	Tues	Parish Council Meeting	P'thide Mem Hall	7.30 pm
26	Wed	Piddlehinton NP meeting	P'ton Village Hall	7.30 pm
27	Thurs	Piddletrenthide NP mtg	Piddle Valley School	7.30 pm
28	Fri	Lunch Club	P'ton Village Hall	12.30 pm
28	Fri	Bingo Night	P'ton Village Hall	7 pm
28	Fri	Christmas Fayre	P'thide Village School	6 - 8 pm

December

1	Mon	Cerne Sheep Group	King's Arms, Dorchester	8 pm
3	Wed	Plush Village NP mtg	The Brace of Pheasants	7.30 pm
4	Thurs	Over 60s Christmas Lunch	Halsey Arms	12.30 for 1 pm
6	Sat	Millennium Green Christmas Fayre	P'ton Village Hall	10 - 12 noon
8	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
19	Fri	Coffee Morning / Raffle	P'thide Mem Hall	10.30 – 12 noon
12	Fri	Lunch Club	P'thide Mem Hall	12.30 pm
13	Sat	Dorchester Choral Soc. "Messiah"	St Mary's Church	7.30 pm
18	Thurs	Xmas Lunch, Prize Bingo	Wightman's Orchard	2.30 pm
21	Sun	Christmas Carols	Piddletrenthide Church	4.30 pm
21	Sun	Christmas Carols	Piddlehinton Church	6 pm
22	Mon	Mobile Library	AP, P'thide, P'ton	various
22	Mon	Christmas Carols	Alton Pancras Church	4.30 pm
24	Wed	Carol Singing	The Brace of Pheasants	7 pm
25	Thurs	Christmas Family Eucharist	Alton Pancras Church	10.30 am

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Telephone no 01300 348330 **Caroline and Carol**

From the editor ~~~~~~

As I write, the rain is pouring down, the thunder is rolling around us and lightning is snaking through the sky. This time, we have taken precautions and removed the power leads from our computers and equipment. Earlier this week the lightning "took out" one phone and fax line wrecking the phone and internet through our house. We are all so used to the digital world and indeed rely on it, but having internet access in only one spot (my husband's studio) has proved taxing ! I gather that other households in the Valley though have suffered even worse damage.

The new "box of pheasants' hanging outside The Brace is a delight to see and a reminder of the importance of Valley landmarks - the pubs, landscape and the fingerposts though the latter in some parts of the Valley still need refurbishment and replacement. Sadly The Piddle Inn continues to look very neglected and I understand a sale has not been achieved yet. But the good news is that the Thimble will reopen this month following their refurbishment and The Poachers continues ever popular.

We are grateful as ever for all the News & Views submitted for this end of year issue. My thanks to Stella Burrow for a fascinating Christmas travel account her grandmother wrote in 1929; the full version is available on the website. We have an extensive cricket report but no information about football and rugby locally. Piddle Valley First School is such an important part of our community and I enjoyed today meeting Jayne Browne, the new Head Teacher, and am delighted that she will be submitting regular news about her flock. Do note the diary dates so you do not miss out on any local activities or the musical options, including Salisbury Cathedral Choir's invitation to children to be a chorister for a day.

You will see pleas for help; our Hon Treasurer Susan Chance has kept our Finances in such very good order but has decided the time has come for a new and younger person to take the reins. We also need someone to take on the Advrrtising role, so if you can help with either of these roles, then please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Dot Browning

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"Children invited to 'Be a chorister for a day"

Salisbury Cathedral Choir's annual open day 'Be a chorister for a day' for boys and girls in school years 2, 3 and 4 will be held on Saturday 15th November. The day includes rehearsing and singing alongside the cathedral choir and is an informal and friendly way to find out about the opportunities and fun offered by chorister life.

David Halls, the cathedral's Director of Music, said "Be a Chorister for a Day" is a popular and enjoyable event attended by many children and is a high point of the choir year. It is always a joy for me to watch my boy and girl choristers working alongside, and encouraging, our young guests. As well as singing together, they can ask them all the questions they've ever wanted answered about life as a chorister - the daily routine, concerts, recordings, radio and TV broadcasts, tours and all the extra-curricular activities which choristers enjoy. Parents have their own schedule allowing them to gain an insight into chorister life from a family perspective.

I am trying to reach families with musically talented children who are not aware of the opportunities being a chorister at Salisbury Cathedral offers. For many the first step is about breaking down the mystique and myths surrounding chorister life. Our choristers are ordinary children from ordinary homes who happen to have a talent for music. They work very hard but they play hard too, their singing is much appreciated and they learn important life skills. Without doubt becoming a chorister here is both desirable and possible."

Any child in Years 2, 3 and 4 who would like to Be a chorister for a day is welcome.

For further details and an application form please email:
chorister.recruitment@salcath.co.uk
or telephone
Kathy Davies, Chorister Recruitment Officer on 07979 378 926.

Salisbury Cathedral is one of Britain's finest medieval cathedrals. It offers a warm welcome to all who visit and seeks to strengthen church and community life in the diocese. Salisbury Cathedral celebrates the presence of God through worship, music and art and has a special commitment to challenging injustice and fostering reconciliation, both at home and abroad. Over 300,000 people visit the Cathedral each year to marvel at the peace and beauty of the 750 year old building and admire Britain's tallest spire. The finest original copy of the 1215 Magna Carta is on permanent display to visitors in the Chapter House.

Your Kingdom Come ...

In the Church of England (and many other Christian churches), the year is split into various 'seasons' with different liturgical colours being used during each of them. The two great festivals of Christmas and Easter are followed by their own seasons (the season of Epiphany being effectively part of the Christmas season) and are both preceded by seasons of preparation: Advent and Lent respectively. The rest of the year is called 'Ordinary Time' – not 'ordinary' in the sense that it is 'everyday' but from the word 'ordinal' referring to numbers where the Roman Catholic Church numbers each Sunday which is not in one of the festive seasons, for example, 'Twenty seventh Sunday of the year'.

We are now in Ordinary Time until the season of Advent begins on the 30th November. However, during the month of November our churches often reflect a short 'sub-season' which has come to be known as the Kingdom season. The liturgical colour for the season is usually red but may turn to festive white on its last Sunday: the Feast of Christ the King.

In this season we reflect upon things temporal and things eternal – how we make a brief pilgrimage through this temporal world from the eternity of God back to the eternity of God. As the writer to the Hebrews put it, 'here we have no abiding city' – we are as it were 'of no fixed abode'. We are instead looking for the coming of God's eternal Kingdom at the end of time. And so while November is punctuated with days on which we remember the saints who have gone before us (All Saints Day), the departed (All Souls' Day) and 'those who have died for their country in war' (Remembrance Sunday) – times when we are perhaps looking back, the Kingdom season comes to a climax with the Feast of Christ the King, a feast very much of the present as we acknowledge Christ's reign in our hearts, in our life and in our death.

The values of the Kingdom are very much at odds with those of the world. Christ the King became a human being not to be served but to serve. The 'throne' from which he demonstrated the rule of God's love was the cross on which he died. His kingship is not based on human power but on serving and loving others. That is partly why during November we remember those who have gone before us and shown some of those Kingdom values in their lives. They are examples to us and encourage us to keep on trying to exhibit those same values in our lives until at last our prayer will be answered and God's Kingdom will 'come on earth as it is in heaven.'

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SERVICES and READINGS	THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY	
	Piddle Valley	**Three Churches**
2nd November **All Saints** Red *Ps 34.1-10* Rev 7.9-17 (use as OT lesson) Matt 5.1-12	***8.30am Holy Communion*** Alton Pancras **9.30am Family Service** Piddlehinton ***11.00am Morning Prayer*** Piddletrenthide **3.00pm All Souls' service** Piddletrenthide	***11.00am Morning Prayer*** Melcombe Horsey ***6.00pm Evening Prayer*** Cheselbourne
9th November **Remembrance Sunday** Red *Ps 70* Amos 5.18-24 1 Thess 4.13-end Matt 25.1-13	**10.50am Remembrance Service** **Piddletrenthide**	***8.30am Holy Communion*** (with Act of Remembrance) Hilton ***11.00am Parish Communion*** (with Act of Remembrance) Melcombe Horsey
11th November **Armistice Day**		**10.50am Cheselbourne Village School Remembrance Service** **Cheselbourne**
16th November **2 before Advent** Red *Ps 90.1-8* Zeph 1-7, 12-end 1 Thess 5.1-11 Matt 25.14-30	***8.30am Holy Communion*** Piddletrenthide ***11.00am Parish Communion*** Piddlehinton ***6.00pm Evening Prayer*** Alton Pancras	**9.30am Family Eucharist** Cheselbourne ***11.00am Morning Prayer*** Hilton
23rd November **Christ the King** White *Ps 95.1-7* Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24 Eph 1.15-end Matt 25.31-end	**9.30am Family Eucharist** Piddletrenthide ***6.00pm Evening Prayer*** Piddlehinton	***8.30am Holy Communion*** Cheselbourne **10.30am Stepping Stones (Toy)** Melcombe Horsey – Old Brewery Hall ***6.00pm Evening Prayer*** Hilton
30th November **Advent 1** Purple *Ps 80.1-8* Isa 64.1-9 (use as Epistle) Mark 13.24-37	***11.00am Parish Communion*** Piddlehinton	**6.00pm Advent Carols** Cheselbourne

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.

	Piddle Valley	Three Churches
7th December **Advent 2** Purple *Ps 85.8-end* Isa 40.1-11 (use as Epistle) Mark 1.1-8	***8.30am Holy Communion*** Alton Pancras **9.30am Family (Toy) Service** Piddlehinton ***11.00am Morning Prayer*** Piddletrenthide	**9.30am Family Eucharist** Hilton ***11.00am Morning Prayer*** Melcombe Horsey ***6.00pm Evening Prayer*** Cheselbourne
14th December **Advent 3** Purple *Ps 126* Isa 61.1-4, 8-end (use as Epistle) John 1.6-8, 19-28	**9.30am Family Eucharist** Alton Pancras ***6.00pm Evening Prayer*** Piddlehinton	***8.30am Holy Communion*** Hilton ***11.00am Parish Communion*** Melcombe Horsey
21st December **Advent 4** Purpple *Ps 89.1-9* 2 Sam 7.1-11, 16 (use as Epistle) Luke 1.26-38	***8.30am Holy Communion*** Piddletrenthide **4.30pm Christmas Carols** Piddletrenthide **6.00pm Christmas Carols** Piddlehinton	**6.00pm Christmas Carols** Milton Abbey
22nd December	**6.00pm Christmas Carols** Alton Pancras	
23rd December		**3.30pm Christingle Service** Cheselbourne
24th December **CHRISTMAS EVE** White Is 52.7-10 (use as Epistle) John 1.1-14 / Luke 2.1-7	**5.00pm Christingle Service** Piddletrenthide **7.00pm Carol singing** The Brace of Pheasants, Plush **11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas** Piddlehinton	**5.30pm Christingle Service** Hilton **11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas** Hilton
25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY** White Is 52.7-10 (use as Epistle) John 1.1-14 / Luke 2.1-7	**10.30am Christmas Family Eucharist** Alton Pancras	**9.00am Christmas Family Eucharist** Cheselbourne **10.30am Christmas Carols and Readings** Melcombe Horsey
28th December **The Holy Innocents** White *Ps 124* Jer 13.15-17 (use as Epistle) Matt 2. 13-18	**9.30am Family Eucharist** Piddlehinton	***11.00am Parish Communion*** Melcombe Horsey

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Arthur Edward Sanders Gratton was baptised at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton on the 7th September 2014.

Sophia Clair Carter and Olivia Florence Miller were baptised at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 21st September 2014.

Holy Matrimony

A service to bless the marriage of Richard Timothy Hanbury and Estelle Habury (née Harris) took place at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton on the 30th August 2014

A service to bless the marriage of Oscar Orlando Garcia Jnr and Eleanor Kate Garcia (née Hallam) took place at St Andrew's, Melcombe Horsey on the 6th September 2014.

Christopher William Abbott and Alison Patricia Koppenaal were married at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 13th September 2014.

Steffen Spillecke and Vanessa Yvonne Marie Helene Longueville were married at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton on the 26th September 2014.

Funerals

The funeral of James Alexander George Stockham of Eastbourne took place at All Saints', Piddletrenthide on the 21st August 2014 followed by burial.

The funeral of Leonard Francis Melling of Higher Ansty took place at Weymouth crematorium on the 1st September 2014.

The funeral of Vera Kathleen Alice Stirk of Melcombe Horsey took place at Weymouth crematorium on the 12th September 2014.

The funeral of David Alan Muir of Hilton took place at Poole crematorium on the 16th September 2014.

The ashes of Winifred Maude Bozeat of Poole were interred at All Saints', Hilton on the 23rd September 2014.

The funeral of Hazel Margaret Chubb of Cheselbourne took place at Yeovil crematorium on the 3rd October 2014.

BONFIRE & FIREWORK SAFETY

If you are having a bonfire, whether it's to get rid of garden waste or part of a celebration, take care. Follow the simple tips below to make sure you, and others are safe and acting lawfully.

Before you light the bonfire please call our Fire Control on 01305 753166 to inform them of your controlled burn, this can prevent false alarm calls or we can be prepared in case an incident does happen.

BUILDING A BONFIRE:

Fire can spread easily, so where and how you build your bonfire is important. If you have a bonfire, follow these simple guidelines:

- warn your neighbours beforehand - they are much less likely to complain
- light the bonfire at a time least likely to affect your neighbours
- light the fire when the wind is blowing away from your neighbours
- only burn dry material not damp, which causes more smoke
- build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees
- build the bonfire only when it is to be lit as otherwise wildlife may have taken shelter in the pile
- check there are no cables - like telephone wires - above the bonfire
- don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going – it may get out of control quickly.
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BONFIRE SAFETY TIPS:

Once the bonfire is lit, make sure you:

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby - in case of emergencies
- Don't leave the bonfire unattended
- Keep children and pets away from the bonfire
- Don't throw any fireworks into the fire
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint. Many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury.

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Alton Pancras

Remarkably, we are pleased to welcome new occupants to five of the eight houses that form Boldacre.

No.1, formerly Derek and Edna Jeanes, now Declan and Rhiannon and children Elijah 6 and Ozwyn (Oz) 4, both at Puddletown school, having moved here from Druce. Declan from Ireland is ex-owner of a Scuba Diving shop and is now IT manager at Dorset Cereals. Rhiannon is a Saturday librarian at Swanage; she formerly worked at Monkey World !

No 2 is Trina Richards from Dorchester with Zak 9 who attends Dorchester Middle School and loves the bus rides, and Caitlin 5 who is thoroughly enjoying Piddle Valley School.

No 3, Alison Price and husband Dean arrived here from Shropshire via Cornwall and are home-schooling children Keiron 14, Cody 12, Aleisha 10, Demi 9 and Ronnie 4.

No 4, Simon grew up at Cerne and still plays for their cricket team when not working with people with learning difficulties. Ros works for Children's Services and in her spare time makes jewellery to order. With Christmas in mind, don't be afraid to approach her for the latter. Former longtime occupant of 4 Dick Chubb has now moved to Piddlehinton.

No 7 possibly has the most interesting job title, a cattle foot trimmer. David Phillips describes his job with Synergy of Evershot as "anything a vet doesn't want to do." He and wife Carla moved here from Bere Regis.

….while in other news…..

Belated congratulations to John Waterman of the former Barcombe farm dynasty on reaching his 80th birthday. A photo of him hosting his birthday party appears elsewhere in this edition.

The Harvest Supper in a Barn, organised by churchwardens Sally Dangerfield and Susan Cheyne, raised £95 for church funds from its produce auction. Such activities are not in their job descriptions so extra thanks to them for this and all their other ex-curricula work. Rupert Edwards' number 7 won £25 in the church monthly draw but he must have spent more than that on some wild bidding in the auction.

Our church-history-book sale-coffee morning raised £107, boosted by a group of walkers, and a young couple starting on a plan to visit every Dorset village in alphabetical order, next stop Alweston.

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Ride and Stride – Alton Pancras

On September 13th, Sarah Cheyne and Charlie Thornton walked and cycled in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's annual Ride and Stride event. Together they raised £450 for the Trust and for Alton Pancras Church's maintenance fund, with Sarah walking from Buckland Newton as far as Minterne Magna and Nether Cerne, visiting 8 churches en route and returning via the Piddle Valley, and Charlie cycling 85 miles in total and visiting 27 local churches. Warm thanks to Sarah and Charlie and to all those from the village who sponsored them and offered tea and cake all day in the Church to visiting walkers and cyclists.

Many people, whether regular church-goers or not, would be very sad to see any of our Valley churches having to close, but Alton Pancras church alone costs £193 a day to run (not including repairs) with only a small grant from the parish council for upkeep of the churchyard. Our thanks as well to the regular team who ensure that St Pancras Church remains open to everyone for meetings and coffee mornings as well as Church services.

Jo Thornton

Piddlehinton

Piddlehinton Village Hall – What's on every week

Tuesdays		
YOGA	10 - 11.15 am (from 2nd September; block of 6 sessions £40)	
	Contact	Jane Evans / 01305 259754
TABLE TENNIS	7.00 – 9.00pm	
	Contact	Beryl Ellis / 01305 267394
POST OFFICE	2.00 – 4.00 pm	
SHORT MAT BOWLS	7.30 – 9.30 pm	(September - Easter)
	Contact	Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264
Wednesdays		
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Thursdays		
FIDDLESTICKS	9.30 - 11.00 am (parent + toddler group)	

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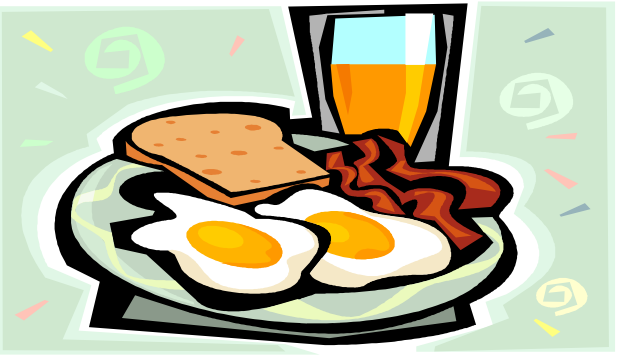

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Andy Howard / 01300 348406

Piddletrenthide + White Lackington

Piddletrenthide Fete
We had a most successful fete at the Manor in glorious sunshine on Sunday 22nd June. It was attended by young and old as well as quite a lot of dogs and the varied attractions meant that all had a most enjoyable day. It was very kind of James and Katy Boughey letting us all enjoy their garden and the huge amount of work that the fete committee put in, especially Tracy Mitchell and Mike Howard-Tripp, led to a most successful outcome. A big thank-you to all who helped and to all who came. The net takings were £4,354. A donation has been made to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the balance will go towards the ever increasing costs of maintaining the Church and the Churchyard as well as a contribution to the diocese for central costs.

William Ansell

Events at Wightmans Orchard

Thursday 20th November Monthly PRIZE BINGO 2 pm start

Thursday 18th December Christmas Lunch at 12.30 pm
followed by PRIZE BINGO at 2.30 pm

All are welcome - all enquiries to

Ian White / 01300 348298

News from Piddletrenthide Hedgehog Village

The Hedgehog Friends met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th September for their second meeting. The evening was not only useful and informative but also great fun! We enjoyed a glass of wine and nibbles as we talked, and were lucky to be joined by Suzy Varndell, from the Dorset Mammal Group, who explained the work of DMG and the setting up of the Hedgehog Town/Village idea; that is to promote interest in the declining numbers of hedgehogs. Suzy was able to provide answers to several questions during the evening.

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We had some new members including two people from Plush, a small hamlet to the North East of Piddletrenthide, one of whom regularly saw a hedgehog in her garden and the other did not, but desperately wanted to encourage them!

Everyone had a tale to tell, including Tina who brought along her home made "Hedgehog Café", made from a plastic storage box, with an opening, surrounded by piping and copper (this was to deter slugs from devouring the Café food before the hedgehogs got to it!) She also had photographs of one spiky visitor sitting right in the middle of the food bowl. Tina had regular visits from baby hedgehogs, tiny little hoglets that have now more than doubled in size and visit other Village gardens.

Prue Jakeman who lives on the far side of Tina's property had observed a hedgehog and a baby fox feeding from the same bowl, but was not quick enough to take a photo. Several other members have had regular Hedgehog visitors, and photos and tales were shared during the evening.

Kate Boyle had brought along a large map, and we plotted where mature, young and dead hedgehogs had been seen. From that information it became apparent that there are hedgehogs active in the centre of the village only; no sightings have been reported further afield, apart from the one at Plush.

We are asking two families in the north of the village to put out footprint tunnels to see if there are any signs of hedgehogs at that end of the village.

Two people from the next village, Piddlehinton, joined us, and had not seen any signs of hedgehogs, but were keen to encourage them and record any sightings, or signs.

The Village School is adjacent to the areas where hedgehogs are now known to visit, and the new Headmistress, Jayne Browne, and the School Secretary, Claire Warne also attended the meeting and have become Hedgehog Friends. They reported that the School had a "wild, woodland area" where they had put a hedgehog house and a footprint tunnel. They are very keen to become a Hedgehog School and will be hosting our next meeting in the New Year'.

Janet Keen / 01300 348851
or Kate Boyle / 01300 348562
Piddletrenthide Village Co-ordinators

Piddletrenthide Open Gardens 2015

The Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall Trustees will be organising a Piddletrenthide Open Gardens weekend on 13th and 14th June 2015. Save the date now and if you live in Piddletrenthide, please start preening your garden!

Ros Charlton

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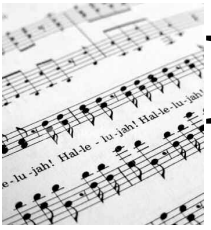

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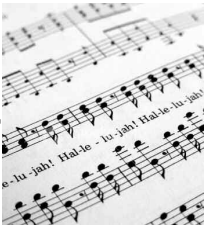

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- The Lunch Club 12.30 pm usually on the 3rd Friday of the month welcomes new members and new helpers (extra help would be **much appreciated** for 4 hours just once or twice a year). £5 for a two-course lunch plus tea or coffee and good company.

  On 28th November the menu will be
  Cottage Pie with Dauphinoise potatoes and peas,
  followed by Spiced Plum Crumble with custard.

  On 12th December the menu will be a Christmas meal
  Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, vegetables and all the trimmings
  , followed by Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies

  To join us for lunch please contact

  Ann Hawker / 01300 348329

- Country Dancing on Mondays 2.15 - 4.15 pm; contact
  Jane Preston / 01300 348545

- Fitness Class on Tuesdays from 10.30 – 11.30 am - come along and have a go for £4 a session; contact
  Sarah Mitchell / 01258 817288

- Artsreach and other events, see separate posters in this publication

- Gardens Club and other events held at the Hall have more variable programme dates. For more information on these, please see under Clubs, Groups and Organisations.

To hire the hall at a very reasonable rate, including furniture and well equipped kitchen with dishwasher, please contact the Bookings Officer

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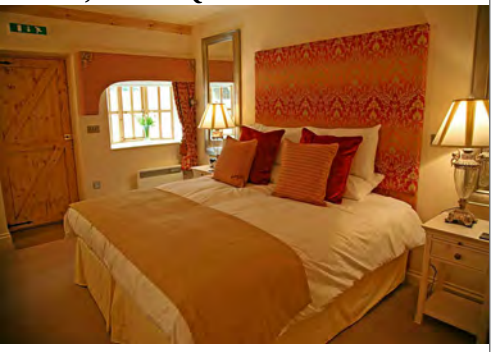

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Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Help make the Vision for our future

Newsletter 11

To all residents and friends of the Piddle Valley

I hope that you have seen the ideas of the Neighbourhood Plan that have been published in previous issues of News & Views, and also displayed at each of this year's fetes. We now need to gather your views further, especially about housing, to see whether or not you are in agreement. To that end five meetings have been arranged, one for each of the communities within the Valley, details of which are later in this section. Please try and come because the Neighbourhood Plan should be what the majority of you want. The volunteers working on it are here solely to facilitate your views.

Last month we had a lively and encouraging "dress rehearsal" for these meetings in Piddlehinton. After that meeting there is some background to the Neighbourhood Plan that I think is worth reiterating. The Government and the opposition both want to encourage more houses to be built and make it easier for these to be bought. They are changing planning policy to make it easier to build and there is a presumption in favour of building affordable homes. This means that there will be development in the Valley in the coming years.

What then is the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan? It is so local people can influence the location of the sites and the number, type and size of housing each contains. More importantly to many people, the Neighbourhood Plan can protect green spaces and views so that they are not developed in the next 15 years, the life of the Plan. There is a balance; for the Plan to be accepted it cannot only designate protected green spaces it has to offer some housing sites in return. There are other benefits that can come out of the Plan. Conditions can be attached that can have other benefits to the community such as the provision of a new village hall.

We know from the survey we carried out last year that there are people born, brought up and now working in the Valley who would like to live here, but cannot afford it. There are also people living here, who brought their families up here but whose houses and gardens are now too large for them, that would like to downsize. These are the people we are trying to help. So please try and come to the village meetings, especially if you have or know of a need for local housing.

Paul Johns, Working Group Chairman
telephone 01300 348154
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VENUES, DATE & TIMES FOR EACH VILLAGE MEETING

It is hoped that all residents will attend their Village Meeting to contribute view and comments and discuss the developing Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan

ALTON PANCRAS
St Pancras Church
Wednesday 19th November
7.30 pm

WHITE LACKINGTON
Piddle Valley First School
Thursday 20th November
7.30 pm

PIDDLEHINTON
Village Hall
Wednesday 26th November
7.30 pm

PIDDLETRENTHIDE
Piddle Valley First School
Thursday 27th November
7.30 pm

PLUSH
The Brace of Pheasants
Wednesday 3rd December
7.30 pm

Housing - both for open market and low cost for local people

led by Malcolm Johnston *mjz@btinternet.com / 01300 34869*

The main focus of our work during the past two months has been consideration of suggested sites for housing in Piddlehinton. The publication of these sites at the local fetes, and in the last edition of Piddle Valley News and Views, prompted some concerned and informative emails about the proposals and comments on the way they were selected. Consequently an informal meeting was arranged for the correspondents, and others interested, and this was held on 8th October in the Piddlehinton village hall. Over 80 residents attended and we were gratified that this represented more than a 20% turnout, an indicator of excellent local participation.

The role of the Neigbourhood Plan was described and the approach taken by the Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Housing group was described. There followed discussion of the group's working method and issues around the suggested sites for new housing. Full notes of the meeting may be found on the website www.piddlevalley.info

The Housing group has subsequently met to discuss the issues raised and modify proposals. The changes decided by the Housing group relate to the following sites in Piddlehinton :

High Street
Remove the site from our plans but refer it to the Village group for further consideration.

Paynes Close
Leave the site in our plans but ask the Village group to advise further.

London Row
Remove the site from our plans but refer it to the Village group for further consideration.

New Site
A new site at Dales Corner, south of the village, has been proposed for consideration and this has also been referred to the Village group.

In addition, an important outcome of the Piddleinton meeting has been the formation of a group within that village to consider other potential housing options. I am delighted that Vicky Stevens, Alan Philips, Bob Cunningham, Paul White, Katrina Baker Copp and Vicky Miles have come forward to join under Piddlehinton group leader, Sara Milne (saramilne@googlemail.com). This group will pass their ideas to the Housing group.

Towards the end on November through to the beginning of December, a meeting for each of the Valley villages will be held. At each meeting the sets of policies proposed for building within and outside villages will be presented, in addition to the sites identified as having good potential for new houses (see maps in last edition of Piddle Valley News and Views or on our website www.piddlevalley.info).

It will be very helpful to have as many local people as possible at each meeting so we may learn your views and ideas.

Community energy generation and low energy design

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

The recently commissioned Woodland Report confirmed a significant stock of fallen and poor quality trees sufficient to supply logs and kindling through the Valley for many years to come. By agreement with woodland owners, Forestry Consultant Richard Preston (accompanied by Environment and Energy Group Leaders) inspected six woodlands in the Valley. Subsequent discussion with woodland owners confirmed the extent of activity and management. While a small portion of woodland is managed, the majority of woodlands are unmanaged and much of the woodland throughout the Valley is used by local Shoots.

The Report recommends greater management of woodland to `;

- ensure the flora and fauna natural habitat be better conserved and protected
- enable organised replanting
- encourage the reintroduction of coppicing
- convert fallen timber to logs and kindling

Woodland management can be self-financing and there are successful privately owned as well as community woodland enterprise models in Dorset. Furthermore woodland management would enhance the value of woodland and ensure its long term survival as well as contributing to the Valleys attractive landscape.

A Community Land Trust could be the mechanism for improving the management of woodlands and would enable 'local' logs and kindling to be purchased throughout the Valley.

- creating employment opportunities
- identifying suitable local storage facilities
- funding the machinery and equipment

We need to establish the demand for logs and kindling through the Valley and would appreciate your help by completing the Questionnaire enclosed with the PVNV November / December issue.

Transport, traffic speed, footpaths, cycleways and communications

led by Neil Herbert *neilherbert45@yahoo.co.uk / 01300 348479*

Broadband

Latest Superfast broadband update from "dorsetforyou" was issued on Wednesday 21 October 2014; see http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/superfast/availability/map It would appear that most of the Piddle Valley area should have "Superfast Broadband" available by Spring 2015, with the Egypt area of Piddletrenthide and Alton Pancras following sometime later in 2015. Sadly the Enterprise Park area of Piddlehinton seems to be on the "back burner", with availability still in the development stage.

Traffic and Safety

During the village fetes in 2013 and 2014 we received lots of suggestions regarding traffic and safety issues, the majority of which were related to speeding traffic - the Piddle Valley Community Speed Watch was initiated as a direct result of the issues raised by residents, and has been operating in the valley since March 2014. Also, the schoolchildrens "KEEP US SAFE" signs have been erected in an attempt to persuade people to drive within the speed limits. Other ideas were to introduce "Traffic Calming" measures, such as "lower speed limits", "speed bumps" and "narrowing of roads" at various locations in the valley.

With the village meetings in late November / December 2014 it is essential that we get a realistic understanding of what you the residents want - for instance do we continue (or increase) the Community Speed Watch operation? Do we try to instigate the installation of "Traffic Calming" measures? Do we progress with both - **these decisions are yours!**

It must be noted however that persuading WDDC/DCC to install "Traffic Calming" measures could be difficult, if not almost impossible - the "dorsetforyou" website link below sets out the criteria for taking schemes forward :

https://www.dorsetforyou.com/travel-dorset/roads-and-driving/road-information/traffic-management/requesting-new-traffic-management-measures

Rights of Way

As you are probably aware, we are looking at the feasibility of creating an all weather surface suitable for horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians along the existing bridleway from Rectory Road, Piddlehinton to Church Lane, Piddletrenthide.

What other issues are there in relation to Rights of Way in our area, for example what is the current position relating to "BOATS" (Byways Open to All Traffic) on our local bridleways ?

Village Meetings Please make a note of the Village meeting dates and come along and "have your say" – we really do want your input and views.

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Plush

Residents and visitors have been delighted to see the return of the 'box of pheasants'. Phil Bennett explained that the familiar Brace of Pheasants sign came down in the high winds on Valentine's Night; John Hudson from Piddlehinton has made the new sign using existing pheasants from inside the pub. In case you aren't passing through the village, see the front cover.

General News + Notices ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Piddle Valley Community Speed Watch Update

Dorset Police are currently operating a 'no excuse' casualty reduction operation which includes hard-hitting publicity and education and is actively supported by the Dorset Road Safe partners. The campaign supports the Force's priority to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads. The message going out loud and clear is that there is 'no excuse' for bad or careless driving and riding on Dorset's roads.

Dorset Police, supported by Dorset Road Safe, are conducting additional, sustained, high-visibility enforcement and police led covert operations in order to crack down on the main types of driving behaviour that are known to result in fatal and serious injuries.

The no excuse campaign aims to stop drivers from committing any of the 'fatal four':

- speed
- driving whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- failing to wear a seatbelt
- using a mobile phone/distraction

Organisations that make up the Dorset Road Safe partnership include Dorset Police, Dorset County Council, Borough of Poole, Bournemouth Borough Council, the Highways Agency, Her Majesty's Courts Service, Crown Prosecution Service, NHS South West, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and LV Streetwise.

Sadly, despite the above, to date in excess of 300 drivers have been recorded exceeding the threshold speed limit on our local Piddle Valley roads and have been reported to Dorset Police for further action.

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

13 + 27 November 4 + 18 December

STURMINSTER NEWTON sessions will be held at The Exchange on the following Wednesdays:

5 + 26 November

These sessions are all open at the same hours, 13.30 to 15.30 and 16.30 to 19.00.

Rosalyn Charlton

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - 2015 Diaries

If you would like to further support your local Air Ambulance, we now have a stock of 2015 Slimline Calendars, with envelopes, at £5 each, 2015 Diaries at £4 each and packs of various designs of Christmas Cards at £3.50 per pack of 10.

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A new support group for Carers

The first members of the Carers Moving Forward group, which launched in Dorchester on September 18, have welcomed the support it will provide. The group aims to help carers whose loved ones have had to go into residential care, leaving them coping with a mixture of emotions – including loneliness, guilt and a sense of loss. It is not a counselling service but will provide information, sometimes with speakers, as well as organising social activities for people who suddenly find themselves alone.

Carer Janet*, whose husband has a progressive genetic neurological disease, told founder Enid Evans, 'One thing that drew me here was the fact that you had identified completely how I feel.'

She looked forward to the camaraderie that would come from other people who would understand how she felt. 'My children ask "Why does he have to go through all this?" she added. 'You just can't see the end of it.'

Jack*, whose wife has dementia and had to go into care unexpectedly when he had the first of two heart attacks, said, 'I couldn't look after my wife and she couldn't look after me.' He had had to heed the advice from the couple's mental health case worker that going to see her every day was making his own health worse - a difficult decision.'I have got a great deal out of coming here today and talking to you all,' said Jack.

Elise Ripley, representing NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, explained how health and social services were working more closely together now and urged members to take every opportunity to contribute their views to the development of services. She answered questions as to what help for carers was available.

After the meeting, Mrs Evans said she was delighted with the way the first meeting had gone and how it had proved the need for such a group. 'Any carer whose loved one has either gone into care - or is likely to – can come along; we are friendly and informal and you will be welcomed warmly,' she said. * NB Carers names have been changed.

The group, which has a committee of volunteers but urgently needs a secretary, meets on the third Monday of every month at AGE UK, Dorchester, from 10am to 12 noon.

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DCC Trading Standards - 'Good neighbours stop rogue traders'

Latest research shows that nationally there could be as many as 170,000 incidents of doorstep crime each year. Doorstep criminals exploit vulnerable residents by convincing them to pay for shoddy or incomplete repair work, charging extortionate fees for their services, or threatening residents who do not pay. Thankfully doorstep crime is low in Dorset and with your help we'd like to keep it that way is the message from Dorset County Council trading standards this November during National Consumer Week.

The 'Good neighbours stop rogue traders' campaign focuses on preventing doorstep crime by encouraging neighbours, family, friends and carers to look out for those most at risk in their communities.

Good neighbours stop rogue traders by looking out for the following signs:

- Traders have been cold calling in the area
- Builder's van parked nearby, without a company name or contact details
- Building or maintenance work on neighbour's garden or house starts unexpectedly
- Poor quality work is visible on the roof, driveway, or property
- Your neighbour appears anxious or distressed
- Your neighbour visits the bank, building society, or post office more frequently, particularly if they are accompanied by a trader.

If any of these signs are familiar then why not :

- Ask your neighbour in private - in person or on the phone - if things are OK
- If they are displeased, suggest calling a relative or carer on their behalf
- Note any vehicle registration numbers
- Keep hold of any flyers you have received through your door
- Ask if the trader has left any paperwork and put it in a clean food bag for later use as evidence.

Report non emergency information to the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06, or Dorset Police on 101. In an emergency call 999.

Why not display one of our new 'We do not deal with uninvited traders' door stickers to deter doorstep trading? You could pass supplies to your neighbours too. We've made them for you, so pick up a pair of stickers from your district or borough council office reception, from most libraries, through the Neighbourhood and Home Watch network, by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or by completing an online form at dorsetforyou.com/uninvited-traders to have them sent out to you.

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Malcolm Davenport
Dorset Police, Volunteer 4820, Dorchester

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

Fiddlesticks - parent and toddler group

Run by Kathy Kelly, a fully qualified child care worker who has been working with families for 12 years, providing a nurturing and creative space to play. Fiddlesticks has its roots in celebrating the Seasons and Festivals of the year. Using baking , crafts , music and story telling, Fiddlesticks operates currently on a Thursday from Piddlehinton Village Hall. First session free, then £8 (£6 concession) per session; payment by the term when settled in. If interested in a place call

Kathy Kelly / 07776141824

Three Valleys Wildlife Group Talk - "Deer Conservation"

7:30 pm, 18th November, Herrison Hall, Charlton Down

The Three Valleys Wildlife Group offers evening talks through the winter and occasional outings in the summer. Although the group is formally linked to the Dorset Wildlife Trust, all meetings are open to anyone and especially to locals and cover a wide range of topics related to the countryside. You don't have to join any organisation and no expert knowledge is assumed. The next talk by Jan Andrews (RDMS) is on Deer conservation and management. Free entry but donation £3 requested includes coffee and biscuits. Further details from

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Piddle Valley Gardens Club

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Ros Charlton, Secretary / 01300 348063

Piddle Valley Over 60s

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 6th November and the speakers will be "The Bag Ladies". The talk will be followed by a cream tea. At this meeting the Christmas lunch will be discussed and menus will be distributed.

On Thursday 4th December our Christmas lunch will be at the Halsey Arms at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.

Hilary French / 01305 848501

Cerne Sheep Group

Monday, November 3rd 8pm at The King's Arms, Dorchester, High East Street DT1 1HF. Our speaker is Kat Bazeley of Synergy Farm Health, who specialises in sheep. She will bring very graphic slides and invite us to differentiate between the various causes of lameness – to trim or not to trim (apologies to William Shakespeare).

Saturday, November 15th Butchery day at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester DT2 8PY. All equipment will be provided, with participants learning how to cut up lamb which can then be taken home. £139.

Contact Freda / 01935 891448 or fredahennessy@fredahennessy.plus.com

Monday, December 1st 8pm at The King's Arms. Buffet with speaker, retired lawyer and County Coroner Michael Johnson, who keeps Manx Loaghtan and Portland sheep. We hope he will bring pictures of his four-horned Manx (who occasionally have six). Warning: anecdotes about the law and forensics may not be exactly festive but they will make you laugh !

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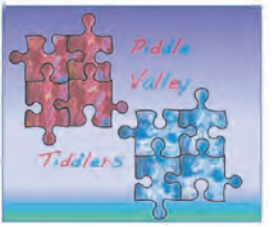
Piddle Valley Tiddlers



Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Group

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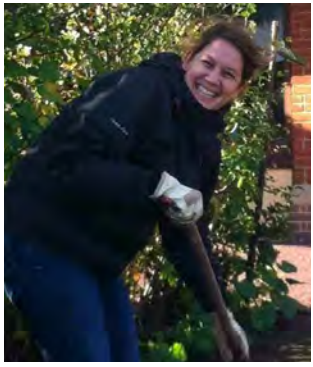

What a busy but fantastic start to our autumn term and to my new post as Acting Head teacher at Piddle Valley CE VA First School ! The welcome I have received from the pupils, staff, parents and the local community has been amazing and I am already feeling part of the school family. We have lots of exciting events planned and I feel very honoured and excited to be involved.

After a glorious Summer holiday the children all returned to school on Tuesday 2nd September and our first event of the term was welcoming our new Reception Class of 15 and introducing Acting Head teacher Mrs Browne.

The children have taken part in numerous activities this first half term. The Year 3 children joined with the Dorset Inside Outside Art Work with a day spent at Little Bredy taking part in workshops, followed by two days in school of drama and art.

We had a beautiful Harvest Festival service in school with each class taking part and showcasing their ideas about harvest. A large amount of produce and tinned goods were collected which were donated to the homeless.

Our Gardening Club goes from strength to strength and we have recently had a poly tunnel installed for planting and growing more fruit and vegetables. Our hardy group of parents turned out on Saturday 4th October, after the rain, and tidied and pruned the garden ready for the winter months.

We have had several visiting specialists in school. A dental hygienist spoke to Reception and Year 1 about caring for their teeth and everyone went away smiling with a new toothbrush and toothpaste. Zoolab came with their mini beasts and we spent the morning learning about spiders, snails, cockroaches and other crawling creatures. The option to handle all these lovely animals was taken by some, although the children seemed keener than the staff !

We all supported Jeans 4 Genes day and came dressed down in our Jeans for the day whilst raising over £100 for this worthwhile charity.

The next half term looks to be equally exciting as we work towards the festive period with Christmas Crafts, a Nativity play and a carol service already in the diary.

Jayne Browne, Head Teacher

photograph - Jayne Browne, Head Teacher
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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 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.

Next meetings 25th November 2014 27th January 2015

Piddlehinton Parish Councillor
There is still a further vacancy for a co-opted Parish Councillor. If you are interested, please contact the Chairman – John Cox, on 01300 348454.

Dorset Fingerpost renovation project
Dorset ANOB Partnership are promoting the repair and renovation of the old fashioned fingerpost roadsigns in Dorset. They have published a Dorset Fingerpost newsletter (which can be found on the www.piddlevalley.info website), giving details of the projects in hand and ways in which anyone can become involved in locating, recording and/or repairing these rapidly disappearing pieces of our heritage.

If you are interested in any way, please read their newsletter and visit their website www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/our-work/rural-roads/fingerpostproject for more information.

In 2013, Plush refurbished their own fingerpost. Their story is on the News & Views page of www.piddlevalley.info website.

Parking on the road at Piddle Valley First School
This is continuing to cause concern, with the number of people parking on the road and the pavement by the school, or in Northover Close, causing danger to the children, pedestrians, motorists & horses. Would parents please avoid using cars unless absolutely essential. Walking to and from school is healthier, safer, gives time to talk to your children and other parents. The Highway Code gives the following information regarding parking at junctions :

Here are 4 sections of the Highway code that all of us who live in the Piddle Valley need to observe to keep our residents, either 2 legged or 4, safe, especially in the areas around the School, the Village shop and the Village Halls.

DO NOT stop or park :

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

You should not park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

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Animals

When passing animals, drive slowly. Give them plenty of room and be ready to stop. Do not scare animals by sounding your horn, revving your engine or accelerating rapidly once you have passed them. Look out for animals being led, driven or ridden on the road and take extra care. Keep your speed down at bends and on narrow country roads. If a road is blocked by a herd of animals, stop and switch off your engine until they have left the road. Watch out for animals on unfenced roads.

Horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles. Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when overtaking. Always pass wide and slowly. Horse riders are often children, so take extra care and remember riders may ride in double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse or rider. Look out for horse riders' and horse drivers' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop. Take great care and treat all horses as a potential hazard.

A reminder to dog owners that putting the waste in a plastic bag and then throwing it into the fields or hedgerows is dangerous to cattle, unsightly, a health risk to children and does not compost away. Please take it home with you and put it in your fortnightly waste. Dorset Waste Partnership confirm that putting pet waste in the rubbish collection is permitted.

Reminder to those who receive help with housing that they need to re-register – District Councillor Jackie Cuff raised this so if you need further information she will be able to give you details. She can be contacted on 01935 426624 or email cllrj.cuff@westdorset-dc.gov.uk

The Electoral Review of Dorset

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Dorset County Council. They are seeking the views on future division boundaries for the council. You can view interactive maps of the county and have your say at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk Find out more about the review at www.lgbce.org.uk email views to reviews@lgbce.org.uk Consultation closes on 1 December 2014

Healthwatch Dorset

Healthwatch is the independent consumer champion for health and social care, created to gather and represent the views of the public. Healthwatch is playing a role at both national and local level and is making sure that the views of the public and the people who use their services are taken into account. They are looking for Healthwatch Champions – more information contact Chris Wakefield 0300 111 0102 or email enquiries@healthwatchdorset.co.uk Website: www.healthwatchdorset.co.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Approved

WD/D/14/001791	Unit 37, Enterprise Park, Piddlehinton. Construct Machinery Store to replace existing storage containers.
WD/D/14/001312	Doles Farm Lodge, Doles Ash. Replace existing Conservatory with new brickwork and glazing under existing roof.
WD/D/14/001502	3 Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. Lay hard standing to frontage.
WD/D/14/001676	Brownsville, Piddletrenthide. Erect single storey link and two storey extension (renewal of previous consent)
WD/D/14/000773	The Old Post Office, Alton Pancras. Replace gable end window, all joinery on conservatory

Refused

WD/D/14/001711	Bourne Park, Piddlehinton. Change of Use of Offices to 9 Residential units. (Withdrawn 01/08/14)
WD/D/14/000924	Videne, Smiths Lane, Piddletrenthide. Erect Agricultural worker dwelling. (Withdrawn 22/10/14)

Pending

WD/D/14/002433	Thimble Inn, Piddletrenthide. New external lighting at high level on gable wall (Listed Building). (Comments by 1st November)
WD/D/14/001337	Nettle Cottage, Egypt, Piddletrenthide. Proposed two storey extension, change of use of garden, additional vehicle access
WD/D/14/001466	Land opposite Lower Farm, Plush. Erection of 4 pairs semi-detached low cost houses, 1 detached dwelling with Tea Room , associated parking for walkers & public Green Space (outline application).
WD/D/14/002421	Field B8, Bourne Farm, Piddlehinton. Erect sub-station and associated buried cables between Solar array and anaerobic digester plant. (Comments by 23rd October.)
WD/D/14/002518	Brace of Pheasants, Plush. Extend and alter to provide 10 Holiday accommodation units, replacement staff/owner dwelling and remove condition 7 of consent 1/E/2000/0358 (Occupancy restriction) (Comments by 8th November)
WD/D/14/002005	Happiness Cottage, 12 Rectory Rd, Piddlehinton. Install Oil Fired Central Heating (Listed Building)

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 if you wish to comment to the Planning Authority.

Andy Howard / 01300 348406

Plush Cricket Club

Plush Cricket Club have recently finished their cricket season. The weekend fixtures proved more successful than the evening league games : **Won 14 Tied 1 Lost 13**

In 2013 we were promoted into Division 2 of the Dorchester Evening Cricket League. The standard in this division is much tougher and, although we made no new signings, I was hopeful that the ability of our young squad along with some older players would bode well and we would win enough games to stay up. However, we did not start well and were hammered in the first round of the cup and a few of the league games. We then won a few including at Hazelbury Bryan with only 10 men ! Then a key game away to Frampton towards the end of the season when all we had to do was tie the game to ensure Division 2 cricket in 2015. Unfortunately Frampton hit 202 runs in just 18 overs on their very small ground at Cattistock; one of their players hit 100 not out. Batting second Plush hit back with Fergus Taylor hitting 4 fours in the first over ! He was then out but his younger brother Charlie then set about demolishing the Frampton bowlers, assisted by Roger Edmonds. Charlie smashed the ball to all parts of the ground and Plush needed less than 100 runs with 9 overs and 9 wickets left. Then wickets started to fall and we were left needing just 11 runs to tie off the last over. Unfortunately we could only muster 8 runs and finished 3 runs short. This result meant a play off against Abbotsbury which we unfortunately lost heavily, therefore Division 3 Evening Cricket League beckons. However, should a new team join the evening league we may well be offered the chance to stay in Division 2 which we will accept.

On Sundays we played our usual mix of friendly cricket and Three Counties League 40 over cricket. We won some and lost some and had a lot of very enjoyable games with some notable performances such as George Chubb hitting 118 runs in one innings, Pearce Mercer hitting 110 not out in another. Roger Edmonds led the way with the ball and had figures of 5 for 18 in one game, and brothers Declan and Owen Chubb took 4 for 10 and 5 for 8 respectively as their best wicket hauls in one game. The culmination of the 3CL saw us winning our last 2 games to be crowned Three Counties League Winners – well done all, an excellent achievement.

We held annual fundraisers - Clay Pigeon shoot in conjunction with the Ducks and Drakes Cancer Charity and our Cricket Tournament. The shoot was a great day and we were pleased to give the Ducks and Drakes Charity a cheque for £300.00. The tournament was also a brilliant day of cricket with the final won by Stuart Dipple's XI. Club funds were bolstered by this event. We have now finished our cricket net which was well used throughout the season.

Finally I wish to thank our ground staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the season to ensure the pitch plays well and looks fantastic and also the players for making themselves available. Should anyone wish to join us and play some good, fun cricket in 2015, please give me a call or e-mail.

Graeme Stephens / 07899 663773 / Graeme.zoarvillas@virgin.net

Casterbridge Indoor Bowls

Come and join us for 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. All are welcome to join whether experienced or novice; bowls are available 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 Monday morning.

Mike / 01300 348610, Gordon / 01305 753521

Piddle Valley Tennis Club

Welcoming new and old members for only -	Family	£28 per year
	Single Adult	£17 per year
	Single Junior	£10 per year

Visit - http://piddlevalleytennis.googlepages.com/ or call 01300 348277

Jonathan Bond, Secretary

SHORT MAT	Thursdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.30 – 9.30 pm
BOWLS	Contact	Sheila Hornyak / 01300 34826
TABLE TENNIS	Tuesdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.00 – 9.00 pm
	Contact	Beryl Ellis / 01305 267394
CRICKET CLUB	Contact	Graeme Stephens / 07899 663773
BADMINTON	Tuesdays	Piddlehinton Gym 2 – 4 pm
	Contact	Hilary French / 01300 848501
TENNIS	Visit	www.piddlevalleytennis.googlepages.com
	Contact	01300 349277
YOGA	Tuesdays	Piddlehinton Village Hall 10 - 11.15 am
	Contact	Jane Evans / 01305 259754
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Time on your hands?

Choice is a wonderful thing - especially when it's offered by such a huge undertaking as the NHS

But choice comes at a price. And the price for people who live in the Piddle Valley and who have decided they'd like to be treated by the doctors in Puddletown is the difficulty they face in getting there. This difficulty becomes a real nightmare if they are getting on in years, have no transport of their own or suffer from some disability.

Puddletown Surgery is served by a group of volunteer drivers who not only take its qualifying patients to and from the surgery itself but also to other medically related appointments: to hospital, dentists, opticians and other therapists. The service is called Puddletown NeighbourCar and is supported by both the health service and by Dorset County Council. It has altogether a couple of dozen drivers who give their time to help people who are registered with the scheme and who have no other means of getting to their appointments.

How do the readers of Piddle Valley News & Views come in ?

The reason you are reading this appeal is that when the NeighbourCar scheme began five years ago, the Valley had four drivers. Now there are none. All the former drivers have either moved away or feel they are now no longer fit enough to do the job.

Could you help your neighbours by replacing them ?

It wouldn't be a taxing commitment. On average our drivers do only one journey a week and in your area the job would be even less onerous. All your expenses are paid and you will be fully insured. All it would cost you to be a volunteer driver is your time. And the gratitude of those you'd be helping is a real recompense for that.

If you can help, please contact

Francis Copeman on 01305 848499

and thank you for reading this far.

Mike Chaney Puddletown NeighbourCar scheme organiser
chaneatley@tiscali.co.uk

Puddletown Surgery

Tel 01305 848333

Athelhampton Road, Puddletown, DT2 8FY

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

Flu Vaccination Clinics 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.

Viewing your medical record online Many of our patients already go online to order their repeat medication and to book online appointments. We have now extended our online services to include a limited view of your medical record online. When you log in securely to the Online Access area of our surgery website (www.puddletownsurgery.co.uk), you will see a new option: "View your Medical Record". Simply click on this and you will be able to see your major problems, medication, immunisations and allergies.

Patient Reference Group We continue to be busy building up Patient Reference Group. Members of the group would be contacted only a couple times a year to ask their opinion on improvements and changes at the surgery. Contact is likely to be by email, but if you don't have email we can use the phone or the postal service. If you feel you'd like to be a member of our Reference Group, or would simply like to know more, please email me at carol.taylor@gp-j81616.nhs.uk or phone 01305 848333 and leave your name.

Christmas Opening Arrangements The Surgery will be open as usual, only closed on Christmas Day, Thursday 25th and Boxing Day, Friday 26th December and open as normal on Saturday 27th December. At New Year the Surgery will be closed on Thursday 1st January and will re-open on Friday 2nd January 2014.

Surgery and Dispensary Opening Times

Monday to Friday 8.30 – 6.30 and Saturday 8.30 – 11.00

ACTIVITIES AT
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Tuesday Evening Badminton from 8pm
Contact Pauline Adams on 01300 345459

Indoor Bowls Monday mornings
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Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings
Contact John Holt on 07970 459169

Crossways Archery Club Sunday afternoons
Contact Sheila Ryall 01258 837504

Zumba classes Thursday evenings
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Remote Control Car Club Friday evenings
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If you are looking for premises to run a club
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At Cerne Abbas Surgery we are committed to providing patient centred medical care to all our patients. I am happy to help with any queries or comments you may have about the care and services you receive. Please contact me through reception on 01300 341666.

Lynne Dolder, Practice Manager

The Friends Of The Practice Volunteer Car Scheme

Cerne Abbas surgery has been running the car scheme by itself for over four years. During that time there have been seismic changes to how the NHS is run, with more and more emphasis on localism, culminating in the formation of Clinical Commissioning Groups. While giving more powers to local GPs, the additional administrative burden put on the Practice means that it cannot put the necessary time and energy into developing the existing car scheme – something has to change.

This is a direct appeal for help from the local community. We are looking for two or three residents to volunteer to take up the running of the Car Scheme :

- **A Champion for the scheme** who would look after the interest of the drivers (currently there are 12 volunteers), recruit new drivers and generally promote the scheme within the local community. There are many examples of volunteer car schemes running successfully within Dorset and a lot of advice and support is readily available.
- **A Treasurer for the scheme** who would ensure that the drivers continued to receive their 45p per mile recompense for every journey undertaken and to prepare a simple set of accounts yearly.
- **A Co-Ordinator** to book patient journeys, typically from home to the surgery or to hospital appointments.

The reception staff would continue to support the Co-ordinator as they know the drivers and the patients who need help with journeys. Residents who are potentially interested in helping are invited to contact the Practice Manager – Lynne Dolder - by phone 01300 341666 or by e-mail lynne.dolder@dorset.nhs.uk

Travel - A visit to the Holy Land in 1928 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

" We arrived early on Christmas Eve morning at Haifa, Palestine. Looking out of my porthole at daybreak, I saw the sandy bay and low-lying hills all around; Mount Carmelrugged and bare, rose high on our right and I pictured vividly the scene of Elijah calling down fire from heaven to proclaim the greatness of his God where the priests of Baal had failed. We landed in huge flat-bottomed barges with forms placed across to sit on. In rough weather people have to land in baskets; I heard one sailor giving devout thanks that they were spared struggling with old ladies in baskets.

Five hours' train journey through rough rocky country brought us to Jerusalem situatedon the top of a sandy-looking hillside. No vehicles can drive through the town as the streets are all so narrow and irregular, with many steps leading up and down. We entered by the Jaffa Gate and at once were in the midst of familiar names and places; David's Tower and Mount Sion enclose the remains of the house of Caiphas in which the early scenes of the Crucifixion took place and very near the room of the Last Supper is covered now by a mosque. We were shown the spot of the Scourging and the pillar to which Christ was bound. The arches and pillars, witnesses to Pilate's judgment to all, are still standing below the present street level.

After dinner on Christmas Eve we drove to Bethlehem five miles away to attend the service in the Church built in the 4th century over the very spot of the stable and manger. It seemed a dream to be there; the service did not begin until 10.30, but by 9 o'clock we could hardly find seats. Everyone was very reverent. During that quiet time it was possible to live through the wondrous event; all else seemed to disappear, there was just the marvellous Light.

On Christmas Day, we drove out again to Bethlehem and this time visited the stable and manger just below a very small rock grotto where they were holding a service. We squeezed in and were shown the very spot marked by a star above, the manger, which is just a cleft in the rock. But these details did not matter; just to walk about Bethlehem and look up to the shepherds' fields and to see the old gateway of the inn and surely the same-looking people in the streets, for I don't think they ever change. It was all a thrilling experience.

We drove to the Mount of Olives passing the Garden of Gethsemane, so full of sacred memories. There are olive trees 2,000 years old still standing, and the altar of the little church encloses the Rock of the Agony. We continued the drive up the mountain with full hearts; we imagined the walks and talks Christ had with the disciples and saw the spot where, looking down on Jerusalem on the opposite hill, He wept over it and the desolation to come.

An afternoon's drive to Jericho will live ever in the memory. We passed through Bethany, a stony village on the hillside, and then began a gradual descent for forty

miles. We saw wild bare looking country where the scene of the Good Samaritan took place; we saw the ravine through which the Kedron runs, where Elijah was fed by ravens; now a monastery perches there in wild seclusion. The country grew sandier and wilder as we went on in the wilderness of John the Baptist, and further on the scene of the Temptation. We caught sight of the Dead Sea lying far below, a blue peaceful lake backed by the blue and purple Mountains of Moab with wonderful lights and shadows on them, and in front the yellow sand of the desert. We had ten miles of rocky bumpy old river beds to reach the lake where the water tasted so bitter and salt. Some friendly villagers crowded round us and showed us their houses looking like storks; they have no lower story as the lake floods at times.

We visited the Jordan, a sweet sunny river shaded with green and yellow trees where John was baptised. Finally we visited the old Jericho which lies in ruins; echoes of the Seven Trumpet Blasts and the fall of the walls which still lie in desolate heaps, made the scene live again.

Leaving Jerusalem we saw the open country where David and Goliath fought, and further on the home of Samson and the cave where he lived with Delilah. Our thirteen hours train journey across the desert where the Israelites wandered for forty years seemed an extraordinary feat. It used to take eight days straight across by camel; now one train daily goes on a little unprotected line newly opened, which is still a source of wonder and interest to all the wild looking Bedouin and Arabs one sees en route.

In Cairo we spent five days full of fresh interest and novelty. The Museum with the Tutenkhamun finds claimed most attention and these were of supreme interest; the gold and colours might have been of yesterday so fresh and bright after their sleep of nearly 6,000 years. The beds and chairs are not so very different from ours, and we could wear some of the necklaces and rings without much remark today. The great Cairo mosques of course had all to be visited. I was much interested in the Moslem University of El Azhar, the centre of their education. Little groups of students sat on the floor around their teachers at various pillars, and our guide said they were mostly learning the Koran. They seem to have no education as we have it; it is so mixed up and part of their religion that even their largest university is a mosque, and we had to enter it in slippers.

We drove out one afternoon from Cairo into a wonderful sunset which was the background of my first view of the Pyramids. For the last three miles we mounted camels which made for a very long cavalcade and was quite dark when we reached the camp near the Pyramids. Our one night in the desert is ever memorable. "

"A visit to the Holy Land" was submitted by Stella Burrows. Written by her grandmother, Alice May Binnie, in 1929 following a world tour she undertook the previous year. The complete text is included on www.piddlevalley.info.

Piddle Valley Losses in The Great War ~~~~~~~~~~~~

26th November 1914
Ordinary Seaman Henry Robert Hallett
Piddletrenthide
HMS Bulwark

The first man from the Valley to lose his life in the Great War was only 19.
Henry Robert Hallett joined the Royal Navy and served as an Ordinary Seaman on the battleship HMS Bulwark. Built in 1902, Bulwark had a displacement of 15,000 tons and a top speed of 18.5 knots. 430 feet long, she carried four 12" guns, twelve 6" guns and others of smaller calibre. Her complement was 750 officers and men, of whom eleven, including Hallett, came from Dorset.

On 26th November 1914, she was loading ammunition at Sheerness when she blew up. 793 men perished in the explosion and there were only 12 survivors. Henry Robert Hallett is commemorated with his shipmates on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

The Admiralty Court of Inquiry could find no cause for the explosion, but during the War, another two ships blew up mysteriously. After the third loss, HMS Vengeance, in 1917, it was realised that the same dockyard hand had been present on each occasion. He was tried and convicted as an enemy agent.

Henry Hallett had a brother, Frederick, who also lost his life in the War. His obituary will be in News & Views for July / August 1915.

Bin Roy / 01300 348227

Piddle Valley News & Views ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

How can we help ?

The Piddle Valley News & Views is a non profit organistion and we are here to support the local community. We have a small fund available annually and we are inviting residents of the Piddle Valley to consider how this money could be best used.

Elsewhere in rural Dorset, communities have voted to acquire Defribulators for use in an emergency. These can be positioned to serve a village or a group of villages and training is available to ensure that local residents are fully aware of how to use them.

As you will see from Surgery news, there is a growing problem for many people who need transport to and from surgery and hospital appointments, perhaps it could be a contribution to help a Piddle Valley access scheme.

These are just two ideas, but if you have any suggestions, then please do let us know.

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

Range of information available includes (updated several times per week on average)

Events calendar	Events in + around the Valley; if you have an event you need including, email at any time mail@whitepuppy.co.uk
Important news items	
Neighbourhood Plan	News, reports + information.
Dorset Police	Ringmaster warnings about local crimes (updated constantly).
Valley Churches	News, Schedule of Services & Pew Sheets, list of Births, Marriages & Deaths, including published obituaries.
About the Valley	Information about individual Piddle Valley communities, together with more detailed articles about the history of the various settlements.
Shops + Businesses	Categories listing of annual PVNV advertisers, with links to their adverts.
Doctors	Information about the surgeries + links to their websites
Valley Clubs + Societies	Details + contact details of the many Valley organisations
Parish Council	List of Councillors, Meeting minutes, news & reports, Planning Applications, Neighbourhood Plan news
P'hinton Village Hall	Details of what's available
P'thide Memorial Hall	Details of what's available + the Hall's history
The Millennium Green	History and news.
Bridge Educational Trust	Details + link to their website
Piddle Valley First School	Articles + link to their website
PVNV magazine	Links to back issues from Jan 2011; articles too large or too late to be included in the printed magazine
Piddle Valley Design Statement	Copy of the document
Piddle Valley Parish Plan	Copy of the document
Gallery	Selected photographs of interest to the community

The small button on the top right side of the website Home Page details the most recent changes + additions to make it easier for you to keep abreast of what is available. If you have articles to contribute, suggestions for improvements, additions, corrections, or if there are bits that don't work, please let me know

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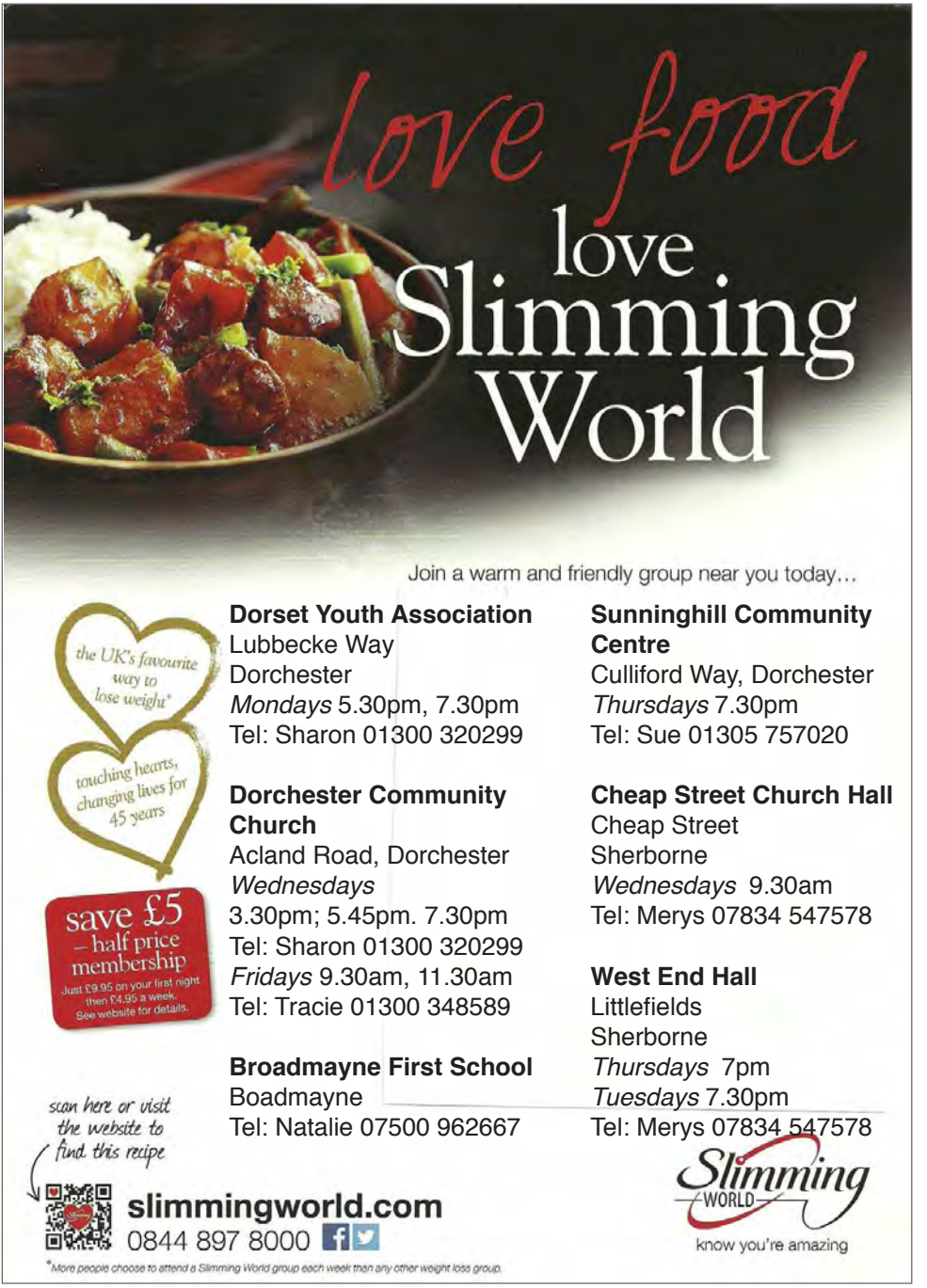
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Dorchester
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Acland Road, Dorchester
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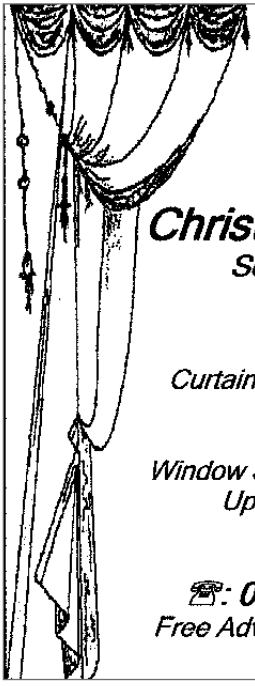
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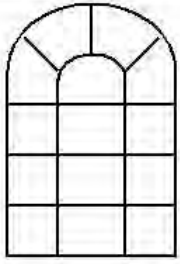
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