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## *Military Cap Badges in The Great War* ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Our cover for this issue shows some of the regimental cap badges worn by men from the Valley who lost their lives in the Great War. Military cap badges at the time were numerous; most of their designs incorporated aspects of regimental history and traditions. The following descriptions give some idea of those histories and further information will be included in future issues.

**The Dorsetshire Regiment**
In 1881 the Dorsetshire Regiment was formed by the amalgamation of the 39th and 54th Regiments of Foot. The cap badge shows honours granted to both of these regiments. The badge is surmounted by a sphinx and the name Marabout. These commemorate the 54th Regioment's service in Egypt in 1801-2 and their capture in August 1801, of Fort Marabout at Aboukir Bay. In the centre of the badge is a castle and key to mark the service of the 39th Regiment in Gibralter in 1779–1783 during the Great Siege. At the base of the badge is 'Primus in Indis', a unique honour for the part played by the 39th in the Battle of Plassey in 1757.

**The Dorset (Queen's Own) Yeomanry**
Yeomanry Regiments were territorial cavalry units. The badge shows 'South Africa' and '1900–1901' commemorating the regiment's service in the Boer War. This was the first time they had served overseas and was their first battle honour. After the Great War ended, the badge was altered to include the words 'Great War' at its base.

**The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry**
The DCLI came into existence in 1881 with the amalgamation of the 32nd and 46th Regiments. During the Indian Mutiny in 1857, the 32nd were in the Siege of Lucknow for 157 days; in recognition of this, Queen Victoria granted them the designation of 'Light Infantry' whose symbol was the stringed bugle horn.

**The Somerset Light Infantry**
The SLI is another light infantry regiment and their bugle horn badge is surmounted with the name 'Jellalabad' to commemorate a siege at that place in India in 1842. For their conduct in the siege the 13th Regiment were awarded the title of 'Prince Albert's Regiment of Light Infantry.

**The Royal Munster Fusiliers**
This Irish Regiment's badge depicts a flaming grenade on which is shown a riger that was the emblem of the Regiment's forerunner, the Royal Bengal Fusiliers. The Royal Munster Fusiliers, who fought with distinction in the Great War, was disbanded in 1922 when Ireland was divided.

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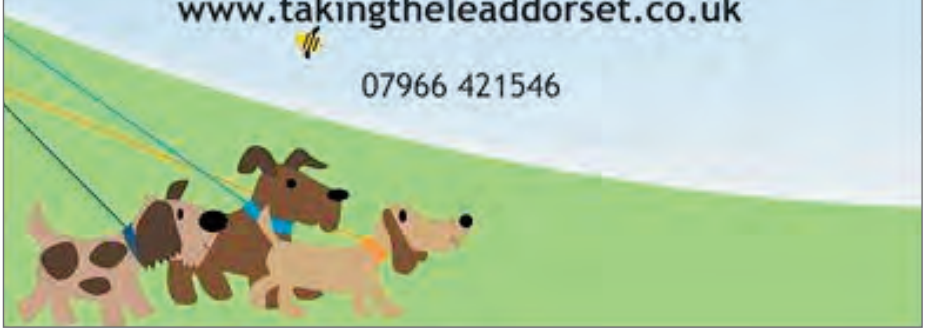

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## *Dates for your diary* ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**March**

| | | | | |
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| 1 | Sun | Village Breakfast | P'ton Village Hall | 9–11.30 am |
| 2 | Mon | Mobile Library | AP, P'thide, P'ton | various |
| 5 | Thurs | Over 60s | P'thide Mem Hall | 2.30 pm |
| 6 | Fri | Magna Carta Lecture | Salisbury Cathedral | 7.30 pm |
| 12 | Thurs | Magna Carta Lecture | Salisbury Cathedral | 7 pm |
| 13 | Fri | Coffee Morning | P'thide Mem Hall | 10.30–12 |
| 15 | Sun | Mothering Sunday | | |
| 16 | Mon | A P Village Meeting | St Pancras Church, AP | 7.30 pm |
| 18 | Wed | Lent Lunch | Muston Manor, P'thon | 12.30 pm |
| 21 | Sat | "Grease" Film Night | P'ton Village Hall | 6 pm |
| 21 | Sat | "Creation" | St Mary's Church, Dorchester | 7.30 pm |
| 16 | Mon | Mobile Library | AP, P'thide, P'ton | various |
| 27 | Fri | Lunch Club | P'ton Village Hall | 12.30 pm |
| 27 | Fri | Magna Carta Lecture | Salisbury Cathedral | 7.30 pm |
| 28/29 | Sat/Sun | NGS Open Days | Ivy House, P'thide | 2–5 pm |
| 28 | Sat | "Choral Classics" | St Christopher's Church Winfrith Newburgh | 7.30 pm |
| 29 | Sun | Village Breakfast | P'ton Village Hall | 9–11.30 am |
| 30 | Mon | Mobile Library | AP, P'thide, P'ton | various |
| 30 | Mon | Garden Club Talk | P'thide Mem Hall | 7.30 pm |
| 31 | Tues | Parish Council Meeting | P'thide Mem Hall | 7.30 pm |

**April**

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| 2 | Thurs | Over 60s | P'thide Mem Hall | 2.30 pm |
| 5 | Sun | Easter Day | | |
| 6 | Mon | NGS Open Day | Ivy House, P'thide | 2–5 pm |
| 13 | Mon | Mobile Library | AP, P'thide, P'ton | various |
| 10 | Fri | Coffee Morning / Raffle | P'thide Mem Hall | 10.30–12 noon |
| 18/19 | Sat/Sun | NGS Open Days | Butts Cottage, Plush | 2–5 pm |
| 24 | Fri | Magna Carta Lecture | Salisbury Cathedral | 7.30 pm |
| 25 | Sat | Neighbourhood Plan | Piddle Valley First School | 10 am–4 pm |
| 27 | Mon | Mobile Library | AP, P'thide, P'ton | various |
| 24 | Fri | Lunch Club | P'ton Village Hall | 12.30 pm |
| 26 | Sun | Village Breakfast | P'ton Village Hall | 9–11.30 am |
| 28 | Tues | Parish Council Meeting | P'thide Mem Hall | 7.30 pm |

**Future Dates**

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| 3 May | "Lyra" Concert, All Saints Church P'thide |
| 9 May | Piddle Valley First School May Fayre 1–4 pm |
| 16 May | Dorset Air Ambulance "Banana + Cakes Appeal" |
| 13/14 June | Piddletrenthide Open Gardens Weekend |

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## *From the editor* ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

On Sunday afternoon the chalk was soft underfoot on Dead Cat Lane, the horses hoof prints clearly visible in the spongy grass up on the Watcombe Plain, the gorse flowers bright, the hedges cut back in readiness for Spring and all around the high Dorset landscape was bathed in bright sunlight emerging from the grey and darker clouds. It felt just like being on top of the world; other walkers and keen photographers enjoying the landscape, the sight and sound of birds swooping from the sky into the trees and hedges, and looking down into the valleys below to the west further along the Wessex Ridgeway to Alton Pancras and Buckland Newton and east towards Plush, Folly and the Dorset Gap, dwellings gathered down along the Valley roads displayed smoking chimneys. The air was crisp and clear, the sound of young children playing in the distance was distinct and joyful, as was the speed of their running down the far hillside. We moved to Plush in 2000 and have greatly enjoyed our time here, the experience of living in the Piddle Valley and all we have met along the way. But life is a series of chapters, and as we now prepare to leave, we realise just how much we will miss living in the Piddle Valley.

This issue is once again full of news from within and beyond the Valley and we welcome a number of new advertisers. There is an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, a summary about our community magazine and website, and  and while the wider media continues to be full of conflict and anniversaries, our own moving accounts of Piddle Valley losses are a reminder of the suffering of the Great War. It is heartening to receive more letters and content, so please continue to send in your news and photographs. Julie Bennett has a host of fresh ideas for forthcoming issues and a welcome to Minnow Walker who has stepped forward to take on the advertising role.

So this is farwell, good luck and huge thanks for supporting Piddle Valley News & Views.

*Dot Browning*

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## LADY DAY

We are already well into the forty days of Lent. Although the period from the 18th February (Ash Wednesday) to the 5th April (Easter Day) is actually 46 days, we don't count the six Sundays because each Sunday throughout the year is always kept as a feast day, a mini Easter Day when we remember and celebrate the Resurrection. Even during Lent we are permitted on Sundays to break any fast that we may have undertaken as part of our Lenten observance. So, rejoice!

The seeming austerity of the season is lifted in particular on the fourth Sunday of Lent, the 15th March, which is Mothering Sunday. This is only ten days before a festival with which it has something in common, the Feast of the Annunciation on Wednesday the 25th March. The Feast of the Annunciation marks the angel Gabriel being sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to Mary to tell her that she would be a mother, that she would conceive and be the mother of our Lord. The date of the 25th March became fixed by reference to the date of Christmas Day, nine months later. When Dionysius introduced the Anno Domini calendar system in AD 525 he assigned the beginning of the new year to the 25th March (Lady Day as it is also sometimes known – a reference to Our Lady, Mary). So it remained in this country up until 1752, when New Year's Day was moved to the 1st January. The fact that our tax year begins on the 6th April is related to the former date of New Year's Day and adjustments that were made for lost days when the calendar was changed.

Some hold that the Feast of the Annunciation was chosen as the beginning of the new year because it marked the dawn of the age of the redemption of humanity through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. For there to have been a resurrection, there had to be a birth. The Annunciation marks the time of conception that led to the birth of Jesus, the one whose resurrection, whose raising from death by God, opens the way for us too to be raised from death in our turn to share in the risen life of Jesus. That resurrection is what we shall celebrate with joy on Easter Day and is what we celebrate with joy each and every Sunday of the year. In the meantime, let's rejoice as well on Lady Day, the Feast of the Annunciation which led to the birth that made our Easter joy possible.

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| SERVICES and READINGS | THE BENEFICE of THE PIDDLE VALLEY, HILTON, CHESELBOURNE and MELCOMBE HORSEY | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Piddle Valley** | **Three Churches** |
| **1st March**<br>**Lent 2**<br>Purple<br>*Ps 22.23-end*<br>Gen 17.1-7, 15-16<br>(use as Epistle)<br>Mark 8.31-38 | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Alton Pancras<br>**9.30am Family Service**<br>Piddlehinton<br>***11.00am Morning Prayer (APCM)***<br>Piddletrenthide | ***11.00am Morning Prayer***<br>Melcombe Horsey<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer***<br>Cheselbourne |
| **8th March**<br>**Lent 3**<br>Purple<br>*Ps 19*<br>Exod 20.1-7<br>(use as Epistle)<br>John 2.13-22 | **9.30am Family Eucharist**<br>**Alton Pancras**<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer***<br>Piddlehinton | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Hilton<br>***11.00am Parish Communion (APCM)***<br>Melcombe Horsey |
| **15th March**<br>**Lent 4 - Mothering**<br>Purple<br>*Ps 107.1-8*<br>Num 21.4-9<br>(use as Epistle)<br>John 3.14-21 | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Piddletrenthide<br>***11.00am Valley Mothering Service***<br>Alton Pancras | **9.30am Family Eucharist for Mothering Sunday**<br>Cheselbourne<br>***11.00am Morning Prayer***<br>Hilton |
| **22nd March**<br>**Lent 5**<br>Purple<br>*Ps 119.9-16*<br>Jer 31.31-34<br>(use as Epistle)<br>John 12.20-33 | **9.30am Family Eucharist**<br>Piddletrenthide<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer***<br>Piddlehinton | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Cheselbourne<br>**10.30am Stepping Stones**<br>Melcombe Horsey – Old Brewery Hall<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer***<br>Hilton |
| **29th March**<br>**Palm Sunday**<br>Red<br>tba | **11.00am Palm Sunday eucharist**<br>Piddletrenthide | ***9.30am Palm Sunday Communion***<br>Hilton |
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| | **Piddle Valley** | **Three Churches** |
| **2nd April**<br>**Maundy Thursday**<br>White | **5.30pm Eucharist**<br>Piddlehinton | 7.00pm Agape Supper<br>Old Brewery Hall |
| **3rd April**<br>**Good Friday**<br>Hangings removed | **2.00pm Devotion**<br>Piddletrenthide | **12 noon Devotion**<br>Cheselbourne |
| **4th April**<br>**Easter Eve**<br>White | **6.30pm Easter Vigil**<br>**Lyscombe chapel** | |
| **5th April**<br>**EASTER DAY**<br>White<br>*Ps 118.14-24*<br>Acts 10.34-43<br>(use as Epistle)<br>Mark 16.1-8 /<br>John 20.1-18 | ***8.30am Easter Communion***<br>Alton Pancras<br>**9.30am Easter Eucharist**<br>Piddletrenthide<br>11.00 Easter Eucharist<br>Piddlehinton | **11.00am Easter Eucharist**<br>Cheselbourne<br>***11.00am Easter Communion***<br>Melcombe Horsey<br>11.15am Easter Eucharist<br>Hilton |
| **12th April**<br>**Easter 2**<br>White<br>*Ps 133*<br>Acts 4.32-35<br>(use as Epistle)<br>John 20.19-end | **9.30am Family Eucharist**<br>Alton Pancras<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer (APCM)***<br>Piddlehinton | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Hilton<br>***11.00am Parish Communion***<br>Melcombe Horsey |
| **19th April**<br>**Easter 3**<br>White<br>*Ps 4*<br>Acts 3. 12-19<br>(use as Epistle)<br>Luke 24.36b-48 | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Piddletrenthide<br>***11.00am Parish Communion***<br>Piddlehinton<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer***<br>Alton Pancras | **9.30am Family Eucharist**<br>Cheselbourne<br>***11.00am Morning Prayer***<br>Hilton |
| **26th April**<br>**Easter 4**<br>White<br>*Ps 23*<br>Acts 4.5-12<br>(use as Epistle)<br>John 10.11-18 | **9.30am Family Eucharist**<br>Piddletrenthide<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer***<br>Piddlehinton | ***8.30am Holy Communion***<br>Cheselbourne<br>**10.30am Stepping Stones**<br>Melcombe Horsey – Old Brewery Hall<br>***6.00pm Evening Prayer* and APCM**<br>Hilton |
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## From the Registers

**Holy Baptism**
Nathaniel James Samuel Briggs-Davis was baptised at St Martin's, Cheselbourne on Sunday the 1st February 2015.

**Holy Matrimony**
Philip James Ayres and Victoria Lorraine Martell were married at All Saints', Hilton on Saturday the 14th February 2015.

**Funerals**
The funeral of Sidney Ernest George Felstead of Hilton took place on the 19th January 2015 at All Saints', Hilton followed by burial.

The funeral of Beryl Mildred Sidney of Cheselbourne took place on the 21st January 2015 at St Martin's, Cheselbourne followed by cremation at Weymouth crematorium.

The funeral of Joan Phyllis Diggens of Piddlehinton took place at Weymouth crematorium on the 12th February 2015. A memorial service will be held at St Mary the Virgin's, Piddlehinton at 2.30pm on Saturday the 11th April 2015.

## *Letters to the Editor*~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

*Regarding the Public Inquiry in the Piddlehinton Village Hall on Wednesday 5 November*

*Claim by the Trail Riders Association to upgrade two bridleways to Byways, open to all traffic BR3 from Snowdrop Corner to Doles Wood, BR4 from Chalky Knapp to through Doles Wood.*

*We would like to thank all those who came to the Inquiry. It was a very good turn out. The Inquiry Inspector will have been impressed by the interest taken by the locals and others in spite of not being allowed to have a vote. Apparently such a vote would only be allowed at a Public Meeting and not at an Inquiry.*

*It was our first experience of a Public Inquiry, which seemed very similar to a Law Court Hearing. So we learnt a lot.*

*We would like to congratulate Pam Lock on her crucial evidence regarding the challenge to motor cycles using these routes. Even if the Inspector finds in favour of the Trail Riders we will be able to challenge such decision. Next time we will be better prepared with more witnesses and good legal support.*

*Sandy Milne and Mike Howard-Tripp*

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*I am delighted to report, that the exposure you gave to the Puddletown Surgery's need for volunteer drivers has produced at least one new driver. As we had none at all in the Piddle Valley this new volunteer from Piddlehinton will be a great asset to us. So thanks for your help - and News and Views for being so well read.*

*Mike Chaney, coordinator Puddletown NeighbourCar*

THANK GOD FOR THE BURGLAR WHO STOLE THE BISHOP'S CHAIR

It was in 1987 when the Bishop's chair was stolen from St. Mary's church in Piddlehinton, Dorset. It was a fine chair of great antiquity and had rested in the sanctuary for many a year.

At the time of the robbery, Dick Mew, a parishioner and retired carpenter, had been unwell and his condition was deteriorating, mystifying the doctors. The Rector visited him regularly, keeping him up to date with the latest village news. When he learnt of the theft of the Bishop's chair, he said to the Rector, 'I've plenty of fine wood in my garage, I'll make another one for the church.' True to his word, he spent many weeks working on the chair, at the same time, happily improving dramatically in health. A miracle if ever there was one.

At a Service of Confirmation at St. Mary's, the Rt. Rev. John Kirkham, Bishop of Sherborne, blessed the new chair and declared in his sermon, 'congratulations and grateful thanks go to Dick Mew for his superb and skilled achievement and I'm delighted to say that the chair is perfect for the Episcopal bottom.' Dick's wife worked the beautifully embroidered cushion.

A lovely ending to a sorry start.

The letter above was written by Rev'd Derek Parry, and passed to Alan Neades by Fay Lord of Piddlehinton

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

### Alton Pancras

Being a linear village suffers a communication problem. Not so many people walk past our two noticeboards to be able to read "what's on" but those on-line can join a scheme administered by Dr Sally Dangerfield who, at the press of a button, can communicate your message immediately to all on e-mail, Facebook and Twitter.

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Not for the first time, Dr Iain Barlow (correctly, Mr Barlow) rushed out of his house, this time in shirtsleeves on a bitterly cold winter's morning, at the sound of an accident (and the air ambulance) at the north end of the village. Devotion beyond the cause?

David Ridgway of Alton Barton is the co-author of a magnificent new book titled *Vivat Shirburnia; Sherborne School and the Great War 1914-18*. Its title says it all and its 416 pages, liberally illustrated with many of David's photographs, tell the story of the war as it affected pupils and staff, often from letters home and personal documents. A very human story.

Brian Johnson solved the problem of presents on his 80th birthday by inviting those who wished, to send a donation instead, to www.giveincelebration.cancerresearchuk.org. The latest figure is £260 with more anticipated.

Due to the generosity of villagers, the books-for-sale in the church have been refreshed – and the price of each reduced to 50p. Bring coins; it is difficult to stuff notes into the wall safe!

Still with books, there are two copies of *Alton Pancras; People and Houses 1841-2006* available for lending from Dorchester Library. You could arrange for them to be collected from the Monday Mobile Library if that was more convenient.

Christmas seems a long time ago but we must pay tribute to the carol singers who raised £201 and those at the carol service who donated £77 – and one US dollar!

*colinsuedean@btinternet.com*

## Piddlehinton

### Piddlehinton Millennium Green

It is with disappointment and sadness that trustees report that there is evidence of vandalism on Piddlehinton Millennium Green which is funded and maintained by local volunteers for the enjoyment of everyone in our community. Could anyone who sees any act of vandalism committed on the Green please report it to a trustee, the names of whom are on the Green notice board, or to the police. Thank you for your help.

*Linda Bellini*

### Piddlehinton Village Hall Breakfasts

Sunday 1st March  Sunday 29th March  Sunday 26th April

### Piddlehinton Village Hall – What's on every week

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## Piddletrenthide + White Lackington

**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*

### Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall - What's on every month

- Coffee morning 10.30–12 noon
  Friday 13th March and 10th April (with raffle)

  *Janet Keen / 01300 348851*

- The Lunch Club 12.30 pm usually on the 4th 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.

  27th March — Beef Casserole in Ale with creamed potatoes and greens
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  24th April — Lasagne, Salad and French Bread
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  To join us for lunch please contact *Ann Hawker / 01300 348329*

- Country Dancing on Mondays 2.15–4.15 pm; contact
  *Jane Preston / 01300 348454*

- Fitness Class on Tuesdays from 10.30–11.30 am - come along and have a go for £4 a session; contact
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DORCHESTER sessions will be held at the United Church Hall, South Street (near Goulds household store) on the following Thursdays:

**5th March 19th March 2nd April 23rd April**

These sessions are all open at the same hours, 13.30 to 15.30 and 16.30 to 19.45, except the 23rd April session which is open from 13.50 to 15.30 and 16.30 to 19.30.

A session will be held at STURMINSTER NEWTON in The Exchange on Friday 3rd April, from 13.05 to 15.30 and 16.30 to 19.00.

*Rosalyn Charlton*

## Cinema Club

Is anyone interested in starting a Cinema Club? The purpose would be to set up a regular visit to The Plaza - probably fortnightly. Films would be chosen by members in turn. I have not decided which night but possibly Friday?

*Heather Bland / 01300 348112*

## Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance – Bananas & Cakes Appeal

On Sunday 17 May the Coast 2 Coast Cycle Ride will take place to raise essential funds for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. Essential to the success of the 54 mile ride for up to 600 cyclists is the provision of sustenance in the form of bananas, cakes (home made or shop) and also energy bars and biscuits. Following last year's very successful appeal from readers of News & Views, we are again asking for donations for this now annual event which in 2014 raised £60,000 to keep your Air Ambulance operational.

We will be at Piddlehinton Village Hall on Saturday 16 May from 09:00 – Noon and would be grateful for any donations to energise our cyclists. Last year they were so grateful for the "feast" of donations we were able to provide them with and so we hope you can all help

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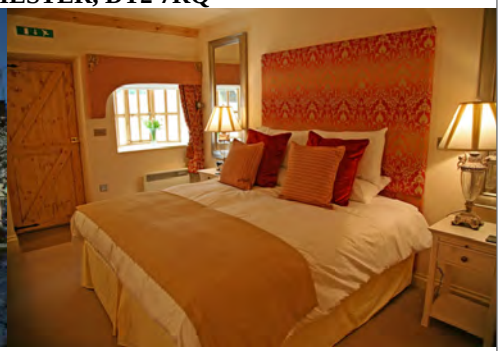

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*Susan + Terry Dredge*
*Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Fundraising Volunteers / 01300 348120*

## Dorset County Council

### Early hours street light switch-off begins in Western rural areas

Changes to night-time street lighting will be introduced across the Western areas of the county over the next few months.

As part of Dorset County Council's drive to reduce energy costs, lamps will be switched off at around midnight with the changes beginning early in March.

Lights will be turned off only where there are no significant concerns over road safety or crime, and some 400 lamps will remain lit in these areas.

SSE Contracting, the county council's street lighting partner, will begin converting around 1,500 lights to switch off between approximately midnight and 5.30am GMT (1am and 6.30am BST). The lights will come back on again in the morning only if it is still dark. Lights will remain lit all night on main roads, within town centres and on roads with any speed humps.

It will take around three months to complete the changes, which involves changing the light sensor on each lamp to a special timed version.

Part-night lighting has been rolling out across Dorset since 2011. It is operational on all our urban residential roads and now most of the rural ones.

While many residents support the scheme, some expressed initial fears that crime would rise. Last year Dorset Police investigated claims that crime and anti-social behaviour had risen following the switch-off, instead finding that there had been no increase in the areas where the lights had been turned off.

This is the last remaining area of the part-night street lighting programme to be

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completed, which is part of the county council's on-going work to find significant budget savings. Town and parish councils are asked for their views on which streets should remain lit all night.

More information about the part-night lighting scheme is available at www.dorsetforyou.com/partnightlighting

## Give Your Driving a Spring Clean

Dorset County Council is launching the spring older drivers' theory sessions with the help of Valerie Singleton, who is best remembered for presenting Blue Peter.

The 77-year old television celebrity, who presented Nationwide and The Money Programme and PM, is keen to encourage drivers aged 75 years and above to take part in these sessions.

The first of these two-hour sessions will take place at Castle Gardens in Sherborne and covers subjects such as negotiating roundabouts, observations and distractions and looking at why things go wrong.

Valerie said:

"The course will help those drivers who learnt to drive In the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The emphasis is on friendly discussion and help to keep people mobile. Roads and driving have changed so much since we learnt to drive and this can wear away your confidence. This course is a great way to get that self-belief back."

Kwik Fit is also attending this session and is offering a free chance to learn about checking over your car before the start of a journey.

There are ten sessions being held around the county throughout February and March. To book or find out more information visit www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver

## Trading Standards 'Free Trial' scams

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Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Help make the Vision for our future

***Newsletter 13***

**To all residents and friends of the Piddle Valley**

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward. In the last couple of months we have thought through all your much wanted ideas which have led to quite a big change in direction. Based on all the information received and what you have said, we have now begun to draft the Plan and its policies. We have the help of a professional planning consultant to help us to get this right.

The Aims we are trying to achieve are:

**1** To protect the important green open and wooded spaces within and around the settlements, protect links and views of the wider countryside.

**2** To protect the gaps between the different settlements which help keep their separate identities.

**3** To protect the wider, open countryside, particularly the higher rolling landscapes which are largely undeveloped and offer important long distance views.

**4** To protect and enhance the animal and plant biodiversity within the Valley, including the Piddle River and its characteristic chalk river habitats.

**5** To avoid adding to the current groundwater problems and help provide solutions where possible for reducing surface water run-off from the surrounding slopes resulting in damage to properties.

**6** To ensure that where building takes place sewerage provisions are fit for purpose and that no buildings are constructed that would exacerbate existing problems until a solution exists.

**7** To avoid adding to the current traffic and parking problems and reduce the problems where possible.

**8** To ensure new buildings are located and designed to complement and / or add to the local character of the Valley and their immediate surroundings.

**9** To protect dark skies and prohibit light pollution from new developments.

**10** To help make buildings environmentally sustainable and where possible use recycled materials.

**11** To support leading edge communication with underground connectivity.

**12** To provide in perpetuity more low cost housing for local people within the Valley. This will help local people stay or return to the valley who couldn't otherwise afford to buy or rent here.

**13** To allow some open market housing, to provide opportunities for local people to down size, and to help bring in new people to the Valley to ensure a thriving community into the future.

**14** To provide more opportunities for people to work locally, either from home or new live-work units.

**15** To support changes to farms that would reduce the amount of large farm vehicles and tractors driving along the roads through the valley.

**16** To keep, and if possible extend, the range of community venues that bring people together. These include the halls, churches, school, shops, pubs and sports and recreational facilities.

I hope you agree with these Aims but we do need to include more of what you think, so will be presenting the initial draft Neighbourhood Plan for your further comments on Saturday 25th April at Piddle Valley First School. The feedback from that day of consultation will go into a second draft. We will circulate more details of this meeting nearer the date.

Paul Johns, Working Group Chairman
*telephone 01300 348154 email suevasha@aol.com / npchair@piddlevalley.info*

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

We have received 118 completed questionnaires with settlement specific responses to the suggested development sites within the Valley. The written comments included were most valuable and have given the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party valuable understanding of people's concerns and ideas. Additionally, we have the 70 responses from the questionnaire distributed in Piddlehinton in November (a 40% return). The outcome of this differed in that one site was approved by a 63% majority.

We have also received feedback from West Dorset District Council (WDDC) on the sites and they have raised a number of concerns about many sites, with less than half seeming viable at first evaluation. In light of your feedback combined with that from WDDC, we have concluded that the strategy of nominating development sites within the Neighbourhood Plan is flawed and accordingly have decided to remove them from the maps.

We propose to present a small number of sites which have particular promise for providing local (affordable) housing and produce potential layouts for these which will explore how the land could be used, so that everyone can see and comment on whether they should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Sewerage and Flooding

Many thanks to those residents who completed and returned the Sewage and Flooding questionnaires, the information received was most helpful. The following is a summary of a meeting held on Saturday 31st January 2015 with Oliver Letwin MP, representatives of Wessex Water, the Piddle Valley Parish Council and the Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in order to find solutions to the sewage problems within the catchment area of the Piddle Valley Parish Council. The hamlet of Plush has no public sewer.

The main sewer was built in 1973 and terminates at the sewerage works south of Piddlehinton. For nine months of the year the sewer operates without problems and is well within its overall capacity. The difficulties arise during the very wet winter months when some years there has been continuous heavy rain.

The sewage problems are due in the main to the leakage of ground water into the sewer. This occurs only when the level of the water table rises above that of the sewer. Ground water seeps into the sewer through cracks and open joints in the sewer pipe walls and through cracks around manhole sections and covers. This permeability of the sewer accounts for about 80-90% of the ingress. The remaining 10-20% is due to 'sewer abuse', that is the lifting of manhole covers by residents to prevent ground water endangering properties, but the true impact of this is not known.

The main sewer was inspected in 2008 resulting in some sealing using a 'gel system'. This has deteriorated faster than anticipated and is becoming ineffective. The system has been replaced by Wessex Water who are now re-lining the sewer with an epoxy resin on a continuing basis where leaks occur which proved a permanent solution.

After a meeting of the Piddle Valley Parish Council with Wessex Water in 2008, three options were considered:

**A** To install three pumping stations to take dilute sewage from the sewer, screen (coarse filter) it and pump it into the river. These are now only allowed by the Environment Agency in exceptional circumstances (due to EU legislation) and on a temporary basis - but presumably will remain as long as there is not a problem with the quality of water within the river.

**B** To construct a new sewer from Alton Pancras, to the sewerage treatment plant just below Enterprise Park to the south. (The treatment plant was constructed in approximately 1940, much earlier than the sewer, to cope with sewage from the army camp.) This would cost £4m-£5m, excluding the treatment plant upgrade costs.

**C** Sealing private laterals.

The plan adopted in 2008, was a combination of options A and C. However, only two pumping stations were installed, at Rivendell (between The Poachers and the Manor House) and behind the Piddle Inn.

Normally the pumps only pump extremely dilute sewage into the river when the water table is very high and the sewer fills with ground water. Last summer a blockage occurred which started the pump at Rivendell which pumped raw sewage into the river. The problem was swiftly cured and the river cleaned. Telemetry has since been installed to prevent a further occurrence.

For several months during the winters of 2012/2013 and 2013/14 tankers had to pump out sewage from several locations in the main valley sewer many times a day in order to keep the toilets operating in some properties.

Due to the extremely wet winter, an additional temporary pump was installed for a few months in 2013/14 in Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. There was an apparent lack of screen (filter), which is being investigated.

The main sewer in Piddlehinton was surveyed in 2011 and was found to be in good condition with little or no infiltration

From 2011 to the present day CCTV surveys and sealing and lining works have been carried out to the Piddle Valley sewers. The last survey was carried out week commencing 2nd February 2015. From this survey Wessex Water will seal all serious leaks during 2015-2016.

It was agreed at the meeting that Wessex Water would keep the Parish Council informed of the already completed and proposed works to include marked up drawings. Wessex Water would also consider other proposals to cure the problems that the Valley experiences during wet winters.

Full notes of the meeting will be available on the website and the noticeboards. Also a copy of the Wessex Water Inflow Management Plan for the Piddle Valley has been received, and available via the Piddle Valley website. It should be noted that due to time restraints the meeting focused on the sewage situation; a further meeting to discuss flooding is being arranged with Oliver Letwin, the Environment Agency and the Parish Council is being organised.

*Neil Herbert + John Cox*

**First Consultation of Draft Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan**
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## Too young to buy

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All shops should be aware of their responsibilities and to reinforce their knowledge we provide training materials for owners to train their staff to make sure that everyone who sells goods is aware of the law. This means that when we do a test, if there is a sale to our young person, there is no excuse.

We want to make sure retail staff are given a fair test so we use young people several years younger than 18. With the age restriction for most items being 18, the majority of shops operate a policy whereby they state they will ask anyone for identification if someone does not look at least 21, so there is little risk of our test misleading the staff.

We rely on information from the public about shops selling to people younger than the law allows. This helps us to target our checks. We also work with Dorset Police and district council licensing teams.

So if you have any concerns about any premises supplying young people with these age restricted products then please let us know by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

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*Malcolm Davenport*
*Dorset Police, Volunteer 4820, Dorchester*

## Lent Lunch

Lent Lunch this year will be held at Muston Manor, Piddlehinton on Wednesday 18th March at 12.30. We are collecting for Sue Hennessy's Future Bright Trust and all are welcome. Please could you let Debs Peele know numbers coming.

*Debs Peele / 01305 849228*

# May Fayre

## Saturday 9th May 2015, 1–4pm

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## Fiddlestick: parent and toddler group

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*Kathy Kelly / 07776141824*

## The National Gardens Scheme: Ivy House Garden Piddletrenthide

With the date of Easter fluctuating by several weeks from year to year, it is hard for a garden owner to decide on which date a 'Spring garden' should first open.

With the benefit of 2014's 'Indian Summer', we were still picking dahlias well into November, and last Spring we were seeing the first buds on daffodils by Twelfth Night. This year, at the beginning of February, the timid shoots are only index finger-high, their buds yet to show. The first pollen-seeking bees with larvae to feed, were today visiting Lenten hellebores, crocuses and our banks of snowdrops. But what will be in flower when we 'Open' at the end of March? Will the narcissi be past their best? Will the tulips be bursting into vibrant paintbox colours?

To find out, visit our garden for the first 'NGS Opening' on the weekend of Saturday March 28th& Sunday 29th followed by Easter Monday April 6th and finally Early May Bank Holiday May 3rd and 4th. All dates 2–5p.m.

Delicious Home-made Teas available and a Bumper Plant Stall! We look forward to seeing you.

*Bridget and Dave Bowen / 01300 348255*

## The National Gardens Scheme: Butts Cottage, Plush, 2015

The garden is already looking good, awash with masses of snowdrops - a pity they will have all gone by the time we open the garden. We plan to open for three whole weekends this year, 18 and 19 April, 16 and 17 May and 6 and 7 June, 2 - 5p.m. The cost will be £3 50p, (children under sixteen free) and every penny goes to charity There will be plants for sale as usual and, of course, the most delicious cakes to go with your tea or coffee. Your dog will be most welcome provided you keep him/her on a short lead.

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## Piddle Valley Gardens Club

**Gardens Club Programme 2015 – advice, free plants and savings for beginners !**

Although club members include many green-fingered enthusiasts, gardening beginners are always welcome. And if, like me, you feel that your garden isn't up to scratch but you like plants and gardens - join the club to learn more about them. This year's programme will be particularly helpful to anyone who wants to liven up their garden or is daunted by the prospect of filling a new plot.

In 2015 we will have practical demonstrations from a nurseryman on a range of propagation techniques, in Spring and Autumn, so that you can stock your garden for free. You can also save on plants, garden furniture and tools at our 25 % discount evenings at Poundbury Garden Centre (Spring) and Castle Gardens, Sherborne (Autumn). In addition the Club organises a bulk order of Parker's wholesale bulbs and plants with free delivery. All this for £10 membership, as well as inspirational talks, ranging from the 'Pint Pot' quarter-acre garden at Mews Cottage on Portland to a tour of gardens in New Zealand.

On 30th March The Gardens Group will give a talk about the development of their Garden Centres.

*Ros Charlton, Secretary / 01300 348063*

## Piddle Valley Over 60s

On 5th March our speaker will be Bob Hall who will talk about his "Adventures and Confessions as a Rural Meter Operative".

On 2nd April Christine Shaw will speak about her "Travels from the Amazon to the Galapagos".

Both meetings will be at 2.30 pm in the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

*Hilary French / 01305 848501*

## Twinning: we are twinned with Longueville, Normandy

Our Annual Quiz on January 30 was a great success and we hope, enjoyed by all! Warmest thanks to Richard Kay, who compiled five rounds of fascinating questions ( did you know that Mrs Thatcher helped invent My Whippy Ice Cream?) ... and without whom we couldn't have held the evening. A special mention for our team of helpers, who thoroughly deserve the many compliments received for their French-style supper…and John & Hilary – raffle wizards – for raising so much towards the Longueville families' return visit in 2016. Above all – our sincere thanks to everyone from the Valley who came along and joined in the fun.

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Our next venture was the Jumble Sale, held the following weekend and staffed by a loyal team of helpers, which was another big success. Many thanks if you donated jumble or came and had a cup of tea and piece of cake with us.

Plans are now well underway for our own visit to Longueville at the end of May. We have 29 members travelling to France by ferry, with many interesting and and amusing events to look forward to during our four days in Normandy.

Our AGM and dinner will take place in the spring – date to be confirmed: please check on the Valley website. For all Twinning information please give our secretary Jo a call on 348670.

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

The governors have been able to appoint a new Headteacher at Piddle Valley CE VA First School. Mrs Jayne Browne has been our acting Headteacher since last September and the governors appointed her on a permanent basis after a day of competitive interviews a couple of weeks ago. Jayne has already made a great impression since she has been with us but, now that she is doing more than just 'holding the fort' we are looking forward to her developing the school in conjunction with the governors.

*Rev Tony Monds, Chair of Governors*

This term the focus has been on learning about the local area and the school has been involved in the South Dorset Ridgeway project. The pupils had the opportunity to visit the L.O.Os - the Laboratory Of Outstanding Stuff which was in situ in the school hall for a fortnight and work with Professors Stella Burrows and Lancelot Hogben. Through a theme called 'Land, Bones and Stone' the children had hands on experiences of investigating the history of the local area through sharing a wide collection of artefacts. The Owls and the Buzzards then visited Maiden Castle to re-enact periods in history. Buzzards also visited the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne where they found out about living life in the past including how to keep warm on a cold day around the open fire!

*Jayne Browne, Head Teacher*

### PTA Quiz Night

The PTA of PVFS would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in our fundraising Quiz Night. Matt Chambers did a great job as Quizmaster and the curry from Becky Green Catering was lovely. We made just over £200. Also a thank you to Charlton Down village shop for donating the winner's prize of six bottles of wine!

Parents... please consider contributing a little of your time to help us with our events; the school benefits a great deal from the funds we raise and we would be very grateful for some more volunteers.

*Suzanne Spedding, Chair PTA*

## *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 are: 31 March, 28 April

### Waste Collection arrangements

General Waste & Food – Dates not available until end Feb. See "Dorset for you" website , or www.piddlevalley.info.
Recycling & Food – alternate Fridays.

Your containers should be put out by 7.30am on Friday. Please try not to put your wheelie-bins out before Thursday evening and take them in again as soon as possible after collection on Friday.

### Parish Council Elections

These will be held this May and a number of Councillors are likely to stand down. Any person who is interested in standing as a Parish Councillor should contact the Chairman - John Cox (348454) - to put their name forward. The Valley is entering a very important time, with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan nearing completion and the Government devolving more responsibility to local levels. This is a critical opportunity for you to help shape the future of the area we live in.

If there are not enough candidates standing for election, then the Council will have to rely on co-opted, as opposed to democratically elected, members.

**Alton Pancras Parish Councillors**

Both of the present Parish Councillors, Sally Dangerfield and Terry Cowley, have indicated their unwillingness to stand for re-election in May of this year. They feel very strongly that there is a need for younger Councillors with greater stakes in the long-term future of the village. Anyone interested in this is invited to contact either of them (348880 or 348247) or to attend the Village Meeting to be held in the Church on Monday March 16th, commencing at 7.30 pm.

**Prospective Parish Councillor Briefing**

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils ("DAPTC") will be holding briefing sessions for anyone thinking of standing as a Parish Councillor at the forthcoming elections. Anyone interested in standing is welcome to attend and find out what the role will entail. Further information about these sessions will be placed on the www.piddlevalley.info website as soon as it is available.

**Defibrillator Proposal**

This is still under consideration, but before any final decision is taken, the Parish Council would like to gauge the number of volunteers who may be available to operate the scheme. What is needed is people who are likely to be in the village most of the time and, if contacted by the Ambulance service, would be able to immediately collect the machine from its storage location and deliver it to the site of the incident. Full training would be given. It is thought that there needs to be at least five volunteers available close to the storage location, so that there should be at least one person who would be available at any given moment.

Please contact any of the Parish Councillors, or email mail@whitepuppy.co.uk if you feel you would be able to volunteer, for a completely "without prejudice" discussion of what may be entailed. The storage location for the machine would probably be determined mostly by the availability of volunteers.

Remember – the ambulance service will not be able to get to the Valley in under 10-15 minutes. Restarting a heart needs to be done in the first 10 minutes (assuming CPR is also being carried out) to be effective.

**Scams and Frauds**

Dorset Police are now sending regular items about current scams and frauds that you should be aware of. Details are being added to the "Dorset Police Ringmaster" section

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**Best Kept Village competition 2015**

This competition is being run again this year, details and links can be found through the Parish Council page of www.piddlevalley.info

**Traffic Speeds**

If anyone wishes to report problems with perceived excessive vehicle speed in a particular location ( as opposed to specific vehicles) then the link to use is http://www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk/contact/speed-complaint2

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Approved**

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| WD/D/14/002733 | Old School House, Piddletrenthide. Install flexible flue liner, replace MDF mock fireplace with stone replica. Listed building. |
| WD/D/14/002433 | Thimble Inn, Piddletrenthide. New external lighting at high level on gable wall (Listed Building). |
| WD/D/14/002045 | Barn Ash, Plush. First floor extension to bungalow and new front porch. |

**Refused**

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| WD/D/14/002904 | Hanford, Bourne Park. Amendment to permission WD/D/13/001116, Rearrange panels, alter inverter cabins, new track. |

**Pending**

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| WD/D/15/000083 | Land at Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. Hay barn and stables. |

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| WD/D/15/000082 | Bourne Park, Piddlehinton. Amendment to solar arrays and access road. |
| WD./D/15/000033 | Glebe Cottage, Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. Two storey extension, groundworks, doorstep, render wall (Listed Building). |
| WD/D/14/003813 | 12 Rectory Rd, Piddlehinton. Remove internal partitions and install pellet fuel Rayburn heating. Listed Building. |
| WD/D/14/003215 | Thimble Inn, Piddlehinton. Painted signage on East & South frontages. |
| WD/D/14/003017 | Folly Farm, Plush. Renovation works, construct extension to provide additional accommodation. |
| WD/D/14/002826 | Little Holcombe, Alton Pancras. Demolish garage and extend bungalow. |
| WD/D/14/002611 | Slyers Lane, Charminster. Erect 6 wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Consultation only, as in Charminster Parish, but the PVPC has formally objected. |
| WD/D/14/002518 | Brace of Pheasants, Plush. Extend & alter to provide 10 Holiday accommodation units, replacement staff/owner dwelling and remove condition 7 of consent 1/E/2000/0358 (Occupancy restriction). |
| 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). |

**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*

14th March 1915
Captain Arthur Courtenay Saunders
(Alton Pancras)
2nd Battalion The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Seven months of war had passed before Alton Pancras suffered its first loss when Captain Arthur Courtenay Saunders was killed in action on the Ypres Salient. A regular soldier, Arthur Saunders was born in May 1883 in Hampshire, the son of Robert Erasmus and Edith Marion Saunders. He had an elder brother – Francis Perceval (1881-1952) – who was the father of the late Mrs Jocelyn Mould-Graham. The family home was the Manor House at Alton Pancras.

Educated at Clifton College, Arthur was commissioned into the 3rd Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment in June 1900 and then transferred to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (DCLI) on 4th May 1901. Made up to full Lieutenant in September 1904, he was seconded to the 3rd (East Africa) Battalion, King's African Rifles on 20th October 1909. Promotion to Captain came on 28th October 1911.

He had his first taste of action in Somaliland when he commanded a force of the King's African Rifles at the Upper Tsavo River on 26th September 1914. This action had nothing to do with the Great War – it was an operation against followers of 'The Mad Mullah' who had been mounting frequent raids in the area. For his service, he was awarded the Africa General Service Medal with the East Africa clasp. He was recalled to his regiment and left Africa in December 1914 to join the 2nd Battalion, DCLI.

At the outbreak of the War the 2nd Battalion were in Hong Kong and returned to the UK in November 1914. After training and re-equipping, they landed in France on 21st December. On 12th January 1915 the Battalion entered the front line in the St Eloi sector on the Ypres Salient. The small village of St Eloi lay about two miles south of Ypres and by early 1915 was seamed with the trenches on both sides.

Captain Saunders reported for duty on or about 13th March when 2nd DCLI were out of the line. That night they relieved the Royal Irish Regiment in the front line around an area known as the Mound. This was an artificial heap of soil some 30 ft high and covering about half an acre. Unbeknown to the British troops, the Germans had tunnelled under the Mound to lay two mines.

At 5.00 pm on the 14th, the Germans opened a very heay bombardment on St Eloi and its trenches. At the same time the two mines were exploded. The Mound collapsed, burying a machine gun team and blowing in adjoining trenches. Given the extent of the Mound, the size of the explosion defines imagination. The Germans attacked immediately, forcing two DCLI companies to retire. By 6.00 pm five British trenches had fallen into German hands and the ruins of the Mound were also taken.

The DCLI withdrew from their positions and were relieved at midnight. Casualties were severe. Seven officers and 42 other ranks were killed. One officer and 59 men were wounded and 35 men were missing. Captain Arthur Saunders was the senior of the officers killed - he was 31 years of age. His body lies in the Dickebusch New Military Cemetery and the following inscription was placed on his headstone by the family :

'Tis as a soldier
He will stand before
The great white throne.

On Christmas Day, 1915, a memorial window to him was unveiled in St Pancras Church. Its dedication reads :

'This window is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Captain Arthur Courtenay Saunders, 2nd Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry,
killed in action at St Eloi in Flanders 14th March 1915, aged 31.
"If I fall another must stand in my place".

**April saw the opening of the Gallipoli Campaign**

Conceived by Winston Churchill, who was First Lord of the Admiralty, as a way of opening up Russia's Black Sea ports, seizing Constantinople and removing Turkey from the War, the whole venture developed into a costly fiasco for the Allies which and the Gallipoli Campaign eventually failed. After various unsuccessful naval actions in the Dardanelles, the decision was taken to land troops on the Gallipoli Peninsular so that the European side of the Dardanelles would be in Allied hands. The initial landings were made on 25th April by a force of some 75,000 troops and 200 ships.

6th April 1915
Private Thomas Henry Diment
1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry

Thomas Henry Diment was born on 13th March 1888 in Buckland Newton and was baptised in All Saints Church, Piddletrenthide on 28th December of that year. He was the son of Esau and Sarah Anne Diment. He served as a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry.

The Battalion were in the St Yves sector of Ploegsteert Wood (known by the soldiers as Plugstreet Wood) on the Ypres Salient. The wood which was held by the British throughout the War, in a flat, muddy piece of countryside. Diment was killed on 6th April 1915, a day when nothing is recorded in the Regimental History. However, one account of Plugstreet Wood at that time notes that if a man slipped in the three foot deep mud, he had little chance of struggling out. The Battalion lost a number of men this way. One wonders whether this could have been Thomas Diment's fate, for he is listed as missing and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing. He was 27 years old.

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

25th April 1915
Captain Gerald Evelyn Gustavius Pollard
(Piddletrenthide)
1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers

The Battrick family had another loss in the Second World War. Frederick Charles, the brother of James, had a son, Harry James who served as a private in A Company of the 2nd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment. On Sunday 17th September 1944, this was one of the airborne battalions which dropped at Arnhem, having flown from Saltby in Lincolnshire.

Captain Gerald Pollard was a regular officer. Born on 19th December 1989, he was commissioned into the Royal Munster Fusiliers on 28th May 1910 as a Second Lieutenant. Promoted to Lieutenant on 14th September 1913, he was a temporary Captain at the time of the landings.

The plan for the landings, which included his Battalion, dictated that a converted merchant ship, the 'River Clyde', was to be run aground immediately below the Turkish fort at Sedd-el-Bahr. The 2,000 troops she carried would storm ashore down gangplanks from doorways cut in her sides.

As soon as the 'River Clyde' grounded at 6.25 am she came under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from the fort. She was also shelled by Turkish batteries. At about 8.00 am, Pollard was in one of the holds, presumably awaiting his turn at the gangplanks, when a shell burst in the hold and killed him. The shell's effect must have been devastating, for his body was not recovered and he is commemorated on the Cape Helles Memorial to the Missing. He was 25 years old.

The 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers suffered over 600 casualties in the landings and eye-witness accounts describe how the sea below the fort wads red with blood for 50 yards out from the shore.

Gerald Pollard's name does not appear on the Piddletrethide Memorial Hall plaques. His memorial is in All Saints Church and takes the form of a stained glass window which depicts him in First World War khaki. His grandfather was John Bridge, an early 19th century benefactor of the Parish.

*Bin Roy / 01300 348227*

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NHS Health Checks are available once every five years to people aged between 40-74 years, who do not have a pre-existing chronic condition. The NHS Health Check Programme assesses your risk of developing health problems such as Heart Disease, Stroke, Diabetes and Kidney Disease. The check takes 30 minutes and is based on straightforward questions and measurements, including family history, height, weight and blood pressure. There will also be a simple blood test to measure your cholesterol level. After you check you will be provided with a personalised action plan on how to reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease. If you would like to arrange an appointment please call the surgery on 01300 341666.

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• Don't be put off by a GP who runs late – they may be spending needed time with patients. There may be an occasion when you would appreciate them running late for you.
• Please consider what is achievable in 10 minutes. 4 problems in 10 minutes - that's 150 seconds each. It is often better to come back again and spend more time on a problem rather than squeeze as many as you can into your 10 minute appointment.
• Before you see the GP, work out in your own mind what you are worried about, and highlight any particular concerns. Consider preparing short notes.
• Get to the point; try not to keep important issues until the end of your consultation.
• Wear accessible clothing if you are likely to need to undress for an examination.
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**Easter Holidays**
We will close on Friday 3rd April 2015 and reopen again as usual from Tuesday 7th April 2015

**When the Surgery is closed**
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**PVNV** - the magazine and the website - is a community enterprise. Since 2011, the A5 format community magazine printed with some colour, has been distributed free of charge to all households throughout the Valley, with further copies in the School, Valley churches, pubs and Piddletrenthide Post Office Stores. There is also a small postal distribution. Content has evolved and increased with regular contributions from the community, Church, Parish Council, Piddle Valley First School, Neighbourhood Plan and a wide range of organisations from within and beyond the Valley.

**Community website**
PVNV launched the community website - www.piddlevalley.info - to ensure greater access for not only those who prefer to view their bi-monthly magazine on line, but enabling much fuller history, information and background of the Piddle Valley and the various Valley clubs, societies and organisations, as well as an up to date diary, breaking news and emerging events, Church, Parish and District Council events and news. All annual advertisers in the magazine are included not only in the online version, but also listed according to their category. PVNV understands that emerging Government regulations will increase the content of the Parish and District Council on the community website and confirms that there is no problem about increasing this content.

**Advertising**
PVNV has sought to maintain current advertising rates and is mindful of the burden to businesses. While acknowledging that some advertisers have had to drop out, we have been fortunate to have new advertisers coming forward. Valley organisation posters and event publicity are included free while there is a charge to organisations based outside the Valley. PVNV accounts are audited annually by Edwards & Keeping and a note on the 2014 accounts should be included in the March / April issue.

**PVNV Postbag – community address**
We are fortunate that the Piddletrenthide Post Office Stores is happy to act as the PVNV Postbag address enabling residents and businesses to hand deliver content and cheques thus saving many the mailing costs. Since the formation of the Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, there have been a number of questionnaires and forms sent out with PVNV requiring completion and return to the PVNV Postbag so we are very grateful to the Piddletrenthide Post Office Stores for accommodating this extra burden. Similarly, those who use Cerne Abbas Surgery are able to collect prescriptions from the PO Stores.

**Editorial team + distribution**
The magazine and the website share the same editorial team which meets regularly – all offer their time and skills as volunteers so are not renumerated. The magazine relies too on a team of volunteers through the Valley to distribute copies to every household.

**Revenue**
PVNV revenue is from advertising, some donations and also from the Piddle Valley Parish Council.

**Website – domain and hosting costs**
The Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting (27th January 2015) offered to take ownership of www.piddlevalley.info and pay the costs of the website domain and domain hosting direct.

PVNV is very grateful to the Piddle Valley Parish Council for their continued enthusiasm and for their financial support to offset the costs of the community aspects of the community magazine and website but would prefer to keep the magazine and the website combined under PVNV.

**Annual Accounts**
The annual accounts for 2014 have been submitted and we are most grateful to Rupert Edwards of Edward and Keeping for undertaking their examination, and to our Hon Treasurer Susan Chance for their preparation.

A big thank you to all our advertisers for their continued support.

*Dot Browning + Julie Bennett*

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| *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 |
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| *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 |
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| *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.

*Andy Howard / webmaster@whitepuppy.co.uk / 01300 348406*

## *A Magnificent Programme for Magna Carta*~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**World class lectures , theatre performances, music and spirituality at Cathedral for Magna Carta's 800th anniversary**

A new permanent exhibition to house Salisbury's renowned 1215 Magna Carta, world class lectures, theatre performances, music, interactive art works and the opportunity for spiritual reflection are all on the agenda as Salisbury Cathedral reveals its plans for this year's Magna Carta 800 celebrations.

Offering an exciting, immersive experience to visitors, the new Magna Carta exhibition, open to the public on Saturday 7 March, is designed to set the Charter in its historical context, telling the story of King John and his barons, as well as exploring the past and present day relevance of this extraordinary document, using digital media displays, artefacts, interactive stations and video.

David Coulthard, the Cathedral's Director of Communications, says, "When we talk to our visitors about what draws them to Salisbury Cathedral, the Magna Carta is always a very significant element, along with our extraordinary building, so it is fitting that we are playing such a major role in the celebrations and creating a permanent legacy in the form of this thought provoking and engaging exhibition."

In a rich programme of events that will span the next eight months, the Cathedral will seek to explore different aspects of the Magna Carta, the politics and conflict behind its creation and its relevance to today.

One spiritual highlight will be the pilgrimage from Old Sarum to the Cathedral Close on the afternoon of Sunday 14 June; this follows the route Magna Carta itself took when the Cathedral moved to its current site in the 13th Century. The pilgrimage will conclude with a special service and a Liber-tea on the Cathedral Green.

World class lecturers such as Neil MacGregor, director of the British Museum, Dominic Grieve, former Attorney General for England and Wales and Professor A.E. Dick Howard of the University of Virginia will be speaking at the Cathedral as part of a series of Salisbury Cathedral Magna Carta lectures, starting on the evening of March 6th.

Bad King John will get his moment too, in a performance of Shakespeare's King John taking place in the Cathedral during the Salisbury International Arts Festival in May - and in June Squidsoup, a team of international artists specialising in digital and interactive experiences, will be creating a walk-through installation in the North Porch.

**Left**: Magna Carta
© Salisbury Cathedral

Enlightenment is an immersive work inspired by the impact of the Magna Carta and will have a companion piece in the Morning Chapel, The Power of Words, which allows the viewer to play an active role in the creative work, manipulating projected words taken from the Magna Carta text.

As well as the visual arts, there will be music and concerts to enjoy. British born Tarik O'Regan, dubbed 'one of the leading composers of his generation' by *Gramaphone* Magazine, is premiering a new work in the Cathedral on June 13 as part of our Magna Carta Gala Concert. New York based O'Regan has won two British composer awards and been nominated for two Grammies. He recently premiered his first opera Heart of Darkness in the Royal Opera House.

September's crowning glory will be Magna Flora, a magnificent floral display created by over 500 flower arrangers from across the South of England. Magna Flora is masterminded by NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) national demonstrators Angela Turner, Pam Lewis, and Michael Bowyer MBE, Creative Director of Flowers at Salisbury Cathedral. The festival takes place over five days from Sept 15 and promises to be a potent blend of spectacular contemporary, traditional and interpretative arrangements including a special Harvest Festival display.

Magna Carta 800 2015 promises to be an extraordinary year for the Cathedral and the city of Salisbury, rated seventh best city to visit by Lonely Planet, and one we hope will leave a lasting impression on visitors and locals alike.

A full timeline of events can be obtained at http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/magna-carta/800th-anniversary-celebrations-2015)

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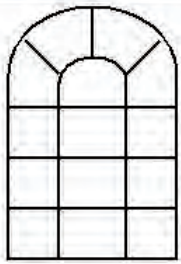

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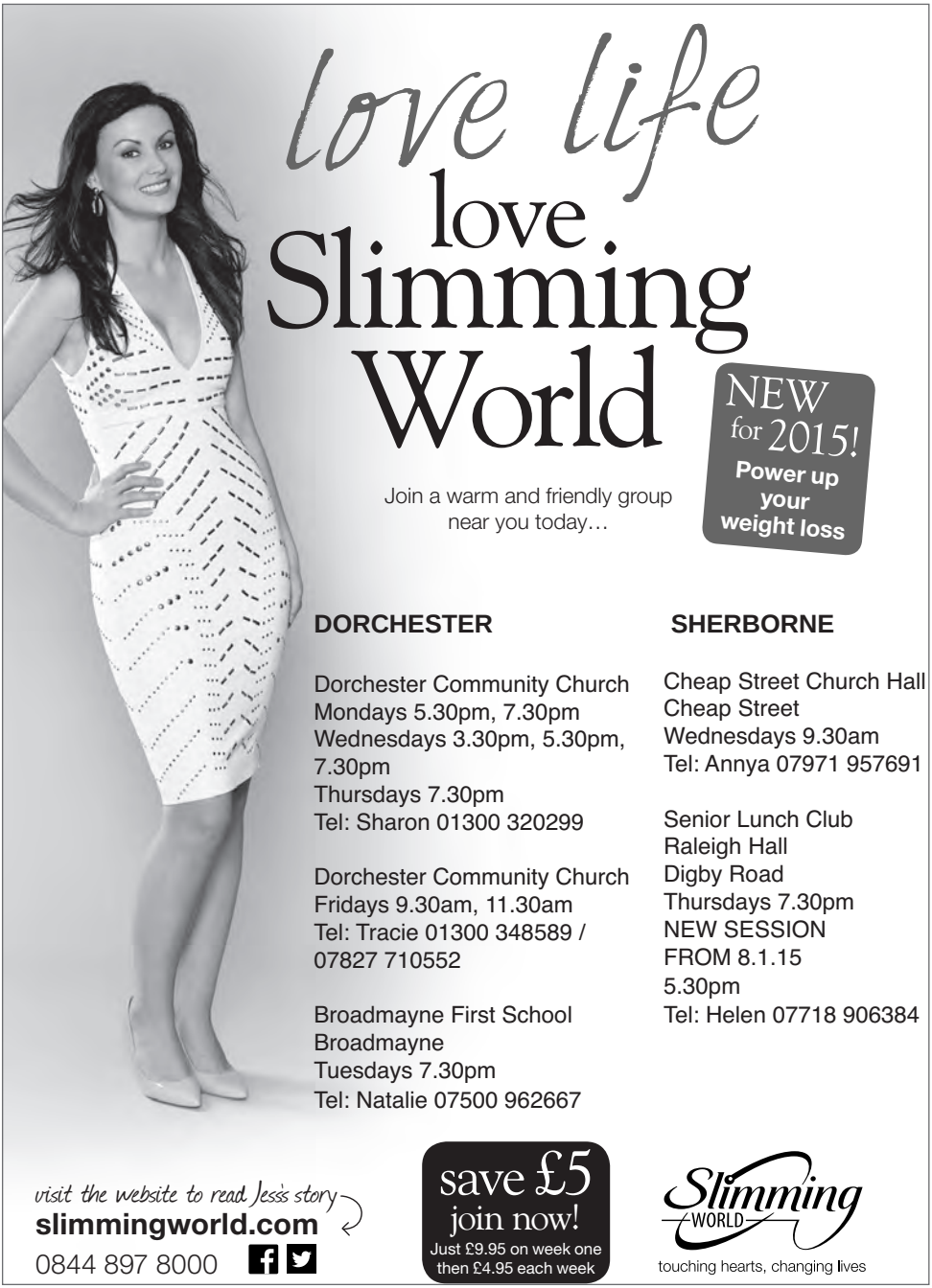
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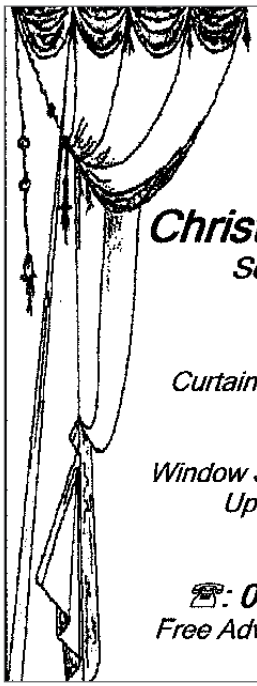

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