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Cover: Piddlehinton Open Gardens courtesy of Rosemary Agg
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The Bridge Educational Trust

The Bridge Educational Trust (Registered Charity No 1068720) was established in 1990 in memory of John Bridge, the last of the family which founded the Piddle Valley School in the middle of the 19th century.

The objectives of the Trust are educational, and grants are given primarily to those wishing to study at a school, college, or other educational establishment. Applications are particularly welcomed from residents of the Piddle Valley and its immediate neighbourhood. Normally applicants should be nearing the end of their school careers or have left school, though younger children with special educational needs may be considered.

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The Trustees give priority to cases involving hardship or difficult family circumstances and where, without some assistance, the desired education, course or activity would not be possible. Special consideration is given to older people who may wish to start training for a particular career or other purpose after normal education has been interrupted.

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Further details of the Trust can be found at www.bridgeeducationaltrust.org.uk but if you feel that you would like to discuss a possible application with one of the local Trustees, please contact one of the following:
Hannah Murphy (348564), Richard Drewe (348253), Nick Harland (348272), Olivia Steven (348909)

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

JULY

6	Thur	Piddle Valley Over 60s. Outing to Wimborne..
14	Fri	Coffee morning, Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide 10.30 to 12 noon
15	Sat	Piddlehinton Fete, West Lodge, Piddlehinton – 2.00 pm. 7.00 pm BBQ & Live Music.
15	Sat	Piddle Valley Players Talent Night, Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7.00 pm
25	Tue	Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm
28	Fri	Lunch Club, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 12.30 pm
30	Sun	Piddle Valley Gardens Club, Summer Social, Harvey's Farm, Plush

AUGUST

3	Thurs	Piddle Valley Over 60s. Barbecue at Venta Silurum at 12 noon.
11	Fri	Coffee morning, Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide 10.30 to 12 noon
19	Sat	Piddle Valley Gardens Club, Summer Show, Piddle Valley First School, 2.00 to 4.00 pm
25	Fri	Lunch Club, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 12.30 pm
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17	September	Ironman 70.3
26	September	Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm

Seeking new Editor & Treasurer for News and Views:
In January I will have been editing News and Views for the past 2 years. With a young family and a full time job that takes me to London most weeks, I am looking to hand over the Editor role to someone who can devote time to developing the magazine and perhaps come up with some new ideas for the future issues! Likewise Minnow Walker is stepping down as Treasurer and so we are also looking for someone to take on this role. Full support and tutorial sessions will be provided to ease the handovers.

If you are interested, please do get in touch via email: editor@piddlevalley.info

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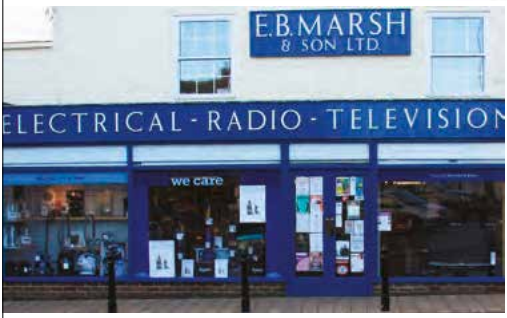

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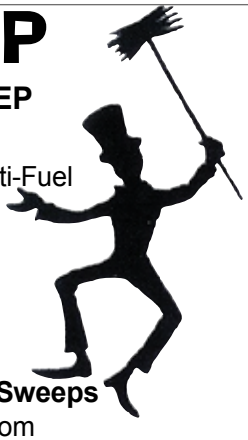

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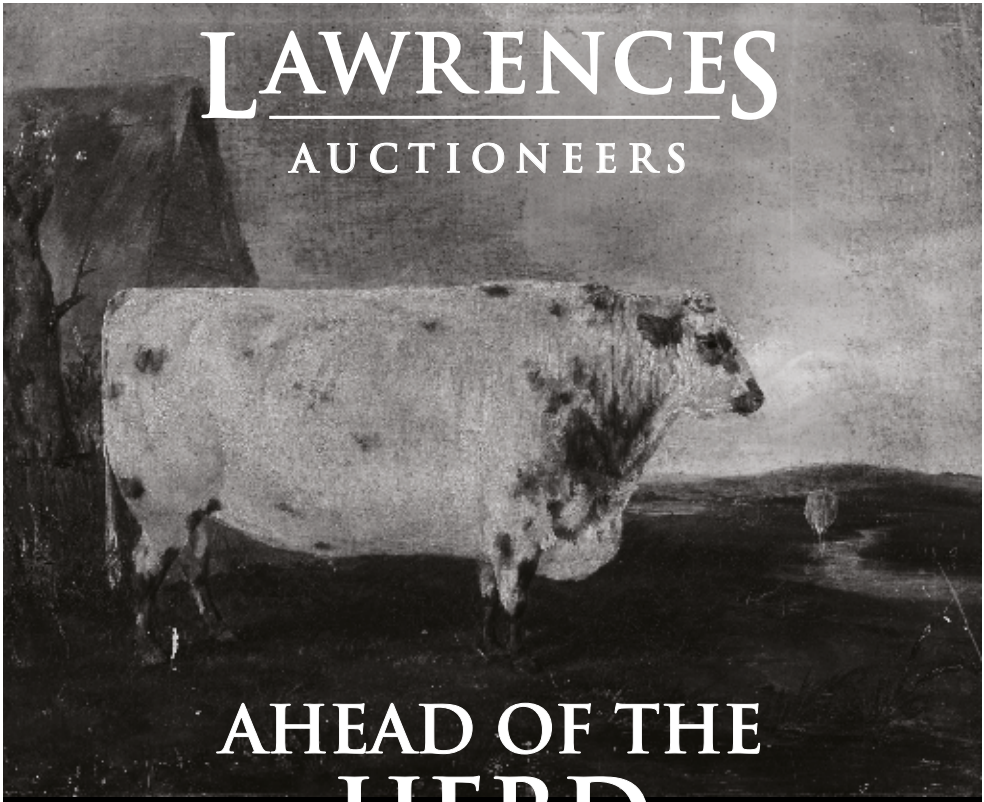

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9th July 4th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 145: 8-15 Zech. 9: 9-12 Rom. 7: 15-25a Matt. 11: 16-19, 25-30	**9.30am Family Eucharist CW** Alton Pancras **6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP** Piddlehinton	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Hilton **11.00am Parish Communion BCP** Melcombe Horsey
15th July	**Piddlehinton Fete**	
16th July 5th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 65: 8-end Isaiah 55: 10-13 Rom. 8: 1-11 Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Piddletrenthide **11.00am Parish Communion BCP** Piddlehinton	**9.30am * Family Eucharist CW** Cheselbourne **11.00am Morning Prayer BCP** Hilton **11.00am Horsey Half Hour CW** Melcombe Horsey
22nd July	**Wedding @ Piddlehinton**	
23rd July 6th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 86: 11-end Isaiah 44: 6-8 Rom. 8: 12-25 Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43	**9.30am * Joint Family Eucharist with Piddletrenthide CW** Alton Pancras **6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP** Piddlehinton	**8.30am Holy Communion By Extension BCP** Cheselbourne **6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP** Hilton
30th July 7th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 119: 129-136 1 Kings 3: 5-12 Rom. 8: 26-39 Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Piddletrenthide **10.30am Benefice Service CW** Rawlsbury Camp, Bulbarrow	
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	Piddle Valley	**Three Churches**
5th August	**Wedding @ Piddlehinton**	
6th August 2017 Transfiguration Green/White Psalm 97 Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Luke 9: 28-36	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Alton Pancras **9.30am * Valley Family Service with Baptism CW** Piddlehinton **11.00am Morning Prayer BCP** Piddletrenthide	**10.30am * Songs of Praise** Hilton **11.00am Morning Prayer Franciscan or BCP** Melcombe Horsey **6.00 pm Evening Prayer BCP** Cheselbourne
13th August 9th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 85: 8-13 1 Kings 19: 9-18 Rom. 10: 5-15 Matt. 14: 22-33	**9.30am Family Eucharist CW** Alton Pancras **6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP** Piddlehinton	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Hilton **11.00am Parish Communion BCP** Melcombe Horsey
20th August 10th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 67 Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Rom. 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matt. 15: 21-28	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Piddletrenthide **11.00am Parish Communion BCP** Piddlehinton	**9.30am * Family Eucharist CW** Cheselbourne **11.00am Morning Prayer BCP** Hilton **11.00am Horsey Half Hour CW** Melcombe Horsey
26th August		**Wedding @ Hilton**
27th August 11th Sunday after Trinity Green Psalm 138 Isaiah 51: 1-6 Rom. 12: 1-8 Matt. 16: 13-20	**9.30am * Joint Family Eucharist with Alton Pancras CW** Piddletrenthide **6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP** Piddlehinton	**8.30am Holy Communion BCP** Cheselbourne **6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP** Hilton
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Rector's Ramblings~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

'Requiescat in Pace'

Two years ago my grandfather died and I was asked to officiate at his funeral. Prior to his death I undertook the journey from Weymouth to Reading to spend our last moments together. We spoke of the important things: love, family and peace.

My grandfather like many of his generation found the word peace to be a most beautiful word, it is a word of unutterable beauty, and it was the word used when hostilities were over after the Second World War. At his hospital bedside we used this word in a different sense as the veil of death became ever more present.

The idea of peace occupies a prominent position in biblically history and in the Christian faith. The Old Testament speaks of many 'battles long ago', notoriously bloody and of the peace that came, after war. At a deeper level the bible speaks of peace that is very relevant to all of us.

Firstly, it speaks of the man's peace with God. Christ came to preach peace, to us who are by nature at cross-purposes with God. He is indeed our peace. Why? This new relation with God, in Christ, does not come about from our own efforts or achievements, but by God's outgoing love towards us.

Secondly, our inter-relationships, our peace with each other. Spiritual writers will often speak of how a sin towards the other when uncorrected brings about spiritual death. The purpose of God, is that all over the world Christian communities are to grow in love and peace with each other and with him – redeemed and redeeming fellowships that are transformative by the power of God.

Thirdly, peace with our own self. What could be considered as a selfish act is wholly unselfish. Most people are impressed by how Christ brought peace to those whom he met. Christian ministers are prolific in many work-place situations throughout the world and they will all agree, to minister peace to others, I must be at peace with myself. You cannot assist others if you are storm-tossed. To be effective in any storm you must have your feet firmly placed on a solid foundation.

Father Roger Butcher

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

Alton Pancras

ℳℙ This year's fete, the last in the superb gardens of *Barcombe Grange*, had 100 less visitors than in 2016 but the 282 who did attend spent more. We were also a little light on volunteers. Main beneficiary was the *Lexi May Trust* which supports children who have terminal or life-threatening conditions in Dorset.

ℳℙ Good to have a dignitary with a local connection to open our fete, held as it was opposite where Piddle Valley Players producer Rachel Olley lived until recently. She also doubled as lead singer of the band Equinox during the afternoon. A real trooper.

ℳℙ No sooner had Suzanne Elliott moved into *Fairview* than she had joined the Fete organisers and taken over the popular Tombola stall. What a great way for a newcomer to get to know the village and its people. Hope she liked what she saw!

ℳℙ While on the subject of dogs, congratulations to all those who won awards at the Fete. We only have space for the winners of each group, which were Charlie (Charlotte), Basil, Maisie, Angus, Treacle, Parsley and Winkie. Take a bow – wow!

ℳℙ Our village was hugely under-represented at the first defibrillator training session held at the Memorial Hall. True, the machine talks to you, but making your debut in an emergency situation can lose valuable seconds. In an emergency, valuable time is wasted when you have to press the say-again button. Bernard Clifton at the *Old PO* is the holder of our machine, but he doesn't accompany it on its call-outs.

ℳℙ Our two parish councillors are truly right in the centre of things in the village. Bernard Clifton at the *Old Post Office* has now been joined by Rod Potts of nearby *Snowdrop Cottage*. We thank them for giving of their time on behalf of the rest of us.

ℳℙ The author of a gazetteer of Dorset villages in 1956, available from Dorchester lending library, was probably tiring when she reached Alton Pancras. "Some pleasant cottages, a few Victorian, and a quiet church opposite a farmyard" would probably describe many villages. "A good Georgian-type house secluded under the western wall of hillside and set back from the village street" appears to describe the Victorian *Old Rectory*, and a final flourish, dedicating Alton St Pancras church to *All Saints*. We all get days like this!

colinsuedean@btinternet.com

Piddlehinton

News from The Green
Welcome to the second update from the Green. Unfortunately, this piece has to be started with news that we have had more damage done on the Green with graffiti, broken notice board and wood to be used for the new boat being thrown in the river. The Police have been informed and our local community Police Officer has been very diligent in visiting the Green and spoken with one of the Trustees. We would ask everyone please to keep eyes and ears open and if you do see anything to ring the Police on 111 or 999 if you see actual vandalism taking place and please let a Trustee know.

Now, onto more positive news. Work is progressing well on preparing the new boat thanks to Rob Murphy of Blue Lias Marine and you can find out more details and see a picture on our Facebook page.

We will be organising a competition to "Name the New Boat", watch this space and the Piddlehinton Millennium Green Facebook page for more details.

Forward dates for your diary:
• Sunday 24 September for the Annual Millennium Green Rounders event, come and play, come and watch – a lovely family event. More details to follow.
• Friday 20 October – AGM and An Evening of Entertainment, again more details to follow.

We know everyone visiting the Green has enjoyed the large fort play structure and this has served us very well but it is going to need replacing within the next 12 months and so plans have been set in motion, taking into account the responses from the recent survey which was done, to get quotations for suitable play structures. Funding is being sought but also there will have to be fundraising events locally to raise what will be a substantial amount to be able to provide a replacement play area. All donations, offers of putting on events and help of any kind will be gratefully received – speak to one of your Trustees.

Everyone is free to use the Green for personal events but there are guidelines and we would ask, if you wish to have your party or other event on the Green, that you contact one of the Trustees in the first instance to ensure there is not a clash. Also as it is classified as an 'Open Space' for use by all you cannot 'book' the Green exclusively for personal use.

Please contact any of the Trustees if you feel able to help in any way or if you would like to find out more about becoming a Trustee. Contact details for Trustees can be

found on the notice boards by the Green or at Piddlehinton Village Hall.
Finally, you can keep up to date electronically by visiting our Facebook page "Piddlehinton Millennium Green" and becoming a Friend on Facebook.

Susan Dredge - Chair
For Trustees of Piddlehinton Millennium Green
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PIDDLEHINTON CHURCH FETE: 15th July 2017

Reminders and updates
Our success depends on your support – both before the day and on the day. Bottles for the tombola & preserves will be collected on 7th July, but as with everything, you can bring your contributions on the day (plants, books, cakes, etc). You can also leave bric a brac at West Lodge stables during the week starting 8th July (no electrical, large furniture or clothes please).

NEW: The winners of the Best Rescue class at our Dog Show will qualify for the Rescue Championships at Buckham Fair (Martin Clunes' Show). Purbeck Agility Club are giving us a performance of "Dancing with Dogs" mid afternoon (before the Children's Sports). Finally, there is the Cake Decorating Competition, judged on overall appearance. We very much hope that you will allow the cakes you bring to be sold on the Cake Stall after judging.

We are very short of lots for the Silent Auction. All ideas or queries of any sort, to one the committee:

Gay Hanbury on 348465, Honor Brown (348252), Alan Phillips (348220),
Di Rogers (348405), Chris Mason (348386), Fay Lord (348335).

Finally, the usual plea – lots of help is needed from the young and strong setting up: Friday 5.30 (meet at the Village Hall), Saturday morning and Sunday morning 10 am.

Piddlehinton Open Gardens
FLYING HIGH

Kites was the theme for this year's Piddlehinton Open Gardens as part of the national kite week. It was a great success raising nearly £4500 for three village charities, St Mary's Church, the Millennium Green and the Village Hall, plus Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Julia's House Hospice in Poole. Despite the challenging weather of the previous week 18 gardens opened looking superb for the 500+ visitors from far and wide to enjoy. The tasty refreshments in the Village Hall all day included yummy

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AGM with wine & cheese
Monday 27th February
Talk by Derek Luther
'Friends, Foes & Diseases'
Monday 27st March
Talk by Eric Watson
'Wildflowers on your doorstep' at Piddlehinton Village Hall
Monday 3rd April
Discount shopping at Castle Gardens, Sherborne 6.45pm
Saturday 8th April
Spring Show 2pm – 4pm Memorial Hall
Monday 24th April 7.00pm
'Interactive Pruning' Talk & Demonstration by Chris Bird at Willow Lawn (weather permitting) or Memorial Hall.
Saturday 13th May
Plant Sale at Memorial Hall, 10 am
Monday 22nd May
Floral Art demonstration by Vera de Menzes
Monday 26th June
Visit to Wisley
Sunday 30th July
Summer social at Harvey's Farm, Plush
Saturday 19th August
Summer Show 2pm – 4pm Piddle Valley First School
Monday 4th September
Discount shopping at Poundbury Garden Centre 6.45pm
Monday 25th September
Talk by John Marshall, the Tattie Man of Auchtermuchty, on a 'Lifetime devoted to Potatoes'
Saturday 14th October
Harvest Supper, 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Monday 30th October
Talk by Christine Stones on 'Gardens of World War I'
Monday 27th November
Talk by Gardens Group on 'Gardening Folklore'
Monday 11th December
Social evening
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AGM with wine & cheese

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PIDDLE VALLEY GARDENS CLUB

Programme 2017

Meetings at the
Memorial Hall
At 7.30pm
unless otherwise stated

home made cakes and a popular smoked salmon quiche among others. Ice creams were popular on Sunday and the Plant Stall nearly ran out of plants!

The church flowers followed the flight theme with 14 different displays from butterflies to bees, birds to time flies. There was a moth trap, supervised by Joy Wallis, which attracted 60 different species of night flying garden moths including 4 different Hawk Moths. Visitors also participated in the kite making run by Claire Hudson. Both activities were popular. One family was seen buying home made jams in a garden with a child clutching a kite while mum had a teddy under her arm won at the Tombola.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who made the event possible - the garden owners, helpers, those who tidied up the village and manicured their front gardens and especially the committee, who worked hard to bring it all together in the months before and during the weekend. Many positive comments have been received about the event.

Rosemary Agg on behalf of the committee

Piddlehinton Village Hall Breakfast

Unfortunately the Summer Breakfast on 2nd July has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances but we look forward to seeing you all on 10th September.

Piddlehinton Village Hall – What's on every week

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Tuesdays	**YOGA** 10–11.15am (block of 6 sessions £40) Contact Jane Evans / 01305 259754
Wednesdays	**BROWNIES** 6pm
Thursdays	**POST OFFICE** 2–4pm **SHORT MAT BOWLS** 7.30–9.30pm (September – Easter) Contact Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264
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Piddletrenthide Lunch club – held in the Memorial Hall
Lunch clubs are held in the Memorial Hall on the last Friday of most months – details of menus can always be found in the News and Views, and at the preceding month's Lunch Club. Meals prepared by Volunteers in the Hall are priced at £5 for 2 courses, followed by tea or coffee. There is always a raffle. Occasionally the Club will arrange for meals to be provided at a local public house, or employ Rebecca Green Catering to provide meals in the Hall; for these meals the cost will be slightly higher, but will be heavily subsidised by Lunch Club funds.

We are always happy to see friends new and old but IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EITHER BY TICKING THE FORM DISTRIBUTED AT EACH LUNCH CLUB IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S LUNCH OR BY RINGING ANN HAWKER ON 01300 348329.

FORTHCOMING LUNCH CLUB DATES
Friday 28th July, Friday 25th August

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- Artsreach and other events, see separate posters in this publication.
- Gardens Club, Over 60s and other events held at the Hall have more variable programme dates. For more information on these please see under Clubs, Groups and Organisations.

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NGS at Ivy House Piddletrenthide

What an amazing year we've had! The warm weather in March/April tempted many gardeners out to visit on Mothering Sunday, with daffodils in full flower; at Easter, when the tulips were at their best we were very well supported but unsurprisingly, slightly lower numbers over the early May Bank Holiday when a deluge refreshed the flagging flowers....but alas, not the visitors! Interestingly, Homemade Teas and the Plant Stall raised equal amounts of money.

We were able to send £2387 to the NGS which supports such worthwhile charities as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carer's Trust, Parkinson's UK and several others. We're very indebted to our team of helpers without whom this would not have been possible: John and Jane Preston, Liz Larpent, Sue Chance, Mary Foulds, Liz and Ian Messer. We hope to see you all back here in 2018.

Bridget and Dave Bowen

SWARMS

In beekeeper terms this has been a particularly 'swarmy year'! The unusually warm days in April meant the Queen bees were laying prolifically and so overcrowding in the hive occurred. This prompted a spate of swarms and in the course of two weeks I took four swarms followed by a further eight calls. Perhaps it would be useful for non-beekeeper to know a little about why this happens. Swarming is a natural way

of reproduction for bees. When the hive gets too crowded the pheromone given off by the Queen is not able to be circulated amongst the bees and Queen Cells are produced. When the first of these is capped (sealed) the old Queen leaves with about half of the younger bees possibly as many as 10,000! A wise beekeeper keeps their Queen's wings clipped, which means that as the swarm exits the hive, she fails to fly, falls to the ground and the swarm, finding itself Queenless, returns home!

The British Beekeepers Association keeps a list on its website of registered beekeepers. Using this, anyone finding a swarm on their property and wanting to have it removed can obtain the contact number of their nearest beekeeper. Unfortunately for me, I have a surname beginning with a letter near the beginning of the alphabet! So I'm often the first person contacted it seems for the whole of the Dorchester area! In fact there are many beekeepers living between here and Weymouth and since each call requires at least two visits to take the swarm (one to shake it into a skep basket and then a later visit at dusk to remove the swarm) long distances are not feasible, neither, in my case, ladder climbing to inaccessible cottage eaves! Two hands are needed to take the swarm, one to hold the skep and the other to shake it in, hence no free hand to hold the ladder.

Please remember that most beekeepers provide this service out of the kindness of their heart and don't make any charge, but some may require payment of up to £60.00.

Whilst we beekeepers do our best to keep our bees safely in their own hive, swarms do occur and we would appreciate some tolerance and understanding from local people. If you find a swarm in your garden, please don't automatically assume it is your nearest beekeeper who has caused this to happen. Swarms set up home some distance from their parent colony so the likelihood is that it belongs to a beekeeper elsewhere.

We would appreciate your tolerance and understanding when dealing with a swarm. They are normally mild tempered as they have gorged themselves on honey before leaving home, but nevertheless, approach them with caution! And finally, remember Albert Einstein's words: "If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe then man would only have four years of life left."

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DRAGONS HOPE - an ARTSREACH children's workshop and performance by MAIDENCRONE

Once again we are delighted to be hosting an Artsreach children's event at Piddle Valley First School, Piddletrenthide, on Thursday 31st August, 10.30am - 1pm.

Storyteller Lizzie Bryant and musician Caellia Leuniss will be leading an exciting craft workshop followed by a performance titled Dragons Hope - A Woodland Adventure.

Children are invited to come and enjoy a carousel of craft activities using willow weaving, feathers, clay, natural and recycled materials to create headdresses, dragon masks and percussion instruments. The children will then use these as props to support and interact with the storytelling.

The workshop starts 10.30am and at midday there will be an interactive performance of Dragons Hope.

"Be pixie-led and fairy-bound, in the wood turn thrice around. If riddles speak and paths unwind then Dragon's Hope is yours to find. All is not well with the deep dwelling dragon of the dimpsy wood and the fairy queen is worried, very worried. If she cannot find the right remedy for the dragon, and he leaves, never to return, what will happen to the wood? It falls to Scrumpy, the wood's naughtiest pixie and most unlikely heroine, to save the day, the wood, and possibly the whole world."

A woodland adventure story for the whole family with live music from Caellia Leuniss. Come dressed as fairies and pixies! Please note that weather allowing this performance will take place outdoors so suitable clothing and stout footwear is advised.

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Rosalyn Charlton

Dorset Trading Standards

Too good a price to be true?

When most of us think of counterfeiting we think of clothes and dvds not electrical and cosmetic products. So what is the problem with buying fake products? Fake goods are not subject to the same stringent safety checks that genuine goods undergo. UK Border officials advise that buying counterfeit goods funds terrorism. They claim that this illegal trade profits criminals by tens of millions of pounds each year.

Defibrillator Locations

White Lackington

Piddletrenthide Hall

Alton Pancras

Plush Brace of Pheasants

Puddletown Rugby Club, Enterprise park

Piddlehinton Village Hall

Defibrillators in the Piddle Valley

The defibrillators are now in their permanent positions and available 24 hours a day.

We need to thank the following people –
Paul Green, Pete Hiscock and Jo Sherwood for helping to get the
Plush defib fixings in place.
Bernard Clifton for spending 2 days working with the
Community Heart Beat Trust Electricians.
The Poachers Inn, The Piddle Inn, the Brace of Pheasants and The Thimble Inn for
having the defibs until they could be moved to their permanent locations.
The Trustees of Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, Piddlehinton Village Hall,
The Brace of Pheasants and Puddletown Rugby Club for agreeing to host the defibs
on a permanent agreement.

A total of 35 people attended the two very informative training events held.
Our stall at the Alton Pancras fete attracted a lot of interest, and we will be at both
Piddletrenthide and Piddlehinton fetes to spread awareness, gather names
for further training, and of course, try to raise funds.
BUT, please do not think that the project is finished. There are further enhancements that
we can add to make the project bigger and better, but of course this depends on funds.
Please come and talk to us at the Fetes to learn more.

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Here is a reminder if you wish to contribute to the fund:
1. COLLECTION BOXES have been placed in the shops and pubs
located throughout the Valley
2. ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS can be made using the account details below
HSBC – Acc No: 21224239, Sort Code: 40-19-21, Reference: DEFIB
3. CONTRIBUTIONS CAN ALSO BE GIVEN TO ANY OF THE PIDDLE VALLEY PARISH COUNCILLORS.
Please place cash or cheques in a sealed envelope. Cheques should be made payable to
"Piddle Valley Parish Council" and marked "defibrillator" on the back to make sure
it goes into the correct account.

A total of £9484.00 has been received so far. Our total to maintain the project is £12000.
Thanks to those that have contributed since the last News and Views Magazine
£39 from collecting boxes in the Piddle Valley
£25 Mrs Read
£20 Mrs Patch
£100 Piddletrenthide Lunch Club
And thank you to those who have contributed electronically, who we cannot identify from the Bank
Account, and those who have put money in the collection boxes.

A recent safety survey of counterfeit i phone chargers saw a 99% failure of basic safety checks. Chargers were found to be without fuses and unsafe labelling potentially leading to overheating and exploding.
Other counterfeit items recently found have been life jackets stuffed with packaging instead of buoyance aids, sunglasses with no UV protection causing lasting damage to the eyes and perfume found to contain cyanide and in some case human urine and toxic levels of chemicals.

So how do you spot a fake? The chances are that if it seems to be too good to be true then it probably is. Always shop from reputable a trader.

If you want to report concerns, or if you would like advice about your consumer rights, then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

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Royal Mail
Scam mail is sent with the sole intention of obtaining money through fraud and deception. There are many types of postal scams including fake lotteries, prize draws, clairvoyant and bogus health cures.

Royal Mail has launched a new initiative to help protect consumers from scam mail. It will initially focus on customers receiving high volumes of scam mail and will block and impound scam mail at its major distribution centres before it reaches the customer's letterbox. Legitimate business and personal mail will continue to be delivered to the customer in the usual way. Using Special Delivery, Royal Mail will proactively contact those households it believes are receiving high volumes of scam mail. They will be given the telephone number for a dedicated Royal Mail helpline, email address or Freepost address to contact the Royal Mail if they have concerns or want to arrange a home visit from Royal Mail staff.

In the six months from November 2016 to April 2017, 700,000 scam mail letters were intercepted and prevented from reaching their target victims.

Anyone can become a scam victim. If it has happened to you contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 who will take this situation seriously. This helpline is the first point of contact for consumers seeking advice or wishing to report a problem to trading standards.

Would you like to understand scams better and help people around you spot and stop scams? Become a 'Friend Against Scams' at www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk.

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The superfast fibre continues to roll out

Plush is set to join communities in The Piddle Valley already benefiting from the fibre broadband roll out. Most residents in Alton Pancras, Piddletrenthide and Piddlehinton can get superfast broadband as a result of the Superfast Dorset programme, while residents in White Lackington can upgrade to a slightly faster than standard fibre service. Residents will need to contact providers to upgrade.

Superfast Dorset has plans to bring fibre broadband to Plush during 2017.* To find out when fibre broadband becomes available, register to be emailed on www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast.

Upgrading to fibre broadband has huge benefits:

- Everyone in your home can be online at the same time
- Download and watch your favourite TV shows, films and sports when you want and without annoying buffering
- Keep in touch with friends and family by video calling
- Work from home with a faster and more reliable connection

*Plans may change subject to detailed survey. Superfast Dorset is a complex engineering project and we are not able to provide specific timescale for planned work. Individual speeds and availability will vary.

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

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance – Thank You

Wow Piddle Valley you did it again! A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Annual Cakes & Banana Appeal for the Coast 2 Coast Cycle Ride and this comes from the D&S AA Team but most of all from the very grateful cyclists who stopped in at Ilminster Ambulance Station to partake of your donations. Nearly 500 of the 580 cyclists stopped to refuel and we are pleased to report that thanks to your kindness and generosity there were enough goodies for everyone to enjoy. Comments heard from those who have done this ride before were "we love Ilminster because we know we can enjoy great snacks" to new entrants "wow, where did all this come from?" (we do have posters up telling everyone that donations came from Piddle Valley villages).

In 2016 £81,000 was raised and you were part of this now very popular annual event through your donations. We will not know how much the 2017 Ride will raise until

later in the year but do have a look at the website to find out all about the day and you can keep up to date on how the money is coming in (http://www.dsairambulance.org.uk/2017/05/17/another-spectacular-coast-coast).

Once again, our very grateful thanks for your continued support of your Air Ambulance.

Kind regards Susan & Terry Dredge
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Volunteers (01300 348120)

Christian Aid week

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christian Aid collection in May; to collectors and to everyone who donated money. Special thanks to Ginny Butcher and Pat Kenwrick in Piddletrenthide and to Sally Dangerfield Snr in Alton Pancras. Between them the two villages raised over £523. This is a fantastic amount. The breakdown of the amounts is: Piddletrenthide, £241 and Alton Pancras, £282.

Piddle Valley Country Dancing group

The Autumn term will begin on Monday 18 September, 2.30p.m. to 4.30p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide. New members always welcome, no experience necessary, just a well-developed sense of humour as, however hard we try, we always make mistakes. We walk through every dance before putting on the music and try to match newcomers with 'experienced' dancers (!) so now's the time to take up a new interest, get plenty of exercise, enjoy tea and biscuits and a chat with friends and all for the sum of £1 50p per week - what could be better? If you would like more information, contact me,

Jane Preston, 01300 348 545.

Piddle Valley Gardens Club

Despite an unseasonably chilly evening on 24th April, about 25 members gathered in Neil & Janet Herbert's garden to watch Chris Bird of Sparsholt College demonstrate a range of pruning techniques on their shrubs. This practical advice was much appreciated by the visitors, who had plenty of questions for Chris, but especially welcomed by our hosts who benefitted most of all ! We will be inviting Chris back for more ...

At lunchtime on 22nd May we learnt that our floral art speaker had suffered a sudden family bereavement, so we were very grateful to Neil Lovesey of Picket Nursery who

stepped in to give a lively and gently provocative talk about wildlife in the garden. Most of his impressive range of photographs were taken at his nursery at South Perrott, which is designed to encourage beneficial wild visitors.

Piddle Valley Over 60s

Thursday July 6 – Piddle Valley Over 60s. Outing to Wimborne.

Thursday August 3 – Piddle Valley Over 60s. Barbecue at Venta Silurum at 12 noon.

These trips are open to anyone who would like to join us provided there is room on the coach.

Twinning

A sunny weekend in Normandy for the Twinning group.

We were lucky enough to choose the sunniest weekend of April for our visit to Longueville. 25 adults and 7 children began the school holidays staying with French families and exploring the region near Mont St Michel and the border with Brittany. We were welcomed with great warmth by our hosts and treated to interesting outings by day and meals together in the evenings.

With Mont St Michel forming an impressive backdrop, we watched the age-old process of separating the salt from its brine at a restored 18C salt works on the edge of the Bay. The picnic afterwards made everyone happy, especially the children, who played in the sunshine and then went on to splash around in the sea.

The following day, we travelled by coach to Dinan, a picture postcard medieval town in Brittany. In the morning we enjoyed a superb guided tour in English, with a sunny boat trip on the River Rance in the afternoon. Lunch in a local restaurant was typically French and generous.

Our gala evening included dinner prepared by our hosts and our own entertainment - a selection of sea shanties taught us by the wonderful Wareham Whalers choir. The French entertainment was delightfully funny, with 7 middle-aged gentlemen in tutus dancing their own version of the Dying Swan; a joyous end to the day!

© Julie Roughton

Everyone loved catching up with old friends and making new ones. There is always something to learn and marvel at when spending time in another country. Two things are certain ... that post-Brexit, our links with Longueville will remain very strong and that we have all made friends for life.

For more information about the Twinning please give Jo Thornton a call. 348670
Everyone is welcome.

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

The whole school enjoyed a visit to Axe Valley animal park.

The children were able to find out about a range of animals from meerkats and zebra to sheep and goats. The children had an amazing time finding out about all the animals and even had the opportunity to handle a snake, a variety of different sized stick insects as well as a ferret.

Outdoor education has been thriving at Piddle Valley with all the children having opportunities to take their learning outside.

The Woodpeckers class have enjoyed their topic the 'Enchanted Wood' this half term. They have explored famous people such as Charles Darwin which led to creating their very own wormery. The children have also been involved in planning a 'Fairy Party' where they created invites and mini beast hunt as well as building dens and using the forest school area to create a mini beast fact file.

Mrs Jayne Browne, Head teacher
Images © Piddle Valley First School

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.

Please also note that Minutes of meetings are published on the website, so if you do not wish your name to appear, please state this before beginning speaking.

Next meetings are: 25th July, 29 August, 26th September

Waste Collection arrangements
General Waste & Food – alternate Fridays July 14th, 28th. Aug 11th, 25th
Recycling & Food – alternate Fridays. – July 7th, 21st. August 4th, 18th.

Vacancies
New Councillor. We are pleased to welcome Lisa Murray as a co-opted Parish Councillor for Piddletrenthide.

Website www.piddlevalley.info
Can we pleased draw everyone's attention to the website for the Valley. It contains a large amount of information, but more particularly, is the only effective way of making as many residents as possible aware of late – breaking information which could be of importance to them. Significant effort is put into this to ensure it is as up to date as possible. Please use the "Latest News" button on the home page to keep abreast of updates.

Particularly, we only received information about the closure of the B3142 and B3143 for the Dorchester Marathon, held on Sunday 28 May, long after News & Views had been sent to the printer. There was a significant amount of information involved and the website was the only effective means of publishing all this quickly. News of the Round Wessex Cycle Race held on the same morning was only received 2 weeks before the event! It did not, however, involve any road closures. Happily, it seems that the two events were very well organised and there have not been any significant problems reported.

The next major event is Ironman 70.3, which will be on the Sunday 17th September. They are expecting approximately 2500 entries. The Cycle Race stage will involve

closure of the B3142 & B3143 from Puddletown to Kings Stag, the Holwell Rd from Kings Stag to Middlemarsh and the C12 top Sherborne Rd from Middlemarsh to Charminster, effectively from 0730 to 1300hrs. The organisers assure us however that the roads will be opened progressively behind the last cyclists as soon as possible, to reduce impact as much as possible.

It must be noted that, for safety reasons, NO VEHICLES will be allowed on the closed roads, other than for "Blue light" vehicles and escorted private vehicles for which specific prior arrangements have been made with the Race Organisers. It is therefore essential that anyone who needs visits from Nurses, Carers etc, or businesses for whom access during the Sunday morning is critical, makes direct contact with the Organisers. Anyone who has to make personal journeys is advised to depart before the roads are closed or delay departure until the roads are re-opened. Anyone requiring medical help should call 999. Vets will be escorted through the Closures, but contact with Race Control must be made in advance.
There is a separate insert in the magazine, with further details and a map. Please study this and retain for reference.

We will be updating the "Valley traffic information" page of the website as any further information is received. Please do monitor the page for changes – which will also be flagged via the "Latest News" button.

PCSO Allison Donnison will be attending Piddlehinton Village Hall on Thursday 1st June at 1530hrs, while the travelling Post Office is there, if anyone wishes to meet with her. It is hoped that this will become a regular contact point.

Community Highways Officer
DCC have appointed Jack Daniels, contact 01305 228100, as our Community Highways officer. If anyone has particular issues relating to the highways in our Parishes, he can be contacted via the "Dorset for You" website.

Defibrillators.
These have now been installed in their outdoor permanent positions in protective housings and are available 24 hours per day for use. Further details will be in a separate article in the magazine and also on the website
The Locations are:

- Phone box in Alton Pancras.
- Car Park of Brace of Pheasants in Plush.
- Memorial Hall wall in Piddletrenthide.
- Phone Box at South View, White Lackington.
- Village Hall wall in Piddlehinton.
- Rugby Club pavilion at Enterprise Park.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Approved

WD/D/16/002192	Lower Farm, Plush. - Erect car port.
WD/D/17/000375	West House, Back Lane, Piddletrenthide. - Remove external render on SE elevation. Repair stone & flint wall & render as required.(amended application) (LBC)
WD/D/17/000319	Unit 47A, Enterprise Park, Piddlehinton. - Use of land for storage of skips and as waste transfer station; retention of hardstanding and open fronted building; construction of welfare/office units and retention of toilet block. (DCC Application Ref PL\2095\17)
WD/D/17/000624	Brook House, Main St, Piddletrenthide. Construct new outdoor swimming pool.

Pending

WD/D/17/001099	South House, Piddletrenthide – change of use of one room to Public Tea Room
WD/D/17/001069	Austral Farm, Alton Pancras – convert disused cattle barn to single storey dwelling (East side of road)
WD/D/17/001026	9 Rectory Rd, Piddlehinton. Internal renovation works following flooding. (LBC)
WD/D/17/000099	Muston Farm, Piddlehinton. - Alterations and extensions to agricultural buildings to form 7 residential units including the removal of two agricultural buildings to include car parking, residential garden areas and associated infrastructure including surface and foul water drainage (Full)
WD/D/17/000019	Grey Thatches, Alton Pancras. Replace roof structure, structural repairs, replace windows, internal repairs following fire. Listed Building.

Note. By the time applications have been published here (possibly up to 10 weeks after I have been notified of them) , 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

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

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

No losses were suffered by the Valley in July and August 1917 so, as May marked the centenary of the Imperial (now Commonwealth) War Graves Commission, this article will be devoted to that important organisation.

At the start of the Great War, British soldiers' graves were marked by wooden crosses, but there was no official record or register made of such graves. Burial of the dead was the responsibility of the Army and was devolved to the deceased's unit. The British Red Cross began to locate and identify graves and started to provide information about burials to the next of kin of men killed. A man called Fabian Ware who, at 45, was too old to fight, had volunteered to serve with the Red Cross in France and he was instrumental in gathering these vital details.

By March 1915 the work being done was recognised by the formation of the Graves Registration Commission. In December, Ware was authorised to negotiate with the French Government to ensure that the cemeteries would be gifted to the British Empire in perpetuity. A year later the Commission became the Directorate of Graves Registration and Enquiries under the control of the Army and its scope covered British and Empire graves on the Western Front and in other war zones. Ware also organised the systematic photographing of graves which would be sent to relatives.

In 1916 horticultural work on the cemeteries was started by the Royal Botanic Gardens to create an atmosphere of peace and quiet amongst the graves. On the Western Front many cemeteries had rosebushes planted, the idea being that each day, across every soldier's grave, would fall the shadow of an English rose.

On 21st May 1917, as a result of Fabian Ware's efforts, the Imperial War Graves Commission was created by Royal Charter with the duties of marking and maintaining graves of servicemen killed in the war, and keeping proper records and registers. Memorials for men whose bodies were not found were also to be established. The Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India were included. The Commission became the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in March 1960.

The Commission was required to ensure that "…each of the dead should be commemorated individually by name either on a permanent headstone or by

inscription on a memorial. The headstones should be uniform and there should be no distinction made on account of military or civil rank."

For his vital work in establishing the Commission, Ware became Major General Sir Fabian Ware, CB, CMG, KCVO, KBE. He died in 1949.

The Commission's headstones, which are of Portland stone, bear the badge of the man's regiment, service or corps, his name, rank and number and his decorations; a family inscription could be added by his next of kin at the base of the headstone. Some of these are extremely moving - one of the most poignant reads "Pause, stranger, and say a prayer for he was our only son."Where remains could not be identified the stone would be marked "Known Unto God." This was proposed by Rudyard Kipling whose son, John, was lost in the Battle of Loos in September 1915.

Each cemetery has its own character, but the underlying principle is that in Europe, it should reflect an English country garden. Some are very small, marking where a unit buried its dead after a minor action. Others are vast - the biggest being the Tyne Cot Cemetery, near Ypres, with nearly 12,000 burials. It marks the site of one of the brutal Passchendaele battles in October 1917. The cemetery incorporates some German bunkers and it is called Tyne Cot because men of the 50th Northumberland Division, who fought there, thought the bunkers resembled Tyneside cottages!

Of the memorials to the missing, two are most famous. Thiepval, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, records 73,367 men killed on the Somme in 1916 and have no known grave. The Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield and contains 54,896 names of men killed on the Ypres Salient between 1914 and 15th August 1917 and whose bodies were never found.

Names of a further 34,888 men missing on the Salient after this date appear on memorial panels at the Tyne Cot Cemetery. Men from our villages are on these three memorials. .

It is at Menin Gate where each night at 8.00 p.m. The Last Post is sounded by buglers of the Ypres Fire Service. This simple ceremony has taken place every night since the Memorial was inaugurated in 1927, with the exception of the German occupation of Ypres during the Second World War.

The Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres

Each cemetery and memorial has a register giving full details of every man there including, in many cases, information about his next of kin. A visitors' book is also provided.

All cemeteries have a Cross of Sacrifice. Erected on a plinth, it is hexagonal and of Portland stone. On one face is a bronze crusader's sword pointing downwards. Also in each cemetery is a Stone of Remembrance, an altar-like structure some twelve feet in length, raised up on three steps. On it is inscribed "Their Name Liveth For Evermore." The words are, again, by Kipling.

Many local war memorials in this country copy the Cross of Sacrifice. Piddlehinton's memorial is one of these. It is a good copy, though the sword is carved in stone rather than being of bronze.

Royal Navy losses are, obviously, impossible to mark by cemeteries. Instead there are three huge memorials at Chatham (18,621 names), Portsmouth (24,591), and Plymouth (23,211) which commemorate those lost at sea. The Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets have their own memorial at Tower Hill in London.

Royal Flying Corps, Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force (formed on 1st April 1918) losses are either buried in war cemeteries or are on a Memorial to the Missing in France at Arras. It has 35,942 names. Second World War losses are commemorated on the R.A.F. Memorial at Runnymede which was unveiled by the Queen on 17th October 1953. It contains over 20,000 names of men and women lost in operations over Europe between 1939 and 1945.

Bodies from the Great War are still being found after 100 years. Some can be identified from identity discs, uniforms or equipment. All are treated with the greatest respect and will be buried in a nearby war cemetery. Relatives, if traceable, are always informed.

The most remarkable recent discovery of bodies resulted in a completely new cemetery being constructed in Northern France at Fromelles, sooth-west of Lille. Research had revealed a mass grave of 250 British and Australian soldiers buried by the Germans in 1916. They were exhumed and their funerals in the new cemetery took place in February 2010.

The Second World War and conflicts since then have created more cemeteries across the world. Possibly the remotest are those on the Falkland Islands. It was always a principle that servicemen would be buried where they fell, but since 2003 all personnel killed overseas are repatriated home for burial. Before 2003, the only servicemen to be buried in their home parishes were those who died, whether of wounds or sickness, in this country. There are some C.W.G.C. headstones in our Parish. Two are in St. Mary's, Piddlehinton, and one is in St John's, Plush. One of the Piddlehinton stones is of a Great War soldier - his story will be told in April 2018.

A C.W.G.C. headstone. This one is to William Ransome of Piddletrenthide, who was the first man from the Valley to be killed on the Western Front. His grave is at Wulverghem on the Ypres Salient.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records and other information are available on www.cwgc.org. They give details of servicemen and women who lie in some 23,000 cemeteries in 150 countries. The Commission's offices are at 2, Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7DX. Telephone: 01628 634221.

Bin Roy / 01300 348227

Sport ~~~~~~

SHORT MAT BOWLS	Thursdays Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.30–9.30 pm Contact Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264
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 / 01305 848501
TENNIS	Visit www.piddlevalleytennis.googlepages.com Contact 01300 348277
YOGA	Tuesdays Piddlehinton Village Hall 10–11.15 am Contact Jane Evans / 01305 259754 om/shantih@btinternet.co.uk

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

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

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 and Pew Sheets, list of Births, Marriages and 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 and 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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JULY AT MINTERNE GARDENS

JULY is a great month to view the diverse wildlife that call Minterne Gardens their home.

Dragonflies, Damselflies and frogs all stick around the water areas. Here you will see the Dragonflies zoom by, Damselflies gracefully flutter between landing on plants, and frogs can be seen in wet or damp positions, so keep an eye out for them. The Dragonfly pictured is a Male Broad-bodied Chaser which is a little different to other Dragonflies because it has a flatter body and flies quite like a hornet.

Bees of all different varieties work the flowers in Minterne Gardens. Sometimes creating their nests in an unoccupied bird box, they feed on many different plants that are out at this time.

Hornets are also working Minterne Gardens. These gentle giants are a wonderful sight to behold. If you are lucky you can hear them as they buzz by feeding on flies and other insects.

There is also a massively diverse birdlife at Minterne Gardens. Water loving birds are very visible along the river throughout the garden. Moorhens, Coots, Ducks, Egrets, Geese, Kingfishers and Herons all gather to feed and nest at Minterne.

There are many, many more mammals, birds and insects that call Minterne Gardens their home. These creatures benefit the ecosystem and without them the garden wouldn't be what it is today. This is why we gently nurture when we can but more than often leave the wildlife alone and work together to achieve our goals.

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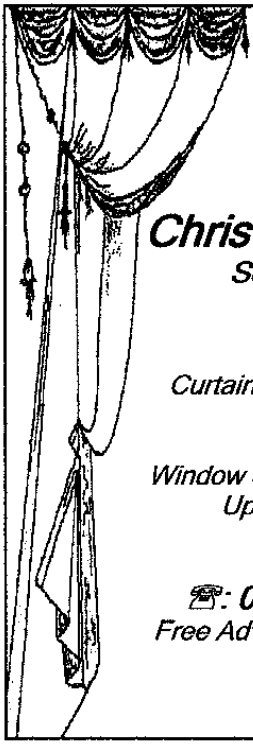
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A 99-year lease was secured back in 2007 by the charity that runs the Gym and it is currently used by three Badminton clubs (Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening), a Remote-Control car club (Friday evening) a Junior Tennis club (Wednesday/Thursday afternoons), and during the winter two Archery clubs (Wednesday evening and Sunday). In the past, a bowling club (long mat bowls) as well as a Jumba/exercise club have used the facilities.

The building does need some refurbishment and discussions are ongoing with Puddletown Rugby club, (also located on the Enterprise Park) about setting up a sports development trust to exploit and develop the facilities; encouraging more sports engagement across the Piddle Valley and beyond.

The charity that runs the club aims to provide the facilities at a reasonable cost, whilst increasing the diversity of sports; there is currently availability most Day-times, Thursday evening and all day Saturday. The cost is £17.00 for a 2-hour booking (£4.25 per badminton court per hour), providing both the main hall and changing rooms/toilets on the side. Our goal is to improve utilisation, increasing investment to refurbish and improve the facilities, hence benefitting all users.

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