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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 objects of the Trust are educational, and grants are given primarily to those wishing to study at school, college, university 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.

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.

During the past year grants made by the Trust have included those to help university students with accommodation costs and equipment; to provide support for children with specific learning difficulties; and to provide training for adults hoping to change career.

Meetings of Trustees to consider applications are held three times a year, normally in February, June and September. Applications should be received at least two weeks before the meeting at which they are to be considered. Please check the date of the next meeting, and the closing date for applications on the Trust website at www.bridgeeducationaltrust.org.uk.

Those wishing to apply can complete an application form online, or request a form by emailing the Trust Administrator at bridgeeducationaltrust@outlook.com or by writing to the Trust c/o Piddle Valley First School, Piddletrenthide, DT2 7QL.

Further details of the work of the Trust can be found on the website 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 (01300 348564), Richard Drewe (01300 348253), Nick Harland (01300 348272), or Olivia Steven (01305 567095).

Dates for your diary~~~~~

September

Sunday	1	9-11:30am	Breakfast in Piddlehinton Village Hall
Thursday	5	2:30pm	Thursday club, Memorial Hall Piddletrenthide.
Fri-Mon	6-9	All weekend	Twinning Visit to Normandy France.
Saturday	14		Ride and Stride – See Page 37
Sunday	15	11:30am	Tree Planting Piddlehinton, by the bridge in Rectory Rd.
Sunday	22	2pm	Annual Rounders on the Millennium Green, Piddlehinton.
Sunday	22	6pm	Harvest Service, Alton Pancras Church.
Tuesday	24	7:30pm	Piddle Valley Parish Council
Friday	27	12:30pm 2pm	Lunch club, Memorial Hall Piddletrenthide.
Saturday	21	2:30pm	Village Hall Duck Race on The Millennium Green
Sunday	29	4pm	Artsreach, Memorial Hall Piddletrenthide.

October

Thursday	3	2:30pm	Thursday club, Memorial Hall Piddletrenthide.
Friday	4	8pm	Piddlehinton Harvest Supper, in Piddlehinton Village Hall
Sunday	6	9-11:30am	Breakfast in Piddlehinton Village Hall
Monday	14	7pm	Village meeting, Alton Pancras Church.
Tuesday	22	9:30am	Flu Clinic, Cerne Abbas Surgery.
Friday	25	12:30pm 2pm	Lunch club, Memorial Hall Piddletrenthide.
Sunday	27	10am-12noon	River clean, Millennium Green, Piddlehinton.



Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Cars

The scheme got off to a flying start on the 1st of May with our first customer being taken to Cerne Abbas surgery and continues to be a very successful scheme. During May & June we have provided 22 trips and our volunteer drivers have covered 243 miles.

From our pool of 12 drivers we have fulfilled all requested trips, and have provided help to the Cerne Abbas scheme, providing transport for customers in Glanvilles Wootton.

We currently have 26 customers signed up to the scheme.

HOWEVER, we are always striving to grow and improve, so please take the time to continue to read.....

Have you ever considered how you might get to a Doctor, dentist or a hospital appointment when you can no longer drive?

Do you know someone who is already in this position?

As you are aware, at the present time, bus services are limited (supplied by NORDCAT), and we do not have a local taxi service. Could you afford a taxi?

Rural isolation and rural poverty are becoming an issue county wide.

In the Piddle Valley, the Piddle Valley Neighbourhood car service provides a practical solution to this problem.

To the customer it provides a more cost-effective service, provided by local people. We would be very surprised if you don't know the driver who comes to collect you, and if you didn't know them before, new friends can be made.

To the drivers, the feeling of helping other people is priceless. A driver doing their first trip described how the "feel good" factor surprised them, and the conversation they shared about the old days of the Piddle Valley was enlightening.

We work closely with the Cerne Abbas scheme to have a larger pool of drivers available to help.

Are you thinking of becoming a Driver?

If you are signed up to the scheme you will know if someone near you needs help.

Do you think that you will only be available “once in a blue moon”? That once in a blue moon trip could help someone get to a vital appointment.

If you do one trip and then nothing for a little while doesn't make you unreliable – life happens – but the one trip you do, could make a huge difference to the person you have helped.

Do you drop your children at school, and then go in to Dorchester to work? Could you take someone with you and drop them at the dentist or the hospital? Don't worry if you can't bring them back – we can arrange someone else to do that.

Don't be put off by the paperwork – we can help, and we have the support of the Volunteer Centre, who are very quick and efficient at getting your DBS check done for you.

If you are claiming benefits, being a volunteer driver does not affect your claim.

You could be the first person that customer has seen and talked to for several day.

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But, don't be put off if you can't drive!

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Do you like talking to people? Could you help with publicity?

Are you good with IT? Could you help with marketing using Facebook, Twitter or Instagram?

Are you organised? Could you help with the administration?

For further information please don't hesitate to contact one of the PVNC group.

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128 x 58mm	1/3 page	£60	£15
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62 x 56mm	1/6 page	£40	£10
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Small ads	per line		£4

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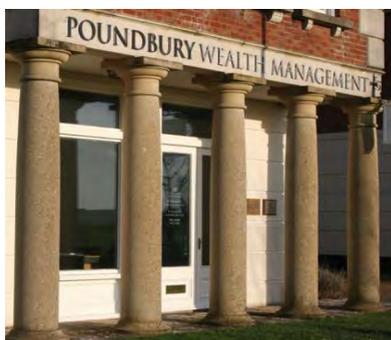
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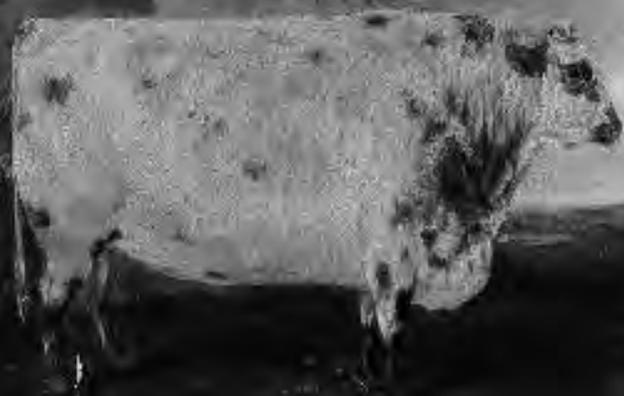


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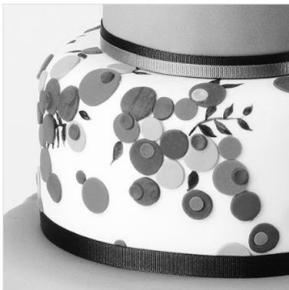
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and Cheselbourne.***

Worshipping together in a Communion Service
with a jointly formed choir.
Refreshments available after the service.



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Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey**

<p><u>1st September 2019</u> Altar Colour - Green</p> <p>Ecclus. 10: 12-18 Psalm 112 Heb. 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14</p>	<p><u>11th Sunday after Trinity</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Valley Family Service 10.30am Songs of Praise * 11.00 Morning Prayer 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>Alton Pancras Piddlehinton Hilton Piddletrenthide Melcombe Horsey Cheselbourne</p>
<p><u>5th September 2019</u> <u>Thursday</u></p>	<p>9.00am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector</p>	<p>Alton Pancras</p>
<p><u>8th September 2019</u> Altar Colour – Green Deut. 30: 15-end Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33</p>	<p><u>12th Sunday after Trinity</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist 11.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</p>	<p>Hilton Alton Pancras Melcombe Horsey Piddlehinton</p>
<p><u>12th September 2019</u> <u>Thursday</u></p>	<p>9.00am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector</p>	<p>Cheselbourne</p>
<p><u>15th September 2019</u> Altar Colour – Green Exod. 32: 7-14 Psalm 51: 1-11 1 Tim. 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10</p>	<p><u>13th Sunday after Trinity</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist 11.00am Horsey Half Hour 11.00am Sung Morning Prayer 11.00am Parish Communion</p>	<p>Piddletrenthide Cheselbourne Melcombe Horsey Hilton Piddlehinton</p>
<p><u>12th September 2019</u> <u>Thursday</u></p>	<p>9.00am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector</p>	<p>Piddletrenthide</p>
<p><u>22nd September 2019</u> <u>IRONMAN SUNDAY!</u> <i>Altar Colour – Green</i></p> <p>Gen. 18: 20-32 Psalm 138 Col. 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13</p>	<p><u>14th Sunday after Trinity</u> PIDDLE VALLEY CLOSED 7.30AM – 12NOON 8.30am Holy Communion 6pm Sung Evening Prayer 6pm Harvest Festival, Songs of Praise (Followed by communion by ext.)</p>	<p>Cheselbourne Piddlehinton Alton Pancras</p>
<p><u>29th September 2019</u> <i>Altar Colour – White</i> Gen. 28: 10-17 Psalm 103: 19-end Rev. 12: 7-12 John 1: 47-end</p>	<p><u>St Michael & All Angels</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Combined Benefice Eucharist Service</p>	<p>Piddlehinton Milton Abbey</p>

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<u>3rd October 2019</u> <u>Thursday</u>	9.00am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector	Hilton
<u>4th October 2019</u> <u>Friday</u>	7.00pm Harvest Service Followed by Supper in Village Hall	Piddlehinton
<u>6th October 2019</u> Altar Colour – Green Hab. 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 Psalm 37: 1-9 2 Tim. 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	<u>16th Sunday after Trinity</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Valley Family Service 10.30am Harvest Festival Songs of Praise * 11.00 Morning Prayer 11.00 Harvest Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer	Alton Pancras Piddlehinton Hilton Piddletrenthide Melcombe Horsey Cheselbourne
<u>6th October 2019</u>	7.00pm Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce	Old Brewery Hall Ansty
<u>10th October 2019</u> <u>Thursday</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector	Piddlehinton
<u>13th October 2019</u> Altar Colour – Green 2 Kings: 5: 1-3, 7-15 Psalm 111 2 Tim. 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	<u>17th Sunday after Trinity</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist 11.00am Parish Communion 5.00pm Harvest Festival Songs of Praise 6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer	Hilton Alton Pancras Melcombe Horsey Piddletrenthide Piddlehinton
<u>17th October 2019</u> <u>Thursday</u>	9.00am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector	Melcombe Horsey
<u>20th October 2019</u> Altar Colour – Green Gen. 32: 22-31 Psalm 121 2 Tim. 3:14-4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8	<u>18th Sunday after Trinity</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Harvest Festival Family Eucharist * 11.00am Horsey Half Hour * 11.00am Sung Morning Prayer 11.00am Parish Communion	Piddletrenthide Cheselbourne Melcombe Horsey Hilton Piddlehinton
<u>27th October 2019</u> Altar Colour – Green Isa. 45: 22-end Psalm 119: 129-136 Rom. 15: 1-6 Luke 4: 16-24	<u>19th Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday</u> 8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist * Joint Service with Alton Pancras 6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer 6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer with Choir	Cheselbourne Piddletrenthide Piddlehinton Hilton

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Piddle Valley Tiddlers

Parent and Toddler Group (0-3's)

held at

Piddle Valley School

1st Tuesday of the Month (Term time only)

10-11.30am

Refreshments available

£1 requested donation per family

Safe playful environment for Toddlers with
their parents/carers to socialise.

All Volunteers are DBS checked

Contact Alicia for information on

tel. 01305 251841 or Mob. 07990 740339

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

Alton Pancras

This column likes to welcome new residents to our village by mentioning their names, their new home and where they have recently come from. Anyone living near a relatively 'new arrival' might gently ask would they like a one-sentence "welcome" in their local magazine and e-mail the detail to me. All we need are their names and perhaps where they recently arrived from. They might be pleasantly surprised to find that someone already 'here' used to live 'there'.

Villagers have their chance to learn just what is happening and/or planned when our two councillors attend one of just two 'village meetings' a year at our church **Monday 14 October at 7.0pm**. A rare chance to "have our say" to those who can make a difference and to learn matters of the whole valley which may relate to us.

Former resident Jim Elsworth visited our village recently where he had grown up and commented that the trees, verges and hedgerows had also 'grown'.

Jo and Charlie Thornton are surely the most active people in the village, if not the valley. They were also the only ones to volunteer to co-ordinate the distribution of *News & Views* in our village, counting out the number of copies and supplying our distributors six times a year. There's a saying about busy people being the ones most likely to volunteer. Many thanks.

On receipt the co-ordinator (Thorntons) allocates the required numbers to deliverers, currently Simon/Nicole Coombes, Anthony Trevis and Felicia Webb. Each then has a brisk 30 minute walk delivering to each household. Delivering to *The Old Mill* and *Holcombe Dairy* usually requires a car or bicycle!

On entering our church, visitors will find that a variety of attractive kneelers are displayed along each pew and the choir stalls. Many have been made by villagers through the years, often in memory of a loved-one. If any visitor is searching for a particular kneeler, there is a folder on the entrance table (usually) which describes the design, the dedication of each one and often the donor.

This year's Harvest Service is on **Sunday 22 Sep at 6pm** after which the collection will be in aid of the Dorset Wildlife Trust

The valley speed-gun team reports that on average only about three or four vehicles in every hundred are 'clocked' on each occasion. The team's target is not to 'catch' anyone. Please help!

Less mud on the road as reported lately is mainly due to farm staff planning journeys across fields rather than the roads whenever possible, for which we are grateful.

Piddlehinton

News from the Green

Firstly I would like to start, on behalf of all of the Millennium Green Trustees, to thank the Piddlehinton Fete Committee for their generous donation in support of the Green following a very successful and enjoyable Church Fete in July.

The Green is annually inspected by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) and I am pleased to report that the Green has passed its inspection for 2019. All of the Green Trustees, on a rota basis, carry out fortnightly inspections of the Green for damage, picking up any litter, checking equipment, cutting back any overgrown foliage and alerting to any repairs which need doing.

In the previous News & Views mention was made of Fleur Mason who has been doing her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award . Here is an update from Fleur. Well done and thank you Fleur for all of your efforts.

"UPDATE ON BIRD BOXES FOR THE GREEN

For the last couple of months I've been working on some bird boxes for the Millennium Green. I've done this for my Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award to help encourage different types of birds into our Green. Over the course of 9 months I've been completing my Bronze DofE where I've had to do volunteering for 3 months, which is the work I've been doing for the bird boxes. I've completed 4 boxes for different types of birds (robins, blue tits, sparrows and great tits). A massive thank you to Dorchester Timber who kindly donated all of the wood used to make the bird boxes.

Also we had to undertake a two day hiking and camping expedition at Studland. Completing a total distance of 28km."

Next Fundraising Event is Sunday 22 September - Annual Rounders from 2:00 p.m. and refreshments will be on offer (more details on poster in News & Views).

On Sunday 27 October - 10:00 - 12:00 we have the annual river clean and are looking for as many helpers as we can get. Please do come along with wellingtons, gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows. All ages welcome and for your efforts there will be refreshments (including homemade cakes!).

Finally, can I please remind you that we have a Friends of the Green Scheme where for an annual donation of £5 per person you too can become a FRoG. This helps us to raise vital funds for the upkeep and projects to keep our

Green a safe and beautiful place for everyone to enjoy (we need to raise £2000 per annum). If you would like to become a FRoG please speak to any Trustee (contact details on notice boards at The Green and also Village Notice Board).

We hope you have had a wonderful Summer and also enjoyed time on your Millennium Green.

Susan Dredge - Chair
on behalf of Piddlehinton Millennium Green Trustees.

Tel: 01300348120

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Piddlehinton Village Fete

After a stormy, wet week, the day of the Piddlehinton Fete was a gloriously sunny day! For the first time the fete was held at East Farmhouse. Huge thanks go to Major Reg and Mrs Gay Hanbury for so generously volunteering their garden, which was the perfect venue with two large lawns divided by a mill-stream, ideal for duck racing, leading onto the field beyond.

There was plenty to do on the day. The theme was the Moon Landing, as the fete was held on the 50th anniversary of the "Eagle" landing on the moon. We had rocket making, pony rides, a coconut shy, the ever-popular dog show, children's races, duck races and many other activities. The bottle tombola was sold out in record time, and we had some really amazing items to bid on in the silent auction. Visitors could browse a variety of stalls, and the tea, cakes and

barbecue were a fantastic hit (as well as the Pimms tent and Piddle Ale, of course!) We were treated to a local children's choir, a string quartet and a group of gymnasts, all of whom were fantastically talented.

In the evening we were entertained by a DJ with moon-themed music, and John Hudson did a turn, much to the joy of all. The evening barbecue went brilliantly, and was a fitting end to a fabulous day in the village.

We made almost £6,000, which will be donated to Piddlehinton Church, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Piddlehinton Village Hall and the Millennium Green.

Huge thanks to our generous sponsors and to the committee for the wonderful planning and giving their time and energy so generously not only on the day but for months leading up to the date. Thanks also to Nick Harland for his first year chairing the committee, and for Peter Yendell for deputising. But not least, thank you to the many people who helped on the day, donated items for sale or auction and those who attended and made it such a great event. It was a fabulous day, and a fantastic celebration of life in Piddlehinton.



Ride & Stride 2019 in aid of Dorset Historic Churches Trust

Our historic churches don't get any younger and nor do our regular sponsored riders and striders! Our ancient churches need lots of money to keep them going, so please help by sponsoring our ancient local participants, or even better, come along too to inject some young blood into the challenge. Run up you young cyclists and horsemen - we need you! Reg will Ride Again sounds wonderful but isn't quite accurate - however he will do his best to to

walk, albeit slowly and accompanied by the three dogs, from St Catherine's Chapel to Milton Abbey to Milton Abbas Church. The date is Saturday 14th September and sponsorship forms are in Piddlehinton Church or ring Reg Hanbury on 348465.

Piddlehinton Harvest Festival

Friday October 4th: Harvest Supper will be in the Hall about 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to this lovely village occasion - ham salad, baked potatoes and apple pie/crumble are followed by an auction for charity of the fruit and veg which has been decorating the church. To this end, please would volunteers bring contributions, not only of fruit and veg, but also greenery and flowers, to the church ready to decorate at 9.30 a.m. on Friday ready for the church service at 7 p.m. If you can help with the decorating too, it would be most welcome as our number of flower arrangers are dwindling. ALSO there will be a questionnaire at supper, asking if you would rather this special Festival was on a Sunday morning, followed by lunch (or any other day/time), so please put on your thinking caps! Gay Hanbury on 348465.

Piddlehinton Breakfast Club

The Village Breakfast is back after the summer break and we look forward to seeing our regulars and also, we hope some new customers on 1st September and 6th October. We would like to thank all those who have supported us in the past and hope that you will continue to do so.

Hilary French/01305 848501

World War 1 Tree Planting - Piddlehinton

On Sunday 15th September at 11.30am, at the bridge in Rectory Road.

All welcome, come and honour the memory of all the brave men and women who fought to give us our way of life.

Pam Lock

Telephone Box, Rectory Road, Piddlehinton

The box is in danger of being removed. It is an iconic feature and the Village Hall Committee is prepared to accept responsibility for it and turn it in to a book swap shop, rather than lose it.

Any views or ideas, please contact *Pam Lock 01300 348474*.

PIDDLEHINTON MILLENNIUM GREEN

Family

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SUNDAY

22ND SEPTEMBER

2:00 PM

ON THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

£1 PER PLAYER

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!

CHILDREN UNDER 7 FREE

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OR COME AS A 9 PLAYER TEAM

CAKES, TEA, COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS

PLEASE DONATE CAKES!

(BRING ON THE DAY OR DROP OFF TO CLAIRE)

Further Information from Claire Hudson 01300 348284

All proceeds in support of the Piddlehinton Millennium Green Trust
Charity Number 1074956

Affordable Homes in the Piddle Valley

Simon Parker from Dorset Council recently attended a Parish Council meeting to give a presentation on affordable homes.

- The scheme enables rented or shared ownership for those in the community.
- A Community Land Trust can be set up which would be set in motion by the Parish Council but wouldn't have to be run by the Parish Council.
 - Development land must be identified and this can be agricultural land which would be known as an exception site.
- The identified land would be sold to the Land Trust for properties to be built.
 - The Land Trust would be set up with people from the community and then could be partnered with a housing association.
- Potential homeowners/tenants have to have a community interest to be eligible.
- The scheme would be tied into a Section 106 agreement which would restrict the scheme to those within the community.
 - As this is a recognised government scheme it will enable grant funding to be opened.

The following questions were asked;

- How is it funded?

Homes England can provide funding for a Community Land Trust.

- If the working group has identified land, how is this purchased?

Grant funding would be available from a housing association to purchase the land.

Mr Parker suggested that the working group should be formed with those interested in the scheme. The next step would be to have a community meeting with a presentation to engage with those who would be interested in the scheme. Dorset Council would support the Parish Council & Working Group through the initial stages and external advisors would support through to completion.

As a result of this meeting, a sum of money has been allocated by the Parish Council to fund the initial meeting, and associated costs.
Please see the next issue of News & Views for the meeting date.
Anyone who is interested in any way as a potential home owner or anyone who would be interested in joining the working group, please contact your Parish Councillor, see Page 9, or attend a Parish Council meeting, see Page 5, or contact the Parish clerk, Mrs Samantha Paulley, 01305 757307, piddlevalley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Community Catalysts

I am Anita Wingad leading on the Dorset Enterprise Development Programme for Community Catalysts working in partnership with Dorset Council.

Do you have an idea that could help people? (older or with health needs) or are you already helping people and would like to do more? Or maybe you know someone who does? Looking for work that fits in with your home life?

This programme can help you turn your ideas into reality by offering: a friendly and supportive point of contact, support to develop your idea, practical information on regulation, training, useful connections and much more!

There are many opportunities in your area, be in control of your career / home life balance and use your skills to help others have a better quality of life.

Example – “ I’m really pleased to be working with Anita from Community Catalysts, she has been there as a sounding board for my ideas and when I was ready to make a start in developing my small business she was encouraging and objective.

My business offers people day to day support such as help with shopping, planning and cooking meals, help with domestic administration and keeping the home tidy, we also can bring creative activities such as art, craft, gardening to people at home,

If you are ready for a new challenge or already run a small business and have lots of ideas about what people in your community need, Community Catalysts are the people to talk to.” www.creativecompanions.org.uk

This is a free service, I look forward to hearing from you with any questions you may have. Call 07407789131 or email anita.wingad@communitycatalysts.co.uk. Alternatively complete this form <http://portal.smallgoodstuff.co.uk/anita>



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If you are looking for something special for home, a commercial space or to hire props for an event or production please contact us - we may have just the thing in stock. Also, we are always on the look out for special items for our customers, so if you have anything interesting to sell, please email us with some pictures. **We pay in cash and we collect - hassle free!**

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VE Day 2020 Celebrations

The Parish Council have received information regarding VE Day celebrations which you may be interested in;

The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. I am sure you will agree that we cannot let this day pass without reflecting on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period. Our celebration, VE Day 75, will cover the weekend of 8th – 10th May 2020, and will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it.

This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives, and those who returned home injured in body and mind; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others who put their lives on hold to safeguard the home front.

The official, exclusive charity for VE Day 75 is SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, which also supports the Merchant Navy.

If you are interested in learning more about the celebrations please visit the website on the below link.

[veday75](#)



**Coming to All Saints Church
Piddletrenthide in the Autumn**

**Contact Alicia for information on
tel. 01305 251841 or Mob. 07990 740339**



Piddletrenthide + White Lackington

Piddletrenthide Lunch Club

Lunch Club meets once a month in the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide. 12:30 till 2pm. The cost for a 2 course meal followed by tea or coffee is £6. Everyone is welcome to attend, simply ring Ann Hawker on [01300 348329](tel:01300348329) approximately one week before the next meeting.

On the 27th of September there will be gammon and parsley sauce with mash and vegetables, followed by sponge pudding and custard.

On the 25th of October there will be Shepherds Pie with cheese crusted leeks and vegetables, followed by Dorset Apple Cake with custard.

I would like to thank all the people who supplied all the food for our superb buffet held in July.

Many thanks

Kim

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

On Sunday 29th September, between 4 and pm, we present an Artsreach event, Loiuise Jordan's show "The Hard Way", the story of a young woman's rise from obscurity on a remote Derbyshire farm to become a campaigner, speaker, writer, suffragette, councillor and finally a magistrate, taking in Winston Churchill and Strangeways Prison on the way! The show celebrates her determination, with storytelling and original songs.

Tickets costing £9 available from Piddletrenthide Stores or from 01300348247. Light refreshments will be available

Terry Cowley.

Clubs, Groups and Organisations~~~~~

Piddle Valley Garden Club

One of the joys of belonging to a local club is the opportunity to socialise with other members in informal surroundings. Garden Club members had just such an opportunity in late July when more than 30 of us enjoyed a 'bring and share' summer lunch in the wonderful setting of The Knappings, Alton Pancras, home to Jean Groome. Jean's glorious gardens looked particularly

fine in the summer sun, showing form and colour in abundance. We were able to enjoy a shady spot under the large, wisteria covered pergola or the club's awning. We had a great time - good food, good company and good conversation.

At the time of writing, preparations for the club's Summer Show on 17 August are being finalised. We're looking forward to another well attended event with some amazing entries from vegetable & flower growers, flower arrangers, bakers and photographers.

The Piddle Valley Garden Club is open to all. Membership is just £10 per year and benefits include monthly evening meetings with expert speakers; social events; discount shopping at local garden centres; and opportunities to expand garden knowledge.

To find out more contact Sally Condon, tel 01300 348250, email riverpiddle2btinternet.com or come along to the Summer Show to meet us.

The Twinning association

This has been a busy and happy year for the Twinning, with our dinner at the Brace of Pheasants in March, swiftly followed a week or so later by Richard Kay's brilliant talk : < Trick or Treat > on forgeries in the art market.

In June we hosted the Dorset Twinning Association's annual quiz, with local friends and neighbours joining teams from Sherborne, Sturminster and Bradford Peverell to enjoy a ' posh ploughman's ' supper and ending the evening with Sue Payne's round of Old Macdonald's Rare Breeds our funniest quiz round yet ! Warm thanks to everyone who came and supported our evening and to our helpers.

Our plans for this autumn/winter include another entertaining talk.... this time aimed to tie in with the 50th anniversary of the moon landings. More information to follow in the next edition.

The 2019 visit to Normandy takes place from September 6th – 9th. A group of 17 of us will be visiting Longueville... spending time with our friends in the village and getting to know a little more about French life. We'll stay with French families, play petanque with them and discover new towns and villages in their lovely region.

If you would like to know more about our twinning friendship and activities, please phone **Jo Thornton – 348670.**

The Twinning will be very grateful to anyone who can lend us a projector for a PowerPoint presentation at our astronomy talk in November – with complimentary tickets to the talk of course !
The Thursday Club

For our first Autumn meeting we have an interesting talk by Jan Burnett:

MEMORIES of RALPH WIGHTMAN and Life on Bellamy's Farm

We will meet @ 2.30 on Thursday Sept 5th
in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

All ages, all welcome, do join us!
(non-members £3)

Please bring a plate of food to share at tea afterwards

For our October meeting we will be entertained by

TIM LAYCOCK:

DORSET CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS & STORIES

We will meet @ 2.30 on Thursday Oct 3rd
in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

All ages, all welcome, do join us!
(non-members £3)

Please bring a plate of food to share at tea afterwards

Stargazing in the Piddle Valley

Hello. The arrival of Autumn means that we can get back to enjoying the night sky and still get to bed early enough for work the next day. The nights might not be as balmy as of late, but they're not so cold that ice forms on the telescope! The air is clearer, and crisper, being not so humid, and, with the darker sky, the stars seem to sparkle and glitter that bit more.

This time of year brings a first glimpse of the Winter constellations, starting with the upside down flying horse Pegasus, closely followed by Andromeda. Whilst there are deep-sky delights in the former, such as a fine globular cluster (M15), and a few nice galaxies, particularly NGC 7331, a lovely spiral around 50 million light years away, Andromeda is home to a plethora of targets, foremost of which is the Andromeda galaxy (M31) itself.

I find M31 by starting at the middle star of the large 'W' of Cassiopeia, high to the north, and scanning down through the lower right star and on until I spot the hazy smudge of M31. Binoculars or a small telescope will reveal the large oval shape and even maybe the dark dust lanes that encircle the galaxy. There are two companion galaxies alongside M31, M32 and M110. Three for the price of one!

The area between M31 and Cassiopeia is rich in deep sky objects, including such galaxies as Caldwell 17, 18 and 23; the wonderful planetary nebula Caldwell 22 (the Blue Snowball); and several lovely open star clusters.

Although we're heading into Autumn, the Milky Way's still visible high overhead and running north to south, and possibly even more spectacular at this time of year due to the darker nights. Do make a point of popping out for a look.

September, though, does bring the arrival of the true 'Herald of Winter' to the eastern sky, the Pleiades star cluster in Taurus; a simply stunning sight in binoculars!

The Moon: September's First quarter moon is on the 6th, Full Moon is on the 14th, Last quarter is on the 22nd, and New Moon is on the 28th.

As for the planets, Jupiter and Saturn will continue to linger in the southwest and south respectively, Venus, Mars and Mercury are all very close to the Sun in the early mornings, but both Uranus and Neptune will be visible by about 9.30pm, due south from mid-September. The two ice giants will rise higher as the weeks roll by, so should make for good viewing.

I've been thinking of holding some public star gazing sessions in the valley, probably beginning towards the end of September, so people can learn more about the night sky, and perhaps see some of the objects I've been discussing. If you'd be interested in coming along, drop me a line directly, or keep an eye on the Piddletrenthide Facebook page.

Clear skies!

Kevin Quinn

kevq100@gmail.com

General News + Notices ~~~~~

**Piddle Valley Country Dancing Group, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall,
2.30 – 4.30p.m., Mondays.**

After a successful Spring term when we were pleased to attract a few more dancers, we will be meeting again on Monday 16 September for the start of the Autumn term. It is a most enjoyable way to spend an afternoon, with no previous experience necessary as we walk through each dance, sometimes

more than once, before putting on the music and there is free tea or coffee (and a biscuit) to refresh you during the interval. If you're not sure if it's something for you, come along to the first meeting and see what you think, you'll be made very welcome. We only charge £1 50p. per meeting to cover the cost of the hire of the hall with any profit we do make being donated to a local charity. If you'd like more information please contact me on jandjpreston3@outlook.com or on 01305 260 893. Jane Preston.



Cerney Historical Society
www.cerneyabbashistory.org

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CERNEY ABBAS FOR SALE 1919

At 1.30pm on 24th September 1919, most of the village of Cerney Abbas was put up for sale at auction in Dorchester Town Hall by the Pitt-Rivers family who had owned it since 1705. With the assistance of a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Cerney Historical Society is organising a major exhibition to mark this pivotal moment in the history of the village.

This will take place in Cerney Abbas Church, situated on Abbey Street, between the 25th September and 4th October, daily between 10am and 5pm, except for the 28th September. Admission is free.

The Sale included houses, shops, farms, pubs and plots of land. Sold in 73 lots, the Sale raised £67,402 for the family. Using original sale particulars and plans, maps, newspaper articles and photos, the exhibition will take visitors back in time to explore what the village was like in 1919.

More information is on the Historical Society website:
cerneyabbashistory.org

Weldmar Hospicecare launch 'Make A Will Month', offering a free Will writing service during October

Weldmar Hospicecare has launched their first 'Make A Will Month', taking place this October, where local people can take advantage of a free Will writing service with a number of local solicitors.

It's estimated that just over half of all adults in the UK do not have a Will, which would ensure their money and property goes to the right people, and saves additional stress for the family at a difficult time.

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Selected local branches of Kitson & Trotman, Blanchards Bailey, Porter Dodson, Humphries Kirk, and Battens will be offering the free service at appointments during October, with a suggested donation to Weldmar Hospicecare from anyone taking up the offer in return.

Sarah Balchin is Weldmar's Legacy Fundraiser, and says, "Having a Will is really important, and can provide peace of mind at the most difficult time. We are delighted that a number of local solicitors have come on board and we thank them for giving their time to this important campaign, so that we can encourage more people to write their Will".

Make A Will Month coincides with the launch of a campaign by the charity to get more people to consider leaving a gift in their Will to Weldmar Hospicecare. Gifts left in Wills directly contributes to the care of one in three patients in the last year of life.

With demand on services increasing by a predicted 25% over the next five years, leaving a gift in your Will now will ensure we are there for anyone who needs end of life care in the future.

To find out which solicitor is offering the service in your area, and to make an appointment, please visit the Weldmar Hospicecare website.

For more information or interview requests, please contact

James O'Neill 01305 261800 james.oneill@weld-hospice.org.uk

Join the kindness movement

I have always believed that volunteering is a key element in the pursuit of happiness. I recently read a paper, published October 2017, by Harvard Health that described volunteers as benefitting from something they call the "happiness effect." They identified that 'doing good' is one of three pathways to happiness. This is confirmed by Frances, a volunteer Panel Member, living close to Blandford who said "working with young people is inspirational and fulfilling. You start off thinking that you're going to give something to others but soon come to realise that it's a two way street. It's probably the most enriching, satisfying thing I've ever done!"

Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service are recruiting for Appropriate Adult volunteers and Panel Members. Both can be challenging and rewarding roles for compassionate people from the local community.

Contact Julie.Mackay@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Piddlehinton Book Authors Group

The Piddlehinton Book Authors Group (The Group) was dissolved in July 2019 and its remaining funds have been presented to Piddle Valley School as a contribution towards its Literacy Programme.

The Group was formed from the Village Hall Committee following a fantastically popular exhibition on Piddlehinton village history in 1988. The ensuing book of the exhibition "The Story of Piddlehinton" was written by the authors' group and published in 1990 by Dorset Books, Exeter. It was partially funded by subscription, which enabled it to be sold for a modest £8.95. In 1998, the publishers remaindered the residual stock and at that point the group decided to buy up these books to ensure The Story would continue to be available to purchase. The Group self-financed the acquisition of 900 copies at 44p each.

As sales money accrued (books were sold in The Thimble and at village events), it was reinvested in Village Hall and St Mary's church initiatives. At the turn of the century, contributions were made towards the Village Hall tapestry and Millennium map and the Millennium Green map. In 2005 a grant was made to the Parish Council towards producing the Village Design Statement. We funded the digitisation of the Story of Piddlehinton in its original extended form. The online version is available at http://www.piddlevalley.info/history/piddlehinton/sop/piddlehinton_preface.php/.

In all, £1787.89 has been donated and the remaining stock of 200 books has been given to St Mary's church, where they are available to buy at £2 each.

Book Author Group Members were: The late Susan Belgrave, the late Angela Drewe, the late Naomi Smeeth, Tessa Spiller, Gillian Vickery and Judith Wardlaw. Julian Wardlaw contributed the full photographic record. Those of us very much alive presented the final cheque to Piddle Valley School in June 2019.

Original material from the exhibition archive is at Dorset History Centre, the residue in private keeping in the village.

Anyone requiring further financial information should contact Gill Vickery: email: gillvickery@gmail.com.

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 period”, 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 their website, so if you do not wish your name to appear, please state this before beginning speaking.

Next meetings are: September 24th, October 29th

Waste Collection arrangements

General Waste & Food – Sep 6th & 20th. Oct 4th & 18th.

Recycling & Food - Sep 13th & 27th. Oct 11th & 25th.

Parish Council Website

The Piddle Valley Parish Council now has its own dedicated website, following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations. Their web address is now:

www.piddlevalley-pc.org.uk

It will also be possible to access their website through the “Parish Council” tab on the www.piddlevalley.info website if you prefer. You will be automatically diverted to the new website.

For a while, it will also remain possible to access some of the “old” Council web pages, including these Planning Application records, for reference purposes. Details of this are given under the “Parish Council” tab.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Approved

WD/D/19/000991 Nettle Cottage, Egypt. - Erect single storey rear extension

WD/D/18/002045 Enterprise Park.- Erect warehouse/store (B1/B8) + parking

WD/D/19/001187 Enterprise Park, Piddlehinton. - Erect 6 new traveller/Gypsy pitches with parking,

Withdrawn

None

Refused

None

Pending

WD/D/19/000648 Ivy House, Piddletrenthide. Retrospective for Oil Tank replacement.

WD/D/19 001547 Over the Hills, Rock Pits Farm – Removal of Agric Occupancy Condition.

WD/D/18/002160 Kiddles House, Church Lane, Piddletrenthide – Replace existing slate roofs on porches, extension and garage with thatch. (Listed Building)

WD/D/19/000714 Enterprise Park. Land on east side of entrance Road – Erect non-illuminated sign.

WD/D/19/000851 Austral Farm, Alton Pancras. - Conversion of redundant Barn to single Dwelling.

WD/D/19/001278 Church Lane, Piddletrenthide. - Demolish bridge and erect replace with larger.

WD/D/19/001669 Eco Solutions @ Bourne Park. Piddlehinton. - Erect extension to reception barn and site offices.

WD/D/19/001084 River Way, White Lackington. – Removal of Agricultural Occupancy condition.

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 still 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

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- 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
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- 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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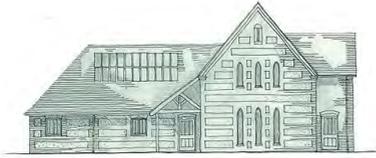
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Following NHS guidelines, flu vaccinations are offered only to those who are over 65 years of age, are pregnant or who suffer from a chronic disease, and their Carers.

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