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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).

Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Cars

In our first year, (approx. 9 active months, due to the Corona virus) of providing this volunteer service to Piddle Valley residents, our volunteer drivers carried out 92 journeys covering 980 miles.

However, since the Covid19 lockdown, we have had reduced capacity, but also reduced requests for transport due to the change in ways of working at both hospitals and doctor's surgeries.

We recently received a request which NORDCAT were able to carry out using a minibus, so that the driver and passenger were able to sit 2 metres apart.

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The PVNC Committee.

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In our first year of providing this volunteer service to Piddle Valley residents, our volunteer drivers carried out 92 journeys covering 980 miles.

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Excellent - 31

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Many thanks.

The PVNC Committee

Dates for your diary ~~~~~

July

Sat 18 Piddlehinton Fete **CANCELLED**

Sept

Sun 20 Iron Man Event – Details as previous years – TBC.

Dorset June a poem By John Seymore.

This morn I wandered, toe by toe,
Where verdant grasses bursting grow
Midst ruby clovers, yellow glow
The buttercups, while hid below,
The common speedwell, little seen
Amongst this spangled sweep of green.

Where haughty pheasant paused to preen
Balletic deer now svelt and lean,
Step as did I to leave no tread
To sully nature's jewel, instead,
That trail of passage plainly read,
Where daybreak badger homeward fled.

And he the reason why, forlorn,
I now survey my acne'd lawn,
It's pocked and scattered turf lies torn
By claw and snout, 'ere telling dawn
Shows all my labours now undone,
By this unknowing, guilty one.

And there, our horses slowly meet
Beneath the trees, amidst the heat
Of noonday, sultry in the shade,
Amongst the dust their hooves have made,
With swishing tails they hope to hide
Their faces from the clouding flies.

Thus, Nature's blessed, endless scan,
Beneath this azure ceiling'd span,
Where slashing arcs of flighted wing
Send swallows soaring, skylarks sing
Cascading rivulets from high
Unseen amongst the vaulted sky.

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Covid-19 has been a time of uncertainty and brought about many difficulties, for individuals, companies, organisations, communities and families. Despite such complications, the pandemic grants the individual unique opportunities. Unique opportunities for reflection and consideration of new positive attitudes towards man and the environment. The pandemic has undeniably shaken us to the core, although we have witnessed such acts of goodness towards our neighbour and God's Creation.

Will we continue this?

During lockdown we have enjoyed more time getting to do things that we rarely have time to do. Spending more time with our partners and children, further learning, hobbies new and old, and investing in our physical and mental health.

Will we continue this?

We have witnessed the adoption of better work life balances. Employers negotiating with employees on new patterns of flexible working, moving away from established patterns of 9-5. Working from home has assisted some individual time to reflect, upon how much their careers are part of their identity, a powerful symbol of independence. Others want to lessen this individualistic impact, preferring the independence found in the "we" of loving family relationships.

Will we continue this?

We have established a new zeal for our environment. Villagers have discovered new public footpaths that they never knew existed. Pollution has decreased. The air is noticeably cleaner, and the world is a lot quieter.

Will we continue this?

Technology has been the essential tool of lockdown. Families have purchased webcams reinstating face to face encounters, and work meetings that could have been avoided are now viewable on-screen. We have fled our sacred buildings. Church services connect worshippers and the inquisitive over Zoom and live streaming.

Will we continue this?

A new pride has blossomed in our villages. Communities are talking once more, and levels of generosity have increased. Conversations with strangers become conversations with acquaintances and potentially a new friend. At the minimum of encounter, we have learnt the owner's name, of the dog called Jasper.

Will we continue this?

Neighbourly goodwill has meant, those self-isolating, elderly and the infirm receive neighbourly parcels of shopping, cooked meals and much-needed

medication. We have shed tears of pain and joy. We have laughed at the situational irony of toilet rolls. A strange apocryphal event, an eclipsing episode of consumer spending, and we have cried at not being able to attend the funerals of family and friends.

Will we continue this?

Some have drawn closer together as a family of brothers and sisters in arms to fight local need. People of good-will establishing crisis funds, to help those in financial need and loneliness.

Will we continue this?

The world has changed, companies, organisations, communities and families have changed, but has the individual changed? The world has engrained into us: to think in certain ways, and to behave in certain ways. Some of what we have been taught must surely be regarded as lies. For instance, the lie of evolution that informs us that we are much more advanced than those gone before us. Are we? Are we becoming aware of the first and greatest obstacle in our spiritual lives, the 'I'? Are we awakening to the timeless teachings of humility, to seek the 'I' in the other? Is it time for humility? Less of the I. The ego. The pride. The 'I', that blocks serving others and God.

Will we continue this?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John3:16)

Will we continue this?

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Tuesday	8.00am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer (BCP) Compline	Rev'd Helier Fr. Roger
Wednesday	8.00am 6.00pm	Benedictine Daily Office Anglican Rosary	Rev'd Helier Fr. Roger & Ginny
Thursday	9.00am 8.15pm	Eucharist Compline	Fr. Roger Fr. Roger
Friday	6.00pm	Compline	Rev'd Helier
Saturday	6.00pm	Devotions	Fr. Roger
Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Eucharist Evening Prayer	Fr. Roger Fr. Roger

NB. Subject to change at short notice.

Rector - Fr. Roger J. Butcher SSC KSJ
The Vicarage, Church Lanes, Piddletrenthide. DT2 7QY
Tel. 01300 348211 / 07502 118210
Email. rector.piddlevalleybenefice@gmail.com



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ru_v3_1MZyx72ka63g4A



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**Benefice of the Piddle Valley, Hilton & Ansty,
Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey**

Fr. Roger wishes to express his gratitude to the PCC's for the time and discussions that have and are continuing to take place regarding opening of our churches safely. The churches so far have agreed the following, however this is subject to constant review and may change at short notice. 13th June 2020

According to UK Law
Churches are opening to residents
no tourists for private prayer

FROM 15TH JUNE 2020

Alton Pancras	Daily	9.00am - 12noon
Piddletrenthide	Thursday	9.30am -11.00am
	Sunday	10.30am - 12noon
Piddlehinton	TBC	
Cheselbourne	Wednesday	9.00am -11.00am
Melcombe Horsey	Sunday	10.00am -11.00am
Hilton	Daily	

***If you are showing symptoms of Covid-19,
please do not enter the Church.***

Please use the supplied sanitiser when entering and exiting the church. Thank you.

PCCs, Church Wardens & Fr. Roger Butcher – Rector

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

From the Piddle Valley News and Views Team

It was rather disheartening to get calls and emails complaining because the magazine was only produced electronically for the May/June edition.

We can assure you that the decision was made (by the team who voluntarily give up their time to produce, edit, proofread and deliver this magazine) to protect all members of our community during the Covid19 pandemic.

- 1 The printers we use were closed due to the pandemic. We did try to contact other printers, however, in the meantime-
- 2 Dorset Police were consulted and they deemed driving to deliver the magazine as “unnecessary travel”, and stated that if stopped, these people could face a fine.
- 3 Some of the people that deliver the magazine fall into the category that should have been (at the time, 1st May) socially isolating, so to ask them to walk around the village, entering people’s gardens, and touching gates, letterboxes, etc, would have been going against Government guidance in force at the time.

The magazine was available on the Piddle Valley Website and the Piddle Valley Community Facebook page. The entry on the Facebook page did ask if people would be willing to print a copy and pass on to those without access to the internet. We are unaware if this happened in all villages, but it did in the centre of Piddlethrethide.

We did our best.

The PVNV Team

Piddlehinton Millennium Green - Proposed Celebration

At the time of this article we are still in a time of uncertainty as to what the next few months will bring and what we will be allowed to do. However, thinking positively, 2020 sees the 20th Anniversary of the opening of Piddlehinton Millennium Green and also the 10th Anniversary of setting up of Friends of the Green scheme and the Trustees are hoping that we can incorporate our now Annual Rounders event with the anniversary celebrations. It is proposed for Sunday 13 September from 2:00 p.m. on the Millennium Green but more details and confirmation will follow nearer to this date.

Susan Dredge for Piddlehinton Millennium Green Trustees.

Clubs, Groups and Organisations~~~~~

Piddle Valley Gardens Club

Summer is here and we've enjoyed the sunshine along the way. The wet days of winter and early spring seem a long while ago, as are memories of Club meetings.

Although missing regular get-togethers and the friendship and conversations, we haven't foregone gardening knowledge. Members have shared links to online lectures and YouTube garden visits. The RHS has kept its members informed with Weekly Gardening Updates and resources online are more than we have time to view.

Within the Club, Sally Condon, has acted as the conduit for sharing information. We've enjoyed hearing audio clips of birdsong; seeing photos of our gardens; and swapped surplus plants too. Ian has devised quizzes to tease our brains and keep us amused. We're grateful to Sally & Ian for letting us know what's going on.

For those able to be out and about, the reopening of garden centres is a joy and a glimpse of normality long awaited. The delivery service local garden centres offered in lockdown was appreciated but no substitute for being able to view plants and sundries. Better still, its fun to make impulse plant buys once again.

Our member Bridget Bowen at Ivy House is a great supporter of the NGS, opening her wonderful valley-side garden to the public for several days a year, with proceeds going to charity. Earlier this year Bridget had just one open day before the lockdown. Still wanting to raise money for charity, Bridget went on to sell the eclectic range of plants she'd prepared for the now cancelled open days. Plants are available on her driveway, opposite the village shop. Please do take a look and support Bridget's fundraising. In addition, Bridget says, "A video of our garden can be viewed just after that of Alan Titchmarsh on the NGS website...alternatively type in *A Trot Round Ivy House Garden with Alfie* on YouTube to see it. At this point we do intend opening in 2021 and hope to see lots of folk then!"

The Club has cancelled the Annual Plant Sale, the Summer Social event and the Summer Show. The need for social distancing means these popular events can't go ahead, though we will plan for them next year. Our regular meetings are unlikely to happen very soon but the speakers we had already booked will visit once restrictions are sufficiently eased. We will meet again.

By : Jasmine Petalls

-- STARGAZING IN THE PIDDLE VALLEY --

Hello. The coming months will see the return of the planets to the evening sky. By mid-July, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible, low in the southeast, by about 10.30, and, by the end of July and into August, will be higher in the sky to the south, and better placed for observing. Also, both planets will be at opposition in July (14th and 20th, respectively), and therefore at their closest points in their orbits to Earth! By the end of August Neptune will be nicely placed to the southeast, with Mars and Uranus lining up low in the east, ready for viewing in September and October.

Readers with access to a telescope might wish to look out for Jupiter's Great Red Spot as it passes across the planet. Given that Jupiter rotates on its axis once every ten or so hours there should be plenty of opportunities to view this, but the nights of July 15 and 18, plus August 11 are looking good.

Incidentally, Mars reaches opposition on the 14th of October, meaning that it'll be at its closest point to the Earth (approximately only 38.6 million miles!). I'll discuss this in the September/October issue.

August sees the return of the annual Perseid meteor shower (begins July 17th and peaks August 12). With possibly up to 100 meteors visible per hour at its peak, it's definitely worth pulling a deckchair out into the garden, grabbing a glass of wine and making an evening of it :)

Deep sky enthusiasts will remain somewhat frustrated by the short nights for a little while longer. I recently stayed out all night, and was amazed that it was still bright until nearly midnight, and, by 3.30 it was practically daylight again! However, by mid-August we should begin to see a return to darker evenings and, on a clear moonless night in mid-August the Milky Way will be a spectacular sight, arcing directly overhead and down to the south. Again, pull out a deckchair and spend a while scanning down through it, naked eye or with a pair of binoculars ... there's so much to see, particularly towards the south. From M11 (the Wild Duck cluster) and the Eagle nebula in Scutum, to the Lagoon and Trifid nebulae and the core of our home galaxy in Sagittarius ... plus there are loads of globular and open star clusters too!

Something else to look out for from mid-August is the return of the Andromeda galaxy, nicely situated in the northeast. I find it surprising that, given that it's around six times the width of the Full Moon, so few people know where to find it ... It's an amazing sight when viewed in binoculars.

July's Full Moon is on the 5th, First Quarter's on the 13th, New Moon's on the 20th, and Last Quarter's on the 27th. The Moon in August is full on the 3rd, First Quarter on the 11th, New on the 19th and Last Quarter on the 25th.

If anyone is interested in getting into stargazing, and don't know where to start, or would like some advice on choosing binoculars or a telescope, I'm happy to answer any questions. Drop me a line.

Clear skies!

Kevin Quinn

Kevq100@gmail.com

Piddlehinton Church

Piddlehinton Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday mornings and Sunday afternoons, starting on June 21st so there is 72 hours between each opening to prevent infection spreading. There are strict rules to be followed and details will be found on the church notice boards, on the church website and on the Piddlehinton/White Lackington WhatsApp.

***Sport* ~~~~~**

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| SHORT MAT BOWLS | Thursdays Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.30–9.30 pm
Contact Sheila Hornyak / 01300 348264 |
| TABLE TENNIS | Monday Piddlehinton Village Hall 7.15–9.00 pm
Contact Beryl Ellis / 01305 267394 |
| CRICKET CLUB | Contact Graeme Stephens / 07899 663773 |
| TENNIS | Visit www.piddlevalleytennis.googlepages.com
Contact 01300 348277 |
| YOGA | Tuesdays Piddlehinton Village Hall 10–11.15 am
Contact Jane Evans / 01305 259754 |

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General News + Notices ~~~~~

Community shield team

An elderly gentleman would like to thank the young Piddle Valley Community Volunteers for all their wonderful support over the past few weeks. Food, milk and papers delivered regularly

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TO HIRE THE HALL, including well equipped kitchen with dishwasher, please contact the Bookings Officer: Anita Fox 01300 348450 / 07383 985710
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Caretaker contact: Ann Hawker 01300 348329

PIDDLETRENTHIDE MEMORIAL HALL NEEDS A NEW SECRETARY

Ros Charlton is standing down as Secretary to the Memorial Hall Management Committee at the AGM this year so a new volunteer for this post is needed. We hold about six meetings a year. If you would like to support this vital community facility in this way please contact rosalynjcharlton@gmail.com or our chairman, Ian Condon, at river.piddle@btinternet.com.

Ros Charlton

Advance Warning, B3143 Road Closure in Alton Pancras.

Dorset Council are planning to replace the defective stream/river culvert, adjacent to the Church in Alton Pancras, in the near future. This work will apparently require a full closure of the road for a period of several weeks, while a new culvert is installed.

Diversions will be required, with light vehicles via Buckland Newton, Revells Hill, Higher Sherborne Rd (C13) and then Cerne Hill & Piddletrenthide. HGVs will be expected to follow the B3143 through Buckland Newton to the A3030 at Stock Gaylard & Sherborne, A352 to Charminster then the A35 bypass and the B3143 back to Alton Pancras (and vice-versa as appropriate).

The full details & timing are yet to be decided, but currently, early September is a possibility. Further details will be published on the Parish Council website and the Traffic page of Piddlevalley.info as they become known.

Question a legal expert over the phone for free

Age UK North, South & West Dorset, in partnership with local solicitors, is holding a free over the phone service for anyone over 50 to ask an expert questions about wills, power of attorney, property and finances. Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, these surgeries will go ahead on pre-planned dates by telephone and will be by appointment only.

Dates for the next surgeries in partnership with Nantes Solicitors are:

Weymouth area – Wednesday 1st July

Bridport area – Wednesday 15th July

Date for the next surgeries in partnership with Humphries Kirk Solicitors are:

Dorchester area – Friday 3rd July

To book a telephone appointment for Dorchester, Weymouth or Bridport, please ring Age UK North, South & West Dorset on 01305 269444 or email Lisa: lholmes@ageuknswd.org.uk

For further details of other ways in which Age UK North, South & West Dorset can help you at this time, please telephone 01305 269444 or look at the website: ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset/

For further information, please contact:

Lisa Holmes, Head of Information, Advice and Care, Age UK North, South & West Dorset

Phone: 01305 269444 Email: lholmes@ageuknswd.org.uk

About Age UK North, South & West Dorset

Age UK North, South & West Dorset is a local charity supporting older people in North, South & West Dorset to live fulfilling and active lives. We provide a wide range of services and activities thanks to the ongoing support of the local community through the money and time given by our donors and volunteers.

For more information visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset/>
Charity Number: 1142519

A Cry to Save the County Town

As Town Crier of Dorchester I am often asked to give my 'Home Cry' which is as follows:

OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ!

Dorchester, an ancient place, with stone-age wooden henge,
Stands beside the river Frome – a hundred miles from Penge!
We've Celtic Maiden Castle, sacked when the Romans came
Who built fine 'Durnovaria', much of which remains.
Through pestilence, fires, war and crises
To dreaded Judge Jeffreys and his Bloody Assizes.
The Tolpuddle Martyrs, long owed their pardons,
Still haunt the Court, the Walks, the Gardens.
The 'Casterbridge' of Hardy continues still to thrive,
While the poetry of Barnes keeps the dialect alive.
Today the Prince's Poundbury is reaching to the west,
I trust that you will relish Dorchester, one of the best.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

As you can see there's plenty to celebrate, commemorate and enjoy in Dorset's county town, and many of the lines have a resonance far beyond the county boundary. By any national measure, Dorchester and its immediate environs are truly blessed by the wealth of evidence of its long, varied and fascinating past. I truly believe all of Dorset's residents can and should be proud of their county town.

However, Dorchester is facing a truly fundamental and irreversible threat; a change that would destroy for ever one of its most singular and precious aspects namely its one remaining abrupt, unique and centuries-old boundary with its adjacent countryside. Current plans by landowners, farmers and developers, including Persimmon, to build 4000 homes on the downland immediately beyond the water meadows to the north of the town will destroy for ever this unique feature of Dorchester's setting. Should this development go ahead it will mean the loss of good farmland, the destruction of wildlife habitats and compromise sites of archaeological interest – including a deserted village.

From Roman times onwards, Dorchester has served as the market town for the products, goods and services created for and required by the farming communities around it. It has been the county town since 1305 when the first County Gaol was built and the town became the judicial centre for Dorset. Its live animal market only ceased in 1991 while the popular weekly Wednesday market still serves a wide area.

Thomas Hardy, Dorset's most famous literary figure, describing early 19th century Dorchester in his novel *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, comments on its lack of suburbs "or transitional intermixture of town and down" He goes on to write. "It stood, with regard to the wide fertile land adjoining, clean-cut and distinct, like a chessboard on a green table-cloth."

It would be both foolish to expect Dorchester to be the same today as it was in the 19th century; but to lose this quintessential aspect of its setting by the water meadows of the river Frome and the rolling downs to the north, so vividly described by Thomas Hardy, amounts in my opinion to "cultural vandalism".

We have already lost Dorchester's boundary with the countryside to the west, where Poundbury now occupies three former Duchy farms; we've lost it to the south, which now reaches the football stadium roundabout on the road to Weymouth; and we've lost it to the east, where Hardy's Max Gate home is as firmly within the town boundary as it was beyond it when the house was built in 1885. The only side of the county town which still echoes Hardy's description is to the north, the very area now under threat.

Dorset Council is currently putting together a Local Plan for the whole of the rural county. Although there has so far been NO public engagement, it's almost certain this development will be included. The questions we should all be asking are:

'What do we want the county of Dorset to be like in the future?' and

'What should or should not be incorporated into any vision for the future of Dorset?'

Finally, but importantly and particularly pertinent, Dorset Council declared a Climate and Ecological Crisis at its first meeting in May 2019 and since then we've had the Covid 19 Emergency which may well have profound long-term effects. Surely any Local Plan for the much-enlarged Dorset Council area over the next 15 to 20 years must take account of these critical issues and be very different from former versions of any Local Plan?

If we act now and act together, while the Local Plan is still being processed and final decisions have yet to be made, we might yet stop this despoiling of our county town. Write/email your Member of Parliament and copy your letter to your County Councillor and Cllr. David Walsh, the Dorset Council Cabinet Member for Planning.

To find out more about this threat to the county town I refer you to the website of the campaign group "STAND" (Save The Area North of Dorchester):

www.stand-dorchester.net

Cllr. Alistair Chisholm

Email: Alistair@chiz.org.uk

Town Crier of Dorchester

Mobile: 07419 589 005

Consultation on walking and cycling routes



One of the positive outcomes of the times we are living in, is that people have engaged with walking and cycling more. To make this safer and encourage more people to do this there are various funding streams and schemes to do with active travel.

Please see the latest release from Dorset Council about the consultation asking residents and communities to let the council know of congested walking and cycling routes where pop-up cycle and footpaths could go.

People have until the end of July to submit their comments so please share around your groups if you feel it is appropriate.

<https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2020/06/04/pop-up-walking-and-cycling-routes-coming-to-dorset/>

Kind regards,
Naomi

Naomi Mason /Health Programme Advisor (part-time)
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Piddle Valley Parish Council~~~~~

Meetings

The Piddle Valley Parish Council meets in Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, normally on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm. Meetings start with a “Democratic 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: The meetings have been suspended due to Covid-19. Please refer to the Parish Council website for details of meeting dates.

Waste Collection arrangements

General Waste & Food – July 20th & 24th. Aug 7th & 21st.

Recycling & Food - July 3rd, 17th & 31st. Aug 14th & 28th.

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.piddlevally-pc.org.uk

It will also be possible to access their website through the “Parish Council” tab on the www.piddlevally.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.

IRONMAN 70.3 – SUNDAY 20 September 2020

As far as is currently known, this race will still be run on the 20th September.

So, please note for your diary that it is currently believed that the Ironman Cycle Race stage will again be run through the valley, as in previous years. If this changes, details will be published here.

The B3143 and B3142 etc will therefore be closed to ALL BUT PRE-AUTHORISED VEHICLES from about 7.00am to 1.00pm (timings to be confirmed) on Sunday the

20th September. As it will be effectively impossible for anyone to get into or out of the Valley during this 5 hour period, please ensure you don't need to travel then, or make alternative arrangements.

Further details will be published on both the Piddlevally-pc.org.uk and Piddlevally.info websites, in News and Views and on the Ironman website as they become available.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Approved

WD/D/20/000240	Longpuddle, Piddlehinton - Erect Single Storey Extension. Internal and External alterations to Coach House.
WD/D/19/002480	Field B8 at Bourne Farm - vary condition 3 of consent 13/001044.(Extend life of Solar PV site from 25 to 40 years from 28/11/2014)
WD/D/20/000417	Little Puddle dairy, Rectory Rd, Piddlehinton - Temporary slurry lagoon.
WD/D/20/000951	Hillside Farm, Drakes Lane, Piddletrenthide - erect two agricultural barns.
WD/D/20/000256	Over the Hills, Rock Pits Farm, Plush – erect 2 and single story extensions.
WD/D/20/000754	Osterley, White Lackington - Variation of Condition 1 of Planning approval WD/D/19/002658 - Alterations to change roof to pitched roof

Withdrawn

WD/D/19/003191	Muston Farm, Piddlehinton - Erect General Purpose Farm Building.
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Refused

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

WD/D/20/001255	The Granary, Piddletrenthide - Erect 2no 1 st floor extensions and replace/extend conservatory.
WD/D/20/001251	Muston Farm, Piddlehinton - Erect General purpose Agricultural building
WD/D/20/000696	Old Stables, Lower Farm, Plush - Erect extension & terrace
WD/D/20/000529	Cherry Cottage, Alton Pancras - Demolish existing extension and erect single storey extension
WD/D/20/000779	Units 1 & 2, Old Forge, Piddletrenthide - Prior notification to convert redundant workshop to 3 dwellings.
WD/D/19/002675	Little Puddle Farm, Piddlehinton - Conversion and alterations of former dairy barn to form 1no. office unit (Use Class B1) and farm office, convert stables to agricultural store, demolish a range of agricultural buildings including removal of slurry store and form container based self storage yard and separate open storage area (Use Class B8) and demolition of agricultural barn and erect 3no. dwellings
WD/D/19/002618	Land West of Bowls Club, Enterprise Park, Piddlehinton - Erect Industrial building for B1/B8 use, including parking.
WD/D/19/000851	Austral Farm, Alton Pancras - Conversion of redundant Barn to single Dwelling.
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

ACTIVITIES AT PIDDLEHINTON GYM, New Members always welcome

Full address:

Piddlehinton Gym Limited, Enterprise Park, Piddlehinton,
Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7SZ

Company Number: 5848730 **Charity Number:** 1119693

Chair: Paul Hayes ☎ 07930 337459 **Email:** piddlehintongym@gmail.com

Clubs:

Monday AM from 10:00am Badminton Gill Hadley ☎ 01300 348081

Monday evening from 7:30pm Badminton Adam White ☎ 07990 921084

Tuesday PM from 3:30pm Junior Tennis Caroline Gossage ☎ 07887 856462

Tuesday evening from 8pm Badminton Pauline Adams ☎ 01300 345459

Wednesday PM from 3:30pm Junior Tennis Caroline Gossage ☎ 07887 856462

Wednesday evening from 6:30pm Purbeck Archers Kenn Duffield
kennduffield@btinternet.com

Friday evening from 6pm Weymouth Remote Control Car club Al Mailer
☎ 07787 380541

Saturday motorcycle training (car park) Nick ☎ 07788 714216

Sunday from 10am Purbeck Archers Kenn Duffield kennduffield@btinternet.com

Sunday from 2pm Hardy Country Bowmen Julia Ryan ☎ 01300 348001

Drama (storage) Rob Sansom ☎ 07703 584029

If you wish to discuss booking the Gym (suitable for training, long mat bowls, Zumba, 5-a-side soccer etc. with sprung wood floor and plenty of parking) **please contact Paul Hayes on 07930 337459 or email piddlehintongym@gmail.com**

www.piddlevalley.info ~~~~~

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

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.

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



Puddletown Surgery

Tel 01305 848333
Athelhampton Road, Puddletown, DT2 8FY

News from Puddletown Surgery

Coronavirus

I do hope this update finds you safe and well and you are managing to adjust to the 'new normal' we find ourselves in. We are working hard at the surgery to keep up to date on guidance, to ensure the safety of our patients and staff during these challenging times. Thank you for your on-going patience and understanding.

If there are any other matters you would like us to address, please let us know by ringing to speak to Clare Stickland, Practice Manager, on 01305 848333 or e-mailing clare.stickland@dorset.nhs.uk

Doctor phone-in times

We have been adjusting our phone times to allow as much access as possible to the Doctors. These times may possibly be subject to change. We will notify any changes on our website www.puddletownsurgery.co.uk

As from Monday 1st June the Doctor's phone-in times will be:

Monday to Friday 8.30 - 9.30am and 3.30-4.00pm

Saturday 8.30-9.30 am.

Appointment requests will be booked initially as a telephone consultation. You must then wait for a call back from a healthcare professional. We are able to deal with lots of issues over the phone and also able to offer video consultations, if appropriate. Patients who need to be seen will be given a time to attend the surgery and must, where possible, attend alone and not arrive too early for their appointment. Health care professionals seeing patients in the surgery or at home will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment.

Please contact the surgery by telephone if you have any symptoms that are making you feel unwell or causing you concern. We are very much open for business

Volunteers

I would like to thank the band of volunteers, who have been supporting the practice during the pandemic. Volunteers have been delivering medication to patients who are shielding and also manning the surgery door to ensure we only have one person inside the entrance area at any one time. We are so grateful for your time and support; you really have made a difference to patients and the surgery team.

Social Prescribing

Please contact our surgery Social Prescribing Lead Kate if you need any additional support during this time. She has a wealth of knowledge and contacts who can offer support. Social prescribing empowers people to take more control of their own health and wellbeing by connecting people to local community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support.

eConsult

For those of you who visit our website you may have noticed that we now offer eConsult. You can use this to ask for advice from one of our Doctors, self-help information or if you have an administrative request. Please click on the link and follow the simple instructions. You will receive a response before the end of the next working day or sooner.

A message from Puddletown NeighbourCar

With the partial lifting of some of the recent travel restrictions it is expected that the health service may soon be able to offer appointments again. The organisers of this service, which gives lifts to patients without transport, would like their clients to know that their drivers will be doing all they can to ensure that they do not spread covid-19 (coronavirus). This will mean that you will be asked to sit in the back seat of the car and that the windows will be open during the journey. You can be confident that the car you ride in will have been thoroughly disinfected after every use.

Puddletown Surgery Newsletter

Triggered by the current climate and our continuous drive to reduce the use of paper in the surgery we have made the decision that, going forward, our surgery quarterly newsletter will now be distributed via email and uploaded onto our website. This also limits the current level of risk associated with delivery. If you are unable to access the newsletter and would like a paper copy please contact us.



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Dr Craig Wakeham

Many of you will already be aware that very sadly, Dr Craig Wakeham died on 18th April 2020, aged 59 after contracting Covid-19.

Craig was a GP Partner at Cerne Abbas Surgery for many years, joining the practice in July 1992 and becoming senior partner in December 1994. He was a strong advocate for the core values of general practice and continuity of care. He was passionate about working with local people to improve services, being well known for his frequent challenges on behalf of patients. He was the instigator of the Integrated Nurse Team way back in 1997, revolutionary in those days and still recognised as the gold standard for general practice and community care, showing his amazing ability to think outside of traditional lines.

He was a longstanding member of the Local Medical Committee and represented small rural dispensing practices such as ours. He had a diverse interest in issues related to general practice, specifically the management of diabetes, integrated working and GP information management and technology. He also held a number of key clinical leadership roles across Dorset throughout his career, most recently working with Dorset CCG since its formation 2013 and holding the role of Chief Clinical Information Officer. Craig retired from Cerne Abbas Surgery at the end of 2018 but continued to keep his 'hand-in' and was working as a locum doctor.

The world of general practice is a poorer place as a result of Craig's untimely death: he will be missed by patients and colleagues alike. His legacy lives on in our patients who he cared for diligently, the Integrated Nursing approach and in the good name he built for our surgery. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Thank you to all of our patients for being understanding during the Covid-19 outbreak. Our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that colleagues and patients stay safe but we also provide the care required.

As the situation changes, our offer will also change: at the moment we are continuing to offer childhood immunisations as normal and cervical screening has also restarted. Blood tests are being undertaken and patients are having face to face appointments following telephone triage with a GP/nurse. We are able to offer telephone consultations, eConsultations and video consultations as an alternative to face-to face appointments.

It is difficult to say now what the situation will be by the time you read this as things are changing on a weekly or even daily basis. At the moment, if you come into the surgery you will need to have a covering for your nose and mouth: we are **not** able to provide masks for patients as national stocks are low.

Our request is that you make sure you are aware of national and local guidance. If you are unclear of the expectation when you attend the surgery, please check the website, the village Facebook pages or phone before you travel.

If you have a cough, temperature, loss of smell or taste or you have been in contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case in the last 14 days, **DO NOT** come to the surgery, telephone first.

Finally, at this time of year we would normally be advertising our annual flu clinic. We will still be offering vaccinations to our eligible population, but we are currently assessing how we can do this safely. More information will be provided nearer the time.

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