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- 5 Country Dancing
- 10 Tour of Britain cycle race Stage 7
- 15 Dorset Coding Day
- 16 Neptune at opposition :-)
- 18 Ironman 70.3
- 23 Burger night, Piddlehinton Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
- 26 Gardens Club – Butterflies and Moths in the garden*
- 26 Jupiter at opposition :-)
- 30 Lunch Club, 2.30-4.30



October

- 1 Gardens Club Saturday – Harvest Supper
- 3 Country Dancing
- 6 Thursday Club meeting, 2.30
- 28 Lunch Club, 2.30-4.30
- 31 Gardens Club – Bob Ayers

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Applications should be submitted through the website and Trustees meet in February, June and October to decide on grants. The deadline for applications is three weeks before these meetings and is displayed on the website so please check.

If you would like to discuss a possible application in advance of a submission please feel free to contact one of the local Trustees:

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Errata

In the last edition we mistakenly published an out of date advert on page 50 for Crimson Guitars. We were pleased to offer our apologies.

Piddle Valley News and Views needs your input!

The PVNV team is always on the lookout for interesting, informative and/or entertaining content for inclusion in the magazine. Whether it's a brief comment, short letter, or a longer piece. Contributions can be about the Piddle Valley specifically or the wider Dorset area and/or beyond.

Do also send in your submissions for cover photos.

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Thank you.

Kevin Quinn

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Parish Clerk

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.

The next scheduled PC meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on – Tuesday 30 August, Tuesday 27 September.

Waste Collection arrangements

Recycling & Food – Sept 6th & 20th. Oct 4th & 18th.

General Waste & Food – Sep 13th & 27th. Oct 11th & 25th.

Piddletrenthide Shop

Now has its own website – www.piddlevalleystores.co.uk.

Road closures & traffic information.

The Tour of Britain cycle race Stage 7 will visit Dorset on 10th September. It will not directly affect the Piddle Valley, but will involve rolling road closures on the route and inevitably some delays to journeys.

Stage seven will start from West Bay & run parallel with the West Dorset Heritage coast through Abbotsbury before passing through Dorchester, West Lulworth and Corfe Castle. The route heads inland towards Wareham, Milton Abbas and Wimborne Minster and loops round into the heart of Ferndown town centre, Details can be found on <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/tour-of-britain-2022-stage-details-revealed/>

IRONMAN 70.3 will be run on September 18th. Details can be found on <https://www.ironman.com/im703-weymouth-course> which is similar to last year. It runs from Weymouth to Crossways then Puddletown then up the Valley Road (B3242/B3143) to King’s Stag and back by the C12 Sherborne top road to Dorchester and Weymouth.

There will be the usual road closures and disruption to traffic, so please ensure you have made allowance for this on that day. Particularly there will no traffic movement allowed on the B3142/B3143 or the C12 "Top Sherborne Rd" between approximately 0730 and 1400hrs. Full details can be found on their website.

Parish Council Website

The Piddle Valley Parish Council has its own dedicated website, following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations. The 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.

Planning applications list

The new Planning Pages of <https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/> are an easier way of you keeping track of any particular application. Planning Applications from 1st April 2022 will no longer be listed on the www.piddlevally.info website.

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From Heather Bland, Alton Pancras

I have succeeded in growing some Oak and Horse Chestnut trees from Piddle Valley acorns and conkers respectively. I also have one Beech tree. They are all about 18 inches tall now and have survived through one winter. If anyone would like one to plant in the ground (bearing in mind the likely eventual size of said trees) then for a small donation to a charity of your choice you are welcome to have one. First come, first served.



Alton Pancras Church was the setting for the annual visit of the Wessex Morris Men on Monday 27 June as a part of their summer Monday Tour of Dorset villages and venues. Villagers were treated to a series of traditional and new dances and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) had arranged a barbeque and bar so that people could enjoy the entertainment while eating their supper. All profits were donated to Dorchester Foodbank.

The trustees of the Alton Pancras Trust, a local village charity (charity number 800977), took the opportunity to present a commemorative mug celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee to all children aged under 18 years old who live in the village. In total 21 mugs were presented by John Squibb, the resident who has lived in the village the longest. John was also presented with a commemorative mug.

The trustees and PCC would like to thank everyone who came to support the event.

Heather (07799 654988)



Some of the 21 children who were presented with commemorative mugs.

Alton Pancras – A claim to fame?

It is not generally recognised that our village is on a main air-route between Heathrow Airport and presumably the USA. It uses some seriously large passenger aircraft for the journey, as you would expect. In our territory it flies east/west above Burnt House Bottom and over the church and can be easily seen on blue-sky days, of which we have many! We have most often seen them around 1.00pm.

But can anyone in our valley with a serious interest in passenger aircraft offer the editor any words that might elaborate on our village's latest claim to fame?

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| <i>White Lackington</i> | 13:30 | 11:00 |
| <i>Piddlehinton</i> | 16:30 | 11:00 |
| <i>Snowdrop Corner</i> | 11:00 | 11:00 |
| <i>Alton Pancras</i> | 16:15 | 10:15 |
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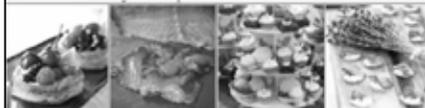
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| <p>11 September 2022 Altar Colour – Green Exodus 32: 7-14 Psalm 51: 1-11 1 Tim. 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10</p> | <p>Trinity 13 9.30 am Sung Communion 10.30 am Sung Communion with Hilton 11.00 am Matins 6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</p> | <p>Alton Pancras Melcombe Horsey Piddletrenthide Piddlehinton</p> |
| <p>18 September 2022 Altar Colour – Green Amos 8: 4-7 Psalm 113 1 Tim. 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13</p> | <p>Trinity 14 (Iron Man Day) 9.30 am Sung Communion 11.00 am Horsey Half Hour 11.00 am Sung Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Communion (CW)</p> | <p>Cheselbourne Melcombe Horsey Hilton Piddlehinton</p> |
| <p>25 September 2022 Altar Colour – Green Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Tim. 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-end</p> | <p>Trinity 15 11.00 am Sung Communion Harvest 6.00 pm Evening Prayer Harvest 6.00 pm Sung Evening Prayer</p> | <p>Piddletrenthide Piddlehinton Hilton</p> |

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| <p>9 October 2022 Altar Colour – Green 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 Psalm 111 2 Tim. 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19</p> | <p>Trinity 17 9.30 am Sung Communion 10.30 am Harvest Communion with Melcombe Horsey 11.00 am Matins 6.00 pm Sung Evening Prayer</p> | <p>Alton Pancras Hilton Piddletrenthide Piddlehinton</p> |
| <p>16 October 2022 Altar Colour – Green Gen. 32: 22-31 Psalm 121 2 Tim. 3:14 – 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8</p> | <p>Trinity 18 11.00 am Horsey Half Hour 11.00 am Sung Morning Prayer 11.00 am Communion</p> | <p>Melcombe Horsey Hilton Piddlehinton</p> |
| <p>23 October 2022 Altar Colour – Green Isaiah 45: 22-end Psalm 119: 129-136 Rom. 15: 1-6 Luke 4: 16-24</p> | <p>Bible Sunday 11.00 am Sung Communion with Alton Pancras 6.00 pm Sung Evening Prayer 6.00 pm Sung Evening Prayer</p> | <p>Piddletrenthide Piddlehinton Hilton</p> |
| <p>30 October 2022 Altar Colour – White/ Gold Dan. 7: 1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Eph. 1: 11-end Luke 6: 20-31</p> | <p>All Saints Sunday (5th Sunday) 10.30 am Sung Communion Benefice Service</p> | <p>Cheselbourne</p> |

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Piddletrenthide & Plush Village Fete – an update

We would like to thank our stall holders and the team of helpers in setting up and packing away, all of whom helped make this year's fete a success. We are delighted to say we raised £5,311.00. Thank you to all who came to support us. The weather was very kind and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying a family day, the village felt back together again after a difficult couple of years. Thank you to the Piddle Valley First School children, who sang beautifully, and to Simon Grainger for providing some lovely classical music. I would like to thank James Boughey for his generosity and for allowing us to enjoy his beautiful garden.

Save the date – next year's fete – Saturday 10th June 2023

If you are interested in helping next year please let us know.
Tracey Mitchell

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall – What's on?

Lunch Club Usually on the last Friday of the month from 12.30 to 2pm. Come for a two-course lunch plus tea or coffee and good company! New members are always welcome. To join us for lunch please contact Ann Hawker 01300 348329

Country Dancing Usually on first Monday of the month at 2.30-4.30pm. Two hours of dancing, chatting, hot drinks and laughing! No previous experience necessary as we walk through every dance before putting on the music. Comfortable, well-fitting shoes recommended. All welcome!

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The piano has not been used for some time so 6-8 weeks notice would be needed to allow for two tunings and changing the castors' height, which is currently unsuitable for play.

Thank you for the Cake stands

A big thankyou to Kim, Gloria, Anita, Chris and John for their help with the platinum jubilee afternoon tea enjoyed by all and to all those who trusted me and loaned me their cake stands.

Thank you once again

Ann Hawker

Piddlehinton Village Hall

Fri Sep 23 is Burger 'n' Chips night at Piddlehinton Village Hall, from 6-10pm.

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Valley Twinning

During July and August Twinning activity has increased as we look forward to a 3 day visit from our French friends from September 1st ... the first since the cancellation in May 2020.

We have outings planned to Sherborne Castle and Gardens, to the Dorset Show and dinners together at The Thimble and the Memorial Hall. Lunch will be in the Butterfly House at Castle Gardens restaurant – we hope to have excellent weather, with the French windows open wide ! Our French visitors will stay with host families and meet up with the other Twinning members during the day and in the evening during their stay.

We are looking forward enormously to seeing our Longueville friends again. Interestingly – for anyone familiar with the French greeting of kissing on both cheeks, the custom now is to fist bump instead!

Please give our French guests a warm welcome if you see them in the Valley between September 1st and 4th.

Our annual Bring and Share picnic was held at the Nothe Gardens in early August. A perfect day, with a definite 'French feel' sitting under the shade of the trees. Looking out over the Channel, thoughts turned to our Longueville friends in Normandy and their imminent visit. The dogs all joined in and afterwards there was swimming in the warm (yes, really warm!) waters of Newton's Cove.

Jo Thornton



Piddletrenthide Lunch Club

The Lunch Club met on the last Friday of July and had a wonderful buffet. Gloria made a fantastic pee and ham soup with a handmade bread rolls.

Anita cooked a lovely gammon and Sue and John provided some wonderful fish. Chris made an outstanding quiche and Calvin from America provided two smaller quiches Bridget made a wonderful red onion stilton tart and coronation chicken. Kim provided some of her potatoes from the garden and Ann organised the salads. Jilly made a wonderful coleslaw.

Barbara made a fantastic Pavlova and trifle. there was also strawberries cream and ice cream and we managed to get through three platters to those that couldn't join us. I apologise if I've missed

anyone who provided us with such wonderful food and also for all of those who helped us serve it.

Ann did an amazing job organising it all and Anita's husband very kindly used his lunchtime to join us to help wash up which was brilliant Chris also assisted us and was amazing. That Lunch Club also had a brilliant new helper and we hope that she will join us next time.

The Lunch Club are due to meet on the 30th of September at 12:30 when we will be serving fish pie and a pudding with apple in it.

If you would like to join us please ring Ann Hawker on 013 0034 8329 which will include a two course meal with tea and coffee and then after eight for £7.

With Best wishes

Kim



What can you do to help make the Piddle Path a reality?

1. Use it (and record it!)

When you can, try and ditch the car and record those journeys – wet or dry. Head over to the Piddle Path Improvement Plan page on FB and post photos from your morning jog along the path, or tell us why you found it difficult to ride along it or push the buggy.

2. Report problems to Dorset Council

If you find the bridleway to be out of repair in any way – the path is overgrown, so muddy it's impassable, a stile is broken, etc – you can report it to their system and the council are duty bound to investigate and sort it out. For more details on how to do this, see below:

To report a problem on the Piddle Path (or other Rights of Way) type the following into the search engine. <https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem>

Click on “start now” or ring 01305 221000

Type Piddlehinton or Piddletrentide in the search box and press search.

Expand the map and locate the problem area on the map with the pointer and click.

Complete relevant boxes and submit.

Please send a copy of the acknowledgment e mail or report number to mariadefig@yahoo.co.uk together with the photo and any other details.



Piddle Valley Gardens Club

As I write, gardeners throughout the Valley are making final preparations to exhibits for the Summer Show. Conditions for horticultural exhibits are some of the most testing I can recall, with super hot temperatures creating additional work. Nevertheless we'll see some wonderful exhibits across all classes. A full show report is given in this edition of News & Views.

At the Bath & West Show in June club members, David and Jane Ennals, won Best Horticultural Exhibit. The photo shows their wonderful display of cacti and we congratulate David and Jane on a fantastic achievement. In addition, just this week they've won Best Exhibit in the Floral Marquee at the Taunton Flower Show with a 15ft display of cacti. This must be a summer meant for cacti.

Gardeners' minds are naturally focussed on watering. Here at Pettals Cottage we've allowed the lawns to go thirsty and they now resemble golden beaches. I'm confident the return to cooler, wetter weather will see the grass recover. Some borders are planted with drought tolerant plants and our agapanthus, verbena, ornamental grasses, cordyline, bergenia, heuchera and lavenders are providing

an interesting display. Before next summer we'll plant up other borders to withstand hot/dry conditions and to reduce watering.



Cacti display at Bath & West, with David & Jane.

We enjoy gardening and aim to keep it enjoyable rather than spend too many hard hours on maintenance. We grow just a few vegetables and these are all in containers so watering by hand isn't arduous. Our vine 'border' is thriving this summer with a bumper crop and bunches of grapes hanging heavily. Gardening can be very satisfying.

One of the highlights of the club's year, the Summer Social, was held in July. On a glorious Sunday afternoon in July we had lunch under a canvas gazebo in the garden of club member, Richard. We each brought something delicious for lunch and enjoyed good food and company and the opportunity to admire Richard's delightful and productive gardens. Our thanks to Richard for hosting such a lovely event, truly high summer at its best.

Club members are currently choosing which bulbs to purchase for autumn planting. Through the club, members make purchases from a bulb wholesaler, so we can expect the usual bulk order of several thousands of bulbs. Planning for an injection of vibrant colour in our gardens next spring is all part of the gardening year, albeit in late summer.

Club events pick up again in September and new members are most welcome to join us for an annual membership fee of £10 pro rata (visitors £2 for the evening) you can enjoy the following Club events:

Monday 26 September – Butterflies and Moths in the garden*

Saturday 1 October – Harvest Supper

Monday 31 October – Bob Ayers will be making a welcome return*

Monday 28 November – Growing your own*

Monday 12 December – Christmas Social

*7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide.

To join the Gardens Club for just £10 per year contact Sally Condon
Tel 01300 348250 or email riverpiddle2@btinternet.com
Or pop along to a monthly club meeting



Piddle Valley Gardens Club Summer Show 2022

The Summer Show, a highlight of the valley's calendar, was held on Saturday 13 August in the Memorial Hall with the temperature outside at a searing 93°F (34°C), a definite record for the show. We had great support from participants and the viewing public. The Valley is fortunate to retain this annual fixture as many village communities have lost their flower shows through lack of support.

Unsurprisingly the very hot weather made growing conditions difficult and led to slightly fewer entries in the horticultural classes, though the standard of entries was high. The Judge commented what a good show it is given the conditions and in comparison with other shows he's recently attended we did well on numbers. Overall there were 190 entries.

The tables were weighed down with super exhibits of vegetables, old favourites and new varieties side by side. Seasoned competitor, Richard Cake, won the Potato in a Bag class with 8lb (3.6kg) of potatoes grown from just one Kestrel seed potato, an outstanding achievement putting all others in the shade.

WINNER Best Exhibit in Vegetables : Richard Cake – French beans class

Exhibits in the fruit classes were plentiful. The marquee where the fruit was on show was scorching hot and the exhibits were ripening, possibly cooking, where they sat. Rosy dessert apples competed with succulent berries and other delicious fruits. It can't be easy to be a show judge and rate the exhibits.

WINNER Best Exhibit in Fruit : Sue Chance – dessert apples class

Masses of flowers and greenery were exhibited which looked wonderful and their scent filled the hall. Gardeners in the valley grow an array of cottage, formal and exotic plants. Bridget Bowen entered a canna lily in a pot with glowing flower spikes and luxuriant foliage, it must surely enjoy the hot weather. The overall class winner was Gay Hanbury with a magnificent begonia plant in full flower and a joy to behold.

WINNER Best Exhibit in Flowers : Gay Hanbury – flowering plant in pot

Baking and preserves classes were popular with lots of entries and we saw plenty of appetising flans, cakes and loaves. These classes kept show organiser, Ian Condon, busy ferrying dairy and meat exhibits from the fridge to the show bench for judging and then back again to the fridge. A sea of jars with jams and jellies were produced to delight

all tastes. The valley certainly boasts some talented cooks.

WINNER Best Exhibit in Home Produce : Tracey Chevalier – summer soup

Amateur photographers had been busy and wonderful images for each of the five classes were on display. The entries in 'It's a dog's life' gave us pictures of dogs enjoying their best life and evoking great characters.

WINNER Best Exhibit in Photography : Roxanne Harbour – 'patterns'

The Handicraft class was less well supported this year and having come out of lockdown possibly fewer people have been crafting. Nevertheless, the winning entry, a finely knitted shawl, was a delight.

WINNER Best Exhibit in Handicrafts : Sally Condon

WINNER Best Horticultural Exhibit in the show with her marvellous begonia was Gay Hanbury who also took home the Sir Robert Williams cup for another year. Well done Gay.

WINNER The Banksian Medal : Sue Chance. This is an RHS medal given to the club to award for horticultural exhibits. Congratulations Sue.

The Show is a lovely event with lots of people coming along to enjoy the exhibits and to have tea and cake in the shade of trees alongside the River Piddle. It was great to see the community at the event and



Left: Richard Cake and Club Chair, Ann Jordon.

Gay Hanbury and Ann Jordon.



to know that there are gardeners young and old are producing food and flowers in abundance. Though we had winners from Piddlehinton, Piddletrenthide and Alton Pancras, it was Plush that swept all before them both in the show and in the raffle.

Finally, the Show wouldnt happen without the hard work of Ian and Sally Condon and their band of helpers, especially for the sheer physical work of putting up the marquee and show benches, etc, in scorching conditions. Several people kindly donated cakes for sale and also served tea and cakes. Funds raised from the event will help to support the Gardens Club. Many thanks to all for making such a wonderful show.

Jasmine Pettals



The Thursday Club

We made the most of the sunny August weather (before the heat wave hit) with a BBQ at Prue Jakeman's garden and we thank her for her kind hospitality.

Most of our members were able to join us and we all had a jolly time!

Our next meeting is planned for Thursday 8th September when we shall be visiting Langham Wines for a 'self-guided tour' including visiting the vineyard to see the grapes being harvested, viewing the rooms where the various wine processing takes place & ending with a wine tasting! This will be followed by the option of enjoying lunch together in the Barn Restaurant.

In October our meeting will be in the Memorial Hall at 2.30 on October 6th, when we will be visited by Kevin Pope our local Bee Inspector who will enlighten us with the secrets of Bee-Keeping! He will also describe a swarm which might arrive in your garden and explain what steps to take to have it safely (& humanely) removed. The meeting will conclude with our usual shared tea to which members and their contribution of food are invited to join.

Looking ahead our November Meeting on the 3rd will be the AGM followed by a Dorset Quiz ... so come with your wits sharpened!

December will be our Christmas get-together in a local pub. More details to follow ...

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OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Friends of Salisbury Cathedral

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral are planning their programme of events for 2023, so now is a great time to join.

Members of the Friends enjoy free entry to the cathedral (excluding ticketed events, concerts or parking), they receive newsletters and the charity's annual report, and they are invited to its social events.

Next year's programme begins in January with the Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos being 'cast away' at a Desert Island Discs event.

This is followed by a coffee morning in February and a new members' afternoon in March, the latter to include talks in the cathedral and tea in the refectory.

There will be a day trip to Wells Cathedral in April and the annual *Secret Gardens of the Close* afternoon in June, during which a number of gardens in Salisbury Cathedral Close are open to the public.

We hope to run a holiday to Wales in July and Friends' Day is in September including the AGM, a lecture, cream tea, organ recital and evensong.

In the last financial year, the Friends gave more than £128,000 in grants to fund projects at the cathedral and safeguard it for future generations.

These grants were made possible by means of members' subscriptions, donations and legacies.

Subscriptions are £25 for a single membership and £40 for joint membership. Gift membership is also available.

For more details and a membership application form, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190, email friends@salcath.co.uk or visit our website: WWW.salisburycathedralfriends.co.uk



Dorset Council Capital Leverage Fund

Are you looking to make a difference to people living in your community? Do you need some capital funding for your project? Dorset Council launched a new grant to support not for profit community and cultural organisations to deliver new and improved facilities for local communities.

The Capital Leverage Fund can help fund a range of projects,

including village hall or community building enhancements, renovations, maintenance, or new build projects, including car parks, play areas, multi-use games areas, theatres, community sports clubs, sports pitches and landscaping.

We also welcome applications for projects that helps to address climate change themes, new public art, or heritage capital projects including accredited museums.

You can apply for a capital grant of between £1,000 and £25,000, to fund up to 20% of your total project costs. For more details on criteria, fund aims, and how to complete your application form please follow the link to our webpage.

Projects need to meet at least one of the Dorset Council priorities and the Cultural Strategy priorities.

Applications can only be accepted via our online application form. Applications will close at 12pm on Friday 6 January 2023. The next assessment panel is taking place next month so applications for this round need to be submitted no later than 12 September 2022.

To apply for a grant, you can download the application guidance, support materials and an application form from the website.

If having looked at the webpage, you'd like to speak to us about your project, or need more information email us at:

- Community and voluntary sector applicants (including play): communities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- Cultural applicants (arts, accredited museums, heritage, sports and physical activity): leisureWDWP@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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THE PIDDLE INN

I apologise and regret having to send this lengthy correspondence as a general round robin but I feel that I now have no alternative but to respond to the fake news and dishonesty contained by additions or omissions in statements, reports and complaints.

I hope that parishioners can come to their own judgment and conclusion to what are inflammatory comments and statements, designed to incite agitation and uncertainty within the community which they have been successful in so doing.

In order to clarify the position from my prospective and understanding I reply as follows.

Reply

1. Significantly omitted in the statement made is the fact that I had offered the Parish Council my plans for reopening as a public house. This entailed reducing the size back to its original thereby making it manageable, reducing overheads in all sectors, possibly making it profitable, therefore viable and in turn securing its long term future. This could still provide about 60 seats together with standing and sitting at the bar and food servery,

Please remember this was during lockdown and all quite difficult yet still it involved several video conferences together with much correspondence and a meeting face-to-face at my property 10th March 2021. Despite these efforts my suggestions were turned down out of hand. I again highlighted my plans to the "Friends of the Piddle Inn (FPI) group who also turned them down. The reason from both of these organisations is mainly nothing to do with the reopening of a public house business, as detailed below (4), which makes a farce of this whole debate.

2. This was a private purchase both as my sole residence where I live and business premises, it was openly marketed for sale for about 2 years with no interest from private or community buyers.

3. It was made very clear to me that there were no business records and no accounts available as this was a bricks and mortar purchase only. The business was obviously a very much failed venture, consistent and consecutive with previous occupiers covering a combined period of almost 20 years from about 2004 of which is has been closed for almost a fifth of that time. It was clear that it was not viable for the property to run solely as a public house in its current

format. It also required a vast amount of capital expenditure on the building, services and equipment to bring it back into working order.

4. To my mind the pub needs saving with maintenance and improvement to the building which the FPI do not seem to be concerned about. Their interest seems to be not about saving the public house, which could quite easily be opened after some conversion works following my plans to reopen but they seem to require it for the following reasons none of which are of any business acumen:

- A. Library with extra large print;
- B. Book exchange;
- C. Crèche for children while mothers have coffee after picking them up from school (how do I run that?)
- D. Meeting place for participants in the University of the third age;

5. I am not sure what is wrong with using the Village Hall or in fact the village school with its fantastic facilities, grounds, parking and presumably not used after school time, however, my plans, to reinstate the public house to the size it previously was, do not preclude any of these uses except there would be no storage, or crèche facilities as these are not possible. I assume various Council or Government bodies provide most of these services, when needed, not private individuals.

6. The purchase price quoted is both incorrect and not relevant to a sale should I decide to follow that path.

7. Again any price I quote for a sale is also not really relevant because as stated the property is not currently for sale, however, I felt pressured into giving a guide figure when the property was listed as a community asset which has now expired. I quoted this price a year ago and it now no longer stands. To state that I have quoted an over inflated price without any regard to the expenditure I have made to building and equipment, let alone my time of sometimes working 7 days a week, or, property price increases is to say the least, naive.

8. The FPI group planned purchase appears to have achieved very little in 12 months, initially missing the first government funding deadline for applications to help purchase village pubs. They informed me they had other funding available from a private charity and also potential of lottery money and another application was to be made for

government funding at the end of March 2022 but still no information has been forthcoming on any of these plans..

9. It should be noted that my plan to reopen has been further delayed and put on hold pending the approach from the FPI to purchase but as that now seems most unlikely, all dates and times have long since passed without the courtesy of any updates, I will now consider my options.

10. I have never had any lettings with airbnb so I am not sure where these statements come from. The majority of bookings for my property, shown on letting websites, are in fact just blocked off by me because I do not wish to let the property at that time, for instance this week I have a plumber in attendance, I may have friends or family over to stay, or, it just does not suit me at that time. I do have holiday lettings stay here but try to be selective.

11. The noise complaint appears to be both exaggerated and unwarranted as witnessed by the fact that I have no detail of the complaint and it appears Environmental Health does not either as they are unable to give me any details, not even a date, no annoyance to my immediate neighbors or to me. If music is played and/or people have conversation, or, supper of an evening then besides the windows there are shutters and curtains, there are 2 sets of doors and the walls are thick 17th century stone so you would have to be very close to hear anything.

12. No doubt there maybe disturbance in the future as there would be for anyone living in the vicinity of a public house. Obviously this is a reasonable and assumed potential problem to be accepted otherwise you would not buy a property to live so close to a 300 year old business whether it be a railway, airport, farm, or, public house. These are the same people who want live music.

My comments

13. As a large property in its present form The Piddle Inn is not a viable proposition as a public house there is not sufficient demand as show by the lack of use over the years. This is documented by the debts left on the business over the past 20-year period which would not have occurred if used by the local community on a regular basis. This is further highlighted by the “questionnaire” of potential use survey carried out by Mrs Lynn Mailer detailed below...

Percentage of Customers out of the Parish

0.69% Customers Daily

4.01% Customers Once a week

14.24% Customers who may use the pub at sometime

100 parishioners out of 600 replied.

I believe FPI are a minority vocal pressure group not representing the passive majority as shown by these results and my numerous conversations with various parishioners who cannot believe the actions and statements being made in an effort to try and drum up business and support.

14. In addition it cannot even be staffed as there do not seem to be any local people of any age who want to work here (I have not even been able to get a cleaner over the past 2 years). Lack of trade has been further exasperated as a result of the change in customer habits and in particular the position of this country pub which does not seem to have enough local residents to support it, certainly not the previous business model and maybe not even my scaled down version. Also noted due to:

- A. a limited desire and demand to go out for a drink and/or to eat out;
- B. increasing old age within the population;
- C. a change in demand from younger customers due to style, trends etc.
- D. wealth and financial concerns;
- E. family commitments;

15. With limitations in the opportunities for gaining customers this business will find it very difficult to succeed. Originally 8 pubs in the village of Piddletrenthide and currently 2 being the Poachers and Piddle Inn both closed.

16. The business already has a history of being closed due to a failed business environment and not being used by the village residents. It has averaged a change of ownership every $2\frac{3}{4}$ years over the past half century so it has a very checkered history;

17. If a pub of this size was in demand the previous occupiers would have been able to continue the business as financially viable and sold it as such. This has not been the case and it appears it was only able to run as a public house with other outside interests supporting it. As a single sole purchaser I do not have this luxury and the business needs to be totally viable if I am going to proceed with it. I am unable

to satisfy the beliefs and requirements of a small group who appear to have unrealistic expectations and seem to have little experience in the running of a business with the constraints and demands that this entails, certainly one such as this.

18. The premises are a Class A3 use due to its previous reputation for the sale of food, where, nearly 20 years ago, I am informed customers needed to book at least 1 week in advance, evidenced by the size of the existing kitchens needed to cater for such a business. This is defined as the serving of both food and drink for consumption on the premises, with this in mind it would be nice to revitalize a business albeit on a smaller and more manageable scale.

19. All of my income is used in maintaining and improving the property which, as previously stated, has received little or no attention for in excess of 20 years. I would hope this shows my commitment but alas no. If the income from holiday lettings stops then as proven historically the pub business cannot support the cost of these works and therefore they will cease. It is not possible to raise additional finance to do the work more speedily as there is no established business, and due to my age, it therefore must be funded out of income which is slow. Without lettings of the bedrooms in my property I would not be able to carry out the current maintenance programme which is urgently required, by stopping this business it will probably result in a further delay in reopening, if at all.

20. When and if I reopen the pub business I do not expect it to be able to support the overall costs of the building and outgoings which as we all now know are extortionate for a residence, but are even worse for a commercial business and look set to continue to increase. I would therefore need an additional income in order to keep things going and this would be generated via any holiday lettings

21. Despite the rudeness and insinuations I do actually plan to proceed as can be witnessed by my purchase of various equipment for the business such as espresso machine, griddle, counter fridge, etc. In the meantime work continues on the property, both internally and externally.

Thank you for your time,
Alan Craske

Dorchester Poverty Action Annual

Open meeting: “Helping people manage money better”

Speakers: Dick & Jane Howard (CAP Money Coaches) on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm in Dorford Centre Activities room. Everyone welcome

Money is something we all need, but currently for most people prices are rising faster than the money coming in, whether it is wages, pensions or benefits. It is not stretching as far as we need to cover rising food bills, energy bills, rent or mortgages and other everyday expenses.

This year’s annual Dorchester Poverty Action Open meeting is an opportunity to find out more about the CAP money management course, which teaches how to budget, save and prevent debt. Whether you already feel pretty organised or whether you feel the panic rising when you try to spend money from your account, the CAP Money Course will help you take complete control of your finances. CAP courses are free and run locally, so come along and find out more and see if it would work for you or someone in your family’.

Also find out how Dorchester Poverty Action through referrals from local professionals and charitable organisations are helping people in DT1 and DT2 with some of their financial problems. In the last financial year over £36,000 was distributed locally through grants and Co-op vouchers and already between April and July the number of these grants has doubled.

For more information about the work of Dorchester Poverty Action go to www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk



The Alton Pancras Trust

The Alton Pancras Trust has been operational in its current format since 1989. It is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 800977.

Trust Objectives: To promote such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Alton Pancras in the county of Dorset and the immediate vicinity as the Trustees shall from time to time think fit.

The official wording of the Trust Deed (above) has been interpreted by the Trustees to cover grants for the following:

- Small projects for the general benefit of the village of Alton Pancras.
- Personal grants or loans for educational or social purposes.
- Alleviation of hardship following illness or injury.

Examples of recent grants provided include:

- Substantial contribution to the cost of the Millennium Bench at Burnt House Bottom, and to its subsequent maintenance.
- Matching village contributions towards the cost of railings along the river through the village.
- Supporting the Village Map and The Village History projects.
- Funding the establishment and ongoing costs of the Wildlife Area in the water meadow.
- Purchasing marquees and tents for use of the village, particularly for the annual village fete.
- Funding a permanent store for village assets including marquees and tents, fete equipment, and Church equipment.

The Trustees have also agreed to buy each child living in the village, aged under 18 years old on 2 June 2022, a memento of the Platinum Jubilee.

Applications

Any resident of Alton Pancras may propose a use for Trust funds which are in keeping with the Alton Pancras Trust's defined objectives.

Any such proposals, and any applications for assistance from individuals, which may be made in confidence, can be made to any of the Trustees, and all proposals and applications will be considered by the Board of Trustees at its next full meeting.

Please take a look at our website : <https://altonpancrastrust.org/> where you will find the contact details for all the trustees or email the Chairperson, Tim Carron Brown, at TimCarronBrown@altonpancrastrust.org

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If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call 999 with as much information as possible.

Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.

You can also help by reporting any antisocial behaviour on the heath to the Police on 101.

During 2021, DWFRS dealt with 494 fires in the open. In 2022, we have already seen large wildfires in Dorset & Wiltshire and firefighters across the UK have dealt with more wildfires between January and May than in the whole of 2021 (243 compared to 237 in 2021).

Area Manager Marc House, Head of Prevention at DWFRS said: "As we move into the summer, with longer daylight hours and warmer weather, understandably more people want to get out and use Dorset & Wiltshire's natural environments. There is a trend that the number of deliberately set fires and fires caused by BBQs and bonfires in these open spaces, increases.

He added: "I cannot stress enough how important it is to take extra care when enjoying our beautiful open and forestry areas. If you are a smoker, please extinguish them fully before disposing of them responsibly – never ever just throw them away lit, similar to throwing them out from car windows – the result could be 50 or 100 firefighters tackling the subsequent blaze."

Anyone caught starting a fire on a heath will be prosecuted whether it is a case of deliberate arson or neglect, for example an unauthorised camp fire or a disposable BBQ that gets out of control. Wildfires cost lives not only to endangered plants and animals but also put people and houses in danger.

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First of all, you are not alone in this and there's support to help you.

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There's also emergency support that you may have access to, such as food bank vouchers or fuel vouchers, and access to grants – ask Citizens Advice for more information.

If you're struggling to stay on top of bills, it's really important to understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. Citizens Advice has a budgeting tool on its website that can help with this.

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Tuesday evening from 7:30pm **Casterbridge Badminton**
Alan Simmons Mail:- alansimmons8@hotmail.com

Tuesday evenings (excluding last of the month)

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| 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 |
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| Piddlehinton Village Hall | Details of what's available |
| Piddletrenthide 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 |
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NEWS FROM PUDDLETOWN SURGERY

I am writing to keep you up to date with events at Puddletown Surgery and share important health messages and updates. 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@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Winter Vaccination Clinics 2022

We are currently working hard to plan our Winter Vaccination Clinics for this year and will be offering both Flu and Covid Vaccination, for eligible patients, from the Surgery site. We will provide further information and make the clinic dates available to book as soon as possible. We will advertise this information in our next surgery newsletter, on the Puddletown surgery website, on our Facebook page and in the surgery. We will also send txt messages to eligible patients that have provided us with a mobile number.

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Please contact reception to book an appointment. Self-referrals welcome

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August Bank Holiday

The surgery will be CLOSED for the August Bank Holiday weekend on Monday 29th August 2022. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

Hot weather advice

With temperatures rising over the summer months, it's important to think about how to stay safe in warmer weather. In the UK there are over 2000 deaths each year which are heat related.

Signs of heat exhaustion include headache, dizziness and confusion, loss of appetite or feeling sick, excessive sweating (or not sweating even though you feel very hot) and a high temperature of 38C or above. If you're suffering from heat exhaustion, it's important to try and cool yourself down by resting in a cool place and drinking plenty of water.

If you, or someone you care about is likely to be affected by extreme weather conditions, you can sign up for email alerts from the Met Office that will tell you when extreme weather is expected. Some groups of people are more likely to be adversely affected by weather conditions, including older adults, babies and young children, and those living with long term health conditions.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion-heatstroke/>

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails>

Holiday advice

Whether you're going overseas this year, or planning to stay closer to home, the fitfortravel website has brilliant information about how to choose a sun cream, who is most vulnerable and the other preventative measures you can take to make sure you stay safe in the sun. The fitfortravel website also has a wealth of information about health issues that can occur on holiday and ways that you can stay safe while travelling. If any kind of travel is in your plans, it's well worth having a look.

<https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/advice/general-travel-health-advice/sun-safety>

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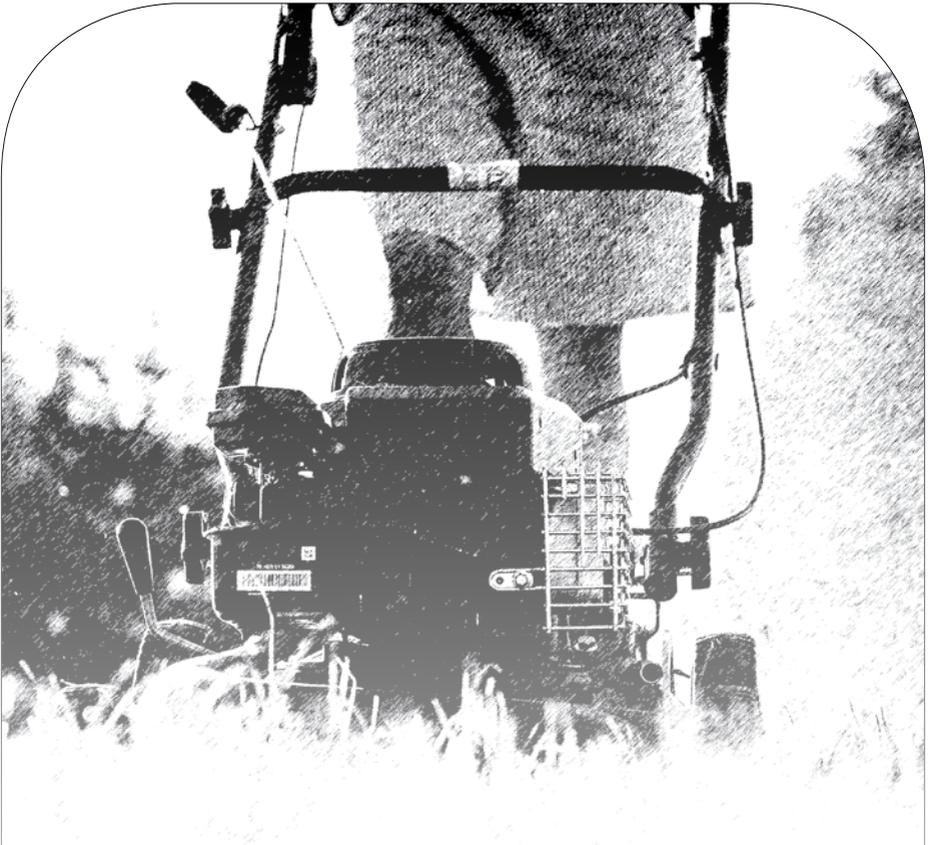


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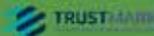


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Dorset's first dedicated coding day for school children

Dorset's first-ever live and interactive coding day for children will be held this September and schools across the county are being urged to take part.

Held on 15 September during National Coding Week, the Dorset Coding Day is for children in years 5, 6 and 7 and aims to inspire future Bill Gateses and Ada Lovelaces.

Dorset Council has joined forces with BCP Council and Barclays Digital Eagles to host the virtual event online.

Cllr Jill Haynes, Dorset Council's portfolio holder for Corporate Development and Transformation said: "We are incredibly proud to be partnering with Barclays Digital Eagles and BCP Council to host the first ever Dorset Coding Day.

"We hope to see schools across the county sign up to this exciting event, which aims to inspire their pupils about coding and encourage them to explore the opportunities digital can offer.

"It's our vision to make the county a digital place and to achieve that it's crucial we encourage our young people to work in digital industries and to do that here in Dorset."

The Dorset Coding Day will run two sessions, covering computer programming topics in the Key Stage two and three curriculums.

Run by Barclays Digital Eagles, the online sessions will enable schools to join in virtually from across the county.

IT specialists from local tech companies can also be part of Dorset Coding Day. They are invited to attend a school in-person to talk to the pupils and share their own experiences of using coding in their careers.

Kevin Garner, Barclays Head of Code Playground, added: "We're delighted to be supporting Dorset Coding Day. Events like this can equip young people with new digital skills and gives schools the opportunity to introduce pupils to the exciting world of coding."

Since the beginning of 2021, over 25,000 primary school pupils have joined the Barclays Digital Eagles' monthly Code Playground sessions, building their coding confidence and preparing them for the careers and jobs that they may one day be applying for.

Schools and IT specialists that would like to sign up to the Dorset Coding Day can register their interest by emailing digitaldorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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