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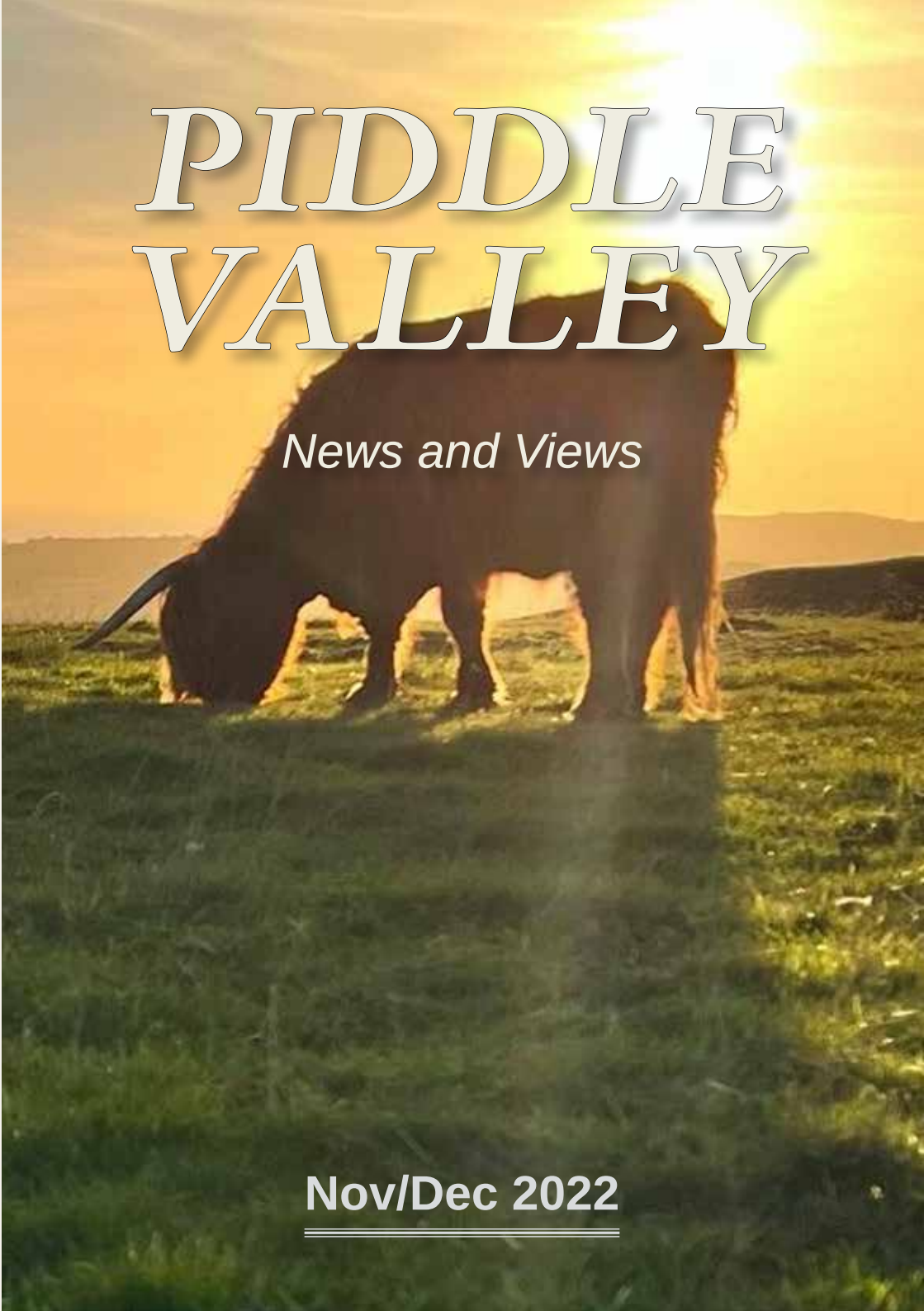

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

3	Thursday Club AGM followed by 'Bees!' a talk by local Bee Inspector Kevin Pope
11	Christmas Lunch – bookings via Ann Hawker (348329) essential.
11	David Mynne – The Odyssey, 7.30pm (Artsreach), Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
12	Piddletrenthide river clear, 10.00am, Piddle Valley First School (bring a rake)
12	Dorchester Choral Society, St Mary's Church, Dorchester, 7.30pm (see page 45)
13	Coffee Morning and Information Event, Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide (see page 22)
17	Environment Agency community drop-in session for the flood scheme at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 2-6pm (see page 74)
18	Piddle Valley Barn Dance, 7.15pm (Piddle Valley Gardens Club), Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
26	Pop-up Pub, 4-11pm, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
28	Growing your own (Piddle Valley Gardens Club), Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
29	Christmas Fair, Cerne Abbas Village Hall from 10-1pm

December

1	Thursday Club Christmas lunch, The Thimble Inn
3	Millennium Green Christmas Fair at Piddlehinton Village Hall
12	Christmas Social, (Piddle Valley Gardens Club), Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
16	Piddle Valley Barn Dance, 7.15pm, (Piddle Valley Gardens Club), Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
18	Coffee Morning and Christmas Raffle, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

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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.

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Do also send in your submissions for cover photos. These should be in portrait orientation, large enough to fill the front cover, and with the subject occupying the centre of the photo, with space above and below for the title text.

editor@piddlevalley.info

Thank you.

Kevin Quinn

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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.

The next scheduled PC meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on – Tuesday 29 November.

Waste Collection arrangements

Recycling & Food – Nov 1st, 15th, 29th. Dec 13th, 28th (Wed).
General Waste & Food – Nov 8th, 22nd. Dec 6th, 20th.

Piddletrenthide Shop – this now has its own website – www.piddlevalleystores.co.uk.

Parish Council Website

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

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

Planning applications list

The new Planning Pages of https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/ are an easier and more accurate and up to date way of you keeping track of the status of any particular application.

Planning applications listed here are for general information only and cannot be guaranteed to be fully accurate, comprehensive or up-to

date due to News & Views publishing timetable. The list was prepared on 12 October 2022.

Piddlehinton

Pending:

CLE/022/05338 Little Puddle Barn – Cert of Lawfulness for exclusive holiday accommodation by owner.

HOU/2022/04120 2 High St. – Erect single and two storey extensions

FUL/2022/03822 Muston Down Farm – retain mobile home as Farm Worker accommodation.

FUL/22022/02250 Unit 8, Enterprise Park – Demolish unit and replace with 5 flexible use starter units.

Granted:

CLP/2022/04503 Area 52, Enterprise Park.- Erect mezzanine floor.

HOU/2022/02772 3 Rectory Rd.- Install air source heat pump

HOU/2022/00704 4 Long Puddle – Reduce size of proposed extension.

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Pending

FUL/2022/05116 Barn adjacent to Lackington Mill – Create new access, turning area and erect 2 bay garage.

HOU/2022/04135 Astra, Plush.- Demolish existing garage and erect 3 bay garage with accommodation over.

Granted:

HOU/2022/03224 The Barn, Church Lane.- Erect greenhouse.

NMA/2022/04068 Greens Services yard White Lackington. – Non material alteration to plans.

CLE/2022/02751 Nettle Cottage, Egypt. – Continue residential use of land.

\FUL/2022/02731 Greens yard, White Lackington. – Erect 2 bay car port.

NMA/2022/02681 Greens Yard, White Lackington – Non material alteration to plans.

Alton pancras

Pending:
HOU/2022/04603 Blades, Main Rd. – Erect side extension, Dormers, extend gable, add First Floor extension.

Refused:
HOU/2022/02442 Barcombe farm Cottage. – Retrospective permission for new access and drive.

Andy Howard / 01300 348406

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Wednesday 28 9.00-12 noon	Thursday 29 9.00am-12 noon
Friday 30 9.00-12 noon	Saturday 31 9.00-12 noon
New Years Day CLOSED	Monday 2 9.00-11.00am

As from Tuesday 3 January 2023 hours are as normal

We would like to wish our customers a Merry Christmas & a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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An Outreach Post Office Service operates on:
Thursday 08:30-10:30.
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	Mon-Fri	*Saturday*
Piddletrenthide Shop	*16:30*	*11:00*
White Lackington	*13:30*	*11:00*
Piddlehinton	*16:30*	*11:00*
Snowdrop Corner	*11:00*	*11:00*
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6 November *Altar: Red/Green* *Job 19: 23-27a* *Psalm 17: 1-8(9)* *2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17* *Luke 20: 27-38*	***3 Before Advent*** *9.30 am Said Communion BCP* *10.30 am Lay-led Service* *11.00 am Family Service with Baptisms* *6.00 pm Evening Prayer*	 *Alton Pancras* *Hilton* *Piddlehinton* *Cheselbourne*
13 November *Altar: Red* *Mal 4:1.2a* *Psalm 98* *2 Thess 3: 6-13* *Luke 21:5-19*	***Remembrance Sunday*** *10.30 am Said Communion with Melcombe Horsey with Act of Remembrance* *10.50 am Valley Remembrance Service*	 *Hilton* *Piddletrenthide*
20 November *Altar: Red/White* *Jer 23:1-6* *Psalm 46* *Col 1: 11-20* *Luke 23: 33-43*	***Christ the King*** *9.30 am Sung Communion* *11.00 am Horsey Half Hour* *11.00 am Sung Morning Prayer* *11.00 am Communion CW*	 *Cheselbourne* *Melcombe Horsey* *Hilton* *Piddlehinton*
27 November *Altar: Purple* *Isa 2:1-5* *Psalm 122* *Rom 13: 11-14* *Matt 24: 36-44*	***Advent 1*** *11.00 am Sung Communion* *6.00 pm Evening Prayer* *6.00 pm Sung Evening Prayer*	 *Piddletrenthide* *Piddlehinton* *Hilton*

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4 December *Altar: Purple* *Isa 11: 1-10* *Psalm 72: 1-7* *Rom 15: 4-13* *Matt 3: 1-12*	***Advent 2*** *9.30 am Said Communion BCP* *10.00 am Toy Service* *10.30 am Lay Led Service* *6.00 pm Evening Prayer*	 *Alton Pancras* *Piddlehinton* *Hilton* *Cheselbourne*
11 December *Altar: Purple* *Isa 35: 1-10* *Psalm 146:4-10* *Jas 5: 7-10* *Matt 11: 2-11*	***Advent 3*** *9.30 am Sung Communion* *10.30 am Communion with Hilton* *11.00 am Matins* *6.00 pm Evening Prayer BCP*	 *Alton Pancras* *Melcombe Horsey* *Piddletrenthide* *Piddlehinton*
18 December *Altar: Purple* *Isa 7:10-16* *Psalm 80:1-8* *Rom 1:1-7* *Matt 1: 18-25*	***Advent 4*** *11 .00 am Carol Service* *6.00 pm Carol Service* *6.00 Joint Carol Service*	 *Piddletrenthide* *Piddlehinton Milton* *Abbey*
24 December *Altar:White/Green* *Isa 52; 7-10* *Psalm 98* *Heb. 1:1-4(5-12)* *John 1: 1-14*	***Christmas Eve*** *3.30 pm Christingle* *5.00 pm Christingle* *5.00 pm Christingle* *6.00 pm First Christmas Eucharist* *11.30 pm Midnight Communion tbc*	 *Cheselbourne* *Piddletrenthide* *Hilton* *Piddlehinton* *Hilton*
25 December *Altar:White/Green* *Isa 52. 7-10* *Psalm 98* *Heb. 1:1-4(5-12)* *John 1: 1-14*	***Christmas Day*** *10.30 am Christmas Communion* *10.30 am Christmas Communion* *10.30 am Nine Lessons and Carols*	 *Piddletrenthide* *Hilton* *Melcombe Horsey*
1 January 2023 *Altar: White* *Num 6: 22-27* *Psalm 8* *Gal 4: 4-7* *Luke 2: 15-21*	***Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*** *10.00 am Benefice Communion*	 *Piddlehinton*

INFORMATION EVENT

at the

Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide

on

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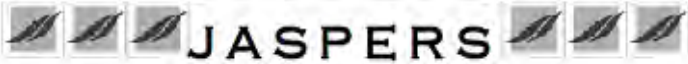

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NEWS, COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE VALLEY

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

Fit Moves Classes are designed to suit all ages and fitness levels with a mix of dance, cardio, conditioning and stretching. Come along on Tuesdays from 10.00-11.00am and have a go!
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Gardens Club, Thursday Club and other events held at the Hall have more variable programme dates. For more information on these see under the relevant section in the newsletter.

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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.

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CLUBS, GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Piddletrenthide Lunch Club

The Lunch Club met on the last Friday of July and had a wonderful buffet. Gloria made a fantastic pea 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 Kalvin 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.

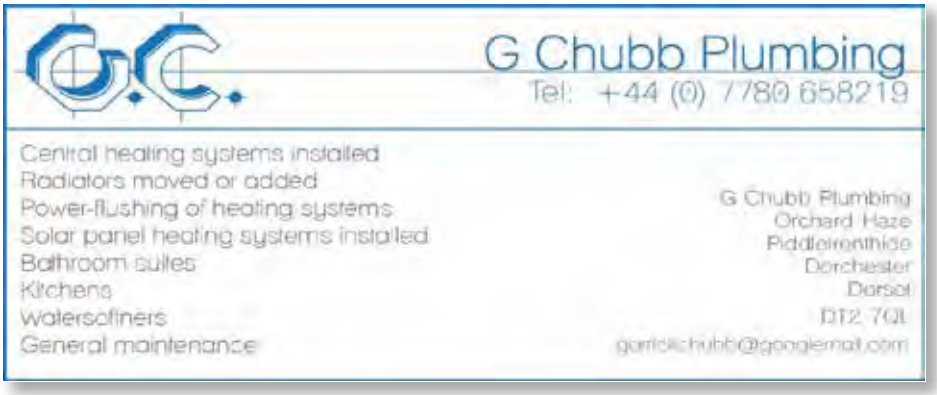
Barbara made a fantastic Pavlova and trifle. there was also strawberries cream and ice cream and we managed to get through three platters to those that couldn't join us. I apologise if I've missed anyone who provided us with such wonderful food, and also for all of those who helped us serve it.

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 01300 348329 which will include a two course meal with tea and coffee and then after eight for £7.

With best wishes, Kim



Welcome to Rob's Vinyl Vault

About me. I started collecting records in my early teens during a time that I still believe was a golden era for pop and rock music. The late '70s/early '80s was a time of change. Punk had done it's thing a few years before and in the vacuum left after it had faded away, amazing new sounds and genres were being born to us teens, eager to still have what Johny Rotten and Joe Strummer had given our older brothers and sisters a few years before.

From the ashes of punk was born a New Wave of exciting young bands and artists playing 2-Tone Jamaican ska and punk enthused rock music. All up beat and fresh sounding at the time. And then there was the Synthesiser with all the colour of the New Romantics. Top of the pops was bouncing to Girls on film and Night Boat To Cairo.

Everybody bought records back then. The CD was still a few years away, and the internet ... ?

My record collection started to grow modestly and that continued until the CD was the thing. Then I stopped buying vinyl, but kept my records in a box in spare rooms up until a few years ago when I got my hands on an '80's Sony stack system with a turn table. I got it home, cleaned it up, found a record, put it on and the rest as they say is history.

With record shops springing up all over, the vinyl revival is in full swing and I am a very keen collector of all kinds of music, mostly old, but some more modern.

The Waterboys, This is the sea. After seeing the Waterboys supporting Simple Minds at the Milton Keynes Bowl in the June of 86, I just had to buy the record that made them. Released in '85 and giving us their most famous hit, The Whole of The Moon, this album was and still is to me an amazing production. An LP that I have cherished since purchasing it 36 years ago.

If you have a hobby/interest/passion/area of expertise, why not share it with the valley? Drop the editor a line at: editor@piddlevalley.info

Piddle Valley Gardens Club

In September, 28 members enjoyed a session on Butterflies & Moths in the Garden by Zoe Randall of Butterfly Conservation. Zoe's knowledge of her subject was outstanding and we learnt that there are 56 species of butterflies and some 2,500 species of moths in the UK. Butterflies are actually a group of moths. All moths are important to us forming a part of our natural heritage; they're both iconic as well as popular and they are a substantial part of our biodiversity. They play an important part in ecosystems being important pollinators of plants with moths even pollinating at night. Furthermore, they are indicators of environmental change. We heard some extraordinary statistics, for example, blue tits eat 35 billion butterflies and moths each year. We might think that all moths eat our woollen clothing but its only 2 species that do this, so only a tiny proportion, though that's of little consolation if they've ruined your best knitwear.

Butterfly Conservation encourage the public to record sightings of butterflies to aid the identification of species at risk (see their website for more information). In general butterfly populations and their distribution are declining. A potent cocktail of factors are changing our environment, including changing land use. Even relatively small changes, such as introducing artificial grass into gardens, renders areas completely sterile and of no use to nature.

Gardening with butterflies and moths in mind is one of the most rewarding things we can do to help these amazing creatures. By growing plants such as verbena, buddleia, perennial wallflowers, marjoram, lavender and stinging nettles we can help. Especially useful in winter are the flowers of ivy. Zoe asked that we all be mindful that our gardens are a refuge all year round.

Next summer from 14 July to 6 August there's a Big Butterfly Count. In the Piddle Valley we are likely to see some 17 species of butterfly and 3 species of moths. Take a look at the butterfly-conservation.org website which gives photos and details of these, aiding identification.

butterfly-conservation.org

Harvest Supper – 29 members enjoyed a harvest supper at the beginning of October. We

had plenty of homegrown produce and home made savouries and puddings. A lovely event that was made more special by our guest speaker, Nicholas Jones, who many people will know from his appearances on stage, film and TV. Nicholas is a resident of the Piddle Valley and amused us with anecdotes from his varied and successful acting career. Many thanks to Nicholas for his support of the Club.

Club meetings are open to members (free) and guests (£2).

New members and guests are most welcome. Membership is £10 a year.

Next meetings, held 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Piddletrenthide:

Monday 31 October – Bob Ayers: The Rivers and Landscape of Dorset

Monday 28 November – Growing your own

Monday 12 December – Christmas Social

Monday 30 January 2023 – Annual General Meeting

To join the Gardens Club contact Sally Condon

Tel 01300 348250 or email riverpiddle2@btinternet.com

Or pop along to a club meeting

By: Jasmine Pettals

The beautiful table decorations and harvest display were the work of Ian Condon.

Artsreach Event in Piddletrenthide

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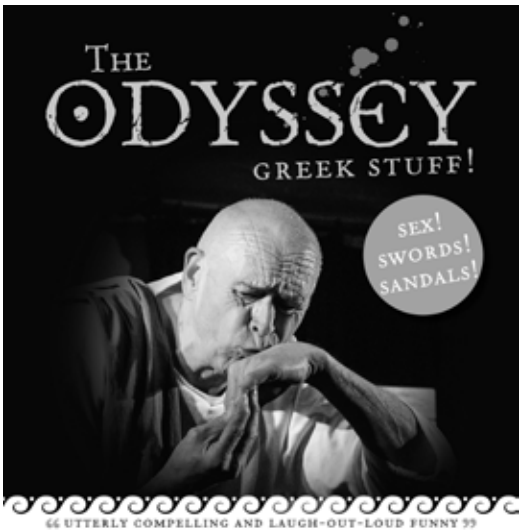

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The Thursday Club

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our last couple of meetings for 2022.

Thursday Nov 3rd A short AGM followed by 'Bees!' – a talk by local Bee Inspector, Kevin Pope who will enlighten you on Swarms: why they happen & what to do if you find one! Also the Asian Hornet for which we all need to be on the watch; already common on the Continent and a major threat to UK beekeepers.

Thursday Dec 1st our Christmas lunch to be held at The Thimble. Please let us know if you need a lift there ... Payment for this (£25 for 2 courses) will be taken at the Nov meeting.

Plans are already being made for next year with the usual Summer trips and interesting indoor meetings followed by a 'shared tea'.

New members always welcome. Our first 2023 meeting will be at 2.30 on the first Thursday in February in The Memorial Hall Piddletrenthide.

Bridget Bowen (Entertainments Officer) (07586377675)

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We now have a supply of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Calendars (£5), diaries (£4) and Christmas cards (£4 for pack of 10). You continued support is very much appreciated so if you are able to offer further support by buying any (or all) of these items please do get in touch.

We will also be having a stall at the Millennium Green Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December at Piddlehinton Village Hall.

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FRIENDS OF THE PIDDLE INN

We are pleased to be able to bring you this email which we received on the 10th of October, from Mark Hitchcott, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer.

"As you may well be aware the existing planning permission for the premises (The Piddle Inn) does include managers accommodation and holiday let accommodation as well as use as a public house. The owner currently sleeps in the authorised accommodation however, the use of the ground floor area as an Air BnB and by the owner for their personal use is in our opinion a breach of planning control. It does appear to be the case that the use for Air BnB purposes is not occurring continuously though. The ground floor remains primarily laid out as approved with all the facilities, fixtures and fittings you would expect to find in a public house, the only time a breach is occurring is when the ground floor is used as an air BnB or by the owner for their personal use.

"The owner has discussed their intentions with us but at this time the details of this are confidential. All, I can say is that their intention does include the retention of a public house use in the building.

"Because the intention appears to be potentially compliant with the aims of ACV (asset of community value) status of the building we consider it appropriate to give the owner the opportunity to make a formal application for their proposal to see if they can obtain consent. As part of the planning application process the friends of the Piddle Inn will get the opportunity to comment on the details through the normal consultation process. We have requested that the owner submit their application before Christmas this year.

"Whilst we wait for the application to be submitted and considered our intention is to hold the investigation in abeyance. If however, the Air BnB lettings intensify or if the owner fails to submit an application as agreed we will review the case. If there is any apparent increase in the use of the premises as an Air BnB please do not hesitate to let us know as it would be helpful.

"I trust this brings you up to date on the matter."

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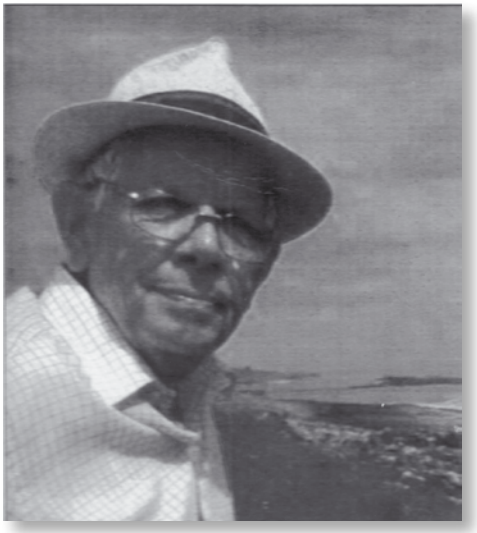
OBITUARIES/TRIBUTES

Peter Chance

The Piddle Valley Gardens Club will miss Peter Chance who died late in August after a period of poor health. He was a longstanding member of the Club and served on the Committee for many years, including as Chairman and President as well as other roles. He led something of a revival of the Club after a lean period. He remained active and attended this year's Summer Social at Harvey's Farm and had entries in the Summer Show.



His garden in Plush was always well tended, with much help from his wife Susan, the vegetable patch especially so. He had a remarkable attachment to his fishpond, which he inspected daily in spite of determined attentions of a heron and an otter.

Year after year he exhibited many entries at our Spring and Summer Shows and regularly won the coveted prize for the Cook's Choice of four different kinds of vegetables displayed in a basket.

Another of Peter's interests was his 1934 MG in which he attended many MG Club events and outings. He was also a keen supporter of the CPRE and served on the Committee of the Dorset Branch.

On a personal level we would like to add that Peter was the most kind, helpful and considerate neighbour for all of our 25 years in Plush.

Jane & John Preston

Frances Mallett

Frances Mallett of Alton Pancras died aged 95 in April. She and her husband Charles, both Londoners, retired to the Piddle valley in 1976. A Summer holiday spent near Abbotsbury had convinced them that Dorset was the place in which they should spend their retirement years. They found a neat bungalow at Alton Pancras, with a good sized

garden which they decided would suit them, and their pet whippet very well.

There was no better place to exercise a whippet than on the surrounding downs. One of their whippets gained quite a reputation in the valley. Barley was a rescue dog, needy and neurotic. One day he was left in the car for a while, something spooked him and in his agitation he managed to chew through the seat belts. No longer could he be left alone. Thereafter, with the agreement of Revd Derek Parry the vicar, Barley attended church with his owners, lying happily under the pew on his blanket, a respected member of the congregation.

The Malletts blended well into the community. In London they had tended their small garden and were knowledgeable about plants. Frances was proud of the fact that shrubs they had brought with them 30 years before were still thriving. They became members of the Garden Club, attended church regularly and took on PCC tasks. Frances had opportunities to use her musical skills, joining valley choirs and playing the organ at St Pancras church. She was one of those who designed and stitched kneelers for the church.

Frances had the energy to be an active member of the village and to pursue her own interests at the same time. She was knowledgeable about literature, drama and music, having enjoyed theatre and concerts in London. Her education had been hugely upset by World War II (she celebrated her 13th birthday in July 1939, just before many London secondary schools were either closed or evacuated) and she longed to make good the lack of formal study during her teenage years by studying for an Open University degree in History and Literature. She and Charles learned to use a computer, which proved very useful for writing and submitting her assignments and communicating online with tutors.

Charles died in 2005. Frances, alone for the first time after over 50 years of marriage, made the inevitable adjustments to her life and continued to find pleasure in the countryside, her garden, reading, music and village activities. Only in the last few years did her health begin to fail, but she remained at home until a few weeks before her death, thanks to the steadfast support of friends and neighbours.

Pat Kenwrick

Rex Edmund Goddard OBE

November 6, 1919 – February 15, 2022

Rex Goddard, a longtime resident of Alton Pancras, died on February 15 at the age of 102.

Rex and his wife Jill bought their house ‘Blades’ in Alton Pancras as a home for school holidays while he was a teacher and housemaster at Epsom College in Epsom, Surrey. Rex actually retired from Epsom in 1980 at which time he and Jill moved to Alton Pancras permanently.

After his time in the Army, Rex became a teacher and taught mathematics at Epsom.

To say that Rex ‘retired’ truly misrepresents the extraordinarily active life that continued after his teaching career ended. Amongst many roles he was actively involved with Alton St Pancras Church as Treasurer; was Chairman of the Governors of Piddletrenthide School; Chairman of the Bridge Educational Trust; and Chairman of the Alton Pancras Trust. He also maintained his long relationship with rifle shooting and the Bisley Shooting Ground in Woking after leaving Epsom. Rex also established and championed the Alton Pancras Wildlife Area for use of Alton Pancras residents and children from nearby schools.

Rex and Jill had three children, Hugh, Graham, and Alison. Hugh became a doctor based in Wells and has recently retired. Alison lives in Chicago in the US with her husband Steve. Graham tragically died when only a young man and is buried in Alton St Pancras churchyard with Jill, and now with Rex. Graham’s daughter Clare (Rex’s grand-daughter) was married in Alton St Pancras Church on August 10, 2019.

Following Rex’s funeral at Alton St Pancras Church on March 15 this year, a Service of Thanksgiving for Rex’s life was held at Epsom College on Saturday August 13. The service was conducted by The Reverend Canon Tony Monds, the former incumbent in this Benefice and one of four tributes to Rex was given by another resident of Alton Pancras.

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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.

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- 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.

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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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#SAVESAFELY THIS WINTER

With living costs rising all the time, everyone is looking for ways to save some money, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is highlighting some areas where a saving could be a false economy – and a fire risk.

The Service is asking people to #SaveSafely, and there is a wealth of information about staying safe at home and on the roads at www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely. This includes energy saving tips, cooking safely advice, how to stay warm safely, staying safe when cutting costs, cutting the costs of driving, and signposting to financial help.

Some top tips include:
Pulling something like electric heaters or electric blankets out of the loft, that haven't been used for years, can be risky. Watch for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, such as scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, fuses that often blow, or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reasons.

If you're drying clothes indoors rather than use a tumble dryer, keep them well away from the heat source so they can't catch fire.

Air fryers and microwave ovens are great at saving energy when cooking, but please read the manufacturer's instructions and keep them clean between uses.

Getting chimneys swept when you have a woodburner or open fire is essential to reduce the risk of chimney fires. Also be careful of what you burn; green (unseasoned) wood may seem cheap, but it doesn't create much heat and it creates a residue that can easily catch alight within the chimney.

DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

Get your boiler serviced – a well maintained boiler is more efficient and reduces the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Although it can be cheaper to buy imported and unofficial chargers, fake ones are often made with poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety regulations. This means they can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.

Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags – don't heat them for too long, or at too high a temperature.

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Tennis Visit www.piddlevalleytennis.googlepages.com
Contact 01300 348277

Yoga Yoga with Ness in Piddlehinton village hall very last tuesday of the month.

Yoga Wednesday 11.45-12.45 in Piddletrenthide Village Hall.
Chi Flow Thursday 10.30-11.30 am in Piddletrenthide Village Hall.

Activities at Piddlehinton Gym

Full address: Piddlehinton Gym Limited, Enterprise Park, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7SZ

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Alan Simmons Mail: alansimmons8@hotmail.com

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Caroline Gossage 07887 856462

Wednesday evening from 6pm **Purbeck Archers**

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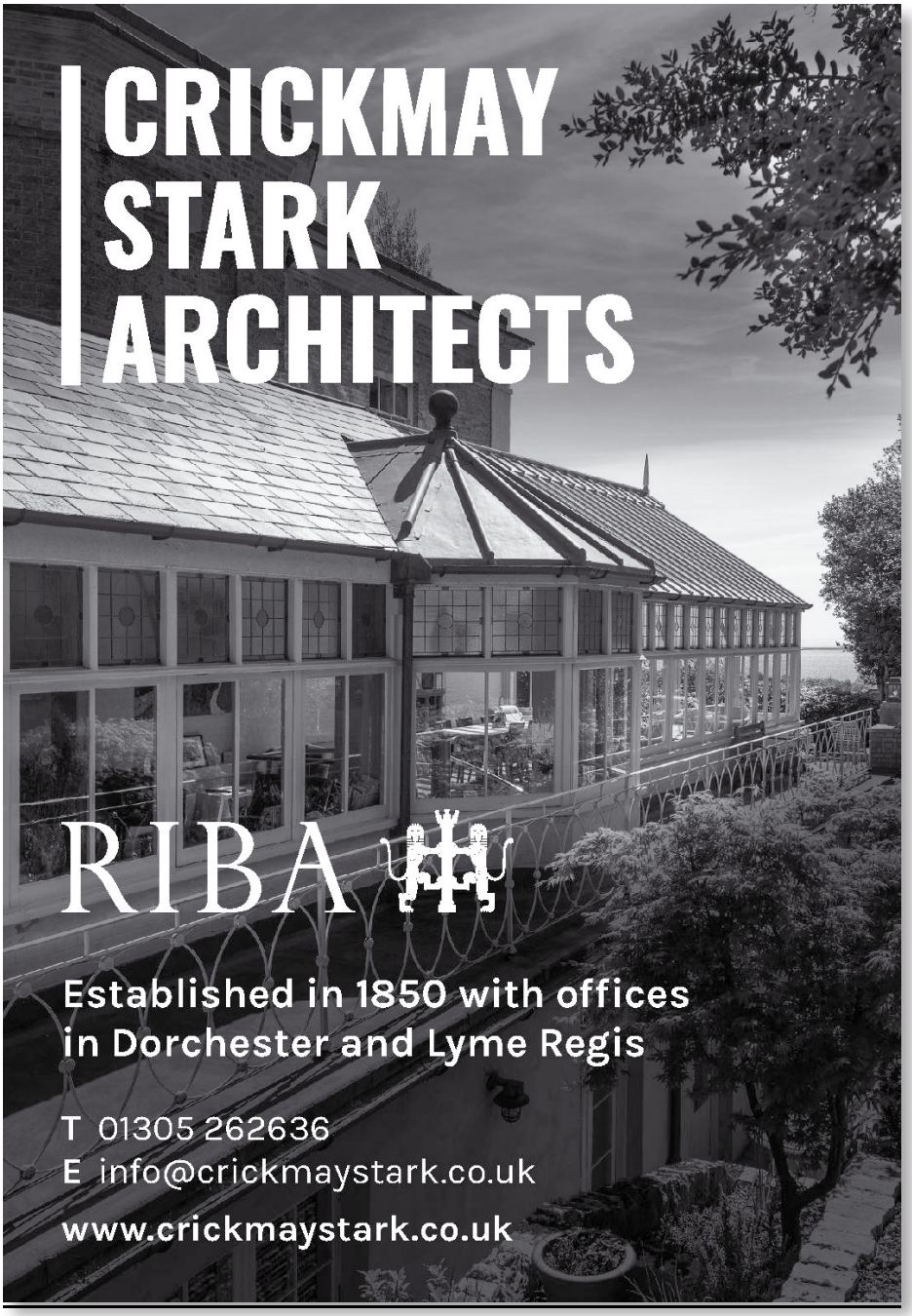
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Neighbourhood Plan	News, reports + information
Dorset Police	Ringmaster warnings about local crimes (updated constantly)
Valley Churches	News, Schedule of Services and Pew Sheets, list of Births, Marriages and Deaths, including published obituaries
About the Valley	Information about individual Piddle Valley communities, together with more detailed articles about the history of the various settlements
Shops + Businesses	Categories listing of annual PVNV advertisers, with links to their adverts
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Valley Clubs / Societies	Details + contact details of the many Valley organisations
Parish Council	Councillors, Meeting minutes, news and reports, Planning Applications, Neighbourhood Plan
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
Piddle Valley Design Statement	Copy of the document
Piddle Valley Parish Plan	Copy of the document
Gallery	Selected photographs of interest to the community

The small button on the top right side of the website Home Page details the most recent changes + additions to make it easier for you to keep abreast of what is available. If you have articles to contribute, suggestions for improvements, additions, corrections, or if there are bits that don't work, please let me know.

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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 his 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 text messages to eligible patients that have provided us with a mobile number.

Surgery and Dispensary Opening Times

We are open Monday to Friday 8.30 – 18.30

8.30 – 9.00 On the day telephone consultations with the doctors.
9.00 – 10.30 **Open Surgery:** where access to the doctors will be in order of arrival (arrive before 10.30am).
15.30 – 16.00 On the day telephone consultations with the doctors.
16.00 – 18.00 Pre-bookable telephone and face to face appointments with the doctors.

Saturday 8.30 – 11.00

8.30-9.00- on the day telephone consultations with the doctors (**Please note open surgeries on a Saturday are not returning**)

First Contact Physiotherapy

In the UK, an average of 30% of GP appointments are for musculoskeletal (MSK) problems. Having physiotherapists work within GP practices and take over these appointments, means that patients get seen quicker and recover faster. Plus – the workload is reduced for GPs helping to ease pressure off general practice.

The benefits of First Contact Physiotherapy-

Faster access to MSK care
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This service offers a direct appointment for patients reporting bone, joint or muscle problems, **with a specialist physiotherapist onsite at the surgery, instead of them seeing a GP.** This gives the patient faster access to expert diagnosis and advice and exercises to start tackling the problem. The physios can also refer on to hospital services where necessary, order tests and write prescription. It is reported that nationally just 5% of patients choose to see a GP afterwards and 96% would recommend the service to friends and family.

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

NHS Health Checks

You are eligible for a free NHS Health Check if you are aged 40-74 and do not have any pre-existing long-term health conditions.
If you are interested in having a Health Check please ring the surgery and book an appointment with our Health Care Assistant, Vicky.

Facebook page

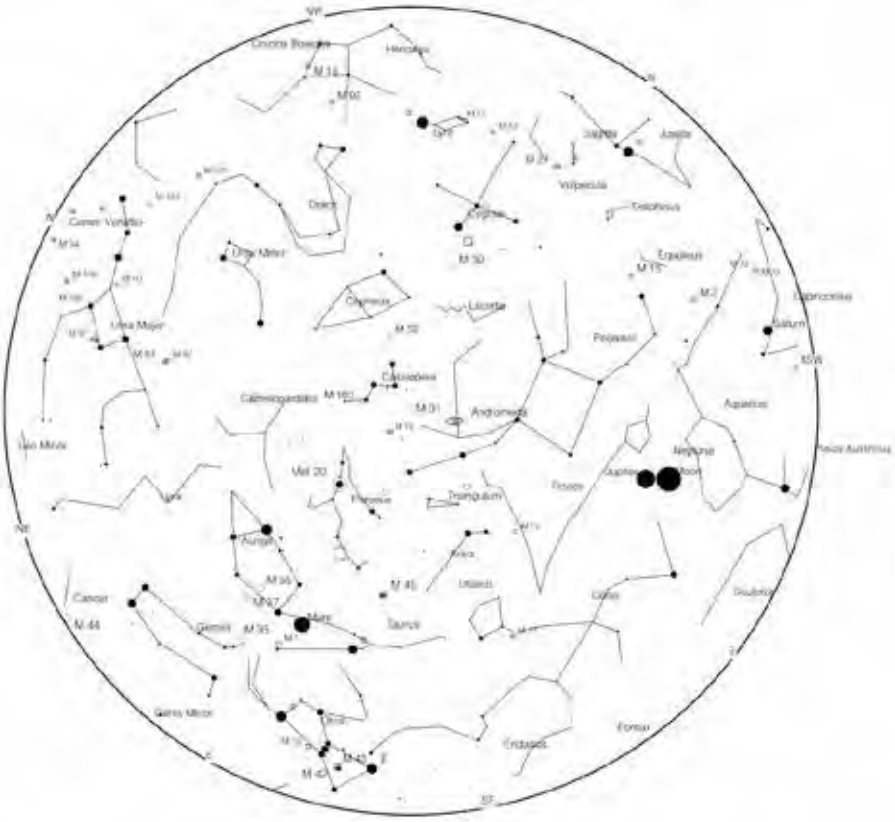
Please like our Facebook page We use this page for sharing information about health promotions, emergencies at the surgery such as power cuts or snow and sharing general information from the Primary Care Network.

Please do not use it to book appointments, request medication or

ask questions relating to your treatment. Ring **01305 84833** or use the eConsult facility on our website **www.puddletownsurgery.co.uk** for these enquiries.

We hope that you find the page useful and we will endeavour to keep you informed using all the usual channels as well. To find our page search for **Puddletown Surgery,** look for our logo, and follow us.

Stargazing in the Piddle Valley



Although the above chart shows the night sky at 9pm on December 1st, it can be used throughout November and December to help you identify constellations and find Mars (E), Jupiter (SE), Saturn (S) and the Andromeda galaxy (E).

CERNE ABBAS SURGERY

Flu and Covid Vaccinations

A big thank you to all our staff and volunteers who have set up and delivered the flu and covid vaccination clinics over the last couple of months, allowing our patients to be vaccinated locally: it takes a lot of hard work and organisation for it to run so smoothly! Also a thank you to all our patients who booked appointments on line and attended at roughly the right time: your compliance is all an essential part of the system working for everyone.

We are unable to offer any more covid vaccinations on an ad hoc basis at the surgery, so patients still requiring one will need to use the National Booking System https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/ or phone 119.

We can continue to offer flu vaccinations at the surgery if we have sufficient stock, so if you are eligible please call reception on 01300 341666 to check for availability and to book an appointment.

October Challenge

As I write, the staff at the surgery are half way through the 'October Challenge' where, together with the other eight GP practices in our area, we are hoping to travel the equivalent of the distance around the world by walking, running or cycling. That's 40,075km or 24,901 miles, so quite a long way! This is part of an initiative to get people more active and as Cerne Abbas staff are quite a competitive bunch, we'll see how we get on and let you know next time.

Better Care for Carers

Do you provide support to a friend, relative or neighbour who would not manage without it? Are you helping someone with everyday tasks,

transport to appointments or emotional or mental health support? By doing these things you are considered to be a carer and there is support specifically for you.

As part of this, Cerne Abbas Surgery has a new Carers Lead, Jess, who is available to provide support. Please phone reception on 01300 341666 or email Cerneabbas.surgey1@nhs.net and leave a message for her to contact you. In addition, we are now part of 'Better Care For Carers' an accreditation scheme in our area for practices to develop the support and care offered to those patients who are unpaid carers. Also if you are a carer and are not registered as such, please let us know so we can help you.

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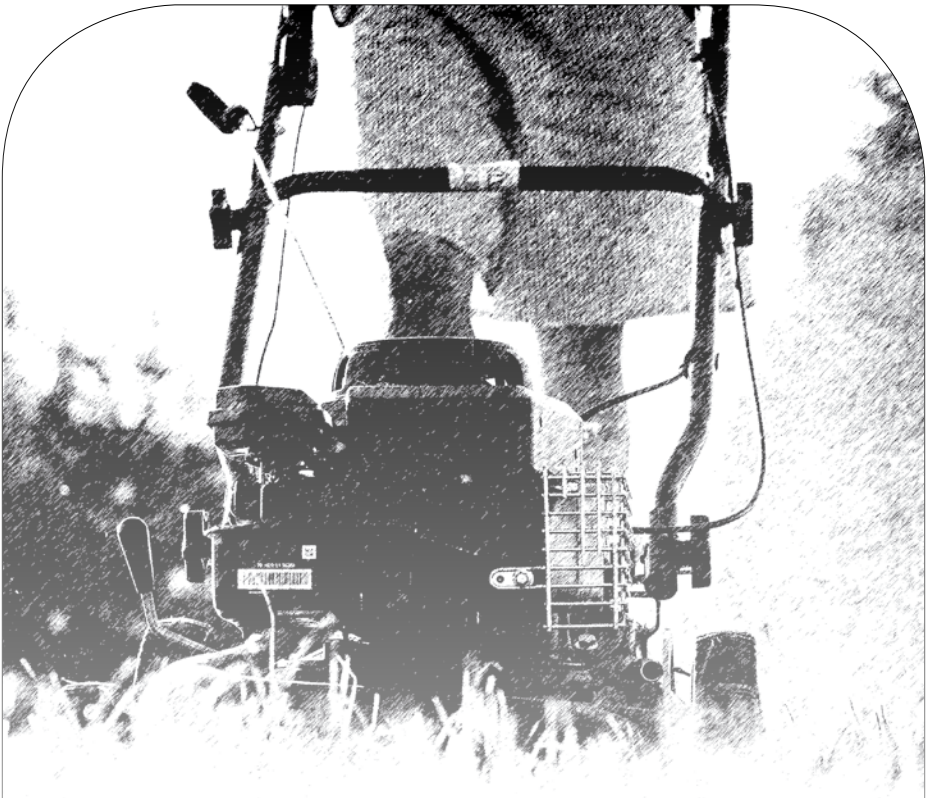

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The Environment Agency has found 250 ways it can reduce flood risk in the Piddle Valley. With FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) and Dorset Council as its partners, the agency will scope out these options with residents to consider what will work best and where.

About 70 residents are at risk between Alton Pancras and Puddletown. This is because of the flood risk caused by surface water running down the steep sides of the valley, the river Piddle, and from water rising from the ground.

Natural flood management tactics range from creating woody debris dams to slow the flow of water, putting meanders back into rivers, to planting hedgerows and building bunds. There will also be benefits for biodiversity and water quality. But other tactics include protection for individual properties and some engineered options.

The study part of this scheme will run until April 2023 and involve the community, including landowners, groups, representatives, and individuals, who will help inform what the best steps to take will be. Delivering the scheme is likely to be the end of 2024.

The Environment Agency will be holding the first community drop-in session for the scheme at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on 17 November 2022 from 2-6pm. This will be an opportunity for the local community to find out more about the scheme and for the Environment Agency to gather local knowledge.

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