

A photograph of a dog show event. In the foreground, a woman in a brown jacket and green boots holds a rope leash for a white and brown speckled dog. To her right, a man in a blue jacket and grey shorts holds a white plastic bag. In the background, other people and a young boy in a black hoodie and colorful shorts are visible. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area with a gravel path and a stone wall in the background.

PIDDLE VALLEY

News and Views

Sept/Oct 2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept

- Thursday Club meeting: Thursday Sept 7th at Dorset Falconry Park in Lewell Mill Lane, Lewell Dorchester DT2 8AN
 - Valley Twinning Group Quiz. Friday Sept 22nd. 7 for 7.30pm. Memorial Hall.
 - Harvest Festival Service will be at 11 am on Sunday 24th Sept
 - Gardens Club: An Evening with Apples, growing, tasting and recipes.
- 25 Sept
- Bingo in the School hall: Friday 29th Sept
 - Lunch Club meal: Friday 29 Sept

October and beyond

- Lunch Club Meeting: 2.30 on Thursday Oct 5th, Memorial Hall
- Gardens Club Harvest Supper: 7 Oct (6.30pm for 7.00pm)
- Piddlehinton Vintage Sale on Saturday 7 Oct.
- Supporting Residents through Crisis: Tuesday 10th Oct at 7pm in the Dorford Centre
- 30 Oct: Ian Condon – Tresco
- Saturday 4th Nov Fireworks Display at the school
- Lunch Club Meal: Friday 10 Nov
- Talk by Gardens Group: My Seasonal Shopping Basket. 27 Nov
- Gardens Club Christmas social evening and buffet: 10 Dec
- Lunch Club Christmas Meal: Friday 15 Dec.

We need your help!

The Piddle Valley News and Views has been a popular part of our village life since the mid 1980s. It is a great source of local information and access to local trades and businesses who advertise in the magazine. It's managed by three unpaid volunteers as a Community Interest Company and financed through advertising space sold in the magazine. Producing six editions each year involves time and effort on the part of the Editor to collect articles, contributions and photographs, and to pull all that together into a magazine to send to our printers. Advertising and finances in general are managed by our Treasurer.

We are in urgent need of new volunteers, principally a new Editor and in slower time someone to take on the advertising and finances. Without new volunteers who have the time and enthusiasm to manage the magazine it may well have to close at the end of this year.

If you are interested and would like to know more then please call Andrew Rennison on 07565 426208.

THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Educational grants

The Bridge Educational Trust is a Piddle Valley based charity that provides grants to individuals who wish to further their educational aspirations.

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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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62 x 88mm	1/4 page	£51	£12.24
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Advertising and Editorial deadlines

10 October 2023

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Piddle Valley News and Views needs your input!

The PVNV team is always on the lookout for interesting, informative and/or entertaining content for the magazine. 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. **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 text.

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Piddlehinton

Chris Ebdon (Chair)-Councillor Chris Ebdon, Piddlehinton Parish – Dorset Council ROI Member of the following:

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Pam Lock

Emergency Officer for Piddlehinton, DAPTC Representative, Community Transport Group, Rights of Way Footpath Officer

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Parish Clerk

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 meetings will be held in the Memorial Hall on – Tuesday 26th September. 31st October.

Waste Collection arrangements

Recycling & Food – Sep 5th, 19th (Plush 4th, 18th). Oct 3rd, 17th, 31st (Plush 2nd, 16th, 30th).

General Waste & Food – Sep 12th, 26th (Plush 11th, 25th). Oct 10th, 24th (Plush 9th, 23rd).

Postal collections

Please be aware that the collection times from all the post boxes in the Valley have changed.

	<i>Monday-Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Piddletrenthide Shop</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>07:00</i>
<i>White Lackington</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>07:00</i>
<i>Piddlehinton</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>07:00</i>
<i>Snowdrop Corner</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>07:00</i>
<i>Alton Pancras</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>07:00</i>
<i>Plush</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>07:00</i>
<i>Dorchester Sorting Office</i>	<i>18:00</i>	<i>18:00</i>
<i>Charlton Down PO</i>	<i>16:00</i>	<i>18:00</i>
<i>Puddletown PO</i>	<i>16:00</i>	<i>18:00</i>
<i>Cerne Abbas PO</i>	<i>16:00</i>	<i>18:00</i>

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 17th August 2023.

Piddlehinton

Pending:

HOU/2023/03699	2A Rectory Rd. – Erect 2 story extension
CLE/2023/04058	Muston Manor Farm – erect Agricultural building.
FUL/2023/00150	Carters Barn Farm, Piddlehinton. Construct revised parking area.

Granted:

CLE/2023/03698	Muston Farm Annex – Certificate of Lawful use as a dwelling.
FUL/2023/02764	Little Puddle Farm Rectory Road Piddlehinton Dorchester DT2 7TG - -Carry out alterations to convert building into 4 No. Commercial / Business / Service units (Use Class E(g))
FUL/2023/01906	Carters Barn Farm, Piddlehinton. – Retain stabling and Lunge Ring.
FUL.2023/02234	Carters Barn Farm, Piddlehinton. - Certificate of lawfulness to continue using agricultural building for horse stabling with associated tack rooms and welfare facilities

Refused: None

Piddletrenthide

Pending

FUL/2022/07394 Site barn adjacent to Lackington Mill White Lackington - Conversion of former agricultural barn to 1no. dwelling, replace existing attached outbuildings with single storey extensions & erection of detached double garage (amendments to previously approved planning permission P/FUL/2021/01348

LBC/2023/04331 The Granary, Kingrove Farm. Listed Building. Re-point building.

Granted:

CLE/2023/03393 Nettle Cottage, Egypt. Certificate of Lawful use as garden and domestic.

PABA/2023/03197 Armswell farm, Plush. Erect milking parlour.

Refused:

P/HOU/2022/04135 Astra, Plush, Dorchester, DT2 7RJ - Planning Appeal on refusal of permission to Erect three bay garage with first floor accommodation (demolish existing garage) - Appeal Reference:APP/D1265/D/22/3312485

FUL/2023/00359 Piddle Inn.- Redevelop for multiple uses.

Alton Pancras

Pending: None

Granted:

P/VOC/2023/02324 Blades Main Road Alton Pancras DT2 7RS - Ground floor side infill extension and new dormer, extended gable and first floor extension (with variation of Condition 2 of Planning permission P/HOU/2022/04603 to allow approved plan numbers to change to align with latest design drawings).

Refused: None

Andy Howard / 01300 348406

Piddlevalley.info

Our current website piddlevalley.info is now “getting on a bit” and we are working hard in the background planning and building a new one at

<https://piddlevalley.life>

piddlevalley.life. We'll keep the old one running for a while yet while we migrate some of the old content over, or move it to more appropriate places such as the Parish Council or Benefice web sites.

First up on the new site will be the What's On events page, and our advertisers. We'll let as many people know about the change using the current site, posters and social media, so keep an eye out for more news.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for things you'd like to see on the new site, let us know.

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OUR QUIZ!

Friday September 22nd. 7 for 7.30pm. Memorial Hall.

£8 including a light supper and nibbles. Bar with wine, soft drinks and beers. Tables of 6, but we'll find a team of like-minded people for all who come on their own or in twosomes !

Please phone 01300 348670 to book a table or seat.

Also a social event for our members – Tuesday September 12th by the kindness of Jane & John Preston – a gentle walk along one of Jane's favourite routes near Charminster and afterwards a cream tea in their beautiful garden.

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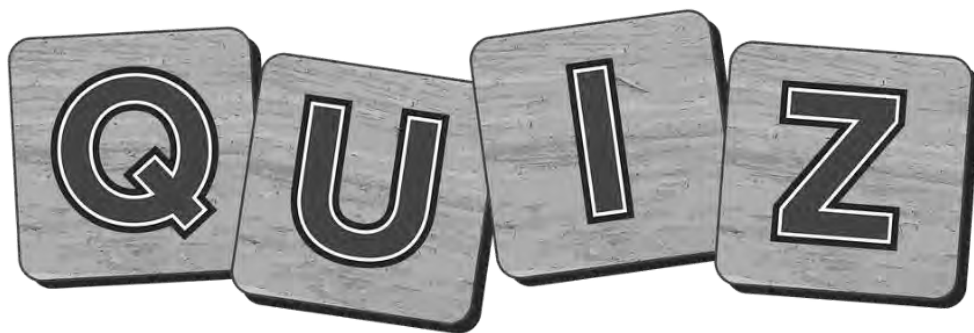
A Quiz for All ! The Valley Twinning!

Friday September 22nd - 7 for 7.30pm!

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall DT2 7QF!

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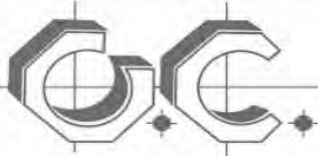
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Ann Hawker, our organiser, unfortunately missed our July Lunch Club as she was unexpectedly back in hospital but I'm pleased to say she is now back home and, hopefully, on the mend.

Ann would like to send a big thank you to Anita for taking over the organisation last time and also thanks to Sue J, Bronwen, John, Jo, and Anita's grandchildren for all their help in ensuring it all went smoothly.

Everyone enjoyed a plentiful buffet in the Memorial Hall with pea and ham soup and homemade bread rolls, followed by a choice of quiches, ham, red onion tart, chicken legs, frittata and salad. Deserts included fresh fruit and cream, cheesecakes, and a magnificent pavlova created by Barbara Randell.

Ann would also like to thank Bridget for the flowers she sent over.

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Piddlehinton Village Hall may be hired by the hour (£7.50), with a reduced charge for ½ day and full day hire. [Tables, chairs, tea urns, crockery and cutlery are included in Hall hire, and are also available for hire off-site]

To book Piddlehinton Village Hall, please call Pam on tel. 01300 348474, text 07919 199986 or email phvhcom@outlook.com

Piddlehinton Village Hall - Upcoming Events

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| Sept 10th | Village Hall Breakfast. 9-11.30am. |
| Sept 16th | Macmillan Coffee Morning. 10.30am-3.30pm.
(All Money Raised Will Be Donated) |
| Oct 1st | Village Hall Breakfast. 9-11.30am. |

Piddlehinton Village Hall Breakfasts

Prices are very competitive!! Come along. Enjoy a good breakfast and a sociable chat with friends! [Breakfasts are cooked to order. At busy times you may want to enjoy a coffee/tea whilst you wait!]

Piddlehinton Village Hall Table Tennis Club

After a break over the summer, this will resume in September. Young or old, beginner or talented, serious or social. tel. 01305 848104 or email phvhcom@outlook.com

Piddlehinton Village Hall Front Bank

As you will have noticed the Village Hall roadside bank has been improved with the installation of sleepers, and landscaping. Relocation of bulbs and planting of perennials has begun and will continue. The committee would like to express their gratitude to Gregorys Landscaping & Groundworks for the donation of the sleepers.

Calling all vintage lovers

We all love a vintage sale – and we'd love you to clear out your cupboards and bring your treasures to us for the Piddlehinton Vintage Sale on Saturday 7 October. All clothing (in good condition), house stuff and children's toys gratefully received.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the Piddlehinton Village Hall.

Please email Andrew Rennison at andrew_rennison@yahoo.co.uk to arrange drop off or collection from 26 September onwards. Many thanks

Harvest Festival Service

The Harvest Festival Service will be at 11 am on Sunday 24th September. Please bring donations of flowers, fruit and veg to decorate the church at 9.30 am on Saturday for the auction of the produce afterwards.

We would welcome everyone possible come to decorate please whether it be flower arranging or gathering the produce in. It is hoped there will be a village lunch in the Hall after the service, but we do not as yet have an organiser for it.

Further announcements will be on the notice board and on WhatsApp or ring Gay Hanbury on 348465.



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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.

To hire the hall, including well-equipped kitchen with large dishwasher, please contact the Bookings Officer: Ann Ridell
Telephone 01300 348161 or email: ann.ridell@gmail.com

Kitchen hire for events You can hire the kitchen, with range cooker and generous worktop space, to prepare food for events elsewhere, like weddings and parties.

Tables, chairs, tea urn and crockery are also available to hire separately for outside events.

Piano hire

Toying with the idea of learning to play the piano ... but you don't own one? Or perhaps you'd like to give your child that chance?

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall has a good quality piano available for practice. If you're interested, contact Ann Ridell:

Telephone 01300 348161 or email: ann.ridell@gmail.com

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.

Volunteers Needed Urgently

I am pleased to announce that we now have a new bookings clerk for the hall. Ann Ridell has volunteered to take on the job.

Any future bookings can be made through Ann. Telephone 01300 348161 or email ann.ridell@gmail.com

A big thank you to Wayne Butcher, our treasurer for being acting booking clerk for the past many months.

We are still looking for a secretary for the trustees so if you know anybody who might be interested please let me know. Thank you.

Ian Condon 01300 348250"

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3rd September		
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Cheselbourne</i>
11.00am	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
10th September		
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Piddletrenthide</i>
11.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Alton Pancras</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
17th September		
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Piddletrenthide</i>
11.00am	<i>Mattins</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Melcombe Horsey</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
24th September		
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Cheselbourne</i>
11.00am	<i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
27th September		
6.00pm	<i>Harvest Celebration</i>	<i>Alton Pancras</i>

BENEFICE OF THE PIDDLER VALLEY, HILTON AND ANSTY,
CHESELBOURNE AND MELCOMBE HORSEY

1st October		
9.30am	<i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
11.00am	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
11.00am	<i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>	<i>Piddletrenthide</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Cheselbourne</i>
8th October		
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Alton Pancras</i>
9.30am	<i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>	<i>Cheselbourne</i>
11.00am	<i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>	<i>Melcombe Horsey</i>
11.00am	<i>Mattins</i>	<i>Piddletrenthide</i>
11.30am	<i>Lay-led Service</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
15th October		
11.00am	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Piddlehinton</i>
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29th October		
11.00am	<i>Benefice Communion</i>	<i>Cheselbourne</i>

DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Citizens Advice Supporting Residents through Crisis

Speaker: Daniel Cadisch, Citizens Advice Central Dorset, Chief Officer
on Tuesday 10th October at 7pm in the Dorford Centre
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This year's annual Dorchester Poverty Action Open meeting is an opportunity to find out more about how Citizens Advice is providing support to local people in our current difficult financial climate. A significant number of people are struggling to afford their mortgage, while others are frightened of getting in arrears with their rent and being made homeless, some are finding difficulty affording car repairs to get to work, while others can no longer afford the weekly shop.

There are so many different issues affecting people locally, but Dorchester Citizens Advice can provide expert advice on benefits that might be available, can negotiate with companies if you are in debt or refer to Dorchester Poverty Action to provide financial help. Come and find out more.

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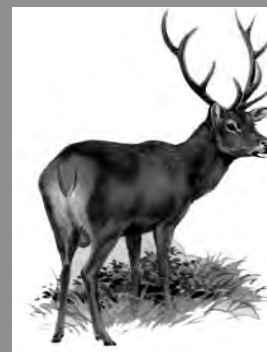
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 - *reports and photos from your events*
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- *your comments on any issues which affect us in the valley, such as traffic*
 - *your favourite recipes*
 - *anything else - we need your support.*

*The legacy site at piddlevalley.info will remain for the time being, including the historical content: *The Great War and The Story of Piddlehinton* online book.*

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Thanks, June Dobbs



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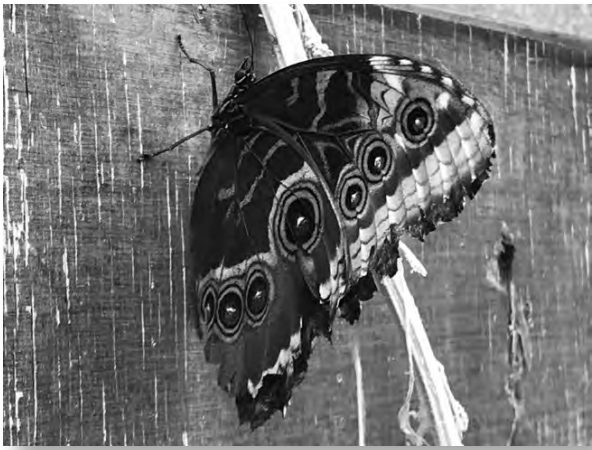
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Some photographs from the Thursday Club's visit to Ryewater Nursery Butterfly Conservation.



Work continues on Piddlehinton Gym.





Lots of fun was had at the Piddlehinton Fete.

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PIDDLE VALLEY GARDENS CLUB

by Jasmine Pettals

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Doors open for refreshments at 7.15pm and the talk begins at 7.30pm.

For any further details please contact Sally Condon 01300 348250 or email riverpiddle2@btinternet.com or come along to a meeting.

New members and guests are most welcome

Our next meeting is on Monday 25 September. This will be an evening with apples that promises to be entertaining, delicious and interesting. We hope to see members old and new for a fun evening with apples from our valley gardens. We'll learn something creative and new to do with this plentiful fruit.

As we move into October it'll be time for our Harvest Supper. Don't miss this lovely social evening celebrating the end of the harvest with a buffet supper and great company as well as a guest speaker. Later in October club member Ian Condon will give an illustrated talk on the wonderful gardens of Tresco, Isles of Scilly, somewhere he knows well.

The remainder of the 2023 programme comprises:

- 25 September – An Evening with Apples, growing, tasting and recipes
- 7 October – Harvest Supper (6.30pm for 7.00pm)
- 30 October – Ian Condon - Tresco
- 27 November – Talk by Gardens Group: My Seasonal Shopping Basket
- 10 December – Christmas social evening and buffet

and for your 2024 diary:

- 29 January – AGM with wine & cheese

Summer Flower Show

The Summer Flower Show was held on Saturday 19 August. A review, results and photos will appear in the November issue of PVN&V.

Recent Events

In late June, the club's summer outing to Holme Gardens went ahead with a dozen or so members enjoying a guided tour of the gardens given by the owner. The gardens are near Wareham and have a fascinating history. There were plenty of wonderful vistas and focal points for members to enjoy. A lot of thought and expertise has gone into the development of the formal and informal garden areas. A visit to the lovely tearoom rounded off a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

One of the highlights of the club's year, the Summer Social, was held on Sunday 23 July. On a surprisingly sunny afternoon, 25 members had lunch in the gardens of club members John & Jane. Everyone brought something delicious for lunch and enjoyed good food and company and the opportunity to enjoy John & Jane's delightful gardens. Many thanks to John & Jane for hosting such a lovely event.

IN THE GARDEN

Here at Pettals Cottage the weeks of rain and warm temperatures have made for an abundant and lush garden. Several plants have performed especially well and I'm particularly enjoying the fuchsias. I bought several young fuchsia plants at our club meeting in May, supplied by speaker Derek Dexter. The plants are flowering non-stop and I hope other members have enjoyed success with their plants and discovered new varieties. My fuchsia Gillian Althea, has enormous double magenta and deep purple flowers. It's a stunner, if a little exuberant, with flowers larger than hens' eggs. It daily makes me smile every day.

This year I've moved to using peat free compost, to help with the preservation of precious peat bogs and for the wider environment. I've had a few teething problems that are to be expected but the most frustrating is to find the compost is not weed-free. Within a week or two of use a heavy crop of weed seedlings pop up. I used a proprietary brand bought from a garden centre and had hoped for better. I'll try another brand next season and keep my fingers crossed. I hope you've had better results.

Did any other members take the advise of the speaker at our spring shopping visit to the Gardens Group Castle Gardens and try planting Bidens in garden tubs? Bidens ferny foliage is topped with abundant colourful blooms and are a delight that require little attention. These

are going to be a staple of our summer planters next year. An excellent find that I recommend for informal, cottage planting. The Garden Group shopping evenings for club members are a great source of horticultural knowledge, current retail trends as well as offering a generous discount on shopping. A super opportunity.

It will soon be time for planting Spring flowering bulbs. Happy gardening days!

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THURSDAY CLUB

We've enjoyed two very well supported meetings: a July visit to Ryewater Nursery Butterfly Conservation in which we were able to see a range of beautiful exotic butterflies from S America and elsewhere including some transparent butterflies and an enormous caterpillar! We are hoping Wren Franklin, who manages the site, will visit us in Spring 2024 to give us a talk with slides about how the Nursery has been created & managed over the last 10 years. This trip was so popular that we are considering making a return visit there next year to explore the grounds extending to 100 acres where a range of habitats have been created to attract many different species.

In August we held our annual Summer BBQ, which with inclement weather was transported to the Hall!

Our next meeting on Thursday Sept 7th will be at Dorset Falconry Park in Lewell Mill Lane, Lewell Dorchester DT2 8AN. This is close to W.Stafford. For more precise details please check their website (dorsetfalconrypark.co.uk) We shall be travelling by car: anyone needing a lift please let Bridget or Hilary know. We will meet up at 10.15 to allow time for a coffee at the onsite cafe before watching the flying display at 11.00am. After the display we will be able to visit the birds in their enclosures and we shall have a sandwich lunch together in the cafe. The entrance charge to members is £7pp (subsidised by the Club) Lunches are paid for ourselves.

In October we shall be back to monthly meetings in the Memorial Hall starting at 2.30 on Thursday October 5th with a talk on 'Coppicing'. There will be the usual 'Bring & Share Tea' afterwards, so please bring your contribution!

New members always welcome to join this lively & friendly Club!

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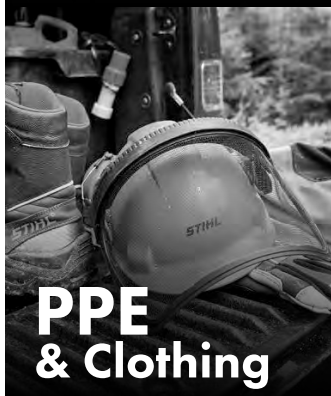
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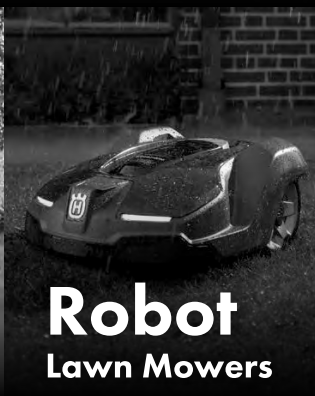
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TRAFFIC IN THE PIDDLER VALLEY

There have been some recent discussions in previous publications of the Piddle Valley News and Views regarding a 20 mph speed limit through the valley to replace the existing 30 mph speed limit. As a result, we undertook a survey of residents within the wider White Lackington area (Mistover to Banks Cottages) to assess the desire for further speed restrictions within the valley as well as other measures to improve safety on roads within the valley. The results of this survey are provided here.

Questionnaires delivered = 50

Responses received/collected = 38 (76% response)

If feasible, would you like to see the current 30 mph speed limit replaced with a 20 mph speed limit throughout the valley?

Yes = 39%, No = 61%

If 20 mph applied only to certain areas, which of these areas do you consider should be assigned as a 20 mph speed limit?

Rectory Road: Yes = 77%, No = 23%

Piddlehinton High Street: Yes = 74%, No = 26%

White Lackington: Yes = 77%, No = 23%

Outside the School: Yes = 91%, No = 9%

Alongside the old shop/village hall Yes = 60%, No = 40%

Alongside The Poachers/Plush Road: Yes = 34%, No = 66%

Church Lane end of Piddletrenthide: Yes = 49%, No = 51%

Any others: London Row

Would you walk/cycle/ride more regularly if the speed limit was lowered?

Yes = 61%, No = 39%

What other measures would you like to see implemented to improve road safety within the valley?

Flashing speed reminders: Yes = 76%, No = 24%

Improved signage: Yes = 69%, No = 31%

Chicane: Yes = 29%, No = 71%

Strategic road narrowing: Yes = 38%, No = 62%

Zebra crossing outside school: Yes = 56%, No = 44%

Any others:

Increased Community Speed Watch.

Concealed entrance signs at either end of the two White Lackington turns or warning of narrow road.

Give way to oncoming traffic between South View and the European.

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Definitely NO speed bumps.

Some observations which we have made through this process:

- Response was relatively good but only reflects the views of the residents of the wider area of White Lackington.
- Not all of the speed limitations or other measures identified may be feasible.
- The majority of residents would not want (61%) the current 30 mph speed limit replaced with a 20 mph limit throughout the valley. However, there was a desire for a 20 mph speed limit within Piddlehinton, White Lackington to beyond the school in Piddletrenthide.
- There was a preference for improved signage along the length of the valley road whether by an increase in flashing speed reminders, signage or road markings. Chicanes and narrowing of roads to reduce speeds were less popular options.

Next steps

The survey could be rolled out to other villages in the valley if there are residents willing to volunteer to drop questionnaires and collect responses.

As a result of the feedback so far, more volunteers are being trained for the Community Speed Watch and there will be an increase in speed checks.

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PIDDLEHINTON GYM RENOVATIONS

I'm very pleased to report that following tremendous efforts from a large volunteer team yesterday, the 2023 Piddlehinton Gym renovations are practically complete. This substantial project has delivered significant improvements to the Gym facilities and we are looking forwards now to using them and having more clubs and users at Piddlehinton Gym. The improved facilities include;-

- New Industrial-quality insulated roof with new gutters and downpipes, removing old Asbestos roof.
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- New sports lighting for the main hall.
- Refurbished main hall; removing old suspended ceiling, putting in place protection for five-a-side, also exposing a heritage (1940's) fan from when the military built the site at the end of the 1930's.
- New banners, including sports banners on outside of Gym & sponsors banners on inside of Gym. Lots of publicity in West Dorset Magazine, Dorset Echo, Blackmore Vale, Piddle Valley News and others.
- Electrical recommendation and improvements, including new solar lights, fire alarms and improved emergency lighting.
- Refurbished Gym equipment, including repainted Badminton stands.
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- 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 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

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF PIDDLE VALLEY FIRST SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our events during the last academic year. We also thank Piddletrenthide Fete committee for their generous contribution. Last year we held some fun events and activities including Fireworks and a Fun Run. The children at the school benefitted from the proceeds they went on various school trips including visits to Shire Hall Museum and Stonehenge and a visit from a bug expert. All the class teachers were given funds to get some special things for their classes.



Our aim for the new school year is to reconnect the bond between the school and the local community and welcome everyone to come along and join in with our events. As you may be aware, pupil numbers are lower than previously a therefore our pool of volunteers is not as big as it once was. If you are able to help in any way shape or form, particularly with our upcoming Fireworks event, please contact us at friendsofpiddlevalley@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing you at the following events:

Friday 29th September Bingo in the School hall

Saturday 4th November Fireworks Display at the school

The Friends of Piddle Valley First School Invite you to join them at a Bingo Evening on Friday 29th September in the school hall.

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Changing plans at the last minute is not how our local fete is normally organised, but with the threat of high winds and gales came a swift reappraisal and the fete was relocated to the front of the Old Rectory so everything could carry on – and it did with great success. The village turned out in force to support and the Dog Show had the greatest number of entries ever. A huge thank you must also go to Sara Milne who was equally determined and wonderfully flexible allowing the fete to take over her front garden, even the stables were commandeered and housed the bric a brac stall.

And finally, a thank you to all our sponsors, those who donated, and won, silent auction prizes and of course to the raffle. There was amazing produce on the plant stall, cake and preserves and the teas



carried on spectacularly despite tricky conditions, and it's fair to say the tombola overflowed with donated bottles. So many children and dogs and their owners were seen sporting huge smiles and wonderful rosettes and the entries for the cake competition were outstanding and very difficult to judge, but everyone loves a chocolate cake!

Our resident photographer Pete Yendell took many amazing photographs of the fete, and here's a selection that sum up the wonderful day. So, save the date for next year, Saturday 20 July 2024 and we look forward to seeing you. It will be sunny!



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NEWS FROM PUDDLETOWN SURGERY AUGUST 2023

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 clare.stickland@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Surgery and Dispensary Opening Times

Open morning surgery is available Monday to Friday 9.00 – 10.30. Please arrive before 10.30am. Please be aware that if one doctor is very busy you may be seen by a different doctor.

The surgery is 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 unless a clinical need dictates otherwise (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 there is no open morning surgery on a Saturday)

Winter vaccination programme

We are currently working hard planning our Winter Vaccination Programme, due to start in September 2023. Clinics will be available to book online or by phone from Monday 4th September 2023 after 10am. Clinic dates are listed below and will also be advertised in all the usual places, our website www.puddletownsurgery, our surgery newsletter

and on Facebook.

If you are aware of a neighbour who may not have access to this information, please do share it.

The below groups will be eligible for a flu vaccine:

- those aged 65 years and over.
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups.
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- primary school aged children, from Reception to Year 6. (School age children with underlying health conditions can have their vaccination with the GP rather than waiting for the school vaccination programme).
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person.
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants

This year's programme does NOT include those aged 50-64 that are not in an at-risk group.

Winter vaccination clinic dates	
<i>Saturday 30th September 2023</i>	<i>Over 65s and eligible under 65</i>
<i>Friday 6th October 2023</i>	<i>Over 65s and eligible under 65</i>
<i>Saturday 7th October 2023</i>	<i>Over 65s and eligible under 65</i>
<i>Friday 13th October 2021</i>	<i>Eligible Under 65s</i>
<i>Saturday 14th October</i>	<i>Over 65s and eligible under 65</i>
<i>Saturday 21st October 2023</i>	<i>Over 65s</i>
<i>Saturday 28th October 2023</i>	<i>Over 65s</i>

Saturday nurse clinics

For your convenience, we now offer Nurse/HCA assistant clinics on

Saturday mornings several times each month.

Foodbank

We continue to support the Puddletown Foodbank. Please drop any donations of suitable foods in the box just inside the main surgery doors.

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 (below) and follow us.

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GP Appointments

As you may be aware, Dr Dobbs took a 6-month sabbatical at the start of 2023. Jeremy spent some time sailing across the Atlantic and also some time providing healthcare support and adventuring in Nepal. He has now returned to his usual working days at the surgery (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Dr Dobbs will be at the surgery until the end of March 2025 when he plans to retire.

Dr Stefan Giancola saw Dr Dobbs' patients while he was away and has now gone back to working his usual Monday and Wednesday at the surgery.

Dispensary

Due to staff shortages, the dispensary has slightly amended their opening hours. You are now able to collect your medication at the following times:

Monday to Thursday 0900-1300 and 1400-1730

Friday 0900-1300 and 1400-1830

Occupational Therapy Service

A reminder that we have Laura, an Occupational Therapist working with the surgery.

Occupational therapy aims to improve your ability to do everyday tasks if you are having difficulties. Referrals to Laura can be made directly by yourself or through one of our Nurses or GPs. Laura will then arrange to meet you at your own home or in the environment you are finding challenging. Please contact the surgery if you feel you would benefit from Laura's support.

For out of hours care or advice during those times when the surgery

is closed, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

'Flu' Clinics

The Surgery is running the following clinics for our registered patients to receive their annual 'flu' jab:

Saturday 23rd September – Cerne Abbas Surgery
Monday 2nd October – The Green Man, King's Stag
Thursday 12th October – Cerne Abbas Surgery
Wednesday 25th October – Piddle Valley First School

Eligible patients this year include:

- Those aged 65 and over.
- Those aged 18 to 64 with a serious long-term health condition.
- Pregnant women.
- Carers.

For full eligibility, please check our website or contact us.

Please note that healthy 50–64-year-olds are not included in this year's programme.

You MUST pre-book a slot for these clinics.

Please book online if you have an account for 'SystemOnline' or the 'Airmid' app.

If you cannot book online, please call Reception after 10:30am on 01300 341666.

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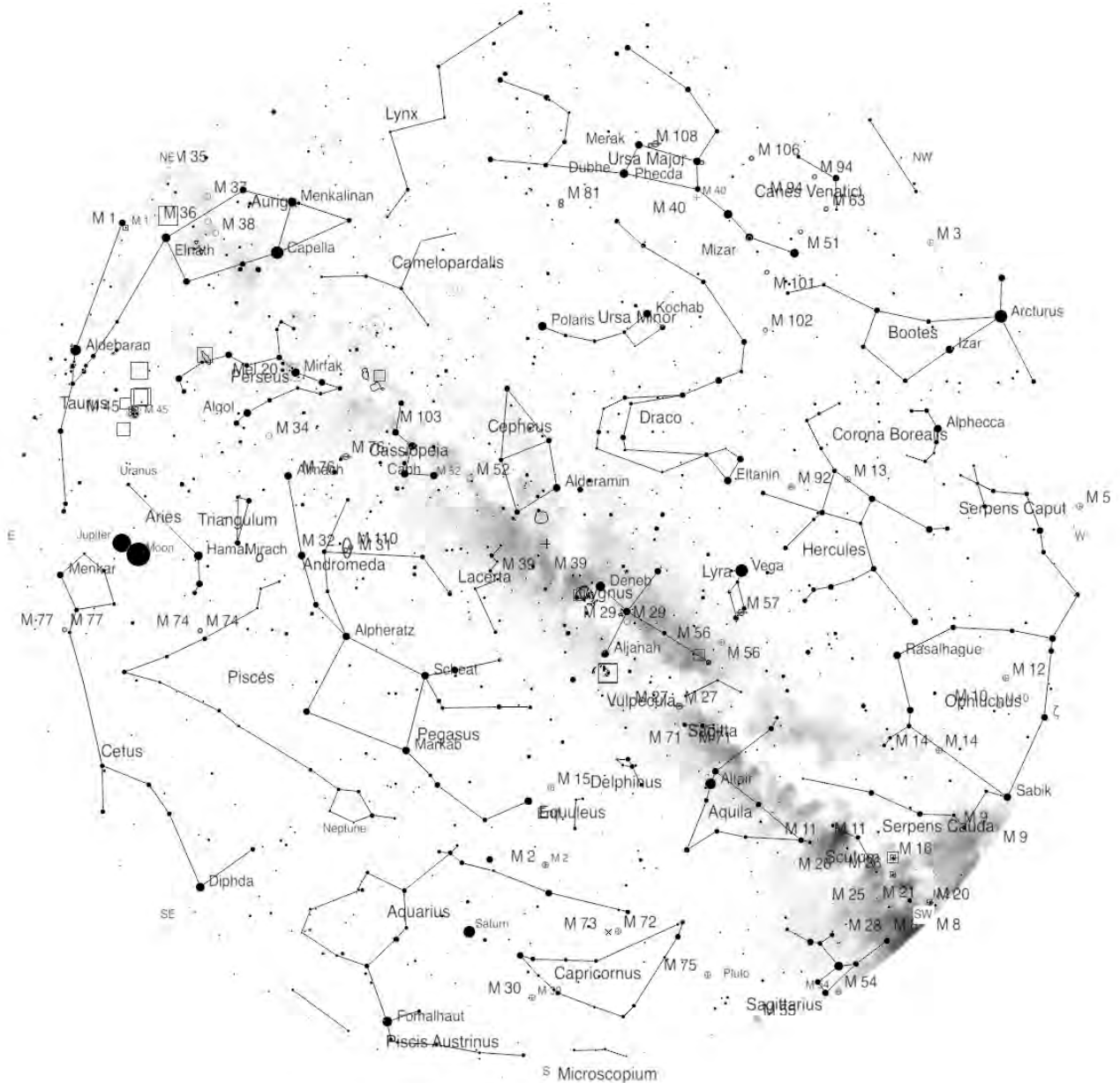
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The constellation Taurus is also rising in the east, with the Pleiades (the so-called 'Herald of Winter') already well established in the night sky.

The Draconids meteor shower peaks on the 8/9th of October, and features an hourly meteor rate of around 10 per hour.



If you're interested in learning more about stargazing, why not check out my books (available from Amazon): A decade in stargazing, Demystifying Visual Astronomy and The WOW! list. (Kevin Quinn)

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