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Welcome to our August 2022 edition of The Bridport Flyer.

The Summers is now in full swing, with Bridport town and the surrounding villages and coastline buzzing with holiday makers. I appreciate this can be a difficult time for



local people as you try to navigate the busy pavements, main roads and country lanes. However the arrival of so many visitors brings a welcome boost to the local economy.

We have some interesting articles for our readers. On **Pages 10 & 11** our walk is around the interesting village of Chideock, just 2 miles west of Bridport. On **Page 18** "The Bridport Community Railway" provide explanation and clarification of their article in our Summer 2022 edition.

The award-winning West Bay Discovery Centre bring us the latest on a digital microscope which they have recently acquired. See them on **Page 26**. A new contribution this time around is from The Chapel in The Garden, a charming Unitarian Chapel in East Street, Bridport, on **Page 32**.

We have three more 30-second interviews with "Bridport Women at Work" on **Page 34**.

Sticking with the SUMMER theme, we have tips from Dorset Council on HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE SUN on **Page 30**, and warnings about unstable cliff-faces on **Page 38**.

Throughout our publication we have details of local services, places to visit, places to eat, and places to stay. We have some great activity venues plus antique and vintage destinations to browse around.

With best wishes for the remainder of Summer 2022,

Anthony Kucke. EDITOR. Email: bridport@theantiquestourist.com

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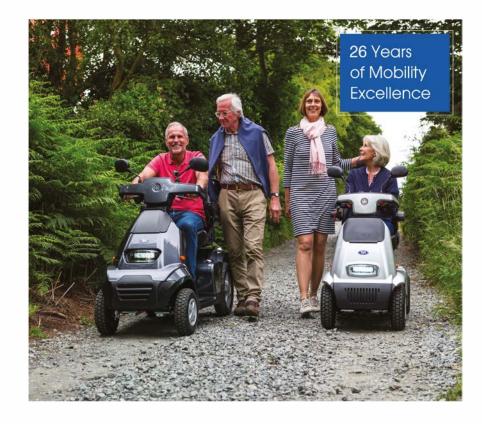


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CHIDEOCK

A unique village with 2 churches, a museum and an abandoned castle.

Our walk started from the bus stop at Chideock Bridge, adjacent to Chideock Stores. We walked westwards, up the hill towards the church. The A35 is very busy with heavy trucks and many cars, so be very careful when crossing. There is pavement on both sides most of the way up to The Parish Church of St Giles. Properties in the street reveal a previous era. "The Old Post Office"; "The Old Stores". Enter the church on the southern side (facing the A35). Quickly information on the trio of bells is clear to see. A brass plaque reveals the history and recent restorations of Alfred, Isabel and Herbert. In the churchyard Dorset Wildlife Trust are conducting a "Living Churchyard Project" which involves limited mowing, and serious encouragement of wild flowers and herbs.

Which reminded us that there is a satellite churchyard a few hundred yards up the hill,

established to deal with over-crowding in the original graveyard.

Find the entrance near the speed camera! What a complex mix of values and outcomes!

This cemetery is basically a 20th Century record of the demise of villagers. Contemporary history.

Below the entrance to the churchyard, a footpath beckons northwards. Along a tarmac drive, through a copse, then left handed up across a grass field. As you reach the ridge, there are glorious views of Quarr Hill and Thorncombe Beacon from this point.

Keep left of the copse on the ridge, then look for a gap on the right, leading down towards Chideock Manor.

Keep left of the pheasant rearing pens, through an old iron gate, to emerge on the lane opposite the Roman Catholic Church.

Well, this Roman Catholic Church is worthy of a visit in its own right! A charmingly decorated exterior and altar. And a fascinating village museum in the annex. This church is attached to the privately owned Chideock Manor, and was lovingly created

from a barn which used to stand on the site, and where Roman Catholics had worshipped for hundreds of years.

We retraced our steps a few hundred yards to the "whale jaw-bones" – an arch over the gateway into the private grounds of Chideock Manor. The jawbones were recovered from a whale found on Seatown Beach in the 19th Century.

Follow the track past the jawbones, crossing a small bridge, and joining open farmland. Keep right at the PRIVATE sign, and continue over the hill to Hell Lane. Turn right here, then enter the watery lane on the left. After a few hundred yards, find the stile on your righthand side. Keep left handed up across the field, then bear right above the copse and the rushes, to find a stile in the upper lefthand corner.

Cross the stile and follow the headland on the left, then bear right, and again left before finding the gap into the "castle field". NOTE. Our OS Map shows this as a fairly straight path across this enclosure, so we suspect the current crop of maize has obliterated the footpath, forcing walkers to follow the headland.

Then into the castle field!. Here we found a large commemorative cross, strong evidence of moats and a causeway, and a lovely view across the village and the sea at Seatown. On the cross a plaque pays tribute to the 5 local men who were taken from the castle in 1594 and executed for their religious beliefs. We exited along "Ruins Lane", to join the A35. Then turned right along the busy road to find Chideock Stores on the lefthand side.

Admiring the ancient cottages in Ruins Lane, and adjacent on the main road, we wondered just how many had been built of stone from from the pillaged castle

DISTANCE. 3 Miles.

DURATION. 2 hours including stops at the points of interest.

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MAP. OS Landranger 193 – Taunton & Lyme Regis.















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In the Summer 'Bridport Flyer', mention was made of potential future ideas for this area where the railway would pass beneath, in a tunnel, which caused concern to some readers. For the record we have no formal plans for any 'out of town' or other type of development—we merely reflected the thoughts of some locals who mused on potential use of this area. This is a community led project, for and on behalf of all who live in the area, and it is vital that we reflect the desires and wishes of residents and businesses without whose support we could not succeed. All ideas are welcome, and when the time comes, the community can decide priorities.

OVERVIEW

We DO propose a park and ride car park, transport interchange, and station to serve the wider community and reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and parking problems in town. We DO propose a gateway to the national rail network at Maiden Newton.

CURRENT MOVES

Exciting developments include fully detailed filming of the entire proposed route from Maiden Newton to West Bay via Bridport town centre using 'drone' based cameras for air and ground photography. You will be able to 'fly' the proposed railway and zoom in on key features from the air and ground from your computer — a form of Steet View for rail! Seeing is believing! All this and more will be viewable via our new Web site currently under construction — news to follow. We shall soon launch a project community membership scheme to recruit and rally support, ideas, and enthusiasm to focus on how we can turn our vision into reality. It's people power that matters, "together we can make it happen."

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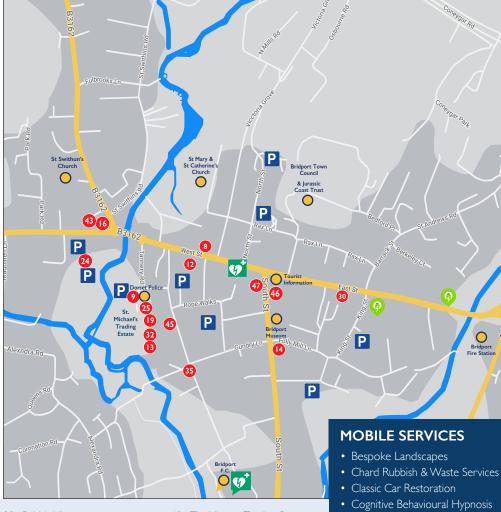


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This summer's pop-up exhibition "Buried in Time", which runs until 30th October, continues to be very popular. It features the coastal geology of the West Bay area and includes superb fossil specimens of creatures from our Jurassic past, some 170 million years ago, some of which you can touch.

The Centre operates on a charitable basis, they invite you to visit them between 11am-4pm Tuesday to Sunday and on bank holiday Mondays. There is no admission charge but donations from visitors are appreciated and help the Centre meet its running costs. Find out more at www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk.

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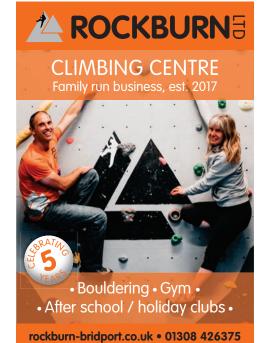
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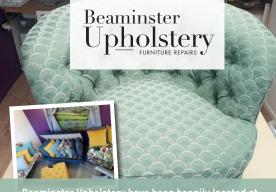
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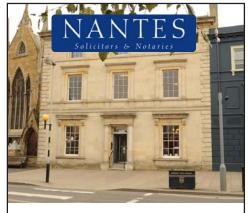


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THE CHAPEL IN THE GARDEN

Have you ever walked along East Street in Bridport, noticed a lovely garden on the north side opposite the United Church and wondered what lies behind the yellow door of the pretty Chapel building at the far end?

If you have, read on, and if you haven't, why not?! (And read on too.)

Built in 1795, this Chapel is amongst the first non-conformist churches in the town, and today continues to serve the community in a wide variety of ways as it has done for over two hundred years. It became a Unitarian Chapel in the 1820's, adding a Sunday school at the back and later another set of rooms which acted as a Grammar school until the current Colfox School was built.

Education has always been a central and important factor in Unitarianism and the Chapel rooms are still used today for classes in yoga; foreign languages; counselling; U3a activities; art exhibitions to name a few. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, volunteers open a café serving teas and coffee and home-made cakes and upstairs in the gallery, visitors are often astonished to find a very large and well stocked second hand bookshop.

The Chapel is a welcoming and inclusive place of worship and friendship to people of all religions and none. Services take place every Sunday at 11am, led by the minister and team focussing on themes of Joy, Sharing and Peace. The Chapel recently hosted a service for Ukrainian refugees where songs were sung in Ukrainian and prayers read in several languages. Weddings, naming ceremonies and services of Remembrance are frequently held in the calmness of the Chapel itself.

The building is Grade 2* Listed and is currently in need of some TLC. The Chapel in the Garden, a Charitable Trust, must raise all its own income. To that end a fund raising appeal has been launched called the 350 Appeal, which refers to the 350th anniversary of dissent and non-conformity in England, celebrated this year on 1st May. Various fundraising activities are planned, for instance a table tops sale in BuckyDoo, on September 17th and a concert featuring local musician Mitch Hiller later that month. It's a labour of love to keep this much-loved feature of Bridport thriving and open for

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GLENDA WILLIS



Glenda Willis is a volunteer at Bridport Unitarian Chapel - "The Chapel in the Garden".

"What do I enjoy about volunteering?".

"I love the variety of my role and the friendliness of the team here. I am responsible for our Bookshop at "The Chapel in the Garden". Previously, in 2019 I co-curated The Turner **Exhibition at Bridport Museum** when I volunteered there.



SARAH BAILEY



Sarah Bailey is a cartoonist. She works at weddings drawing caricatures of the guests, carries out cartoon commissions and creates fun cartoons of popular characters both retro and modern. Sarah regularly has a stall at Bridport Market.

> This is what Sarah said to The Bridport Flyer one hot Wednesday in July.

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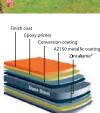
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