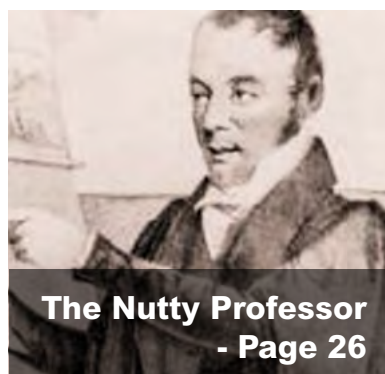


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Editorial

People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road does not mean they are lost.

The Dalai Lama

It certainly was a long, hot and splendid summer, one that will go down in memory as endlessly bright – a glorious summer to rank beside 1976; only better because there was no hosepipe ban! Everyone was happy. We swam. We ate alfresco. We wore shorts. Bees droned through the lavender and butterflies adorned the buddleia. Apples are now set for a bumper yield and berries are plumping in the hedgerows.

Neil Mattingly, Charmouth's brilliant local historian, has produced another fascinating study, this time of the Yandover Estate, which 200 years ago was the centre for sail cloth manufacture in Charmouth and included the buildings from Stanley House to Barrs Lane. Read all about it on pages 22 to 25.

Neil has also very generously offered to hold a Pudding Party at his lovely home on Friday 25th October as a fundraiser for Shoreline. We would like to add more colour pages to the magazine but the price is very prohibitive and even though it is totally a labour of love for the four of us on the team, the costs of printing are only just covered by the advertisements. Thanks also to the Charmouth Traders Association who kindly donated £200 towards the cost of printing 1000 extra copies of the summer issue for the visitors.

Charmouth Fayre celebrated its 21st year this summer and the committee of Peter Noel, Anthea Gillings, Aidan Hodgson and David Clifford are to be congratulated on raising £2,500, all of which will be donated to various village clubs and organisations. As Peter writes on page 5 they are looking for new people with fresh ideas and lots of enthusiasm. Why not go along to the AGM on Wednesday 23rd October and get involved?

Finally, I would like to bid a fond farewell to Julie and David Renfrew, who are moving to Stratford-on-Avon to be nearer their family. During their nine years in the village they immersed themselves in Charmouth life, sitting on several committees and helping to raise thousands of pounds for various organisations. They have been latterly very involved with St Andrew's Church (see David's spirited review of The Wessex Big Band evening on page 15) and they will be greatly missed by the PCC and many villagers too.

Jane

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Charmouth Traders

Well that was more like it! The weather has been both cruel and kind to us this year with the awful start which went on well into May, followed by a complete reversal of fortunes and we finally got something approximating a summer. It's amazing what a bit of sunshine will do, and Charmouth without the grey skies came into its own. Our biggest asset, the beach, was as ever the main draw, with thousands of visitors enjoying all it has to offer. The shops, accommodation, cafes and pubs were full and the extended winter, which felt like it was never going to end, was soon a distant memory.

It has gone some way to mitigating the poor weather of the last few summers which have seen visitor levels stagnant. With the economy still in some turmoil, it is more important than ever to show that Charmouth can deliver all that is required for a good old-fashioned value seaside holiday for both families and older visitors alike, with none of the tacky kiss-me-quickness, parking issues and traffic jams that other resorts suffer from. We have a lot to be proud of in Charmouth just as it is, and it is testament to this fact that when the weather is right, people will come and enjoy it just for what it is.

We were sent a wonderful video by Jonathan Warner from Chard who was testing a new slo-mo camera on the beach this summer. He has very kindly allowed us to use the video and you can see it on the front page of the website. It really shows Charmouth at its best though of course we strongly recommend that the bridge is used merely as a vehicle for crossing, not jumping into the river.

On the village website www.charmouth.org we have seen a massive increase in the viewings year on year, an increase in viewings overall of more than 23 per cent on last year (indeed the viewings in August were more than double the previous year's figure) with three months of the year still to go. This is great news for the businesses in the village who advertise on the site. Indeed the Caravan and Camping section was 56% up on the previous year which is bringing people and their money into the village. Without these visitors many of the businesses in the village may not be viable and we would see the village as have many other villages in the country, enter a slow decline as shops and other businesses become unviable and close down. These visitors (and potential visitors) are increasingly looking at our website for accommodation, things to do, food and drink; we believe that our advertising rates (£30 for your first ad, £20 for each subsequent ad) offer remarkably good value when compared to other websites and other advertising opportunities. We are also seeing a lot more of the residents of the village using the site as we list local events, clubs and societies. Our site is not just for the tourists, it is for the village as a whole and we welcome any suggestions or additions that you may wish to offer. You can contact us via the contact button on the website or email charmouthinfo@btinternet.com.

We are once again looking to run the Bonfire on the Beach, this year on Saturday November 2nd. We will of course be asking for wood for collection on the Saturday and also for volunteers to help us collect and build the bonfire. We will be having a Guy competition for which there will be a prize. Please get your Guy down to the beach during the day so that we can judge the winner before the bonfire is lit. The Fat Dads will no doubt once again be cajoled into running a BBQ and there will be a bar with hot drinks as well as cold available.

Our Christmas Fayre will be running again this time on November 29th and we are looking at Christmas lights to go up a week or so before.

Speaking of Christmas, don't forget that the fantastic Charmouth Calendars are still for sale and make a great present. There are just a few available in the shops in the village so don't leave it too late! We have been delighted with the sales throughout the year there and it has been a very successful publication, mainly down to the superb photographs that adorn its pages. It is a shame that we were limited to picking just twelve photographs as the standard throughout all the entries was incredibly high. We hope to produce another next year so get those cameras clicking ready to submit!

We shall also be having the fireworks and mulled wine on the beach in the early evening of December 31st to kick off the New Year celebrations, so just a reminder to get that in your diaries as well.

Ian Simpson



Friends of the Heritage Centre

Social events to enable the Friends of the Heritage Centre to get to know each other are planned every year, including two BBQs over the summer months and three talks during the winter. Topics for the next talks are:

Eden Thomson – Tides - 7th November

Dr Michael Barr - Building stones in Charmouth and the surrounding area – 28th November

David Croman – The life and ideas of Charles Darwin – 23rd January 2014

All talks/meetings are at the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and start at 3.30pm for tea and coffee, with the talks commencing at 4.00pm.

The first of the talks is followed by an end of year meeting with a glass of wine and nibbles. At least once a year a buffet lunch is planned, with up to 40 Friends attending. Every Wednesday a walking group meet in the village at 9.30am by the village notice board to enjoy a 7-8 mile walk. Information on these walks is always available on the village notice board or down at the Centre.

To subscribe as a member of the Friends you can visit the Centre website www.charmouth.org/chcc or pop into the Centre for a membership leaflet. Friends can actively participate as a volunteer or join as a non-working member. Newsletters are issued 3 times a year and include benefits such as reduced event prices and special offers.

Jan Coleman – *Social Secretary, Friends of CHCC*

News From Dorset County Council

I was asked to write a few lines for Shoreline, a publication very much admired by many and envied by other Parishes. It's now been four months since being elected to Dorset County Council and I'm finding the experience extremely interesting and very challenging in the current financial climate. A number of issues have been raised recently and I'd like to touch on a few which affect local communities.

Dorset County Council has had to reduce their budget by another 10% due to reductions in government funding and these reductions have been shared out over the various services providers at the Council. The budget which covers bus subsidies has to be reduced by £850,000 and various routes throughout the County will be at risk. The leader of the Council, Spencer Flower, has written to all Parish and Town Councils and requested a response to the proposals before the Cabinet meets on the 2nd of October. The main impact on Charmouth will be the withdrawal of the X53 Sunday Service during the winter.

Regarding hedge cutting along highways, the number of cuts have been reduced this year and a greater requirement for landowners to cut the hedges along their boundaries made. This service has, in the past, been carried out by DCC in some circumstances as a discretionary service, however the financial climate dictates that owners carry out the role they are legally responsible for. I've issued the Parish clerks the new vegetation leaflet which outlines responsibilities and liabilities for the

Councils and individuals' information. I can send a PDF of the leaflet by e-mail if you require one.

Finally, and looking at West Dorset District Council, the Electoral Review has submitted their recommendations for the number of District Councillors in our area. The recommendations reduce the Councillors for Lyme Regis & Charmouth from three to two. The likely split will be one Councillor looking after the Lyme Regis East Ward (GA) which has 1973 electorate and the other looking after Lyme Regis West (GB) & Charmouth, with 1136 & 1157 electorate respectively. Other changes have also been submitted throughout the District.

I hope that gives you a flavour of what's going on in the Council currently. If I have the opportunity in the future I'd like to look at the Committees at DCC and the areas they cover. If you would like to contact me I've attached details below:

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Daryl Turner

Charmouth and Bridport Pop and Rock Choir



ENJOY SINGING? Come along and join us. The newly-formed Charmouth & Bridport Pop & Rock Choir performed their first concert at Charmouth Primary School on Monday 22nd July. Choirmaster Edward Jacobs beamed with pride as his hard work came to fruition with a lively performance that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

If you would like to be a part of the choir, we meet every Monday evening at Charmouth Primary School for two hours commencing at 6.00pm. We would particularly like more male members to join us to boost our basses and tenors, but everyone is welcome. If you are interested, please come along when we meet up again after the summer holidays on Monday 9th September.

Edward has been asked by Charlie Dore to provide a choir to act as the backing group for 3 or 4 songs at her concert at the Electric Palace on Thursday 17th October. She is on tour in the South West with Julian Littman. This is a fantastic opportunity for the choir to perform with two very talented and internationally known singer/songwriters who have worked with many famous people including George Harrison and Tina Turner. The choir will also be singing a small selection from their own repertoire and joining members of the Axe Valley Community Choir for some other musical numbers.

Edward Jacobs has a dedicated website on the internet where you can gain an insight into his musical work throughout the south west. If more information is required, then contact Edward directly on 01297 552935.

Caroline Powley

Charmouth Fayre

This year's Fayre on the 4th August was opened by our resident town crier David Craner leading the procession around the village and into the playing field. We were entertained by the Marshwood based "Extreme Falconry" and his display of unusual birds and the Smale Gun Dogs. We also had all our usual stalls and for the first time, donkey rides, which proved very popular. Unfortunately, our ice cream man decided the weather was not going to be good enough to bring his van, which turned out to be an error as the afternoon was reasonable with only the odd shower. In stoic British fashion the public stayed with us until the end of the afternoon events, but sadly we had to move the evening BBQ to the Community Hall, and although everyone said that the band was extremely good (we will get them back sometime next year) the turnout was poor and consequently our income was very low. We also had the added problem of burgers, buns and sausages coming out of our ears. Whatever did we do before freezers!

We then decided the only thing we could do was to put the "Party in the Park" on again on the 25th August and hope for better weather! We only had a couple of weeks to get everything organised, and thanks to the Parish Council, the Scouts, the local traders and all the volunteers we managed it. The weather, apart from a rogue shower, was glorious and a lot of people turned up to enjoy the music, BBQ and ultimately the fireworks. Although it was a lot of hard work, we more than recovered financially from the low numbers at the Fayre evening. The Fayre AGM is at the Elms on Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30pm. If any organisation in the village is looking for funds could they please contact Peter Noel on 560078 (e-mail: peter@marshall-noel.co.uk) or Anthea on 560465 before the end of September with their details.

Peter Noel

DO YOU WANT CHARMOUTH FAYRE TO CONTINUE?

If the answer is yes, then please contact me, any member of the committee or come to the AGM on Wednesday 23rd October, 7.30pm at the Elms.

WE NEED NEW PEOPLE, WITH FRESH IDEAS, TO COME ON BOARD AND SECURE THE FUTURE OF THIS ICONIC, YEARLY, VILLAGE EVENT !

Anthea, Aidan and I are not getting any younger and cannot go on indefinitely, much as we would like to. We thoroughly enjoy running the Fayre but physically the day is very tiring and there is always a huge amount of tidying up to do the next day. We get a lot of help for which we are always very grateful, but we now need the younger fraternity to stand up and take responsibility for moving this great event on to higher levels in the future.

Whilst still in this world we will always be available to help or offer words of advice.

Peter Noel

News from The Elms

Well, what fantastic summer weather we have had.....very much needed all round! The takings in the Foreshore car park have been much more as we would expect for the season and so hopefully the businesses in the village and indeed the whole area will have had a very welcome boost.

Beach huts have been very popular again, with the remainder of the huts on the "green" having been replaced in the spring. These have been bustling this summer with both visitors and local families. For the first time the blue huts will be available for winter use as although they are being moved back against the reed bed, they will be levelled and facing the sea.

The Councillors elected in June (Jane Morrow, Peter Noel, Paul Oatway, Andy Peters, Ian Simpson and Phil Tritton) have settled in and things are starting to be able to move forward. The Pathfinder Project which was completed last year following a grant from Dorset CC, is now being followed up again to look at the feasibility of providing alternative facilities at the Foreshore should the unthinkable happen and the Heritage Coast Centre and car park are washed away.

Unfortunately, we have recently received two resignations from longer standing Councillors. Rob Love has been a Councillor since 2011 and was very involved in the initiative to construct the bike track in the playing field. Jeff Prosser has been a Councillor since 1999 and has been a "mainstay" as vice chair and chair of Finance for many years. His knowledge and contribution behind the scenes will be very sorely missed indeed but we thank him, on behalf of the village, for all he has given over the last 14 years. Notices are being published with regard to the procedure for filling these vacancies, so if you are interested in joining the Council, please keep an eye on the notice boards!

The Parish Council

Letters

Dear Shoreline,

Please publish this letter as a thank you to all the people who have helped me in the last year. Thank you to Jan Gale for letting me go to the Holland Room lunches and to Jan and Wendy for the memory club. To Ros who put me on the list for the Sunday lunches at the Community Hall. Thank you to the Team Chat Club and the Old Bank Cafe. Thank you to my neighbours at Number 4 for being there to help me when in need. Finally, to all the people, many who I don't know, for talking to me. No one has been this kind to me in 43 years of living in the village.

Christine Cook



Charmouth Parking Refund Scheme

A reminder that you can park for two hours in Charmouth's Lower Sea Lane car park and get your parking cost refunded if you spend £10 or more in any Charmouth outlet displaying the 'P FREE' sign. Most outlets in Charmouth village centre are in the scheme.

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The service encompasses isolated rural areas and offers a lifeline to many who may find other forms of transport inappropriate or simply lacking. For further information and details about any of the trips available please contact our office on 01404 46520 and we shall be happy to assist you.

Charmouth Village People

On the first Tuesday of the month in the Hollands Room you can have a two course lunch usually followed by a showing of a film or a doze! From 12th September until Easter every week on Thursday mornings we serve breakfast in the Hollands Room. You can choose from a full English breakfast, home made waffles with various toppings, or just drop in and have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. The local policeman often drops in for his bacon sandwich.

On the first and third Wednesday afternoon of the month, Memorable Memoirs get together in the Charmouth Central café. In the past we have had speakers who have told us about life as an actress, a soprano singer, fishing in Lyme Bay and many more. The most interesting stories are often from you who attend and we urge you to bring along any photographs or memories to share. Other people's lives are fascinating and over a cup of tea we love to exchange stories or just listen and enjoy what other people have to say. Next time it is to be centred around a favourite poem.

As a result of these social events we have had a couple of days out and from this we decided to go on holiday; so on Monday 21st October, fourteen of us will be going to the Isle of Wight for five days. This is why we are called 'Charmouth Village People' as we are listening to the villagers and responding to what they want. Do come along to any of the events as it is the people that make the occasion, and as well as having a lot of fun we have created a great place to have conversation and relax.

For more information contact Jan Gale

www.charmouthvillagepeople.com

St Andrew's Community Hall

Following the completion of the extension, partly funded by the Lottery grant, the Management Committee are continuing with their programme of improvements at the Community Hall.

A planning application is now pending in respect of the following items:

The replacement of all the existing rotten wooden windows on both sides with modern double glazed units to match those in the new extension.

The installation of a new hot air heating and air conditioning system.

The installation of a Solar PV panel System on the south facing roof to provide free electricity.

It is hoped that work on the windows and heating system can be commenced within the next few months so as to be completed before the winter.

Regular fundraising events to cover the cost of the improvement work have continued, including the regular monthly Friday night bingo and several very successful cream teas during the summer.

The main fund raising events however continue to be the regular Sunday lunches provided by Marilyn Waterson and her team,

which are excellent and therefore always well supported with a full house every time.

The lunches are open for anyone in the village to attend, together with friends and family, although places must be booked in advance through Mike Smith, preferably by email at mike.fca@hotmail.com or by telephone on 01297 560529.

For those who have not attended previously, the lunch, which is priced at just £11, includes a choice of three roast meats and three sweets, followed by coffee and there is a licensed bar open from 12.15 with lunch served from 1pm.

The next lunch is being held on Sunday 27th October and there may still be some places available.

As usual there will be two sittings of the special Christmas lunch on 8th and 15th December, which is a traditional roast turkey lunch with choice of sweets together with seasonal entertainment and mince pies.

Bookings are now being taken and to avoid disappointment please contact Mike Smith as soon as possible, as there are limited numbers available.

Mike Smith

GAME OF DRONES – Our Flying Jurassic Dragon!



So every day I walk my dog down to Charmouth beach, setting off with the pleasure of expectation. I look forward to what the clouds, the sea and cliffs are offering each day. I wonder who from Charmouth I'll bump into for a nice chat about today's weather. Or a brief natter with my fellow dog-walkers, chatting enthusiastically about their lovely pets' movements that day: soft or hard. Yes, it's always a joy!

But most often, on my morning beach walk, I look forward to what fossils I may find strolling down the east or west beach. (My best in a decade has been an iron-pyrite ammonite the size of my palm!) So you can well imagine my surprise when on a glorious July 15th morning at 7.30am, Sunny-dog and I stumbled on the ultimate Jurassic Coast find – a 40-foot-long fossil skull of a giant dragon!

When we turned the corner past the portakabin café on east beach on that clear-blue-sky, sea-glistening morning, there it stood: at almost 12-feet high, an astonishing specimen – made entirely of hardened polystyrene! The mystery grew as I noticed a cluster of highly professional, paparazzi-like photographers snapping away at this staggeringly life-like skeleton of what must have been a monster dragon to set St George packing his bags for France!

As I came round the front of the monster – whose jaws and giant teeth faced towards the advancing sea – I caught sight of a portly publicist trying to encourage a reluctant little girl to pick the dragon's teeth (or perhaps be its next intended victim!?). She was looking far too scared to take this suit-man seriously.

"Are you getting all this," he shouted to the assembled dozen or so photographers as their long telephoto lenses glistened on our beautiful sun-kissed beach. The publicist in the suit was the instant clue that this dragon was not what it seemed. I walked round with Sunny-dog to approach him, much to the annoyance of the snappers who shouted for me to clear out the way. Then the publicist looked astonished:

"Eric, what the bloody hell are you doing here," he bellowed, waving me out of the shot.

"I'm on my way for a daily swim and this is our beach in my home village", I shouted back at him with a wry smile, recognising him instantly as James Herring - one of the coolest TV publicists in Notting Hillbilly land - a top dragon himself, famed for his big stunts as the man who does the press for Dr Who and The Apprentice.

"So what are you doing dumping the London paparazzi on our delicious Dorset beach?" I asked the man who I'd worked with

five years earlier when he managed *Countryfile* presenter Julia Bradbury and I'd spent weeks negotiating with him to get her for a BBC4 walking series. It turned out that this was James' big idea to launch and publicise the hottest scoop by Tesco's new internet TV channel, Blinkbox. They'd just grabbed the TV rights from Sky to broadcast the next series of the raunchy HBO-US cult hit show: *Game Of Thrones*. A team of five from the Brighton-based events company SKETCH had spent two months building the fossil dragon and secretly brought it by lorry at 4am that morning to our wonderful east beach. Now with the help of PR guru James and his Taylor-Herring company, the whole world would wake up to the hot news of Charmouth's Jurassic Dragon! In fact the pictures made it into *The Sun*, *Telegraph*, *Independent* and *Evening Standard* and went as far afield as *The New York Times*, *USA Today* and *France's Le Figaro*; while the video trended on YouTube and Twitter as well as turning up on the BBC, ITV, MSN News and even on Aussie TV. So now we all know exactly why our beaches were so full this summer! The Jurassic Dragon AND the gorgeous weather!

By the time I'd left James behind, as I swam out in our wonderful wine-dark sea floating towards Golden Cap, I had the brain-wave to persuade James to pay Charmouth's own aerial cameraman to bring his crazy idea to new heights. Angus Johnstone from Barney's Close had just helped me launch a new aerial business called Above & Beyond Films. He's now a qualified flyer of a hexa-copter drone which shoots High Definition footage from five feet to up to 500 feet for TV, commercial videos, estate agents, hotels and anyone who wants to survey views from the air.

As Sunny-dog and I walked back down the beach past the magnificent Dragon, I collared James and sold him the aerial pictures with Angus's drone camera. He loved the idea and by mid-day Angus's HD pictures were flying down the Jurassic Coast to a west London edit and destined to show the world how brilliant our Charmouth beach really IS.

"Good day's work on the 'beach office' again," I whispered to Sunny-dog as we made our way back home across the Char bridge. "Charmouth - always full of surprises," thought Sunny-dog, as she sniffed her way down poo-alley.

See the results of Angus's *Game of Thrones* aerial work at: Above&Beyond vimeo.... And for more info try this PR link: <http://www.taylorherring.com/case-studies/dragonskullprstunt/> OR on YouTube, *The Making of The Dragon*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjSyY-vnYOI>

Eric Harwood

Memories of the Charmouth Village Supper

"Village Suppers were an important annual event when I arrived in the village in 1954" says Joan Aldworth who was first introduced to them by Nelly Aldworth, mother of her late husband Roy. "I understand that they were first put on to celebrate the return of the local men to Charmouth at the end of World War II. I was told that they were given quite a welcome when they came home. The suppers were held annually after that, always at the Community Hall, known then as the Church Hall".

"Each year a committee was formed to decide who would do what. At the first meeting I attended Mrs Forsey said to me in her strong Dorset dialect: 'Mrs Aldworth (that was my mother-in-law) will take round the 'pat'. I was from London and couldn't understand what she meant. It was a while before I realised she was talking about the teapot! It seemed as if there were about 50 tables set out in the hall. Two ladies in the village peeled all the potatoes on the afternoon of the Village Supper and prepared the dinner, which was sausages and mash. All the ladies who were hostesses brought their best china and their own table decorations and there was great competition to create the best looking table. They did a lovely job. The ladies also brought sweets for the table. My mother-in-law and I were two of the hostesses and, as such, had to sit at either end of a table. Everyone really dressed up for the occasion".

"The local firemen acted as waiters at the table and when the meal was finished they used to put on a comedy 'sketch'. The Dampier girls, Gladys and Barbara, convened the entertainment and we all joined in. It was great fun and we loved it. Village Suppers sadly died a natural death in the 1960s and there are not many people left in the village now who would remember them".

Shoreline would be very pleased to hear from other villagers who have their own memories and/or photographs of the Village Supper.

Lesley Dunlop

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Tribute to a Charmouth Lady

"Violet Smith was married to Wilfred Smith and was the sister of my late husband Roy's father", notes Joan Aldworth. "She and Uncle Wilfred came from Bristol where Uncle Wilfred taught the deaf and dumb. Auntie Vi, as I called her, was a psychiatric nurse in a mental home in Clifton and in the old days she had to work with patients in padded cells".

"Uncle Wilfred and Auntie Vi came to Charmouth in 1911 and their first home was at No 2 Firlands on The Street. They later moved to Upcot in Old Lyme Road, near the junction with The Street. Uncle Wilfred was warden at St Andrew's Church and he used to take me to the church. Auntie Vi was also very religious. For a while she ran the village Post Office, which was then up the hill on the right-hand side. She was also a midwife with Dr Hartley and delivered Roy's brother 'Bunny', who was named after Uncle Wilfred".

"I used to go to Upcot each Christmas for lunch with Roy and recall sitting in their big room. I remember their old Austin and the times they used to take me out with them. But Auntie Vi wanted to end her days at No 2 Firlands so, when the house came on the market once again, they bought it. I used to visit her there every afternoon and always took two cakes with me to have with our cup of tea."

"When Auntie Vi was 99 she found it increasingly difficult to manage on her own, so she moved to Port Bredy, a nursing home in Bridport. She died there on her birthday in the early 1990s. She was 104".

"Auntie Vi wore her hair in a bun and was very old fashioned. She was also quite strong in her views. She adored my late husband Roy. He was the quietest of four brothers and would sit at the table at his parents' house in Berne Lane and quietly draw whenever she visited. His brothers would race around the house, which she didn't like. Unfortunately she couldn't have any children of her own. People used to say she was hard, but she wasn't hard with me. I think it was because of her difficult work in the early days with psychiatric patients, which she didn't really talk about".

"Auntie Vi was a lovely lady and very well respected. I looked up to her. She loved Charmouth and I too feel privileged to live in such a lovely village."

Lesley Dunlop



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Business as usual at Fortnam Smith and Banwell

Goodbye Lisa, welcome Rosie, congratulations Judy!

Fortnam Smith and Banwell, the well established and long trusted independent estate agency in the heart of Charmouth, is pleased to introduce a new negotiator and to celebrate the promotion of a long-standing staff member.

There have recently been a few changes within the small yet highly efficient team of four. Negotiator, Lisa Clarke has returned to her roots in Buckinghamshire and her role filled by Rosie Thoennissen, a bright 23 year-old university graduate. Already studying to achieve qualifications in estate agency with the NAEA (National Association of Estate Agents) and proving to be an excellent asset to the agency, Rosie loves being part of a close knit team and thrives on meeting new people.



Rosie Thoennissen



Sarah Newman

Sarah Newman and Judy Fellingham are both well-known faces at the agency. Sarah, with her 10 years' experience and wealth of knowledge in the local property market, continues her role as senior negotiator on a part-time basis while Judy, having worked at the agency full time for the last seven



Judy Fellingham

years and with proven managerial capabilities and experience, has recently been promoted from senior negotiator to branch manager.



Teresa Noel

Teresa Noel, director and owner of Fortnam Smith and Banwell in Charmouth, has extensive experience spanning many years in estate agency, both in the UK and overseas and is delighted with the changes. Teresa said: "It was really sad to say goodbye to Lisa, as she was an integral part of our team and we wish her well.

Judy is very much deserving of her promotion and we're all very pleased to welcome Rosie – it's great to have her with us; she is an asset to the company and perfectly complements the team with her adaptability, astuteness and warm, sunny personality."

The firm continues to grow from strength to strength. Teresa continued: "We offer an excellent independent local service; one our corporate competitors struggle to compete with on levels of service and local knowledge, and are proud to assist our clients right through from instruction to the completion of their sale. Some may have seen that the building is up for sale, but we're not going anywhere - we have a secure tenancy agreement so it's business as usual for now and into the future."

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Missing House?

The mystery of this missing house has been solved! It is Cranford House on Westover Hill, Axminster Road almost opposite Thistlegate Care Home. The owners contacted me and I was able to confirm that this was indeed the same property, though its pretty thatched roof has long since been replaced with tiles after a fire. I have done some research on its history since then and found that the clients for the original house were John and Maria Dalton. He would have been 46 when he commissioned the architect and is described as a retired Solicitor in the later 1911 Census. The couple had previously lived at Little Hampston, near Totnes in Devon, and prior to that practised in York. The Electoral Roll for the house shows them still living there in 1920, but there are no records afterwards. I went to the Dorset Record Office and found that there were two sets of drawings for a new drainage system in 1926 and an extension in 1939 by the Pass Family. This was interesting as the head of the family, Douglas, had inherited a vast estate from his father, Arthur Capper, and was living at Wootton Fitzpaine Manor at that time. His mother, Elizabeth, lived almost opposite at Thistlegate House, which she had built shortly after her husband died. No doubt he had bought Cranford House from the Daltons for his mother's benefit. If you want to find out more about this house click on my web site at: <http://www.freshford.com/cranford.htm>

Neil Mattingly



First Time Steward

On August 10th I was a steward for the flower judge at the Annual Gardeners' Show. Barry Coleman was the other steward and also a novice, so it was the first time for us both.

We were armed with a huge envelope containing all that we needed to assist the judge - we just didn't know what to do with it all! Fortunately, an experienced steward saw our plight and quickly explained the basics of what we should be doing.

The next couple of hours flew by. The judge was very firm about the schedule criteria, which really made me realise the importance of carefully reading the information when entering any of the classes in the show. I think we both enjoyed our duties and learnt a great deal from accompanying the judge on her rounds. I just need to remember the relevant information for next year. If I'm asked to steward again, I'll at least know what I'm doing from the outset and should be more efficient.

The hall was a joy to behold and was filled with the most wonderful scent.

Well done to the show secretary and her committee.

Kathy Fereday

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Bymead House Summer Barbecue

RESIDENTS of Bymead House Nursing and Residential Home enjoyed a summer barbecue on Saturday 31st August.

The barbecue was held in glorious weather on the forecourt of the house, where residents were joined by family, friends and neighbouring Charmouth residents.

Alongside the barbecue there were cocktails and ice creams, stalls, a raffle and live music with Dave Marshall.



Courtesy of View from Lyme Regis

RAGWORT ALERT

This summer there has been an extensive and increased occurrence of ragwort on the verges of the Charmouth by-pass and on the adjoining roads. The contractors (Balfour Beatty) whose responsibility it is to control it have, in my firm view, done 'too little too late' this year, but with the emphasis on too late. As a neighbouring land-owner (and with the support of several other owners of grazing land) I have made representations to Balfour Beatty and reached an understanding with them and the Highways Authority that this will be handled in a more professional manner from now on. It may take some years to get Ragwort back under control but we should expect to do it. Watch this space, as they say!



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Ad Lucem

They say good things come in small packages and that's exactly what you'll find at Ad Lucem! This charming little shop is a real hidden gem on Silver Street, filled with unique handmade work by local artists and artisans: jewellery by Lucy Campbell, leather bags by Aviva Halter-Hurn, leather belts by Grace Gillan and original paintings by Pat Campbell.

The shop is also Lucy's silversmithing workshop where you can see her at work creating unique one-off gifts. Her contemporary jewellery collection is inspired by the sea and beach with elegant and beautiful designs on display. Delicate, circular forms are a recurrent theme, with shells, fossils and other seashore textures also appearing throughout the collection.

Ad Lucem is quirky and quaint; there is no other place quite like it. If you are looking for something original and beautiful, or just want to watch an artisan in action, drop in and take a peek.

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1st Charmouth Scouts

Bat hunt proves successful for Charmouth Cubs and Scouts

Over 20 members of the 1st Charmouth Scout Group enjoyed a very active camp over the last weekend in June that included a plank race, pioneering and a bat hunt.

The Group based its activities around its HQ on the Barr's Lane Recreation Group but camped in a nearby field. The Cubs and Scouts were put into four equal teams – each named after a different dinosaur, including a scelidosaurus, which is only found in the Charmouth area.



Although there were plenty of activities that involved running around, driving box carts or carrying water, the one that proved most popular was the evening bat hunt. These were found in fields adjoining the river Char using special detectors provided by Lyndsey Bird, Assistant Scout Leader. These handheld devices picked up the ultra-high frequency sound emitted by the bats to echo-locate their insect prey. As each species emits sound at a different pitch, the Cubs and Scouts were able to detect more than one type of bat.

Other successful activities included building and decorating camp gates, lighting fires without using matches and a traditional camp fire, complete with entertaining sketches.

At the end of the camp, Cubs and Scouts who were new to camping received their 'One Nights Away' badge. Others will soon be receiving their Naturalist Badge, as their successful bat hunt ticks off one of the key requirements for this award.



Hammocks beat tents at Summer Camp

When the Cubs and Scouts attending 1st Charmouth's Summer Camp were offered the choice of a tent or a hammock for the night, the hammock won

easily. In total, they made seven of them, strung out between obliging trees on the 1st Crossway Scout Group's camp site. Ed Pemberton, Assistant Cub Leader, said, "This allowed all but three of the 13 campers to experience a night swinging in the wind – and rain for one evening. The 'reluctant three' thought it would be too cold!"

Some of the Scouts never actually slept in a tent during the three night/four day camp.

Other activities included: making plaster casts of animal tracks; finding edible plants; backwoods cooking; learning new survival skills and a visit to Parkdean Activity Centre for a swim and to ring the 'ringos' at high speed down the artificial ski slope.

Creating a splash in Lyme Regis Harbour

For the last meeting of the summer term, Scouts from 1st Charmouth descended on Lyme Regis Harbour armed with plastic barrels, poles, ropes and cable ties. Within 15 minutes they had built two very stable rafts and were soon launching them into the sea water.



The Scouts had practised their raft building skills in the weeks leading up to visit to the harbour so they could enjoy the

maximum amount of time paddling them. According to Carol Moorey, Assistant Scout Leader, "Some might consider the use of long cable ties to secure the barrels, instead of sisal, as 'cheating', but they certainly sped things up. The Scouts still had to ensure all the lashings in the framework were tied as tightly as possible to avoid a disaster."

Beavers return to Charmouth

After a ten-year absence, Beavers returned to Charmouth on Tuesday, September 12th. Thirteen prospective Beaver Scouts turned up for the re-opening of the Colony under the supervision of Amanda Clist and Nick Stonex. They soon got to know each others names through games and the exchange of Friendship Sticks that they had coloured in.

The Beavers will now be preparing for their investiture in October.

Anyone interested in sending their son or daughter to Beavers should contact Amanda Clist - aclist@me.com.

Bowls Club News

The summer sunshine was good enough to bring a smile to any bowler's face! The only downside was that by August there had to be a cancellation of play for a couple of weeks due to the "green" being too dry – Club Captain and Founder Member Ivan Marks said that it had never before been known in the Club's 30+ years of activity.

After starting the season with a fall in membership things have begun to improve and the Club has seen the arrival of a number of new members. Notwithstanding this we are still anxious to encourage more new players so that we can get back to the levels of activity we have seen in the past. In June the Club arranged for a "County" player to come along and run a series of training sessions that were appreciated by both new and longer standing members.

The season closed at the end of September but if you would like to give Bowls a try (and we really do need you to) then don't wait until the start of next season, register your interest NOW and we can keep you up to date on events well in advance. If you would like to get to know us why not come along to our Annual Dinner which will be at the Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane on Saturday 2nd November, A superb 3 course dinner + coffee at £16/head is not to be missed. Booking for this is essential and you can be assured of a warm welcome and an enjoyable evening. A bar is also provided.

For further Club information and also for details on the Annual Dinner get in touch with our Hon. Sec. Jackie Rolls on 01297 560295 or e-mail at jmlrolls@msn.com

Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat Bowls is starting again on Tuesday 1st October and will run every Tuesday through to mid April next year at the Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. A good afternoon of bowling activity and an opportunity to keep fit through the winter months. You can always be sure of a friendly welcome and also a bit of guidance if you have not played before. There is no need to pre-register, just come along on the 1st April at 2.00pm or on any Tuesday after that date. No need to worry about equipment as all is provided, just wear comfortable flat shoes or trainers. We'd love to see you!

Jim Greenhalgh *Chairman*

Dunn family of Charmouth

I had this article published in the Greenwood Tree, which is the magazine of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society. Maurice Budden got in touch and suggested I ask you to print it in your magazine as I still do not know what the cause of all these deaths was.

Jennie McGowan

The image shows two pages of church burial records from Charmouth. The left page is titled 'BURIALS in the Parish of Charmouth in the Year 1852' and the right page is titled 'BURIALS in the Parish of Charmouth in the Year 1852'. Both pages list the names of the deceased, their ages, and the dates of their burials. The records are for the Dunn family members who died in 1852.

Name	Age	Date	Place
Emily Dunn	12	12th September 1852	Charmouth
Angelina Dunn	15	15th September 1852	Charmouth
Albert Dunn	16	16th September 1852	Charmouth
Amanda Dunn	2	18th September 1852	Charmouth
Emma Dunn	16	19th September 1852	Charmouth
Absalom Dunn	13	23rd September 1852	Charmouth
Robert S. Andrew Dunn	13	24th September 1852	Charmouth
Adelaide Dunn	4	29th September 1852	Charmouth

"Whilst inputting the burials of Charmouth I came across these very sad entries.

Emily Dunn buried 12th September 1852 aged 10

Angelina Dunn buried 15th September 1852 aged 9

Albert Dunn buried 16th September 1852 aged 7

Amanda Dunn buried 18th September 1852 aged 2

Emma Dunn buried 19th September 1852 aged 16

Absalom Dunn buried 23rd September 1852 aged 13

Robert S. Andrew Dunn buried 24th September 1852 aged 13

Adelaide Dunn buried 29th September 1852 aged 4

I did not know if they were siblings or part of a wider Dunn family so I looked up the family on findmypast and found them on the 1851 census living at Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth and they were indeed all from the same family. With all these deaths it meant that there was only one child remaining – Cornelius, who was 10 at the time of his siblings' deaths. He died in 1861 aged 19. I found the marriage of the parents, Andrew Dunn to Miriam Spurel, at Whitchurch Canonicorum on 24th May 1836 at which time Andrew was a widower and a carpenter. I can find no other trace of Andrew or Miriam, not on the 1861 census or burials. There was a Miriam buried in Charmouth on 21st June 1885 but her age is given as 87 which makes her 16 years older, though of course this could be her.

I wonder what caused all these deaths, there was no evidence of an epidemic sweeping through the village as there were not any other great number of people dying at the same time. Perhaps it was a fire? Unless I pay for a death certificate or somebody from Charmouth knows about this I will never know what happened to these 8 children. I could not find the parents anywhere on the 1861 census and I even looked for the neighbours from the 1851 census but could find no trace after 1851 of Lower Sea Lane on any census."

Charmouth's local historian, Neil Mattingly, has kindly responded to Jennie McGowan's enquiry and we are printing it here for readers' information:

"It came as rather a shock to read about the terrible tragedy that occurred in a village within the space of just one month when eight young children died. I had never read about it before, as there was no reference in Reginald Pavey's comprehensive notes on Charmouth or in any books that I was aware of. I did of course check the Church records for St. Andrew's and it confirmed the events. I was fortunate, as recently the British Library has been digitising their vast collection of newspapers and after a while I was able to locate a small piece regarding the catastrophe in the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette for 6th November 1852. It was mainly to do with the area as a whole but made a specific reference to our village as follows:

"In the parish of Charmouth malignant scarlatina has proved fatal in the family of a mechanic (consisting of himself, wife and 10 children). Within 3 weeks 7 of the children died, and today I have notice of another death in the same family. The medical attendant informs me the children were all predisposed to malignant disease, having but little stamina and being ill fed and not properly attended to in the first instance. I cannot trace the disease to malaria or any atmospheric agency, as the disease is confined to the above family, and has not spread at all".

Scarlatina is the old name for scarlet fever, which is an infectious disease that most commonly affects young children. Symptoms include sore throat, fever and a characteristic red rash and it is usually spread by inhalation. Today it would be treated with antibiotics. I then checked the earlier Census for 1851, which confirmed them living in Lower Sea Lane in that year. There were very few buildings there and the only place I could see where they would be living is one of the squalid thatched cottages that had been built by Mathew Lock in 1823. The ground was known as "Stocking and Charity Land", as the rent from it was

originally for the benefit of seamen and seamen's wives, given in stockings and shoes. They were subsequently burnt down and the land sold off in 1921 and "Greengates" and "Way Along" were built there.

The 1851 Census shows the Dunn's neighbours as William and Ann Bradford who had six children and the last of these is four month Charlotte. Two years later she is shown as being buried the month before the deaths of the Dunn's children and may well have been the originator of the scarlet fever.

The records show Andrew Dunn, already widowed at the age of 30, when he married Miriam Spurel at Whitchurch Canonicorum on 24th May 1836. He had previously married Martha Cozens just six years before in Charmouth. He is always described as a carpenter and no doubt worked for his brother Samuel who employed a number of his family and workmen in the village on his many jobs, which included building houses. His detailed Daybooks have survived and can still be seen at Dorset Record Office and give a window on the village at that time. He lived and worked in a group of buildings on the Axminster Road. But his business went into decline and in 1848 he went bankrupt and his house was auctioned in July of that year. His brother Andrew's fortunes must have suffered and he moved from Axminster Road to the small cottage in Lower Sea Lane. His must have been a tragic life after losing all but one of his children and his first wife, and his was an early death in 1859.

His wife, Miriam appears on the 1881 Census for Charmouth aged 77, formerly a nurse living in a thatched cottage, which was lost in a fire in 1894, near where the Post Office is today. She is described as lodging with a Maria Darke, who herself is shown as a Pauper. Her lonely life finally ended in Charmouth in 1885.

I find it astonishing that all this was going on during a period in village history when a number of fine houses were being built along The Street for the wealthy families who were moving into it at the time. It was from the poorer classes that the servants and agricultural workers came, and they must have led impoverished lives. This is brought home by an article in the Illustrated London News of that time which describes the poverty existing in Dorset and has a number of revealing engravings of the terrible conditions they found".

Neil Mattingly

To find out more about this, click on the Dunn Tragedy on my site: www.freshford.com/charmouth

The Summer Quiz Challenge

The Summer Quiz Challenge turned out to be a great evening. All sixty tickets were sold and ten teams got their heads together to tackle 'the quiz with a difference'. Along with the usual general knowledge questions, we put together some interactive rounds, which proved to be a lot of fun. We managed to raise £700 for Charmouth Central, a fantastic result for the night.

We need to thank Bridport Timber and Flooring who selected and cut our wood samples, Jackson's Deli for the delicious cheese selection, Waitrose for donating the wines for the wine tasting, Livingstone Textiles for the material samples, Coastal Nets for tying the knots that flummoxed everyone and finally, Roger Snook, who picked out some fabulous hats which Bud Morrow kindly modelled for us on the night.

We also want to thank our sandwich makers who put together a delicious supper, and Jane, Bud, Kim and Paul who helped make the evening run so smoothly.

Our Champions were 'The Belemnites', who we will definitely want to knock off the top spot next year!!

David and I will be starting to collect a different array of challenges for next year. Hope to see you then.

Jane and David Clifford



The Cardiff Connection

Bob and I recently visited the Geology Department of the National Museum Cardiff to view two important collections of ammonites from Charmouth. Cindy Howells, the Museum's Departmental Collections Manager (Palaeontology) showed us some stunning examples that had been collected by James Frederick Jackson (1894-1966), a former employee at the Museum, who spent his retirement in Charmouth. In addition, the Museum houses the collection of 1,700 ammonites of the late Martin Foster. Cindy also showed us Jackson's spectacular fossilised insect wings and one of his ichthyosaur jaws. Articles on both Jackson and Foster appear in Shoreline's 'The Fossil Hunters of Charmouth and Charmouth Fossil Guide' available in the village and at the Charmouth Coast Heritage Centre (£3).

If you're planning a visit to Cardiff, the National Museum is a truly impressive destination; one that's also child friendly. Its displays include natural history, evolution, archaeology, etc. Private viewings of the Charmouth fossils, which are not on public display, may be arranged in advance with Cindy Howells on 029 20573354 or email cindy.howells@museumwales.ac.uk Also check out www.museumwales.ac.uk/cy/cardiff/



Cindy Howells with a J F Jackson ammonite

Lesley Dunlop

Charmouth Weather Lore

The following article about Charmouth weather lore was very kindly brought to our attention by Geoff Townson. It is reproduced with the kind permission of Dr Jon Murden, Director of the Dorset County Museum and is extracted from the Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society Proceedings for 1973.

"The Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society has always been interested in folklore and anxious to record instances which have come to light over the years, especially those instances which belong to Dorset. In Vol. 34 of our Proceedings there is an excellent paper by J.S. Udall on Dorset weather lore, which makes very interesting reading.

Charmouth possesses a unique example of weather lore which, however, is by no manner of means old as folklore goes. It seems worth preserving as I find the oldest inhabitants at the present time have already forgotten it. The present church at Charmouth was built in 1836. The previous one which was pulled down, being deemed unsafe, was dedicated to St. Matthew. The new church was rededicated to St. Andrew. The reason for this is unknown, but it seemed suitable as the village is situated by the sea and even after the first world war there were still many who made their living as fishermen. The present church has a handsome fish weather vane. I venture to add that I think this must be a unique form of weather vane for I, at least, have never met one elsewhere. "This wooden fish is 40 inches long and has teeth and fins of metal. It represents no species as yet known to science but, whenever the starlings have done jostling for perching room on its back, it most efficiently proclaims the wind's direction" ("St. Andrew's Church" A Short History, selected and compiled by W.D. Lang, FRS). It is painted gold. When my mother lived in Charmouth, about 1900, the fishermen and villagers would say that when an east wind blows in spring "the fish has gone to Morcombe" (Morcombelake, a hamlet which lies to the east of Charmouth) and that it would take a south west gale to blow it back again. This is a very true piece of weather lore and "the fish" in the colloquial talk of the village was well understood to mean the church's weather vane.

"The Parish Lantern" is not, I believe, restricted to the county of Dorset, but occurs in Devon and probably belongs to the West Country in general. I first came across it soon after the second world war, when Charmouth's Auxiliary Fire Service were having weekly exercises in telephone and wireless communications. We went out into the country in the late evenings. On one occasion being with the "base" field telephone receiving unit, whilst another detachment were a mile or so away, perhaps dealing with an imaginary fire – telephone messages were passed at intervals, and once I sent a message to say it was very dark; the reply I received was that they at the other end had just had the parish lantern lit and so were alright. I was puzzled and had to enquire what the parish lantern exactly was and was duly enlightened when the moon came up over the hill, flooding the fields with light. Since then, I have often referred to the moon as the parish lantern to various people and they have never heard of this expression for the moon. It would be interesting to know if any of our members are familiar with this charming, homely, country name for the moon.

"The fish has gone to Morcombe" and "The Parish Lantern's lit" make one realise how precious are the few country village folk who are left and are still living in our urbanised village of Charmouth."

J.B. Lang

News from St. Andrew's Church

It has been a busy and rather unusual summer, as I will explain further! Every year St. Andrew's Church collaborates with our friends at the United Reformed Church to run a series of Songs of Praise Services. These are organised for the benefit of holidaymakers as well as local people for six weeks over the school summer holidays. They are informal evening services, with opportunity for people to select their favourite Christian hymns and songs. This year we were approached by the Crewkerne Community Church who offered to help by contributing to the services, and generally helping us share God's love in Charmouth.

This led to larger congregations than usual and some rather different expressions of worship. The first week their own music group led the worship at St. Andrew's. They are very competent musicians and led a half hour period of many new and very spiritual songs. The following week we were, as in previous years, at the Charmouth Fayre, and held our Songs of Praise with the Brass Tacks Band. Several of the Crewkerne members gave Christian testimony, until the 'heavens opened' and for the sake of the band we had to abandon the service half way through! The following week we went to the United Reformed Church where the worship was led by Tony English and a different music group that he knew already. Tony gave us a very comprehensive overview of the bible's message of salvation. The next week we were back in St. Andrew's for a Songs of Praise led by myself with Ros Bizley playing the piano beautifully. The Crewkerne visitors participated in some very inspirational times of prayer, as we tried to discern the leading of God's spirit together. Finally we returned to the United Reformed Church at the end of August for a special "Praise and Supper" Service, led by Revd Ian Kirby. This unusual service is conducted as we sit at tables, and between each generous course of food we sing, pray or listen to God's word through bible and speaker.



As of the time of writing I personally do not have clear insight as to where any possible collaboration with Crewkerne Community Church might lead us – they strongly believe that God has sent them to Charmouth to help us and to bless our churches here. We believe that prayer is very important and a means that God uses to enact His purposes, so we shall continue to hold fortnightly prayer meetings at St. Andrew's in which we will pray to discern God's purposes for Charmouth. Everyone of any church, in Charmouth or elsewhere, is very welcome to join us at these. They will begin at 9am every alternate Monday (October 7th and 21st) with our aim being to pray together for up to one hour.

Our Programme for the Autumn includes the following special events or services:

October 13th: 9.30am Harvest Festival Songs of Praise – jointly with Catherston Church. It will be a lively family service, with involvement from the Cubs and Scouts.

October 13th: 12.30pm Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall, again jointly with Catherston Church. We have not yet decided what form this will take – please look out for publicity!

November 10th: 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Civic & Village Service at the War Memorial, as usual. Followed by a joint service with the United Reformed Church at St. Andrew's.

November 30th: 10.30am – 3pm: Christmas Grand Bazaar/Market at The Community Hall in Lower Sea Lane, for Church funds. There will be a large selection of stalls with morning coffees and lunches.

Revd Stephen Skinner

Free Exchange Cafe

"Really? Everything is free?", "What a LOVELY event!", "Please do it again, soon" These are just some of the overwhelmingly positive comments received at the first 'Free Exchange Cafe' hosted by St Andrew's Church. Between a hundred and a hundred and fifty people enjoyed free pastries in the pews with tea or coffee and took home something they genuinely wanted. Organisers and visitors were delighted by the generosity of people bringing homemade, homegrown and quality items for someone else to take away. The plants adorned the chapel before being found new homes in people's gardens and cakes and bread had been lovingly made. Fruit and vegetables, books, children's toys and equipment including high chairs, booster seats and a bike all came and went. There were drawing and sticking activities for the children, tea, coffee, squash, pastries and cakes for everyone and the generous donations left by delighted visitors raised £70 for the local brownies and scouts groups.

Saturday 9th November is the date for the next Free Exchange Cafe, and this time we would like to feature a young people's swap shop. Children can have their own place to bring a toy, dvd, game etc and choose something to swap it for. It must be in good working order with all the pieces needed to avoid disappointment. Adults will find the same tables as before, hopefully well stocked, as well as coffee and pastries and the

chance to meet friends and enjoy the beautiful church building. This is not a fundraiser, donations are purely voluntary and profit from these will this time be for Charmouth Cherubs baby and toddler group.

Offers of help on the day would be gratefully received and will help us continue this exciting venture. Please contact Ed at edwardpem@gmail.com, 01297 560 241 or Stephen at sjmskinners@btinternet.com, 1297 443763

The organisers, St Andrew's Church



The Wessex Big Band at St Andrew's Charmouth

The completion of Phase I of the Church Restoration saw roofing works completed and a big box ticked, but this was no time to rest on our laurels: Phase II beckoned. Time for further discussions with our Architect, Chris Romain, so that, with the benefit of his extensive experience, we could begin to plan alterations to the interior to bring our kitchen and toilet facilities into the 21st century in such a way as to impress the all powerful Diocesan Advisory Committee, a fairly lengthy process that has now been successfully navigated. Thus we now face the daunting task of raising another £50,000!!

Part of our plans for the future include the use of St Andrew's for musical events for the simple reason that our Church, in common with other churches, has great acoustics. Of course it does, for music is at the heart of Christian life. On a grand scale, think Carols from Kings College, Handel's Messiah, Bach's Toccata and Fugue - but, coming down to earth, we raised a goodly sum towards the roof work 2 years ago with a concert at Whitchurch by Hannah Sax. Last year we shared the Church with Weldmar Hospice for a 'sell out' Concert by The Wessex Big Band, that raised a significant sum for the Hospice.

Early in the New Year we started to plan a musical treat that we were sure would be well supported: we booked a return visit of The Wessex Big Band for the 20th July! With a repertoire of music from across the last 50 years they were sure to appeal to most tastes! So it was in the Spring that we began to plan the event in earnest. Fund Raising must be FUN and offer good VALUE for money.

There was to be food and drink available in the interval and, for that little extra, a raffle had to be organised. Now the detail of the event was decided, it was time to begin early publicity, to make sure it did not clash with something else on in Charmouth. Village people are generous in their support of local causes and events. We decided that it would be an 'all ticket' occasion, rather than relying on people to turn up and buy tickets at the door. We wanted certainty of numbers, we wanted maximum numbers, so we set ourselves a target of selling 120 tickets. Julie Renfrew took charge of the Box Office; demand for tickets was brisk and, by the week of the Concert, Julie was running a waiting list and we had to print additional tickets so no one was turned away.

What food can you do for that number of people? We decided on finger food: a selection of canapes. How many would we need - 120 plus the band plus a few extra - good heavens that is around 800 items of food! It began to look as if we might need a little help from above - think 'loaves and fishes' perhaps!

At first we thought we might buy in some of the food. No, we could do it 'with a little help from our friends'. Mary Macnair kicked off saying she would make two loaves worth of sandwiches. We soon had lots of offers: 40 of this and 50 of that! If I try to name the band of helpers I am bound to miss one or more, but I can say that many who helped have no direct connection with St Andrew's Church. Suffice it to say that we ended up with a good selection of just over 800 canapes ALL generously donated!

The Rector, Stephen, offered to run the "Bar". Drinks would be available in exchange for a 'donation' to the restoration fund; he was ably assisted by Tony Horton and Bob Hughes.

On the evening of the Concert, the Church soon filled up and there was a buzz of anticipation as 7.30 approached. The Band, all 25 of them, conducted by Alan Brown, (their laid back Director), were in great form and soon people's feet were tapping and hands were clapping to familiar tunes. Roxanna, young though she was, proved an instant success with the audience with a moving rendition of that Judy Garland classic 'Over the Rainbow'.

Come the interval the other Band - the willing band of helpers - dispensed drink and distributed food to the cheerful crowd. With people in happy mood it was time for Helen Hughes and David Renfrew to busy themselves selling the Raffle tickets!

After half an hour the Concert continued, the music now more lively and soon people were dancing in the aisles. Charmouth's own Sinatra (Richard Fereday) put in a sterling performance singing his version of 'That's life' and 'Route 66'. Roxanna gave us a sultry rendition of 'Cry me a river' and the Concert was over, all too soon.

It was great to see St Andrew's so full of people really enjoying themselves! A great evening, so very many thanks to The Wessex Big Band, to the willing Band of helpers and, of course, you: the people of Charmouth and district for supporting our Event.

Oh, I almost forgot, thanks to your generosity, we were able to bank £1503 in The St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund account!

David Renfrew



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The Memoirs Of A Fossil Hunter

Part 5 - Bone: The Final Episode The One That Got Away

It's raining. It's moving. It's all happening. Not far from Charmouth's famous portakabin, the beach is covered in black marl – in blocks and lumps and bumps – tons! Through the mighty storm, the heavy mass of fossiliferous clays has been pushed down and across the beach where huge waves have pounded it. As it is down now with nothing left to fall, we are safe to examine the 'slip.

The trick is to be first and I am not! The various fossil kings of battered appearance and muscular proportions are all around, scurrying like velociraptors amongst these rich shattered marls. I hurry to join them. They are too busy to bother with a minor competitor such as I. This is very exciting ... the 'real deal'. A wet, winter event. As I draw near, I see I am too late for the asterocheras containing Stonebarrow flatstones. The kings have found plenty and several small cairns of stones are evident with a variety of personal items laid on top of them to guard from predators – a haversack, a chisel or a hammer serve as silent but menacing sentinels: 'Keep off mate. This is my pile,' is the obvious message.

However, all is not lost, for on the beach between the clay wreckage are strewn hundreds of small, broken white and black pieces of rare crinoid. Hastily, I pick them up, mostly an inch or two in size but there's a few decent sized ones and all freshly out – crispy and bright – golden pyrite stems and 'flower heads'. There must have been a great sheet of the splendid pentacrinites broken into a myriad of pieces. Suddenly, a fossil king strolls up to the scene, late on parade, but observant, he casually looks down and picks up a larger piece of crinoid. 'Ooh! Look at that.' He exclaims. 'Great!' I'm busting a gut chasing tiny broken bits and the grinning fossil king stands there, holding out his find. Oh no! It's a whole perfect, 'waving' crinoid 'flower head.' A superb fossil now well known and used as a beautiful illustration in many a fossil book!

This specimen is multi-branched and 'captured in time', in its complete flowing detail down to the tiniest, most intricate feathering frond. As another very illustrious fossil king (sadly, now in the happy fossiler's hunting ground in the sky) said of this gentleman (a good friend of his), 'He's jammy!' Of all the bits on the beach, this king has found the best bit. Hey ... he's a nice 'feller' so do I begrudge him his lucky find? YES! I'm sick that I DIDN'T FIND IT! Oh well ...

Various characters are coming and going. We're all poking about in the driving rain at slimy, black, sticky lumps of clay. All of a sudden a muffled grunt comes from behind some huge blocks of marl. A slimy clay covered king comes slithering and sliding into view. He speaks, or rather screams: 'Where did he go?'

'Er ... who? What? Where?'

'That bloke with the carrier bags,' he bellows wildly.

I point to a distant figure back in the car park loading carrier bags into the boot. 'Him?' I ask.

The legendary king cries out, 'Oh no!'

The car drives away. The king, with a desperate forlorn gesture, plonks his black, wet, over-trousered backside upon a large lump of marl. He drops his head into his hands with an almighty groan. 'What?' I ask, bewildered. The legend looks up at me, his fossiling cap with its flaps and his clay-streaked face and

baleful glare, making him look exactly like a cocker-spaniel ... a soaking wet canine!

The 'dawg' replies: 'Back there,' he states bitterly, 'is the whole complete impression of a baby ichthyosaur! He pauses, aghast at the 'crime.'

'That ... that person, has picked it all out, all of it and stuffed all the bits in his carrier bags. He's bunged hundreds of bits of bone in his bags and' words fail him.

'Oh no,' I too exclaim. 'I can't believe it! He had a whole ichy.' I too plonk down beside him and drop my own filthy face into my filthy hands and also utter a disbelieving groan. This complete amateur, instead of asking for expert help, had found a rare and possibly important 3 foot long baby ichthyosaur, perfectly articulated, and had scraped every bone out with his pesky screwdriver or whatever. He had totally ruined this beautiful specimen – who knows – maybe a new species of ichthyosaur unknown to science. All he had to do was ask. Then he would have been assisted and the specimen properly extracted and prepared. It would still have been his fossil. Where was it going to end up? In a cardboard box or thrown onto a rockery? Lost forever. Poor ichthyosaur. So many are lost to the waves unless found and saved but to be found after 180 odd million years and destroyed in minutes Words fail me. A sad 'moment in time.'

THE INVISIBLE ICTHYOSAUR

Yes. It's raining. In fact, it's a torrent with no wind. It's falling straight down in soaking sheets of water. It's GOOD FOSSILLING WEATHER! A figure is standing out there – a mere shadow on a lonely beach. It is indistinct so we move closer. Yes, it's a fossil king. His normally lugubrious, bored, haggard expression amazingly breaks into something resembling an actual grin. He must have found something for a smile is a rare event on a fossil hunter's face. We move closer. He is speaking, only the rain is drowning him out. We approach. He articulates: 'Got one, mate.'

'One what?' we reply.

He points down to his wellies, smiling fondly at his find. 'Ichy,' he replies.

'Cool!' This is really exciting! To be in on an expert fossil king's new discovery is definitely a 'wow time.' We move closer, expectantly. Looking down to where he is pointing, all we can see is a confusing mass of debris ... flat, grey clay, lumps of stone, patches of shingle and various exposed layers of the famous blue lias.

'Hmmm. Can't see it,' I admit.

'Look closer,' the king encourages. I look closer, stooping carefully, examining the wet expanse. Nothing! Aha! Is that bone?

'No,' he says, 'just fossilised wood. Look!' he demands, placing his finger upon the clay shale. 'There!' he states.

I stare. Glare. Squint and kneel, but it's no good. I can't see it. So taking pity on this mere mortal, the king says: 'There's it's occipital bone.'

'What?' There isn't any bone. Nothing. Just wet, flat, featureless clay shale. Nowt, zilch, nope. NOTHING!

Completely out of my depth, I beg for enlightenment. 'It's underneath,' he quietly states.

Underneath? UNDERNEATH!? "Underneath?" I ask.

'Yeah, mate. Look. There – you can see its shape underneath. It's easy.'

Oh no it isn't! This fossil king must have x-ray vision! He says, 'Gotta get on or the tide will take it away.'

He is right. So many important specimens are lost to the sea unless rescued by professionals and/or amateurs. The museum scientists and expert palaeontologists just don't have the time and often not the practical skills to search for specimens and are reliant on the local fossil hunters to supply their science with new creatures and all the information they reveal in their fossilised remains.

We too have run out of time so we have to leave. Suddenly, through the waterfall of rain, a shadowy figure appears. It's fossil king number two, almost as if he has scented the action. The figure speaks: 'Watcha got mate?'

Fossil king number one points down and smugly grunts 'Ichy.'

'Oh yeah! Nice one!' is the reply.

What? He too has x-ray vision!

As we depart, they are prising up a thin layer of shale and we can just see the bone structure underneath. We leave them to their hasty rescue of the precious ichthyosaur.

Our heroine, Mary Anning, must have done this all those years ago and finding creatures never before seen by man. How marvellous.

PS Sorry folks, but I've run out of cheese! I wish you happy fossil hunting! Stay safe, take no silly risks, always seek professional help – especially if you find an 'invisible' monster from the past.

Take care.

Farewell, my friends.

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Phil Davidson, Geological Warden at Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre says:
'The best fossils are found loose on the beach. Due to all the recent rain, the cliffs are very unstable and you should make sure you keep your distance from them. Also the excessive rain has created lots of sticky mudslides that should be avoided and can cut off the beach on an incoming tide. Always check the tides times before going out fossil hunting.'



A Community Message from Dorset Police

We have been experiencing a higher number of thefts from unattended motor vehicles in the west of the county. The worst affected being the Char Valley and Marshwood Vale areas. On Sunday September 8th a car was broken into whilst parked in Gasson's Lane, Whitchurch Canonorum and three bags containing personal possession were stolen. This took place between mid-day and one o'clock. Since then we have had two further vehicles broken into on the afternoon of Thursday September 12th - a vehicle at Star Lane, Ryall and another parked near White Gates at Fishpond. Again, bags left in the vehicles were the items targeted. Our advice is DO NOT leave any bags or other valuable items in unattended motor vehicles, even for a short period of time. Even empty bags should be removed as it may be obvious to you that it is empty, but the thief will still break in to make sure! We recommend leaving the parcel shelf folded down so that potential thieves can see that the boot space is empty. Removing valuables from your glove box and leaving it open to show that it is empty is another good idea. You may also like to visit the Dorset Police Crime Prevention Portal on the Dorset.Police.uk website and download and print yourself a NO VALUABLES LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE sign to leave on your dashboard.

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News from Charmouth Primary School

Charmouth Primary School PTFA News

At last, a real summer I remember as a child. Lazy days spent at our wonderful beach and the sun making an appearance for most of the summer holidays. Sadly it seemed to be over very quickly and we parents are back to the reality of ironing uniforms and getting into an early morning routine!

Our summer events seem a distant memory, even if at the time there seemed so many tasks to complete and never enough time to do them.

The May Bank Holiday Duck Race proved ever popular with the holiday makers and locals alike and raised £1502 for the school.



Our biggest event by far, was the Charmouth 30th Anniversary Fun Run, Mini and Challenge Runs and our summer Fete. For once the sun shone for this event, such a contrast to the same day the previous year where the running events had to be cancelled due to the unseasonal floods experienced that weekend. We decided to make more of the Fete this year and put on more activities for the parents and children alike to enjoy. We had an arena for the first time on the top field with displays from local organisations such as Le Roc Modern Dancing, Tai Chi, Tae Kwon Do and balloon modelling. We had a bouncy castle, BBQ, refreshments, fruit stall, sweets and a popcorn stand. Children could get involved in Sporting Chance football or a netball game, or try out electric bikes courtesy of Axxcess Electric Bikes.

Runners came from all over the country to take part in the Challenge, even a couple from Germany who were on holiday in the village at the time. The atmosphere on the day was fantastic, and although perhaps a little too hot, the thought of a cool drenching from the fire engine hoses at the finish made it more bearable. A huge thank you to all the emergency services who attended the event, from the Charmouth Fire Station to the Lyme First Responders and other first aiders who gave up their time to support us.

Of course we always need more marshals but for those who do volunteer for this task on the day, we couldn't run the races without you out on the course.

I am sure it was due to the good weather, but we made a staggering £6083. We expected revenue to be down as many of the Challenge runners carried over their entry from last year's cancelled event and were not charged to enter this year. However Challenge entries were significantly higher this year, although the Fun Run entries were much lower than in previous years.

All in all, it was a very successful day and much enjoyed by everyone who came along.

With only a few weeks of the summer term left, the PTFA turned its attention to celebrating the end of another academic year. There was a summer Disco, complete with fruit punch cocktails on arrival and a fruit and snack bar available, while the children dressed for the beach and danced into the early evening with a sizzling fun disco.



The very end of term saw us say goodbye to another Year 6 class heading off to their senior schools. Along with the traditional dash into the sea (on a very grey day!), this year the PTFA organized for the children to receive a dictionary and a t-shirt as a lasting memento of their time at Charmouth School. Mrs Morris kindly agreed that the children could have one more farewell treat and they were all invited to a sleepover at the school on the last night. Great fun was had by all, playing games on the field, settling down to a movie and spending the night with their classmates. They were treated to a continental-style breakfast before leaving the school for the very last time. We wish them all good luck for the future and welcome the new Reception class at the start of September.

Hopefully we will put on a Halloween disco and squeeze in a bingo evening. Posters will go up around the village if we hold the bingo and, as usual it is great to see many faces from the community who enjoy the event as much as the children and parents from the school.

We are planning another Bags2Schools initiative which proved very successful last year. This is something everyone in the village can get involved with and a very simple way to help the school raise funds. If you have any unwanted clean clothes, shoes, bed linen or towels that you no longer need, please place them in a bin liner and bring them to school on Thursday 7th November by 9am (I'm afraid we cannot store them beforehand, so they must be dropped off on the morning). The bags are weighed on site when they are collected and we get a price per kilo – so the more we collect, the more we make!

We hope to get a poster out around the village nearer the time, but if you are planning a clear out between now and then, hang onto your items as you could really benefit your local school.

Our next big fundraiser is the Christmas Fair, held on a Friday towards the end of November at the end of the school day. We plan to have the usual stalls and games, refreshments and mulled wine/cider on tap! This is usually the first sighting of Father Christmas which always produces great excitement from the children. They get to go to his grotto, get a small present and whisper what they want for Christmas, to make sure the message gets back to Father Christmas HQ in time for Christmas Eve (as long as they have been good of course!)

Sadly my youngest is one of last year's Year 6 class, so I no longer have a child at Charmouth. I therefore plan to stand down as chair at our next PTFA AGM. Although I never intended to become chair (surprising what gentle persuasion does), I have enjoyed the challenge and have met some great parents and members of the Charmouth community over the last year. I thank the PTFA Committee for their great support and encouragement and I wish the new committee every success in helping to raise funds for the school. With budgets so tight, the school relies on PTFA funds to deliver special treats for the children as well as help subsidizing school trips and swimming lessons, both of which can be hugely expensive for parents to pay, but of great benefit to the children. The money helps to enhance every child in the school by enabling them to enjoy extra activities not otherwise afforded by the school.

Karen Southcott

The pre-Jurassic fossils of Charmouth Beach

Have you ever had a close look at those boulders of grey 'rock armour' at each end of the sea wall? There are some below each end of the metal railings and at the western end of the concrete steps. Sand and gravel has recently built up around them but there is still a lot to see – maybe more will be exposed after some winter storms...

These boulders come from limestone quarries in the Mendip Hills of Somerset and are Early Carboniferous in age - about 340 million years ago, compared with the 190 million years of Charmouth's Jurassic rocks or the 100 million years of the Late Cretaceous capping of Black Ven, Stonebarrow and Golden Cap. The white patches within the grey boulders are not seagull droppings (as I heard one visitor say) but fossil corals, crinoids and brachiopods which lived in the tropical seas when this part of the world lay on the equator. There are also veins of white, pink and grey calcite but the fossils are easy to find - but impossible to extract so please don't try!

Corals: *There are both solitary 'horn corals' and colonial ones. The horn corals are up to 4 cm across and can be 30 cm long with the internal divisions (septa) visible in cross-section and lengthways. They can resemble cow horns or even dead fish. The more delicate colonial corals can be 5 cm high and up to 30 cm across, showing a mass of white dots or patches in cross-section or, in vertical section, closely packed radiating stems.*

Crinoids: *Unlike the Jurassic 'Sea Lilies' you won't see a star-shaped cross-section as a clue to these being related to starfish. These Carboniferous crinoid 'ossicles' are seen as small rectangles and triangles of white calcite (maximum 2 cm) often showing the central "canal" (more of these Carboniferous corals can be spotted in Lyme Regis on the coping of the river bridge – see if you can find them. It helps if it's raining!).*

Brachiopods: *These are a type of sea shell similar to the bivalved cockles and mussels of today but with a totally different ancestry (they are not molluscs). We find small ones in the Jurassic of Charmouth but the Carboniferous 'Productid brachiopods' can be 10 cm across, seen as oval patches of concentric calcite. In cross-section the two halves of the shell nestle close together (like putting the palm of one hand on the back of the other, wrists touching).*

Although descendants of Carboniferous corals, crinoids and brachiopods are living in today's seas, the species are totally different, thanks to an event 250 million years ago which wiped out 95% of all marine life and 70% of land animals, but that's another story...

Geoff Townson



Moths and Myths

Some people have an active dislike of moths, and I think that is a shame, as nearly all are harmless and none can hurt us, and many are quite beautiful. They belong to the genera 'Lepidoptera', along with the butterflies, so we can regard them as night-flying butterflies, and we love butterflies, don't we? And if you don't think they are lovely, just look at these photos, taken here at Charmouth in my garden.

As to them eating clothes, the culprits are very small, grey moths that you wouldn't even notice coming into your house; you just find the damage their caterpillars do. The moths coming through your window on a summer's evening don't want to be there, but cannot resist the lure of a light. It is light that we, who record moths, use to bring them for identification. A mercury-vapour lamp is suspended over a box to hold the moths until morning, and they are released without harm in the evening. I can get up to 60 species on a good night, perhaps 180 individuals. The records go to the county Moth Recorder and on to the national data base for anyone to access, helping conservation.

True, many of the moths are little brown jobs, but you can see from the photos what is around your garden at night. The Large Emerald came to my trap recently and allowed me to photograph it on my honeysuckle before it climbed into the hedge to spend the day. I've had tigers and herds of elephants to my trap - Scarlet Tiger, Ruby Tiger and Elephant Hawk Moth. The caterpillars of the latter love to feed on our fuchsias, and their strange appearance gave the moth its name. I had 18 of these large and beautiful Hawk Moths in my trap one morning in July, a veritable herd. The grandest tiger of all is the Jersey

Tiger, as big as our largest butterfly, the forewings black with creamy-white stripes and the hind wings bright orange, and it is a specialty of these parts. It needs a warm climate, and in England, its headquarters are along the south coast of Devon and Dorset as far as Bridport, although individuals can be found further east. It flies by day as well as night (another myth gone) so you should see it in your garden or around the village in August.

I could go on about very rare moths... we have Morris's Wainscot, whose caterpillars feed inside the stems of rushes in the wet flushes on the undercliff below our house, or wonderful Hawk moths which fly over the Channel to us in the autumn, but I really must go and check my Budlias for Jersey Tigers.

Geoffrey Sell



Elephant hawk moth



Jersey tiger moth



Emerald moth

Boring Beasts

The word 'sponge' is probably unlikely to bring to mind the image of rocks or shells full of small holes but these are often found on the beach and boring sponges are the culprits.

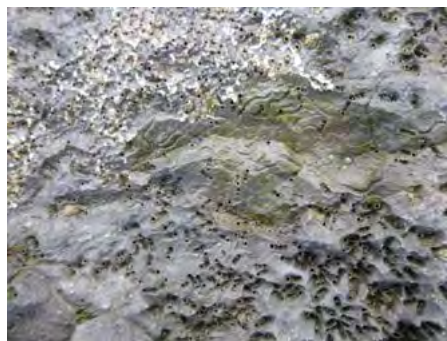
Sponges, members of the phylum Porifera, are a fascinating group of marine and fresh water animals, the soft parts often showing stunning colours. Compared with the obvious and quite large holes bored in rock by bivalve Piddocks (10-13mm diameter), holes bored by sponges are much smaller, about 2mm. One boring marine sponge is *Cliona* with its many small, soft, yellow papillae; these contract at low tide and are unlikely to be seen except by snorkellers or divers. The holes are external clues to the presence of *Cliona*, as in picture 1

While some marine animals use mechanical processes to bore into rock, e.g. the rasping shells of Piddocks, one form of *Cliona* uses acid to dissolve away rock or shell. Not only small holes but tunnels and interconnecting chambers are excavated and the sponge lives in these, drawing in currents of water containing microscopic plankton and debris on which to feed.

There are two forms of *Cliona*: one bores into rock such as the limestone found in Charmouth and Lyme or into other

hard surfaces such as mollusc shells, including the favoured *Ostrea edulis* (oyster) and *Crepidula fornicata* (slipper limpet). Mussel and whelk shells are also bored. The other form of *Cliona* is more massive and develops when the sponge has outgrown its habitat.

Damage to bivalves can be very extensive particularly since perforated and fragile shells will stimulate secretion of calcareous callus material to cover the holes and reduce damage. Calluses, often rather lumpy, take up space in the cavity in which the mollusc lives and can cause deformity or death. Commercially, boring sponges can cause huge amounts of damage to oyster and mussel beds - a real problem for the fish farming industry. Erosion can be hastened in rocks damaged and weakened by many holes and tunnels.



On a positive note, damaged and sculptured areas of rock provide shelter for larvae to settle (including sponge larvae) and for other animals such as small crabs, molluscs and barnacles as in picture 2. On a much longer time scale, sponge death releases many tiny structures called spicules which, in *Cliona*, are made of silica. Eventually these will form the basis of siliceous rocks such as chert and flint.

If you are wondering where bath sponges come from, you won't find any on the Jurassic Coast - they are mainly found (often commercially farmed) in warmer waters around the Greek islands.

A list of references is available on request.

Rosalind Cole



The Emergency Services Pilot Gig Race

Lyme Regis Gig Club hosted the inaugural Emergency Services Pilot Gig Race, raising funds for Lyme Regis RNLI on the August bank holiday.

The Cornish pilot gig is a six-oared rowing boat, built of Cornish narrow leaf elm, 32 feet (9.8m) long with a beam of four feet ten inches. These gigs are recognised as one of the first shore-based lifeboats that went to vessels in distress, with recorded rescues going back as far as the late 17th century. However the original purpose of the pilot gig was as a general work boat and the craft was then used for taking pilots out to incoming vessels off the Atlantic. In those days the race would be the first gig to get their pilot on board a vessel and hence receive payment.

For the race in Lyme Regis, the three competing emergency service crews were from Lyme Regis RNLI, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service station at Charmouth and HM Coastguard, Lyme Regis all of whom took to their oars to challenge a crew from the Gig Club itself. The four crews had trained hard over the last two months, determined to make the inaugural race a real competition and spectacle.

The weather on the day was ideal with plenty of sun and a helpful breeze blowing straight down the 1km sprint course running east to west in front of the town. The sea was also calm and large crowds gathered on the harbour walls, the beach, the sea front and the famous Cobb to see the contest. Each of the four gigs had a large flag flying from their sterns, with orange for the RNLI, red for the fire brigade, blue for the Coastguard

and white for Lyme Regis Gig Club.

As the flag was raised the Coastguard team got off to an excellent start and maintained their four boat length lead to the finish. A valiant effort and much pre-race practice earned the firemen of Charmouth second place. Lyme Regis, RNLI were third while Lyme Regis Gig Club laboured home in fourth as they had lost their rudder.

The Challenge Cup was presented by Lyme Regis Gig Club chairman Marcus Dixon to the Lyme Regis Coastguard team. The cup will be engraved with the name of the first winners and before be placed in a special cabinet in the Harbour Inn, who kindly sponsored the event. The hope is that the event will continue to be contested every year as part of Lifeboat Week.

Lyme Regis Gig Club is always looking for new members to try the sport of Cornish Pilot Gig Rowing. If anybody wants to try sea rowing, seeing Lyme Bay from a different perspective, or simply getting a bit fitter, please get in touch.

Nick Bale



Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre



Meirel Whaites
Senior Warden

A quick review of the season down at the Centre before moving onto the autumn and winter months..... The Centre was (as always) very busy with schools over the summer months with over 4,500 school children visiting on organised trips so far this year. The summer started off a little slow and we were around 3,000 visitors down in June (as for many other visitor centres and businesses along the coast), but the hot spell in July and the continuing good weather for August has led to a very busy summer holiday period indeed. The Centre has been fully booked for the fossil hunting walks every day this year and our thanks must go to all the Friends (volunteers) who make all this possible with their assistance both on the events and desk duty.

Looking ahead to the autumn and winter months, the Centre will still be busy with schools and we already have some schools booking in for the 2014 season as schools now know how far in advance they have to book to secure the slots that they prefer.

Volunteer Open Day – 10th October

On Thursday 10th October we have our Volunteer Open Day from 10.30am – 1.30pm, where Friends and Wardens at the Centre will be on hand to talk to anyone interested in joining the Centre as a volunteer. You can help in a wide variety of ways from helping behind the desk, assisting on public events, DIY skills with the Winter Working Party or helping with school groups to name just a few ways.



Events and activities

On the events side of things at the Centre, we will still be running our fossil walks throughout the year and the recent movement on the Black Ven landslide area should give us plenty of new fossil finds when the first Autumn storms have washed them out onto the beach where they can be collected safely by all.

We have a series of Fossil Fantastic Days & weekends (aimed at families with children) running over the next few months with the first batch of these events on Saturday 26th October, Saturday 24th November & Sunday 25th November. These days and weekends prove very popular with the summer visitors, with them having caught the fossil bug on their visit in the warmer months, visiting again with the hope of finding more fossils in the hardcore, braveheart weather of the winter. More days are scheduled in for the Spring of 2014 already! The Rocks and Fossil weekend (which is aimed more at interested adults rather than families) has been scheduled in for Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd February and is a great introduction to the local geology and palaeontology.

As always though, we have a full programme of events throughout the colder months and full listings and details can be found on our website www.charmouth.org/chcc.

CHCC Jurassic Art & Craft Fayre

This year we hope to run our annual Jurassic Art and Craft Fayre in the lead up to Christmas, with a tentative date of Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December. We would like to make an appeal for a volunteer coordinator for this event, which would involve contacting local exhibitors who may wish to participate and to manage the event over the weekend. If you would be interested either as an individual or a group in assisting us with this, then please contact me at the Centre on 01297 560772 or email info@charmouth.org. In addition to this if you are a local exhibitor and wish to participate, then please contact myself at the Centre to register an interest, and as more information becomes available we can keep you posted.

Just as a final note, Richard Salisbury who has been the Chairman of the Trustees at the Centre for the past nine years, will be stepping down from the post at the end of this month. I would like to say a huge thank you from all at the Centre for his hard work over this time. He came on board just before the madness of the rebuild in the winter of 2004/2005 and has been a great support to myself and the team at the Centre over the years. I am sure that we will recruit him back in some other way, shape or form and he will continue to support the work of the Centre for many years to come.....Thank you Richard... and enjoy your retirement (for the second time!)

Phil Davidson
Geological Warden

We had a large landslide at the start of Black Ven at the beginning of July. The Belemnite Marls, right at the top of the cliff collapsed which has pushed down through the older layers of Jurassic rock below. There is a large amount of material on the beach, and parts of the cliff are still falling. Richard Edmonds and the National Trust, who are the land owners, have decided to tape off part of the beach which is still at risk from further movement.

We have had lots of fossils brought in from holidaymakers and it's good to know that people have been finding lots over the holidays. Alex Moore from the Forge Fossil Shop in the village has prepared a fossil lobster for me. I will have to take it up to get identified next time I'm at the Natural History Museum. We will be putting it in our Recent Finds cabinet here, so come and take a look next time you're here.

Lyndsey Bird
Marine Warden

We have had an exciting new addition to the Centre this summer, with the arrival of our baby cuttlefish. At the start of the summer holidays Helen, our seasonal Warden, found the cuttlefish eggs washed up on the beach just below the steps. They have since hatched in our tank and we now have 14 of them, which are loved by our visitors. When they are big enough they will be released back into the sea, but in the meantime pop down and see how many you can spot.

With the start of school approaching, the Junior Rangers will be starting their new year. Thanks to the support of our volunteers we are able to offer 10 more spaces, which will be on a first come first served basis. If you are interested please contact me at the centre on 01297 560772.

The Mystery of the Yandover Estate in Charmouth revealed at last!



An aerial photograph taken of Yandover site in 1927

Next time you go to Nisa (Charmouth Stores) have a look at the buildings either side stretching from Stanley House to Barr's Lane. If you could go back 200 years, they would present you with a completely different aspect. You would be looking on to a group of thatched cottages, workshops, warehouses and coach house belonging to Jacob Ridley Kitt. They were then known as Yandover and were a centre for Sail Cloth manufacture. He and generations before had carried on this business from here from at least the beginning of the 18th century.

The site is ancient and would have originally faced on to the Roman road (Ackling Dyke) established nearly 2000 years ago linking Dorchester (Durnovaria) with Exeter (Isca). It was in an important position as it was roughly half way along “The Street” and adjoined a crossroads with a route to Wootton Fitzpaine and the interior (Barrs Lane) to the north and to the Sea (Lower Sea Lane) on the south bisecting The Street (east-west).

By 1297 there were already a number of buildings including a Mill, Guildhall, Church and Market along The Street and it was in this year that William, Abbot of Forde who owned the village decided to upgrade it to a “free borough”. This is well documented in the Cartulary from that period, which has survived at Forde Abbey and has over 57 documents relating to Charmouth. Along both sides of The Street were created long burgage plots with a stone boundary wall at the rear on the north, which has mainly survived. The Charter specifies that they were to be 4 perches (22 yards) by 20 perches (110 yards) which is half an acre and were let at 6d p.a. Unfortunately, with competition from Bridport and Lyme Regis, the new Borough of Charmouth was never really successful and to derive an income from the meagre plots most were amalgamated with their neighbours, as was the case with Yandover. The owners were able to build houses on them and use the Common land, whose

names have survived in Single and Double Common to this day. The weekly Market and annual Fair would no doubt have been in the vicinity of this important crossroads.

The Abbots were to own the village for nearly 4 centuries and at the beginning of the 16th century, Thomas Chard is shown to have invested in the village by rebuilding the present day Abbott's House and Church. But more relevant is the Manor House to the west of Yandover whose structure is dated back in its Listing to this period. It was a substantial building and after the dissolution was to be the home of subsequent Lords of the Manor of Charmouth. When Forde Abbey was dissolved in 1539, it was Sir William Petre whose signature appears on the document and by 1564 he owned this village as well as many others in England. He was immensely wealthy and used his position of Secretary of State under four Monarchs to improve his position. He is known to have had over 36,000 acres in Devon alone. It was his son John, who in 1575 was to sell a number of properties in the village, which included Charmouth House, The Rose and Crown and The Elms. He gave 2,000-year leases to the owners with a small annual rental. The balance of his estate was sold in the same year to William Pole living at Shute, near Axminster whose family were to become the Lords of the Manor for the next 74 years.

We are fortunate today in that the famous historian, Reginald Pavey was able to see the Deeds to "The Limes", which stands on part of the Yandover site and take detailed notes from them. From these it can be seen that a 2,000 year lease was issued by Sir John Petre on the 14th October 1575. The estate included 16 acres of land, most of which was to the east of the River Char in the area known later as " The Lears", though one field was still known as Yandovers.

At present I am unsure who was to purchase Yandover, but I am quite confident that it was a member of the Limbry family who dominated the village at this time. The Muster List for 1542 shows four members supporting the King and later in 1588 of the twelve merchants in Charmouth assessed towards the charge of the Queen's Ship, both William and Edward appear. I am on safer ground in 1649 when there is a series of Court cases between the Limbry's and Edward's families, with a reference to a lease granted by John Petre to Edward Limbry. William and Andrew Limbry are his grandsons and each inherits half (moiety) of Yandovers. Edward Edwards, a wealthy citizen of Lyme Regis buys William's share and seeks to obtain the other half from Andrew. Initially he

provides him with a mortgage against the property with an abstract as follows: “...said Andrew Limbry being possessed of the remainder of a term of 2,000 years of one moiety of a messuage or tenement in Charmouth and of another tenement and lands there called Yandover containing 16 acres of the yearly value of £20, and that said Andrew having occasion for £50 did borrow the same of the said Edward Edwards and the said Andrew Limbry by his deeds dated April 1667 did mortgage the premises unto him”.

Eventually, when Andrew is unable to pay, he attempts to seize it and both parties end up in court. It is confusing, but for a while each family owned half. As a result by the beginning of the 18th century Edward's granddaughter, Elizabeth Napier of Tintinhull, Somerset and William's granddaughter, Joan Huchins als Chappell were joint owners. Joan, who inherits half of Yandover in 1674 from her grandfather, marries John Parsons who is later declared bankrupt.

Returning to the deeds to the Limes, they show that a Henry Samways is holding a mortgage on Yendover (Yandover) for £48. He is living in the village as his burial is recorded in 1706, but it is his elaborate, though rather sad memorial, in Beaminster Church, that provides valuable information about him. It reads as follows:

"Death, the Gateway of Life. In Memory of Henry Samways, Gentleman, who died the 22nd day of July, in the 60th year of his age, the year of our Lord 1706. And of five sons, John, Thomas, George, Garland and Robert, carried off by death in boyhood. And also of Henry his eldest son, who departed this life the 25th day of August 1711. Aged 35. And of Mary his only daughter, the last of his children and wife of Giles Merefield, Gentleman, who expired the 18th day of July, a.d. 1712. Aged 23. Five moons (months) saw her married and buried in the tomb. Joan Samways the widow erected this monument as a lasting token of her wifely and motherly love, earnestly desiring that her remains should, after the funeral (after her death) be deposited beneath, and under no circumstances in the future, be removed."

The deeds to Yandover make more sense after reading this as they show that Joan, widow of Henry Samways and her son-in-law, Giles Merefield of Beaminster sell their share of Yandover in Charmouth to William Hutchins alias Chappell in 1718. What is even more interesting is that there is still standing a Flax Mill at Lower Yandover, Netherbury that was used for producing sail cloth dating back to before 1720. A deed in the Dorset

Record Office relates to a surrender of Yandover Meadow by Ann Crabb to Robert Merefield of Beaminster who later owned it. It would seem that both the Samways and Merefields were sail cloth makers and when it was sold to William and Agnes Chappell the description of the existing property bears this out as follows:

“all that dwelling house with coach house, warehouse, workshops, curtilage, gardens, orchard, stable with several pieces and parcels, closes called Yandover formerly 7 closes and now 5 closes consisting of 16 acres”.

Agnes and William Chappell were to have a daughter, Mary who was born in 1716. But in 1743, a year after the death of her husband the deeds show that Agnes Hutchings alias Chappell and Sarah Clapcott sell Yandover to Jacob Kitt, who is also described as a sail maker.

We are all aware of the importance of Bridport as a centre for rope making. But there were a number of related industries connected to the town as well. One of the most important was sail making for the growing number of merchant ships and the Navy. Rope making and the production of sail cloth eventually employed more than half of Bridport's population, while ten times that many worked in the outlying villages. I am sure that the 16 acres of fields that formed part of Yandover estate were used to grow flax, which was a staple of the Sail Cloth making business. The Plants had to be prepared before they could be used for spinning and in most the preparation was carried out in mills, such as Kitts.



Francis H. Newberry's painting in Bridport Town Hall of sail cloth weavers

The earliest Poor Rates List for the village describe Mr. Jacob Kitt of “Yandovers” and in the same year William Gale is shown as an Apprentice to Kitt, sail cloth manufacturer. The Parish Records reveal that he married Mary Ruttle and they were to have two children- William and Jacob Ridley Kitt. Sadly he died in 1770 aged just 50 and left his business to his wife, as his children were just 16 and 14 respectively at the time of his death. But in 1776 Mary remarried John Randall, a widower living in the village and it is his name that appears on the Land tax and Poor Rates lists for Charmouth. A detailed lease to Yandover estate in 1779 shows John Randall as Landlord and James Harris paying £42 per annum as Tenant for a large house and 16 acres of fields. He is very unhappy about paying

too much Land Tax and takes the parish officers to court over this. The record of the case (PE /CMO//OV2 1779- 1782) still to be seen in the Dorset Record Office supplies an insight into the ownership of property in the village at the time.

The 1783 Record Book for a Map of Charmouth (now lost) shows that Mary and John Randall owned the buildings comprising houses, workshop and gardens of nearly an acre on The Street and the Yandover fields to the east of the River Char of nearly 16 acres. They are detailed as follows with their value and acreage:

Mr. John Randall -House & Orchard (£12-0-0d) 3r 21p.

Yandovers - (1) Long Mead (£8-16-0d) 5a 2r (2) 3 Cornered Close (£4-9-0d) 2a 3r 38p (3) 3 Acres (£3 5s 8d) 2a 3r 3p (4) 5 Acres (£4-9-0d) 3a 3r 26p (5) Coppice (8-4d) 1r 24p.

Much of the following information about the progress and division of Yandover has been found by studying the annual Poor Rates and Land Tax for Charmouth that still exist from 1780 until 1834 and provide valuable insights, which cannot be found elsewhere. The Fields are rated as Yandovers at £1-15-7d and the buildings on the Street as 3s-3d. But in 1786 Jacob Ridley Kitt is shown as paying the rates on the house. Two years later Mary died and her estate went to her two sons Jacob Ridley and William. In 1789 Jacob Ridley Kitt is shown as a sail cloth maker with William Burnard as his apprentice. William was to go on and build his own business up and by the time of his death owned a number of properties in the village and rented Woods Farm from Mrs. Austin, no doubt to grow flax which was the staple he needed for his cloth.

The Deeds for Yandover in the year - 1793 are very descriptive:

“William Kitt conveys to Jacob R. Kitt all rights to House with workshops, Courtyles, garden, Orchard hitherto belonging to Jacob R. Kitt and that Jacob Kitt shall convey to William Kitt house belonging (now 2 houses bought by Francis Rutley and John Davie and now in possession of Jacob R. Kitt as tenant) to William Kitt and to the several pieces, parcels and closes called Yandover formerly 7 closes and now 5 closes containing 16 acres”.

In 1795 the Land Tax return confirms that the fields known as Yandover are owned by William, but rented by Jacob Ridley, who also owns and lives in the house on The Street. By 1804 the rates on the houses have jumped from 3s 8d to 17s 3d; that must show a number of additional buildings on the site. He is also renting a number of fields along the coast known as “Sealands” which adjoined his, no doubt for growing flax. In 1809 he takes a mortgage with Richard

Graze of Bridport, which describes a house with coach house, warehouse, workshops, gardens, orchards and stable. William Stephens, who is the landlord of the Three Crowns (Coach and Horses), on the opposite side of the road, is shown as renting stables at this time. During the next few years there is a boom in sail cloth with the increase in ships needed for the Napoleonic Wars, Jacob obviously benefits from this and rents additional fields including Hurlscroft.

Sadly his success was to come to an end with the sharp decline in the market for sails after the end of the war in 1815, when it would appear that Jacob was to lose his business. For the Land Tax list show that Richard Graze, who had lent him money, was now the owner of the Yandover fields with James and Stephen Atkinson owning most of his buildings, though fortunately, his daughter, Ann Kitt, had been provided for with a house and garden on part of the site.

It is difficult to know what exactly happened to Jacob, but his will gives an insight into his changed fortunes, for it reveals that by 1823 he had been living in Charterhouse Almshouses in London for 8 years and it would seem had lost his fortune and had little to his name at the time of his death. He leaves £5 each to his children and £8 to Thomas Morgan, grandson of the late Thomas Morgan of Charmouth in Dorset “who has sustained a loss by my failure”.

It would seem from the Land Tax records that by 1816 the Yandover fields mentioned earlier by the river were now owned and being rented to Robert Slader by Richard Craze and that the group of former sail cloth manufacturing buildings facing on to The Street were bought by James and Stephen Atkinson. They seem to have been early property developers as they demolished as well as sold on various buildings to Joseph Bradbeer and William Stephens.



The earlier building that stood on the site of Little Lodge c.1890

Little Lodge – formerly Charmouth's earliest Store and School.

It is to Jacob Ridley Kitts daughter, Ann that we must turn to now, for the deeds show that:

“in 1816 Stephen Atkinson, merchant of Cheddington, Thomas Hart, grocer of Bridport. Richard F. Roberts, Yarn

Manufacturer of Burton Bradstock and Mrs Jacob Kitt provide Ann Kitt, with a house".

This is now the site of "Little Lodge" that adjoins Charmouth House (The Limes). She was only there briefly, but appears to have run a General Store. There are 2 references to this. The first is a billhead dated 1816 with a receipt for buttons, cotton and a hat to the Overseers of the Poor. The second a small guide to Lyme Regis in the same year; she is listed as "Kitts" in Charmouth - where copies of the book could be bought. This must have been the forerunner of Charmouth Stores (Nisa) that now occupies the building on the opposite side of the alleyway.

Ann was aged 27 when she married John White who was also a shopkeeper from Ilminster. They then sold the premises to James Welsh, a Mariner from Lyme Regis, just two years later. He is later described as a grocer and in due course in 1822 sells it to William Stephens, who also owns a neighbouring property for £390. William then leases the shop to Charles Cookney, described as a Linen draper in an 1830 Pigot's Directory for Charmouth. But by 1834 William has moved to Exeter and sells it on to George Biddlecombe of Winsham, Somerset who is also a linen draper, for £425. In 1837 his nephew Samuel Aplin rents it for £26 per annum from his uncle and opens a general store, of which billheads have survived. It is short-lived and the business is advertised in the local newspaper on 7 April 1837 as follows:

"To Drapers, Grocers, Ironmongers, and General Shopkeepers. To be let, with immediate possession, in the populous village of Charmouth, Dorset, - A good, extensive shop, warehouse, and dwelling house adjoining, lately in the occupation of Samuel Aplin, where a considerable trade has been done, and susceptible of great improvement, Rent moderate. Apply (if by letter, post paid) to George Biddlecombe, Winsham, near Chard. "

A George Denning took on the lease but by 1841 the Tithe map and census shows Charles Frost, a Draper renting the shop. George Biddlecombe died in 1846 and left it to Daniel Hitchcock, who managed his other shop in Winsham for over 20 years. But by 1848 he was in financial difficulties and mortgaged the property with a Mrs Edwards of Winsham, for £400. But soon he was unable to pay the interest and she foreclosed on him, but when she died in 1856 her executors were Brown and Tucker, who continued to rent the shop.

The devastating fire of 1864 revealed that this property was only just prevented from being destroyed by removal of the thatched roof. In 1870 they sold to Rev Montefiore, the owner of the adjoining property (The Limes) for £325 "the message, shop and garden". It is detailed as being used by the National School and in part occupied by Henry

William Pryer and namely the property with frontage of 41 feet and garden behind with depth of 66 feet. The School is only there briefly whilst a new building is erected on their site in Lower Sea Lane. The neighbour and owner Rev. Montefiore appears twice in the School Log Book (now kept in the Dorchester Record Office), complaining about the excess noise of the children and there is also a reference to the building being a former shop. Reginald Pavey notes that the premises were burnt down in the middle of the 19th Century and the present building was built on the site. When the Whittington's later purchased the adjoining "Limes" they were to run a private school from here for many years, and there are still villagers who remember going to the school when they were young.



An early photograph of the Limes. Notice the corner of a low thatched building that was destroyed in a fire in 1894

The Limes (Charmouth Lodge)

Returning to the building we know today as "Charmouth Lodge", but formerly "The Limes", after the row of trees that fronted The Street. The deeds to this property record it being two houses in 1793. But after its purchase by James and Stephen Atkinson in 1816 considerable expansion on the site is shown when it was assigned to Stephen three years later. It is described as:

"All that dwelling house, formerly 2 houses. With a newly erected warehouse and plot of ground behind the same and also a workshop standing on the plot and adjoining the wall which separated the same from the close or meadow, afterwards described, and all the warehouse etc. to be abutted and bounded on north by the wall which separate the same from the close. On the east by a road leading to Wootton on the south by the street and on the west by messuage belonging to Ann Kitt and by a wall which separates the plot from the garden of Ann Kitt. Also all the range of old buildings parallel with the northern end of the garden of Ann Kitt and the garden of William Stephens, inn holder and extending from the northern end of the wall which separates the plot from Ann's Garden up to the piling adjoining the garden of Joseph Bradbeer and which said range of buildings contained in length from east to west and also that meadow containing about 3 roads

abutted and bounded on the north by land belonging to the Rev. Brian Combe on the east by road leading to Wootton on the east by a wall which separates the close from the plot of ground by the range of old buildings and on the west by the orchard of Joseph Bradbeer".

A later deed dated 7th August 1819 reveals that the house with warehouse and workshop were pulled down and on the site have erected two new houses. Stephen Atkinson died in 1839 and a marble memorial to him can be seen in Beaminster Church. In the same year, Susan Bidwell bought the house for £1200 with a garden of about 3 roods. She is the daughter of Thomas Bidwell who for many years owned The Fountain Inn (Charmouth House). Susan is shown in directories of the time as running a boarding school from the house, but later marries William Jones Penkivil.

In 1866 the Rev. Thomas L Montefiore, Rector of Catherstone, and the Misses Poulson occupied the two houses. Later T.L. Montefiore became owner and joined them. Remains of a former archway can still be seen by the dining room window. A coach house abutting The Street and stables were built and also a conservatory above the kitchen entrance. Early in the 1880s, the historian, Reginald Pavey's family occupied the house until 1892 when they left Charmouth, and Alfred Haggard and family became tenants. They left in 1900 when Canon Whittington and family came to live there. There have not been many changes since. The coach house and conservatory were removed and the back entrance and front garden slightly altered. The Misses Whittington were descended in a direct line from William de Whittington of the County of Warwick, who died in 1283. Sir Richard Whytington Knight (Dick) was also descended from William.



Charmouth Stores c.1900, then owned by John Baker

Charmouth Stores (Nisa)

When I produced an article on the history of Charmouth Stores for Shoreline in the Spring Issue of 2011, I was able to take it back to 1837, which was when I thought that Samuel Aplin had originally opened it. But I now believe it was the building on the opposite side of the alleyway, now known as Little Lodge which was the site of the short-lived shop that he rented from his uncle George Biddlecombe.

But the next shopkeeper I mentioned after him is correct. This was John Carter who ran his business from the site of the present day Charmouth Stores (Nisa) and Breeze. Phil Tritton, the owner of the store asked if I could go back further and thanks to the deeds of the neighbouring "Limes" and tax records, I can now get it back to 1816 when it was owned by Joseph Bradbeer, who describes himself as Post Master in his Will of 1821. His widow, Lydia continues his trade and in 1827 there is an entry in a directory of Post Offices and later in 1830 in Pigot's Directory for her as a "shopkeeper and dealer in sundries".

After the failure of Jacob Ridley Kitt's sail cloth making business in 1816 and the purchase of the site by Stephen Atkinson, it would seem that Joseph was to buy all or part of the building that extends today from Stanley House to Nisa. There are references in the 1816 description of boundaries for Little Lodge as follows: "...the wall which separates the plot from Ann's Garden up to the piling adjoining the garden of Joseph Bradbeer ...and on the west by the orchard of Joseph Bradbeer".

In 1832 Lydia married William Watts, a schoolteacher and the Land Tax for the year shows them living in part (3s.) and John Carter renting a larger part (5s8d) of the building from them. In the same year the Post Office records William Dodson Watts as Postmaster, but seven years later there is an entry that he had been dismissed and John Carter, grocer, was now the Postmaster. By 1841 William had deserted Lydia and the Tithe map clearly show her living in the end east part of the thatched building with John Carter operating his General Stores from the larger middle section and Giles Pryer, stone mason at the western end. She was 66 years of age by then, and was said to have run a small sweet shop, popular with school children. When she died in 1865, aged 91, she was receiving

2/6d relief from the parish and was blind and infirm.

The Charmouth Stores, Breeze, Rupert House and Stanley House form a group that occupy almost the same sites as shown on the 1841 Tithe map. But what we see today is considerably different to what existed then. For the 1864 fire mentioned earlier destroyed most of the thatched roofed building that stood there before, though the rear of Charmouth Stores may well be part of the earlier structure. We have Giles Pryer to thank for the existing brick building. He was living at the end of the block in 1841 aged 30 with his wife Elizabeth, ten years younger and described as a Mason. The following year he is summoned to appear in court as a witness to a committee looking into corruption in the previous Election. A volume of valuable information about many of the inhabitants of the village at the time describes as follows:

"Giles Pryer, a mason and plasterer, lived in Charmouth about 15 years. He has some back offices and a shed behind his house. He pays Mr Waring £12 a year, but he bought it on 27th May last, when it was put up for auction. He occupied it 4 years as tenant. He paid poor, church and highway rates he has parlour, kitchen in front. Two rooms over and a large lobby, which has room enough for a bed to stand on. He takes in lodgers in summer months".

He went on to rebuild the block after the fire in brick as we see it today and called it Prospect Place. He and his son ran their building business from a yard in Pear Close, where the Pharmacy and other shops are today. Giles and his family lived in Stanley House for many years. Next door is Rupert House which was later occupied by James Wellman described in Kelly's Directory as being a watch maker and toy dealer, but he was also a news-agent and about 1865 published a comprehensive guide to the village with a number of adverts. He died in 1881 aged 52 and Miss Wellman succeeded him. She is mentioned in Kelly's Directory as owning a fancy repository, but she also sold toys and newspapers. Her shop had a counter across the room and a large cupboard with a glass front in which were her toys. Martha Wellman died in 1896 aged 70.

A comprehensive history of Charmouth Stores can be found in Shoreline Spring 2011 or on www.charmouth.org as a PDF file.

The Star Inn.

Again I attempted a history of this former Public House in the Autumn 2012 issue of Shoreline. But the deeds of The Limes and further information that I have found allow me to take it back a little further. For in 1816 William Stephens, an inn holder is referred to as purchasing a Coach House from Stephen Atkinson which bordered

Ann Kitt's house on the west and north sides. By 1822 he had also purchased her former property for £425 and let it to Charles Cookney, linen draper. But by 1834 he had sold both properties to George Biddlecombe and had moved to Exeter. William Stephens may well have opened the original Star Inn, which by 1841 was owned by Edward Smith who was there until 1871, by which time he was 81 years of age.

An interesting old building at the rear bordering a passageway between Yandovers and the Manor House appears on the 1841 Tithe Map that is later known as "Star Cottage". It was then owned by Francis Waring and rented by John Moore, aged 55, a gardener and his family. He was succeeded by John Stamp, who was coachman to Captain Bullen, who lived in the lower part of the Manor House and whose stables were at its rear.

In conclusion it would seem that this important site in Charmouth has been its commercial centre for many centuries. Initially for sail making and then retailing. For in 1816, three businesses began life here - a Post Office was opened by Joseph Bradbeer, a general store by Ann Kitt and a public house by William Stephens.

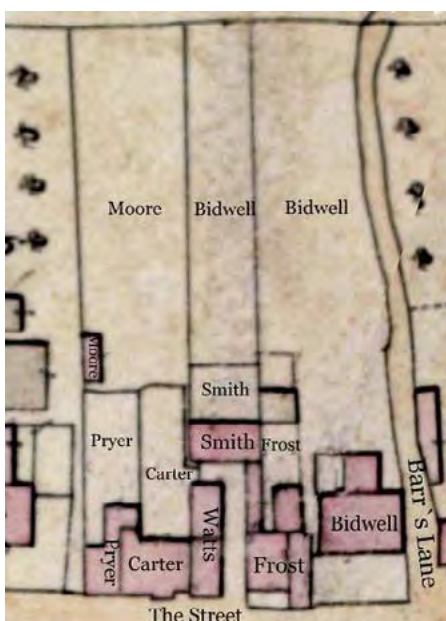


John Stamp and his family outside Star Cottage.

We are fortunate today that almost two centuries on Nisa (Charmouth Stores) still provides the village with its retail needs. If you go to my website: www.charmouthhistory.com you will be able to read more in depth accounts of the Yandover Estate and the sources used to write this article.

Neil Mattingly

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1841 Tithe Map showing occupiers of Yandover plot.



William Buckland: 'the Nutty Professor' (the world's first palaeontologist) Part 1.

I am sure that if you are a 'local' you will have heard the name William Buckland. He was the first student and then Professor of Geology at Oxford University and he is credited with having made the very first description of a (later to be named:) 'Dinosaur'. The year was 1824, the creature was Megalosaurus.

William was born in Axminster in 1784 and became interested in Geology and fossils as a youngster and made many visits to Lyme and Charmouth in his youth. William was first educated at Blundell's School in Tiverton, a famous public school that still thrives today. A somewhat precocious child, he managed to gain entry to Corpus Christi College, Oxford at the ripe old age of 17! In order to further his interests and education it had been necessary for him to become ordained (like his father before him).

He became a Fellow of the college at the age of 25 (the same year he was ordained as a Minister) and 10 years later in 1818, he persuaded the Prince Regent to endow a new Fellowship; that of Reader in Geology and so he became the very first of an illustrious line.

He was perhaps the first qualified scientist who tried to reconcile the geology that he studied all around him with the Biblical accounts of the beginning of the earth as described in Genesis but he did not subscribe to the literal interpretation given. He published his first book on the subject in 1820. Theories of evolution (in the now accepted Darwinian sense) were still 40 years away but he proposed that life on earth had existed long before we did.

He, as a profoundly religious man, devoted much of his life to trying to reconcile Christian scripture with his geological findings. The dilemma was that the Biblical interpretation suggested that world had been created in 4004BC and that most of our terrestrial landscape had been shaped by Noah's flood.

William was a gifted, enthusiastic and comedic lecturer with a dry and saucy wit. His lectures (always delivered at 2pm!) were invariably delivered to a packed audience who always enjoyed his eccentric antics.

These eccentricities were well known and affectionately tolerated; he collected animals of every variety, snakes, frogs, Guinea Pigs and even a Jackal and a pet bear (kitted out as a student!) which roamed freely around his chaotic accommodation and the campus. However, his most notorious behaviour was reserved for the dining table! He would eat mice (on toast of course!), bluebottles, alligator and any living creature he could find to devour. His logic was that he was researching extra possible food sources for the poor. On one occasion he was shown a silver casket which reputedly contained the embalmed heart of King Louis XIV. In an instant, he exclaimed "I have never eaten the heart of a king!" and he immediately popped it into his mouth and swallowed it!

In 1825 he married Mary Moorland (who bore him 9 children!) and she was also a collector of fossils and was also an accomplished illustrator. William had met her whilst on a train and he noticed she was reading a book about fossils and immediately struck up a conversation. They spent their honeymoon collecting fossils! But it was eight years earlier that he became acquainted with Mary Anning....for it was in 1817 that Mary (then aged 18) had discovered what was to become known as the first Ichthyosaurus, a 17-foot monster drawn out of the cliffs at Black Ven.

Mary corresponded with both the Bucklands' and knew their children for they visited Lyme regularly and she would frequently take them 'fossilising'.

In December 1823 Mary made her second tremendous discovery in the rich,

productive slopes of Black Ven; the first virtually complete fossil Plesiosaurus.

By this time a number of eminent scholars knew of her skills and discoveries, after all, her livelihood depended upon discovery, preparation of specimens and eventual sale to those who could afford them. William was one of the first of these eminent scholars to see and describe the 'find'. The fossil was quickly sold to the Duke of Buckingham and he then asked William to take care of the specimen when it arrived in London the following March. But it was another 'scientific gentleman', the Rev William Conybeare who gave the announcement to the Geological Society regarding this important discovery but he, like so many others saw no need to mention the discoverer by name and simply referred to 'the proprietor'. Immediately afterwards, William used the very same meeting to describe a new fossil he had discovered in a slate quarry at Stonesfield in Oxfordshire. This 'find' was the largest terrestrial fossil unearthed to date and he (and Conybeare) named it Megalosaurus.



Mary's own drawing

In the mid-1820's, William rented rooms in Lyme during the summer months and he would purchase specimens from all the local collectors. His daughter described the chaos of his rooms by saying that every surface, table and chair, was littered with fragments and whole fossils: books and papers strewn everywhere.

It was Mary who (as early as 1824) had suspected that the strange 'Bezoar stones' that she had often found inside the pelvic regions of the Ichthyosaurs were in fact, fossilised

faeces. William agreed and it was he that coined the term 'Coprolite' in 1828 and a year later he published a treatise on the subject. He happily investigated the contents of these coprolites and found fish teeth and bones inside. The idea gradually dawned upon him that these large, fearsome reptiles were devouring smaller, weaker creatures. He surmised that "the general law of nature bids all to eat or be eaten".....foretelling the revolutionary ideas that Charles Darwin was to struggle with 10-30 years later.....

More to follow next time!

Tony Flux

Charmouth Central

THE MANY CHANGES AT CHARMOUTH CENTRAL

Phase 1 – Buy the library, take over from Dorset County Council, renovate and refurbish existing building.....DONE!

Phase 2 – Build and furnish new extension with disabled-friendly loo and kitchen/servery, install paving.....DONE!

Phase 3 - Cut down overgrown trees, plant new trees and bushes, create wildlife-friendly sensory garden.....HELP!

Phase 3 is on its way with the neglected garryae ellipticae cut down to allow bird-friendly crab-apple trees and butterfly-attracting buddleias to take their place. The trees had taken up so much room that there is now space to create a second paved area for the relocation of the existing commemorative bench. The small Gardening Group hopes to install scented plants to attract beneficial insects as well as bee hotels, hedgehog shelters, bird-feeders, wind-chimes, a water feature and a walk-on living carpet of herbs. There will also be at least one raised trough to make a little bit of gardening easier for children and older people.

The Group needs help – in particular a gardening guru to guide them - as well as some more active volunteers to prepare and plant at this early stage so there is not too much maintenance later. Even if you cannot give an hour or two's help, the Group would also appreciate contributions of cuttings - lavenders, herbs, summer jasmine, cotoneaster, lonicera, honeysuckle, evergreen and scented shrubs. Please contact Hazel if you can help (details below) especially if you dare to work a rotavator and turf-lifter.



Before tree removal and paving



New paving after tree removal



Ready for new planting

With thanks to tree surgeon, Kevin Taylor, who generously trimmed bushes and overgrown vines without charging.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Fed up with waiting for Dorset County Council to install wi-fi promised in January, Friends of Charmouth Library have gone ahead without them and wi-fi is now available for customers in Charmouth Central. This has also meant that Computer Classes could begin at last. DCC have now announced that they will be providing new public access computers and wi-fi sometime around or just before Christmas. Another case of, "Don't hold your breath?"

Also available are recycled books, DVDs and talking books – from 50p to £3 as well as some beautifully-crafted, locally-produced gifts. Shop early for Christmas!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 6.00 p.m. 28 October in Charmouth Central

It hardly seems possible that it is already the second anniversary of the official establishment of Friends of Charmouth Library. The constitution demands that the current committee stands down and a new committee is voted in at the AGM. All Friends of Charmouth Library are invited to put their names forward for next year's committee. Please send your details to Deb on deborah.winstone@btinternet.com.

In any case, everyone is invited to come to the AGM for drinks and nibbles 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. on 28th October.

VOLUNTEERS

The current team of volunteers is doing a marvellous job but it is hard to fill every shift, particularly in the Servery.

There are so many good causes in Charmouth, each needing volunteers, that this is not really a surprise. Despite all those other siren calls, if you can spare three hours a fortnight – or even a month – to be a Servery host, Charmouth Central needs you! Training is very basic and takes less than an hour. More information from Kim on oatwaykim@gmail.com.

THE SERVERY....OR IS IT?

The Big Lottery funded new extension to the rear of the library was officially opened by best-selling author, Janey Fraser on 18 July. A packed room enjoyed her talk on the shame of library closures, her literary journey and how to get work published. Janey kindly donated copies of her books, including the latest, 'Happy Families,' which will be auctioned for the funds at a later date. Friends of Charmouth library remain grateful to Janey for her generosity and for making the opening a very special occasion.

The extension has by default been called, "The Servery". The name came about because it is what the Architect had originally written on his plan and has been adopted as a kind of shorthand. It is not an inspiring name – so what would you call this meeting room cum kitchen cum servery cum internet café cum shop? It is not easy to find that short and snappy name which is just right ... or can you invent one? Suggestions please to Hazel..

Whatever its name, the extension now hosts a great deal more than ever before as the Diary shows – from Rhymetime to Memory Café, Sewing Circle to Tea & Chat, Chatterbooks to Qqong. Keep an eye on the events poster in the library and on the website www.charmouthvillagelibrary.org.uk as there is lots more on the way. Suggestions for new activities are welcome – how about Scrabble, Dominoes, Card-making? Indicate your interest and the committee will do their best to make it happen.



The Servery or????



Tea in the sunshine



The Big Quiz on 6 September

THE BIG QUIZ

A sell-out audience had been promised "a quiz with a difference" – and it really was. Thanks to Jane and David Clifford and all their team for a really good evening as well as a very useful £700 addition to the funds.

'THE MAIN MAN'

Author, Jaen Hardy, aka volunteer Jane Bean, launched her novel, 'The Main Man' in Charmouth Central on 10 September. The Servery became "Eric's Café" for the afternoon and visitors were regaled with tea and the cakes which are featured in the book as symbols of the conquests of anti-hero Darren, 'the main man.' The book is an intriguing light read; a coming-of-age story, with well-drawn characters, enjoyable for any older age-group but particularly suited to young adults who will find it easy to identify with at least one of the cast of protagonists. Buy the book from Amazon ISBN 978-1-78003-552-9.

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SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

It is often said that, 'There is no such thing as a free lunch,' but there is a way to contribute to the funds to maintain Charmouth Central without spending a penny extra. Sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk, nominate Friends of Charmouth Library as your charity, then always buy through the website. Retailers like Amazon, M & S, John Lewis, PC World and hundreds of others donate a small percentage for each purchase made through the Easyfundraising website. There are frequently special offers too so it is possible to make savings at the same time as donating.

To make an even greater contribution, use friendsofcharmouthlibrary.easysearch.org.uk as your search engine instead of Google. The search engine gives a small contribution for every search made.

Over £40 was raised via easyfundraising.org.uk during the purchase of fixtures and fittings for Charmouth Central.

AN INSOLUBLE PUZZLE

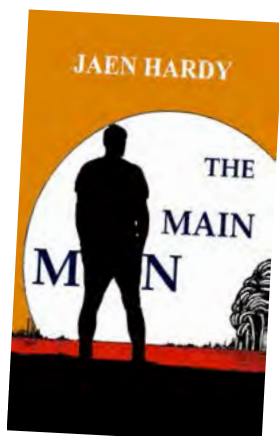
Since Friends of Charmouth Library took over from DCC, 76 people have signed up for library cards – an increase of just over 17%. Despite this, book issue numbers have fallen. This is a general trend nationwide but in Dorset the decrease is more marked in community-managed libraries, including Charmouth's. The reasons for the general decline have been categorised – e-reading, shorter opening hours, gloomy buildings, TV, internet, online games - but in Charmouth Central opening hours are longer, the ambience is better than it has been for years and nothing explains how a significant increase in users locally can result in a decrease in book issues. The issue figures are important as this is how Dorset County Council and grant-funders judge success – so Friends of Charmouth Library hope all library-users will take out more of the twelve books a time which are allowed. Perhaps then there will cease to be a mystery as to how user numbers can increase but issue numbers fall. Any theories to Hazel in time for the next edition of Shoreline, please!

Hazel Robinson

Local Author on to a Winner!

'The Main Man' first novel by Jaen Hardy is now available to purchase from Amazon. For anyone unsure of content (blurb on back page is "A gripping tale of love, sex, arrogance and deceit" - not my normal reading fare) I would say "Give it a try". I couldn't put it down and was surprised and delighted that a local lady could give us such a well written, believable story line (often spoken from a young adult's point of view) which had such an up-to-date aspect on life today. Give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

Pauline Bonner
(ex librarian)



Charmouth Gardeners Annual Show – 2013

Again A Huge Success!

Despite the weather working against the gardeners in Charmouth, the flowers, fruit and vegetable classes in the show continue to amaze. The entries (500+) and visitor numbers were up on last year and the show was generally felt to be a wonderful afternoon of community 'joie de vivre'.

The show secretary and committee heartily thank all helpers, committee members and friends (too many names to mention) for their support. The home produce ladies AND gentlemen continue to impress with their baking and preserve skills and more children entered their work in the children's classes. A very BIG thank you from the committee goes to ALL entrants who made it a delightful day for everyone; we hope you enjoyed the fun of the show.

The judges (Mrs. J. Everington, Mr. P. Yeates, Mr. K. Garrard, Mrs. J. Tunstall and Mrs M. Moores) did a sterling job on deciding the best in each class and the following list of winners deserve our congratulations. Special commendation must go to the star of the Show, Stephen Hillier; closely followed by Ron Dampier; Margaret Moores, Jean Kesterton, Liz Scott, Nick Langford, Dee Butler, Helen Hughes, Vicki Dunstan, Kathy Fereday, David Renfrew, Penny Rose and Pauline Bonner, who all received winner and place certificates in many classes in different areas. Nevertheless, without all entrants there would not be a show, so THANK YOU to all and let us hope that next year's weather will be kinder, our produce will be fruitful and that we may welcome many entrants and visitors to the 2014 show.



Cup and Medal Winners 2013

RESULTS – CHARMOUTH GARDENERS ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

10th AUGUST 2013

FLOWERS

1. Container Flowers (and / or) Shrubs – *Helen Hughes*
2. A posy of Wild flowers in water (children only) – *Freya Linney*
3. Perennials (Vase of 5 stems) – *Chris Horton*
4. Annuals (Vase of 9 stems) different varieties – 3 of each – *Kathy Fereday*
5. Marigolds (African or French, 5 stems) – *Margaret Moores*

6. Dahlias (Cactus or semi Cactus, 3) – *Margaret Ledbrooke*
7. Dahlias (decorative, 3) – *Ron Dampier*
8. Dahlias (pom pom, 3) – -----
9. Dahlias (ball, 3) – -----
10. Dahlia (specimen, 1) – *Margaret Ledbrooke*
11. Sweet Peas (3 stems of one type OR 5 stems mixed varieties) – *Ron Dampier*
12. Annuals (5 stems, one type) – *Helen Hughes*
13. Flowering Shrub (1 stem) – *Angela Turner*
14. Pansies (6, suitably displayed) – -----
15. Carnations or Pinks (3 stems, one or more varieties) – *Neil Mattingly*
16. Specimen Rose (one stem, HT) – *Kathy Fereday*
17. Floribunda or Multiflora Rose (one stem) – *Jan Plummer*
18. Bowl or Vase of Roses (5 blooms, HT) – *Margaret Moores*
19. Gladiolus (Three spike) – *Ron Dampier*
20. Pot plant, flowering (other than fuchsia) – *Ron Dampier*
21. Pot plant, foliage – *Ron Dampier*
22. Pot plant, cactus, succulent or unusual) – *Pauline Bonner*
23. Fuchsia (potted, standard or half standard) – *Ron Dampier*
24. Perlargonium/Geranium, potted any type – -----
25. Artistic Floral arrangement (flowers and / or shrubs from own garden – Theme – Orange and Lemon) – *Jean Kesterton*

HANDICRAFTS

26. Birthday card (children 8 yrs and under) – *Freya Linney*
27. A piece of Patchwork – *Mary Davis*
28. A hand knitted garment – *Kay Churchman*
29. One piece of needlework or embroidery – (to be displayed within a 1m square). – *Carole Stickler*
30. Hand crafted or Turned piece of Wood – *Kathy Hunt*
31. A Painting (in any medium) subject 'Seascape'. – *Kathy Hunt*
32. A painting (in any medium) subject 'Animal/s'. – *Kathy Hunt*
33. Any handicraft work (children aged 9 – 15 yrs) – -----

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

- 34* Potatoes (3, any one variety other than fir) – *Stephen Hillier*
- 35* Potatoes (3 white, any one variety other than fir) – *Stephen Hillier*
- 36* Tomatoes (5, any colour, medium size) – *Ron Dampier*
- 37* Tomatoes (5, cherry or plum variety not exceeding 35mm diameter) – *Sheila Samuel*
38. Onions (3, over 250g) – *Chris Leverington*
39. Onions (3, not to exceed 250g) – *Stephen Hillier*
40. Shallots, 5 – *Ron Dampier*
41. Lettuces, 2 – *Penny Rose*
42. Marrows (2, not exceeding 380mm in length) – *Ron Dampier*

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

43. Runner beans (5, with stalks) – *Ron Dampier*
44. Peas (5 pods, any variety, with stalks) – *Dee Butler*
45. Carrots (3, root intact, with 75mm top foliage) – *Jan Coleman*

46. Beetroot (3, root intact, with 75mm top foliage) – *Ron Dampier*
47. Cucumbers (2 long, matched) – *Tony Horton*
48. Courgettes (2, 100-200mm uniform size, may include flowers) – *Ron Dampier*
49. Any one kind vegetable (not in schedule, fresh, young, uniform shape and colour) – *Malcolm Hinxman*
50. Soft fruit (dish of suitable quantity) – *Penny Rose*
51. Any other fruit (dish of suitable quantity) – *Diana Burn*
52. Collection of 9 (the same varieties of) 3 flowers, 3 fruits or stems of fruits, 3 vegetables – *Ron Dampier*
53. Culinary Herbs (3, different kinds, in a glass vase, with or without flowers) – *Stephen Hillier*
54. Top Tray (a collection of 3, 'same variety' vegetables of choice as listed) – *Ron Dampier*

HOME PRODUCE

55. Jar of lemon curd – *Vicki Dunstan*
56. Jar of fruit jelly – *Elaine Phillips*
57. Jar of marmalade – *Liz Scott*
58. Jar of any fruit jam – *Kate Bonner*
59. Jar of Chutney (sweet or savoury) – *David Renfrew*
60. Savoury Flan or Quiche (not exceeding 10" diameter) – *Julie Renfrew*
61. 6 Fruit Scones – *Jill Matthews*
62. A loaf of Brown or White Bread with yeast, NOT baked in a bread machine – *Vicki Dunstan*
63. A loaf of Savoury or Fruit Bread with yeast, (Gentlemen only) – *Peter Bonner*
64. A loaf of Brown or White bread BAKED IN A BREAD MACHINE – *Rob Davis*
65. 6 Shortbread rectangles – *Kathy Fereday*
66. 5 Rock cakes (children under 12 only – *Oswald Gardner*
67. 5 jam tarts (Children under 12 only – children to make own pastry) – *Ellen Sage*
68. Dorset Apple Cake – *Helen Hughes*
69. 8" Dundee cake – *Diana Burn*
70. New – A decorated walnut and coffee cake – judged on appearance only – *Victoria Stickler*
71. Classic Victoria Sponge – *Jane Bean*
72. Lemon Meringue Pie – *Liz Scott*
73. New Lemon Drizzle Cake (Men only) – *David Renfrew*
74. New – Carrot Loaf – *Patricia White*

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

75. Shadows – *Vicki Dunstan*
76. Friendship – *Mary Davis*
77. Reflection – *Nick Langford*
78. Two of a Kind – *Peter Newby*
79. Black and White – *Nick Langford*
80. My favourite picture – *Peter Crowter*

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

81. An animal made from fruit etc. (under 7 yrs) – *Toby Stone*
82. An animal made from fruit etc. (age 7 – 11 yrs) – *Mair Stone*

The Charmouth Poetry & Literary Corner

CHRISTMAS IN THE FORTIES

by Peter Crowter

If I think way back to the forties, the Christmases were full of fun,
I don't think we spent lots of money, and there was a war to be won.
Toys were unsophisticated, all made of tin or p'raps wood,
Plastic had not been invented, and bakelite was not so good.

Electronic toys were unheard of, just clockwork to make the things go,
Jigsaws and board games like Ludo, and footballs that you had to blow.
Draughts was a favourite and card games - snap, pelmanism and whist,
And then with a pencil and paper, word games where you made a list.

Holly we cut from the hedgerow, the Christmas tree had to be bought,
To go to the woods to purloin one, the chances are you would be caught.
To find mistletoe was not easy, it grew on the odd apple tree,
But somehow we managed to find some, and kisses were many and free.

For dinner we never saw turkey, chicken back then was a treat,
Pickles and ham for our supper, and maybe a slice of cold meat.
Wine wasn't drunk at the table, that was for the French and the posh,
All that we had was just water, and that's what we drank with our nosh.

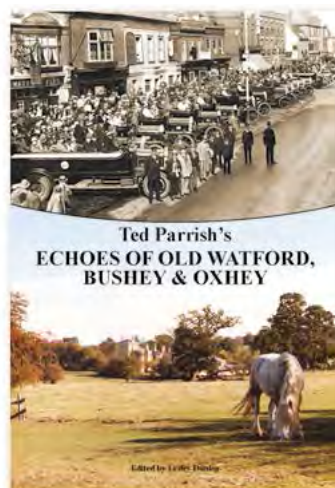
The king gave his speech after dinner, but couldn't be viewed on a screen,
For nobody owned a TV then, so he was just heard and not seen.
There was a real drink for our parents, enough anyway for a toast,
A wine that was called Tarragona, seemed to be one they liked most.

Christmas has changed over decades, in August is now when it starts,
And though it is now more commercial, it holds the same place in our hearts.
We celebrate Jesus's birthday, the carols we sing are the same,
We join with our friends and our loved ones, goodwill is the name of the game.

We're now host to many religions, a welcome to all we must give,
They have their own places of worship, whoever may come here to live,
But if they won't say, 'Happy Christmas', then don't let them lead you astray,
'Cause Britain is a Christian country, to all 'Merry Christmas' I say.

New Book

Those hailing from or with a connection to south west Hertfordshire may be interested in 'Echoes of Old Watford, Bushey & Oxhey'. The 222-page book is based on 96 nostalgic local history articles written by Ted Parrish for the Thomson Organisation 'Evening Post-Echo' in the early 1980s. Many aspects of life are covered – from education to entertainment and from temperance societies to the coming of war. Ted's daughter Lesley Dunlop has edited it and added well over 200 illustrations, a significant number of which are appearing in print for the first time, as well as footnotes and readers' letters. Further details about the book, which will be launched in October, may be found on www.pastdayspublishing.com (01297 561644).



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Tunisian orange and pistachio cake



This rich full flavoured treat has a course texture and a deep nutty flavour. It is delicious as a plain cake or can be seeped with the juice of more oranges and a little sugar, then warmed up and served with something like a tahini and orange cream, or lashings of clotted cream! Like all good cakes, bake at a "slow and low" temperature; strictly at 150°C for as long as necessary.

Serves 10

Equipment needed: a 20cm spring form cake tin and a food processor to grind the pistachios.

4 medium eggs

250gm caster sugar

125gm melted unsalted butter

125gm virgin olive oil

2 oranges (finely zested)

250gm ground pistachio (I did this in a magi- mix)

70gm polenta

125gm plain flour

1½ heaped teaspoons baking powder (1 ½heaped)

Juice of 2 oranges and 50gm of caster sugar to seep over cake)

Preheat to 150°C

Grease and line a 20cm spring form cake tin with baking parchment

First beat together the eggs and caster sugar until beginning to expand. Then slowly add the melted butter and olive oil until smooth. Then add the orange zest.

Mix together the ground pistachio, polenta, plain flour and baking powder; slowly fold into the wet ingredients.

Transfer the mix to the prepared cake tin and bake for 50-60 minutes at 150°C. The cake should have doubled in size and be firm to touch.

Cool cake for 30 minutes after baking.

Orange drizzle (optional)

Place the orange juice and 50gm sugar in a small pan. Heat on a gentle heat and reduce the liquid by one third until just thickening to a syrup.

Using a skewer make 100 or so fine holes into the cake. Slowly and evenly spoon on the orange syrup so the cake absorbs it all.

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From the Charmouth Practice



In the local battle of the bulge, (see recent Shoreline articles), we are now beginning to see some impressive reports of inches lost from waists and one, two or even three stone of weight loss from people tackling their metabolic syndrome. They have been reporting a sense of wellbeing and new-found energy together with a change in appetite away from starchy carbohydrates and sugar and towards more balanced healthy meals along the lines of; "I don't seem to want cream teas anymore, but I do enjoy the strawberries".

Everyone is making this change slightly differently, but then everyone is different. They are all reversing the harmful changes of metabolic syndrome which push us towards diabetes and heart disease by finding a way to reduce their insulin levels and so allow the fat to be burnt off and their liver to work more normally again. They are "shunning the sugar", "filing up on fibre" and watching out for more than a small amount of fruit juice and alcohol. Some are trying the FAST or 5:2 diet but some are also doing something else; they are giving up wheat.

If you have tried everything and still find you are powerless to shift those inches from your waist, then for some people this can make all the difference. It is ironic because surely bread is the "Staff of Life" and "Our Daily Bread"? and with our own wonderful bakers in the village, making delicious bread which people rave about, this is not something I would suggest for everyone. However, there are two reasons why wheat can be a particular problem for some.

1. The wheat we eat today is genetically very different from the simple Einkorn wheat in the stomach of Neolithic hunters preserved in the ice. It has been extensively bred and developed from this rough, heavy grain to the Triticum aestivum developed 200 years ago giving a more pliable glutinous dough. Then from 1940-1990 it underwent genetic modification by hybridisation so that the grain yield was maximised but only at the expense of needing intensive care with pesticides and fertilisers. The seed head became so heavy and swollen it could not be supported by the stalk and so instead of graceful swaying stems, dwarf varieties were

introduced until 99% of our wheat is dwarf or semi-dwarf today. Wheat keeps all of its chromosomes when hybridised and so has gone from a 14 chromosome Einkorn to a 48 chromosome Triticum aestivum. Most of these chromosomes relate to the gluten which gives wheat its elasticity. Could this be why we are now recognising an increasing number of people with a new "Non-Coeliac Gluten Intolerance" who report IBS and feel much happier off wheat.

2. The other reason that people benefit from giving up wheat relates to the nature of its starch. Made up of highly branching amylopectin A, wheat can be simultaneously digested on many fronts by our gut enzymes and so release its glucose extremely quickly, in fact as quickly as spoonfuls of sugar. This sugar rush can be very addictive. The body responds by sending out a wave of insulin to deal with the blood glucose, but overdoes the dose and many people can suffer from rebound low glucose or hypoglycaemia attacks (not to be confused with the more serious side effect of diabetes medication by the same name). This will make people feel dizzy, weak, shaky and you've guessed it – they will seek out starchy carbohydrates to eat so starting a continuous cycle.

If you want to see if you would benefit from giving up wheat yourself, you will need to cut it right out of your diet for at least 2 weeks and then introduce it again to be sure it was the culprit. How difficult is that? Wheat is everywhere! From breakfast cereals, cakes, biscuits, pastry, puddings, breaded coatings, thickeners in stews and sauces and even a coating for oven chips! What can we eat; people ask, instead of toast for breakfast, sandwiches for lunch and pasta or pizza for the evening meal? Some people try the more old-fashioned ancestors of wheat like spelt which is simpler and easier on the digestion. Others make sure they vary their grains and include 100% rye, pumpernickel, oats, rice and buckwheat in their daily foods, all of which release glucose more slowly and don't have that same addictive "kick". Others concentrate on increasing their seeds, nuts, beans and vegetables and English fruits. We don't actually need starch as grains for health.

So with knowledge we have choice. Our modern diet has changed from the one we evolved to eat and we need to find our way back to better food. For the sake of us and for the sake of the Health Service which is now groaning under the strain of our ill health.

Meanwhile, the Metabolic Workshops continue at the Charmouth Practice this autumn and you can sign up at reception for a talk and a work booklet. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Your Good Health

Dr Sue Beckers

What is the flu jab and why is it important?

Every year the NHS offers a free vaccination against flu to people who are considered to be at risk. If you're in one of these risk groups, you're more likely to develop potentially serious complications of flu, such as pneumonia a lung infection.

People considered to be at risk include

- anyone over the age of 65;
- pregnant women;

- people with an underlying health condition (particularly long-term heart or respiratory disease);
- people with weakened immune systems;
- for the first time this year a new annual nasal spray flu vaccine will be offered to all children aged two and three years as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme.

Studies have shown that the flu jab will help prevent you getting the flu; however, it won't stop all flu viruses and the level of protection may vary between people.

It is important to have a jab each year because over time, protection from the flu vaccine gradually decreases and flu strains often change. New flu vaccines are produced each year

which will protect against those strains which are considered to be most prevalent.

You may have a slight temperature and aching muscles for a couple of days after having the jab, and your arm may be a bit sore where you were injected but serious side effects are very rare.

Most people can have the flu vaccine, but you should avoid it if you have had a serious allergic reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

Further information about the jab along with the vaccination for your children can be found on the national NHS website www.nhs.uk.

If you are registered with a Dorset GP you may receive a letter inviting you to a vaccination clinic. If you can't find details of your local clinic speak to a member of staff at your usual practice.

Keith Williams *Dorset CCG, NHS*



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**Remember - The deadline for
copy for the Shoreline Winter
issue is 10th December 2013.**

Autumn Gardening in Charmouth

Hello Everyone,

Sorry I missed out on the last edition of Shoreline; I still have problems with this machine, it's far too clever for me. I do miss my old typewriter, it didn't have a mind of its own. Still I suppose that's what they call progress. Well, what about this summer then! I hope you were getting on with the growing and not spending every day on the beach! I did order some nice weather but I think at times it went a bit too far; I had to get the hose and watering cans out. I seem to have got out of the habit in the past two years.

That's enough of that. Winter is coming and we have to prepare our gardens and any other plants that may be growing, especially if you have any tropical or exotic plants.

There were some real beauties in the garden shows this year, especially orchids, bougainvillea, succulents and cacti. These plants need special care through the winter months. If you do not keep them indoors it is best to get them under cover away from frost. Fleece is ideal as it lets in the light but keeps out the cold; bags can be bought from garden centres but do not always fit well. I prefer the rolls of fleece which are cheaper and I can then make my own. Machine sewn is best! Don't forget winter temperatures for house plants should be no lower than 10 degrees Celsius. If you're not sure about your plant in cold weather just put it under cover anyway.

Harvest your vegetables and store in a frost-free place. Freeze what you can and make chutneys and jam with the fruit. I recently used up an armful of beans and made green bean chutney. Now I have to try to find a recipe for using up my beetroot, so if any of you have a recipe please send it to Shoreline. Now is the time to make your jams and chutneys for next year's Gardeners Show; don't forget to label it with the type, date and a list of the ingredients. When I looked in at the Charmouth Show this year I noticed a few people had forgotten to do this with their bottled goods (jars) and maybe lost out on a prize! I will give you some tips in the spring for next year's show.

Clear away the fallen leaves and add to your compost heap or mulch your roses with them; don't forget to prune your roses by a third before the winter winds arrive, to prevent wind rock. Now is a good time to clear away weeds and rough-dig your garden that has been cleared. If you still have your own compost then spread it over the top and cover it if you have the means as it will prevent the weeds growing again and leave a blank sheet to start on in the spring.

This is the time to think about those spring bulbs. The garden centres have their stocks in and the sooner you get them and get them planted, the better chance they will have to grow well.

Jobs for September

Check for black blotches and distortion of apples and pears. Affected fruit will not store well.

Scarify, aerate and reshove bare patches in your lawns.

Make sure your camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas are well watered to ensure flower bud formation for next season and feed them in the spring.

Harvest your main crop potatoes and check for damaged or disease tubers, do not store damaged tubers.

If you have trees and shrubs in your gardens, check the bases for honey coloured toadstools. Look under the bark at the base and if fungal tissue is present it may be best to remove the plant.

Plant out spring cabbage. Plant onion sets suitable for over-wintering.

Continue picking raspberries and blackberries.

Divide old hardy perennials and replant divisions or share them with your friends and neighbours and plant new ones, watering well in dry weather.

Stop feeding hardy green plants.

Empty and clean out the greenhouse ready for next time.

Before I go I would like to Congratulate Stephen Hellier, one of our allotmenters, on winning the RHS medal for his exhibits at the show this year.

Well that's about all for this time, be careful and take care of your backs.

Busy Lizzy

We Remember

Wyn Baber

16th April 1927 – 17th May 2013

Wyn was born in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne on 16th April 1927. Her father worked as a hospital administrator and the family moved around the country as her father progressed his career. At the start of the War Wyn lived in Liverpool with her parents and two older sisters. She would recall to Nick the terror of the German bombs falling and the horror of exiting the air raid shelter to face the destruction above ground.

In 1944 Wyn qualified with a first class pass in cookery from the Victoria Institute in Worcester. She worked as a cook at Spetchley Park for the Red Cross and also at the Burns Hospital in East Grinstead.

Living back with her parents in Newton Abbot, Devon, she joined the Young Conservatives where she met her husband Nigel in 1954. They married on 20th August 1955. After they had moved to Bristol, Birmingham and Bournemouth, Nigel secured work with GEC in Portsmouth. They settled in Havant, Hampshire in 1958.



In 1961 Wyn's son Nicholas was born and she stayed at home to look after her young family. In the 1970s Wyn became a volunteer at the Havant Oxfam shop and she also became a volunteer with the Oxfam Group, a support organisation. She joined Havant Townswomen's Guild and became a popular member. Wyn worked as a part-time cook for the Havant Abbeyfield Elderly care home in the 1980s. She was well-respected and liked for her cooking and kitchen multi-tasking skills, often making extra cakes for the residents and doing shopping for those residents unable to get into town.

In May 1997 Wyn and her husband made the move to Charmouth, where many happy family holidays had been enjoyed from 1971 onwards. Wyn's husband died suddenly in January 2002, so when her son moved to Dorset he moved back to live with her. Wyn involved herself in various social activities within Charmouth. A serious stroke in 2008 set her back. In 2010 Wyn overcame breast cancer. She enjoyed her shopping trips to Bridport with her son Nick on a Saturday and trips to Seaton to walk along the sea front and around the town.

On 13th May Wyn was admitted to Dorset County Hospital on the sixteenth anniversary of moving to Charmouth. She died on 17th May and is greatly missed by Nick, her son, and all who knew her.

Gwen Oxenbury

1931 – 2013

Gwen was born on the 29th November 1931 in Dalwood, near Axminster, Devon.

The first of the identical twins to be born, completing the Heard family of four children, Brian, Roy, Gwen and Eileen. They had an idyllic upbringing on the farm, by their very caring and loving parents, Marjorie and Archibald Heard. Gwen and Eileen attended a private girl's school in Honiton called Summerhayes, cycling over a mile each day to catch the bus at the main road. They attended this school till the age of 16.

When Gwen left Summerhayes she went to work at Pike and Co, accountants, where she learnt to be an accounts secretary. At the age of 22 Gwen went to help her Uncle Fred who ran a haulage business at Kilminster.

Gwen was a keen member of Axminster Young Farmers, being Treasurer from 1952 until 1955. The Oxenbury family were thrilled that a representative from the club attended Gwen's funeral and would like to thank them for the lovely sympathy card they received from the now Axminster Young Farmers.

Gwen met Ron Oxenbury in 1952 at the age of 21. It was at a square dance in Dalwood. Lloyd Huxter, a great friend of Ron's, had previously informed Ron that there were two blonde girls in Dalwood he had to meet!

Lloyd went on to be Ron and Gwen's best man at their wedding on the 6th June 1959 at Dalwood.

Ron and Gwen bought their house Greenbanks in 1952 and moved in after they got married. Stuart was born in 1961, followed by Petrina in 1966.

As soon as Gwen had moved into Greenbanks she opened up her home for Bed and Breakfast. It gave her so much joy, meeting and cooking for visitors, many of whom came back to stay with her again and again. Greenbanks was the only

B and B, which gave its guests fresh fish and lobsters, regularly caught by Ron.

Gwen was welcomed into busy Charmouth village life. She loved playing badminton at the now Community Hall and which still continues to this day. As Gwen spent many hours in this hall, latterly becoming a trustee, the family felt all donations from her funeral would be given to the Community Hall and to help further in the restoration. Donations are still being accepted and can be sent to A J Wakley, Lyme Regis.

The village supper was another local event that involved many villagers. What fun they all had, dressing up in miniskirts and dancing the can-can.

The Annual Charmouth Gardeners Show brought out Gwen's competitive side. For many years she exhibited her sweet peas, dahlias, standard fuchsias and hanging baskets. Winning the sweet pea trophy and many more honours to her name, she became an unbeatable member of the Gardener's Club. It was fitting that she died the night before the 2013 show.

The most rewarding gift she was given was her wonderful grand children. Luke, Dawn, Kingsley, Devon and Jasmine. They were everything to her and she always supported them in their various hobbies and interests. They all miss her wonderful chocolate éclairs, her wonderful roast dinners and her sponge cakes!

The family were overwhelmed by the amount of people who attended Gwen's cremation and church service. She regularly worshipped in the church and the family wish to send their thanks to all who decorated the church with wonderful bright flowers which reminded them of Gwen.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous doctors, nurses, carers and other health professionals who helped and nursed Gwen through the final months of her life, particularly the staff at Poole and Bridport hospitals.

Her family and Charmouth village were Gwen's life; we will all miss her laughter, her energy and her love.



What's on in Charmouth

Royal British Legion

WOMEN'S SECTION, CHARMOUTH BRANCH

Annual Poppy Appeal Coffee morning with stalls
Saturday 2nd Nov in the Village Hall, Wesley Close
from 10am to 12 noon.

Admission £1 to include tea or coffee
Pat Richards 01297 442097

On Saturday Nov 9th there will be a street collection, on
Sunday 10th a parade to the War Memorial at 10.30 and
the Remembrance Service in St. Andrew's Church at 10.55.
For further details see posters.

All proceeds from the Coffee Morning, Street collection
and the Church collection go directly to the Royal British
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The Royal British Legion is there to help all serving and ex-
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CHARMOUTH GARDENERS' GROUP

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WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER at 7.00pm held in Charmouth
Village Hall – Wesley Close

Mr Neil Lovesey (Picket Lane Nursery, Nr. Broadwindsor) will speak
on 'The Bee Friendly Garden'.

Mr. Lovesey will also be bringing Plants for sale from Nursery

Plus - Prize Giving Ceremony for Cup Winners in Gardener's
Summer Village Show

Please come along to applaud their efforts.

All below held in afternoon in Charmouth Village Hall – Wesley Close

WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER at 2.30pm

Mrs. P. Wright (Lift the Latch Garden, Forton, Nr. Chard will speak
on

'The Growth of the Garden throughout all seasons'.

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY at 2.30pm

Miss L. Burningham (RSPB Weymouth) will speak on 'Garden Birds
– with slide show and bird song'

(45 mins talk)

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY at 2.30pm

Mrs M. Benger (Burrow Farm Gardens, Axminster) will speak on
'Gardening made easier'

Surely of help to us all!

If you would like to join the Group (annual fee £3) we welcome new
members! Contact 01297 560980

or speak to the secretary or any committee member at the meetings.

This fee also allows 10% discount from garden purchases at Morgans,
Charmouth and Felicity's Farm Shop at Morecombelake (on
production of your membership card).

Pauline Bonner

Monkton Wyld Court

For more information contact monktonwyldcourt@btinternet.com

16 Oct Local Lunch

16 Nov Winter Willow Weaving

20 Nov Local Lunch

18 Dec Local Lunch

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

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Books, bric a brac, tombola, raffle

If you can help on the day or offer books, goods for sale or
cakes/mince pies, please contact

Jan Plummer 01297 560730

BYMEAD HOUSE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER CHRISTMAS PUDDING STIR –UP
(DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

NOVEMBER 1st AUTUMN BUFFET & MUSIC
AT 5PM

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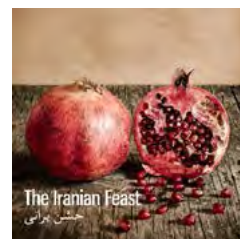
Please join us for this tasty treat in
store at Wootton Fitzpaine Village
Hall on October 10th.

Come at 7.00pm for the bar and
chat. The show runs from 7.30 to
9.00 with a small taster for all.

Evening will finish at 9.30pm

Tickets are £8 (U16:£6) from the "Help Yourself Box Office"
at the Charmouth Practice. 01297 560948 for details.

We hope to see you there!



Noticeboard

Sponsor a seat on the Bopper Bus for £20

The Bopper Bus team is inviting local businesses and individuals to "sponsor a seat" on the bus for £20 as part of latest fund raising drive.



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The Bopper Bus is a community initiative operated by volunteers that takes children aged between eight and 16 from villages around Bridport to the Leisure Centre every Friday evening in term time. The Bridport Leisure Centre organises a wide range of activities for Bopper Bus members in the sports hall, followed by a swimming session. The children also have the opportunity to share a snack and a chat before the bus returns them home.

The bus has been running for over ten years with help from many organisations, including local parish councils, the district and town councils, the Chideock Trust, the West Dorset Partnership and local businesses and individuals. But we now need more help to keep the wheels turning in 2013/14 and are appealing to local businesses, organisations and individuals for financial help.

If you are a local business, why not sponsor a seat on the bus for £20? We can't promise a brass plaque, but will send you a certificate to display in your premises. The Bopper Bus team asks supporters to send a cheque, made payable to The Bopper Bus Organisation, to Lyn Crisp, Bopper Bus treasurer, Farmers Arms, Mill Lane, Chideock, DT6 6JS.

Contact: Sarah Silcox (01297 489905) Melanie Harvey (01297 560393) or Lyn Crisp (01297 489098) for more details.

Pudding Party



Friday 25th October 7.00 pm
Enjoy an evening of yummy puddings, wine and music, whilst supporting your Free Village Magazine.

at Thalatta, Higher Sea Lane, Charmouth.

Tickets at £8 available from the Salon or contact:
Jan (560730) Helen (560487) or Neil (560246)

Shoreline Supporters Group

Calling All Photographers

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LYME BAY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Lyme Bay Photographic Club has been around for over forty years providing a venue for Photographers of all abilities to meet and develop their skills with an interesting programme of lectures and competitions both within the club and in conjunction with other similar groups in the West Dorset, Somerset and East Devon.

The Club is now at that stage when it needs to increase its membership in most age groups hence this call to the readers of Shoreline to come along to one of our meetings and see what is on offer and what we can do to help develop your skills and show you what other snappers are doing.

You're clearly out there as evidenced by the entries in the Gardeners' annual show and the excellent pictures in the village calendar produced by the Charmouth Traders

It is our aim:-

- * To promote the art and craft of photography;
- * To provide a meeting place for those interested in photography and, where practical, to facilitate provision of technical advice and assistance to members;
- * To make the enjoyment of photography accessible to a wider community.

The club meets fortnightly, on Friday evenings between 7.30-10 pm, at the Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis, DT7 3PG. Our programme of instructional evenings, internal and external competitions, club outings and the Summer Print Exhibition makes up our season from September to the following May.

The club subscription of £25 is due when we start our year in September, and must be paid before any competitions can be entered.

If you would like to know more about the club and its meetings, please contact Chairman Keith Lander on 01297 561377 or go to www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

We do hope you will join us

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Dorset vintage motorcycle club stops off at Charmouth

Shoreline Charmouth - Village Diary

Badminton Club (experience required)	Mon 8-10pm	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Badminton (social)	Tues 7-10pm	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Pauline Bonner 560251
Bingo (fund raising for Community Hall)	3rd Fri each month 7.30pm (eyes down)	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Linda Crawford 0781 351 3062
Bopper Bus	Fri 4.45-8pm	Bridport Leisure Centre Drop off/pick up Primary School	Kate Geraghty 489422 Melanie Harvey 560393
Bowls Club <i>Summer:</i> <i>Winter Short Mat Bowls:</i>	Sun, Tues, Thurs 2-5.30pm Tues 2-5.00pm	Playing Field, Barr's Lane Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Jackie Rolls 01297 560295 Jim Greenhalgh 01295 561336
Brownies (ages 7-10)	Mon 4.30-6pm (term-time only)	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Bridge Club (partners can be provided)	Thurs 7-10.30pm	Wood Farm (opposite swimming pool)	Vincent Pielesz 560738
Cherubs	Wed 9.30-11.30am (term-time only)	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Kathryn Radley 442796
Cubs (ages 8-11)	Thurs 6.30-8pm (term-time only)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Nicky Gibbs 01297 35470 or 07925 511261
Gardeners	2nd Wed each month 2.30pm	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Kay Churchman 560980
Girl Guides (ages 10 onwards)	Wed 7-8.45pm (term-time only)	Wooton Fitzpaine	Davina Pennels 560965
Junior Youth Club (ages 8-12)	Tues 6.30-8.30pm	Youth Club Hall, Wesley Close	Louise Gunnill 07501 081828
Library Storytelling & Rhymetime (under 5s)	Fri 9.30-10am	Library, The Street	Mandy Harvey 01297 560167
Parish Council Meeting	3rd Tues each month 7.30pm	The Elms, The Street	Lisa Tuck 01297 560826
Pavey Group (village history)	Tues 9.30-10.30am	The Elms, The Street	Russell Telfer, 560806
POPPs Village Breakfast	Thurs 8.30am-1pm (Sep to Apr)	Hollands Room, Bridge Road	Jan Gale 07897 511075
POPPs Village Lunch	1st Tues each month	Hollands Room, Bridge Road	Jan Gale 07897 511075
Scouts (ages 11-14)	Fri 7.15-9pm (term-time only)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Kevin Payne 01308 459080
Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Mon to Thurs (term-time only) 9am-12.30pm	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
The British Legion (Women's Section)	1st Wed each month 2.30pm	The Elms, The Street	Pat Stapleton 560255
Wyld Morris dancing practice	Wed 7.15pm	Pine Hall, Monkton Wyld Court	Briony Blair 489546

To add or amend any details in the Village Diary or to promote your Charmouth event contact:
Lesley Dunlop | lesley@shoreline-charmouth.co.uk | 01297 561644

Shoreline Charmouth - Local Contacts

EMERGENCIES POLICE	Police, Fire, Ambulance or HM Coastguard	999 or 112
	PC Kirsti Ball, PCSO Luke White and PCSO John Burton (Community Police issues)	01305 226912
	Non urgent call number for reporting incidents / enquiries	101
	Bridport Police Station, Tannery Road	01308 422266
FIRE and RESCUE	West Dorset Fire and Rescue Service — Group Manager	01305 252600
HM COASTGUARD	Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis (Not 24 hours)	01297 442852
DOCTORS	The Charmouth Medical Practice, The Street, Charmouth	01297 560872
	The Lyme Practice, The Elms Medical Centre, The Street, Charmouth	01297 561068
	The Lyme Practice, Lyme Community Medical Centre, Lyme Regis	01297 445777
	NHS Direct — 24-hour Healthcare Advice and Information Line	0845 4647
HOSPITALS	Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester	01305 251150
	Bridport Community Hospital, Hospital Lane, Bridport	01308 422371
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	National Traveline — Information on Bus and Bus/Rail Timetables and Tickets	08712 002233
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	Water (Wessex Water)	08456 004600
	Floodline	08459 881188
	Pollution (Environment Agency)	0800 807060
CHEMISTS	F G Lock, The Street, Charmouth	01297 560261
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	Lloyds Pharmacy, Lyme Community Care Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442981
SCHOOLS	Charmouth County Primary, Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth	01297 560591
	St Michael's C of E, V A Primary, Kingsway, Lyme Regis	01297 442623
	The Woodroffe School, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442232
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	United Reformed Church, The Street, Charmouth. Rev Ian Kirby	01297 631117
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	County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester — All services	01305 221000
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LOCAL M.P.	Oliver Letwin, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA or e-mail letwin@parliament.uk	0207 219 3000
CITIZENS' ADVICE	St Michaels Business Centre, Lyme Regis (Wed 10am-3pm)	01297 445325
	45 South Street, Bridport (Mon-Fri 10am-3pm)	01308 456594
POST OFFICES	1 The Arcade, Charmouth	01297 560563
	37 Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442836
LIBRARIES	The Street, Charmouth	01297 560640
	Silver Street, Lyme Regis	01297 443151
	South Street, Bridport	01308 422778
	South Street, Axminster	01297 32693
SWIM / LEISURE	Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport	01308 427464
	Flamingo Pool, Lyme Road, Axminster	01297 35800
	Newlands Holiday Park, Charmouth	01297 560259
CINEMAS	Regent, Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442053
	Electric Palace, 35 South Street, Bridport	01308 424901
THEATRES	Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442394
	Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport	01308 424204
	Guildhall, West Street, Axminster	01297 33595
TOURIST INFORMATION	Guildhall Cottage, Church Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442138
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ASK THE EXPERT

Q. *I've heard that the Government has recently relaxed the planning rules for extensions – is this right and will it affect the property market?*

A. Yes, although since modified, the Government originally announced its proposals for a temporary easing of residential planning rules last year. Ministers had wanted a three-year relaxation of the rules to allow single-storey extensions of up to eight metres for detached houses and six metres for other houses – double the current limits – to be built without a requirement for planning consent.

These original proposals provoked a storm of protest and as a result, Communities Secretary

Eric Pickles was obliged to insert a clause giving neighbours the right to be consulted first and the modified changes came into effect on 30th May.

So currently and up until 30th May 2016, it will be possible to build larger single storey rear extensions up to the sizes mentioned. However, before doing so, the local authority must be notified so that all neighbours can be consulted. If any adjoining occupier raises an objection within the 21 day notification period, it will be for the local authority to adjudicate. The application might also be considered by a planning committee - as is the case in the current planning process - if the local authority deems it appropriate. If there is no objection then it should be possible to go ahead.

Bear in mind, however, that *only* the planning approval process has been by-passed by these changes. Any new permanent extensions will still have to comply with Building Regulations. And the changes do not apply to properties in conservation areas.

As to whether they will have any effect on the property market... relaxing planning rules on conservatories and single-story extensions is hardly likely to boost market activity as some will no doubt extend rather than moving. However, I don't really expect these measures will have any substantial effect on the market, either way.

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