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# SHORELINE

News and Views from Charmouth

## Storm Force 12!

by Colin Pring

When gale force winds and a high Spring tide coincided on Monday 10 March Charmouth found itself in the path of a 'perfect storm'.

Mountainous waves pounded the beach and crashed over the Heritage Centre, filling the car park with boulders, tree trunks and other flotsam. One or two fool hardy fossil hunters braved hurricane conditions to search the base of the recent cliff slide on the East end of the beach, while Heritage Centre Staff and a few spectators were treated to an awesome demonstration of nature's power.

Winds gusting to hurricane force tossed two beach huts over like doll's houses and demolished a greenhouse in a garden off Stonebarrow Lane.

Berne Lane was closed for a while when trees blew down and a trampoline plucked from a lawn was dropped – like Dorothy's house in 'Wizard of Oz' - the right way up in the middle of the lane.



'Wave over the Heritage Coast Centre' Photo courtesy of Richard Edmonds

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# From The Editor

Greetings everyone and welcome to the first quarterly issue of '*Shoreline*', a community newsletter for and about the villagers of Charmouth.

The idea came to me last year whilst gathering all the information necessary to enter us into the Dorset Best Community Village Competition. The richness and diversity of the community with the many clubs, societies and organisations really surprised and impressed me as I was quite unaware that so much went on in our wonderful village.

Help arrived from many sources amongst them Sarah Cooke who donned a fourth (or maybe fifth) hat and dived into the project with unbridled enthusiasm. Her help and support have been invaluable. Colin Pring readily came on board as treasurer and to compile the contacts page, despite already being treasurer of two other organisations in the village and Polly Wild amazingly found time in between running Charmouth Cherubs and her Graphic design business to edit the village diary. A huge thank you also goes to Tim Heap of Logomotion for his creative input with the development of the *Shoreline* logo.

So, after several meetings, a flurry of e-mails and a few frantic phone calls, '*Shoreline*' was born.

This issue is a slimline version of what we hope will evolve into a publication bursting with articles, musings, poetry, prose, letters to the editor, classifieds, photos, artwork, items of interest from surrounding villages and anything else you, lovely villagers, with your wealth of knowledge and talents, would like to share with us. Funny, poignant, provocative - we want it all!

Jane Morrow

Initially *Shoreline* will be delivered free to every household in Charmouth. In order to secure your personal delivery of the magazine every quarter we invite you take out a subscription. Please see page 8 for details.

*Shoreline* will also be available at several pick up points in the village.

Don't forget our deadline for the summer issue of *Shoreline* is Friday 6 June (31 May for Village Diary entries and competition entries).

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm at the Elms, on the third Tuesday of every month, having had various smaller committee meetings earlier in the month. Planning applications, the future needs of Charmouth residents, the management of the playing fields and the cemetery and the organisation of the foreshore are just some of the matters that are considered by the eleven members of the council.

We try hard to offer constructive comments on planning issues using the local knowledge that individual members have, however the final decision on granting or refusal of applications rests with West Dorset District Council, so councillors are often as frustrated with the outcomes as anyone. The major development under consideration at the moment is the proposed provision of a small number of affordable housing units on part of the Lower Sea Lane car park specifically for families who have lived in the parish for a long time and are anxious to remain in Charmouth. Hopefully work should start on these before too much longer. At the playing field we are working towards the provision of a multi-play hard surface area - but such things are costly and at the moment we are searching out suitable funding - watch this space for developments.

Other things around Charmouth outside the jurisdiction of the Parish council which we regularly nag WDDC

and DCC about are road sweeping and general clearing up of rubbish around the recycling area, the cleaning of the beach toilets and parking issues down the Street which will hopefully be improved when the revised yellow line markings are finally re-instated.

Don't forget the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2 April in the Community Hall!

Hilary Cleden

### Volunteers Urged to join Spring Clean

Show some community spirit and sign up for this year's West Dorset Spring Clean which takes place in April. Residents as well as community groups and youth organisations in the village are encouraged to take part and spruce up their neighbourhoods. This is a great opportunity to clean up those eyesore areas, particularly in places that the District Council is not expected to clean. Plastic sacks and gloves may be picked up from the Parish Council office between 9 am and 10.30 am any weekday.

Charmouth is entering the Dorset Best Kept and Best Community Village competition again this year and judging will begin late May, so this is a wonderful chance to get our village looking really spiffy so that we are awarded even higher marks this year !

# Plastic Bag Campaign

Plastic bags have become a useful daily commodity, to carry shopping, line bins, send children to school with spare clothes or costumery, but have you ever wondered what happens to these bags once we've eked every last use out of them?

Plastic bags are made from non-renewable petrochemicals that are not biodegradable. They are designed to be waterproof and as a result, are air proof. We have all seen the safety labels warning us not to let children play with them in case they suffocate. There are no labels that mention that once disposed of, they pose a potentially and often fatal threat to wildlife. We cannot expect animals and birds to heed the warnings and as a result, thousands of birds, animals and marine life meet their deaths through suffocation or intestinal blockage due directly to discarded plastic bags.

The floods in Bangladesh in 1988 and 1998 were put down to plastic bags blocking the drains. Bangladesh is now Plastic Bag Free. Taiwan and Singapore are also free from plastic bags. Many other countries and states are in the process of joining the campaign such as Rwanda, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Scotland, and Ireland. Here in Britain major cities are also in the process of becoming PBF status such as Bath, Exeter and Ipswich. The recent Daily Mail's 'Banish The Bag' article with graphic pictures of turtles, birds and mammals in distress will certainly bring home the dangers of plastic bags to its readers.

We all probably know that Lyme Regis launched a campaign to become plastic bag free in November 07.

The shops are giving away plastic bags only when necessary and are using alternative materials like paper and corn starch for the carrier bags. As a result of their efforts and determination most businesses have reduced the amount of carrier bags they give away by 50%!

It would be great for us and the beautiful environment that surround us if we also aim to reduce the amount of plastic bags that we use here in Charmouth. We have the support of businesses in the village who are selling 'bags for life', and as shoppers, we can make

a concerted effort to take our own bags to carry home our goods, the only problem with that is remembering! It won't be too long before a charge will be introduced on all carrier bags and there's nothing like a tug at the purse strings to change the way we think!



Dead duck! No, a discarded plastic bag in a Charmouth hedgerow.

On the 26th April from 10am to 4pm we will be holding a sew in at the youth club hall.

Bring along any old fabric such as curtains and bedding and a team of busy seamstresses will knock up a personalised bag for you. Of course we would be very happy to have as many helpers as able to help with cutting, ironing and sewing. Please contact Sarah on 01297 560888 if would like to take part. It will be a wonderful day and of course, refreshments will be available!

Sarah Cooke

**Charmouth Primary School is collecting plastic milk carton tops for recycling.  
All contributions welcome!**

## Quiz Street Scene

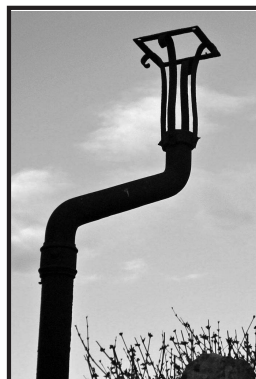
**Where do you think these two local scenes are?**

Send your answers to the address on the front cover by 31 May.

**£10** to the first correct answer to be pulled from a hat.

*Don't forget to include your name and address!*

Scene 1



Scene 2



**Bonus Question** (no prizes for this one)  
Who is the Beach Hut Saviour on Page 5?

## First impressions last

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# St Andrew's Parish Church

## The Mystery of the Missing Flying Fish!

St Andrew's Church has been resident in Charmouth far longer than anyone else! Down through the centuries a church has stood on the same spot, a landmark putting Charmouth cheerfully on the map. Now the poor old lady, battered by wind and rain is beginning to crack up. We are all so used to seeing her standing there so proudly, and gathering within her walls particularly at Christmas and Easter, sadly for funerals, gladly for weddings of which we have several this year, that we have hardly noticed just how frail she has become.

Some of you have noticed that her flagpole had to be removed as the wood was rotting, together with her flying fish, the earliest sign of the gathering place of the local Christian Community. And now we find that the stone tower itself is dangerously corroded by the metal struts which hold it together. Mercifully our fish is safely nestling, temporarily in the Vestry until such time as things are put to rights.

But how do you fix up a Victorian Tower? We are fortunate that our Architect who I met while he was working on a similar problem at Sherborne Abbey knows what to do, but we also know it will cost money.

The congregation at St. Andrew's is warm and welcoming as so many of you know, and has grown over the last seven years, but even so, we are still only a small group compared to the number of residents in Charmouth. So we are going to need your help if we are to patch our Tower up and replace our flagpole. It will take time and money and your help if our streetscape is to continue to be as attractive as it has become. We want to preserve your heritage and we hope it will be fun as we do so. So this is an appeal for interesting, unusual and fun ideas for fund raising. Watch this space to see how we can do this together. We are so grateful already for the generous donations we have received, which have enabled us to pay our way so successfully over these last seven years, but the old lady has taken us by surprise again. She seems to be good at that!

Meanwhile life goes on as usual, we will have a great Easter Service on Easter Sunday which is the earliest it has been since 1913 on the 23rd March, see you then and have a few fund raising ideas up our sleeves as well.

With all best wishes,  
**Sr. Annmarie (Team Rector)**

## Charmouth Gardeners

"Charmouth Gardeners" is a society with about 200 members which provides activities for people who are interested in gardening and for those who enjoy looking at gardens. During the summer months visits are arranged to interesting gardens and houses – in 2008 these include Knightshayes and Montacute House (which are both National Trust properties) and Marwood Hill Gardens, near Barnstaple. During the winter lectures are organised and the topics this year include growing vegetables and wild orchids.

In June there is a Gardens Open Day which gives all members the opportunity to go and see the gardens of other members and then, in August, there is a very important event – The Flower Show. This is an event which the village is able to enjoy and continues one of the traditional activities of village life. In addition to flowers, fruit and vegetables there are sections for flower arranging, home produce (cakes and jams) and photography.

In previous years, we have lost many tender plants and vegetables to slugs. The use of slug traps, egg shells, copper rings and beer have never been as effective as the use of Nemaslug, a slug sucking nematode. It's best to apply it at this time of year during wet weather in two or three doses. I used it last year and the effects were mysteriously amazing. Hardly any slug damage at all. You can order these little beasts from Green Gardener 01603 715096 [www.greengardener.co.uk](http://www.greengardener.co.uk) and water them into the garden.



There are social activities – the Christmas Lunch and a Buffet Supper at Lyme Regis Golf Club are both very enjoyable and attended by about 80 members. All of the events, except the Flower Show, are arranged for the second Wednesday of the month and the membership fee for a year is only £3 per person. The year starts on 1st April so now is the best time to join in order to get full value for your money.

To join or get more information please contact the Membership Secretary - Mrs. Kay Churchman (Telephone 560980) or the Chairman – Chris Horton (560134).

**TIPS**

**If you spot a special garden, plants or flowers in the village please send us a picture! Gardening Tips also very welcome!**

# Heritage Coast

Despite the winter storms of many years, the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre has been part of village life for over 20 years and is still standing from Monday's storm! It began as an educational visitor centre focusing on the safe and responsible fossil collecting and was run by local volunteers and employed one warden. Today the centre is run by two full time Wardens and a strong band of volunteers and has retained its independent charity status. Entry to the Centre is free of charge but donations are always welcome. Over the last 20 years the centre has expanded and been redeveloped several times and is now one of the leading visitor centres on the Jurassic Coast with around 75,000 visitors through the door in 2007! The most recent phase of major development came 3 years ago with a building extension, all new displays and interpretation and refurbished office facilities. The major part of this refurbishment was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Fine Foundation but could not have happened without the continued help and support of all our volunteers from the local community. Since then we have continued to make improvements enhancing our displays, updating interpretation and coming up with new and exciting events. Check out our website [www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org) to see what's coming up in the next few months. Or you could just pop in! We're closed

on Mondays and Tuesdays until the end of March and normal opening times the rest of the week are 10.30am – 4.30pm. Once the Easter holidays hit however we are open everyday right through to the end of October. The Coast Centre is always on the look out for new volunteers or 'Friends'. They are the life blood of the centre and fill many different roles. Whether it's donating time to man the desk, assist on walks and with schools, help with repairs over winter or even help in running the organisation or financial support through membership of the Friends. The Coast Centre just could not function without them. If you feel you might be interested in becoming a Friend of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre pop in and speak to the wardens, Meirel and Sam, or give us a call on 01297 560772. If you are looking for ways and means to entertain yourselves, friends and family during the holidays or at the weekends....we usually have something going on so pop down and pick up an events leaflet!

## Dates for your diary.....

**Easter Saturday** is our Fossil Roadshow with a fossil walk, displays, mould and badge making and ammonite slice polishing.....

**May Bank holiday** (Sat 3rd and Sun 4th May)  
**CHARMOUTH FOSSIL FESTIVAL!!!!**

## By The Shore

Not long after the reopening of the coastal path recently there were concerns about its sustainability as fissures began to appear once more. After four years of closure we are faced once again with the County Council finding it necessary to implement a closure order due to public safety. The footpath at the head of Evans cliff and Cains Folly has become unstable with slumping and large fissures now forming a large arc extending into the adjacent field. Although the rapid erosion rate is a natural feature of Charmouth the closure of the footpath is a loss of a valuable asset. The diversion order will now wind from the car park to River Way, Bridge Road, The Street and Stonebarrow Lane.

Although Charmouth beaches are considered safe swimming beaches because they run long and shallow, the RNLI Lifeguards were with us last season. They were proactive on the beach giving advice about dangers and administering first aid. The lifeguards were a part of a pilot scheme run by West Dorset Council and the RNLI at West Bay, Lyme Regis and Charmouth. A decision as to whether the Parish Council will bring them back this season has yet to be decided.

This season there are to be six of twelve proposed new beach huts to be erected on the beach east of the car park. These huts will be light blue in colour breaking the traditional brown. It is intended that they

**Charmouth Beach Clean**  
**Sunday 20 April at 10.30am**  
**Meet at Charmouth Heritage**  
**Coast Centre. All Welcome!**



**Beach Hut Saviour** (picture courtesy of Colin Pring)

will be let to young families.

There are to be planted gardens on the western side of the Heritage Centre building to introduce a small area of interest of salt and wind resistant plants.

The "Napoli" the ship that beached at Branscombe last year has now been cut up and removed and it is not expected to be any environment threat by any thing that may be left on the seabed. Charmouth received very little in the way of salvage only small items like shampoo.

**Mike Hendrick**



# School News

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and write a short piece about our local primary school. I use the word, 'our' because it belongs to us all and is a reflection of our local community. As members of staff we are custodians of a special place that has been in existence for over 150 years. During our time of tenure, we place our own personal stamps on the school but basically the school is there to serve the young people of the village and prepare them for what we all hope will be long and fulfilling lives.

I believe this opportunity to write enables me to inform the local community of some of the things that are taking place in school, which unless you are immediate members of the community you may not know about. I hope they will also be informative and let you know that there is much more to primary schools than tests, league tables and inspections.

During the past year Heidi Daniel, our Reception teacher and Key Stage 1 leader has been working hard alongside Jamie Gordon of Silvertree Survival to carry out some of the week's learning based on the Forest Schools principle. In essence, she has built up a wide range of engaging, motivating and achievable activities that are carried out in a woodland environment. Having seen our 4 and 5 year olds wandering through Charmouth Woods looking at, listening to and exploring their natural world the benefits are obvious.

At the other end of the school our Year 5 children have been preparing for the experience of a lifetime. How many people can say that they have performed live at the Royal Albert Hall? Well, 29 of our children will be able to when they are part of the Dorset Rocks production which takes place there on Friday 4th April. They are among 1200 other Dorset youngsters given this opportunity. It has been hard work but again the personal gains are evident.

I wish this publication every success and look forward to letting you know of other events and activities that take place in and around our local school.



Chris Vincent  
Headteacher  
Charmouth Primary School

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# Health & Wellbeing

## Health news from the Charmouth practice

When our bodies were evolving as hunter-gatherers sugar was scarce, but it guided us to foods that were ripe to eat; there was little natural salt; we only ate fat when we made a kill or found nuts or seeds, so the fat we ate always accompanied a good source of protein and grains, fruit and vegetables always came with their fibre, minerals and vitamins still attached. We were never in danger of overeating then because we expended so much energy just catching or finding our food!

But nowadays, salt, sugar and fat from oils are added to our foods to make them appealing and we have to think twice to feed our bodies with the kind of food it evolved to run on. If we cook more then we can choose what goes into our food. Luckily for our children, Myra Sealy at Charmouth School has been giving groups of children the chance to cook and serve delicious fresh food to the rest of the school every month. As a busy mum myself with four lunchboxes to make, I designed a sheet for the school to use which helps children decide if their own meal has a good balance. We all need slow release starch for energy; protein for building bodies; a good variety of different fruit and vegetables for body protection and watery non-sugary, non-fizzy drinks to help our brain and bodies work well.

With input from teachers, dieticians and with illustrations by local artists Margaret Chamberlain and Ian Dicks in Lyme, that sheet has now grown into a pack for teachers called "The Lunchbox Classroom" and is about to go on sale nationally. Perhaps you saw it in Ida's shop window who, together with Charmouth school inspired a story in the pack! I'm proud of this collaboration from our little corner of West Dorset.

Watch this space and to celebrate this new Shoreline newsletter we have 50 posters on "10 Top Tips for a Healthy Balance of Foods in your Lunchbox" to give away if you show us your copy of Shoreline at the Charmouth Practice.



Dr Sue Beckers

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# YOUR PAGE

## Poetry

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Please remember to include a stamped addressed envelope for return of originals.

If you have access to email it is easier for all if you can send poems by email - it also avoids transcript errors.

### CLIFF

I feel small on this beach  
with the sea bullying me,  
the fossilers tickling me  
and the bugs nibbling me.

I can't understand why they don't like me,  
maybe it's because I don't wash,  
maybe it's because I can't move,  
maybe it's because I can only see and hear.

I wait here silently,  
I cry with giant tears running down my cheek,  
I try not to let the tears fall on the people,  
They will hate me for murdering them.

But, anyway, at least the locals like me,  
they massage my head by walking up and down  
it,  
they don't bully me,  
they don't nibble me,  
I'm a treasure in their life.

I help them attract tourists  
which helps their businesses grow,  
I help them get fit  
so, actually,  
I am loved in some way!

Anon.

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## SHORELINE

News and Views from Charmouth

This is your new community magazine. Please help us to provide up to date information and articles of interest to our readers who maybe full time residents of Charmouth or visitors.

Clubs and Societies send us your reports and pictures (email is easier but if you do not have access to email than send reports to us by post, address on the front cover).

**FRIDAY 6 JUNE IS THE LATEST DATE SUBMISSIONS  
FOR THE SUMMER ISSUE OF SHORELINE**

# Wining & Dining

## News From The White House

### Spring has nearly sprung

As I sit and write this on a sunny Sunday morning in March, having fed the guests who wanted an early breakfast (off to River Cottage HQ to make sausages and ham) and waiting for the not-getting-out-of-bed-until-the-last-possible-minute guests (dumped the kids off with grandparents for the weekend) the weather forecast comes on the radio which promises the prospect of 'the worst storms of the winter' in the next couple of days.

I have spent the last few days out in the garden trying to reconvert our overgrown wilderness into something once again approximating a kitchen garden. After a few hours graft it starts to look like I may have made a difference. Also the fruit trees are starting to blossom, the berry bushes are showing signs of budding and the little shoots that have somehow survived my less than expert nurturing in the greenhouse may well be ready to plant out, ultimately supplying my kitchen with an abundance of home-grown organic produce for months to come (well I can dream can't I?) Having just had the sunniest February since records began are we being duped by mother nature into thinking that spring is here? Can all the tender baby plants be lovingly planted out into their neat little rows, proliferating in the warm spring days ahead? Or is this a false dawn and the storms promised by Radio

4 will batter into submission and wash away the fragile seedlings before they can establish themselves. Of course the danger of frost is still ever present. As a kid I remember frost and snow well into April and May but then again I did live in the Lake District and you could get snow on the fells in June !

So I think I may just hold back a couple of weeks. It is good to feel the winter is disappearing from view but it can still have a sting in its tail for the brave or foolhardy gardener. By the time you read this we should be on safer ground, the winter 'food gap' has passed and in only a few short weeks the first of the English asparagus appears, which for me is the final nail in winters coffin. Asparagus is a great vegetable to treat very simply. The key is to buy as fresh as possible (imported is just a not an option, asparagus that is as well travelled as Alan Whicker is often just as old and wrinkly) and cook as lightly as possible either boiled, steamed or chargrilled with a little olive oil or butter. Serve with a poached egg and a little shaved parmesan and you have a fantastic taste of the spring.

Happy eating  
Ian Simpson



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## Recipe

### Nettle and Feta Quiche

It's not just the butterflies that love nettles!

500g Shortcrust pastry

1 mixing bowl full of young nettles, washed and stalks removed (wear rubber gloves!)

1 onion, sliced.

100g feta cheese.

3 free range eggs

300ml milk

100ml double cream

Line a 20cm deep flan dish with pastry and blind bake for 10 mins.

Meanwhile sweat the onions in a large saucepan until soft then add the nettles. Toss together for a further minute or so until the nettles are wilted remove from the heat.

Whisk together the eggs, milk and cream and season with salt and pepper.

Distribute the nettle and onion mixture over the pastry base, crumble the feta over the top and carefully pour the egg mixture over the lot.

Bake for 35-40 mins 180 degrees, gas 4 until the filling is set and golden brown

Serve with seasonal salad and warm bread.

**SEND YOUR RECIPES TO SHORELINE**



# Sport

## Football

Charmouth Football Club, "The Robins", dates back to the early 1930s when it was part of the Charmouth Sports and Social Club.

The Club plays in The Perry Street and District Football League, which has teams drawn from three counties: Somerset, Dorset and Devon, the majority of the teams playing come from Somerset.

Charmouth F. C. have two teams, the First Team play in Division One and the Reserves in Division Four of the League. Both teams are hovering just below the middle of their respective divisions and are out of the Cup Competitions for this season.

Players for the Club range from 16 to 48 years old, the experienced players helping out with the youth. Home matches are held at the playing fields at Barrs Lane, and there is a match nearly every Saturday from September to May each season. The Pavilion is used as the changing rooms. A meeting of the Committee and Players is held in the Royal Oak, Charmouth on the second Tuesday of every month, where the running of the Club and Fundraising are carried out, as well as the Monthly Draw (100 Club) which provides much needed funds.

The Club is run by the Committee comprising Colin Bowditch (President), Wayne Causley (Chairman), Steve Pratt (Secretary), Alec Aldworth (Treasurer) with help from other members including Mike Smith from our Sponsors Frampton Smith, Accountants. The teams are managed very ably by Nick Pomeroy for the First Team and Tommy O'Hare for the Reserves, but most of all everyone tries to do their bit to benefit the Club.

If anyone is interested in helping, coming along to support, or attending the monthly meeting, you would be made very welcome.

Fixtures are put on the Village Notice Board at the top of Lower Sea Lane every week to keep everyone up to date.

You can contact Steve Pratt on 01297 560942 or Alec Aldworth on 01297 560752.

# Organisations

## The Almshouse Charity

The Charity was founded in 1642 by a Robert Salter who left £300 for the purchase of land for the poor. Over the years there have been several other endowments for the village, all operated and accounted for separately until 1921 when on amalgamation they became Charmouth United Charities. In 1994, on the advice of the Commissioners for Charities, the name was changed to The Almshouse Charity (the largest of all the endowments), thus simplifying accounting and records.

The aims of the Charity are - to assist students with the purchase of books and equipment and, possibly, course travelling expenses; to help with the cost of uniform for children starting at the village school; to help those who are in financial difficulties due to loss of job, accident, desertion, death or theft; to grant funds for travelling expenses to hospital, and perhaps help with funeral costs ; the provision of Christmas grocery vouchers in certain circumstances. To be eligible for help beneficiaries must live within the Charmouth Parish boundary.

For further information contact the Secretary - 560812.



# CHARMOUTH CHALLENGE & FUN RUN



**Saturday 5 July 2008**

**2.30pm Fun Run**  
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## News From The National Trust.

It has been a very busy winter on the Golden Cap Estate. The team of wardens have been busy with winter maintenance on the 25 miles of footpaths on the estate. Lots of stiles and steps have been replaced and repairs carried out to the drainage and surface in a number of places. Unfortunately we had to close the path that leads down to the beach at Stanton St Gabriel. The very wet weather has caused several landslides and one has taken the bottom flight of steps with it. We will rebuild the steps and reopen the path in Spring when the dry weather comes and we know the repairs will last for the summer season. Hedgerow restoration work continues each winter. We use traditional Dorset hedge laying methods to restore old hedges and have planted over a thousand new hedge plants. Those of you that use Langdon Hill car park will have seen the vast improvements to the surface and drainage that we have recently carried out. This work was only possible due to the money raised by the car park ticket machines and I am sure you agree it has provided a much improved facility for parking and walking to Golden Cap. Maintenance work continues throughout the year and several conservation projects are planned for Golden Cap and nearby properties such as Lamberts Castle.

**Robert Rhodes**

National trust Head Warden West Dorset

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## CHARMOUTH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2008

### BLUEBELLS & HILLFORTS

**Date:** Saturday April 26th

**Time:** 2.00pm - from Lambert's Castle Car Park, Marshwood (SY365897)

**Description:** Guided Walk with NT warden to see amazing Bluebell display and learn about the history and conservation of Lambert's Castle.

**Price:** – Donations.

### BIRDS AND WILDLIFE

**Date:** Friday 02nd May

**Time:** 10am - from Ringstead Bay National Trust car park (SY757824 )

**Description:** Guided Walk with NT warden to explore & discover the birdlife & wildlife of the area.

**Price:** – Donations.

### CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE

**Date:** Friday 30th May

**Time:** 2.00pm – from car park on Stonebarrow (SY 383934)

**Description:** Circular walk with National Trust warden exploring the stunning landscape of the Golden Cap Estate.

**Price:** – Donations

### HOD HILL–THE FORTIFIED TOWN & ROMAN FORT-RECENT DISCOVERIES

**Date:** Saturday 28th June

**Time:** 2.00pm – Footpath up to Hod Hill from Stourpaine. (ST 861097)

**Description:** Join leading National Trust Archaeologist. To walk the Hill-Fort and learn about recent discoveries.

**Price:** Donations

### TURNWORTH – NATURAL HISTORY AT TURNWORTH & RINGMOOR

**Date:** Sunday 29th June

**Time:** 2.00pm – Turnworth National Trust car park. (ST816084)

**Description:** Guided walk around Turnworth & Ringmoor with NT warden discovering its history conservation & management.

**Price:** Donations

### PIRATES TREASURE TRAIL – ON THE GOLDEN CAP ESTATE

**Date:** Thursday 14th August

**Time:** 11am – 3pm. Based around the car park on Stonebarrow ( SY 383934)

**Description:** Children's treasure trail . Come & meet Trusty the Smuggler! Lots of fun. A great way to spend the day for all the family.

**Price:** £2.50 per child

– All children must be supervised at all times.

**FOR DETAILS ON ANY OF THE EVENTS  
PLEASE CONTACT : 01297 561900**

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# Village Diary

Every Mon	10am – 11.30am	T'ai Chi (Beginners) Youth Club	Wesley Close, Charmouth	Pam Ladd 560264
Every Mon	4.15pm – 6pm	Charmouth Brownies	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Every Mon	8pm - 10pm	Charmouth Badminton Club (League Standard)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Every Tues	10.00 am – 12.30	Monkton Wyld Kindergarten (age 3+)	Monkton Wyld Court	Caroline 444940
Every Tues	2.30pm -6pm	Bowls Club	The Playing Fields, Barrs Lane	Bob Just 560557
Every 3rd Month		The Pavey Group	The Elms, The Street	Peter Press 560607 6.00pm–7.00pm
Every Tues (Oct – April)	7pm til late	Charmouth Badminton (Friendly Club) Lower Sea Lane	Charmouth Community Hall	Pauline Bonner 560251
Every Tues	7pm – 8.30pm	T'ai Chi (Continuation) Youth Club	Wesley Close, Charmouth	Pam Ladd 560264
Every Tues	7pm - 9pm	Seniors Youth Club	Youth Club, Wesley Close	Ken Darling 561004
Every 2nd & 4th Tues of each month		United Reformed Church Coffee Morning	The Street, Charmouth	Reverend Ian Kirby (01297) 631117
Every 3rd Tues of each month		Parish Council Meeting	The Elms, The Street	Lisa Tuck 560826
Every Weds (term time only)	10am –12noon	Charmouth Cherubs	Charmouth Village Hall Wesley Close	Polly Wild 560030
Weds	10.30 am–12.30pm	Monkton Wyld Kindergarten (age 3+)	Monkton Wyld Court	Caroline 444940
Every Weds	10am –11.30am	T'ai Chi (Continuation) Youth Club	Wesley Close, Charmouth	Pam Ladd 560264.
Every Weds	2.30pm -6pm	Bowls Club	The Playing Fields, Barrs Lane	Bob Just 560557
Every Weds (term time only)		Girl Guides	for more info call	Davina Pennells 560965
Every 1st Weds Of each month not 2 April	2.30pm	The British Legion (Women's section)	The Elms, The Street	Pat Stapleton 560255
Every 4th Weds	2.30pm	Wrens	The Elms, The Street	Pat Stapleton 560255
Every Thurs	6.30pm–8.30pm	Junior Youth Club	Youth Club, Wesley Close	Toni Green 560778
Every Thurs	7.00pm	Bridge Club	Wood Farm, Charmouth	Vincent Pieleesz 560738
Every 2nd Thurs of each month	2.15pm	W.I. Meetings	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Anne Jones 560242
Every 3rd Fri of each month	7.30pm	Bingo (fund raising)	Charmouth Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Weds 2nd April	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Charmouth Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Lisa Tuck 560826
Fri 18th April	7.30pm	Twinning Association St Georges Day Quiz	The Elms, The Street	Peter Bonner 560251
Sun 20th April	10.30–12.30am	Heritage Coast Centre Beach Clean	Meet outside Centre	Wardens 560772
Sat 26th April	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy	St Andrew's Church	Pauline 560957
Sat 26th April	10.00am-4.00pm	Sew - in - Day	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Sarah Cook 560888
Sat 26th April	2.00pm	Bluebells and Hillforts	from Lambert's Castle Car Park Marshwood (SY365897)	Debbie Stork 561900
Fri 2nd May	10.00am	National Trust Birds and Wildlife Walk National Trust car park (SY757824 )	from Ringstead Bay	Debbie Stork 561900
Sat 10th May		Tennis Club Open Day The Tennis Club	Lower Sea Lane	Pauline Bonner 560251
Mon 26th May	1.30pm–5.30pm	Wootton Fitzpaine Village Fete Followed by live music-The Vinyl Monkeys	Wootton Playing Fields	Theresa Kitcher 560670
Fri 30th May	2.00pm	National Trust Conservation & Wildlife Walk on the Golden Cap Estate	Car park on Stonebarrow ( SY 383934)	Debbie Stork 561900



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