

# SHORELINE

News and Views from Charmouth

Issue 9

## Fossil Hunters Dig Up Old Memories And New Treasures

**Meet the Charmouth Fossil Hunters, *Shoreline's* inaugural event, was a resounding success.**

Over one hundred people listened attentively while Richard Edmonds, Earth Science Manager of the Jurassic Coast Team, discussed Fossil Collecting and Management; and Phil Davidson, Warden of Charmouth Heritage Centre, spoke about the Palaeontology of Charmouth and showed the Centre's new fossil collecting film. Palaeontological preparator, Andy Cowap, recalled his early interest in fossils and explained the techniques and tools he utilises in the preparation of fossils.



*Fossil hunters past and present - Andy Cowap and Ray Jennings*

The second half of the programme was devoted to fossil collectors of the past. Ray Jennings, who was featured in a 1964 television film fossil collecting on Charmouth beach, which was shown on the evening, answered numerous questions about the days when there were only a handful of collectors. He recalled the kindness of Barney Hansford, who helped and encouraged him. The evening drew to a close after the showing of two news films, provided by the South West Film and Television Archive. In the first, filmed on Charmouth beach in 1965, Clive Gunnell talks to Barney about fossil collecting. In the second, in 1986, Barney and his son David Hansford lament the impending closure of Barney's Charmouth Fossil and Country Life Exhibition in Charmouth. Bridport Museum staff displayed a selection of the large ammonites that Barney donated to the Museum several decades ago. Richard Edmonds brought his latest ichthyosaur find, and local palaeontologists Chris Moore, Tony Gill, Pete Langham and his working partner Andy

Cowap exhibited ammonites and fossilised marine creatures.

***The Fossil Hunters of Charmouth and Charmouth Fossil Guide***, *Shoreline's* first publication, was launched at the event and is now available at the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, Ida's, Charmouth Stores and Morgan's, price £3. Fifty-percent of the profits from the sale of the booklet, as well as the Meet the Fossil Hunters event, will go to Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre.

*Shoreline* is indebted to all the speakers and exhibitors, and wishes to thank Ida's for selling the tickets for the event, Pete and Polly Wild for their kind assistance with the sound system and Steve at the Post Office for providing laminated posters.

**Lesley Dunlop**



'Fish & Ships'  
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# From the Editor

***There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world.*** -Robert Louis Stevenson

When asked by friends where I live, I of course describe the beauty of Charmouth but add that its special appeal is not just about living in a lovely place. I have always felt that the privilege of living here is because it's like being a member of an extended, eclectic family. People in Charmouth do care about their neighbours. They enjoy the camaraderie of village life. They are proud of their village and come out in droves to support village events such as the Fayre and the Christmas Day swim.

Shoreline itself is a catalogue of how our village life is maintained at a spanking pace through the efforts of community-minded people. I have often said that life is never dull in Charmouth and the pages of this magazine bear me out. How many other communities in this television and internet-dominated age can boast so many clubs and organisations of every variety?

I would like to sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis and Charmouth, the Charmouth Fayre Committee and the Charmouth Traders Association for their generous donations to Shoreline to help mitigate our ever-increasing typesetting and printing costs. And so the karmic wheel of life continues to go round, as, thanks to

## Letters

**Dear Shoreline**

This is a wake up call for Charmouth sporting activities and active good health!

Some years ago Charmouth was awash with sporting activities. Every Saturday afternoon we saw many families supporting our local lads playing football. I do not think Mrs P. Smith ever missed watching a match throughout her lifetime.

The cricket team has gone; surely there are some retired ex-cricketers in the community who could muster a team? Our bowls club is desperate for new members.

The grass tennis courts and putting green have gone and I do not think the croquet set has ever been used. We are even in danger of losing the pub games of pool, darts and skittles though we do retain the less than energetic pub quiz!

Surely there are some ex- sporting enthusiasts amongst the newly arrived members to our community. For those less sporting types, I believe the Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guides could do with some volunteers!

It seems our parish meetings too are under threat from too few attendees. Maybe the timing of regular meetings coincides with prime time TV programmes. Does this call for a rethink on what may be a more suitable time?

I have lived in this wonderful village of Charmouth for over 30 years and have obviously seen many changes; some for the better, but I do feel we are in danger of losing our community's heart and possibly our physical fitness, without more effort from all of us who are so privileged to be able to live in this beautiful part of England.

Thank you, Shoreline, for allowing us to have a say through your publication.

Ivan M.Marks. Chairman Bowls Club.

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the huge success of the Meet the Charmouth Fossil Hunters event, Shoreline was able to donate £100 (fifty-percent of the proceeds) to the Heritage Coast Centre.

We had a great response to our request for articles and stories of a nautical nature as you will see on pages 12 - 17 and many thanks to everyone who contributed. It was fascinating to learn that at one time there used to be more than a hundred boats on the beach. I am delighted to announce that the daughter of a very dear, but sadly departed, old friend of mine, has most generously bequeathed £10,000 in his name towards a slipway in Charmouth. The Parish Council is in the process of reviewing quotes and talking to engineers - so watch this space!

**Jane Morrow**

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**Dear Shoreline**

Several descendants of Alfred Bowditch, born in Hawkchurch 1839 and Mary Hann born in Wootton Fitzpaine 1840, are planning to get-together on May 22nd in Charmouth. Alfred and Mary had 13 children and lived in Higher Sea Lane from about 1891 to 1912. Their home is thought to have been called "Sailor's Cottage" and Albert Bowditch, youngest son of Alfred and Mary, lived there for a time in 1948.

If there are any other descendants still in the area who would like to meet "distant" relatives please contact me Sandy Carwardine - [aacarwardine@bigpond.com](mailto:aacarwardine@bigpond.com) or Alan Hillman - [captainshiftyuk@aol](mailto:captainshiftyuk@aol) .

Many thanks  
Sandy Carwardine.

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# What Links Charmouth with a Buddhist Temple?



*Borobudur Temple, Java, Indonesia*

**In recent issues, Shoreline seems to have developed a knack for uncovering some of Charmouth's hidden characters.** The latest uncovering comes with a riddle (answered a little later on): What links Charmouth and the astonishing Buddhist temple complex at Borobudur in Java?

While you're thinking about the answer, you may have noticed posters in the village announcing "Move into Life" events or seen occasional groups of people on the beach towards Golden Cap, up on Stonebarrow, at St Gabriel's, in Wootton Village Hall or at Coney's Castle doing... well it's not quite clear what. They may be lying down or crawling over a rock or leaning against a rock or a tree. Finally, if you run a B&B or work in the village, you may have noticed the occasional influx of groups of visitors from places like Ireland, Italy, Greece and even Java.

Which brings us back to what links Borobudur in Java and Charmouth. Heritage experts get a point for knowing that Borobudur, like the Jurassic Coast, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Historians get a point for knowing that Borobudur was completed sometime between 824 and 848 AD (around the time that the Vikings put Charmouth on the map by sending 35 longships to raid us). A third connection that most people won't know is that Charmouth-based Sandra Reeve (now Dr Reeve since she completed her PhD on Ecological Movement and 'The Ecological Body' at Exeter University last year) spent ten years from 1988 to 1998 studying and training in Java.

Sandra has run her "Move into Life" workshops in and around Charmouth for the last nine years, though she also runs them in places like Dublin, Stroud, Cork and Amsterdam. As she explains it, "We can all recognise another person by their voice. But we can tell a lot more about them by their tone, the words they use, how loudly they talk, and so on. Well our movement is no different. Each of us has our own movement 'vocabulary' which we can discover, explore and experiment with, to become aware of ourselves in a different way."

The kind of movement she's talking about is "daily movement" – how we walk into a room, what we notice while we're walking, how we sit or lie or crouch or lean or stand or lie down. She's also at pains to say that she doesn't try to teach anyone to do it "better" – there's no right way to move. What she does do is to help people move differently, to discover new movements. She explains how we move differently if we are concentrating on our thoughts, on our feelings or on physical sensations. And she shows how suddenly and how often our movement changes – as if it's a barometer of what else is going on for us.

In answer to the obvious question, "Why would I want to do increase my movement vocabulary?", Sandra says people come to her "Move into Life" workshops for lots of reasons. In the first place, they're often just curious. But they tend to come back because learning about movement opens up so many unexpected things for them.

For some people, becoming aware of their movement helps them see other people and the landscape they're moving in quite differently. Some people find it helps them spend less time 'in their heads'. Since particular movements are often connected to feelings like joy, sadness or loneliness, changing our movements can change the way we're feeling. By moving we can accept how we are, challenge habits that are no longer helpful and try some new ways of moving. As well as men and women of all ages and with no particular experience of any sort of movement work, Sandra also often draws dancers, performers, therapists and teachers to her workshops. She says she loves what happens when people from different backgrounds meet and move together. "An accountant, a young mum, a dancer and a psychotherapist can all teach each other, and learn from each other. None of them knows best! But what I love the most is that people have such fun exploring their movement."

As well as running these workshops, Sandra is also a director and performer (she has just got funding for a performance in June at St Gabriel's, under Golden Cap) and a lecturer in movement at the Drama Department at Exeter University. She's also a registered Shiatsu practitioner (specialising in working with people with low energy, bad backs, migraines and mobility issues) and a Movement Psychotherapist (working with people who want to explore habits, problems, change and possibilities through movement rather than by just talking about them). She works locally at The Court in Charmouth. Finally, after dancing at her own wedding two years ago, she's starting work as an occasional wedding dancer.

Coming back to the connection with Java, Sandra explains that she was there studying and training with internationally-respected movement artist Suprpto Suryodarmo (known to everyone just as Prapto). She now combines his teaching with her lifelong interest in Buddhist mindfulness practice to create her "Move into Life" work. She and Prapto will be teaching a one-week workshop on Ecological Movement this summer on Stonebarrow after the regular celebration of World Environment Day that she organises every 5th June at Avebury Stone Circle (another UNESCO World Heritage Site). Much of Sandra's work explores connections between these UNESCO sites and she has more movement projects along those lines planned.

To find out more about Sandra's Move into Life workshops, visit her website at [www.moveintolife.com](http://www.moveintolife.com)  
To join a World Environment Day event, visit [www.webartgarden.com](http://www.webartgarden.com)

**Andrew Carey**

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# The Charmouth Parish Plan



**Parish Plans have been, or are in the process of being, produced for most parishes in the country.** They are a way for the local community to help plan its own future and for the residents to set out what is important to them and what changes they would like to see to local services and facilities. The Plan will help the Parish Council and other local organisations make sound decisions for the future of the Parish.

The District and County Council and other service providers should also take note of Parish Plans, which are an important input into the Dorset Community Strategies.

The Parish Council resolved to carry out a Parish Plan for Charmouth in November 2009. Following a successful grant application to the Dorset Strategic Partnership, volunteers were sought to form the Steering Group.

The first meeting took place on 11th February at The Elms when Simon Thompson (Dorset Community Action) explained to Steering Group members Keith Lander (chair) Jane Morrow, Linda Crawford (sec) Debra Peters, Richard Salisbury, Bob Hughes, Tony Johnstone, Phil

## Charmouth Natural History Group

**The first meeting of the New Year was to Chard Reservoir.** The day was cloudy but very cold. We spotted a nuthatch on the ground looking for food along with chaffinches, bluetits, longtail tits and great tits up above in the tree branches. Walking to the reservoir we could hear wrens, blackbirds and song thrushes. From the water's edge we saw great-crested grebe, tufted duck, teal and mallard. Once at the bird hide we spotted more teal, a single widgeon, little egret and an enormous carp. It was only a morning outing due to the extreme cold.

Our February visit was to Escot House near Honiton. The house is closed to the general public but the grounds are open all year. They have mazes, gardens, forest adventures, wild boar, red squirrels and Asian otters. During the summer months they have birds of prey and falconry displays. I felt that Escot is more geared to families with children than to those with an interest in natural history who like to walk around National Trust properties.

Do come and join us - it's great fun!  
See below for dates and contact details.

**Kate Stapleton.**

**Tues 20th Apr 9.00am** - Dawlish Warren to see crocuses and birds. Meet at WDDC car park

**Tues 18th May 9.00 am** - Stourhead. Meet at Thurlestone, Westcliff Road

**Tues 15th June 9.30 am** - Kingcombe to see flowers, birds and lichens, bring a picnic lunch and have tea there. Meet at WDDC car park

Contact Kate Stapleton for further details on 560255

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**[www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org)**.

Find this, and all previous issues in colour on the CTA's village website!

Tritton (vice-chair) Maria Herbert and Roy Churchman the background to Parish Plans and the important stages in the process.

The next meeting will be on April 21st when the group will discuss plans for an exhibition to be held sometime in June at which local organisations will have stands and residents' views on problems and issues in Charmouth will be gathered. These comments will help to formulate the questionnaires over the coming months. The Committee hopes to publish and circulate the plan in March 2011.

**Jane Morrow**

## PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE PART NIGHT LIGHTING TRIAL

The Parish is to take part in forthcoming trials of part-night lighting when the street lights will be turned off between midnight and 5am. This is being trialed in several locations across the County and, in the interests of reducing electricity costs and carbon emissions, will be rolled out County wide if considered a success.

The Parish Council felt that it is better to be part of this trial in order to have a direct input into the results rather than just being subjected to the final decision.

The Council very much hopes that residents will embrace this trial as a positive exercise and help by reporting any incidents which may occur.

## Boogie The Night Away

**That is exactly what happened on Saturday 13th March.** Friends gathered together at St Andrew's Community Hall to enjoy an evening dancing to 'One Night Stand'. Liquid refreshments from the licensed bar certainly helped with some of the more complex dance moves. A mini ploughman's was enjoyed by all and then it was back to the dance floor!

Thank you to all those involved in organising a hugely successful evening. What is the date of the next one?

The Dance raised £584 to be shared equally between the Charmouth Senior Citizens Annual Lunch Fund and St. Andrew's Community Hall Building Fund.

**Linda Crawford**

## The Almshouse Charity

You may know of someone who is in difficult circumstances - perhaps **The Almshouse Charity** can help.

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For further information contact the Secretary - 560812

# Pebbles On The Beach



**My wife Lyn and I joined a group of friends to watch the four short plays at the Community Hall on Friday 29th January.** To say it was a good night would underestimate the event.

Mike Whatmore as the author produced a great selection of funny, real-life meetings which were very entertaining. The first was a couple of ladies after a shopping trip comparing and competing regarding their purchases, followed by two tea dancing ladies discussing the merits of the local male talent and sharing their exploits. Then two dog walkers with pets from very different backgrounds were in conversation, only for the snooty owner to be told at the end of the play that her 'little lady' had had an interesting liason with the 'boy' from the other side of the tracks; and finally we were treated to Mike Whatmore 'in drag' as one of two female tramps searching the beach bins for titbits and booze. The worrying thing is that Mike seemed to handle the role extremely well! Pity he tried to catapult himself down the

stairs - I think that he must have seen himself in the mirror and the shock kicked in!



In terms of the acting it was a credit to watch - I never knew that your editor could speak with such a very believable Essex

accent! (pictured top left) From the more regular performers such as Mike Davies to the new up and coming starlet Ann Cobb, the professionalism and obvious hard work learning the lines shone through.



If this was not enough, we were treated to a meal as good at least as any of the restaurants in the area. The two ladies preparing the food, Marilyn Waterson and Pauline Hayter and the serving team had no doubt put in an immense amount of time and effort, as the resulting comments from all at the table confirmed. And to wash it down Jeff Prosser and the team manning the bar ensured a speedy night- long service.

The only blot on the night is that Lyn and I didn't win a prize in the raffle, but at least Karen from the Oak did, so in the end our table was lucky!

This was our first show, being so new to the village ( yes, even more incomers!!) but if this is the standard we will certainly become regulars. All the entertainment and food for ten pounds was great value for money.

I hope the amount raised on the night, towards the Community Hall Building Fund, adequately reflected the efforts of all concerned - well done to you all.

**Shay Devine**



*Photos by Cherry Davies*

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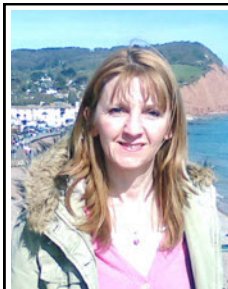
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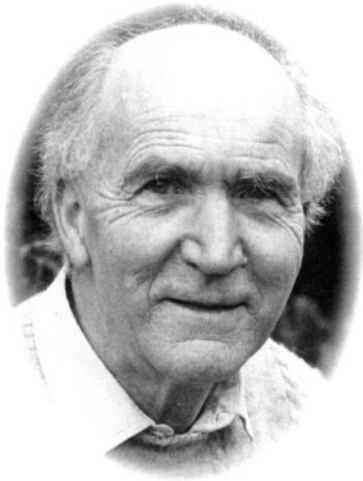
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# Alf Twelftree (1917 – 2010)



**Alf and Mary Twelftree were once a part of the fabric of this community.** They were so often to be seen, arm- in- arm going about their business – a very dear gentle, old couple. Now they've gone. And the village is a poorer place without them

Alf was born in London on the 14th October 1917 in Marylebone, London. He never knew his father who had been killed in the

trenches before Alf was born. He attended Hendon Grammar School where he excelled. He passed the Civil Service Entrance Examination-a significant achievement in those days. There was a girl named Mary in the same class; they married in 1939 whilst Alf was on a 48 hour pass. His naval career was eventful to say the least: he had joined the RNVR early 1939 and was called up almost immediately. He was assigned to the HMS *Laurentic* only to be torpedoed and sunk within a couple of months in the Western Approaches. As she was about to sink, Alf, who'd been on watch at that time, had kicked off his sea boots and slid down the davit lines into a lifeboat below. He said if he hadn't kicked off his boots he would still be at the bottom of the Atlantic. He didn't even get his feet wet! He spent nearly two years in a corvette, a diminutive warship defending convoys from U boats in the North Atlantic. He was brought ashore and commissioned in 1942.

On D-Day 6th June 1944, he coordinated the landings of thirteen Landing Craft Tanks on Gold Beach at Asnelles. He was then ordered back to Southampton the same day, to pick up reinforcements for the American lads for Omaha Beach. The great fleet of landing craft then came to Portland for a major re-fit prior to the Pacific war. He was in Singapore when the war ended preparing for the invasion of Japan.

He was not demobilised until 1946. From 1948 he was in Customs & Excise at Hendon Airport and with a family of three in their first home - these were their halcyon years. Alf and Mary retired in 1980; they came to Charmouth and built *Touchwood* in 1978.

Alf and Mary entered fully into village life, but most significantly with what was to become the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre. The creation of the Centre arose because of public concern over the recklessness of fossiling practices on the cliffs. A meeting was called and the outcome was that it would be 'Better to Educate than to Legislate'. So, with Dorset County, West Dorset DC, and local support including the Charmouth Parish, who owned the old Cement Factory, the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre was created in 1984. Alf was unanimously elected as the first ever Chairman of Trustees of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre. It was this appointment that Alf considered to be the greatest distinction of his life.

These were exciting times; Richard Edmonds was appointed as the first warden, who initiated a remarkable burst of activity. Alf said that during this time he was astonished at the progress that was made. Within a very short time the Centre was open for business.

Mary fell seriously ill in 1991. Alf retired as chairman of the Heritage Centre and nursed Mary through a very long recovery period. Brian Boston assumed the chairmanship of the Centre. When Mary had recovered - although never totally - Alf made his second great contribution to the Centre by becoming the first ever Chairman of The Friends of the Charmouth Heritage Centre from 1994 to 1998.

In 1997 Mary died. They had been inseparable, having been together since leaving school. In coming to terms with his grief, Alf committed himself yet again to the Centre, even though his sight was failing. It was my pleasure to go to *Touchwood* quite often, to read to him and put the world to rights, and on occasions, take a modicum of Nelson's Blood – and water. These evenings were warm and happy hours. Then one evening he suddenly told me that he had sold the house and was going into a rest home. He told me of these decisions quite calmly, accepting the inevitable as he said, without a trace of emotion. It was so characteristic of him.

The next news was that he was in a very comfortable residence in Dorchester. He enjoyed our visits and being taken out for lunch on occasions. Several months later, he moved to a Weymouth residence, for greater care. It was a profound regret that we were unable to talk again. Alf went away on January 6th 2010.

All who knew Alf were aware of an abundance of personal qualities: the first, although less evident, was his fortitude at the loss of his dear Mary, of a grandson and a daughter and of the trauma of war. Most will remember him for his personal warmth, judgement and rare wisdom and particularly for his services to our village. He was an outstanding man. For me, I grieve at the loss of a dear friend of nineteen years and I will always cherish the memory of that wise old head and his unfailing sense of humour.

These sentiments were encapsulated perfectly by Terry Sweeney who said:

'Alf was a lovely, lovely man'. Indeed, he was.

**Peter M. Press**

Chairman,  
Charmouth, Heritage Coast Centre, 1995 - 2000



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# News From St. Andrews



**In the last issue of Shoreline I invited you to attend our Christmas Services.** I'm glad to say that quite a few of you responded! Attendances at most of our Services increased, especially at the Christmas Carol Service. Thanks to the very hard work of Ted Whatmore and his team, the church was brilliantly decorated with candles flickering throughout the building. The traditional Bible stories of Christmas were well read by a variety of people

from across the village community. Even better was the Crib Service, reintroduced for 2009. I prepared for a guesstimate of 30 people, but actually double that number came! We had a lively time – especially as the youngsters rushed around the church to find the 20 sheep that I had hidden, so as to bring them up to the Christmas Stable.

We intend to increase the number of 'family friendly' Services – the next being Mothering Sunday (but this will be well past by the time you read this article). We would like to work with the Uniformed Groups to create Services fully on young people's wavelengths. We have begun our series of monthly Songs of Praise with the United Reformed Church. These will be at 6.30pm on the first Sunday of each month. The first, on March 7th, at the URC, was attended by nearly 30 people – and we sang an excellent selection of favourite hymns and songs. The next is on Easter Day, 4th April, at St. Andrew's Church. Thereafter we will hold them at "The Elms" Civic Centre.

Relations with our friends at the United Reformed Church grow ever warmer. Apart from these Songs of Praise, we are supporting the Lent 'Soup & Sweet' lunches. The quality of food has been excellent, with 'seconds' and even 'thirds' usually available! Hardly a Lenten penance, but a good charity fundraiser for "Shelterbox"! When their Minister, Revd Ian Kirby, goes on 3 month Sabbatical during May – July I'll lead their Communion Service at the

URC on May 9th (11am) and my wife Jane will lead this Service at the URC on July 11th.

Following our building Report, the Parochial Church Council have recently decided to embark upon a major programme of building renovations. The total cost of these for our formal Appeal is **£200,000!** This will include the following items:

- Repairs to stonework of the tower (and elsewhere) to prevent building becoming dangerous
- Redecoration of the interior of the building (walls, ceiling replastered and repainted)
- Relaying of the north and south aisle roofs
- Improvements and refurbishment of the toilet (for disabled use), kitchen, children's and meeting areas at rear of the church. So that we can better serve the community.

Plans for this work are being drawn up, so that properly costed, tenders can be obtained, and Diocesan permission granted. Then the work of fundraising will begin! Will you be prepared to offer financial or other help to preserve and enhance our village parish church? I hope you will show support.

Finally, a list of our **Easter Services**. We invite you to join us any of the following:

**Maundy Thursday** (April 1st)  
Last Supper 7.30pm at Wootton Fitzpaine

**Good Friday** (April 2nd)  
Meditation Service 2pm at Hawkchurch

**Easter Saturday** (April 3rd)  
Service of Light 6.30pm at Fishpond

**Easter Sunday** (April 4th)  
Easter Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's Charmouth

**Easter Sunday** (April 4th)  
Songs of Praise 6.30pm at St. Andrew's Charmouth.

Happy Easter!

**Revd Stephen Skinner**, Team Rector.

## We Remember..

**Family and friends gathered in St. Andrew's Church for two Thanksgiving services.** The first one was for Joan St. John on February 6th and the second one for Alf Twelftree on March 1st.

Joan's friends Heather and Russell Fairhead wrote the following about Joan:

Joan passed away at the age of 92, after a varied life as an Army Officer's wife. She boasted that she had moved house over 30 times!! Her final house was Penn Cottage after Philip's retirement and it was a great joy to her, especially when she could stand at her front door and chat to passers-by who admired her impressive display of geraniums and hanging baskets.

Joan's family grew up after the war, and her second marriage to Philip, who was an Army Language Instructor,

brought her into a wide circle of friends and interesting experiences. She was also very knowledgeable about the history of Charmouth.

Joan bravely cared for Philip during his long illness, closely supported by her two sons and grandchildren. We miss a courageous lady who had a strong Christian faith.

Just a few lines about Alf's association with St. Andrew's Church.

Alf attended regularly the 8 o'clock Communion, and he also served on the Parochial Church Council where we enjoyed his sense of humour and his contribution to Church affairs. His friends at St. Andrew's and the village will miss him very much.

**Pauline Berridge.**

# From The School



**When I used to reach the end of the Piccadilly Line following a tiring day at school I can still remember the words, 'All Change' reverberating around Cockfosters Station.**

Little did I think that, 40 years later, I would be confronted with those words on a regular basis! Working at a place like Charmouth Primary School would have certainly been a goal when I started teaching. A beautiful environment, a stunning school building and a supportive school community all contribute to a very good quality of education in its broadest sense but we are constantly faced with the challenge of change. Since Christmas three new challenges have arisen.

Change 1. At the time of writing this article we are in the process of recruiting a new deputy headteacher. This is for the third time! I don't think it is that I am difficult to work with! I am pleased to say that all the previous incumbents have been promoted and Gillian Morris is no exception. She leaves in April to take up the role of headteacher of Tipton St John School near Sidmouth in Devon. We all wish her well.

Change 2. The government, in its wisdom, felt that the curriculum established back in the early 1990s was in need of review. It recruited Sir Jim Rose and following a lengthy consultation the latest version of the National Curriculum has dropped through the school letterbox with a resounding thud. It looks pretty different from the last

one and we will have to make sense of it and personalise it to the needs of our children and school.

Change 3. We are always endeavouring to establish more space in school. Children need space to learn effectively and we are always looking to enhance opportunities. We are therefore embarking on a building project, which will give us a larger teaching space at the rear of the school and also a larger stock room. We have already revamped the school office and believe that more room will lead to improved efficiency and less clutter. In this paper driven world in which we operate we will be pleased if our two aims are successful.

The only constant in our day is the arrival each morning of 187 youngsters keen to learn and experience what our teachers are able to plan and deliver. It is an exacting task but we are lucky to have a dedicated team of teaching and non teaching staff who enjoy what they do and this has a positive effect on our children. There has to be a real enthusiasm for children and their learning. After all why would you plan to take 70 children aged between 4 and 7 to Paignton Zoo for the day? The answer to that question is because the children have spent the last term using Rousseau's painting The Tiger in the Storm as a stimulus to learning – so it seems only right that the children should visit some real life tigers to bring the learning journey to a conclusion.

The forthcoming Easter holiday will provide us with a break but when we return in April I am sure we will hear the words, 'All change' ringing in our ears.

**Chris Vincent**

## Physiotherapy

**Physiotherapy can help with a variety of different conditions.** These range from stiff and painful joints, sprained ankles and knee pain to whiplash injuries, chronic or acute low back pain. If you are limited by pain or stiffness and unable to work, carry out your hobbies, daily activities or sport, it may be time to see your local physiotherapist.

During the initial consultation, which lasts an hour, a thorough medical history is taken, and you have time to discuss your condition in detail. This is important as it gives clues to the possible structures implicated, and a likely reason for the onset of pain. This may be due to poor posture, repetitive movements, over training in sports or a specific injury. Further episodes of pain can often be prevented by making small adjustments in these areas.

After this you will be assessed, and your posture, quality and range of movement, muscle flexibility and strength are looked at. Joints and muscles are palpated and any pain, stiffness and spasm is noted.

A likely cause of the pain and mechanism of injury will be discussed, and a treatment plan will be jointly agreed upon. The treatment usually includes plenty of hands on therapy, such as massage, joint mobilizations, and muscle stretching. It may also include acupuncture for pain relief electrotherapy, TENS, exercise, and postural correction as indicated. A tailor made exercise treatment programme is often given.

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Sometimes an assessment, a good explanation of the likely causes of pain, and reassurance as to what you should be doing is enough for the individual to be able to successfully manage their condition. As and when an exercise update is needed can easily be arranged.

The overall aim is to enable you to recognise what brought this particular episode on, how it may be prevented from happening again, and how you can help the healing process. After all the body is very good at repairing itself, but may just need a little help from time to time!

**Becky Loader**

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# Bymead House

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Her philosophy is to provide truly individual and therapeutic support including complementary therapies such as acupuncture, to whatever degree is wanted or required.

She has always believed that this support should extend to the families and friends of those living at Bymead House as they form an important integral part of the care network within the home.

Bymead has always been proactive with the care provision and facilities on offer to the residents and with this in mind, Elizabeth Wilson, an experienced nurse, was appointed Registered Manager.

Together they have continued to integrate and develop this philosophy of care.

They recently started the accreditation process for the 'Gold Standards Framework in Care Homes', this will enhance the excellent care they already provide and is part of a national initiative to achieve the best quality of life for their residents, particularly towards the end of life. The training of all staff has always been recognised as an important part of the expected high standard of care and part of Elizabeth's brief was to take this training to the next level.

She designed a cohesive and relevant training programme which has been ongoing and officially recognised by the Care Quality Commission with 100% of the staff working towards or gaining a minimum of NVQ level 2.

Whilst they have this in depth training and development programme, Elizabeth feels it is also essential when recruiting new staff that they are aware that Bymead

House has a culture of learning and empathy. Through this training they will be encouraged to develop their own skills and knowledge base.

A very important part of the support Bymead provides is their extensive activities programme.

In line with their philosophy of holistic care, these activities are tailored to suit the individual needs of their residents.

The varied weekly programme reflects hobbies the residents may have had in their previous home and any new interests are encouraged and supported.

Sue Bartlett-Hall, activities co-ordinator, has been instrumental for many years in taking forward Susan Blacklock's vision of the therapeutic importance of social activities in relation to the happiness and wellbeing of people living within a care home.

Using local suppliers has always been important to Bymead House, this ensures that Bymead has frequent deliveries of fresh local produce each week enabling them to provide a varied, nutritious and tasty menu.

As an indication of their commitment to high standards they have been awarded 'Excellent' 5 stars by Environmental Health for Hygiene and Food Safety.

Residents are encouraged to make the rooms their own personal space with favourite pieces of furniture, pictures and paintings.

All bedrooms are single and most are en-suite. Each room has a telephone and television.

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# Dorset Journey - Alan R. Bennett

**I first met Alan Bennett last year when he called at the Pavey Room, the Charmouth Local History Resource Centre. Having introduced himself, he told me of a novel task he had set himself;** a 'journey of discovery' of the communities across the Dorset coast. His object was an attempt to assess contemporary attitudes to a rapidly changing society within the county. His planned itinerary was to take him from Lyme Regis to Christchurch, devoting a year to this quest. His approach was quite straightforward - he wanted to talk to people as a means of discovering grass- root reactions to change within communities in the county.

This he has done most successfully and his findings have just been published in a handsome and very interesting volume entitled *Dorset Journey*. It is my pleasure to have been asked to review it.

The author of this study has developed a means of gathering information by informal, spontaneous interviews, the purpose being to gain some intimation of the reaction to change and its impact on the quality of life of communities within the county. It required a random cross-section of people who are prepared to talk to someone on a one-on-one basis of their personal concerns in living within a community. It depended of course, on the willingness of each individual to discuss personal and local issues with a stranger, but above all, such interviews would depend upon the qualities of the interviewer whose informality, tact and sensitivity would be paramount.

Within the book, there are excellent examples of these interactions between the interviewer and subject. Alan finds that an interviewee will invariably raise matters that are initially of personal concern such as relationships between neighbours, local government issues etc, and then perhaps, broaden their concerns to interactions with adjacent communities. There is a common theme that emerges and that is an underlying concern with change *per se*. This disquiet in West Dorset amounts to a virtual fear of further urbanisation and a profound concern with the yuppification of ancient communities.

Of course, an entire community could not be fully assessed by this means, time being the critical factor. But if the scope of the testing were to be broadened along the 'Gallup Poll' lines, a fairer sample of public attitudes within a community might be obtained. Such gathered data might serve as a useful indicator of the need for certain local improvements. Going a step further, if such a fund of local concerns were to be gathered from the entire county it would be of particular worth to future planners for such schemes as housing developments, roads, etc. Public opinion might well be a factor before any such schemes were undertaken.

Yet another application for this data could well be used to form the basis of a socio/economic map of the entire county of a given date. This would not only provide an invaluable contemporary reference, but would become a record of the quality of life in early 21st century Dorset society - especially for the future historian.

There are precedents for such 'journeys of discovery' in British history and an enormous debt is owed to those who undertook such journeys. Such names as Leland, Cobbett and Young, Barrow and Doctor Johnson were

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great recorders during their respective dates. Whatever the reasons for their wanderings these men made critical observations and often quite casual references that proved precious insights into the conditions that prevailed especially in rural areas over many centuries. They commented on the rural economy, often deploring the lot of the peasantry. But I can think of no incident where one of these early chroniclers actually got off his horse to talk to a peasant.

Times change. The media assures us that we are fully aware of everything, trivial and otherwise. It could be said that the degree of our involvement within the democratic process is reduced to putting an **x** on a ballot form in return for a bunch of promises. Very rarely does the opportunity arise for the individual to express his or her thoughts on all those issues that have such a bearing on the quality of life. This is the essence of Alan Bennett's crusade: to find out what the man in the street had to say; he got off his metaphorical horse to talk to people.

The task of putting four hundred pages of print into a practical format was a challenge. As a guide, Alan remembered an earlier example of such a journey undertaken seventy-six years ago by J.B.Priestley, whose book *English Journey*\*. Is still a pleasure to read to this day. Priestley was an author, playwright and a beloved broadcaster in the early days of 'the wireless'.

Alan Bennett's book is organised upon six main regional elements within which there are sixty-nine constituent communities that he visited. A considerable accomplishment! You will also observe other personal qualities of the man: his literary style, particularly humour, his evident pleasure and delight in the people he met and of their appreciation of his challenge. It is in every sense a labour of love. Alan Bennett describes *Dorset Journey* as being 'part investigative journalism, part travel and part autobiography.' Within these understated admissions there is evident sociological and psychological awareness that is demonstrated within the conduct of his interviews.

The book is in every sense a quality publication, from the quality of the printing the paper to the photographs and the layout, which are distinctive and thoroughly professional. It would look equally well on a coffee table, or as in my case, propped up alongside my monitor screen. Above all else though, this publication is a pleasure to read. Many of you will recognise local characters that were visited and there is every likelihood that you will share their views and be very pleased that familiar local issues have been aired.

As the book stands it is an invaluable source book for any High School or University library. However, an even greater worth will be for the future as it will provide remarkable, intimate social history of an English county in the year 2008/ 2009. The author, Alan Bennett has touched the pulse of that moment.

\*The asterisk makes reference to the Folio Society's 1997 edition of J.B. Priestley's *English Journey* in which that distinguished Lady of Letters, Margaret Attwood, introduces the author. She penned the following two lines

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# Poetry

## A Man In A Yacht

A man in a yacht,  
Out in the bay.  
What is he doing,  
On this very still day.  
No wind for his sails,  
No current to guide.  
Is he there for the peace,  
While his time he bides.  
Does he need time,  
To think and to plan,  
What to do with his life,  
This solitary man.  
Or does he just fish,  
With his rod and his line.  
Enjoying himself  
'til he heads back to Lyme.

**By Shirley Stanford**

## Stonebarrow

The lane that leads to Stonebarrow is steep and far from wide,  
You could get there by cliff path till the cliffs began to slide.  
They bought some land and fenced it off and moved the path inland,  
They said t'would last for fifty years, well that was what they planned.  
The powers of Mother Nature though were well beyond their reach,  
And after fifteen months or so the path was on the beach.

So up the tarred and windy road is now your only route,  
You have to dodge the motor cars if you go there by boot.  
And on the paths among the gorse where people walk their dogs,  
There's other things you have to dodge like nasty little logs.  
But never mind the hazards it's a place you'll love to be,  
The views there are spectacular across the sparkling sea.

You look across to Golden Cap and further Portland Bill,  
And to the west toward Torbay you can see farther still.  
A buzzard soars below you with his stationary wings,  
And maybe on a gorse bush a lone Dartford warbler sings.  
There's Green winged orchids in the field and they're quite rare of course,  
And always you're surrounded by that dazzling yellow gorse.

**by Peter Crowter**

## Charmouth Literary Festival

**The second Charmouth Literary Festival will take place on Saturday 16th October 2010. From 9.30a.m – 4.30p.m.** A full itinerary will be published in the summer issue of Shoreline.

Backed by Creative Dorset, this free-to-attend event is a must for anyone who would like to write and learn more about the business, both mainstream and self-publishing. Come and meet authors who did it their way.

Local authors will once again give presentations on their work and a crime writer known as the T.V Detective, will be joining us. [www.thetvdetective.com](http://www.thetvdetective.com) There will be an

## A Dorset Journey (cont..)

that characterised Priestley. It occurred to me that these same lines, if paraphrased somewhat would be equally appropriate to Alan R. Bennett's excellent efforts:

*Being a rambling, but truthful account of what one man saw and heard and thought during a journey through Dorset during the year 2008/09*

**NB.** The book *Dorset Journey* is available at **The Pavey Room** on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9 - 12am, or between 7 - 9pm on Thursday evenings. Again, it will be available at any of the Pavey Group's functions. If all else fails – a note with a **name, phone number and address** put through the door of Primrose Cottage will ensure a copy. The price is £19.95 of which a significant percentage goes to The Weldmar Trust and to The John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation.

opportunity to learn a variety of innovative techniques to breathe life into your ideas, deal with writer's block and the fears that plague writers from time to time.

Once again there will be masterclasses, workshops and talks in several village locations including, Ida's Tea room, The library and Heritage Coast Centre. Speakers will be confirmed shortly. A brunch lunch can be pre-booked at the Hensleigh on Lower Sea Lane.

One member of the public who has had great experience with literary festivals, having presented books at Hay-on-Wye, assured us that what we were offering was far more valuable than just sitting at the feet of already established authors and listening to readings.

We have also learnt that one man was inspired to enter one of his poems into a competition in the Writers Forum magazine and won second prize. A writers group already exists in Charmouth, set up by Sallyann Sheridan. [www.sallyannsheridan.com](http://www.sallyannsheridan.com)

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Please send us your stories and poems to be included in the summer issue of Shoreline by the 15th June



# Peter Grinter - All At Sea

"I don't mind telling you, I was crying, I was so scared." In 1980, Peter Grinter, aged 14 had gone out for an afternoon's fishing with Barry Cloud an Axminster Painter and Decorator, when the outboard motor, swamped by a wave, spluttered and died.

Barry's efforts to restart the engine were in vain, so they tried to row the 3 miles back to the beach, but the swell increased as the offshore breeze grew stronger and they made no headway.

Adrift at the mercy of the wind and waves, without distress flares (and long before mobile phones), an afternoon's sport had turned into a struggle for survival, so Barry dried the spark plug once more and frantically pulled the starting cord yet again. Suddenly the little single-cylinder British Seagull motor coughed into life and relieved they turned for home.

With the wind growing stronger and the evening drawing on, they battled back, the 4HP motor just able to push the heavy clinker-built boat through the mounting swell to the safety of the shore. Thankfully, that was Peter's worst fishing experience in the last 30 years.

Born in 1966, Peter started his education in Charmouth at The Old School House and went on to Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis, leaving at 16 to be apprenticed at his father's butcher's shop in the village (now Pattimores). He served as a retained Firefighter for 15 years and now runs his own window cleaning business.

He is the third generation of the Grinter family to enjoy fishing from Charmouth's beach and bay, and his sons look likely to follow suit. His father Keith had a boat on the beach for 60 years, and still lives in the village. He named his last boat "The Three Boys" after Terry his eldest son and twins Peter and John. But Peter remains the keenest fisherman, and his Grandfather Harry, taught him as a 10 year-old how to cast a line from a rod down at the field car park near the beach. "That's why I cast left-handed" said Peter "I faced him and copied everything he did exactly"

It wasn't a disadvantage however, because when he was 19 in October 1985, Peter caught a Sea Bass from the beach, weighing in at almost 12lbs, which won Fish of the Month prizes from both the *Angling Times* and *The News of the World*. Both prizes were then state of the art fibreglass fishing rods, which Peter still has today.

Asked to recall any funny moments, Peter said years ago his Grandfather, still fishing at 75, fell out of the boat as it beached in the surf and shouted "That's it - never again!" - and he never did venture out again. Another time, Peter's wife Lisa jumped out of the boat to help beach it on the shingle near St Gabriel's, but the water was deeper than she realised and she disappeared below the boat as it surged in on the swell. After an anxious few moments Peter got the boat, his three young children and Lisa safely ashore "Yes, probably in that order too!" she laughed. Luckily it was a glorious summer's day and a very secluded spot, so Lisa enjoyed sunbathing in the altogether while her clothes dried out.

Possibly Peter's most incredible "fisherman's tale" also happened when he was just 14. Out on his own in his father's boat about a half mile offshore, Peter was



dismayed to see the outboard motor slip from the transom and disappear into the deep - because he'd neglected to tighten the clamp bolts. With a heavy heart, he started to row ashore, then got a tow from another boat, thinking all the while how he could possibly face his father to confess his carelessness. With that ordeal over, they both returned to the beach and as luck would have it, there was a party of divers from Bath about to set off. They accepted the unexpected challenge and Peter guided them to the area where the disaster happened. Amazingly, they found the engine and it was hauled into the boat. "It won't be any good - the seawater will have wrecked it" was his father's retort. Nevertheless they stripped and cleaned it and (to Peter's huge relief) had it running again that same afternoon!

Nowadays, with a lightweight aluminium boat, powered by a 15 horsepower Mercury engine capable of speeds up to 22knots (and no doubt with more regard for seaworthiness and safety equipment), Peter has ventured as far as Abbotsbury to the East and Beer Head Westwards, but his favourite area remains Charmouth.

Typical catches include Skate, Plaice, Mackerel, Rockling, Dogfish ('Rock Salmon' in a chippy) and Conger Eels, these treated with due respect for their razor sharp teeth once aboard. Peter's record Conger weighed 43lbs, but as usual, the apprentice trumped the master when son Paul landed a 45lb monster last year. Occasional boat catches include Dover Sole, Black Bream, Cuckoo Wrasse and a fine 10lb Sea Bass close to shore two years ago

One of his lobster pots once yielded a 6lb giant, and his most unusual catch was made fishing off the beach in January - a tiny Scorpion Fish. "A very strange looking fish, but the most beautiful colour turquoise" said Peter.

Reminiscing, he recalled the days when there were about a hundred or so boats on the beach, used for fishing, sailing or pleasure trips, not just the handful we see today. The oldest fishing families in the village are his own and the Oxenburys with Stuart and Ron still carrying on the tradition and Peter certainly plans to keep on fishing as long as he's able to - "I love it!" he exclaimed.

**Colin Pring**

# Getting Afloat with Dick Phillips



**Boat building is alive and well in Berne Lane, courtesy of Dick Phillips, boat builder and boat repairer.** Between the ages of 16 and 21, Dick was apprenticed to Jones & Teague boatyard in his home village of Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire. During a productive 40-year career, which continues apace, he has built, restored and repaired craft from the traditional to the ultra high-tech, and has taught 1,000 City & Guilds Yacht Building students in Falmouth and Lyme Regis. Since 1987 he has written monthly articles for *Water Craft* magazine, as well as numerous articles for *Classic Boat*, *New Classic Boat* and *Boatman* magazines.

Dick left his teaching post at Falmouth Technical College (now Falmouth Marine School) for Lyme Regis after Giles Frampton and Tim Gedge took over and renovated the ill-fated Adventure Centre. They reopened it as the Lyme Regis School of Boat Building (now the Boat Building Academy) and Dick was chief instructor there from 1997 until 2005.

When two of his mature students – John and Roz Preston – needed help to fit the hull of their self-built 45-foot Bill Dixon design deep-water cruiser, Dick left the academy and established a workshop in Berne Lane. "Sweet Dreams is a bit special," he says. "She's a canoe-shaped craft with a keel on the bottom; a very low build, with no body below floor level. John and Roz wanted her equipped with her own 240V power generator, a built-in fridge/freezer, a desalination plant, a computer that rose out of the bulkhead and a state-of-the-art sound system. It had everything on board." Dick also fitted his own brand of removable teak non-slip treads onto the boat's steps. Sweet Dreams is currently moored in the west of Scotland.

The custom building of Roxanne, a Nigel Irens design 30-foot lugger for Charles and Gill Taylor, was Dick's next project. He used the latest wooden boat building techniques and materials to create the traditional hull shape and efficient rig design. He fitted an aluminium mast and, at Charles' and Gill's request, his teak step treads. Now used as an inshore racer around Falmouth, Roxanne provided Dick with material for a six-part 'building of' series for *Waterworld* magazine.

Dick needed extra hands during Roxanne's final year and brought on Luc Dominique-Smith and Connie Menfe, former Boat Building Academy graduates. Connie went on to build her own boat in his workshop and 24-year-old Luc stayed on as his assistant. "Luc is an intelligent, practical guy, who has an aptitude for boat building," notes Dick. In addition, the pair specialise in oak joinery and roofing beams.

One day soon, Dick will use a GRP mould in his yard to build a 20-foot narrow wooden river launch. As the start of a new business venture, he intends to fit it out and show it at the Beale Park Thames Boat Show.

"A few years ago, I wrote a series of articles about boatbuilding in Russia and Finland, where people are working to preserve their wooden boat building industries. At Hamina in Finland they have devised waterside premises with spaces for graduate boat builders and basic sets of machinery for them to use," he continues. "I'd like to establish something similar nearby, because it's difficult for graduates to take the next step when they leave the Boat Building Academy."

What does Dick think about Charmouth? "It's a lovely community with great shops and pubs, and people drop in to see me when they're passing. I sail in Lyme Bay and would be a ready customer if Charmouth had a slipway."

So, if you've ever dreamt of sailing into the wide blue yonder, Dick is ready to help you realise your dream.



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# My Friend Wendy and I



**My friend Wendy and I had both long wanted to sail on one of those beautiful Tall Ships,** and when we saw a three-day, two night trip offered, crewing on the 200 feet tall Stavros S Niarchos, early in November, our eyes shone with excitement. November? Wasn't that gale-time? Weren't we expected to climb the rigging to see to the sails? We told that part of ourselves – and others – to be quiet, crossed our fingers and booked.

So there we were, on the quayside at 8 o'clock in the morning, just us two women and a group of matey men, and out there was the ship, with her tall bare masts. Floating gangways joined up for us to leave Terra Firma and walk on board, and from then on there wasn't a moment to spare. We were told our Watch; we, and six men, were in Red watch, and taken below to our bunk room, where Wendy and I could choose from eight blue cloth hammocks, stacked two high. But with no time to unpack and make ourselves cosy, we climbed back up to sign on at the Captain's table, before going to the crowded Mess. Here we were kitted out with monster-sized heavy duty waterproofs and an astonishing safety harness, which had a loop between the shoulder blades for winching us up out of danger. First we put our feet into the blue loops, wriggled the whole thing up to get our arms into the red loops, and wriggled it over our head, to clasp it all together at the front. Sounds easy – but I needed a private lesson in working just the clasp itself – and as for getting it all off again, well, Wendy called them chastity belts.

Introductions to the five professional crew over, all sixteen of us learners which, we were glad to see now included three more women, assembled on the well deck for our first training. It started with graphic Health and Safety stories – no doubt intended to ensure we remembered – and progressed to handling the various ropes – called lines – which were our particular responsibilities. Wendy and I were side by side on the Royals (that is, the very topmost sails) and it was easy to identify our lines because they each ran through the eye of a lizard, and none of the others did, thank goodness; it seemed there were hundreds of ropes stretching up above our heads and there were times when we had to get to them in a hurry from somewhere else. For each sail there were easers and haulers – that much made sense.

From then on we were deluged by the Tall Ship language – bunt lines, clew lines, jackstays, gaskets, widow-makers, Flemish horses .. all crew to bracing stations, fold the leaches, flake the lines ..it sounded wonderful but sometimes hard to remember which was what. After the pilot had taken us out of Portsmouth Harbour, we were left to sail the ship without engines, so we had Up and Over practice. This meant the brave ones climbed the wobbly rope ladders on the port side, crossed to

starboard by side stepping along wire lines underneath the yard arm, and then back down to the deck again. I'm proud to say that Wendy was one of them, and I took photos to prove it. She was too! Some crew chose to go up again, to unfurl the Gallant and Topsail so that we could really get going, and we then we were off, the sails bellying out white against a blue sky, a truly wonderful sight, which I suspect was really what we'd come for. And I loved the feeling of riding up and down over the waves, with the wind in my hair. But bringing us down to brass tacks, during Happy Hour we all had jobs to do, cleaning the heads (loos), emptying bins, sorting the recycling, cleaning showers and bunk rooms, and helping in the Galley. By late afternoon we had sailed round the Isle of Wight to a safe anchorage place; the Captain let us off Night Watch because we were such a small crew (usually there are forty eight.) This left the evening free for getting to know each other, which helped when it came to team work and made it all more fun.

Next day the promised gale hit us, and with winds of up to force nine, and swell waves four metres high, we were kept very busy, especially as some people with white faces had to disappear below. At first it was fun, but as it grew worse, I was frightened by being thrown around, and by water exploding up through the scuppers and racing towards me, only to suddenly drain away again. But then a wave would crash over the side, and I'd be grateful for my heavy waterproofs after all. The wind roared through the rigging, drowning the instructions called to us over the Tannoy. Never mind the rain stinging our faces, getting in our eyes and numbing our hands, we still had to belay the lines as we swung the yard arms round to a different angle.

Later, it calmed, the clouds departed to show an almost full moon shining a pathway across the water to us, and the only sound on deck was the lapping of gentle waves against the side of the ship. Next day was full of treats; it was I who worked the windlass to pull up the anchor chain, four shackles of it, which meant the seabed was 360 feet below us. We all took turns at steering. It was wonderful to feel the beautiful ship, three hundred feet long, swing round in response to the message that passed from my hands on the wheel to the rudder, causing the prow to gently turn in her new direction. We were shown the workings of the Chart room, and I was glad that the heavens were still involved in navigation, even if it was using satellites instead of stars.

Our last day, and whilst I had helped unfurl the jib, walking on a wire out over the water which sparkled beneath the safety net, now, as we sailed back up the Solent, I helped again, the last sail to be refurled. This was a sad moment, and a goodbye really, to the essence of the ship. After that it was the engine which took us over the quiet waters to dock at the quayside in Southampton. We caught the train back to Portsmouth to pick up Wendy's car. Sisters-in-adventure, and the oldest ones on the ship, we drove back home through the darkness and lights of Guy Fawkes' night, aware that our hearts carried precious cargoes of our once-in-a-lifetime memories.

**Jennifer Grierson**

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# Messing About In Boats

**At last it is March.** It's been a long hard winter for all but as I write this the sun is blazing and the temperature is slowly lifting. Spring has finally sprung, though someone needs to wake up the daffodils!!

It's time to get the boat out.

For several years now I have been fortunate in being able to tell people I have a pile in Dorset and a yacht – which, like many a fisherman's tale, is almost true. In fact it's a static caravan and a 10ft dinghy. But hey, I'm happy. Launching a fishing boat from Charmouth beach has been a tradition for many generations and although today it may not have livelihoods depending upon it, it's still good to see people taking the opportunity to enjoy the sea and occasionally, very occasionally for some, catch a fish or two for the pot.

My own small part in this has not been without the occasional incident. Meeting other seafarers a short distance offshore has always been interesting and I was pleased to help the poor navigation skills of a passing yacht one day as he hove to beside me and asked, pointing at the town "Is this the way to Lyme Regis?". I of course always wave at the speed boats as they roar by leaving a cloud of spray, spume and large bow wave to seriously rock my dinghy behind them. Just how many fingers I wave I will leave to the imagination, but it's not many.

I have a keen awareness of the dangers the sea can pose and never take to it without wearing a life jacket, carrying flares and having oars carefully shipped as a backup for my little outboard, whilst all the time watching for the

weather to change. I have had to row back a couple of times when once the prop of my outboard became tangled with hundreds of yards of fishing line, my own of course. Yes I did for a few seconds think I had finally caught the 'big one' and I'm sure a group of seagulls were laughing as they wheeled overhead. The second time the oars came out was because the engine stopped and simply refused to start again. A long and tiring row followed. Back on the beach a closer inspection of the engine revealed that some twit had turned the fuel off! Now I really don't recall doing this but as on this occasion there was not even a seagull around to blame, I guess that twit was me.

Launching and landing a boat through the surf running on to the beach can often be tricky but also, for some, entertaining. There was the occasion when after carefully negotiating a passage through the tumbling surf, whilst being acutely aware of the dozens of people idly watching this journey from the car park by the Heritage Centre, I placed one foot out of the boat and onto the sand. Then before I could remove the other, thus leaving me straddled between terra firma and bobbing boat, the sea, almost as though it was waiting for me to be at my most unbalanced point, threw one last foaming wave causing the boat to shift and my splaying legs dumping me unceremoniously into the water. Though true only a few inches deep it immediately soaked my prostrate form.

Dragging myself to my feet I looked around at the gaping mouths falling from the multitude of faces drawn to this unfortunate spectacle. With my dignity scattered to the wind I did the only thing I could and gave a deep bow to the chortling audience and pulled my craft onto the solid welcome sand.

Oh and if anyone can give me tips on how to catch the wonderful but elusive bass I would be pleased to hear from you, I'm easily spotted as the frustrated angler in the battered blue and white dinghy.

**Colin Ive**

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# The Coast Guards



**You will have recently read in the local newspaper about two children who became trapped in the mud at the base of the landslide just east of Charmouth.**

This is a major landslide that extends all the way down to the beach and is constantly moving, especially after the wet weather during February. Fortunately, the children managed to free themselves with the help of their parents. However, they were understandably frightened and cold after being trapped up to their waists for 25 minutes. Waist-deep in quicksand is not a particularly good place to be - your feet become wedged in the densely packed sand at the bottom and it's very hard to get them out. With the school holidays approaching, this incident was a salutary reminder of the dangers of going anywhere near this treacherous part of the beach.

Lyme Regis Coastguard team are trained as a full mud rescue team and have specialist equipment for carrying out the recovery of a casualty trapped in mud. Most of the equipment has been developed for use in tidal estuaries and mud flats where, on the UK shoreline, most incidents involving mud occur. Although the equipment helps, no rescue from mud or quicksand is easy. Getting the rescuer and the equipment to the casualty is the first problem, the second problem is giving the rescuer a base from which to use the equipment and then getting the casualty and the helper back to safety is the last difficulty. All of this is carried out in the filthiest of working

conditions making the rescue time consuming and physically demanding. It is like working in very wet concrete!

This latest incident is the most recent in a long list of emergencies at the landslide in Charmouth. As part of the build up to Easter, the coastguard team recently conducted a training exercise in the landslide. The purpose was to put the team and its equipment through its paces. The scenario was very simple: a person trapped up to their waist, initially no more than five metres from solid ground. The team did learn some very valuable lessons in carrying out the 'test' rescue but was reminded of how simple it is to get trapped and how difficult it is to get out of the quicksand.

If you are unfortunate enough to become trapped, contact the Coastguard immediately on 999. Stay calm - the more you wriggle, the more you will sink - you are highly unlikely to sink below your waist due to the body being less dense than the quicksand. Unlike the movies, you will not be sucked under and drown, but you could be exposed to both the cold and an incoming tide. Be prepared to lose your footwear, but slowly lean back and endeavour to spread your weight and allow your legs to lift with gentle movements. If you can lean on a big stick it will help you to get purchase. The key is not to panic and to make slow movements.

Please keep away from the cliffs, especially if you have youngsters and animals. The best fossils are always found on the beach and not in the landslips and rock falls. When visiting the beach be aware of the times of high tide. Many of the people who become trapped in mud have been cut off by the tide and endeavour to cross the mud to get back to safety. Quite simply, stay off the mud, it is very dangerous!

**Nick Bale**

## Avast Me Hearties!

**Aye aye shipmates, I thought I would adopt the seafaring style for this article, in keeping with the flavour of the magazine this time.**

There's skulduggery about, the pirates have been marauding and stealing heating oil from your tanks. There are plans afoot to scupper these villains. We are working with local oil installers to 'mine' the waters around your tanks. It's at an early stage, however by the time you get this message in a bottle there should have been something out on the short wave. We will be heading to all compass points to scuttle the pirates' plans - I cannot say too much though. Our Captain, Inspector Naughton, is all aboard on the voyage (this is becoming hard work!).

Recently, pirates on board their boat (disguised as a small, white van) were chased by the police through Watery Lane (Beaminster) and eventually they abandoned ship, leaving behind their treasure (10 drums of heating oil). Enquiries are underway and we hope to get them to walk the plank.

Our marine section covers our waters, including rivers and streams, and they have the necessary skills and training to deal with watery incidents. Their work involves

marine theft, smuggling and the likes - their captain is a local chap who likes the cold water!

Along the shore it is an offence to take pebbles from the beach and to excavate into the cliffs. Interestingly, permission can be granted to excavate if there is a large fossil find.

That's about it for me as my ship is leaving port and I am setting sail for northern waters tonight. Keep warm and look after each other.

**PC Chris Forshaw.**



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# My Fishing Experience

**My Charmouth fishing experience started only ten years ago** when I bought a 'Mirror dinghy', purchased a 2.5 HP outboard motor and prepared to risk life and limb as a 'newbie fisherman' launching the boat from Charmouth beach (I later realised that the risk was mostly to be to my health when hauling the boat back up the beach to its mooring plot!).

The first trip ended in failure... we set off and unknowingly snagged the propeller on a rock, shearing the safety pin in the propeller and therefore with motor running we were getting nowhere... the boat finally drifted back onto the West beach and when speaking with an experienced fisherman he quickly advised me to put in a new shear pin. Since that day I have taken advice from local experts (Stuart Matthews Inc.) and always go out to sea towards the Cobb and return the same way, this being the safest route to avoid rocks. For those safety aware readers we always wear life jackets and have been novice sailors in past years; it was a motorised boat and rocky waters that became our hazards.

Through the years I have caught many mackerel with hand lines (a wonderful oily fish and especially delightful when eaten within hours, overlooking the beautiful Lyme bay) and have also brought in pollack (again an underestimated meaty fish) although they should be gutted as quickly as possible.

My best catch was in 2008 when, with a neighbour and his two grandchildren, we caught 30 mackerel in about an

hour; unfortunately we are not always so lucky; in truth, some years the cost of mooring rent together with petrol costs make our mackerel catch as expensive as purchasing from a fishmonger; nevertheless, the delight of being out on the water far makes up for any lack of fish.

I usually go to sea with a strong crew mate to ensure that together we can pull the boat up the steep beach incline, although the new beach attendant is very helpful when assistance is needed with the final heave-ho. We leave the boat on the beach during the summer (a boat space fee is required from the Parish Council) and take it back to our garage for a clean-up and coat of paint during the winter months.

Last year (with neighbourhood friends) we decided to try our hand at fishing from the beach – fairly unsuccessful from either Charmouth or Bradstock, UNTIL ... one evening at Charmouth (after a BBQ of sausages, red meat and glasses of lemonade) we had another go. Sporting the oldest rod amongst us and with my first cast, I landed a sea bass of HUGE proportions (spot the fisherman's yarns in the last paragraph). A passing visitor told me that he had been coming to Charmouth for ten years and this was the first time he had seen anyone catch a fish off the sea steps. I was also asked by a boy with mobile phone camera to pose with the fish for a photo - fame at last!

**Peter Bonner**

## From Newspaper To Plate

**Fish & Chip shops across the U.K. are commemorating 150 years of a great British tradition this year.** To celebrate the occasion here are some fishy facts from Charmouth Fish Bar.

Over 270 million portions of fish & chips are sold in the UK a year. On a Friday in the UK, 20% of meals purchased outside the home are from a fish & chip shop....it is believed that the first ever mention of fried fish was in Charles Dicken's novel, Oliver Twist, published in 1837. Then in the 1850's, street stalls sold pieces of fried fish and cooked 'shaved' potatoes in newspaper on the streets and in the alleys of London. The first ever fish & chip shop was opened in the 1860's. There are now over 10,000 in the UK.

It was during World War Two that fish & chips took their place in the nation's heart & stomach, all thanks to the Minister of Food declaring them one of the few foods not to be rationed.

The British love of fish & chips has seen the culinary delight extend its influence across the globe. Fish & chip shops have been spotted in as far flung places as a cliff top in South Africa and the desert in Oman. However, unless you have a sweet tooth, avoid visiting fish & chip shops in China ....they serve it with sugar!

We all know that fish is good for us, especially with the recent surge of scientific interest in Omega 3 fatty acids. Did you know that polyunsaturated fats from some fish might prevent damage to brain cells as well as keeping your heart healthy? Eating fish may help lower blood pressure. All the guys out there check this out – a

Swedish study showed a link between eating fish regularly and a reduction in the rate of prostate cancer. Fish & chips have a third less calories than the other popular takeaways. It has a massive 42% less fat than a doner kebab and a third less than a burger meal from a well-known chain.

The most popular species of seafood in retail is salmon, cod, tuna, haddock and prawns.

At Charmouth Fish Bar we care about the future of fish and fishing and would like to see this healthy, tasty, convenience food continue for many more generations. Our fish is sourced from sustainable waters - our cod is line caught - then frozen at sea for maximum flavour. We also offer haddock, plaice, and newer varieties such as basa and hake along with our west country crab cakes. Long may the great British traditions continue!

**Sue Harvey**



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# Free To A Good Home.

**Go for a wander in the fields and hedgerows just about anywhere around Charmouth this time of year with a plastic bag and help yourselves to one of the culinary highlights of the year.** You can usually smell it before you see it and what a wonderful aroma it is. Wild garlic is just about all over the place and is a fantastic ingredient for anything from salads to stews to pasta, to well just about anything. It also goes especially well with fish and shellfish, which keeps it topical for this issue. Its Latin name is *Allium Ursinum*, which as everybody knows, translates as Bear Garlic, as it starts to grow just as bears are coming out of hibernation, so do keep your wits about you if you are going on a wild garlic forage.

So what do you do with it? Firstly give it a good wash, (dog walkers note, that may not be just fresh morning dew on it) and leave to drain. It can of course be eaten raw. It is less pungent than bulb garlic with a slightly sweeter, peppery flavour. Having said that it is still pretty obvious to those closest to you that you have been munching on it not just from the smell but your tongue and lips may well have turned a bright green colour.

The younger smaller leaves are very tender and used relatively sparingly give sandwiches or salads a real garlicky punch. It makes a great homemade pesto. Roughly chop a generous handful of washed leaves and blend in a food processor together with 100 ml olive oil and 50g pine nuts. Add 50g of grated parmesan, and a

squeeze of lemon juice. It will keep in a fridge quite happily for a couple of weeks. The leaves can also be treated just like spinach. Stirred into a risotto at the last minute and the leaves will wilt but keep their green colour whilst giving a wonderful soft garlic flavour to the dish. They can be roughly chopped and added again last minute to just about any type of pasta along with a little olive oil and a sprinkle of Parmesan. Or just gently sauté some mushrooms in a little butter, add some of the leaves and serve on toast with a couple of soft poached eggs. Wonderful!



One way of making it last beyond the season is to make a puree and freeze it down. To do this you need to blanch and refresh it, which essentially means dropping the leaves into boiling water for about ten seconds, then straight into cold water to stop the cooking process. Drain them. This should leave the leaves wilted but still fairly bright green. Squeeze the excess water out of them and whizz them in a blender with just a little olive or sunflower oil to a smooth puree. This can be frozen for later use (those little yoghurt pots are ideal one portion sizes) It is great added to mashed potato or added to pasta or bread dough for those who make their own.

Another way of utilising it throughout the year is to make wild garlic salt. To do this you spread a couple of ounces of leaves on an oven tray and dry them in a low temperature oven (75-80 degrees C) with the door wedged open for four hours or so or overnight in an airing cupboard. When they are totally dry put them in a large mixing bowl and add 16oz of salt. Rub the dried leaves into the salt until the leaves have turned the salt a lovely bright green colour. This can be stored in an airtight jar and used for a seasoning for steak, fish, eggs or anything that will benefit from a hint of garlic. Which for me is just about anything.

Happy foraging.

**Ian Simpson**

## Royal British Legion Women's Section

**On February 18th this year the Charmouth Branch of the R.B.L. Women's Section reached its 84th anniversary.** We celebrated by holding a lunch at the Hensleigh - a very pleasant social occasion. However, it is interesting to note that whereas we now have only 24 members, there were no less than 79 ladies at that inaugural meeting in 1926! This is recorded in the old Minutes Book, which we still have. Nevertheless, our purpose now is the same as it was then - to support, by fund-raising for the Legion Benevolent Funds, needy ex-Service personnel and their families. The Women's Section is particularly concerned with the Widows and families - sadly, more necessary than ever at the present time.

On the lighter side, we hold monthly meetings, on the first Wednesday of each month, with interesting speakers, and arrange the occasional outing or social event. We are a friendly bunch - do come and join us. Any lady is welcome. No need for a Service connection.

At our March meetng, Tricia Forsey, our Secretary, spoke about her time in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, during which she spent time in Hong Kong and Singapore, enabling her to take some exotic holidays. This was illustrated by her large collection of photographs and slides.

Next month, we are back to fund-raising. Please see the notice about our Easter Coffee Morning on April 3rd. Do come.

**Pat Stapleton**, Chairman  
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# A Moving Experience



**I'm in my forty-second year in the business – and I'm not doing another forty-two!"** remarked Derek Cozens when I called on him to hear the story of his Charmouth-based business.

Born in Lyme Regis in 1947, Derek attended the Senior School (now the LymeNet offices), leaving at 15 to start an apprenticeship at a local Greengrocers. However, by 18 he decided fruit and veg were not his thing and tried his hand at various jobs including a milk round. Then he met and married Jennifer, a former Lyme Grammar School pupil, when he was 21, and they moved to a brand new house in Bridge Road Charmouth where they still live today.

A chance came to join Chaffeys Removals of Axminster as a driver and Derek gained his HGV Licence during the eleven years he worked for them, before the business closed in 1980 and he was made redundant. Undaunted, Derek decided to set up on his own and bought a Leyland 3.5 Ton Van and looked for business. Using contacts gained with Chaffeys, such as Estate Agents R & C Snell (now Symonds & Sampson) and Lawrences Fine Art, Derek soon built up a thriving concern.

This expanded through word of mouth during the eighties, so Derek purchased more vans and took on full-time and casual staff, gaining his Operator's Licence in 1985. The essential vehicle maintenance was entrusted to John Beer Commercials at Chard, and "they must do a good job" said Derek, "Because an S Reg 7.5 Tonner I bought then is still going strong".

While most work has been in the local area, there have been some jobs as far afield as Stornaway and other parts of Scotland and Ireland. A few have involved a Channel crossing, then down to Montpelier and St Tropez in the South of France with Jennifer on board to navigate and deal with the inevitable paperwork (or perhaps to make sure Derek kept his eyes on the road rather than on any Brigitte Bardot lookalikes!). The Isle of Wight has been a destination several times, but never Jersey – which seems to be a 'closed shop' preventing mainland-based removal firms from operating there.

As you can imagine, there have been tales to tell of removal jobs over the years – Derek recounted how one couple finished breakfast and left him to it, with the

house just as it was – even including the dirty dishes! Another couple moved between houses they owned in Dorset and North Wales about six times altogether in a strange kind of yo-yo existence, unable to decide where they preferred to live.

An elderly couple from Prestatyn, moving to Devon, assumed they could travel down in the back of the removal van – sitting in their favourite armchairs perhaps? When they hadn't arrived by early evening Derek had to get the key from a neighbour and unload next day – and they still hadn't arrived when he'd finished. It turned out they'd suddenly decided to visit their daughter in Blackpool for a few days.

However, he has found some 'Divorce Jobs' the most stressful – with warring clients still arguing over possessions. Once or twice things had become so heated that the police had to be called in, and on a job at Seaton, a chap had to be handcuffed and taken away to cool off in custody until the work was finished.

There have been a few famous clients – Derek remembers delivering furniture from London stores Heals and Harrods while working for Chaffeys, to Max Bygraves in Poole and Andrew Lloyd Webber in Berkshire. More recently he had been recommended to Charles Dance, by Lawrence Fine Art, for a job moving furniture from the actor's home in East Devon to a house near the famous Abbey Road Studios in London.

Looking back, at the start things were hectic – Derek and Jennifer didn't have any holidays for the first 17 years, but now they both take the time to enjoy visits abroad to the Caribbean when they can. However, business has prevented Derek from indulging his love of fishing so reluctantly he sold his boat. But he still finds time to play for the 'Anthill Mob' at Wootton Fitzpaine Club in Division 1 of the Lyme Regis Skittles League – "We even won it once!" said Derek with a chuckle.

Derek and Jennifer have two daughters, Donna and Zoe and are proud grandparents of Sam, serving on HMS Ocean and Chloe who's just finished a college course in Public Services. They are both looking forward to retirement 'sometime' and Derek – or "Cranker" to his mates, – wants to have more time for fishing, target shooting and of course, skittles.

Meanwhile we'll continue to see his familiar van plying trade in and around Charmouth, serving clients old and new for some years yet – but "not another forty-two!"

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# Charmouth Traders Association's First Year

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Since the website went live last April it has attracted many visitors from all over the country and a lot further afield. If you have not had a look at the website yet, then please do and whilst you are there, bookmark it. It is a mine of useful information about the village; you can find contact numbers for doctors, shops, hotels, restaurants and more besides; you can upload your own village photographs to the gallery, check the weather and of course it has all the back issues of Shoreline magazine which you can download.

We keep the site updated with village events so if you have something coming up and wish to publicise it, let us know via the "Contact Us" link on the site. Village clubs and organisations are welcome to have their details on the site free of charge

Any village business wishing to advertise on the site can of course do so by contacting us from the site. We charge just £30 per year for an advertisement and unlike other websites we do not take a profit from the revenue, all the money goes into the CTA fund to be used in other projects in and around the village.

So what were these projects this last year? Since we started we have run two Christmas Fayres, which have

both been successful in spite of the weather on each occasion, and we thank all those villagers who turned out to support us both in setting up and attending. A significant proportion of the money we raised from the last Fayre was then donated to the Cubs to help refurbish their hut, the Brownies and Guides who are celebrating '100 years of Guiding', the Bopper Bus with its ongoing costs, the Charmouth School Taiko Drummers to help re-skin their drums, the Community Hall Fund who have just redecorated part of their premises, and to Shoreline magazine to help them with the cost of producing this magazine. We hope to be able to help these and other organisations in the same way next year.

We have also supported and worked in conjunction with the Parish Council on one or two projects such as new signage in the village, getting the new parking scheme adopted, and updating the Charmouth Visitors Guide which has been completely redesigned for this spring. We have also put our weight behind the ongoing efforts to improve the appearance of the village. Now that the electricity cables are buried and new street lights are on the way, we hope to be able to help lobby for the resurfacing of the pavements, which as I am sure all are aware, resemble a patchwork quilt at the moment.

There will be an AGM for the CTA held at the White House Hotel on Sunday April the 18th between 4.00 and 5.00 to which all those interested in joining us are invited. The CTA accounts will be presented, also a summary of our first year achievements and election of officers (Chairperson, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Finance Officer). We will keep the formal stuff as brief as possible so it is a good opportunity to meet fellow traders and residents in an informal atmosphere. Drinks and canapés will be provided.

Could anyone wishing to attend please contact me at the White House on 01297 560411 so that we know how many people to expect.

**Ian Simpson**

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**We are very lucky here in Charmouth for all sorts of reasons, but no more so than the fact we are one of the very few villages in Dorset to have our own dedicated Fire Station with personnel on permanent standby every day of the year - day and night.**

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Dorset Fire & Rescue Service is made up of 26 Whole-time and Retained Duty Systems stations. Fire-fighters working on the Retained Duty System (RDS) are part-time Fire-fighters. They are paid members of the community who respond to emergencies just like whole-time Fire-fighters. However, instead of being based at the fire station, they carry pagers, going about their daily business, waiting to be called out. Some are self-employed, while many are in full-time employment with agreement from their employers to leave to attend emergency calls when they occur. Others are on call at specified hours after work and at weekends. Despite being a small station, with the smallest crew in Dorset,

from the time the pagers go off to the time the fire engine leaves the station, Charmouth manages to be mobile to emergency incidents between four and five minutes, day and night. Sometimes even less - that's good to know if you ever need our help!

Fire fighting is only one vital part of the service we provide. We also deal with road traffic collisions, water rescues and flooding, chemical accidents, animal rescues and many other special service calls involved with the community. We are also involved in giving advice and support to members of the public which include community fire safety initiatives, training & development and station routines.

Charmouth Fire crews are equipped with a fire appliance, a secondary appliance which is also an off-road vehicle, equipment and protective fire kit, and we are called upon to attend the same range of incidents as our whole-time counterparts. In return we are paid a retaining fee along with additional payments for every incident and training session attended.

We currently only have 9 crew members to service the village station and we should have 12, so we need your help. Could you be a part-time fire-fighter, would you relish the challenging role and do you work or live locally? Maybe you know someone who would be interested in this incredibly rewarding job, or maybe you fancy a change?

For more information, come down and see us. We usually drill on a Monday night between 7 and 9.30pm and our doors are always open, even if you just fancy seeing what we get up to. Alternatively you can ring the Retained Duty System Liaison Manager on 01305 252772 and request an information pack.

## **FF Bernie Fallon**

Currently, this financial year (April 09-March 10) Charmouth has attended 87 incidents, with a number of these more recently being property fires.

## Bling for Spring

**On the 8th May, the Charmouth Fund Raising Committee for Weldmar Hospice will be holding their annual sale and coffee morning in the Village Hall.** On offer will be books, cakes, craft, plants, and new for this year - costume jewellery - but will we have enough??

We're searching through our unloved jewellery - can you do the same? If you find anything that you're willing to donate, please put it in the post box of The Rosery, The Street, (obliquely opposite Old Lyme Road) or phone Hazel on 561214 by the end of April for your items to be collected.

We already know we'll have vegetable plants for sale but if you have any unwanted annuals, seedlings or paperback books, we'd love to have them too. Please take to the Village Hall on 8th May by 9.30 a.m. (if transportation is going to be a problem, please phone in advance - Jan 560052) Of course, we hope you'll come to the event too - if only for a coffee!

## Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow!



In spite of the chill Tim Beer bravely allowed himself to be shorn of the familiar facial and cranial hair.

This raised an amazing total of £795 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Many thanks to Kevin Wood for all his fundraising. Karen Prevett of the Royal Oak presided with the shears .

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# Chris Knee Meets Royalty

**On Thursday March 11th, HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, toured Exeter-based charity St Loye's Foundation and Charmouth resident Christopher Knee had the honour of hosting the visit.**

Chris is Chief Executive at the Foundation, which helps disabled people into work through vocational and personal development training, and first invited Her Majesty to visit the charity's new facilities in January 2009. "It has been a long wait" he said "but worth it for the huge lift it gave both to our clients and to our staff. The visit also helps to raise our profile both in the South West and nationally as we bid for funds to continue our work."

The Queen has been patron of St Loye's Foundation since 1948, when she was Princess Elizabeth, and has visited the charity four times in all over the years. The Queen, who wore a purple matching coat and hat – was it coincidence that purple is the colour adopted by the charity for its publicity? – was particularly interested to meet former clients who had left the Foundation and who had come back with their employers to greet her.



*Chris Knee and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh*

As well as meeting clients and staff, The Queen also unveiled a commemorative plaque and both she and The Duke of Edinburgh signed the visitors' book. Otter Nurseries kindly donated flowering shrubs for the occasion.

**Wendy Knee**

## Charmouth Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch Fund

The Christmas lunch held in the St Andrews Community Hall this year was once again a great success – helped along as usual by Pat Roach's punch and copious amounts of wine, once again donated by Mike and Julie Fuge.

This year, instead of live music we played CD's, which enabled people to chat and socialize more easily. The most enjoyable part of the afternoon was the performance by the children of Charmouth School – it made many a grandparent's heart swell with pride. Val Cousins and her team excelled themselves with the food which was served by our four helpers, Trina, Tina, Carolyn and Hettie. Our thanks must also go to Keith, Jeff and Ray for setting up the tables and running the bar.

We had a couple of coffee mornings held at the Chapel (whose premises we are kindly being allowed to use again this year). The next one is on 27th March.

The Harvest Auction held once again at the Royal Oak was very successful – so thank you to everyone who gave donations of produce.

For the summer outing we went to Swanage – the gods smiled on us and gave us wonderful, warm sunshine. On the way home we stopped at a garden centre where we enjoyed a superb cream tea – in fact an enjoyable day was had by all.



Arrangements are being made for this year's trip to Bournemouth which will be on the 22nd June – further details will be posted nearer the time.

We are planning more fund raising events and look forward to seeing familiar faces and many new ones over the summer months.

**Christine Gordon**

On behalf of the Committee

P.S. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended David's funeral and for all the many cards we received – they were greatly appreciated.

*Christine, Torquil, Jamie, Toby and Tara*

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# What Is Rotary?



**You see them several times throughout the year, in all weathers, clad in their yellow high visibility jackets with a familiar cogged wheel symbol, organising some event or shaking collection cans, running second hand book stalls and always having fun doing it.** They seem to be in every town in the land. Who are these men and women, and why are they so dedicated to what they do?

We are Rotarians, members of a global organisation called, simply, Rotary. It was founded in Chicago in 1905 by four businessmen, led by Paul Harris. Today it is a world-wide organisation of more than 1.2 million business and professional men and women, in over 200 countries, who have pledged help to those in need, encourage high moral and ethical standards in commerce and private life and who work towards peace and goodwill locally, nationally and internationally. Through local Rotary Clubs (there are 1500 in the UK and growing) members devote time, energy and skills to a whole range of projects and we pride ourselves on bringing the same degree of professionalism to our community and international Rotary service as we devote to our businesses and occupations.

It's not just about raising funds for those less fortunate than ourselves. The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". Rotary is about serving the community, it's about doing things that bring good to communities both at home and overseas. Thus many of the projects that Rotarians get involved in not only raise much needed funds for local, national and international charities, but serve a community purpose in themselves.

As a global organisation Rotary can bring considerable weight to bear to tackle global problems, of which the eradication of polio is just one example. Another example is Shelterbox, a Cornwall based disaster relief charity founded by Rotarians, and which owes much of its success to the intelligent use of Rotary contacts within a country to facilitate delivery of aid right to where it is needed as fast as possible. At the time of writing, over 8000 boxes have been delivered to Haiti and more are being deployed.

The Rotary Club of Lyme Regis was founded in 1950, serving the communities of Lyme Regis, Uplyme and Charmouth and environs. Although part of the global Rotary organisation, we enjoy a great deal of autonomy, working within the framework of Rotary's constitution and byelaws. We elect our own officers, organise and run our own projects, choose which charities we wish to support but we are always mindful of the umbrella organisation which is there to help and guide us, to encourage and

foster interaction between clubs and joint activities where mutually beneficial. We are currently about 25 strong and growing, and we meet weekly on Thursday evenings over a drink and a light meal.

Over the past 5 years we have raised on average £10,000 per annum for local and international charities, through a variety of means. ALL the monies we raise for charity go directly to various causes supported by Rotary – 100%, you can be sure of that. Over the past few years we have supported a variety of local organisations and people, from students on overseas projects to Inspiration Café (a youth drop-in café), LR Majorettes, Charmouth Lights, Hardy Stroke Unit at Dorchester Hospital, LR Town and Junior Band, RNLI, First Responders etc. We have supported Dorset charities such as Weldmar, Julia's House Children's Hospice, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and practical aid projects overseas such as Impact (medical train in India) Mercy Ships (floating eye hospitals), Jaipur Limb (prosthetic limb centres in India) and ShelterBox, to name but a few. We participate also in community events run by others such as the Beach Clean, Candles on the Cobb and the LR Football Club Fair.

However, we are not always out there with collecting buckets, we do have fun as well, not only in the projects we run (e.g. Lyme Lunge, Annual Golf Event, Carols Round the Tree, Soup & Ploughman's etc) but in social and sporting activities both in-Club and inter-Club. We are active participants in the Lyme Regis Skittles league, and the Axminster Carpets Skittles Cup annual summer tournament.

One of the rare benefits of belonging to a global organisation is that wherever you go there is likely to be a Rotary Club to which you can go and enjoy the Fellowship of like minded people in a framework with which you are familiar. In doing so you will learn what other Rotarians are doing, see things from different angles, get ideas for supporting those in need overseas etc, but also get a chance to absorb local customs and cultures and make long lasting friendships. Being part of a highly respected international body that can tackle global problems like the eradication of polio as well as local community involvement is what makes Rotary such a unique organisation, one of which I am proud to be a member and something that gives me a great deal of enjoyment as well.

If you would like to find out more about Rotary then visit the UK organisation website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or contact John McCallum, President, The Rotary Club of Lyme Regis, 01297 442242.

**John McCallum**

## Charmouth WI

**It was with great sadness that it was decided to close Charmouth WI.** The institute has for a long time been part of life within Charmouth but with a lack of volunteers to take over vital committee roles and falling membership numbers we felt that the only option was to close. In actual fact the WI technically has only been suspended so should anyone wish to re-start it at a later date that is quite possible.

**Pam Berry, acting president**

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# A Charmed Life – John Bryant

**Born in Haselbury Plucknett, John Bryant grew up in an old pub with a smallholding and served drinks from the tender age of eight.** “My family could only get away on day trips because we had to go back to milk the cows, so we frequently came to Charmouth. It’s a fantastic place; great for kids. Now I’m based in London near my work, but in 2003 I bought a house in Higher Sea Lane. I love Charmouth tremendously; it gives me unalloyed happiness.”

Writing, running and music are amongst John’s “passions.” Fresh from university and a keen runner since the age of 13, John’s first day in journalism was memorable. “The journalists were all obese chain-smokers. They looked terrible. I knew I didn’t want to look like them in ten years’ time, so I decided there and then that I would make running a daily habit; just like brushing my teeth.”

He recalls his determination after he was knocked down by a car in 1987 and discharged in a wheelchair. “I was told I would never run again, which was a tough blow to my identity” says John, who ultimately proved the medics wrong. He has run the South West Coast Path for 50 years and, on the day I interviewed him, had run from Charmouth to Seatown and back, over Golden Cap. He has run 27 London marathons out of 29 (his fastest timing is 2:21), as well as marathons in New York, Holland and Italy, and has recently been made President of the Thames Hare and Hounds, the oldest running club in the world.

John introduced barefoot South African runner Zola Budd to Britain. “In 1984 I was responsible for features on the *Daily Mail* and had running magazines sent from the US as there weren’t any published here. I read about 17-year old Zola Budd who was allegedly running close to world records, so I phoned the South African correspondent and said ‘this is a good story’. He travelled to Bloemfontein to talk to her and discovered that her grandfather had a British passport. The *Daily Mail* persuaded her father to apply for British citizenship on her behalf, and the passport arrived in just 10 days. I fixed a warm-up track for Zola in Dartford and arranged for the lap times to be called in Afrikaans, as she spoke little English. She ran and immediately qualified for the British Olympic team in Los Angeles.” The rest is history. John coached her for two years and she won the 1985 and 1986 World Cross Country Championships. “My wife Carol and I became firm friends with Zola and she frequently came to stay. We’re still in contact with her; in fact she sent me an email yesterday...”

Amongst the hundreds of other people John has coached is the diminutive bushman, Josiah Tugwana. “He was training for the Olympics when his coach fell ill and I was asked to go to South Africa to get him through. Oh - and Jeffrey Archer. I knew him from Oxford when he was a good sprinter. We drifted in and out of each other’s lives. I visited him in prison and on his release I told him he should put something back into the community. I suggested he run the 2004 London Marathon. Dave Bedford, the Marathon Director, told me I’d have to go round with him because people wouldn’t believe that he wasn’t taking a short cut. Jeffrey stopped at the third mile and I had to scream at him to continue. He eventually raised close to £1 for every inch of the 26 miles and 385 yards.”



Zola Budd with John Bryant

John has written three running books, all of which were penned in Charmouth. 3:59.4: *The Quest to Break the Four Minute Mile*, published in 2004 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the momentous achievement, features Sir Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher, all good friends of John. “It was a labour of love,” he says. It was followed in 2006 by *The London Marathon*, a salute to the first 25 years of “the greatest race on earth”; and *The Marathon Makers* in 2008. “I selected three of the greatest headline characters in the first London Olympics in 1908 and turned up an enormous amount of new material.”

John’s Fleet Street career spanned 37 years. Notably, he was Editor of the *Sunday Correspondent* and *The European*, Executive Editor of the *Daily Mail*, Deputy Editor of *The Times* and, most recently, Editor-in-Chief of Telegraph Newspapers. He worked closely with Rupert Murdoch (“a most professional guy; I respect him a lot”) and Robert Maxwell. “I was with him on his last night in London before he went over the side of the Lady Ghislaine.”

“I couldn’t help smiling to myself at my first leader conference with the *Daily Telegraph*,” John recalls. “The leader writers had very good degrees from Eton, Winchester and St Paul’s, but there weren’t many who had milked cows twice a day like me! It was all a huge privilege and good fun, but I often worked seven days a week, 15 hours a day. Now I’m Chairman of the Press Association Trust and Chairman of the Evening Standard Editorial Advisory Board, and more my own master in terms of time.”

John has taken part in the Charmouth Christmas Day Swim and has run the tough Charmouth to Golden Cap Challenge. “It’s a lovely community race with a great atmosphere. You don’t get many fell races where you can smell hay! But you don’t have to run vigorously to keep fit. Walking the coastal path is fantastic and is a really good workout. I believe in using walking poles; they improve the posture and turn you into a four-legged animal.”

When John isn’t writing or running, you’ll find him singing folk songs in a nearby pub or playing guitar, concertina, or perhaps keyboard – an instrument he started playing in his youth when he teamed up with Manfred Mann.

And John’s thoughts on *Shoreline*? “It’s excellent, very readable and does a real service for Charmouth.”

**Lesley Dunlop**

# Charmouth Bowling Club



**Thirty years ago a group of Charmouth Residents got together and started the Charmouth Bowling Club.** Since then, the Bowls Club has enjoyed a wonderful village sporting activity along side the cricket, tennis, football and other sporting events on our beautiful playing field.

Unfortunately we, like other village sports clubs, are suffering from lack of support and need new members. Come and join this friendly club in our Lovely Dorset Village.

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Tuition will be given by existing members for beginners on 'Roll-up' afternoons.

Each season, we hold 15 internal Club competitions. Throughout the season, April to October, the club members meet regularly on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons at 2.30 pm for 'Roll-up' when everyone is guaranteed a game. Members can also make arrangements to use the rinks at other times any day of the week. Free tuition is also offered to beginners before they decide to join the Club.

The Bowling green has 4 rinks, and we are currently involved in a project to improve them and the surround to the green. The Parish Council have generously provided funding to re-fence the area with wooden panels and extra green sward to enable us to have spectator seating within the green.



We are a small club, and as such, we welcome new members, both experienced or beginners. As a club, we play regular friendly matches each season with other clubs within Dorset, Devon and Somerset.

We also occasionally play host to touring clubs.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining Charmouth Bowling club. Membership fees can be organised on a temporary basis

Club Captain, Bob Just, 01297 560557  
Club Secretary, June Rebbeck, 01297 560860  
[www.bowls-clubs.co.uk/Charmouthbc/](http://www.bowls-clubs.co.uk/Charmouthbc/)

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The club still remains in Lower Sea Lane (a more beautiful setting would be difficult to find) and now boasts two new carpet courts plus two good all weather courts. With an ever growing healthy membership (all adults and children are welcome to join) CLTC has become a community resource that we are all happy to be a part of.

CLTC will be holding the 2010 Open Day afternoon on May 15th or 22nd - please check confirmed date and times on advertising boards in the village. There will be tennis games for children, tennis for adults and tea at 4.00pm. All visitors are welcome.

Later in the year we will be celebrating the '125th Anniversary' (when wooden racquets and traditional dress mode will be part of the fun).

For more information on CLTC please contact:  
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**Dorset Art Weeks started in 1992 and has grown in size and success with each biennial event.** In 2008 there were over 800 artists showing their work at 340 venues throughout the county. This year promises to be the best event yet, not only county-wide but also for Charmouth.

For the first time, four artists will be showing at three venues in the village and there will others within a three-mile radius (landward). You can find out more by picking up a brochure from a local shop and by visiting [www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk](http://www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk) or by contacting the artists direct.

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**May 9-14**

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**May 14-16**

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**May 21-23**

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**June 22-24**

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### Saturday 3rd April

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### Friday 16th April

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Association

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### Saturday, 8th May

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Lane

Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close **560223**

The Elms, The Street **560826**

Youth Club Hall, Wesley Close **561004**

**Please remember to use the 'events diary' in the  
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# Village Diary

Sun 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbick 560860
Mon 9.00-11am or by special arrangement	Pavey Group (village history)	The Elms, The Street.	Peter Press 561270
Mon 9.00-12.30	Monkton Wyld Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
3rd Mon each month 2.15-4.15/4.30pm	Golden Cap Flower Club	Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close	Lillian Bagnall 443335
Mon 4.30-6pm (term-time only)	Charmouth Brownies (ages 7-10)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Mon 6.30-8pm (term-time only)	Charmouth Cubs (ages 8-11)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Toni Green 560778
Mon 8.00-10pm	Charmouth Badminton Club (experience required)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Tues 9.00-noon or by special arrangement	Pavey Group (village history)	The Elms, The Street	Peter Press 561270
Tues 9.00-12.30	Monkton Wyld Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
Tues 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbick 560860
Tues 6.30-8.30 pm	Junior Youth Club (ages 8-11)	Youth Club Hall, Wesley Close	Ken Darling 561004
Tues 7.00-late	Charmouth Badminton (social, began 15 Sept)	Charmouth Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Pauline Bonner 560251
2nd & 4th Tues each month 10-noon	Coffee Morning	United Reformed Church, The Street	Rev Ian Kirby 631117
3rd Tues each month 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	The Elms, The Street	Lisa Tuck 560826
3rd Tues each month	Charmouth Natural History Group	For information and venues call Kate Stapleton 560255	
Wed 9.00-12.30	Monkton Wyld Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
Weds 10.00-noon (term-time only)	Charmouth Cherubs	Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close	Kate Bonner 561603
1st Weds each month 2.30pm	The British Legion (Women's Section)	The Elms, The Street	Pat Stapleton 560255
Weds 7.00-8.45pm (term-time only)	Girl Guides (ages 10 onwards)	For info call Davina Pennells 560965	
Thurs 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbick 560860
Thurs 7.00-10.30pm	Bridge Club (partners can be provided)	Wood Farm (opposite swimming pool)	Vincent Pielez 560738
Thurs 7.00-9pm or by special arrangement	Pavey Group (village history)	The Elms, The Street	Peter Press 561270
3rd Fri each month 7.30pm (eyes down)	Bingo (fund raising for Community Hall)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Linda Crawford 0781 351 3062
Friday 4.45-8pm	Bopper Bus	Bridport Leisure Centre Drop off /pick up WDDC Car park	Kate Geraghty 489422 Melanie Harvey 560393
Fri 7.15-9pm (term-time only)	Scouts (ages 11-14)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Trev Jarvis 07702 408455

**All regular meetings in the Village Diary and dates of events on the What's on? pages in Shoreline are published on [www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org).**  
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# Local Contacts

Name/Description	Contact details	Phone
<b>COUNCILS</b>		
Charmouth Parish	Mrs L Tuck, The Elms, St Andrews Drive, Charmouth	01297 560826
	Beach Superintendent, Heritage Coast Centre	01297 560626
West Dorset District	Stratton House Dorchester - All Services	01305 251010
	Emergencies - Out of Hours	01305 250365
Dorset County	County Hall Dorchester - All Services	01305 251000
<b>COUNCILLORS</b>		
Charmouth Parish	Mr M Hayter - Chairman	01297 560896
West Dorset District	Mr D Newson	01297 560855
Dorset County	Col G J Brierley OBE	01297 560660
LOCAL M.P	Oliver Letwin House of Commons London, SW1A 0AA	02072 193000
<b>CHEMISTS</b>	F G Lock, The Street, Charmouth	01297 560261
	Boots The Chemists, 45 Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442026
	Lloyds Pharmacy, Lyme Community Care Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442981
<b>DENTISTS</b>	The Lyme Practice, The Elms Medical Centre, The Street, Charmouth	01297 561068
	Kent House Dental Care, Silver Street, Lyme Regis	01297 443442
	Lyme Bay Dentistry, Temple House, Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442907
	M R Symes, 41 Silver Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442846
	Dorset Dental Helpline	01202 854443
	Dental Emergencies - Out of Hours	08457 010401
<b>DOCTORS</b>	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, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442254
	Lyme Community PMS, Lyme Community Care Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 445777
	Lyme Bay Medical Practice, Kent House, Silver Street, Lyme Regis	01297 443399
	NHS Direct - 24-Hour Healthcare Advice and Information Line	0845 4647
	Dorset GP Service - Out of Hours Emergency Service	08456 001013
<b>HOSPITALS</b>	Bridport Community Hospital, Hospital Lane, Bridport	01308 422371
	Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester	01305 251150
<b>EMERGENCIES</b>	Police Fire Ambulance Coastguard	999 or 112
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	Gas	0800 111999
	Electricity	0800 365900
	Water	08456 004600
	Floodline	08459 881188
	Pollution	0800 807060
<b>POLICE</b>	Local Police Officers - Chris Forshaw and Mark Jones (Community Police issues)	01305 226912
	Non Urgent call number for reporting incidents / enquiries	01305 222 222
	Bridport Police Station, Tannery Road	01308 422266
	Axminster Police Station, Lyme Close	08452 777444
<b>FIRE and RESCUE</b>	West Dorset Fire and Rescue Service - Group Manager	01305 252600
<b>POST OFFICES</b>	1 The Arcade, Charmouth	01297 560563
	37 Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442836
	25 West Street, Bridport	01308 422667
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	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
	The Sir John Colfox School, Ridgeway, Bridport	01308 422291
	Colyton Grammar School, Whitwell Lane, Colyford	01297 552327
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>	National Rail Enquiries - Information on Timetables Tickets and Train Running Times	08457 484950
	National Travel line - Information on Bus and Bus/Rail Timetables and Tickets	08706 082608
<b>SWIM / LEISURE</b>	Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport	01308 427464
	Flamingo Pool, Lyme Road, Axminster	01297 35800
	Newlands Holiday Park, Charmouth	01297 560259
<b>LIBRARIES</b>	Charmouth, The Street	01297 560640
	Lyme Regis, Silver Sreet	01297 443151
	Bridport, South Street	01308 422778
	Axminster, South Street	01297 32693
<b>CINEMAS</b>	Regent, Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442053
	Electric Palace, South Street, Bridport	01308 426336
	Radway, Radway Place, Sidmouth	08712 30200
<b>THEATRES</b>	Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442394
	Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport	01308 424204
	Guildhall, West Street, Axminster	01297 33595
	Manor Pavilion, Manor Road, Sidmouth	01395 514413
<b>WEBSITES</b>		
<a href="http://www.dorsetforyou.co.uk">www.dorsetforyou.co.uk</a>	Dorset's portal for County/District/Town/Parish Councils and other Agencies	
<a href="http://www.saynoto0870.co.uk">www.saynoto0870.co.uk</a>	Cheaper equivalent geographical phone numbers (ie those beginning with 01... or 02...)	