

SHORELINE

News and Views from Charmouth

Issue 13

YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR VIEW COUNTED

On Thursday 23rd March, at the Annual Parish Meeting, a presentation of the 2010 Parish Plan was made to the assembled electors by Councillor Keith Lander, Chairman of the Steering Committee.

The thirteen month process began in February 2010 with the Committee meeting regularly to plan a Launch Day, held in June, where residents came in their hundreds to let us have their views on the way our village should evolve over the next few years. They did this by writing their comments, some complimentary, some critical, but always constructive, on post-it notes, which were then used to create a questionnaire which was delivered to every household in December. As far as we were aware, we were the first parish to have conducted not only a business survey of the traders and business owners, but also a visitors' survey and a youth questionnaire. Professional help was then sought to analyse all the results and formulate the final plan.

Some of the concerns raised included the problem of illegal parking and the lack of parking close to the village shops. A suggested speed limit of 20mph through the village was also popular with the respondents. A lack of local employment and jobs for young people was highlighted. A dearth of facilities for young people was stressed by parents and children alike.



Steering Committee members Linda Crawford, Tony Johnstone, Keith Lander, Debra Peters, Phil Tritton, and Jane Morrow presenting the completed Parish Plan to members of the parish council.

The document includes an action plan whereby issues raised are listed as short, medium or long-term and gives details of which local authority should be approached to help resolve them.

Overall, the people of Charmouth were very happy with their village and the amenities therein. The playing fields and the foreshore garnered very high praise indeed.

The plan has been distributed to the parish councillors, the library, the doctors' surgeries, the Heritage Coast Centre, the Parochial Church Council, the Primary School and the PTA, both hall committees and to all the local groups and organisations. Anyone desiring a copy may pick one up at the council offices at The Elms.

The Steering Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Launch Day to post their comments and subsequently filled in their questionnaires so promptly. There will be a new council in May and we look forward to them taking on board and, where possible, fulfilling your wishes.

Jane Morrow

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From The Editor

***The cure for anything is salt water
- sweat, tears or the sea.***

Isak Dinesen

Spring is finally here and most welcome it is too after the long, cold and snowy winter we all recently endured. Today, as I write, the sun is shining, the sky is a brilliant blue and I can hear the waves lapping gently on the shore. The gorgeous colours of the spring flowers are radiant in the dappled sunlight. How fortunate we are to be living in a place of such beauty and tranquillity.

Some of the forthcoming events in the village include the Street Tea Party to be held on Friday April 29th in celebration of the Royal Wedding. Local organisations, traders and individuals are all working very hard to ensure that this will be a memorable and fun day for the whole community, young and old. See page 28 For more details.

Back by popular demand, the third Party in the Park, organised by the Fayre Committee, will be taking place on Sunday May 29th in the Playing Fields.

The Shoreline Team

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St Andrew's Church is hosting A Musical Celebration on Saturday 28th May at the Church of St Candida and Holy Cross in Whitchurch Canonorum. This is one of several events planned to raise much needed funds for the restoration of our village church. See the What's On page for information about these two events.

We are delighted to be including a Youth Section in this issue - something we hope will become a regular feature in the magazine. Even though there were very few entries for the short story competition (despite the enticement of financial gain!), we look forward to much more creative input from budding young writers in future editions.

Finally, Shoreline would like to extend a warm welcome to Chris Newman and Pete Studley, the new landlords of the Royal Oak. They offer a traditional pub menu and plan to have live entertainment on a regular basis. They encourage everyone to pop in for a drink and say hello.

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The Coast Guards

At the time of writing, the Coastguard service is in the latter stages of a public consultation about its future. The coalition government is anxious to safeguard public money and ensure that any expenditure is effectual. Her Majesty's Coastguard is the only emergency service directly funded by the government since it forms part of the Department of Transport. The Ambulance services, Fire & Rescue services and the Police are all funded predominantly through local council tax and business rates. Even before this consultation period, the Coastguard Service was keen to modernise and was readying itself for the future. However the suggestion is that these plans be greatly expanded and accelerated.

Currently the Coastguard Service is made up of 18 permanently staffed Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centres throughout the UK and 3500 volunteers who actually carry out the rescues on or near the coast. These 18 Coordination centres are currently manned 24 hours a day. The nearest to us is in Weymouth to the east and Brixham to the west. In the event of any incident at sea or on the coast it is the highly trained staff in these Centres that coordinate the search and rescue mission. They are responsible for deciding which resources are required, e.g. the lifeboat and see the mission through from start to finish. They also keep a 'listening' watch on all VHF marine radio traffic to ensure prompt action if any mayday messages are received or if an automatic electronic emergency beacons is triggered.

These centres are at the heart of the controversial modernisation drive. The government and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) are proposing to shut 10 of the 18 centres. Of the eight remaining, the proposal is only to keep 3 operating on a 24 hour basis, one in the north (Aberdeen), a brand new centre in the south (Solent) and the centre that coordinates the Dover Strait, the busiest shipping channel in the world. The other five retained

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rescue centres will offer daylight cover and pass night time dependability back to the centres in the North & South. It is this rationalisation that has received the most vociferous internal and public criticism; namely that the local geographic knowledge, experience of tides, weather patterns and local resources built up by the rescue centres staff will be lost. There is no doubt that good local knowledge is essential in providing a timely response to any distress call. By their very nature, the majority of incidents are at sea or on the coast, where there is a lack of clear landmarks and discernible features. This makes prompt identification of the location of the target casualty difficult and experience is invaluable.

The proposal also addresses the Coastguard Rescue Service which covers the 350 coastguard stations around the UK coast together with the 3,500 rescue officers. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency is proposing that the leadership and the resources available to these local coastguards be bolstered. There are no explicit proposals to shut any of the local stations, reduce the number of teams or manpower. The team of 12 coastguards in Lyme Regis and Charmouth will continue to serve our community when required.

The public consultation period has now been extended to the 5 May 2011. If you are interested in viewing or want to have your say about the full extent of the changes proposed to the Coastguard, please visit www.mcga.gov.uk. If you do not want to respond directly you could also write to your MP Oliver Letwin, www.oliverletwinmp.com expressing your opinions.

Please remember, that if you see any incident at sea, on the beach or cliffs, do not hesitate to call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Nick Bale

Charmouth Library



Friends of Charmouth Library and library supporters of all ages have been rallying around in a massive show of support for Charmouth Library. Hazel Robinson, Chair, Jan and Sandy Robertson, Information Gathering and Statistics, and Russell Telfer, Press Officer, have been working non-stop to understand the workings of the Libraries' Department and to find the best strategy for saving our library. The closure of Charmouth Library and of the other nineteen community libraries under threat of closure would leave only fourteen libraries in the larger towns of Dorset. This wholesale slaughter would leave only Bridport Library remaining west of Dorchester!

Hazel said how immensely heartened she was by the turnout for the local protest on 29th January. She said that there were readers of all ages up to 95. "The children have put great effort into creating their posters", she commented. Feelings ran strongly among the protestors. Why do people in Dorchester seem to think that we all go to these towns twice a week for shopping?" said one indignant mum. "Three children and no car! We have to rely on local shops and services for most of our needs". One elderly lady arrived with the support of a friend and a walking frame. "I cannot drive or get on a bus, let alone cross roads in Bridport. I am nearly blind and visit Charmouth Library every week to borrow six new audiobooks, and this is my only entertainment."

The following Saturday was National Library Action Day and the village turned out to welcome Billy Bragg. The alternative rock musician, who lives locally in Burton Bradstock, is a passionate supporter of libraries. He brought his guitar and entertained the crowd with several songs. In an impassioned speech he told of how, as a youngster, he was able to obtain music at his local library that was no longer commercially available. "While it is possible to obtain material from sites on the Internet, these sites deal with the popular and commercial. For archive material, you need your neighbourhood library", he said. Billy posed for pictures with delighted local children. Eighteen new readers joined Charmouth Library. Jan said that she was very pleased by the number of books borrowed that day and by the gaps that appeared on the shelves. "We were not aiming for a shelf-clearance as has happened in other parts of the country, as we only had two hours this morning", she explained. "We just wanted to show the significant demand for a library in Charmouth."

Friends of Charmouth Library had previously organised a petition which gathered 1164 signatures from Charmouth and the surrounding villages. This was presented to the County Council as part of the county-wide petition organised by AdLib, the Association of Friends of Dorset Libraries. Sandy explained that if a petition gathered more than 1000 signatures, then the matter had to be considered by the full County Council, not just a sub-committee. Both Jan and Sandy, and local County Councillor Geoffrey Brierley, had previously addressed the Community Overview Committee of the County Council to put the case for the retention of Charmouth Library. A Policy Development Panel is now considering alternative means of making the £800,000 savings required from the

County Library's budget, including those proposals worked out by Friends of Charmouth Library.

On 12th March, a well-attended meeting in the Community Hall, chaired by Hazel, heard from Oliver Letwin, MP. He said that solutions to the budget savings should not be made in ways which would effectively be irreversible. He fervently believes that all libraries should remain open. "We can rebuild book stocks when better times return," he said. "It is theoretically possible to reopen libraries some years later, but in practice we all know that this would not happen." Dr Letwin will be having further meetings with the Library Service to put forward his views and agree a way forward acceptable to all sides. Councillor David Crowhurst, Chair of the Policy Development Panel also attended the meeting. He agreed that the current timescale for consultations is inadequate and he will be pressing the County Council to delay a decision until November; the decision is currently scheduled for mid-July.

Hazel said that there is such a general push towards an alternative, all-encompassing solution that we are hopeful of saving Charmouth Library, but that we must keep up the pressure and monitor the situation. In the meantime, we need as many new readers as possible, adults and children. Please come and enjoy the books, DVDs, talking books, and reference books. Existing library readers, please also make sure that we all make the maximum use of this precious resource. The number of books issued is most important. If you renew online, these renewals are not credited to the library. If at all possible, please renew in PERSON or by TELEPHONE (560640) to CHARMOUTH LIBRARY.

Sandy Robertson

Charmouth and Lyme Regis Library Times

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Saturday 10.30 - 12.30

Lyme Regis Library - 01297 443151

Monday 10.00 - 1.00 and 2.00 - 5.00;

Tuesday 9.30 - 1.00;

Wednesday 2.00 - 5.00;

Friday 2.00 - 6.30;

Bridge Update



As with any construction project, we have encountered a few minor challenges along the way, but so far we haven't had anything we couldn't deal with!

The ground conditions were probably the most difficult thing to manage, as they are so unpredictable, despite having carried out a ground investigation in advance. The piling was difficult because we encountered some large, buried seams of rock. This meant that one or two of the piles were forced slightly out of position, and we had to slightly tweak the design of the concrete abutments (which each sit on top of two piles). However, this is quite common wherever piling is concerned, so it wasn't an entirely unexpected problem.

Apart from that, we have been very lucky with the weather, which has enabled us to be ahead of schedule at this stage. Local residents have been very understanding about the noise and disruption, and we've had lots of spectators during the construction! It's nice that people are interested in the work we do, and hopefully everyone will be pleased with the end result.

Work left to complete includes reinstating the public footpath, replacing the damaged gabions on the banks beneath the old bridge and generally tidying up the areas immediately around the bridge. We also need to remove the old bridge, but this won't be done until the new bridge is finished and open to the public. This will most likely happen before the 'official' opening ceremony which we expect to be around the middle of April (before Easter). It would be great if as many people as possible could be there to celebrate the new bridge.

Beth Barker -Stock

Engineer, Bridge Management Team
Dorset Engineering Consultancy



Natural History Group

Our first trip of the New Year was to the Somerset Levels.

The day was sunny with a coolness in the air. We were full of anticipation at what we might see. It started off fairly quietly with a few duck species like wigeon, teal, shoveler, pochard, tufted duck and a lot of coots! Further along the path in the water we saw three great white egrets (this is the next species to probably start nesting in this country soon, if it hasn't done so already) then we move on to see the starlings.

While we waited for their arrival we saw, to our great delight, a female hen harrier flying over the reed beds, then a marsh harrier and then a buzzard with a sparrowhawk. My eyes were coming out their sockets, I couldn't believe it!! At last the starlings arrived in their small groups before massing into one large group and landing in the reed beds, making an incredible din.

March and April are the migration months for returning swallows, housemartins, swifts, sandmartins, whitethroats, chiffchaffs, willow warblers, wheatears and even ospreys! So keep a look out along the coast.

Kate Stapleton

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

The Old Bank Springs Back

The Old Bank Café's winter break is over and it is now open for the spring season. Frank and Bev are really looking forward to seeing their regulars once again, whilst also hoping to attract some new customers from the local village community.

Bev wants everyone to know they are very welcome to drop in, not just for the freshly cooked lunches and 'specials', but also for a coffee or tea break whilst shopping in the village. Home made cakes and goodies, as well as hot toasted teacakes, bacon rolls and of course a proper breakfast, are also available every day except for Monday and Tuesday, the current closing days until the end of May.

Sunday roast is also back again. This great value 2 course lunch, which also includes dessert and tea or coffee, is very popular, so it is a good idea to book to avoid disappointment.

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Francis Lock, Pharmacist

There has been a chemist at the same location in Charmouth since 1933, owned by just four pharmacists in about 78 years. The first, Mr Toy, established the business in 1933 next to Bragg's (Ida's). He dispensed and sold medicines in the front room, using the area at the rear as a sitting room. His successor, Sidney Herbert, followed suit, but when Mike Davis took over in 1967 he converted the sitting room into a much-needed dispensary. Francis Lock took over in April 1987, after having run Boots the Chemist in Lyme Regis for ten years.



Francis was born in Bournemouth in 1955 (in a part of the town which was then in Hampshire), a year after his parents returned from a period in Australia. "Although I am technically a 'Hampshire hog', I lived for my first few years in Verwood, which is very much in Dorset, so I always consider Dorset as my home county," he muses.

So when did Francis decide to become a pharmacist? "As a lad, my father had the choice of going into pharmacy or metallurgy. He chose the latter, but always felt he had made a mistake. So when I was at school he suggested pharmacy as a career and I have loved it ever since. I trained at The School of Pharmacy at the University of London in Bloomsbury. My first job was at Boots in Weston-super-Mare. A couple of years later, I applied for the pharmacist position at the Lyme Regis store. I was successful and worked there for ten years. Then, two weeks before I was due to take over the Charmouth business from Mike Davis, someone rushed in to tell me that a shop next to the traffic lights in Charmouth had just been demolished by a lorry. I thought 'oh no'. It was close... it turned out to be Bragg's next door; an event I'm sure many still remember."

"I came to Charmouth as a relative outsider but many customers knew me from Boots at Lyme, which softened the blow" says Francis, who has lived in the village for 18 years. "Life here has been wonderful and I've made many friends. I love going to work and being with people; talking to them and helping them. We are so fortunate here with our Post Office, food shops, doctors, dentists, cafes, pubs, Morgan's and so much more besides. I was in St Andrew's Church with a group of people and we were asked as an

exercise to make a list of the organisations and groups in the village. We reached a total of 60 and then ran out of patience! It's such a vibrant community."

In February this year, Francis purchased the premises on the eastern corner of Lower Sea Lane, formerly occupied by Ida's. "I needed a separate consulting room and additional storage and utility space," he says.

"The NHS is keen to have qualified pharmacists on the high street available to help people. For example, we now advise on smoking cessation and supply the morning-after pill for younger people. We know a lot about minor health issues, so never be afraid to ask a pharmacist if you need advice. I

don't wear a white coat because I believe there shouldn't be any barriers between me and the patient. It's important for me to be a part of Charmouth and for Charmouth to be a part of me."

"We will be offering the NHS's 'Medicine Use Review' service soon which enables patients to discuss their medicines in private with a qualified pharmacist. It isn't intended to replace the role of the GP but it simply looks at how people actually take their medicines to see if they are getting the best out of them and identifies any problems or side-effects. The many upheavals in the NHS over the last few years are progressive and exciting. They will inevitably be demanding, but we aim to rise to the challenges. The pharmacist's role has changed a great deal in my 35 years' experience, but I still enjoy it and I'm so glad we have the NHS in this country. It's an organisation that has many critics, but I think on the whole it works well. I have seen various types of healthcare systems in other countries and some make me shudder."

Francis is married to retired chiropodist Rosemary Greenway-Lock, who originally helped him to run the Charmouth pharmacy. There are now four part-time employees. In addition to medicines, he stocks toiletries, cosmetics and many of the usual bits and pieces found in pharmacies. "We have one big advantage being an independent pharmacy in that we can keep items that the chain shops are not allowed to stock – their inventories are decided by the head office. So if you are having trouble finding something, ask us as we may well have it or be able to get it," he adds.

Francis's spare time is taken up with "lots of DIY. We have an old house, which keeps me busy." He is also interested in all things mechanical. "I occasionally make small model engines in a workshop I have at home. I was a ham radio operator for some years, although I haven't used the radio for a long while. I hope to get back to it when I have more spare time." He and Rosemary have two much-loved whippets which, at the time of writing, are about to be joined by a third who is coming to stay as his owner has had to move into a retirement home.

Lesley Dunlop

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Dorset County Council Budget 2011 - 12

In June 2010, the new coalition government announced in year cuts in public spending of £6.2 billion and set out its intention to streamline the machinery of local government. The immediate effect on Dorset County Council was a reduction of £6.9 million in its budget for 2010-2011. By autumn it was clear the government intended to make serious cuts in future funding with the majority of the cuts taken at the start of the three year spending round in 2011-2012. For Dorset County Council, the impact of making very heavy cuts and efficiency savings in the first year has made it almost impossible to protect front line services as there was simply no reasonable room for manoeuvre to come up with a more orderly business plan to manage the cuts. In brief, DCC is required to find £31million to meet the budget shortfall in year 2011-2012 and a grand total of £51million over the next three years.

The Comprehensive Spending Review announced in October 2010 set out the government's plans to accelerate the cuts in public spending in order to maintain confidence in the UK abroad and reduce debt servicing costs. When the Provisional Grant settlement was announced on the 13th December, it became clear that the grant reductions for Dorset were even more severe, amounting to an £18million cut (23%) in 2011 -2012.

The system of grants has always been complicated and county councillors have welcomed financial advice from our Chief Financial Officer, Paul Kent, in order to unravel the mysteries of formula grants and flooring mechanisms. The

government have brought a new and simplified structure for specific grants called the Early Intervention Grant which brings together a number of grant streams relating to children's services and single grants for transport and adult social care. Simplification is always welcome, but in this case the new grant seems to have been reduced by £9.5 million in the process. So how will the changing financial landscape affect the way the county council manages its affairs in the future? I have set out below some of the main savings areas but there may be others I have left out in the interests of brevity and clarity.

Whole Council Savings

In order to protect as many frontline services as possible DCC has looked carefully at reducing expenditure on staff pay and in the use of property. We are already facing the loss of 500 hundred jobs in 2011 - 2012, with more in following years. Consultation has begun on proposals to save about £4.4 million per year from January 2012 from the current pay bill. The proposal is for employees to take 12 unpaid days leave in each of the calendar years 2011 and 2012 after which there will be a review in the light of the council's financial position. Other areas of consultation include reductions in payments for unsocial hours worked and in the period of salary protection where staff are redeployed to a lower paid post because of redundancy or reorganisation.

Colonel Geoffrey Brierley DCC

West Dorset District Council Election May 2011

Laura Noel, Liberal Democrat Candidate for the Charmouth Ward Councillor.

I joined the Liberal Democrat party 6 years ago as I was a passionate objector to the war in Iraq. I was also impressed by Lib dem policies on civil liberties, economic fairness, green issues and localism.

I have been politically active since moving to Lyme Regis (where I live with my husband) and also in Camden, North London (where I brought up my 3 children); campaigning to save post offices, improve bus services, increase recycling and support local shops. I am 59 and retired from 26 years in the NHS including 12 years as a CEO. I was vice-chair and chair for 8 years of a large primary school and currently work as a volunteer counsellor and vice-chair of a charitable bereavement service. I am also an active member of Amnesty and a keen gardener and sailor.

Jane Bremner, Conservative Candidate for the Charmouth Ward Councillor.

I was born in Charmouth in 1964. I attended Charmouth Primary School and then Woodroffe School before going on to the City University Business School in London, where I gained a degree in Business Studies. After a year travelling in Australia and Indonesia I returned to work in the family business, Wood Farm Caravan Park in Charmouth. Many years on I am still there, now running the business which employs between 10 and 20, people depending on the season. I live with my husband Callum who is a newly appointed Magistrate and my two children who are studying A levels and GCSEs. I love cooking and also eating, so to counter all that I enjoy keeping fit and I swim, run, walk and play golf regularly.

I have been a Charmouth Parish Councillor for the last 4 years and believe that I understand the concerns of the people of Charmouth, Wootton and Catherston Leweston. I would highlight the following issues:-

Parking on The Street in Charmouth

Following the loss of much of Lower Sea Lane car park, the Charmouth shop keepers are concerned that if people can't park they will go elsewhere for their shopping.

Affordable Housing

Charmouth and Wootton Fitzpaine are popular villages to live in and therefore house prices are higher than the average. To sustain a balanced village life with a good mix of age groups we need more houses that young families can afford to buy.

Attracting Tourism

Charmouth is very fortunate to have a good range of shops and services that local people enjoy throughout the year. Spending from holidaymakers is key to many of these businesses remaining profitable.

Supporting the Farming Community

For many farmers the way ahead has been to diversify into new areas to supplement their incomes. Such diversification often calls for planning and other professional guidance

Poor conditions of our lanes

The lanes out to Wootton and beyond to the forest have been hit by severe winter weather and are now littered with potholes. During the bad weather the provision of salt was also an issue.

News From The Elms

So what has your Parish Council been doing during the winter?

Firstly, following a very cold winter, the council is now hoping to install a number of grit bins around the village in time for next winter. These will be located on Old Lyme Road near the turning to Lily Farm, Old Lyme Road near the junction with Westcliff Road, Higher Sea Lane outside Lavender Cottage, Double Common by the lay-by at the rear of the School, Lower Sea Lane on the verge in front of the School, Lower Sea Lane on wide pavement at junction with Wesley Close and at the Junction of Bridge Road and Wesley Close between the phone box and the post box. The boxes will be green in colour to harmonise with their surroundings.

We are hopefully near to seeing the end of all the electricity works in The Street. The Heritage style lights are installed but not all working; however there is no doubt that the removal of the overhead cables has really improved the appearance of The Street and the conservation area. We are also advised by Dorset County Council that the painting of yellow lines etc to complete the traffic management arrangements will be completed in the very near future.

Last time I referred to the anti-social behaviour in the village and the steps we had taken through the local PACT and directly with the Police. This behaviour has now reduced and the Police continue to address this problem.

Those of you who attended the Annual Parish Meeting will have heard from Constable Chris Forshaw, that from the beginning of April the Marshwood Vale Safer neighbourhood Team will be standing down and the responsibility passed to Lyme Regis in the care of Constable Richard Winward and his Community Support Officers at Lyme Regis.

Also being investigated is the building of a slipway at the foreshore. An application has been made for support to a fund known as "Chalk and Cheese". This is a South West Rural Development Agency initiative using money from the EU. Sadly however the prevailing spending cuts have struck and the fund has been closed for the foreseeable future. However a claim will be made when the fund re-opens. Other sources are being investigated.

Councillor Keith Lander

Charmouth Village Bakery



History shows that there has been a village baker's in Charmouth since before 1840, and it is in precisely the same place as it is today – Barrs Lane.

The baker back then was Francis Coles who handed it down to his son John Coles. The Coles and their descendents continued in business until 1915, serving the village for the best part of a century. Following the Coles were several other families prior to current owners Liesa and Roger Seed, who have been running the Bakery for over 5 years. They

spent a lot of time and money getting the premises up to scratch and making a viable business again. They employ a team of ten who help with baking, taking orders and deliveries.

The shop is open from 8-1, Monday to Saturday. The Bakery prides itself on using non-hydrogenated fats and top quality ingredients in all its goods. So pop in and treat yourself and your family to a fresh loaf, a cake or hot cross buns and other Easter goodies.

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News From St Andrew's

After the troubles at the end of 2010 in regard to our boiler, I'm glad to report that we do now have a new boiler and a warmer church than we had before. There are still a few problems to sort out regarding a couple of radiators, a timer and thermostat but basically this trouble is now behind us.

On the bigger project of church fabric repairs, we had an important meeting with our Archdeacon and Architect in early February. We discussed at length which of our various priorities should be placed first. The outcome is that we will now start from the top downwards in our repairs – sounds logical, doesn't it! So our new Phase 1 will be the renewal of our two aisle roofs, which are in a very poor state of repair, and probably letting in some water. The cost of this work is probably of the order of £80,000. Then we will make Phase 2 the stonework repairs to the tower and some walls. The cost of this is now somewhat reduced, to around £40,000. After this work is eventually done, we will turn our attention in Phase 3 to the much-needed redecorating of the interior.

David Renfrew is working with others in the "Parable of the Talents" Scheme to raise money for these costly repairs, with meals, sales, concerts etc. Please see his separate article on the next page.

Another important outcome of that February meeting was the decision to set up a "Vision Group", to consider the future priorities of St. Andrew's Church as a whole. I also hope that our United Reformed Church friends will be deeply involved in this group and our discussions over the future. I will be convening a small group of parishioners to plan a series of meetings with village organisations in order to have 'conversations' about:

What the Church members can do to better serve the needs of people in Charmouth. For example, church members could work with others to offer a greater level of pastoral, caring support. Or there may be particular social problems that our church can address, along with others in our community. It is of the essence of Christianity to offer care and we want to partner others to do this.

What better use the church building might be put to, in order to serve the community. We know that there are already many public buildings in the village but we are also conscious that St. Andrew's is often unused from one Sunday to the next. We want to brainstorm ideas upon how the building might perhaps be adapted to offer high quality, comfortable facilities or meeting places.

Once these 'conversations' have occurred, over the next few months, we will endeavour to write them up into a series of recommendations (the 'Vision'), with the help of a Consultant from the Diocese of Salisbury. The



recommendations will then be discussed with various interested parties, including our Golden Cap Team, before any action is taken. If you have any thoughts upon this Vision Group, then please do get in touch for a conversation.

St. Andrew's is moving forward with certain other initiatives this Spring:

~ A new Children's Service, with the lovely name of "Magic Carpet." This is proposed to be a monthly venture, on the third Sunday of each month, from 11am to 11.30am. It will especially suit young children up to the age of about 7 or 8 years old. There will be stories, games, activities, prayers, songs, and something to eat and drink! Details from Anne Follett on: 561641.

~ A new monthly discussion group, for which we haven't yet got a name! This will be an

informal group, run with the United Reformed Church, to discuss important issues of the day from a Christian point of view. The aim is to meet on the second Monday of each month, at 2.30pm, in a variety of homes. The meeting on March 21st was led by the URC Minister on "Are we boring God?"

~ We are keen to begin holding Concerts of various types at St. Andrew's Church. We feel that other local churches such as at Whitchurch and in St. Michaels, Lyme Regis hold regular Concerts, so why not here in Charmouth too? We have booked one for August 19th and are looking to have an Organ Recital in June or July. If you have suggestions then please let us know!

~ We have recommenced our monthly Songs of Praise Services, 6.30pm on the 1st Sunday of each month. There will be a special Easter Songs of Praise at St. Andrew's on 24th April, in addition to the Service on 3rd April, 6.30pm at the United Reformed Church. Why not come and suggest your favourites? Refreshments afterwards.

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St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund Appeal



Robert Burns Lunch held at Bob and Lesley Dunlop's house. Bob is about to carve the haggis!

So where are we now on the parable of the talents challenge?

A number of Parishioners accepted the loan of £20, repayable on Easter Sunday 2011 (24th April), with the objective of making it into a larger sum. Here we are rapidly approaching Easter and the moment of TRUTH – so how have we done with our Fund Raising since Harvest Festival?

Rather well – we have not only raised money, but

we have brought together different members of the Community at a disparate range of events. People who did not rate their 'talents' have found them valued by others! People with no connection to St Andrew's have worked their socks off for our Church. Parishioners have worked together and helped each other make a success of their individual Talent's effort.

The Lunches in January and February were both successful and, apart from raising more funds, were thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. The March Lunch is fully booked. The 'cake makers' are still busily baking and have orders for Easter!

Two events in particular spring to mind, both organised by people not directly involved with St Andrew's:

Bob & Lesley Dunlop took the £20 challenge – A Robert Burns' Lunch on the 25th January. There were haggis (plural for more than one haggis!) aplenty and 21 tartan-clad diners to enjoy them on Robert Burns Day, courtesy of Bob and Lesley Dunlop. The four-course lunch was interspersed with the 'Immortal Memory', recitals from Burns' poems, toasts, and ended with arms entwined for Auld Lang Syne. The £20 given from the St Andrew's Parable of the Talents appeal was turned into £437 for the Restoration Fund. Thanks to all who attended and supported the event. Thank you both so much.

Another day, and another Bob. Bob and Helen Hughes also took the £20 Challenge and, after a period of reflection, decided that they would hire the Community Hall for a day, 26th March, and invite all the local organisations to take a table to raise money for themselves, subject to the proviso that 10 per cent of their takings would be donated to the Restoration Fund; there would also be an 'Art from the Attic' Sale. At the time of writing, in early March, twenty tables have been booked and, with tea, coffee, cakes, and soup, they already have the makings of a great day. Thank you both as well.

Newsflash

We are delighted to announce that the Church Wardens and Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Church of St Candida and Holy Cross, Whitchurch Canonorum have agreed to host a Concert for the benefit of the St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund, and this will take place on Saturday 28th May. Through the good offices of John Bain, we have been able to book the very talented Hannah Marcinowicz, who plays both saxophone and clarinet. Her accompanist for the evening will be Simon Lane, a pianist of distinction. We are in for a treat! See page 30 for more details.

Restoration project update

Finally, much work has been going on behind the scenes as decisions are made as to the priority of works and, equally important, possible sources of the additional major funding that will be needed.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, we will be well on the way to achieving the funding for Phase I of the Scheme, which is to insulate and re-surface the side aisle roofs, and to renew and improve the rainwater disposal system.

Much of the preparatory work for Phase II, which comprises stonework repairs and the re-pointing of the tower, has already been completed, and Grant applications for funding are pending.

Phase III is the exciting part, where we move on to internal works. We have a small group who have been charged with the task of 'thinking outside the box': to come up with ideas as to how the Church can be made more appealing, relevant and useful for the WHOLE COMMUNITY.

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Fishy Tips From The White House

Putting on my rose tinted spectacles, in days gone by it seemed every town and many larger villages had a butchers shop, a general store, a chemist and a fishmonger dotted along the high street before the hegemony of the supermarket swept most of them away. As an island nation, fish and seafood has historically played a significant part in our national diet. Here in Charmouth we still are fortunate enough to have three of the four shops mentioned but we do have six or seven good fishmongers within a ten-mile radius (and a good half of that radius is sea). Nationally however, in the last fifty years or so there has been an almost unstoppable decline in the number of high street fishmongers, truly a threatened species. The result of this is that really fresh fish and seafood sadly plays a much-diminished role on our dinner tables nowadays. It is of course much more expensive then ever it was and is now considered to be more of a luxury than a staple.

My parents live in a suburb of south Manchester, well served by all the big supermarkets and retail parks but when asked could not name or locate a single fishmonger in their area. Indeed they are only ten miles from one of the largest "Retail and Leisure Centres" in Europe, where according to my father you can "buy everything you want but now't you actually need." A google search found only three actual real bone fide fishmongers in a twenty-mile radius of their postcode, an area that is almost as populated as the whole of Dorset. Now I know that you can buy fresh fish at supermarkets, but putting aside my personal antipathy to these institutions, I am always slightly suspicious that it is not quite as fresh as it could be. Having gone through the supermarket supply route, I always suspect it has criss-crossed the country from fishing boat to national distribution centre to local distribution centre before finally landing on the slab on a supermarket fish counter a few hundred yards from where it was landed a day or two before. I may well be wrong but I am not prepared to let facts get in the way of my pre-conceived idea in this matter. If my fish is to be as well travelled as Michael Palin I prefer it to do it under its own steam in the sea and let its last journey be the shortest.

Certainly living as close to the coast as we do we are lucky enough to have fresh locally caught fish available pretty much all year round and despite some species being under threat from over fishing there are many types of fish that are not. Fresh fish-wise, we are truly blessed.

Last summer a friend of mine who shall remain nameless, as it would not be fair to Eric, was given a couple of beautiful fresh sea bass then came up to the hotel and confessed he didn't really know what to do with them. This is one thing I do hear a lot, many people are not confident about preparing and cooking fish. I do understand that scaling, gutting and filleting fish is not high on everyone's list of favourite kitchen activities, but all fishmongers will happily do that particular task for you, remember to always ask for the fish bones and heads so you can make a stock, more of which in a couple of paragraphs.

The trick I always say with cooking fish is to do as little to it as possible. Simply dipping a fillet in seasoned flour and browning it gently in a little butter or oil until cooked through and served with a squeeze of lemon is as good as

any method and works as well for mackerel fillets as it does for turbot.

The only caveat is that you take care so that you do not overcook this fish, as it then will get dry. Fry presentation side down first so that you only have to turn it once, in a moderate heat so that the butter is just gently bubbling around the fish. When golden brown on one side use a fish slice or spatula to turn it over and do the same on that side.

How long you cook the fish for depends of course on how thick the fillet is. If it is a fillet of plaice which will not be all that thick, then a minute or so on each side will be plenty. If it is however an inch thick halibut steak, then maybe two or three minutes each side will be required. Either way do not be tempted to ramp up the heat as rather than cooking it quicker, it will just burn it and dry it out quicker. Think of cooking fish as just enabling the heat to gently pass through the flesh. If you are not sure it is cooked through, carefully bend the fillet with a pallet knife or fork and if it cleanly "flakes" apart then it is done. If it bends but does not break then it may need a little more.

A more failsafe way is to cook fish "en papillote". This is a French cookery term that translates as "in parchment". It is essentially sealing it in a paper or parchment bag which when cooked, means the moisture and juices from the fish stay in the bag with the fish thus prevents it from drying out and is very easy to do. I prefer to use greaseproof paper and the easiest method is as follows:-



One 12-inch square of greaseproof paper
Knob of butter or splash of olive oil
Squeeze of lemon

Butter or oil the greaseproof paper.
Place a fillet of fish in the centre, season and give it a squeeze of lemon juice. Then fold diagonally the paper from one of the corners

across to the other. You can then fold and twist the loose edges of the paper tightly, starting from one corner and working your way around so you have something resembling a paper Cornish pasty with a fishy filling. You can just fold over the flaps and staple in position if you prefer. This is then popped in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes. I would avoid using tinfoil as the acidity from the lemon can react with the metal and taint the food.

Of course there are a million and one variations on the ingredients you can add to the bag. Herbs such as bay, dill, chives and tarragon work well. Swap the lemon for a lime and add a bit of ginger root and coriander for a more Asian take. Whatever you add, the principle is the same and all the flavours and juices stay with the fish when cooked and served.

I have been going out fishing with a couple of friends over the last few summers. I am what could best be described as hopelessly inept, but I do like bobbing about on a boat just off the Dorset coast, chugging a beer and talking the kind of nonsense that middle aged blokes talk about when they are sat on a boat off the Dorset coast chugging beer. Ostensibly, fishing is the reason we venture out and though I have not troubled the Lyme Bay population of sea bass a great deal and most threatened species swim by us clearly unconcerned for their welfare, the one fish I can and do

Fishy Tips (cont..)

catch is mackerel. But then any idiot can. Which is fine by me because I like mackerel.

Mackerel is a much-maligned fish, but fresh from the sea, as many people round here know, it is a real treat. Once landed, they do tend to deteriorate relatively quickly so are best eaten on the day of the catch. As it takes time to transport them to fish shops throughout the land, maybe that is why they are not so popular. Filleted, floured and fried in a little butter with garlic and lemon, or chargrilled on an open fire on the beach they are unbeatable. Alternatively you can go South American and make mackerel ceviche, which is essentially 'cold cooking' fillets by marinating them for a few minutes in the juice of lemon, lime or orange with the addition of ingredients such as chilli, coriander and thinly sliced onion. The acidity changes the protein of the fish, which gives it a cooked appearance but it is still essentially raw. However don't let that put you off, it is delicious and as it is quite acidic, it almost begs to be washed down with a cold beer.

For the more daring or foolhardy amongst you, you could have a glass of what best translates as tiger's milk (though the literal translation is not actually 'milk' but as this is a family publication...) This is the strained marinade in a

glass with a shot of vodka or other spirit added and is meant to be a great hangover cure - though I think I may stick to bacon and eggs, a cup of tea and a couple of nurofen.

Now that you are confident cooking fish, you will need to make a fish stock for the sauce. Avoid using oily fish such as mackerel; plaice, brill, sole and the like are ideal. Wash the bones, heads and skin and remove the gills and any bloody bits as these can make the stock cloudy. In a saucepan add chopped leek, onion, fennel, a bayleaf, parsley stalks and a slug of white wine. Add cold water to cover and bring to the boil. Skim off the scum that rises and simmer for a further 15 minutes, any longer can turn the stock bitter as the bones start to break down. Strain the liquid and return to a pan, boil rapidly so that the stock reduces and the flavours concentrate. When you have reduced it by two thirds, pour it into a tupperware container, allow to cool and then refrigerate it. When quite cold it will set like a jelly as the gelatine in the fish bones and skin will have dissolved into the liquid. This allows it to be cut up into cubes and frozen (or pour it when warm into ice cube moulds) so you can just take out what you need when you need it.

For a basic butter sauce, which is a brilliant accompaniment to most non-oily fish, melt a little of the stock into a small saucepan with a splash of double cream and a squeeze of lemon juice. Then quickly whisk in a few cubes of softened but not melted butter, which will emulsify the butter into the stock, taking care not to boil as it may split. You can then add a few chives or a bit of chopped dill for a perfect fish sauce. As it is about 90 per cent butter, you do not need a lot so you can be parsimonious with it.

Ian Simpson, The White House

The Big Breakfast

Egg, bacon, sausage, mushroom, tomato, toast. A classic English Breakfast - but where do you stand on baked beans?

Charmouth School PTA organised The Big Breakfast (and served beans) at The Community Hall on March 6th to raise money for local school children. Cereal, fruit, tea, coffee and juice were also in plentiful supply.

The organisers would like to thank the local suppliers for helping to make this event so successful. Every price reduction or 'sale or return' deal meant even more money was raised. Volunteer staff served 185 breakfasts in 5 hours and over £680 profit was made on the day, which will be used to directly benefit the children at Charmouth School. Huge thanks to everyone who came and supported us! Such a good time was had by all (even in the kitchen) that there is talk of another Big Breakfast coming soon...

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Nancy Grace

Assistant Archaeologist NT South West Region



Inauguration of the Lyme Regis Organ School



Students and tutors of Lyme Regis Organ School

Following the arrival of the magnificent new organ in St Michael's Parish Church, a decision has been taken to start an organ school. The aims of this new school, one of only a handful in Britain, will be to encourage and train new organists. It will also help established players to improve their skills and widen their repertoire. The new school will be centred in Lyme Regis, but it will actively involve other local churches in its teaching programme – including St Andrew's Charmouth, where a pretty organ sits up on the gallery.

The first main event for the Lyme Regis Organ School (LROS) was a three day residential course at the end of February. Twenty one organists ranging in age from 15 to 75 came from all over the south of England to study organ music relating to Holy Week and Easter. The course was lead by Philip Scriven, a well known cathedral and concert organist whose family come from Lyme Regis. He was assisted by 4 expert tutors. During the three days the organists enjoyed talks, recitals, and tutored workshops. For some of the time they divided into small groups for one-to-one teaching. One group studied in St Andrew's, where they found the organ very effective and enjoyable in its commanding position high up at the back of the church.

All the visiting organists commented favourably on their stay in Lyme Regis. They enjoyed not only a feast of organ music, but several feasts of excellent food as well. A dinner was held at the Pilot Boat, and splendid refreshments and lunches were provided by the local team of Andrew Nicholson, Jane Godfrey and Sarah Cooke.

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Jean Pomeroy's Family Memories

Mary Davis spoke to Jean Pomeroy during the Christmas Senior Citizens Lunch and encouraged her to relate her memories of village life to *Shoreline*. We're pleased she did. Here is Jean's story:

"I was born in a cottage on The Street by the junction of Higher Sea Lane on 18th July 1929. My parents, Irene and Ernest Richard Hutchings, married when World War I broke out. I was one of four children (three daughters and a son). My mother came to Charmouth from Wareham when she was 15 years-of-age and was in service at Langmoor Manor. My father was born in Whitchurch Canonorum in 1899 to Mary Jane and Frederick James Hutchings; the eldest of three children. When I was three, we moved across The Street to Bayville Cottage. There was originally a passageway to the right of the front door through which horses were taken into the back garden, but in later years Father filled it in and replaced it with a window.

When Father was at school, my Grandfather ran a boot and shoe maker's and repairer's shop at The Holt on The Street. By 1920 Grandfather needed more space and moved to Granville House. He originally made shoes from scratch, but as the years went by he only did repairs.

Father was gassed in France during World War I. He was a postman, a fireman, a councillor, as well as a shoe repairer, helping Grandfather; he had his hand in everything in Charmouth. He carried on as a shoe repairer at Granville House after Grandfather died in 1947 and was known locally as 'Tacker'. Father's unmarried brother and sister, Frederick William Hutchings, a carpenter, and Evelyn Alice Maud Hutchings, a domestic cook, continued to live in Granville House. When Mr Holly retired as postmaster at Langley House on The Street, he offered the premises to my Father. He turned the offer down, but always regretted his decision.

I attended the old Charmouth Primary School on the corner of Lower Sea Lane and Wesley Close. There were around 15 children in each of the three classes. There was a partition between two of the rooms which was pushed back whenever there was a large gathering. Miss Emmanuel was the entrance teacher and I think Mrs Way was the middle teacher. Miss Mead was my teacher in the older children's class. She took us to the sea and we had to swim. She was very strict. I remember the tarmac playground at the back of the school. We played there and had to do arms up exercises. I could never touch my toes, so I was always in trouble! Mother belonged to the British Legion and the Women's Institute. She made my sister and I go with her, but we hated it. We were small and didn't understand what was going on.

As a child, I used to spend a lot of time on the beach, paddling in the sea and running up the cliffs. There were a lot of fishing boats on the beach. Percy Smith owned several and lived at the 'Hensleigh'.

I can remember the early part of World War II when the river Char was frozen over and hundreds of people, including soldiers, skated on it. Several British soldiers were billeted in our house. I watched the troops marching through Charmouth at the end of the war and recall a tank skidding across the corner of The Street and Higher Sea Lane. It had to be pulled out by several vehicles.

There were quite a few shops in the village. Gollop's on Axminster Road sold coal. We had a bank which a lot of people used. There was Child's the ironmongers at the top of the hill, and a jewellery shop and a clothes shop at the

bottom. George Restorick, the butcher, was at Devonedge and another butcher was located where the chocolate shop is now. A little shop bearing the sign 'E. Tarr' next to Bayville Cottage was owned by two little old ladies. They sold newspapers and books from their sitting room. The District Nurse lived next door.



I left school at 14 and worked for a newspaper shop at Stanley House for a couple of years. Then I did waitressing in a café in Lyme Regis. After that, I worked in North Mills in Bridport for a rope-making company. I was put in a room where we packaged the posts and nets for posting to customers.

I was nearly 23 when I married Gilbert Pomeroy from Hawkchurch on 21st April 1952 – the Queen's birthday and my sister's birthday! We got a flat at Hawkchurch, but I didn't like it there when the roof started leaking. Then I got pregnant, so we moved back with Mother. By that time I was working in the vicarage just outside Axminster. Gilbert was one of many builders in Charmouth and worked for Woolaways. He built the Youth Club hall in Wesley Close after Miss Bates put up the money. He carried all the heavy panels on his back and put them into place.

After my second child was born, I worked for Reginald Pavey and his two sisters at the Wellhead for a year. I cleaned his house and he often told me historical bits about Charmouth. In the evenings, my father would go over and help him with his papers. Mr Pavey was kindly and always looked smart. He was quite tall, wore glasses and had a limp.

Father pushed his bike up and cycled down when he delivered letters to Stonebarrow Lane. Whenever he fell off his bike on the lane, he'd come to our house at the bottom of Wesley Close. I'd wipe his scratches and clean his face so he went home clean to Mother. He should have retired at 65, but the Post Office and the Fire Brigade kept him working until he was 69. He died at 70. He never learnt to drive. When he retired, a van was introduced for local postal deliveries.

Gilbert and I lived in Wesley Close for 40 years and we had five children: Ernestine, Derek, Suzanne, Gerald and Nicholas. Suzanne works at a shop in Chideock and Nicholas lives in Bridport, but the others are further afield. I also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Gilbert died in Bymead in the mid-1990s and I am now in my 11th year at St Andrew's House.

At 15 years-of-age I could name everyone in the village; I couldn't do that now. But Charmouth people have always been very nice to me and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

With thanks to Jean Pomeroy and also to Jane Bean, who lives at Granville House, for additional information on the Hutchings family.

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The next family to own the shop were the Carters, who were to be there for the next 30 years. John Carter who came from Axminster, is described as a carpenter on the list of Charmouth citizens who could stand for jury service in 1833. He had a workshop on the corner of Lower Sea lane where the chemist is and a yard, which would have been where the parade of shops is today. By the following year he is shown as a grocer probably running it from the same premises. He went on to purchase the shop from Samuel Aplin in 1838 and continued to advertise himself as a builder. He was also the village postmaster right at the beginning of the penny post in 1840 when the penny black was introduced as the first postage stamp.

The 1841 census for which he was the village enumerator, describes him as being aged 38 and living with his wife Willmet, aged 30. They had a son, John, who was born in

Charmouth in 1842. Directories of the time advertised the business as that of a grocers, post office and builders. Sadly, John was to die young in 1855 and left the shop, three houses in Catherston and a house in Sea Lane (Lower Sea Lane) to his wife who continued to run the business with their son, who later took it over. The Kelly's Directory of 1859 details the opening hours for the post office which stretch from 7.10 in the morning until 10 pm at night.

The 1841 tithe map shows the shop forming part of a large thatched building with Lydia Watts in the middle section and the stone mason, Giles Pryer at the other end. Behind the group was the Star Inn that still survives as a house.

In 1864 the Carter's business dramatically changed after a fire broke out in Pryer's roof. The fire engine came from Lyme Regis and put it out, but it started up again the following morning and spread to the other adjoining buildings which were burnt to the ground. The houses when they were rebuilt were called "Prospect Place". The house on the westward end of Prospect Place is named "Stanley House" and was left by Pryer to his son Henry William on his death. His workshop and yard were on the corner of Sea Lane (where the group of shops is today) and had previously been John Carter's Premises.

The following year John William Carter was back in business and advertising in the local directory as grocer and postmaster. He continued for a while, but by 1870 George Mortimer was the owner. An advertisement a few years later revealed the wide range of goods he could offer. He is shown as a post master, linen & woollen draper, grocer, tea dealer and provision merchant and a china, glass, earthenware and brush warehouse. The same directory shows Charmouth having six other Grocers as competition - how times have changed!

The 1871 Census for Charmouth details George, aged just 28, married to Mary, aged 26. He is described as a postmaster and shop keeper. It is interesting to see that his brother, aged 15 and his wife's sister aged 19 are living with them as shop assistants. By the 1881 Census he is described as a merchant employing 9 hands, most of whom seem to be living with them.



He eventually sold the business to Edward Archer Vince in 1888 who continued to trade in the same style as is shown in a directory of 1889. Old photos of the time show a massive hoarding on the side of the building with a long list of all the goods and services that were

offered inside. The door to the post office appears to be where the small long window was on the front of the building with a wooden sign above it.

According to Reg Pavey, the shop was much smaller than the present day store. A counter was on the left as you entered the drapery department and the grocery and post office on the opposite side. By the late 1880's customers were able to telegraph from the premises when a wire was laid to Lyme Regis for it. The 1895 Poor Rates listing show that Edward was renting the premises from Henry Burrough, who in due course was to sell the freehold to Alfred Gapper Pass, who owned a large number of properties in the vicinity, including Wootton Fitzpaine and Monkton Wyld.

Past & Present

John Baker from Steyning in Sussex succeeded Edward in 1896, but by then George Holly was the postmaster running this business from Wistaria on the Street, where it was to remain for the next 40 years. John is shown as being just 30 in the 1891 Census, living with his wife Martha and 2-month-old son, John and 3 young shop assistants above the shop. Times were hard for him, especially with a severe downturn in trade during the first World War and he eventually put the business up for sale in 1918. It was purchased by William John Dampier who had been a grocery clerk for the department store of Boons and Sons of Dorchester. He was encouraged by his former employer who helped him with the finance that he needed. For almost the whole of the next century, the business was family run and very well regarded by villagers. William was born in 1878 and, with his wife Laura, had two sons and three daughters.

William's son, Donald followed him into the business and took over in 1954. In due course, his grandson Ronald joined them and eventually ran it from 1970 until 2000. It is Ron, who still lives in the village, that I have to thank for assisting with this article and providing the magnificent photo shown here of William and his staff standing outside the shop with its original Victorian Front in 1935.



From the left it is believed that the people shown are Percy Larcombe (young assistant who lived next door), Cecil Bugler (assistant), Sammy Smith (delivery man), Peter Oldworth (provisions), Donald Hubert Dampier (son), Gladys Frampton (daughter), William John Dampier (owner).

Not long afterwards, the shop front was updated to the one that can still be seen today. The Dampiers also ran their business from the adjoining premises. The seat outside was very popular and there are often people sitting on it on the old postcards. The Dampiers ran a successful business and in due course extended it back and purchased the freehold of the premises from the Pass family. An interesting anecdote regarding the personality of William was revealed in correspondence that Ron still has relating to the famous author G.K. Chesterton of Father Brown fame. It seems that he and his wife were frequent customers and especially enjoyed the marmalade that he made and sent to them. One of the verses he was famous for was "The Wicked Grocer", which reflected badly on the trade, so much so that he felt that he must right the wrong after the impeccable service he had received from the Dampiers at the Charmouth Stores. So as recompense he penned a new verse in 1929 which he dedicated to William called the 'Good Grocer' and is full of praise. The family still have a signed copy from Chesterton of this verse as a souvenir.

Another photograph shown here is of Donald, back in the 1950's standing behind the original mahogany counter with the shelves behind him piled high with teas and canned fruit. The shop has always kept up with the times and eventually joined various buying groups as the name above the shop changed from APT to VG and then Londis.



It is now under the Nisa banner, which allows it to have the same competitive prices as many supermarkets. The owners, Phil and Carol Tritton, continue the traditions of the past by offering a wide range of products and services.

The residents of the village are very fortunate to still be able to shop in a building which started as a grocers in the year Queen Victoria came to the throne.

Neil Mattingly, Pavey Group.

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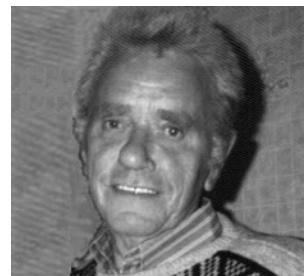
Born in Exeter in 1932 as one of twins, Fred remembered well the bombing of Exeter in 1942 and how it changed the city. He moved to Charmouth in 1971 and immediately settled into village life. He was married to Val (his second marriage) for nearly 30 years.

Well known for his sense of fun, 'you can't think of Fred without smiling', were the words said to me in the street recently, he enjoyed his crib, drinking tea, fishing and gardening. The garden was always a blaze of colour, fruit and vegetables were abundant and often shared with friends.

Walking his dog often took twice as long because of all the people he had to talk to.

With three children, two step children and numerous grandchildren, life was never dull for him or them.

Fred was an amazing man, husband, dad and friend. He will be greatly missed by us and the community



Marie Holt - daughter.

Wooton Fitzpaine Village Fete

This popular, local, annual event will take place this year on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th May 2011.

Entertainment will include a return of the amazing Dog Agility Team, a display of Appalachian Dancing and live music. There will also be all of the usual fete favourites plus Arts, Crafts, Vintage Vehicles, a BBQ, Bar, Skittles, Ice Creams and Cream Teas. The Fete will continue whatever the weather as we have the use of both the Village Hall and A Large Marquee.

We are taking bookings for tables for the sale of crafts, produce and artefacts etc. The tables will be £10 each. To book, call Heather on 01297 560470. No traders please. We are also looking to attract anyone who would like to show off their vintage vehicles or classic cars. If you are interested, please call Sean on 01297 560670.



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Poetry

A Morning Stroll

We live where The Street bends a little, right opposite Higher Sea Lane,
For a circular walk in the morning, it is quite a handy domain.
I set off for my morning paper, and head down the lane to the sea,
Admiring the flowers in the gardens, or maybe a thrush in a tree.

Often I meet the same people, on a similar mission to me,
They seem to prefer to walk clockwise, just habit, I think you'll agree.
Many have dogs alongside them, and a small plastic bag to contain,
Something I like to steer clear of, good job it's not a Great Dane.

The road bends and I take the footpath, then walk past the huts to the sea,
Which sometimes is smooth as a mill pond and other times rough as can be.
In summer the beach is a pattern, of colourful folk having fun,
In winter it's sombre and peaceful, the holiday season is done.

I turn by the cafe and Centre, and head towards Lower Sea Lane,
I walk past the school where the children, are back at their studies again.
The tennis courts seem to be empty, the members are taking a rest,
And then on to Morgan's to purchase, the news to take home and digest.

I walk past the church and the bus stop, where they queue for the X53
You can't see the clock on the tower, it's hidden behind the yew tree
I think that the hill has subsided, it's steeper than it used to be
I swear that my front door was nearer, phew, now for a nice cup of tea.

by Peter Crowter

A Sunshine Isle

Remember it, that golden sun,
That now you feel in colder clime.
Remember, as through the early mist
It rose beyond the palms,
As fast, in boat you sped
Across the sea – past fishermen
Casting nets for shrimp,
As on you sailed.

Remember it, that golden sun,
Remember at noon its searing rays
Shining down on verdant isle.
Picture exotic blooms with fragrant smell,
Hibiscus, frangipani, oleander.
Past luscious fruits of
Passion, mango, pineapple, papaya
As on you walked.

Remember it, that ball of crimson red,
Remember its beauty slowly sinking
Beyond the sand and sea.
Palms above, their shadows lengthened,
As blush of sunset spread its hues,
Chipmunk chattering a fond farewell,
Fishermen's sails dotted on the horizon,
Sri Lanka casts its spell.

Elephants of Pinneweli

Towards the cool waters
With lumbering gait, majestic creatures
Came to bathe in the midday sun.
And there he was,
We remembered him,
As gamely on three legs he followed the herd.
Had not a mine maimed him cruelly?
But care and kindness gave him life.

Anne Piper (The Elephant Orphanage, Sri Lanka)

Rendez-Vous



A rendez-vous with the tide
The cliffs' vanity moment
On the wet sand's giant mirror
They embrace their own reflection

The sea reveals its garden beds
And seaweeds are fanned out on the sand
Whilst giant slab stones look
Like broken Roman roads

The south west winds storm our shores, and
As waves crash the pebbles, hear
A thousand thimble fingers
Strumming across the washboard
The sea, a never ending *Debussy* symphony

The claws of erosion, mud falls
The ringing hammer heads
Breaking these Jurassic stones for
A fossil trophy to take home

The Eiger in my youth, now Golden Cap
Washed ashore from foreign lands
Edelweiss for Bluebells
Charmouth, here I am

by Monique Newby

*Inspired by my husband Peter's painting of
Charmouth Beach*

Our Latest Mission Trip To Kenya - Feb 2011



As you may know we have been visiting Kenya since 2007, mainly working with Newton Atela who is the founder of the Gideon Soldiers Orphanage and Primary School. We also do a lot of work with the street boys, visit the paediatric cancer ward in the local hospital and help at Peace Home Orphanage.

Since Sophie's last trip in December, an extra 60 children now attend Newton's school and another 22 children arrived at his orphanage because they were either beaten up or kicked out of their homes. One of these children is John, a 7 year old boy who is blind and who has suffered with chronic malaria and is also malnourished. We took him to see an ophthalmic surgeon who explained that if John had been seen before his 5th birthday, then possibly he could have done something for him, but his best hope would be to attend a school for blind children. John has only just settled at the orphanage so we feel that this is not the right time for him to be moved. In the short term we are arranging for him to get some extra protein so we are buying milk daily for him and three other little boys who need it.

The highlight of the trip was taking all 62 children swimming. We hired an outdoor pool for the day and we will never forget the look on their faces when we arrived. None of the children had been to a pool before but they were soon jumping in and we spent 5 hours swimming, splashing and having the best fun ever. For lunch they had bread and butter, donuts and orange squash (a luxury) and before heading home they had chips which none of them had ever eaten before.

Our 5 days at the orphanage were a life - changing experience. There is nothing quite like sitting and cuddling a child who has lost their mum and dad to HIV; to be able to put them to bed and tuck them in, something they have never felt in their life, something so simple but so needed.

One of our aims is to make Newton self -sufficient and it was great to see one of the widows and another man making Kenyan shirts on the new industrial sewing machines. Eventually this will provide Newton with an income to help him feed and support the children. It was our aim on this trip to help some of the local widows to earn money and we were excited to start a knitting club at the Gideons. The 8 women picked it up really easily and are busy making squares to sew together and then sell at the market. In fact they were so good that we ran out of wool, so if you

have any wool lying around, please remember us. The other way in which we are wanting to help Newton is by providing computers so that he can start up a computer school on his land. If you or anyone you know is getting rid of a working laptop or computer, please let us know.

We raised over £100 last year to buy school bags for the children and while we were there we bought 28 school bags. They use the bags not only for their books but also to keep their personal possessions in as they have no cupboards or wardrobes.

We took fruit, sweets, milk, colouring books and pencils into the local hospital. The children had just had their chemotherapy the day before and it was again sad to witness the conditions they will have to live in for the next 6-12 weeks. We spent a lot of time trying to ward off the flies from the children's faces, let alone the flies on the leftover food. We were able to comfort one young mother whose daughter had only hours to live. And yes, we cried when we left the ward.

It was good to spend time with "our boys", Steve and Erick, ex-street boys who we sent to school 2 years ago to finish their education. They are working hard and getting very good results. We have witnessed first-hand that we can and do make a difference. Francis, another young man we help, is now doing a computer course and all three boys have a future and a hope.

One of the best ways to help is through sponsoring a child. Many of the children are now sponsored by families in the village. The money goes towards their food and basic needs and also helps with their education. We take out letters and/or small gifts and the children are excited to know that someone cares for them. We bring back letters, drawings and a yearly school report. If you would like further information, please visit our web site: www.awakenlove.org.uk or call us on 01297 560352. We are now an unregistered charity called Awaken Love for Africa.

We thank you all for your continued support. We could not do this without you.

Nicky McLachlan and Sophie McLachlan
(mother and daughter)

Heritage Coast Centre

The season has already started down at the Centre with a very busy February half term. Despite the weather forecast we had over 3,200 visitors through the doors with a further 250 participating on fossil walks throughout the week. Since the half term we have been very busy with schools and most sessions for the summer term are now fully booked.

We have recently welcomed our new seasonal warden Lyndsey Bird to the warden team, who will be with us until the end of October this year. Although her background is Botany she has wide and varied experience from working for the National Trust in Scotland, in Torbay with the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust and returned this past October from a stint working on a whale watching station in Canada! I'm sure everyone in the village will make her feel very welcome. During March we also hosted a PGCE student from Exeter University who we gave an insight into the world of outdoor education and opportunities for schools here at the Centre. Our work experience slots for the summer term have also been filled with students local to the village.

The Junior Wardens will also return to the Centre shortly for their summer season of training and activities and our thanks must go to Phil Tritton of Charmouth stores for a donation of £150 towards the purchase of equipment for sessions. When added to the £65.00 that the Junior wardens raised through the sales of pickles, jams and Christmas cards last year they now have a few pennies in the bank. Any Year 5 or 6 children from Charmouth Primary school who would like to attend the Junior Warden club

should contact either Mr Vincent at school or Nikki here at the Centre on (01297) 560772.

The event season starts with a bang for the Easter holidays with many fossil hunting walks, a Fossil Roadshow and Rockpool Rambles as well as the annual Great Dorset Beach Clean on Sunday 17th April at 11.00am. If you would like to help with the beach clean we will be meeting at the Centre at 11.00am and all sacks and gloves will be provided. Hot on the heels of the Easter holidays is the Fossil Festival 2011 which is scheduled for the Royal wedding weekend at the end of April. The focus for this year is entitled "Marine Parade" and as part of the theme Nikki and I will be heading over to Lyme Regis to run Rockpool Rambles at Broad Ledge and fossil cast painting in the marquee's, with Phil and Lyndsey running the Charmouth end of fossil hunting walks and activities with the support of our volunteers.

As always we are happy to welcome new volunteers to the Centre and have a wide range of roles that can be filled - from desk duty in the Centre to assisting with schools and groups or helping on fossil hunting walks and other events. If you would like to help in any way then please contact the centre on 560772.

The Centre also celebrates it's 25th anniversary this year on Tuesday 24th May and we will be hosting a celebration event at the Centre..... we will have more information nearer the time and will keep you posted!

Meirel Whaites (Senior Warden)

Police

Hello again, just a short report from me this time. The Latest PACT (Partners and Communities Together) Meeting took place on Friday 11th February. Reports were made about last October's priorities; 24 dedicated visits were made to Charmouth in response to previous complaints about rowdy youths, however no such behaviour was seen on any visit, although some alcohol was seized on three occasions.

The newly compiled Community Speed Watch (looking for more local members) has issued 224 letters to offenders, 16 of whom were local drivers. Between May and February local officers have carried out 58 sessions of speed enforcement, resulting in the issue of 30 Fixed penalty notices and 37 warnings, this was over and above visits by Traffic and Camera partnership officers. Traffic officers 'No Excuse' campaign reported 13 speeders, 17 no seat belts, 9 mobile phone users and a number of other offences relating to vehicle use.

Officers from West Dorset District Council Air Quality Team reported that the area surveyed in Chideock is to be reduced after analysing readings through the village. There is to be 'modelling' of vehicle types as the first stage in potential monitoring of PM10's. A stakeholders meeting held earlier in the month has led to Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP calling for meetings to take place between adjoining counties to consider the impact of possible re-routing of heavy vehicles away from Chideock.

The three priorities set at the meeting were:

- speeding through Chideock,
- exclusion of LGV's from Chideock
- increasing the air quality in Chideock.

Cliffs Are Not Playgrounds!

Stay away from the base of the cliffs and beware of quicksand.

Plenty of fossils can be found on the beach.

There is something called Crime Mapping on the internet whereby one can access crimes reported in a given area; our area still remains very low and I am keen to encourage this through Home Watch, Community Messaging and support from the community by reporting anything suspicious.

You may have seen in the press an article about the Chideock camera, a decision has not yet been made regarding its future. I know that funding is an issue for all organisations.

Please continue to be aware of bogus callers, ask for I.D and don't let them in.

Finally, Marshwood Vale Safer Neighbourhood is being disbanded, Charmouth will be covered by Lyme Regis Safer Neighbourhood Team. Your contact there is PC Richard Winward.

PC Chris Forshaw.

Charmouth Primary School



Spring is just about here after what has seemed a long winter, and at school we all say thank goodness for that!

Wet playtimes and lunchtimes are no fun for the children and even less for the grown-ups who work in school! Leaving home and arriving back in the dark is a thing of the past for a few months. Parents and children can look forward to turning right out of the school gates at the end of the day and spending time on the beach. There are not many schools in the country where such an opportunity exists.

I have been teaching long enough to remember the first computers arriving in school in 1981. We took delivery of what appeared to be an enlarged keyboard, a large cube, which served as a monitor, and a cassette tape player that loaded the programs on to the computer. There was much excitement when we took delivery of a program called Granny's Garden. Teachers and children were enthralled at the jerky graphics as they chugged across the screen. The early computers were a little unstable and the wrong combination of key presses resulted in the programs crashing and further time being spent reloading – causing much frustration to all concerned. How times have changed in the ensuing 30 years. Children and many parents have grown up with increasingly sophisticated equipment and ICT is now an important tool for teachers to use in the learning and teaching process. It is the world in which our

children are growing up and will be working in the future and so it is important that they have opportunities to use ICT appropriately and effectively whilst at school.

Many of you will be aware that, as a school, we are using Apple technology as a vehicle to deliver our curriculum. We made a decision some 7 years ago to use an Apple Mac to edit and publish video and the use of this platform has developed to the extent that we now use it exclusively in and around the classroom. To watch children using laptops, iPads and iPods as part of their learning is certainly inspiring. There appears no limit to their learning from a technology point of view and it is just their imagination that places restrictions. Of course these opportunities do not occur unless you have teachers that are aware of the possibilities. At school, we have a team that are becoming increasingly adept at identifying where technology can be used and they are learning new skills which is just as it should be. As teachers, we cannot know everything and it is good that we model good learning habits to our young people.

To help us and other teachers in the area we were successful in our application to become the first Apple Regional Training Centre in Dorset. We have a timetable of training events for teachers to show them what might be possible in their classrooms using modern technologies. When it has been established we hope to hold some events for the local community to come and see what we are doing.

Thank you to those people who contacted me following my request last time for information on Miss Meade, one of the previous headteachers of our school. I have been able to develop a picture of her from the information received. Our school is certainly very different from when she oversaw what went on. Sometimes I think it would be better if we reverted to the more local system of education that existed when Miss Meade ran her school. There is so much political interference in what we do at the moment Maybe that could be the basis of another article in the future. Enjoy the primroses, daffodils and tulips.

Chris Vincent Headteacher

Sponsor a Seat on the Bopper Bus for £20

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

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

The bus has been running for nine years with help from many organisations, including local parish councils, the district and town councils, the Chideock Trust, the West Dorset Partnership and local businesses and individuals. But we now need more help to keep the wheels turning in 2011/12 and are appealing to local businesses, organisations and individuals for financial help.

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

Sarah Silcox, secretary, adds: "Keeping our children active is becoming increasingly important, and donations from local businesses and organisations will help provide youngsters from the villages around Bridport with the opportunity to access sport and leisure facilities at the town's leisure centre on a Friday evening – and get to know other children from neighbouring settlements."

Contact:

Sarah Silcox (01297 489905)

Lyn Crisp (01297 489098) or

Melanie Harvey (01297 560393) for more details.

Childrens Short Stories

The Landslip at Charmouth Beach!

Boisterously full of energy I swiftly ran down stairs, almost falling over my enormous feet! Soon afterwards my annoying little brother Charlie rushed down, however he decided to jump on to my sore, aching back! He shouted in a large, aggressive voice "Boo!" I went to the warm, cosy, snug lounge to quietly say to mum "Can we go to the beach." In a tired voice mum answered "Yes."

Suddenly my annoying little brother brought out a hammer to go fossil hunting. We soon got to the beaming, hot, sunny beach. We started to chip away at the cliff. Charlie was sure that he had found an ammonite. Was it ammonite? What was happening? A massive landslip was falling. We were going to be crushed! "Oh no." It was piling and piling on top of us. "What were we going to do?" We shouted and shouted also waved, until someone seen us. They called the emergency services. After a short while they decided to call an ambulance. They soon took us to the busy hospital where we got checked over and bandaged up. Mum was now really happy to have us back so the message in this story is don't go near a cliff without an adult.

Joanna House aged 8

Junior Youth Club

Charmouth Junior Youth Club is open on Tuesdays from 6.30-8.30pm. At present there are around twenty members between the ages of 8 and 11.

Two volunteers from Charmouth and two youth support workers from Dorset Youth and Community Service work each session. The club has recently welcomed three senior members aged 13+ who are also helping to run the sessions.

We have a healthy cafe- style 'tuck shop' offering juice, milkshakes, savouries, fruit and cereal bars for sale. Recently we celebrated the Chinese New Year with a rice dish and consumed over 30 pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! Pizza is a favourite. The young people work out the costs, write a menu themselves and serve the customers.

Sports are popular; pool, games and arts and crafts are regular activities. Dancing sessions are coming soon and also a den building project.

Members are applying for funding from the 'Youth Bank' and the 'Youth Opportunities Fund' for equipment and activities. This will mean new opportunities to have more of the activities young people want.

On Sunday April 17th we will be taking part in the Parish Beach Clean. Young people and workers from the youth club will join in with this popular community event, meeting at the Heritage Coast Centre at 11am.

Volunteers and senior members are always needed so please drop in and see us, or phone James Ward-Rice at Bridport Youth Centre on 01308 422500

Louise Gunnill

Junior Youth Club Leader

Come on Kids! Keep writing articles for Shoreline...We'd love to hear about what you've been up to.....

An Exciting Day at Charmouth Beach (true story)

Dad, Oswald and I were eating some lunch at the beach café when suddenly Dads friend Lee came and told us that a man on the beach was dying! Lee, Dad, Merriel and I ran to have a look. Half-way there Merriel told me to go back to the heritage centre and get her first aid kit and Phil so I ran back and told Phil to come quickly and to bring the first aid kit.

When we got to the place where the man was, we discovered that he'd had a heart attack so we kept him comfortable until the helicopter came. Hundreds of people watched as he was carried into the helicopter and taken to hospital. We all hoped he made it and later we found out that he did.

Michael Gardner - age 10

Congratulations to Michael and Joanna who will each be receiving a voucher for their interesting stories.

Donkey Day

On the sunny 3rd of March, four beautiful donkeys came to Charmouth Primary School and they made a little mess. It was very amazing to see them. We learnt that if you stand behind them, they might kick you! We were allowed to groom and walk them around the playground.

The staff at The Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth were nice to come with their gorgeous donkeys. What a lovely time we had with them. We wish that they were here every day.

Josie and Max, Year 3 Charmouth Primary.



The Body Lesson - A Monologue

Right class 4, This term we'll be learning about the body. This poster shows us a photo of our skeleton. No Harry, you can't borrow it for Halloween; it's the school's you see. It belongs to Mrs. Norris. Don't be rude Jasmine, you can't say that Mrs. Norris already looks ugly enough for Halloween. It's very rude. Anyway, it's not for Halloween. Don't be silly Judy, she is wearing something. Right, back to the skeleton poster. How many bones do you think you have Sophie? No, you know it's more than 2. And it's more than 3 as well. Oh I give up! And if I were you Arnold I would keep your bones to yourself, not start swapping them with your hamster. Otherwise your hamster would die. And also I would stop talking to Liam or I shall tell you off. You made a gravestone for your pet parrot did you Beatrice? It had RIP on it, did it? Oh, and the RIP stood for Rabid Insane Pig? That's lovely. OK, back to the skeleton. This bit is called the skull. Ah, there you are Sally. You are late for the fourth time this week. Your car had a puncture did it? Your car seems to have had a puncture four times this week. Sit down so we can get on with the lesson. Now, inside the skull is the brain. Sally, I said sit down! No, not on the table. In your CHAIR. Everything sorted? Good. This part here is called the ribcage.

No, it doesn't capture wild animals Ellie. Yours captures alligators does it?
BE QUIET, CLASS 4!
These little bones here are called toe bones. Why are you crying Anna?
Vicky broke your ruler did she?
How did she do that?
You hit her with it.
Right, we need to keep to the lesson. From now on I will just send people out of the room if they cannot behave. These, you may recognize, are the bones inside our hands. Lily, stop talking to Dan!
Yes, you are quite right Katie, I do need to send Lily out. OUT, Lily.
Remember, I will send people out of the room if they misbehave.
Ok, can anybody tell me what this bone is called? Nobody?
It is called the fibula.
Oh for goodness sake Sadie, why are you under the table? You dropped something did you?
What was it?
Your baby Barbie.
I have told you all before Class 4, we are not allowed toys in school.
Yes I know Katie, and I will send Sadie out of the room. Go out please Sadie.
And don't slam the door. I said don't.
This bit here is the spinal chord.
It has lots of little bits to it.
Fred, why are you doing headstands on the table?
Now look what you've done!
Say sorry for kicking Samantha in the face.
Look, she's crying.
And of course you know how to say sorry.
Say sorry then.
And yes Katie, I do need to send Fred out of the room. And, on second thoughts actually, you can go out too. I heard you talking on Tuesday.
Uh-uh, no arguing.
These are your cheekbones.
They eventually join onto the jaw.
Out Nellie! You DON'T take Blu-tac off the wall. Now. All this sending people out of the room is working very well.
(1 hour later)
Hang on, where is everybody?
Hello Mrs. Norris.
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Monkton Wyld Court was built to be a place of education.

Elizabeth Hodson was said to have spotted the land in the 1840's whilst riding her horse along the track which is now the A35 and paid for the building of St Andrew's church and the 'very handsome parsonage house which she endowed with £1000 and 10 acres of Glebe land'. When you look around the building, you can see that the ground floor was built as the local school and the vicar and his family lived upstairs.

You may remember the boarding school that Monkton became in the 1940's, which was founded by Carl and Eleanor Urban which focused on farming and building skills... 'destructive forces in European politics had stimulated us to attempt to be constructive'. The kindergarten continued when the school closed in 1982, the Court becoming an educational charity, with a board of trustees to look after it.

The kindergarten (German for Children's Garden) has now blossomed into a fully Steiner Kindergarten, registration with the Steiner Fellowship is hopefully imminent. The Steiner trained leader and assistant provide 5 mornings and one afternoon session of Steiner education for children aged 3 to 7. The Steiner model allows children to draw on their imaginations and play creatively, using natural and handmade resources; there is minimal adult input in play so it becomes truly 'child led'. The structure of the group is facilitated by natural rhythms that fall into a daily, weekly and monthly cycle. Children feel safe and secure in knowing what activities or celebrations are to follow. Activities, songs and stories follow the seasonal changes and help the child to connect to the natural world. A third of all sessions will be outside, whatever the weather. The kindergarten is registered by Ofsted and funded places are available for the under 5's.

The parents have asked that the kindergarten be exempted from some of the early years curriculum requirements relating to literacy and numeracy as the under 7's in Steiner education focus on play, crafts, singing, creative art and sharing stories and are considered ready to move onto a more formal approach at 7. Much of the work done with the children in the kindergarten helps to build a strong foundation for literacy and numeracy which makes them competent and confident learners when they do start school.

There is a fledgling new parent and child group for the under 3's at Monkton. Please contact Sarah Drewer at info@monktonwyldcourt.org for details of this revived project.

Also being reintroduced is the connection that Monkton has had with alternative or home education. There will be bushcraft events held on 4 Mondays 1.30 to 3 p.m. starting on 7th March. These are aimed at children aged 5-11 and their parents/ carers. Contact mary.elliott77@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01297 560924 to book for this and for more information about the kindergarten and afterschool clubs. Finally with 2 new woodworking afterschool clubs with small groups from Charmouth and Musbury Primary schools, Monkton looks set to continue to add a bit of sparkle to our children's lives.

Mary Elliott

Scouts

What I Like About Scouts

My name is Harry Aldworth, I am a Patrol Leader with Charmouth Scouts. I like scouts because of all of the activities we do, they're usually practical such as: building rope bridges, learning to tie knots, learning to cook, learning to read maps and much more. At the beginning of each scout meeting we start with a ball game to get us prepared for a fun evening.

At scouts we get the chance to get involved with different camps and days out such as: dragon 24 [an over night 24 hour camp]; PGL [an outside adventure activity weekend], ten pin bowling, mountain biking, competitions with other scout groups and lots more. If this is something you might enjoy, you will be made very welcome, so please come along and join us.

Yours
Harry Aldworth Patrol Leader

My name is Tom and I started Cubs 3 years ago but now I am in Scouts.

I am fairly new to scouts and in May I am going to Dragon 24 where you camp and can try lots of activities for 24 hours! Some of the things you can do are tunnelling, assault courses, human football, raft racing and go-karting!

Cubs is from age 8 to 10 ½ years and Scouts from 10 ½ upwards. Cubs is held on Thursdays from 6.30pm-8pm and Scouts from 7.15pm-9pm on Fridays. Just to let you know cubs and scouts is for girls as well as boys!

If you would like to come to a free session or two to see if you like cubs or scouts just come to the hut on Barrs Lane or ring Toni (cubs) 01297 560778, Mark (scouts) 01308 897192 if you would like to hear more.

Tom Simpson

Uganda – Excerpts From My Diary



I travelled to Africa in November 2010 to help work in a village school in South West Uganda. The school was set up by an English woman nearly three years ago as a result of visiting the area. The children are sponsored by the likes of us for £3.50 a month; this gives them an education, school uniform and a bowl of porridge each morning. It is because the uniforms are donated from England, and also with the support of volunteers, that they are able to keep the cost low.

Ruhanga Lodge is a very rural area 50 kms west of Mbarara and people live simple lives in mud houses. As a volunteer I was housed in a basic room with my own shower fed from a water butt, and ate the simple food as eaten by the locals. We had some privileges, not least that we could afford to buy bottled water. Here are some excerpts from the diary I kept.

"Good morning headmaster," the shrill reply filled the air as over a hundred voices replied in unison. The children sang a hymn, then one of the teachers took over, and for the next fifteen minutes the children responded as one as they stretched, danced and chanted. The rain hammered down for about four hours on the corrugated iron roof of the classroom. The lights went out and we carried on with the lessons as best we could.

Today I spent most of the day helping in a class of five to seven year olds. The teacher, Marian, has a six month old daughter, Bronia, who she brings to school with her. Bronia sits on the floor with the other children and generally amuses herself. I marked the children's written work, each child coming up to me one at a time to get their work assessed. After lunch I went back to the same class for maths. Marian asked me if I would like to take the class. I had to write up simple take away sums. The children are well behaved and do exactly as the teacher asks. They enjoy looking through books and kept thrusting a page in front of me to explain the story. In England I live on the Jurassic coast and we are obsessed with the historical past and its creatures; the children here didn't know what to make of the book about dinosaurs.

The work is repetitive and reminds me of the way that I was taught as a child. The quality of the paper in the exercise books is poor and they quickly become tattered. The children like to have their work marked in red pen. They only use pencils and I am forever sharpening them. I have learnt how important it is to have a pencil of good quality, one that is made from decent wood that doesn't keep breaking as you sharpen it. They also need one with a rubber on the end as they like to correct their work as they go along. Luxury is to have large sheets of white paper for the children to draw on.

The bell rang and we scrambled out across the puddles to the nursery classroom and it soon filled up with the whole school sat in lines. We gave out a mug of porridge to each child and they sat with it in front of them until all 140 were served. The teacher shouted out an instruction, the children put their hands together and said grace. As soon as the grace was over they drank their porridge. Porridge is like a white soup made from maize flour and hot water, the children and teachers love it. I hate it. In the play area the girls skip using a long rope made out of strips of bark peeled from banana trees, the boys love to kick a ball and chase each other around and generally make up games much as children might in England.

We left at 7a.m. to drive to the refugee camps west of here. The first one that we went to was spread out over a large area and not at all as I would have imagined. The people were living in simple mud houses similar to a village community that you might see anywhere. We went to a medical centre in the main building where people were queuing to see the doctor. A line of pregnant women were waiting to be seen in the maternity clinic and I spoke with them.

We were told that in this particular area were mainly Congolese people. I spoke to one of the refugees, a 25 year old man, who said that he had fled from the Congo and I asked him if he thought he would ever return.

"The people there would know that I have come from Uganda and as they see Uganda as a rich country they will say that I must have money, a weapon, or a truck and they would want these things. I would be killed within twenty fours of returning."

He spoke very good English. You forget the people are often well educated and had good jobs in their own country. We went to the main reception area about a mile away. The director of the camp explained how Uganda had welcomed the refugees and that it was not their fault what society they were born into. They had people from ten countries, including Rwanda, Tanzania, Eritrea, Ethiopia, The Congo, even Iran.

In Uganda it is compulsory for children to attend school for a minimum of five years; this is often between the ages of seven and twelve. One of the problems in the camp was the number of children running around all day. Another aide told us that whilst the women go into the fields to work they are obliged to leave their children unattended in the house and there have been gangs of men going around raping some of these children. There are a lot of women and children on their own here as their men were probably away in the army or had been killed. As we made our way back to the car I bought a papaya from a stall, a small drop in this huge well of human demand.

I have got used to the African smells and no longer notice the stale body smells and probably smell the same myself now. As I walked back to my room a full moon shone over the rounded hills, underfoot my feet squelched in the sodden ground. I boiled a kettle of water and washed my African feet.

Now when I walk in the hills after school the children shout, "Weendy, Weendy, how are you?" I shout back, "I am fine, how are you?" They have also taken to singing to me: "Weendy, Weendy, you are so good, you can stay another day." I wish that I could.

Wendy Knee

The Christchurch Earthquake

Although greater catastrophes have now engulfed the people of Japan, at the time of the terrible earthquake in Christchurch, our neighbours Chris and John Leverington were holidaying in New Zealand and were indeed living in Christchurch and caught up in the horrors that followed.

The house in which they were living was a scene of disaster (some neighbouring homes were totally destroyed) but they were lucky enough to be safe and well although very shocked. In the ensuing melee many people in Christchurch were homeless and bereft of clothes and shelter; luckily Chris and John had family in Wellington and were able to return there (although with difficulty as can be seen by the panic noted in the letter below). On that return flight to Wellington they also helped four other homeless people and arrived at their son's home with an extra four 'refugees'. The 'Levs' had booked a further holiday in nearby Samoa and whilst there had the fear of a possible tsunami - what a holiday! (see e-mail below). It is quite true to say that on this occasion they may be very glad 'to return to the gentle folds of Charmouth'.

Pauline Bonner

Hi chums,

Just back from yet another disaster area. We were evacuated up the mountain in Samoa in the middle of the night on the back of a Taliban truck after the Japan earthquake. Our beach lost 147 people 18 months ago when that tsunami hit and we were not going to take any chances on rubber legs! As far as Shoreline is concerned, our claim to fame was this letter being read out on national radio, which needless to say we never heard. We also rounded up 4 refugees and brought them home. Anyway assuming no further catastrophes, we return to the gentle folds of Charmouth on March 31st.

Chris and John Leverington

This letter below was read out on Radio ZM by Polly Gillespie on Wednesday, 02 March 2011 in Christchurch NZ

Dear Polly,

I'm writing this in the hope you'll read this on air, so I can in some way thank some amazing overseas tourists, who helped me so wonderfully in my hours of need the day after the quake.

I have 3 young children ages 9,7 & 4. My eldest suffers from high needs autism & understandably after 12 hrs of the quake he was very stressed, having no power, water, toilet, or food. Also couldn't go in to his room to sleep as it was unsafe, not to mention his bed had broken having had a chest of drawers & tv smash on to it.

I made the decision to get them to Auckland as fast as possible to be with their grandparents, so I packed a bag with what clothes I could find & headed to the burnside welfare centre. Hours later we managed to get on a bus to take us to the airport to get us as far as Wellington. The bus was full of tourists, many of them with only the clothes on their backs, not even a passport.

By the time we got to the airport... it was chaos, my son had had enough, he started to cry.. howl more like it and he was desperately wanting to bolt right out the door. With

autism his hearing is so sensitive & an airport with 300+ people all talking, yelling, crying at once - would be like a freight train going past in his head. While this was going on, these amazing wonderful tourists, who despite leaving with so little, gave so much.

To the young British woman who gave him some lollies, when a woman next to him was screaming & swearing at the bus driver...I thank you. Then the British guy who helped get a wheelchair for my son & told me he'd watch my other two kids, I have forgotten his name- he said he lived in Africa for a while on a game reserve - you were wonderful!

Then there was the British man who came over to me when I was crying, as he saw one of kids was missing, she had gone to the toilet - he thought I'd lost her- bless him!

But most of all it was a British couple called Chris & John who had their bikes with them & were going to Wellington to see their son. They were so wonderful & patient & kind with my two kids while I pushed my son in his wheelchair. When I got to the counter finally, I was told I wasn't on the Red Cross list & I wouldn't be going anywhere. Well, Chris marched straight up to that counter & told them that she'd sleep in the airport all night if she had to, but they were going to put me on that plane to Wellington. By then the bus load of tourists were telling the airport staff "Get this woman & her children on this flight!" Thankfully they then found the list with my family's name on it, & Air NZ put me on a flight straight to Auckland!

All the other tourists [who had helped me so much] went to Wellington, and that's where we got separated - I'm sure after their little protest they were wondering where I was!

So I just want to thank, from the bottom of my heart, Chris & John & all those wonderful tourists who helped me, as much as I tried to stay strong, I was just a big crying mess by the time I boarded the plane & they helped & comforted me AND stood up for me when I had no strength left to do it, even after they had lost most of their belongings & survived an earthquake.

My children are now safe in Auckland & I don't think words will be enough to express how I feel about those wonderful people I mentioned. Thank you so much & keep up the good work, you bringing a smile to people in Christchurch every morning.

Love Mellissa



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Shoreline Restoration

The National Trust: Brownsea Island Shoreline Restoration Project

In the past, attempts were made to slow down the erosion along the south shore using a variety of techniques. At the western end (Pottery Pier), a section of steel piling was constructed with the intention of holding back the clay cliff and to help maintain the vehicular access route to Pottery Pier.

There are a series of sections of wooden palisades constructed from pine and larch poles. There are also sets of wire baskets (called gabions) filled with inert earthenware shards. This material is local and was readily available when the gabions were filled. It represents all that is left of the old Victorian pottery works that existed in mid-Victorian times.

Today, these defences are serving no useful purpose and no protection to the cliffs behind them.

Typical scene:



The Trust has constructed a series of management principles that guide overall coastal policies (generally referred to as the 'Shifting Shores' principles). One of these

is to "work with natural process wherever practicable". Hence the desire to remove these failing defences. We appreciate that removing the wooden piles and gabions will allow the shoreline to retreat naturally and possibly at an accelerated rate.

There is also an issue of safety both for the public and for boats navigating the harbour. There have been no incidents to date but it would be increasingly possible for a pine pole break away, float into the harbour and damage a small boat. Clearly, any hazard to navigation has to be removed and safely disposed of.

The works include the removal of all the failing materials and will be done in two phases. The first phase (March 2011) will take out the wooden piles and the wire baskets. The pottery shards will be levelled and remain on the foreshore. The second phase (November 2011) will see the steel piles removed. The phasing is designed to avoid disturbing feeding and nesting birds during the busy Spring and Summer seasons.

There is no infrastructure to account for (in terms of risk / loss) but there are a number of wooden steps to the foreshore and their ongoing use is still a requirement. The flanks to these steps will be repaired and strengthened in order to extend their working life.

The Trust is fortunate to have received two grants to aid this work. The first, from Natural England was a substantial Higher Level Stewardship Scheme (HLS) grant to carry out the actual works. The second grant (from Defra) is for Archaeological monitoring of the site and for shoreline monitoring (carried out by a super team from Southampton University) checking how the foreshore behaves once all the old defences are removed.

This unusual and exciting project will tell us much about how a sensitive shoreline can restore itself to good health once human interventions are removed and shows once again that the National Trust is 'ahead of the game' when it comes to forward-thinking coastal management policies.

Tony Flux,

Dorset Coastal Zone Projects Manager for the National Trust

Royal British Legion Womens Section Charmouth Branch

February 18th was a very special day for us as we celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the foundation of the Branch with a lunch for members and husbands at the Hensleigh Hotel. The cake, given by our President Cynthia Buckingham, was then cut by the President and the Dorset County Chairman Wendy Bartlett, who then went on to present Chairman Pat Stapleton with a certificate to mark the occasion. The Purbeck Cup for the most efficient small branch, The Rose Anton Memorial Cup runner-up certificate for the highest donation to the Poppy Appeal and the Wimborne Cup for Small Branches runner-up certificate for the highest donation to the Womens Section, Benevolent Fund were presented to the Branch at the Annual County Conference in November.

This year the Royal British Legion celebrates its 90th Anniversary; it was set up after the 1st World War to help all service personnel and their families and still continues to do so.

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Artwave West Round Up

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the second year of trading at Artwave West. Lots has happened in that time which is perhaps why it has flown by. The name of the gallery has spread very widely and included in the numerous applications we receive from artists to show their work, a fair few come from America, India and all over Europe! The ethos of the gallery was always to back and show a small group of artists extensively; however, we have still managed to regularly feature new and up and coming artists as well.

We have just been fortunate enough to exhibit the entire new collection of work by Sonia Stanyard in a two person show alongside Amy Albright. This was a major exhibition in our programme for the year and we were delighted to bring a show of this calibre to the Dorset arts scene. Sonia's reputation enables her to be very selective about where she exhibits her work and despite having many prestigious London Galleries eager to take her on she is always pleased with the commitment and passion with which Artwave West represents her.

Amy graduated from University College Falmouth in 2007 and we had so much confidence in her work that we chose her for the Artwave West Opening Show in 2009. This turned out to be a very good selection as she has become one of the top selling artists for the Gallery! This Two Person Show with Sonia Stanyard has elevated her career to an even higher level which makes her well worth investing in now!

Coming up on the 15th of April is the Spring Exhibition. We will be repeating the very popular format of last year by having around ten artists showing at the same time. One of those artists, Edward Kelly, whose success here in Dorset has been quite staggering, will be including more of his now infamous flower paintings.

Edward Kelly was born in Liverpool and trained at Liverpool College of Art between 1963 and 1967; he was awarded a John Moores Scholarship and studied in Italy. He has an extensive exhibiting profile including solo exhibitions with Kapil Jariwala Gallery and The Camden Arts Centre in London. His work has been exhibited internationally in group shows in public and private galleries including MOMA in Oxford, Museum Werft Kronhout in Amsterdam and Culture Gallery in New York.



Painting by Edward Kelly

His powerfully expressive paintings composed of rhythmic marks and emblems, reflect his long standing engagement with the relationship between the elemental force of nature and the dynamic of abstract painting. In his flower series he finds great drama in simple accessible subjects, giving them the same force as a majestic landscape. This series forges a fascinating relationship between still life and landscape, as if the landscape is brought into the studio where other ideas are free to enter.

Later in the year we have a big show planned with two local favorites; Boo Mallinson and Stephen Bishop. This Exhibition is sure to draw the crowds as both artists have proved to be very popular and will have had a break from showing their work while they prepare new pieces for this major show, so keep an eye on the website for details and images. www.artwavewest.com

From May the gallery moves to its summer opening hours of Tuesday to Saturday, 10am – 5pm. The summer season of exhibitions promises to be exciting, with new works by both the regular exhibitors and artists new to the gallery and indeed to the South West. We hope to welcome Shoreline readers to their local gallery soon.

Finally if you like facebook, why not become a fan of Artwave West? Simply follow the link from our website and you will be directed to the page. Then you can join in the fun and comment on the pictures that are posted!

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Bowls Club Open Day

New season open day at Charmouth Bowls Club

Here comes summer!! With summer just around the corner it's time to get out and enjoy the fresh air, perhaps a bit of leisurely exercise and the opportunity to meet a few new friends.

Charmouth Bowls Club is offering just that, with a chance to come along to the Open Day and get a taste for the enjoyment of bowling.

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It is a small club and welcomes new members young and old. This year the club is seeking to broaden its membership base and is keen to reach out to younger members. We are keen to encourage local families and friends to join in and to play a part in this worthwhile

activity. We also welcome seasonal visitors who wish to participate in our village life.

The open Day is to be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 17th April at the Bowls Club in the Barr's Lane recreation ground (off The Street, by the Post Office). Bowls equipment will be provided by the club as will free tuition (if needed) and refreshments. Why not take up this great opportunity to try a new activity.

Bob Just 560557

June Rebbick 560860

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Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are camping at night when Holmes nudges his colleague and says; "Tell me what you see." Watson ponders; "I see millions of stars." "What does that tell you?"

says Holmes
"That there are billions of galaxies and planets; that God is all powerful and that we are insignificant. Why, what does it tell you?"
"Watson, you idiot. Our tent has been stolen."



Charmouth Gardeners Diary

So, the time has arrived when the spring flowers, the sunshine and our ageing bones come out of hibernation and we can get out there and 'do things'.

Adding a speaker meeting to our AGM in February was a good move and we enjoyed Mrs Everington's humour as she talked on showing our vegetables to their best advantage.

Even more of an adventurous change to our usual programme was the buffet and social evening held in March and attended by 64 members! Lots of involvement in preparing, performing and participating in the event gave us all a fun evening at the Village Hall.

Next on programme is the first outing of the year on Wednesday, April 14, taking a route across Exmoor with a refreshment break and continuing to Dunster for lunch and a visit to the Castle.

The May outing takes place on Wednesday 11th with a break at Sally Gregson's garden/nursery at Wookey for refreshments, continuing to Bristol Zoo for lunch and an afternoon visit. This zoo focuses on the protection rather

than the exploitation of animals and has a particularly interesting sea-life section. The grounds are very attractively laid out.

On June 15, we are going on a delightfully scenic trip to Agatha Christie's house near Dartmouth, stopping at Dartington Cider Press centre for coffee and taking the ferry from Dartmouth to Greenway.

Advance notice to all crafty folk! Time to start preparing your works of art ready for our new handicrafts section in this year's Show!

If you would like to be a member, the cost is £3.00 pa. Included in the membership is a 10% discount on gardening items in Morgans and in the Farm Shop at Morcombelake. Contact Kay Churchman on 560980. If you do not want to become a member but would like to join us on one of our trips, please contact Dudley Jarvis on 560874 in case we have seats available.

Hoping to hear from you!

Gardeners Club Committee

Meals on Wheels

Thanks to a partnership between Local Food Links and Agincare Cuisine, a new Meals on Wheels service will be available from February 28th 2011, just as the County Council's service comes to an end. Local Food Links are providing a variety of traditional dishes including stew and dumplings, roast pork and apple sauce, beef cobbler and a wide range of vegetarian options too, all made with locally sourced ingredients wherever possible.

The new service will cover Bridport, Lyme Regis and Beaminster as well as the surrounding villages, providing all people in the community aged 50+, with access to the service, not just those that have been referred by Dorset County Council.

The service is being co-ordinated by Agincare Cuisine who also carry out a wellbeing check with every meal delivery which means that they are able to alert family or other agencies if there is an urgent or serious problem. Agincare staff also help reduce dehydration by offering people a glass of water with their meal. All delivery drivers are CRB checked and highly trained in food safety, infection control and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

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Charmouth.

All Welcome!

Charmouth Natural History Group Bluebells on Eyre Down

**Tuesday 19th April
Meet at 10.00am**

W.D.D.C. car park in Charmouth

Bring tea/coffee and snacks.

Kate Stapleton 560255

Charmouth Branch of Womens Section of
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Mac 560927

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Jan Johnstone 560052

Charmouth Natural History Group Arne Birds and Reptiles

**Tuesday 17th May
Meet at 9.00am**

W.D.D.C car park in Charmouth

Bring a picnic.

Kate Stapleton 560255

St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund A Musical Celebration

with Hannah Marcinowicz (Saxophone &
Clarinet) and Simon Lane (Piano)

**Saturday 28th May
6.30 for 7.15pm.**

Church of St Candida & Holy Cross
Whitchurch Canoncorum

Followed by a two course Fork Supper
Tickets £12.50 available from Fortnam Smith
and Banwell

David Renfrew on 560553.
email:david.renfrew1@btinternet.com

Party in the Park

**Sunday May 29th
7.00 to 10.30pm**

At the Charmouth Playing Fields,Barrs Lane.

BBQ and Bar
Live band : Mice With Glasses
Fireworks at 10.30pm

Admission Adults £1.50
Children under 15 free.

Bymead House Nursing Home

'A Glimpse of Bridport' Presented by Bridport Museum

**Tuesday 7th June
2.00pm**

This is a very interesting afternoon that the
local community is very welcome to attend

Liz Wilson 560620

Bymead House Nursing Home

Julia's Fashion Sale

**Thursday 9th June
2.00pm**

Liz Wilson 560620

Bymead House Nursing Home

Songs of Praise A celebration of residents past and present

**Sunday 12th June
2.45pm**

If you would like a loved one to be
remembered please contact:
Liz Wilson on 01297 560620

Charmouth Natural History Group Kimmeridge Seahorses,Seaweeds and Fossils

**Tuesday 21st June
Meet at 11.30am**

W.D.D.C car park in Charmouth

bring a picnic lunch.

Kate Stapleton 560255

Book an Event at one of our Community Halls

St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane 560572

Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close 560223

The Elms, The Street 560826

Youth Club Hall, Wesley Close 561004

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 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 9.30am - 11.30am (term-time only)	Charmouth Cherubs	Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close	Kathryn Radley 442796
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 Primary School	Kate Geraghty 489422 Melanie Harvey 560393
Fri 6.30-8pm (term-time only)	Charmouth Cubs (ages 8-11)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Toni Green 560778
Fri 7.15-9pm (term-time only)	Scouts (ages 11-14)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Georgina Bailey 07788158261

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.
To alter any details in the Village Diary or advertise your Charmouth event contact
Lesley Dunlop **lesley@shoreline-charmouth.co.uk** **01297 561644**

Local Contacts

Name/Description	Contact details	Phone
COUNCILS		
Charmouth Parish	Mrs L Tuck, The Elms, St Andrews Drive, Charmouth	01297 560826
	Beach Attendant, Charmouth Beach	01297 560626
West Dorset District	Mountfield, Bridport - All Services	01305 251010
	Emergencies - Out of Hours	01305 250365
Dorset County	County Hall Dorchester - All Services	01305 221000
COUNCILLORS		
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, SW1A 0AA or e-mail letwino@parliament.uk	02072 193000
CHEMISTS	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
CHURCHES	St Andrew's Parish Church, The Street, Charmouth. Revd. S. Skinner	01297 560409
	United Reformed Church, The Street, Charmouth. Revd. I. Kirby	01297 631117
DENTISTS	The Lyme Practice, The Elms Medical Centre, The Sreet, Charmouth	01297 561068
	Dorset Dental Helpline	01202 854443
	Dental Emergencies - Out of Hours	08457 010401
DOCTORS	The Charmouth Medical Practice, The Street, Charmouth	01297 560872
	The Lyme Practice, The Elms Medical Centre, The Street, Charmouth	01297 561068
	The Lyme Practice, Lyme Community Medical Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 445777
	NHS Direct - 24-Hour Healthcare Advice and Information Line	0845 4647
	Dorset GP Service - Out of Hours Emergency Service	08456 001013
HOSPITALS	Bridport Community Hospital, Hospital Lane, Bridport	01308 422371
	Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester	01305 251150
EMERGENCIES	Police Fire Ambulance Coastguard	999 or 112
EMERGENCY	Gas	0800 111999
	Electricity (Western Power Distribution)	0800 365900
	Water (Wessex Water)	08456 004600
	Floodline	08459 881188
	Pollution (Environment Agency)	0800 807060
POLICE	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
FIRE and RESCUE	West Dorset Fire and Rescue Service - Group Manager	01305 252600
POST OFFICES	1 The Arcade, Charmouth	01297 560563
	37 Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442836
SCHOOLS	Charmouth County Primary, Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth	01297 560591
	St Michael's C of E, V A Primary, Kingsway, Lyme Regis	01297 442623
	The Woodroffe School, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442232
	The Sir John Colfox School, Ridgeway, Bridport	01308 422291
	Colyton Grammar School, Whitwell Lane, Colyford	01297 552327
CITIZENS ADVICE	Lyme Regis (Weds, 10.00 – 3.00)	01297 445325
	Bridport (Mon - Fri, 10.00 – 3.00)	01308 456594
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	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	08712 002233
SWIM / LEISURE	Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport	01308 427464
	Flamingo Pool, Lyme Road, Axminster	01297 35800
	Newlands Holiday Park, Charmouth	01297 560259
LIBRARIES	Charmouth, The Street	01297 560640
	Lyme Regis, Silver Sreet	01297 443151
	Bridport, South Street	01308 422778
	Axminster, South Street	01297 32693
CINEMAS	Regent, Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442053
	Electric Palace, 35 South Street, Bridport	01308 424901
THEATRES	Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442394
	Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport	01308 424204
	Guildhall, West Street, Axminster	01297 33595
WEBSITES	www.dorsetforyou.com Dorset's portal for County/District/Town/Parish Councils and other Agencies	