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News and Views from Charmouth

One Fell Swoop Charmouth Challenge 2008

by Colin Pring



picture courtesy 'Whatgoat'

Once again, July is here and the highlight of the month has to be the Annual Charmouth Challenge, Fun Run and Fete – all organised in aid of Charmouth School Funds.

The Challenge is the most southerly fell race in the UK and includes a lung bursting ascent of 190metre-high Golden Cap which is the highest point on the South Coast and rewards competitors with breathtaking views of the Jurassic Coastline.

In 2007 the Challenge was praised by local resident Gordon Hathway in "The Fellrunner" magazine - the gritty northern fell runner's 'bible' – in an article describing fell-type running possibilities in the 'softy south' - "The jewel has to be the Charmouth to Golden Cap Challenge, which is a registered fell race graded BM, held in July every year and even blessed with a village fete at the venue in true Lakeland style."

The race is organised in accordance with the requirements of the Fell Runners Association and it forms part of the Running Clubs' League Annual Calendar of events, attracting runners from all over the UK, with many returning year after year.

However, few could hope to match the current record holder Alec Woods whose astonishing winning time in 2000 was 48.44 minutes for the 7.7 mile course –

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From The Editor

Summer afternoon -- summer afternoon.....the two most beautiful words in the English language, said Edith Wharton in 1934. As I sit here gazing out to sea, the seagulls wheeling about, the garden a profusion of flowers and lush greenness, I am in total agreement. Dorset is at its loveliest in June and Charmouth is no exception. The hanging baskets everywhere look so pretty - hopefully many of them have been entered into the competition sponsored by Charmouth Fayre. Last year's event raised over £2500, all of which goes back into the community to support local youth groups, help with the upkeep of the two halls and to fund the Christmas lunch for the elderly, amongst other causes. This year's Fayre is on August 3rd.

The Parish Council has been doing its bit towards the beautification of Charmouth, prior to the judging for the Dorset Best Kept Village Competition (which hopefully occurred before the outbreak of hideous graffiti around the village and now I've just heard that a padlocked boat was stolen from the foreshore on Friday 20 June, what's going on??). Jane Bremner and I had a lovely time planting the 5 flowerbeds by the Foreshore loos - the anchor should be in position soon.

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Sisters Annmarie and Isabel good luck and bon voyage when they move to Cumbria at the end of July to take up new posts. See their farewell letter on page 4. Charmouth in general, and the St Andrew's congregation in particular, are so blessed to have had two such wise and gentle souls as vicars and spiritual counselors for the past seven years. They will be greatly missed.

Steve Pile, Charmouth's sub-postmaster, has written a very thought-provoking article on page 3 about the reality of post office closures. We can possibly all help to mitigate this by writing to Oliver Letwin, as Steve suggests at the close of his piece.

Finally a little plug for our sponsors, who this issue are also supporting the Fun Run. This magazine comes to you courtesy of the support of all the advertisers. Without them, Shoreline would have a very large printer's bill to pay indeed. So give them your support. Use the shops, use the pubs and restaurants. Use the other services advertised here. They all help to keep this village alive.

Have a great summer !

Jane Morrow

Don't forget our deadline for the Autumn issue of Shoreline is Friday 5 September and Friday 29 August for Diary Dates.

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Post Office - The Reality

In the last few weeks there have been rumours, partial facts and unofficial disclosures, leading to the promotion of untruths,

which, if believed or adhered to, adversely affect the Post Office network locally.

The truth is simply that the general public only listen to what they want to hear, and often act on elements that they haven't heard.

I have been told, in the last few weeks, that we now only open in the afternoon.

Another of my colleagues locally, has tried in vain to dissuade a customer from travelling into Bridport to tax her car because she was adamant that she now had to do that, because she fully believed that the facilities have been removed from Charmouth. That is completely false.

If you want to know the truth, why not go and ask your local Sub-Postmaster!

There is a specific timetable in Dorset worked out by the government and implemented by Post Office Ltd to 'sweep' the area by a team of officers who will approach the sub-postmasters and tell them of any changes, if any, to their status. This could be closure or receipt of more customers from a compulsory closure nearby. Sub-postmasters are sworn to secrecy at this stage. On the 15th July public consultations and decision making will commence and the first possible closure could happen on the 21st October.

In the event of a closure, Post Office Ltd., following discussions and agreement with the Federation of Sub-postmasters, are to pay a sum to the Sub-postmaster, to compensate for loss of business. In effect the Post Office have agreed to 'buy back' the Post Office business. Remember, the Sub-postmaster is not directly employed and can expect no redundancy package or pension top-up.

A majority of Sub-postmasters would prefer to take the closure package, rather than see themselves thrown into financial difficulties. The Moral issues of Action Groups who want to keep the Post Offices open put the sub-postmasters in an awkward situation of wanting to help their community at the financial sacrifice of themselves. Action groups please note, and be aware of this fact.

It is reasoned that the closure plan would leave about 11,500 Post Offices nationwide, this is a figure which both Post Office and the National Federation of Sub-postmasters are agreed upon maintaining. It is a figure which would remain competitive in future contractual bids, and one which is hoped for consolidation, and later growth of the Post Office network.

More important than the impending closures is the potential loss of the pension business to the Post Office.

The purple pension card life span of another 2-3 years, and Post Office Ltd have had to bid for the pension business beyond 2010/2011. They are not the only bidder, but they must win. This is the message for us all to convey.

If the Post office does not win, then all of the closures, present and future, will have been for nothing. There will be no consolidation, and the Post office will be at risk. You may have seen me on BBC 'Spotlight' sending this very message.

If you want to help, write to your local M.P, Oliver Letwin, at the house of commons, making him aware of the need for the Post Office to win the bid for Pension Card Account version 2.

Steve Pile. Sub-Postmaster, Charmouth Post Office.

Parish Council News

The work of the Parish Council has continued since the last edition –Fingers crossed, most of the double yellow lines should be re-instated down the street before the school summer holidays, although there is one area where discussions are still ongoing. At the playing field some of the hedging between the two areas has been removed and two sides of the tennis court fencing to enable the football pitch to be moved down. Our funding application for the multi play court has gone in, and we are hoping to know the outcome soon. More spans of the boundary fencing have been repaired and refurbished and wooden fencing will soon be erected on two more sides of the bowling green.

As well as attending Council meetings, most of the councillors also represent the parish on other organisations – Jane Bremner and Mike Whatmore are trustees of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and Mike Hendrick and Mallory Hayter represent us on the Almshouse Charities. Hilary Cleden is Vice Chair of the school governors and Jeff Prosser is a trustee for the Community Hall; Jane Bremner attends meetings of the Twinning Association and Mike Whatmore as Tree Officer does his best to ensure that trees are only felled when absolutely necessary and also that replacement specimens are planted whenever possible. In addition Keith Lander is our Public Transport Representative and Mark Osborne our Highways Officer. Our District Councillor, David Newson, fights our corner with WDDC and our County Councillor, Colonel Geoff Brierley, is a regular attendee at the monthly meetings, to communicate our views to Dorset County Council.

All in all, we try very hard to ensure that we support the residents of Charmouth in every way that we can.

Hilary Cleden

St Andrew's Parish Church

Many of you will have heard by now, since the jungle drums of Charmouth work very well, Sister Isabel and myself will be moving to Cumbria at the end of July. This has been an amazing seven years. We have experienced the gradual change and development of the village in so many ways. Great friendships have been forged, many of which will prove to be lifelong, and it has been wonderful to see the way in which the links between both village and church community have grown stronger and deeper, and much more fun!

Our own congregation at St. Andrew's has also grown and become more outward looking, and most of you will have experienced the warmth of their welcome, as we have modernised our services, and sought to come alongside you both for joyful celebrations and the sad events of life.

We need to thank so many people, our Senior Churchwarden Ted Whatmore for his continuous support, encouragement and kindness, and that of his assistant Churchwarden Pauline Berridge. Our youth workers have done sterling work, always inventive, always sensitive and thoughtful, our musicians have played to cheer us up at Funerals, thank you Eric Cornish, and Heather Fairhead has

faithfully played for us.

Mallory Hayter and the Parish council have been so helpful and have shared our concerns over the poor old lady, our church building, which has served our village so well.

We are moving to jobs we have always longed for but never thought anyone would offer us. I shall be working with a team led by the Bishop of Penrith, as the advisor on Spirituality, preaching around the diocese, training lay people for leadership roles, and leading quiet days and leading retreats, while Isabel will be helping to set up a new programme of counselling for people in need in the diocese. And our new home, looks out over the fells, so it will be a lovely place for people to visit.

We wish all of you well. It has been a real privilege working alongside you both as your Vicars and myself as Team Rector but mostly as your friends. A big thank you to so many who have welcomed us into your homes. The list is endless, but you all know who you are and just how much you have meant to us. May the Lord bless you all and protect you in the years to come.

With best love from us both,
Sr. Annmarie & Sr. Isabel.

Two Weddings and a Christening

April was quite a unique month at St. Andrew's Church Charmouth when we had two weddings and a Christening. The first wedding was on April 12th when Catherine Worth married Graham Cook. Catherine is the daughter of Audrey Worth and the late Revd. Stuart Worth who had been vicar at Uplyme for 23 years. Sister Ann-Marie took the service. The church looked very beautiful with large flower arrangements throughout, which were a gift from Catherine's friend Caroline. Catherine made a lovely bride. Their little daughter Jessica stood beside her parents as a proud young bridesmaid. It was lovely to see Jessica dancing around the sanctuary and no-one will forget the beautiful rainbow that arched across the sky as the wedding party emerged from the church.

The wedding on Saturday April 19th was Vicki Pratt marrying Mark Whatmore eldest son of our Churchwarden Ted and his wife Pat. The day started

out very wet but cleared later. The bride looked beautiful as did the two bridesmaids and the young child. Again the church looked lovely with flower arrangements all around.

The congregation of St. Andrew's wish the two happy couples much happiness for their future life together.

On Sunday April 20th at the morning service Ann-Marie welcomed the families and friends of Oliver and Charlotte Farmer to the christening of their baby daughter Sasha. Again it was a big village occasion and the church was almost full. It was a lovely service and Sasha's big sister Kaylie, who had been christened here a few years ago, was very interested in what was happening. When Ann-Marie poured the water on Sasha, Kaylie gave her dolly out to have water put on her too. Is this a first??!

Pauline Berridge.

First impressions last

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Looking after our Environment

Monkton Wyld Court by Colin Pring

Few travellers rushing along the busy A35 Trunk Road catch a glimpse of a tranquil spot just off the short stretch of dual carriageway east of Raymond's Hill, for there, nestling amid the trees on a lovely Dorset hillside lies Monkton Wyld Court and its nearby church.

So it is against this background that Monkton Wyld has launched its new programme of courses to concentrate on practical skills which we can all learn, to reduce our impact on an increasingly fragile environment.

The new programme was initiated following the recent appointments of Development Manager Ali Ghanimi, Education Programme Manager Caroline Walker and Sustainable Land Use Managers George Sobol and Patsy Garrard.

Among the most popular events at the centre are the Family Weeks which include a range of activities, from arts and crafts to cooking and are designed to encourage families to learn about and experience the environment. Ali says "the wildlife at Monkton is abundant, we have a variety of habitats and we set humane traps so the children can identify different species. We also do evening bat-watches to see the lesser and greater horseshoe bats which have been living in our buildings for many years now."

Caroline plans to develop Monkton's educational programme and will look into the feasibility of setting up a 'green school'. She says "Given that the building is sited in 11 acres of stunning woodland and grounds, providing everything from food to safe play areas, Monkton Wyld Court is the perfect site for developing a unique place-based curriculum."

George and Patsy intend to turn the centre's existing farm, garden and grounds into a productive educational resource and have already established Thursdays as regular gardening work days when local people can volunteer to help in Monkton's one-acre organically-managed walled garden.

The new team's other plans include the development of courses including eco building, starting a smallholding and growing and preserving food.

Ali is on the lookout for skilled local people who can teach courses and also anyone interested in using the wide range of facilities the Centre offers for workshops and meetings or activities such as yoga, painting or pottery for example.

A thriving and popular pre-school kindergarten runs twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings when children can enjoy lots of creative play and

Bags of success!



Holly Harwood, Georgia Peters, Lauren Coppell, Lydia Cooke, Rosie Harwood show off the bags they made during the Sew-In.

Saturday the 26th of April saw the beginning of a plastic bag free campaign in Charmouth. A team of seamstresses and willing helpers joined together at the Youth club hall and set to work creating beautiful shopping bags made from recycled and donated material. With the help of local children from Charmouth Primary School, Woodroffe, and Colfox School, bags were distributed about the village to passing shoppers promoting the use of 'bags for life' instead of plastic carrier bags.

During the day, other members of the village bought fabric from their homes to be miraculously turned into personal shopping bags. Old curtains, duvet covers and even a shirt or two were used!

Around 70 bags were given away and £133.02 was collected in donations.

Following the success of the day, there will be a stall at the village Fayre on the 3rd of August with more bags and information on recycling and what we can do in the village to help our environment. Unfortunately, we won't be sewing at the Fayre, but we will still be able to make bags to order.

Sarah Cooke

social activities in nurturing and beautiful surroundings.

Further details of these and all the varied courses on offer may be found on the Centre's Website, www.monktonwyldcourt.org, and contact can be made by phone on 01297 560342, by e-mail at monktonwyldcourt@btinternet.com or by writing to Monkton Wyld Court, Charmouth DT6 6DQ.

Local Crafts ~ The Master Potter

Charmouth Parish Councillor Mike Hendrick's talents are known to many through his impressive artistic rendering of the Charmouth guide bird's-eye map. But his pivotal role as the founder of Charmouth Pottery is perhaps less familiar.

Soon after Mike began work in 1962 as design modeller and mould maker for Honiton Pottery, he set up a small pottery of his own at Fernhill Hotel, producing decorative tan and green high-fired glazed earthenware in his spare time. Five years later, when Mr Matthews opened the West Country Crafts Centre at Waterloo House on The Street, Mike rented the old forge at the rear and began trading as Charmouth Pottery in January 1967.

Mike originally produced his own clay, but as demand increased he used pre-prepared stoneware clay, firing it up to 1260° and applying feldspar-based glazes. In the early 1970s, while undertaking contract work for Honiton Pottery, he began mould-making for his own production. By 1975, he employed three people to cast moulds. After the crafts centre closed, Mike extended the rear of the forge and created a gallery and showroom, from which visitors could watch him working at his wheel.

By this time Mike's annual output had risen to 10,000 pots and numerous other hand-thrown items. He produced ceramic sculptures, large lamp bases, bowls, casserole dishes, animal teapots, vases, jugs, mugs, grotesque porcelain dolls with eagle and clown faces, miniature cottages, square and dome-shaped honey pots, drawings and engraved glass. In the early 1980s, he created 12 large chess sets, the chess men comprising full-length caricatures of Charmouth worthies. His surreal designs were inspired by Sir Jacob Epstein's work.

Mike's square lidded beehives, filled with honey at



Photo by Bob Dunlop, courtesy of Jean Vaupré

Vivian's Honey Farm in Hatherleigh, Devon, were sold to Fortnum & Mason, Harrods and National Trust shops. He was commissioned to produce models of several National Trust properties, including Tintagel Post Office. Mike and his wife Susan travelled throughout the UK, participating in craft fairs, and selling to outlets in Lyme Regis and London. They also exported to Macy's in New York and Australia. Quite by chance, Mike once spotted Charmouth Pottery mugs on *The Persuaders* television series!

Following an unsuccessful attempt in 1987 to relocate to the old cement factory (now Charmouth Heritage Centre) after trade at the top of the hill slackened, Mike re-opened at his home – the Old Manor House on The Street – and reduced production to small items, such as cottages and beehives. He set up a kiln in his garden and turned a front room into a gallery and shop. It proved an immediate success and was hailed as one of the best small craft shops in a *Daily Telegraph* West Country tourism review. Mike finally closed his business in 1993 after 26 years.

Mike's introduction of new shapes and glazes to Honiton Pottery's traditional ware has recently earned him due recognition, in the form of a mention in the famous pottery's archives.

Look out for Mike's charming and distinctive oatmeal-coloured pottery in the Charmouth Bookshop or on eBay!

Lesley Dunlop

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News and Views from Charmouth

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

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Bopper Bus Sponsored Walk Success

About 20 children and their parents who benefit from the Bopper Bus Scheme took part in a sponsored walk Saturday 7th June to raise funds to keep the service running.

The Bopper Bus takes children, aged 8 to 16, from villages around Bridport to Bridport Leisure Centre every

Friday evening to enjoy a wide array of sporting activities.

The 5 mile walk, which was preceded by a get together and picnic, began at the top of Stonebarrow Hill and took the enthusiastic group up to Golden Cap. 'It was hard work,' said Georgina Harvey, aged 9, 'but worth it so we can still swim and try different sports like cricket and Taekwondo on Friday nights'.

Refreshments in the form of drinks and biscuits were kindly donated by the CoOp in Bridport. Sponsorship money is now being eagerly collected and early indications suggest it will be in excess of £300. Anyone wishing to add to the fund should send cheques payable to The Bopper Bus Organisation to Lyn Crisp, Treasurer, Farmers Arms, Mill Lane, Chideock, DT6 6JS.

Mandy Harvey

Lauren dives in for charity



Lauren Harrison, age 11 from Charmouth recently took the plunge at The Flamingo Pool, Axminster in the SimplySwim challenge for Swimathon 2008, the world's largest swimming fundraising event, and helped raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and The Swimathon Foundation. Lauren swam 200 lengths/5km in a time of 1

hour and 28 mins, without stopping, at The Flamingo Pool and raised £135 to help Swimathon on their way to meeting their £1.8 million fundraising target. She was one of the thousands of swimmers taking part in Swimathon 2008 in April at over 500 pools across the UK and was ranked 10th nationally in the 10-12 year age group.

Lauren said: "When I finished 200 lengths I felt really good and actually thought I could do it all again. Next year I will have to try 10k and raise even more money."

Duncan Goodhew, Olympic Gold medallist and president of Swimathon, said: "I would like to congratulate everyone who swam in Swimathon 2008. The event was a huge success and, thanks to the superb efforts of all the swimmers, we are hoping to raise £1.8 million, 70% of which will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care so that they can continue to provide high quality nursing, totally free, to give terminally ill people the choice of dying at home supported by their families."

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Heritage Coast Centre

Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre

Over 25 years ago a group of local people were concerned that visitors who were coming to Charmouth had nowhere to obtain information about the area. They decided to create an Education Centre in the building of the disused cement works adjacent to the beach. This was in a very bad state of repair and needed a large amount of work to make it safe enough to use.

In the summer of 1985 it opened and was staffed by volunteer members of The Charmouth Society. In February 1986 a full-time Warden was appointed and on May 24th. it opened for visitors.

The Warden, Richard Edmonds, began developing activities for school parties and holiday makers, taking them on fossil hunting walks and rockpool rambles, to demonstrate the importance of Charmouth's special position and environment. This was to lead to the area being regarded as a site of international scientific interest and the recognition of "The Jurassic Coast" as a World Heritage Site.

"The Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre", is still a major support group assisting the Centre and the Wardens. This enables The Centre to provide information and education for the 80,000 visitors during the year.

The Friends still need local people to help and if you think you would like to be involved in this very important Charmouth facility, please contact the Centre (560772) or just pop in.

Chris Horton (Chairman of The Friends)

Patricia visits Charmouth

On the 6th April after a flurry of snow, Charmouth was treated to a totally new sight, not of white fields and snow capped roof tops, but of a beautiful ship in the bay. The THV Patricia arrived at 8.15am carrying sewer buoys to be placed off-shore. By 10.30 she, like the snow, had melted away.

The THV Patricia is the flagship of Trinity House Light House Service and was used to escort the HMS

Britannia in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the D-Day landings in 1994. She was built by Robb Caledon in Leith in 1982.



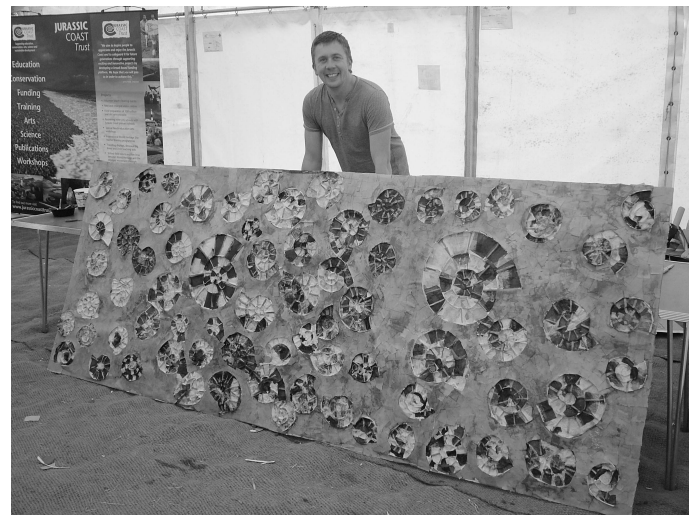
Charmouth Fossil Festival a ROARING success!

The madness began on Saturday 3rd May with a "Meet the Collectors" day in the Centre with an amazing array of fossils being exhibited by our local collectors David Sole, Chris Moore, Pete Langham and Andy Cowap, as well as Steve Etches fantastic fish specimens from Kimmeridge. On Sunday 4th May we had the Rocky Fossil Show and Worldwide fossils display in the Centre with members of the Dorset Geological Association Group and their finds.

All the events ran free of charge, which meant a very hectic two days of fossil hunting walks and the marquee events were very busy indeed with Darrell Wakelam creating an ammonite graveyard, a Dino Dig from the World Heritage Site Team, The Jurassic Coast Trust with displays and the Warden team was kept occupied making fossil moulds and polishing ammonite slices!

The events were well supported by over 3,000 people and due to the success of this festival, we hope to be running more in the future. Our thanks have to go to the World Heritage Site Team, Jurassic Coast Trust and Marine Space Limited for the funding to run the event, the Parish Council for the use of the car park for the marquee and as always to our strong band of "Friends" (our volunteers) without whom we would not be able to run such large scale events.

Meirel Whaites



Darrell Wakelam's ammonite graveyard

Patricia is 284 feet long and 2541 gross tons, the largest ship that Trinity House has ever owned. It is also used as a cruise ship, for £180 per day you could travel on board around the British isles whilst the crew carry out their work. The revenue gained by this enterprise goes to the General Lighthouse Fund towards the maintenance and repair of lighthouses and buoys.

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Heritage Coast Centre

The Great Dorset Beach Clean - Success or Failure?

Sunday the 20th April saw the 20th Great Dorset Beach Clean, an annual event organised by Dorset County Council. Beachmasters were stationed at 26 locations along the coastline, ready to welcome willing volunteers to attempt to make a dent in the winter's accumulation of beach litter. Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre was well prepared, with a colourful display emphasising the lengthy bio-degradation times of some of the most common litter items. But the event's success depends which way you look at it; in terms of the number of volunteers, a triumph certainly; with approximately 75 people turning out. How encouraging to think that so many were willing to give up their time to do such a dirty job. It's great to know that village pride is still alive and kicking in Charmouth. However, in terms of the event's productiveness; this may be a subject for debate. In the short space of two hours, an astonishing 56 bags of rubbish were collected (as well as a few larger items like masses of rope and a suitcase); and the timescale of the event by no means left the beach litter free. This



'Wot a load of old rubbish!'

vast amount of debris may be viewed as a failure of society itself, due to its entirely human origin.

By living everyday life in consciousness of the situation, the following actions become common sense:

AT THE BEACH

never drop litter
Make sure you bin it properly
If there are no bins, take it home.

AT HOME

Reduce- Cut down on all that disposable stuff
Re-use- Think outside the box (find new uses for them)
Recycle- The new trend: try it, everyone's doing it!

OUT AND ABOUT

Ditch the plastic bags- if the whole of Lyme Regis can do it, so can you.

So on behalf of the Heritage Coast Centre team, a huge thankyou to all those who came and got stuck in on Sunday. Let's just hope that the current 'it's cool to be green' trend will mean we don't have such a huge task to take on at the 2009 Great Dorset Beach Clean!

Steffie Haynes

(Seasonal Warden, Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre)



'Youth Club vs buried fishing net'

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giving an average speed of 9.6mph! Equally awesome was Ms J Clarke who in 1998 averaged almost 8mph taking only 58.38 minutes to finish and her long-standing record appears equally unassailable.

But maybe, just maybe 2008 will be the year when two supremely fit and ambitious competitors will topple Woods and Clarke from the record books?

Possibly not Alan Brown from Bristol – but not for the want of trying - because Alan has entered 17 times, (which may also be a record) and probably not Sean Donner either, who entered last year - at the ripe old age of 76! But *he* may hold the record as the oldest ever participant? (Anyone who has entered more times than Alan, or any octogenarian participants, please let

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me know – Ed.)

The 2008 course is the same as recent years, but with a slight diversion on the home descent of Stonebarrow Hill across Robin Loosemore's meadow, due to last winter's landslides, and Robin's help is much appreciated.

For those who are perhaps not *quite* up to the Challenge, the 2.5-mile Fun Run course provides an enjoyable test of fitness and stamina – provided of course that the sight of lots of small children leaving you puffing in their wake is not too depressing!

For all those not running, there are lots of fun activities to be enjoyed at the School's Summer Fete. Loads of stalls will be selling goodies ranging from health and beauty products to bargain greeting cards and more. The prize raffle and tombola stalls may tempt you to a flutter and a coconut shy will certainly test your skill. Children can enjoy games like roll-a-penny or skittles or let off steam on the bouncy castle. If all that sounds a bit exhausting you can relax with a 'cuppa and a cake' and enjoy a demonstration of Taiko Drumming by some of the Schoolchildren who performed so brilliantly at The Royal Albert Hall in the "Dorset Rocks" concert earlier this year.

To date the Challenge, Fun Run and Fete have raised a total of more than £50,000 for school funds and several generations of pupils have benefited from improved school facilities. Head teacher, Chris Vincent said: "Our annual Fete, Charmouth Challenge and Fun Run is the School's main fund-raising event of the year. In the past, profits from the day have been spent enhancing the learning opportunities that we have been able to give our children – more recently for example, new ICT equipment for each classroom and visits from experts in Technology, History and Music. Funding has also subsidised the costs of school trips and swimming lessons and supplemented the school's resources for the purchase of books and other teaching aids. It is a great team effort and one in which the whole school and wider community can feel immensely proud."

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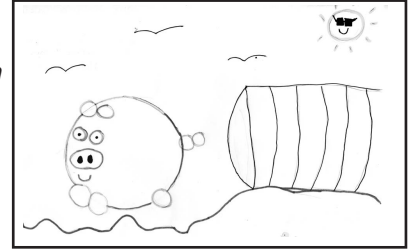
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Kath Kingsley

Kids Cartoon Corner

Winner of the
Kids Cartoon Competition
was Hassina Saker age 11.
Here is her winning entry.



The Elms Reading Group

Last winter a group of keen readers decided to set up a bookclub. We meet monthly at The Elms and have lively and humorous discussions about our "book of the month". We read a varied selection of books - the classics, bestsellers and a 'must-read' suggested by a member. So far we have tackled *The Virgin's Lover* by Philippa Gregory, an informative novel about Queen Elizabeth 1, *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold, which explores grief and the spiritual world and *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by DH Lawrence. Our present reading list includes *Mr Pip*, *The Sea*, *The Sea* and *Great Expectations*. If you would like to join us, we have 2 spaces left. Please contact Pam berry 01297 561656 or Liz Scott 01297 561662 for more details.

History Of Charmouth Lawn Tennis Club

Charmouth LTC was one of the first tennis clubs in the country; founded in the early 1880's the club was originally titled 'The Charmouth Private LTC'. The club site was originally leased with the proviso that if still running after 75 years it would have the right to own the land; this duly happened in 1968 for the asking price of £1,400!

From the early 20th century the Whittington sisters ran the club 'with a rod of iron'. All four played in long black skirts and white blouses with their hair plaited and pinned close to the head. Their decisions were final; animals and children were not allowed, membership was drawn from a 'select' group with applicants not allowed entrance if parents were 'in trade'. Ladies were reprimanded if skirts were thought too short; play stopped at 4.00 for tea and NO play was allowed on a Sunday.

Each year in August a tournament was held and many families spent their holidays in Charmouth year after year in order to play. Prizes were usually Boots vouchers. At the end of the tournament week a Ball would be organised by the Whittington ladies who stipulated lemonade only!

During their reign the Whittington sisters gave the impression that they started Charmouth LTC but this was incorrect; with the founder members being

(continued on page 13)

The Storm

Thunder Booming ,
across the sky,
In my bed,
I will lie.

Under the covers,
I drift off to sleep,
But soon I hear thunder,
So I take a peep.

I peer out of the window,
I see flashes across the sky,
I wonder if it's dangerous out there,
for birds to fly.

Birds gathering in nests,
Hoping to keep warm,
Trees rustling and leaves swishing,
In this terrible storm.

Maisie Bellworthy. Age 6

Local Hero - past

Isaac Hunter 1833 – 1905

Isaac Hunter was a powerful man and there are many stories of his rowing prowess and other talents. He was known to have rowed from Charmouth to the Isle of Wight on one occasion and to Plymouth and on another. There was a standing challenge to anyone to try to beat him in a race to Cobb at Lyme.

Isaac Hunter's Dream

One stormy night in the winter of 1872, Isaac dreamt that someone was interfering with his lobster pots. The dream persisted, so he roused his son and they went down to the beach to check on his pots. It was then that he saw a boat had been driven ashore beyond Cain's Folly, a mile or so to the east. There were people in the rigging obviously in great distress, so father and son raced to Westhay Farm on Stonebarrow, where they raised some help, borrowed ropes and clambered down the cliff. The boat was a Frenchman, the Courier, and was fast breaking up in the storm. After a great struggle a rope was put aboard the boat, with Isaac almost drowning in the effort. The captain and two of the crew were brought to safety, but tragically a fourth was lost. It was the cabin boy, and despite their efforts to save him, the lad was swept under the boat and drowned.

The three survivors were taken to Westhay Farm where, after hot drinks and warm clothes, they soon recovered. They stayed at Westhay until the boy's body was found and then attended his funeral before returning home.

Isaac was presented with an inscribed silver watch for his bravery.

Isaac died in 1905. The photograph of him in his later years depicts a fine old man with an evident self-assurance and a natural dignity. That he captured and retained his niche in Charmouth's history must make him our most famous resident – our village hero.

Peter M Press, Pavey group.

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Charmouth Tennis Club (continued from page 12)

Mr.R.W.Pavey (still esteemed within Charmouth by virtue of the 'Pavey Group' the social history archive group in the village) and a General Elliot. In fact, the land was first and foremost a croquet club with tennis being played only after the needs of the croquet members had been met!

By 1966 the domination of the Whittington sisters caused dissatisfaction among the members and an EGM was called at which it was decided to convert two of the grass courts to a hard surface and that play should be allowed on a Sunday. Two of the sisters stormed out and relinquished their hold on the club for ever.

Local Hero - present

The Coastguards

Every minute of every day, the men and women of Her Majesty's Coastguard Search and Rescue teams are ready to respond to any emergency on the coastline.

Your local coastguard team provides emergency cover for twelve miles of spectacular coastline from Axmouth to Seatown and there are 'flank' teams at West Bay and Beer. All the members of the coastguard team are all highly trained volunteers: all have their own 'day jobs' and are nearly always called away at very short notice. The team members are all issued pagers. When a 999 call comes into the Operations Room at Portland, the 'IRT', Initial Response Team is paged or if necessary the whole team can be paged in one go. Once paged, several team members will be tasked to collect the vehicle from our station at the top of Cobb Road in Lyme Regis. The incidents the team attend to can be as mundane as collecting details for the operations room to ships running aground, the MSC Napoli for example, or persons trapped on the cliffs in the mud.

No two incidents are the same and all are treated with the same urgency and professionalism. Don't forget if you see someone in difficulty, dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Next issue.....the resources available to the Coastguard

Nick Bale

Charmouth Tennis Club (continued from previous column)

In 1967 mains drainage was installed and new surround netting replaced the old chicken wire. In 2000 electricity arrived and although plans have been discussed to sell the land and move to a new site within Charmouth it thankfully still remains in Lower Sea Lane (a more beautiful setting would be difficult to find). With four good all weather courts and an ever growing healthy membership (all adults and children welcome to join!) CLTC has finally become the community resource that we can all be happy to be a part of.

The CLTC Open Day 2008 was held in May and was a great success with lots of new people eager to join. With fun games for children (organised by CLTC club coach) and a lovely tea at 4.00pm I think the Whittington sisters may have felt that the 21st Century had finally arrived.

Any CLTC queries please contact P. Bonner 01297 560251.

With thanks to C. Leverington (Pavey Group) for archive information.

Wildlife around Charmouth

Charmouth Junior Watch Group

Just four years ago, on a Saturday morning, the Charmouth Junior Watch group held its first meeting. Having arranged to use the school premises, our enthusiastic team of new leaders arrived early to set out the hall and playground with an assortment of wildlife games and activities. Tentatively, we awaited the arrival of our first members. Would there be six – or sixty? We needn't have worried. A lovely bunch of about fifteen youngsters turned up and we spent the morning learning about seeds. Since then, the club has gone from strength to *strength*.

At Wildlife Watch we learn about the environment through fun and games that involve exploring our surroundings. Pond dipping, painting, willow craft, meadow surveying, bug hunting and bird box construction are just some of the activities on offer to members. Devised for school age children, the programme helps nurture curiosity and build confidence so that youngsters will be inspired to continue learning and exploring in their own time with friends and families. Watch groups are the junior section of the national group of Wildlife Trusts. The Trusts work with local communities to protect and promote wildlife, ensuring that environmental issues remain on the political



Junior Watch Group with their award

agenda. Dorset Wildlife trust has its headquarters at Forston, near Dorchester. Further information about the Trust can be obtained on www.dorsetwildlife.co.uk. More information about the Charmouth group can be obtained from: Myra Sealy on 01308 422538 and sealy.coolmain@talk21.com or Sophy Burleigh on 01297 678555

Did you know?

When a flea jumps, the rate of acceleration is 20 times that of the space shuttle during launch.

Charmouth Natural History Group

We are a small group whose interests include birdwatching, wildflowers and wildlife in general. We try to arrange an outing each month in pursuit of one of these activities. These have included a visit to the Somerset Levels to see the amazing aerobatics of the starlings, to Loscombe for snowdrops, to Champenrhayes to see wild daffodils, to Kings Sedgemoor to watch herons nesting, to Arne R.S.P.B Reserve to enjoy dragonflies and damselflies and, most recently, to spot butterflies at Cerne Abbas. Sometimes the weather upsets our plans but we make the best of it.

We would like to hear from anyone who has seen any interesting birds in the Charmouth area. Please ring Kate Stapleton on 560255.

News from the Peasant Evolution Producers Cooperative (who the heck are they?)

Little do most of you know that there are peasants lurking about in these lanes... 37 smallholders, in fact, who have joined together as a cooperative dedicated to promoting living on the land in the modern age. At Fivepenny Farm in Wootton Fitzpaine we have built a timber frame barn to use as a centre for the cooperative from local timber, thatch and powered by a wind turbine and solar panels. The barn contains various processing rooms, a cooperative shop, and a wonderful space upstairs that can be used to display local crafts, host courses, conferences, educational days and, best of all, feasts. This new barn is open for any members of the community to use. Stop by and sample some of our wares.

Starting this autumn, the cooperative is going to host a series of educational days related to processing of local food. The events will highlight the diversity of local products created from the resources in our landscape.

We have also just released a report called "Low Impact Policies for Sustainable Development in Dorset", campaigning for West Dorset DC to adopt

a Low Impact policy to make life easier for people like us to get onto the land. If any of you would like to get involved (or find out what we are up to), please let us know.

Jyoti Fernandes, Fivepenny Farm, Spence Lane, WoottonFitzpaine, Dorset, DT66DF
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Health & Wellbeing

Medicine by numbers

Modern medicine is based on population statistics. This shows, for example, that 10% of all British 60 yr old men will have a heart attack or stroke (vascular disease) in the next 10 years. This is an average figure and some men are more at risk than others. There are features which, statistically, are more common in people with vascular disease than average, such as smoking and high blood pressure disease. These are therefore "risk factors", the more risk factors the greater the risk. How each of these risk factors operate in the body is not clearly established; all that can be said is that stopping smoking and treating high blood pressure disease is statistically correlated with a lowering of the risk of heart attacks and strokes, with a definite cost effective health gain for the population as a whole.

Preventing such diseases is therefore a numbers game, with an eye on the benefit on a whole population rather than an individual; each person is a piece of population. So, for a 60 yr old man with high blood pressure disease, who is otherwise healthy with no other risk factors, statistics show that he runs a 20 % risk of a heart attack or stroke in the next 10 years, twice the average risk. Treatment would reduce the risk to 15 %.

How can these risks be visualised in order to decide whether or not to take the pills? 80 % chance of not having a heart attack seem good odds. Furthermore, the pills would only increase those odds to 85 %. Is it worth a life sentence of swallowing up to three drugs every day to control the blood pressure for that margin?

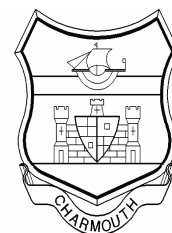
Another way of putting this is in "Numbers to Treat". A 5 % reduction in risk means you have to treat 20 people to prevent one heart attack or stroke. In other words, 19 out of twenty people with hypertension are taking the treatment for nothing; it is just not possible at present to say which one of the 20 gets the stroke if he does not swallow the tablets.

So, in fact, this is Russian roulette, with one bullet in a 20 chamber gun. I would rather swallow the pills than pull that trigger. Policy-making medical specialists and the government have assumed that you would too..

Dr Martin Beckers

School News

Charmouth Primary School



The Summer Term is always a busy term but if you are going to be busy you might as well be in a special place. One of my favourite times of the day during the term is at the end of the school day – and not because the children are going home!! I love to watch the large number of children turn right out of the school gate with their parents and head off to the beach to swim, dig in the sand, chase about or just sit and relax. What a great end to the day that is. It is quality time and what being a child is all about. How many other children in this country have that opportunity?

Children in the school spend a good deal of time out of the classroom during this term both in and out of school. We have a couple of classes visiting the home of Clive Farrell a world renowned butterfly expert. Clive and his garden have appeared on television a number of times and he has a very individual and butterfly friendly 'estate' near Sherborne. We are very lucky to have this annual opportunity to visit him.

In addition to this we have our Charmouth Challenge Fete and Fun Run on Saturday 5th July. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to this special event and give a special mention this year to Robin Loosemore, whose co-operation and support for the run has enabled us to have a course which allows spectators to follow the runner's progress all the way down Stonebarrow Hill to the school.

Any offers of help on the day will be gratefully accepted. Please give us a ring at school on 560591 if you can help.



Chris Vincent
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Charmouth Primary School

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Charmouth Annual Flower Show

On one Saturday every year the two Charmouth halls are transformed for a day when the Flower Show is held. Although this event is organised and funded by Charmouth Gardeners it is open for anyone in the village to enter.

There are classes for flowers (roses, dahlias, gladioli etc.), fruit and vegetables (cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, onions etc.), pot plants and flower arrangements and for hanging baskets. In the Home Produce section you can enter bread, cakes, jam and marmalade.

There is also a photographic section and a special section for children where they can create animals from vegetables, enter paintings or vegetables which they have grown themselves.

To keep this event alive, we are urging people to enter as much as they can, so if you feel you have something to enter that is as good or better than prize specimens please bring it along.

Full details are listed in the Show Schedule which will be available from the Post Office or you can contact me for any further information.

This year the show is on **Saturday August 15th** and if you are not able to enter anything please support those who did by visiting the Village Hall and Community Hall between 2.30 and 4pm and see what a lovely display Charmouth can create.

Chris Horton (560134) – Chairman of Charmouth Gardeners.

Scouts

On Monday 19th May, the Charmouth Cub Scouts visited the beach at Charmouth and completed a beach scavenge. This involved collecting materials that could be used to make model boats and rafts. Having collected two bags of materials, the Cubs went back to the river for some lifeline training. All the Cubs had been taught to throw a lifeline throwbag at the previous meeting, but it was thought to be a good idea if they could experience trying to rescue a casualty from the water rather than just on land. The Scout leader and the Group supporter acted as casualties to allow the cubs a chance to see how easy it was to use a throwbag. Both the cubs and parents benefited from the training and enjoyed the evening.

Trev Jarvis, Scout leader.

A Summers Day

Charmouth Fayre

Sunday
August 3rd
2pm

Fancy Dress Parade 1.45pm

from The Court, opposite The Royal Oak
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At this year's Fayre, we will be introducing two new events and the welcome return of a regular contributor. The 'Taunton Garrison' will be coming along to do an exhibition in the Arena and will also be in the morning parade down to the beach where they will do a further demonstration. Trevor, one of our local scout leaders, will be running an archery competition and we welcome back Punch & Judy together with the balloons which they some-how manage to twist and turn into animals, how? I will never know!!! On top of this we are delighted that our local Bowls Club are joining in for the first time and will be running a competition on their hallowed turf.

We start organising the Fayre soon after the last one has finished and have already sent out leaflets concerning the "Hanging Basket Competition". As requested we have split this year's competition into separate categories for business and private. You can get an entry form from Morgans, Fortnam Smith & Banwell and Marshall Noel Accountants at the Elms. Lets make this year a much bigger competition than last year!!

Peter Noel

Charmouth WI

Charmouth WI meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month (except Aug) in the Village Hall in Wesley Close. Although we are not a large WI we are a friendly and active group, and yes, some of us do make our own jam, and we do occasionally sing Jerusalem, but that is not all we do ! Throughout the year we have had a wide range of speakers, both informative and entertaining and we have found them all very enjoyable.

During the business side of our meetings coming events are announced and members have a chance to suggest ideas for future outings or activities. As well as business we have flower and letter of the month competitions and a social time which can include a quiz or a beetle drive, and sometimes a short sketch performed by a small group of very brave members! We have a good skittles team led by Meriol Kalmer and twice a year we meet other WI members at the Golden Cap group meetings. Joan Randall is to be our delegate at the N.F.W.I. AGM at Liverpool where this year's resolutions on "Ban on bottom trawling" and "The inappropriate imprisonment of the mentally ill" will be debated. At the July meeting our speaker will be Wayne Hurren on 'Hearing dogs for the deaf'. In August we shall be holding our usual bric a brac stall at the Charmouth Fayre, and in September Steven Lamb will talk about 'Life at River Cottage'.

New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information ring Ann Jones 560242 or Pam Berry 561656.

Ann Jones

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Charmouth & District Twinning Association with Asnelles-sur-mer

The Twinning Association of Charmouth and Asnelles was founded in 1985 to sponsor and encourage friendship and social contact between the two villages.

Asnelles-sur-mer is a village of 1300 people in the Département of Calvados on the coast of Normandy about 2 miles from the town of Arromanches-les-Bains. This is of course, the coast where the allied invasion of France took place on D-day 6th June 1944 and the beach at Asnelles has a special significance to both communities since it was here that The Dorset Regiment came ashore on that momentous day.

Apart from exchange visits on alternate years, the Association organises a wide range of social events, approximately once a month, throughout the year, many of which have French flavour. For example, a B.B.Q in July with 'boules' played after the food and wine;

The weekend of May 18th this year saw the biennial Twinning visit from Asnelles to Charmouth. A total of twenty four visitors were hosted by families in the village to enjoy such British delights as cooked breakfasts, a trip to the Roman baths and dancing to 'Two's Company' at the village hall. The Twinning Association held a vin d'honneur for the guests with speeches from Maralyn Hinxman and Cllr Jane Bremner. Pierrette Georget (president of the Assnelles Association) said how happy her members were to be once again in Charmouth on the 23rd Anniversary of the twinning.

We presently have 50 members and would welcome any people from Charmouth and the surrounding district who would like to join us. Please be assured that a lack of fluency in the French language is no bar to the ability of having a good time whether here or in Normandy!

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events and trading sessions.

It's a scheme which works for everyone, regardless of who you are or what you do, because everyone has something to offer. Its sociable too, an economy based on friendship and trust. As one LETS member said '...it's like having an extended family always there for you'.

If you would like any further information about the thriving LETS in your area, please contact Vee Driscoll on Bridport 01308 425518 or Debbie Bond on deborahbond007@yahoo.co.uk or visit our page under 'Clubs and Organisations' at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk.

We Remember...

Tribute to Dave Smith a True Local Sporting Legend

Dave was born in Charmouth and lived here for most of his life. He was educated at Lyme Regis Grammar School where he excelled in sport, representing his school in football and cricket.

He was a founder member and Secretary of Charmouth Youth Club and regularly played football for the village side and skittles for Charmouth teams. An engineer by day, he would be found behind the bar at The Coach and Horses in his free time.

Dave took on the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Linesman for Charmouth FC and continued as Secretary for more than 20 years.

When a vacancy came up for the position of Lyme Regis Skittle league Secretary Dave agreed to "give it a try" and continued with the job for some 36 years right up to his death during which he had also started up a ladies league.

When the landlord of the 'Coach and Horses', Charles Sargent moved to the 'Royal Standard' in Lyme Regis, Dave moved with him and was eventually persuaded to work full time at the Pub as bar manager. Charlie often said he could not have continued to run his business without Dave!!

He also started playing darts and before long had taken on the role as fixtures secretary and treasurer of the local dart league in addition to his position with the skittles league.

He was very much a family man who always found time to spend with his beloved daughter Jenni and was thrilled when she followed his example with her voluntary involvement with the skittles and pool leagues. He delighted in his two grandchildren Emma Louise and Tom, taking a great interest in everything they did.

Life had not been kind to Dave over the last few years resulting in the loss of a leg due to diabetes, but he retained his jovial manner and continued with all his voluntary work. Just as he was getting mobile again, his tragic accident cut short his life of dedication to the local sporting community.

Dave was very much loved by all his family and friends and highly respected by everyone who knew him, which was reflected by the large numbers who filled Charmouth Church at his recent memorial service.

Graham Vickers 1959 - 2008

Graham had very warm and loving parents - his mother and two sisters adored him and he and his father were inseparable. As a little boy he learned to climb trees; when just a toddler he would scramble up so high that he alarmed everyone, but he felt safer in the trees than he felt on the ground!

When Graham was small, his father was diagnosed with cancer and gradually lost his sight. At the age of 9, Graham decided it was his responsibility to be the man of the house and did whatever he could to help whilst attending Hooke School.

He later worked at Groves Nurseries, ultimately starting his own business as a tree surgeon 20 years ago. He loved his work and was never happier than amongst the trees.

Graham's other passion was music. He played the double bass and the bass guitar and listened to Jazz and the Blues. His son William has inherited his musical talent and is now at the Guilford School of Music.

Graham was a very loving man who adored his five children, Martha, Charlotte, Amelia, Polly and William, his mother Peg and his sisters Lynn and Helen. Towards the end of his life he found true happiness living here in Charmouth where he enjoyed fishing off the coast. He felt loved and he felt he belonged and clearly the people of Charmouth loved him too.

Rita Whatmore 1932 - 2008

Rita succumbed to cancer after a six month struggle, and twenty five years since successfully overcoming a previous battle with the disease. Rita was born at Firlands terrace, the family moving to Nutcombe Terrace in 1936. She attended Lyme Regis Grammar School in 1943, eventually becoming head girl. She married John Whatmore in December 1952 and they were together until her death in May. In 1954 they moved to Lyme Regis and Rita began work at Axminster Hospital where she remained for 25 years.

Rita took up golf in 1968 and became a very proficient player with an enviable low handicap. She served on several committees, becoming Lady Captain in 1993. After retiring, Rita volunteered both at 'The Bank' at Bridport Hospital and at the Citizens Advice Bureau. She was a founder member of the Pavey Group, serving for 9 years as committee member and then treasurer. She was the source of all information about old Charmouthians - an exceptional lady who will be greatly missed.

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Every Mon	4.15pm – 6pm	Charmouth Brownies	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Every Mon	6.30pm – 8pm	Charmouth Cubs	Scout Hut, Playing Fields	Toni Green 560778
Every Mon	8pm - 10pm	Charmouth Badminton Club (League Standard)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Every Tue	10.00am - 12noon	The Pavey Group (open to all interested in village history)	The Elms, The Street	Peter Press 561270 6.00pm–7.00pm
Every Tues	10.00 am – 12.30	Monkton Wyld Kindergarten (age 3+)	Monkton Wyld Court	Caroline 444940
Every Tues	2.30pm -6pm	Bowls Club	The Playing Fields, Barrs Lane	Bob Just 560557
Every Tues	7pm - 9pm	Seniors Youth Club	Youth Club, Wesley Close	Ken Darling 561004
Every 2nd & 4th Tues of each month		United Reformed Church Coffee Morning	The Street, Charmouth	Reverend Ian Kirby (01297) 631117
Every 3rd Tues of each month		Parish Council Meeting	The Elms, The Street	Lisa Tuck 560826
Every Weds	10am –12noon	Charmouth Cherubs (term time only last session 16 July)	Charmouth Village Hall	Kate Bonner 561603 Wesley Close
Weds	10.30 am–12.30pm	Monkton Wyld Kindergarten (age 3+)	Monkton Wyld Court	Caroline 444940
Every Weds	10am –11.30am	T'ai Chi (Continuation) Youth Club	Wesley Close, Charmouth	Pam Ladd 560264.
Every Weds	2.30pm -6pm	Bowls Club	The Playing Fields, Barrs Lane	Bob Just 560557
Every Weds	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Girl Guides (term time only)	for more info call	Davina Pennells 560965
Every 1st Weds Of each month	2.30pm	The British Legion (Women's section)	The Elms, The Street	Pat Stapleton 560255
Every 4th Weds	phone	Wrens Association(out & about in summer)	The Elms, The Street	Pat Stapleton 560255
Every Thurs	6.30pm–8.30pm	Junior Youth Club	Youth Club, Wesley Close	Toni Green 560778
Every Thurs	7.00pm	Bridge Club	Wood Farm, Charmouth	Vincent Pielasz 560738
Every 2nd Thurs of each month	2.15pm	W.I. Meetings	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Anne Jones 560242
Every 3rd Fri of each month	7.30pm	Bingo (fund raising)	Charmouth Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136

Sat 5 July	1.30pm	Charmouth School Fete, Fun Run(2.30pm) & Challenge (3.00pm)	Charmouth Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Nick Bale 560341
Tue 8 July	7.30pm	Charmouth Companions meeting (Panto)	Charmouth Community Hall	Linda 0781 3513062
Sat 3 August	2.00pm	Charmouth Village Fayre	Playing Fields	
Sat 16 August	2.30pm	Charmouth GArdeners Flower Show	Village & Community Hall	Chris Horton 560134
Sat 17 August	3.00pm	Air Ambulance & Catherston Fun afternoon	John White's Field Catherston	Ann MacNair 560611



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