

SHORELINE

News and Views from Charmouth

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Bridge over the River Char



Visitors and residents of Charmouth enjoy using the new bridge for the first time.

Construction of the new footbridge began in January of this year and was completed by April 21st when Peter Finney, Dorset County Council's Cabinet member for Highways and Transport, cut the ribbon and declared the bridge officially open.

The existing bridge across the river had been in place for more than 25 years and was coming to the end of its structural life. Dorset CC and artists Sans facon, with input from the community, worked together to design a new bridge that needed to be sympathetic to its natural surroundings but robust enough to withstand the coastal environment due to its location on the South West Coast Path and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

The Bridge Was a Real Team Effort, Bringing Together the County Council Arts Team, Dorset Engineering Consultancy, Dorset Countryside Coastal Rangers, WDDC, the AONB and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

Funding came from a range of sources including the Local Transport Plan, the Olympic Transport Package, the Fine Foundation, the Jurassic Coast Arts Programme and the AONB.



*Above:
Peter Finney cuts the ribbon for the much awaited footbridge.*

The bridge has been granted the London 2012 Inspire Mark by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) which recognises innovative and exceptional projects inspired by the 2012 games. The project has created a lasting legacy of the sailing events to be held at Weymouth and Portland.

Reaction to the bridge has been overwhelmingly positive, with compliments flowing about the ingenious design and the charming, rustic and yet contemporary wooden structure. A letter in the Lyme News opined that the design team should be congratulated on their clever and elegant solution to the problems associated with the old bridge. I think we all concur.

Jane Morrow

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From the Editor

*There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but nature more.*
- Lord Byron

Friday June 17th and the wind is howling and the rain sheeting against the windows. I remain optimistic that my 60th birthday party for 100 people tomorrow will not be a washout!

Inserted in the centre of the magazine is a survey which is being carried out by the members of St Andrew's Church Council who are seeking constructive ideas and input on how the church might be utilised more productively so that it can become economically viable. As Reverend Skinner states in his article on page 4, the church is barely in use, as a whole, for more than two hours a week on Sunday mornings. This is an expensive waste of a wonderful facility.

By the time the magazine has gone to press, four people will have been co-opted as new Parish Councillors. I am hoping to persuade one of them to continue with the News From The Elms column that was so ably written by former councillor Keith Lander over the past two years.

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Some of the forthcoming events this summer include the Charmouth Challenge and Fun Run on Saturday 2nd July, which, combined with the School Fete, make for a great day out. The 20th Charmouth Fayre takes place on Sunday August 7th (see next page for more details) and the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show, now with a new Handicraft Section, is being held at both the Village Hall and St Andrew's Community Hall on Saturday August 13th.

Have a wonderful summer.

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Charmouth Traders

The Charmouth Traders are planning a number of activities for everyone in the village to look forward to:

NO NEED TO GO TO LYME REGIS ON NOVEMBER 5TH

The next event will be a firework display down at the beach on November 5th, a revival of a tradition that has lapsed in recent years. We are fortunate that it will be low tide that evening and we hope to also have a barbeque and possibly other attractions. For ideas or offers to help with the evening please contact Peter Noel on 560078 or Phil Tritton on 07887 781348.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - DECEMBER 1ST

The Charmouth Christmas Fayre is planned to take place on Thursday 1st December. Let us hope that it will not be quite so cold this year. More details the autumn issue of Shoreline.

EVEN BETTER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Now that the new lamp posts are in place on The Street we are planning to fix Christmas lights to a number of them. These should be in place for December 1st when they will be switched on.

CHARMOUTH.ORG

The village website www.charmouth.org continues to develop and has lots of local information as well as information for visitors to Charmouth. Contact Ian Simpson at The White House Hotel if you have events coming up. We would very much like to see more local tradesmen and businesses advertising on the website. It only costs £30 a year and Ian will put your ad together for you.

Ring Ian on 560411

JOIN CHARMOUTH TRADERS

Most of the shops and holiday parks are members of Charmouth Traders but there are many other businesses in Charmouth. If you would like to join, contact Phil Tritton on 07887 781348. It only costs £20 a year and you get the opportunity to raise local issues, get involved in events, find out what is going on in the village and contribute to our longer term aims. Meetings are held in The Royal Oak, last only an hour (6pm-7pm) and it is surprising how much we have achieved over the last couple of years. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th September – if you run a local business come along-you will be very welcome!

Phil Tritton

The Flag pole



Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walks by and asks them what they are doing.

Paddy replied, 'We're supposed to be finding the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder.'

The woman took out an adjustable spanner from her bag, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down.

She got a tape measure out of her pocket, took a few measurements, and announced that it was 18 feet 6 inches.

Then she walked off. Mick said to Paddy, Isn't that just like a woman? We need the height, and she gives us the ruddy length!

Charmouth Fayre- 7th August, 2pm.



This Year's Charmouth Fayre will take place on the 7th August in Charmouth Playing Fields, Barrs Lane. As usual, the Fancy Dress Parade will start at 1.30 from The Court and make it's way down to the playing fields where the Fayre will be opened at 2pm. Every one is welcome to enter the

Fancy Dress competition which will be in categories of single entrants or groups (any group larger than two!) There is no theme to the competition and we expect a colourful and varied collection of characters this year!



Lyme Regis Majorettes will be entertaining the crowds with a stunning display of baton twiddling and marching to some foot- tapping music.

Joining the guests in the arena, Jules the amazing stilt walker and circus artist will perform

tricks *not* to be tried at home. Jules will also be running a circus skills workshop during the afternoon for people to brush up on their party tricks and maybe learn some new ones.

The Blackdown Hills Steel Band have been invited to bring the mellow sounds and gentle rhythmic flow of summer music to contribute to the ambience. Their colourful steel drums will bring Caribbean sunshine sounds which would make even the wettest of afternoons seem chilled out!

The Golden Cap Flower Club members make flower arrangements to be raffled to the public attending the Summer Fayre in August each year. The proceeds are then handed to the Secretary of the Fayre to be used for charities within the Charmouth area. If you are going to the Fayre this year look for us and buy raffle tickets to boost the result. We made £80 last year!

Lilian Bagnall Chairman.

There will be all the usual stalls and games, puppet show and bouncy castle, and hopefully an appearance from the Uplyme Morris Men. The Ottery St Mary Silver Band will be entertaining guests at the tea pavilion where you will be able to take tea and have a moment away from the hustle and bustle of the Fayre.



Remember to bring your dog - he or she may be a good candidate for a rosette as the Charmouth Fayre Dog Show will be taking place during the afternoon - who will have the waggiest tail this year??

As always, the committee are grateful for any help on the day. If you feel you could spend a little time during the afternoon to help with the stalls, please give Anthea a call on 560465

The Party in The Park will start at 7pm that evening with a live band, bar-be-que and bar. The entry will be £1.50 for adults and children under 15 will get in free.

The Charmouth Fayre Committee looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Sarah Cooke



'The Fat Dads' preparing for The Party In The Park.

With thanks to Iris Burford and Neil Harvey for providing the photos from last year's Fayre.

News From St Andrew's

The most important thing for me to write about this time relates to the SURVEY Form that should be included in your copy of Shoreline.

This Survey has been produced through our Church Council in order to elicit as many constructive views as possible about the future use of our church building. We are very aware that this is the largest single enclosed space of any public building in the village – but sadly probably the most underused! Most weeks we only hold one Sunday Service in it – so on that basis it is used as a whole for just 2 hours per week! This is surely a serious and expensive waste of a wonderful facility, and for the future viability of this building it has to be addressed!

So we want to invite EVERY member of our village community to complete the form and 'post it' into boxes provided at St. Andrew's Church and Charmouth Post Office by 30th July. We will analyse the results and make them available for further comment by any who wish to on 10th September. We will, on that Saturday, hold an Open Day in St. Andrew's between 10am & 3pm. This will include:

- ~ A large drawing or possible artist's impression of how the interior of the Church could be reorganised, to illustrate our ideas.
- ~ Display Boards that explain each main idea and its implications in more detail. You can add your own comments using post it notes.
- ~ An activity corner for children of all ages where you can draw or illustrate your own ideas for the future of St. Andrew's in whatever way you like!
- ~ Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available at no charge.
- ~ A Book Exchange service will be trialed.
- ~ We will run a Bring & Buy Produce Stall to help defray costs of the day.

Fund raising for external repairs to the fabric of the building continues, and although we have raised several



thousand pounds towards the costs through the "Parable of the Talents" Scheme, we still have a long way to go. Much depends on the success of a major grant application to the Erskin Muton Trust later this year. We would like to commence work on the roofing repairs to the side aisles this Summer or Autumn.

There are a number of good things to report from the last few months. We have begun to hold a monthly Children's Service for children up to the age of around 7 or 8. This Service, called "The Magic Carpet" is being organised by a team led by Ann Follett. It will begin at 11am, and last about half an hour. It will be very informal, involving story telling, simple songs, activities and a drink and biscuit! Please look out for fuller details on our Noticeboards. One of these will be held on 10th July, to be followed up in the afternoon at

3pm with a Teddy Bear's Picnic for all ages!

Our monthly Discussion Group has started, where we discuss topics of the day from a Christian point of view. We have held some very interesting sessions on subjects such as: "Is there such a thing as true love?" and "Are we a real church or a virtual Church?" Anyone in Charmouth is welcome to join us – details in our monthly Golden Cap Team Magazine.

Following a very successful Concert in association with St. Candida Church, Whitchurch we are holding another Concert, in St. Andrew's: A famous Harpist called Jonathan Suter will be playing on the evening of 19th August. Watch out for the Posters!

Our Summer 6.30pm informal Songs of Praise will be held again this year. The first will be on 24th July at St. Andrew's. The next will be on 31st July at the U.R.C.. Then the one scheduled for 7th August will be at 5pm in association with the Charmouth Fair, on the back field. Music will be led by "Brass Tacks", a local and very good Brass Band.

Revd Stephen Skinner, Golden Cap Team Rector.

Churches Together in Charmouth

Mission team for WALK WEST DORSET

September 24th- October 2nd.

The Mission Teams will be working with local churches to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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St Andrew's Restoration Fund - The Concert

Easter saw the Parable of the Talents Challenge draw to a very satisfactory conclusion – a dozen or so events – nearly £3000 in the Bank. There was one more event to come and it had been conceived in the cold dark days of winter. In December, David and Julie Renfrew had approached John Bain, former headmaster of the Purcell School of Music and one of the Church Wardens at St Candida and Holy Cross in the neighbouring Parish of Whitchurch Canonorum. They floated the idea of an Easter Concert in St Andrew's to celebrate the end of the Talents Challenge.

John thought for a minute or two before saying "but you don't have a piano at St Andrew's." I replied "perhaps we could have a string quartet?" John said, "Yes, you could, but you wouldn't make any money! Why not hold your Concert at Whitchurch?"

We agreed to meet after Christmas and, over an enjoyable cup of coffee in the Bain's sitting room, John and Cynthia gave us a brief but thorough grounding in the art of arranging a Concert. We discussed various formats and the logistics of this and that, before deciding that the end of May would give the chance of a pleasant early summer evening. John, a lover of Facebook, said "I know just the person to try." He tweeted or facebooked (I am not sure which) an artiste whom he thought would be perfect. Great - this was why we had approached John in the first place!

Later that evening we had an e mail from John: "Yes, Hannah Marcinowicz would be pleased to do the Concert in May." Julie and I were delighted but there was much work to be done if it were to be a successful event. February was frantic with articles for Shoreline and the Parish Magazine, trying to find sponsorship and getting a good article about St Andrew's in the newspaper, preparing the draft programme etc.

I needed eight smart Stewards, upright men, prepared to wear a dinner jacket for as yet unspecified and possibly menial tasks, Julie needed a catering team to prepare and plate up Coronation Chicken for up to 150 people, Malcolm and Mary Macnair volunteered to produce the meringue and fruit pudding. The teams were recruited.

We were still not facing up to the production of the programme and selling of advertising space. We got started and were soon in full flow. Phil Tritton at Charmouth Stores came up trumps and agreed to donate the Pimms and lemonade - thank you so much Phil. Local shops and businesses happily took up the advertising space and, having run out of space for adverts, Julie asked people to be 'Patrons'. A number obliged – the basic cost of the event had been covered. All that remained was to sell 150 tickets! Fortnam Smith and Banwell kindly agreed to be the box office for the event.

We set off for a holiday!

On our return a week before the Concert, just 60 of the 150 tickets had been sold! Time for Julie to hit the phone, which she did to good effect. Hannah Lovegrove, who looks after publicity for the Purcellian Concerts got a good spread in one of the local free papers and telephone enquiries



Hannah Marcinowicz

increased. The 'last minute brigade' started to phone for tickets, and by Thursday we were wondering whether to stop selling.

Another visit to St Candida, to count seats, we decided to accept more customers and finally sold 136 tickets!

In the meantime Maralyn, Liz, Pauline and Kathy had been cooking chickens (Julie cooked 12) Once roasted, they had to be pulled apart into fork-sized portions. I pulled 30 lettuces from my

vegetable patch – they had to be washed and torn into bite-sized pieces. My radishes had to be chopped up and added to cucumber and onion – all ready to be transported to Whitchurch.

It was Bank Holiday weekend and, early Saturday morning, Felicity Horton was busily creating a beautiful flower pedestal at 'stage centre left'.

The weather was less than kind - our artistes got no preferential treatment on the A31/A35 and arrived two hours later than they had expected. Thus they were rehearsing at 6pm whilst we were setting things up for the Pimms reception at 6.45 and the supper. Lo and behold, the first concert-goers arrived ahead even of Charmouth time!

The Concert was superb. John had chosen well: Hannah Marcinowicz played clarinet and saxophone – a superb programme, wide ranging and exuberant. She was skilfully accompanied by Simon Lane on the piano. Probably unknown to all of us, the traditional Japanese song Hanabe No Uta was hauntingly beautiful and the finale with her signature tune, Deep Purple, was brilliant. (Listen to it again at www.hannahsax.com) As an encore, they played an arrangement of Summertime – a fitting end to a musical feast.

Now it was time for the 'organisation' to work. It did: our stewards served the supper to the audience who remained seated, in double quick time. Then the assembled crowd collected their delicious pudding from Mary and Malcolm who were ably assisted by Anne Follett.

The consensus of opinion was that the evening had been an outstanding success. It raised £1,463 for the St Andrew's Restoration Fund.

David Renfrew



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An Uncertain Future For The Library

Since the beginning of the year, library supporters have run a concerted campaign to try to keep open all 20 local libraries threatened with closure by Dorset County Council and we continue to do so.

On 13 June, a report was prepared by Dorset Library Services which changed the original proposals which you will have seen on the questionnaires. DLS had already improved their offer to community libraries to include access to the central library system, book supply and computers. In the report, they now recommend closing only 10 libraries rather than 20. Lyme Regis would remain open but four in West Dorset would still close, including Charmouth.

However, there is still cause for some hope for the ten libraries under threat.. The Policy Development Panel, a cross-party advisory committee of elected Councillors, has counter-proposed a clever solution which retains all libraries without reducing opening hours – an improvement on the AdLib (Association of Dorset Libraries) scheme which proposed a reduction in opening hours. You can see this 100+page report yourself on:

[http://www1.dorsetforyou.com/COUNCIL/commis2009.nsf/C0382BB78648D639802578AE0035DEF4/\\$file/JUN%2011%20Dorset%20Library%20Service.pdf](http://www1.dorsetforyou.com/COUNCIL/commis2009.nsf/C0382BB78648D639802578AE0035DEF4/$file/JUN%2011%20Dorset%20Library%20Service.pdf)

If Dorset County Councillors decide to follow the Library Services' proposal to close Charmouth library, we will have great problems in running it as a community library. The building requires a lot of maintenance and this, together with running costs, cannot legally be met from the general income of the Parish Council.

It seems that costs can be met only from funds collected under 'Section 137' – an amount severely limited by law.

Although the Parish Council has indicated that it would be willing to consider funding a community library, there are insufficient 'Section 137' funds left to do so. The other alternative is for volunteers to raise the £5/6,000 estimated to meet annual costs but there are timing issues. Can a charity be set up and sufficient funds be raised before the deadline? It seems unlikely.

This is a pity as, if we are able to retain the library, we hope to make it of far more benefit to tourists and to the community in the future by augmenting opening hours, with volunteers providing an internet café with Wi-fi for tourists, tourist information, facilities for reading, writing, craft and book groups, activities for pre-school children, IT classes - whatever Charmouth wants, in fact!

If the library is closed, this would leave us with three options: ordering books online, a mobile library for two hours a week, travelling to Lyme, Bridport or Axminster libraries. As none of these options is very palatable, we have to continue to campaign to persuade County Councillors to vote for the PDP's Proposal D – to keep all 34 libraries open and running as they are now while still making the necessary budget cuts.

This proposal and the others in the report of 13 June now go through a series of hurdles. On 20 June, they will be considered by the Community Overview Committee, then go on to Cabinet and finally to the Dorset County Council meeting of 21 July where our fate will be finally decided. It's before this final meeting that we'll be asking for your help. Anyone not already on our mailing list who is willing to write to Oliver Letwin and Dorset County Councillors asking them to support Proposal D should e-mail for details to Hazel Robinson on hazelrosey@aol.com.

The more of us who show we care about the library, whether for ourselves or for others in Charmouth who find it so valuable, the more chance there is of retaining it.

Hazel Robinson Chair, Friends of Charmouth Library

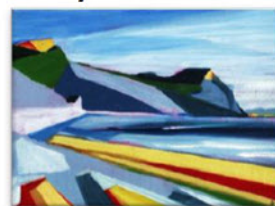
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Community Hall Progress Report



Community Sunday Lunch

Anyone taking a stroll down Lower Sea Lane cannot fail to have noticed the progress made recently to the building of the lottery funded extension to the St Andrew's Community Hall. The roof is on, interior staircases have been fitted

and the first phases of both electrical & plumbing work have been completed. It is fair to say that there have been a number of hitches resulting in delays to the work and some of these are ongoing. One of the more serious has been the seeking of a variation to the plans to enable the fitting of more economical windows to the upper floors. The modified plans are currently before West Dorset Planning Authority whose permission must be sought. If they agree, a considerable sum of money will be saved with no significant effect on the exterior appearance. The alternative windows would also offer improved thermal and sound insulation. However, the wheels of planning authorities turn slowly!

During building work, it has been possible to continue with all of the events which bring pleasure to the community. These include sports such as badminton & taekwondo, educational events such as art classes & language courses, community events such as the Brownies, various coffee mornings, table top sales and the school PTA's "big breakfast", as well as dances and private parties. We have also held regular fund raising events which are needed for us to finance the work not covered by the lottery grant such as bingo sessions and, perhaps the biggest success of all, the remarkable and most enjoyable Sunday Lunches. The recent AGM, held on May 19th, revealed a healthy financial balance and was attended by 80 people who re-elected the current management committee by large majorities. We continue our centenary year with the confidence and support of our trustees as well as the overwhelming majority of Charmouth residents. The hall is for the entire community and it was very gratifying to see such a large turnout at the AGM.

The other significant development is that we have now been granted a full premises licence for live music, dancing and the sale of alcoholic drinks. In the lead up to the Licencing Committee Hearing, the hall management committee corresponded with and met with a small number

of people whose homes are close to the hall and who were concerned about noise nuisance and the possibility of "late night drinking". We made compromises, prior to the hearing, which were accepted by the licencing committee and which we hope will allay the fears of this group of people.



The Big Breakfast

During the construction of the extension, the time capsule built into the structure in 1910 was taken out and opened, revealing documents from that time. They were the rector's proposal for a church hall in 1909, a copy of the parish magazine for Nov 1910 and the Order of Service used at the laying of the foundation stone in Dec 1910. It is planned to reseat the 1910 material together with a new capsule relating to recent developments & the present activities of the Community Hall. When this idea was first mooted there was much enthusiasm, notably from the Pavey Group, the school and the church. We would like to hear from you and others as we now have a dead-line for any documents to be included of July 31st 2011. We can then proceed with the sealing of the capsules at the appropriate time in the building schedule. Please contact any committee member with your ideas or any questions. We look forward to the future with great confidence that the new facilities together with our licence will improve the service we are able to offer our village community and increase use of the hall as well as providing pleasure and enjoyment for both young and old.

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PCSO John Burton PCSO Luke White PC Richard Winward

friends or relatives or approach a trade association rather than accepting offers from cold callers.

If you have concerns about people doing this, or about elderly or vulnerable neighbours who may have been targeted by such people, then please get in contact with us or Trading Standards, 01305 224012.

We look forward to meeting and getting to know as many people as possible over the coming weeks so please do stop for a chat if you see us out and about!

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PCSO Luke White

Cloning: The answer to cheap travel?



A hundred years in the future: Fossil fuels have run out and energy in general is prohibitively expensive (if you can get it) and with no alternative energies on the horizon, mankind has had to make unconventional arrangements for travel. Luckily, with amazing advances in cloning and biomechanics technologies, it is now possible to create your own transport and kits are available from your local supermarket. Each kit is supplied with clear instructions:

The Method

1: Using the sharp blade enclosed, take a thin slice of your own skin, place in a dish and add the mixture from the bag marked A. Cover with film and place in a refrigerator. Leave untouched for six weeks, by which time the skin will have grown into something that resembles an ear.

2: Take this, grown from your own cells, and place into a large mixing bowl. Add a pint of Guinness, some nail clippings, a lock of your own hair and the mixture from bag B. Stir once and then leave in a dark, warm place until the mixture becomes putty-like.

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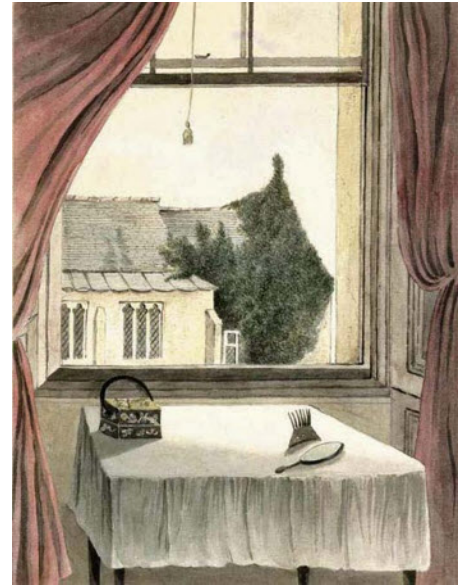
The Manor House in Charmouth is somewhat of a mystery to most people as they are expecting an ancient building near to the church as can be seen in many of the surrounding villages such as Chideock and Wootton Fitzpaine.

Ours is indeed very ancient and is in the proximity of the church, but is separated by The Street. For it is the long, Victorian- fronted building directly opposite St. Andrew's and now divided into three parts, which was once the historic house owned by the Lords of the Manor of Charmouth for many centuries. Up until recently no images of the earlier building were thought to have existed. The only description being from Colonel Bullen, who once said that the house originally was castellated and an old print showing this was inadvertently destroyed by his housekeeper. But I was astonished to see a painting by Diana Sperling described as "The view from the Rectory at Charmouth" which was painted in 1828, which clearly showed a section of the original front before being re-faced. This picture revealed that it had intricately carved stone surrounds filled with leaded glass. They are very similar to those at Forde Abbey and were no doubt commissioned by Thomas Charde who was the Abbot from 1501 until the dissolution of the Abbey in 1539. He was also responsible for re-facing the Abbots House in the village and rebuilding the church (1503).

The listing for the Grade 2 building points to the 16th Century with its roof construction under the present roof and an open fireplace with moulded stone jambs and Tudor-arch head with recessed spandrels. It would definitely have been in Charde's time as the subsequent owners of Charmouth, the Petre and Pole families, lived in finer houses a distance from the village. There may well have been an earlier building on the site as in 1290 an earlier Abbot had instigated a borough with burgage plots stretching back from The Street. The house with its fine features was no doubt meant for the use of the Abbot or his representative.

After nearly four centuries of ownership by the Abbot of Forde, the Manor reverted briefly back to the Crown before being bought from Elizabeth I by the Caldwell brothers for just £25 in 1564. They in turn sold it to Sir William Petre, whose family were extremely wealthy and lived in Ingatestone in Essex. Ten years later they were to sell it to William Pole, who lived nearby at Shute, near Axminster. As both families had large estates they would have let the Manor or housed their steward there. This was to continue until 1648 when the village was at last to have a resident Lord of the Manor living in this house. We can be certain of this as the Hearth Tax of 1663 shows the largest property with six fireplaces being the Manor, owned by William Ellesdon. His was an important family of merchants who

A painting by Diana Sperling described as "The view from the Rectory at Charmouth" showing the Manor before being remodelled in 1889



had provided mayors and Members of Parliament on a number of occasions to nearby Lyme Regis. His own father,

Anthony, had been mayor on three occasions and had also bought the adjoining hamlet of Newlands in 1649, thereby reuniting the two parts of the village. It was William who so nearly succeeded in assisting in the escape of King Charles II to France in 1651 from Charmouth. He was to have two sons, Thomas and Anthony, both of whom appeared to live in Charmouth. The eldest, Thomas, may well have lived at Newlands Manor (now Stonebarrow Manor), which had belonged to the father. His brother Anthony was to spend most of his considerable years at the Old Manor opposite the Church. Thomas has left us a detailed inventory of all he owned at the time of his death in 1730 and it shows that his last days on earth were to be spent at his brother's manor house in Charmouth.

Anthony Ellesdon, according to the record on his memorial in the church, was a great benefactor to the village. Besides presenting a silver chalice and plate in 1716 and restoring the church in 1732, he also augmented the stipend of the rector with a gift of £200. The vestry book contains a copy of the standing vestry order "wrote by Counsellor Ellesdon's own hand" dated 7th April 1729 and concerning the ringing of the bells. Anthony died in November 1737 aged 79 and the Manor passed to his nephew Richard Henvil, a Bristol merchant who in due course erected an elaborate memorial to Anthony which was moved from the former church in 1838, as was a large tablet commemorating his re-edifying the church. The Manor House would no doubt have been let as the Henvils also owned the nearby Catherstone Manor House, a larger, more impressive building. They also had estates in St Kitts and one branch of the family lived there. Richard only lived for a few more years and it was his daughter Benedicta who in 1744 inherited the Manor. She also owned Catherstone and Newlands and may well have lived in one of the properties. She remained the Lady of the Manor for the next 35 years and her name appears at times in the records for the village. One of these reveals that in 1771, Thomas Rickard, her steward, leased the property on the corner of The Street and Lower Sea Lane (currently known today as the Pharmacy) from her for 6d per annum. At a court leet held on 5th Oct. 1770, it was stated that there ought to be a pair of stocks erected within the Manor at the expense of the Lady of the Manor. Later in her life she married the Rev. Joseph Durston and lived near Gloucester; they had no children and her estate went to a distant cousin living in St. Kitts.



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The Manor House (cont..)

Francis Phipps Henvill owned it briefly, but there is a detailed survey of the estate in Charmouth for 1783 showing the "Mansion House with its 3 rods and 25 perches of gardens". The estate was auctioned in 1788 and was virtually split in two with the grounds to the north of The Street (described as Backlands) being bought by the village's curate, Brian Combe, and those to the south known as 'Sealands' by Lieutenant James Warden. The Manor House had a new owner in the shape of Robert Davey who is shown paying 7s 4d land tax on the "Manor House" in the following year. There is a gravestone in the church showing that he died in 1803 aged 59 years.

The land tax for the following year shows that Simeon Bullen was new owner of the Manor and his family occupied it for the next 80 years. Simeon was the grandson of William Bullen of Cathanger in Fifehead, Somerset, who held an estate under the Wyndham Family in the 17th Century. He was kinsman of Bullen Reymis, brother-in-law of Wyndham. Bullen Reymis and Ellesden helped Lord Berkely to escape after the battle of Worcester, which led Wyndham to come to Ellesden to arrange for the escape of King Charles II. He died in 1822 aged 75 and left the Manor to his youngest son, John Bullen. He seems to have divided the house into 3 parts as is shown by the 1841 Tithe Map. The 1851 census for Charmouth show him as a retired solicitor originating from Stoke Abbot in Dorset living in the west part and his son Lieutenant Charles aged 39, occupying the other part with his wife Mary. The will for John, who died the following year revealed that the eastern part, where he was living, was to go to his great nephew John Bullen Symes, who added Bullen to his name and became known as Colonel Bullen. The eastern part remained with his son, Charles who was in due course to rise to the rank of

A photograph c.1890 showing two young chimney sweeps outside the Old Manor in 1890.



Captain in the Navy. Charles continued to live there until his death in 1884 and was buried in Charmouth church where there is a memorial to him. The property was briefly occupied by his wife, Mary and then inherited by his relation, John Tatchell Bullen of Marshwood Manor. In 1886 he sold this part of the Manor to his kinsman, Colonel J.B.S. Bullen who had been living in the other portion for £300. For a few years the Manor had just one owner. But in 1889 the Colonel bought the neighbouring Catherstone Estate and sold off the west wing of Charmouth Manor to Miss Mary Ann Miller who supposedly was responsible for the removal of the beautiful medieval leaded windows, replacing them with the sash windows seen today. He then briefly rented the rest to Dr William Kerbey and then to John Gillingham, his farm manager. He kept ownership until his death in 1938 and two years afterwards his trustees sold it to Reginald Forsey who owned the adjoining Backlands Farm. The family kept the central section and sold off the other part in 1940 to Silvia Cumine. By 1951 Gladys Forsey had bought the remainder from her relation and in due course her son William ran a dairy from the premises. There is still a link with this family in the ownership of the local taxi firm Floyds which continues to be operated at the rear of the Manor House.

It was then purchased at the beginning of the 20th century by Ernest Nunn and then the Johnstones. It was Mr. Johnstone who started the Charmouth Troop of Scouts in 1914. He also wrote and produced many plays in the Church Hall. Lewis Montgomery Jones then owned it and his mother and sister Nellie occupied the centre part. The father of Lewis had been the village schoolmaster from 1878 till shortly before his death in 1917. His son Peter Wilson Jones lived there from 1941 and then Mike Hendrick bought it in 1963. He ran the famous Charmouth Pottery and for a while ran a shop from the premises until the demise of the passing trade with the bypass. In 2009 he sold it to the Ingrams who after careful restoration now let it as a holiday cottage.

Their website www.charmouthmanor.com provides a glimpse into this historic house. Hilary Sharpe and her husband bought the middle section of the property from the Forseys, from where she now runs her Acupuncture practice. The Bulls' former stables are at the back of the house and approached by a narrow lane at the side of the garden. The large garden, which would have originally formed part of the 13th Century burgrave plot, has long since been developed. But if one looks closely there are still signs of a once great Manor House within its ancient walls.

I would like to thank Mike Kendrick, Hilary Sharpe and Ron Dampier for their assistance with this article.

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Lonesome isolation is not good for the soul.
My heart never beats or pulsates,
The rhythm is far too late.
Still I dawdle, ~
Like old times reminiscent of summers past,
Ever hoping that we will last.

As my reality dwindles, who will save us,
Growing salvation, I think not.
My time has come, yours hasn't.
Simple as that.

George Kingsley, aged 16

CHARMOUTH'S REVENGE

The residents of Charmouth say they've seen it all before,
"As soon as chunks of cliff break off and slide down on the shore,
Geologists arrive in hordes. It happens every time,
And all the B&Bs are filled from here along to Lyme.

Our coast erodes at rapid rates each time there's storms and gales,
But weather's not the only thing that eats away our shales:
Those rock-hounds come and hack away at landslips that aren't stable.
We put up signs and cordon off as much as we are able,

And warn 'em not to risk their lives, but do they listen? No,
They hurry past us to the beach – so we just let 'em go.
If they get buried, 'tis their fault; it should be no surprise.
'Tis not our job to dig 'em out – we let 'em fossilise!"

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Mary Anning...A Personal View



Mary Anning,
celebrated geologist of
Lyme Regis

Mary Anning remains an enigmatic and unusual individual whom history has treated with varying degrees of respect. On the one hand she is recognised as possessing unique skills of detection. Even during her lifetime it was said that she had an uncanny ability to locate fossils. For someone with little or no formal education, her quest to understand more about her finds, her 'verteberries' for example was truly impressive. As with so many pioneers, it is not often the case that they are fully appreciated within their own lifetimes and Mary's lifetime was cut short. She died of cancer a few months before her 48th birthday.

Much has been written about Mary and so it is difficult to distinguish between fact and fiction. She did not simply 'drift' into making fossil collecting a career, neither did it come about as a result of an all-consuming hobby; it was borne out of necessity. It was her father, Richard who would spend his Sundays walking the beach frontage at Black Ven looking for 'curiosities' to provide a supplementary income to the shop he owned with his wife, Mary (known as Molly). He was a carpenter so the shop would have been a heady mix of furniture, fresh fish and fossils! As a young child Mary would have helped clean the finds along with older brother Joseph in the workshop. She seems to have enjoyed beachcombing with her father and he in turn, enjoyed the company of his young daughter who he referred to as 'Mary girl'. Sadly, the happy hunting arrangement could not last as Richard died in 1810 leaving a pregnant wife and the two young children....destitution beckoned.

The Regency Period (1795-1820) was an exciting time in the world of science and in the growth of seaside tourism. 'Taking the waters' for the sake of one's health was popular and had been recommended to both King George 3rd and to his extravagant son the Prince Regent. Spa towns such as Bath and seaside towns such as Weymouth found themselves increasingly favoured by the wealthy middle classes who provided a welcome and lucrative source of income to these hitherto impoverished communities. These better educated and leisured ladies and gentlemen considered it polite to show an interest in the natural world so perhaps it is not surprising that little curiosities purchased from a seaside shop served to combine the idea of a little seaside souvenir with a morsel of intellectual stimulation. The fossil, purchased for a few pence or a shilling or two would have made a pretty conversation piece for the drawing room when the family returned home. Polite but inconsequential theories as to their origins abounded, for example ammonites were thought by some to be petrified snakes and as a result believed to be a powerful safeguard against snake bites.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing but we should remember that at this time (1810's) the idea of ancient animals that no longer existed was tantamount to heresy. A monumental treatise by Bishop James Ussher, (head of the Anglo-Irish Church in Ireland) published in 1650 calculated (from exhaustive Biblical research) that God had created the world in October 4004BC. For the next 300 years no-one had the temerity to question his mathematics or his

deductions. So the true nature of these odd little 'stones' that were mysteriously buried in the soft cliffs of Black Ven was little understood even to the point of not realising that they had once been live creatures. We should remember that at this time, they rarely had formal names; the word 'Dinosaur' for example (meaning 'terrible lizard' in Greek) was not coined until 1841. It was certainly not within the gift of a young, uneducated teenage girl from a poor but religious background and from a small town in rural Dorset to start pontificating upon the origins of the pieces she collected; they were principally a saleable commodity.

However, in the interests of furthering sales, Mary made it her business to become proficient in explaining (in her own terms of course; she had no formal training) to customers what she knew about the fossils she had found and cleaned. Mary could read and write and was an enthusiastic reader. As time went by, her knowledge and understanding grew to the point where more 'respectable' gentlemen scientists would visit Lyme, seek her out and discuss/purchase her wonderful specimens. In her middle years, she regularly corresponded with the geological luminaries of the day such as Henry De La Beche, William Buckland, Gideon Mantell and even the great French anatomist Georges Cuvier.

These geologists and anatomists were using Mary's discoveries more and more and the dawning realisation that these were ancient animals that simply did not exist any more was causing controversy, theological wrangling and schism amongst educated people in many countries. Her discoveries became key pieces of evidence for extinction, a concept that did not exist until the Regency period. Theories abounded and we should now think of them as the preparatory scoping studies for Darwin's great Theory of Evolution published just 12 years after Mary's death.

As a woman, Mary was not allowed to enter the hallowed world of Royal Societies and Universities but through sheer persistence and determination, Black Ven gradually yielded its secrets to her and she in turn gave them to the scientific community. It is perhaps wrong to call her a 'scientist' but then what shall we call her, a palaeontologist? For it was said that she understood "more of the science of paleontology than anyone else in this kingdom." She was certainly much more than a technician, she provided the raw evidence that the 'great men' needed to prepare us for the story of where we, as a species came from and the fascinating tale of our ancient earth....and Black Ven was her laboratory!

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Gigapan and the Jurassic Coast



Gigapan image of the coast from Charmouth foreshore

Gigapan is an extraordinary panoramic camera system that not only enables huge landscapes to be photographed seamlessly but also in amazing detail.

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Richard using the Epic Pro in the undercliff to the west of Lyme Regis

GigaPan was developed by Carnegie Mellon University in collaboration with NASA Ames Intelligent Robotics Group, with support from Google; that is a pretty impressive pedigree! The images can be geo-rectified in Google Earth and explored through it but rather than try and explain how that works, it is best to have a go yourselves.

The Fine Family Foundation originally paid for a number of the basic gigapan systems and a two day course for a selection of people from the Jurassic Coast to train to use it. The Foundation

*Right;
A zoomed-in
image taken
from the photo
above of the top
of Golden Cap*



has now also donated an 'Epic Pro' that can take a digital SLR to the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Team. It is like going from a scooter to a racing bike because the camera chip and lens optics are so much better.

I have been using gigapan to try to capture change along the coast and have found that it is very good for repeat photography. But that is all very much 'work in progress' as I need to wait for the coast to change! There are lots of images that are simply about the coast. Gigapan is particularly useful because you can take snapshots of features within the images and talk about them. A further theme has been the building stones along the coast, illustrated through images of the churches. There are also a number of images of museum displays, including the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and a virtual fossil hunt on the beach. For all these applications, the system is also very good as a panoramic camera and or camera to photograph difficult and enclosed areas. The dense, wooded undercliff is a very good example.

But the trouble is that there is never enough time! The long term aim is to embed the images into web pages and content about the various topics photographed. For now, explore gigapan for yourself at www.gigapan.org. Simply search for 'Jurassic Coast' or 'fofs'. Beware; there are a lot of people out there doing this across the world; hours could pass by.....!

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Charmouth Heritage Coast centre

Well, summer has definitely arrived in Charmouth.

The Centre has had a very busy year so far with all the holidays being blessed with wonderful weather and many visitors to the beach and Centre. Following the Easter holidays the Centre took part in the Fossil Festival 2011, with half the warden team running the fossil events from Charmouth and the other half of the team based in Lyme Regis in the Marquee and taking Rockpool rambles. The Centre was fully booked on both days for all the events scheduled and over 15,000 people visited the marquee in Lyme Regis, so a very busy weekend was had by all.

On Tuesday 24th May the Centre celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Friends, staff and guests of the Centre marked the occasion with a buffet lunch at the Centre in the afternoon and over 75 people attending. Friends of the Centre travelled from near and far to join in the celebrations and it was great to see so many faces that have supported the Centre over its lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Charmouth village for their continued support of the Centre and hope that we will still be here in another 25 years.

The Whitsun half-term has proved to be another busy period with over 700 people participating on the fossil walks and Rockpool Rambles over the week. Our visitor numbers have now swelled to 28,000 for the year so far. We hope that this is an indication of another busy season here at the Centre as we have been fully booked on school visits in the summer term for over a month now and are now taking bookings for the Autumn term. We have even had schools trying to book in for next summer already in order to secure their preferred dates. While on the subject of schools and education, we have had a pupil from Woodroffe School on work experience in mid June for two weeks. He lives in the village and it is great to have the next generation of the village interested in the site and the work that we do. I won't name him just in case he would be embarrassed....you know what teenagers can be like!

Success for the Centre

During 2010 The Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre had a record total of 88,000 visitors. Many of these were visitors who were staying in the area and, therefore, supporting the shops, hotels and local businesses.

When they arrive at the Centre the very impressive displays will soon attract their attention but they need a friendly greeting as they walk in and this is where we need help. A group of people who call themselves "The Friends of Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre" provide this important function and more helpers are needed. If you can help by giving some of your time it will be much appreciated. You do not have to do this regularly as by using a rota system people can be fitted in at a time and on a day when they are available.

During 2011 it is expected that there will be as many, if not more, holiday makers than last year so will you become one of the team of Friends to meet and greet our visitors? For more information or to volunteer, contact one of the Wardens at the Centre either by calling in for a chat or by telephone (560772)

Chris Horton

Chairman of The Friends - 560134

The Junior Wardens (Year 5 & 6 children from Charmouth Primary School) have returned for their summer season at the Centre, meeting on Thursday afternoons, and who will be assisting the warden's team in a wide variety of activities. If any children are interested in joining you can contact Nikki or Meirel at the Centre or Mr Vincent at school. We have great plans for a major project for the Junior Wardens for the Autumn term as well, but we are having to keep it under our hats for the moment until we hear back from the funding applications - fingers crossed - all will be revealed in the next issue of Shoreline, so watch this space!

Over the summer holidays we have a large number of events planned here at the Centre including a whole week of activities for Marine Week, which runs from Saturday 30th July to Friday 5th August. We have boat trips out from Lyme Regis looking at the coast and trawling for plankton, fossil hunting walks, Rockpool Rambles, aquarium tours and many oceans of fun art and craft sessions during the week. All the events are detailed in our Marine Week leaflet which can be picked up from the Centre.

Moving on into September we have our Friends barbeque on Thursday 8th September which is a time for the Friends and staff to have a nice evening together down at the beach after a busy summer season.

As always we like to welcome new volunteers at the Centre so we have planned a Friends of CHCC open day on Wednesday 21st September from 1.30pm - 4.30pm. The wardens and current volunteers of the Centre will be on hand for the afternoon to answer questions about the work that we do here and the many volunteer roles available. Refreshments will also be provided and posters will be distributed around the village nearer the time with more details.

Meirel Whaites (Senior Warden) 560772

Review for the West Dorset Fossil Collecting Code

The West Dorset coast is one of the most famous and important fossil localities in the world and forms part of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

A fossil collecting code has been in place since the late 1990's which aims to provide the best chance for the fossils, some of which are internationally important, being recovered from the eroding coastline.

The code works with collectors and the major landowners and recognises the collector's skill, dedication and effort in rescuing the fossils that would otherwise be damaged or destroyed by the very process that exposes them; erosion caused by the wind, rain and sea.

The code is now open to review and a consultation period is running from June to September. The review documents can be accessed on the Jurassic Coast web site at:

www.jurassiccoast.com

or the URL:

<http://www.jurassiccoast.com/299/managing-the-site-37/whs-management-167/fossil-code-review-803.html>

The Coastguards

Life jackets save lives - if you are going afloat, working around water or fishing, always wear your life jacket. Whatever the weather, the sea is extremely unpredictable and can turn at a moment's notice. A life jacket will buy you vital time in the water and could save your life, but only if you're wearing it - it's useless unless worn.

Many people don't wear a life jacket because they greatly underestimate the risk of falling into the water and don't appreciate the danger of cold water shock. As a result far too many people feel that a life jacket is unnecessary. This was one of the findings of research commissioned in 2010 by MCA and RNLI. The report looked in detail at why people don't wear life jacket and explored ways to encourage them to change their minds.

When you fall into cold water, your blood pressure increases and you begin gasping for air. If you're not wearing a life jacket that lifts your airways out of the water, you can breathe in enough water to drown. If you do fall in, don't attempt to swim unless you're really close to your boat. Relax as much as you can and find something to hold onto while your body adapts and you regain control of your breathing. After this, you'll have up to 20 minutes to call for help or get back on board.

Accidents can happen at any time in any weather. The water around the UK is cold all year round. You won't

survive for long if you fall in and it's often surprisingly difficult to get back on board your boat once you're in the water. A life jacket will double your chances of survival and will aid you being located.



For the last three years, a panel comprising experts from Maritime & Coastguard Agency, RNLI, RYA, Marine Accident Investigation Branch, industry and academia have met to analyse the year's fatal maritime incidents. The panel makes a judgment about whether it is probable, possible or unlikely that the person involved could have been saved had they been wearing a life jacket or buoyancy aid. In 2007-9 the panel agreed that 65 lives would probably or possibly have been saved had they been wearing a life jacket.

Sixteen lives might have been saved last year, had those involved been wearing a life jacket. Given the circumstances in which people may find themselves in the water, certainly without the time to don a life jacket, it makes sense to wear one all the time. That is why the Coastguard is uncompromising in their message - always wear a life jacket.

Nick Bale

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Local Food Links

Local Food Links Ltd is a community owned social enterprise, set up in 2006 to bring back freshly prepared hot school meals made with local ingredients to primary schools across Dorset. It now operates within 23 schools, a children's centre and four nurseries, serving more than 1,000 meals a day from two hub kitchens in Bridport and Blandford and was the first school caterer to be awarded a Gold Mark Catering Award by the Food for Life Partnership. It also provides catering for older people at a number of lunch clubs and day centres across the area, www.localfoodlinks.org.uk

Local Food: has been developed by a consortium of 15 national environmental organisations, and is managed on their behalf by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT).

Meet & Eat - Cooking with the Over 50's

We would like to invite you to our forthcoming Cookery Workshops at Local Food Links where you can make friends whilst you learn new recipes and then take home samples of what you have made.

Sessions cost £7.50 and run from 2.00 - 3.30 pm on the dates below:

Wed 6th July - Eating Al Fresco

Wed 13th July - Nice & Spicy

Wed 20th July - Ready, Steady, Cook (please bring an ingredient!)

To book contact Suzie King:

Email: suzie.king@localfoodlinks.org.uk

Telephone: 01308 428924

or return the slip below.

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I would like to attend workshops on the following dates (please Tick)

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Suzie King, Local Food Links, Unit 17, St Michael's Trading Estate, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RR.

Supported by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme, Local Food will distribute grants to a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible. www.localfood.org

Healthy food commitment for whole community

Caroline Morgan, Assistant Director, said: "We are committed to providing healthy, affordable and locally sourced food to the community, recognising the importance to people of good nutritional food."

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Local Food Programme, the enterprise has expanded into working with older people by providing regular lunch clubs, meals on wheels and cookery workshops for the over 50s.

Gillian Reynolds, Local Food Links Catering Manager said: "These are excellent opportunities for people in the community to get involved in cooking and learn how to use fresh, seasonal and healthy produce in the meals they make."

Piano Concert 2011



Sarah Smith and Rose Trafford performing to an enthusiastic audience at the Community Hall.

Sunday 10th April was a warm, sunny afternoon for "Piano Pieces" second concert. Parents, relatives and friends gathered at St Andrew's Community Hall to listen to 20 of Sarah Smith's pupils playing piano. The participants ranged from aged 8 to adults. Even those children who had started learning piano just three months previously, enthusiastically contributed to an afternoon of musical entertainment.

The music included contemporary, classical and jazz styles, with some exam pieces and duets. At the end of the afternoon, Harry Aldworth played a jazz duet with Sarah, followed by Amy Walkett and Abby Hepper each singing a solo, accompanied by Sarah on the piano. Tea and cakes (kindly provided by parents and relatives) were served at the end. Jill Hiller had arranged a beautiful pedestal flower arrangement.

These concerts are an opportunity for pupils to play piano in front of an audience, and also to listen to other pupils perform. Sarah (who has been teaching piano in Charmouth for nearly four years) believes that this helps to build pupils' confidence in their ability to play piano. Although not a charity event, £100 profits were sent to the NSPCC.



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Charmouth Gardeners

The monthly outing in May started with a visit to Sally Gregson's garden and continued with a visit to Bristol Zoo. This was a surprise because it was small, but very well laid out around pleasant plants and shrubs to suit the animals or insects' needs and food. The emphasis at the zoo is on conservation and the only large animals were primates and a pair of lions with their twin cubs.

The list of outings include Dartmouth and Greenway in June and Kilver Court in July and the big event of the Gardeners' year is the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW held in Charmouth's Village Hall and Community Hall on Saturday 13th August. All details from the Secretary, Mrs Kay Churchman on 560980.

Charmouth Gardeners Visit to Dunster

Wednesday 13th April saw the first trip of the year to Exmoor and Dunster Castle. Although the weather was rainy, it seemed to be enjoyed by all - particularly the first stop for coffee in Exford, a beautiful village with strong equestrian connections. We continued up the Exe Valley to the village of Dunster where we had lunch first as there were no catering facilities at the castle. Dunster Village, even in the rain, was very attractive with many old shops, houses, etc. A lovely old butter market in the centre is reputed to have a neat hole in one of its beams caused by a shot fired from a canon at the Castle during an early rebellion.

Then on to the Castle with its very steep slopes and a daunting large set of steps up to the entrance. We were puffed out before we had started, unlike those who chose

New Season of Bridge

The long-established bridge section at Lyme Regis Golf Club will start a new season in October and new members are welcome.

You don't need to be a member of the golf club to join the bridge section. Non club members pay a subscription of £10 a year for the season that runs from the beginning of October until the end of March plus a £2 a session table fee. Club members pay just a 50p a session table fee.

The Duplicate sessions are held on a Monday evening starting at 7pm and ending around 10pm or before. Numbers usually vary between 10 and 16 pairs.

A number of sessions are planned for Wednesday evenings this winter to gently introduce those only used to playing rubber bridge to the basics of the duplicate system. Players of all standards with some experience of the best of all card games are welcome. Complete novices can be given assistance in getting lessons locally.

Lyme Regis is a friendly, social club which holds a convivial annual dinner and invites members to join a spring bridge weekend at a hotel in Bournemouth.

The chairman of the bridge section this year is Gordon Hall, also well known as the president of Charmouth Bowls Club.

If you are interested in joining or finding our more contact Gordon on 01297 560310, secretary Peter Hurst (01297 560678), or committee members Sandra Shefferd (01297 34547) and Rosamund Hadwin (01297 444188).

to use the mini bus! The Castle itself was full of interesting items, including several very large paintings on leather. None of us had seen leather used as base material for art before. Another item to catch our eyes was the bath - reputed to be only the second to be installed in the UK after Buckingham Palace. It was absolutely huge by modern standards: approx 6 feet long and 2.5 feet deep and required a step to get into it. Getting out was probably more difficult, but they had installed a good stout oak pole and a bell rope to call the butler! The imagination boggles.

The views from the Castle were very good on all sides and we even saw a ship in the Bristol Channel. Exmoor with trees in bloom and early spring leaf is a joy.

Dudley Jarvis

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Bee Keeping In The Garden

Tempted by the low course fees offered to local people, I persuaded my friend to come on a bee keeping course with me at Monkton Wyld Court. As I love buying local honey and my family eat quite a lot of it, I wondered if I was brave enough to keep bees in my garden. There were 7 people on the course. Five of us were local, one from Oxford and one from Brittany in France. He had been treated by his family for his birthday and had a nest of bees in a barrel in a hedge and he wanted to relocate them.

The first morning was a very interesting session all about identifying bees, with anecdotes from David Wiscombe who has been a beekeeper for many years. Then in the afternoon, it was off to view his hives. We donned our protective clothing and David showed us how to light our smokers to subdue the bees. The bees were not flying that day as it was below 16 degrees and raining off and on so the hives were full of slightly annoyed bees. After a few puffs from the smoker, David opened the hive and showed us the amazing colonies of busy workers (females!), lazy drones (males!) and the queen bee. Due to the lack of availability of food and very dry weather, some of the hives needed to be fed with a sugar solution. After a few minutes, we had bees buzzing all around us and plenty crawling on us - I did feel slightly nauseous but I practiced my yogic

breathing and was brave enough to handle a frame of bees without getting stung through my rubber gloves.

The next morning was brighter and we went to visit another set of hives. Now we were starting to recognise the eggs, larvae and sealed brood (some times with worker bees emerging), spot the queen and tell the drones from the workers. We were taking the frames from the hives and using the smoker with more confidence. The final session in the afternoon was practical tips to start keeping bees.

I already have a bee hive in my garden and with any luck, I might attract a swarm. My friend is just about to embark on buying a hive and a 'nuc' which is a queen bee and workers on a set of frames. Knowing more about the bees has given me more confidence to be around them, I now take much more notice of the different types of bees and the flowers they are feeding from. At the moment, they are all over the emerging bramble flowers, so rather than cutting them down this year, I am leaving them for the bees.

So if any one sees a swarm hanging up anywhere, do let me know!

Mary Elliot 560924

New Plans for Monkton Wyld Court

From March of this year, Monkton Wyld Court is pleased to offer a limited number of subsidised spaces to south west Dorset residents on certain courses and workshops in our programme related to land-based and traditional rural skills. For three day courses ranging from Beekeeping to Scything, five spaces will be made available on each course at a cost of £30 non-residential or £50 residential (a discount of 80%) on a first-come-first-served basis. Subsidies will also be available on one-day workshops including foraging and charcoal making, up to five local participants per course at £10 each (as opposed to £35 or more).

This has been made possible through generous funding awarded this year by Chalk + Cheese to the Skills for Self Reliance project. Monkton Wyld Court is a partner organisation of the project, along with other area education providers including Trill Farm, Windmill Training and Yeovil

College. The project, administered through Bridport Local Area Skills Training, 'is geared to delivering economic benefit to, and helping people to remain working in, our local area'.

For more information about Skills for Self Reliance and the growing range of courses and resources on offer from the various partner groups, please contact project coordinator Stephen Yates on 07720892944 or go to the project website: www.ecoskills2020.co.uk.

Monkton Wyld Court also invites local gardeners of all levels of experience to join us in our organic walled kitchen garden every Thursday from 10am (weather permitting). Volunteers work with our resident gardeners on a variety of tasks in exchange for the good company, fresh air and satisfaction of working with the earth. And they're welcome to join us for lunch or have some veg to take home (as available), too! Prior booking is appreciated

For a complete listing of subsidised courses and workshops at Monkton Wyld Court, please telephone 01297 560342. For Trill Farm, ring 01297 631113

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Nature and Nurture

Part 1: Is it my genes, Doc?

Everybody knows that the way to stay healthy for as long as possible is to eat five portions of vegetables a day, exercise regularly, avoid becoming overweight and never smoke. A happy marriage also helps, statisticians tell us. Oh, and if despite all that you have high blood pressure and high cholesterol, make sure you swallow those pills. But why does any of this only seem to help some people and not others?

Whilst medical science has been fairly good at seeing what goes on in the body, it has found it difficult to discover why common diseases like cancer and heart disease pick on some people, and how exactly it relates to how we live and what our bodies are exposed to from the environment. And why do people differ in their responses to medicines. The environment means everything our bodies are exposed to from the womb to the grave; from the fluid that bathes our cells to the mother's love, and from the food we eat to cosmic rays. This is all prosaically referred to as "nurture". Scientists have long suspected that some people have genes (their "nature") which predispose them to be affected in certain ways by the environment. Indeed, we know that a lot of disorders and susceptibilities to certain diseases are "heritable", meaning that they occur more often throughout family trees than can be accounted for by chance.

Although the individual genes that contribute to our nature are said to have been identified and mapped it was soon realised that those genes could not be responsible for the variety of predispositions for disease.

What exactly are Genes, then? Genes are normally thought of as "codes" in our body cells, occurring in pairs, one set from each parent. For some gene pairs only one is active, but for most pairs both sets of genes contribute to varying degrees. They determine the development of our individual characteristics.

In fact genes do far more than that; they control every ongoing process in the body, all the time, at molecular level in the body cells. There are millions of tasks to be controlled throughout the lifetime of a body. Yet the human genome only contains 23,000 pairs of genes. How can they possibly do all these jobs?

In fact the figure of "23,000" (which has constantly been revised downwards in the past 10 years) refers to the individual genes that are known to be active at various times and places in the body and have been located (mapped) at identifiable sections on the chromosomes, - long spiralling DNA molecules. But this takes no account of the massive interactions between those genes.

Genes code for different proteins. Rather than "codes", it is easier to think of genes as "moulds" in a production line making their proteins. In fact, the moulds can act either wholly or partly, either singly or in combination with each other, and are therefore capable of making hundreds of thousands of different proteins. Some of these proteins go to make up the physical structures of the body, but most are enzymes that catalyse the huge numbers of specific reactions that make up the body's processes (which also includes tissue growth and cell migration, determining shape). Genes work in complex chains or cascades, multiplying their possible actions to a number that is astronomical. Most characteristics, such as part of an organ

or a personality trait, involve hundreds or thousands of genes.

However, those moulds, coding genes, only make up 1.5% of the total DNA in the genome. The remaining DNA contains regulator genes to control coding genes, enhancing or diminishing them, or turning them on or off, providing the control over where and when individual genes do their work. Many genes are active only at certain times and certain parts of the body during our lives, part of a complex chain of events. Although the basic genetic codes are fixed they can be manipulated in many ways by the controls on them.

Furthermore, the non-coding DNA also contains huge numbers of inactive *copies* of coding genes but with tiny differences. These copies are referred to as Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms, SNPs. Different family trees vary enormously in the SNPs they carry. These variant genes are non-functional by being folded through a simple chemical bond. They mostly remain inactive from generation to generation. However, sometimes they can be unfolded through a stimulus from the environment which breaks the bond, allowing them to become active coding genes which can cause changes in the body. In a changing environment, the ability to rapidly change the variety of characteristics in this manner is an evolutionary advantage for the species as a whole. However, this ability to become folded or unfolded also makes genes vulnerable to harmful switches.

Whereas actual changes to the codes in the DNA are referred to as "mutations", the switching on or off of genes already present in the genome is referred to as "epi-genetic" change.

The genome only varies by less than 0.1% between people. Even a single tiny difference in one gene, part of a tiny link in a complex chain, can result in a different characteristic. Whilst the differences in coding genes tend to be permanent and passed on from generation to generation, epigenetic changes can tend to back to their original state for the next generation. However, many activated variant copies can be passed to the next generation in their active form. Some such epigenetic changes have been observed to persist for 4 generations before reverting again.

Now we are getting somewhere. Is your hair going grey? If you had listened carefully you would have heard the sound of genes being switched on. Have you developed asthma recently out of the blue, whilst no-one else in your family seems to have had it? This is due to a previously dormant gene being switched on. Whilst both are examples of epigenetic changes, the first example is part of the sequence of programmed genetic activity (nature), the second is an unprogrammed change, likely to have been triggered by the environment (nurture).

In fact most long term (i.e. chronic) diseases that people develop are due to epigenetic changes, triggered by an array of environmental factors throughout life. Take cancer, for example, which is mostly due certain housekeeping genes called tumour suppressor genes becoming switched off. They are important, because DNA in cells often becomes damaged, which occasionally can cause the abnormal cell to divide out of control, forming cancerous tissue. Each tissue type has its own tumour suppressor genes which produce proteins that act to stop cells with damaged DNA from dividing. Tumour suppressor genes can be inactivated by becoming chemically folded due to factors

Nature and Nurture (cont..)

in the environment, such as chemicals in cigarette smoke. Some family lines already have a folded copy of a tumour suppressor gene; although each member will also be passed an active version of the gene from the unaffected parent, it makes them more prone to cancer in the affected tissue.

We are what we eat. This is more true for some than for others. The obesity and diabetes "epidemic" that is sweeping the Western world has recently been shown to be due to epigenetic switching. The way the body handles the fats and carbohydrates we eat is governed by hundreds of different genes. A number of family lines carry inactive alternative versions of some of these genes...

Obesity. In evolutionary terms, a diet that is low in protein and vitamins could mean that the environment has an uncertain food supply with potential periods of famine. The low provision of protein and vitamins to the unborn baby or developing child causes a switching-on of certain alternative genes that encourage more efficient build up of fat stores from any food that is available. At the same time these genes dull the sense of feeling sated, enabling further gorging when food is available. This confers a real advantage against the expected famine. Of course, if the famine does not materialise and there's a fully stocked Tesco's nearby, continued intake of carbohydrates and fats will result in obesity. It is difficult to switch these genes off again. To be sure, there are so many different genes involved that there is great variety in the type and severity of obesity. Some people will increase their fat-storing efficiency using dietary fats, others using carbohydrates, or both.

We are what we ate. Children are particularly sensitive to these epigenetic switches during growth phases: in the uterus, straight after birth, pre-teen and adolescence. This is when a diet that consists mainly of fat and carbohydrate can set a child's "efficiency to store fat", determining the tendency to obesity for life. Some of these activated genes work together with other genes that do not kick in until adulthood. Therefore the consequences of a poor diet before birth or in childhood may not appear until later in life.

Diabetes. Some forms of weight gain which involve storage of white fat mainly in the abdomen, is associated with epigenetic changes that makes body tissues less sensitive to insulin. Insulin is produced by the pancreas in response to sugar entering the blood. This sugar is a product of digestion of the carbohydrates that we eat. Insulin then pushes the sugar into body cells where it is used as fuel or it can be stored as fat. Too much fat storage can switch on those alternative genes, if present, that result in cells becoming increasingly resistant to insulin. Although initially more insulin is produced to make up, eventually too much sugar is left in the blood, -which is **type 2 diabetes**. If sugar cannot be absorbed by body cells much of this sugar is then wasted in the urine, which, ironically, can then cause weight loss. Excess sugar in the blood can trigger a host of other epigenetic changes causing tissue damage.

As well as insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes sooner or later also involves certain epigenetic changes in the pancreas itself which reduces insulin production. In some type 2 diabetics this is the main problem from the outset. They

tend not to be overweight and have little insulin resistance. (By the way, the cause of **type 1** diabetes is nothing to do with diet. It is thought to be due to genetic susceptibility with added epigenetic changes which makes the pancreas vulnerable to damage from immune activity, triggered by a certain virus in childhood).

We are what our grandmothers ate. What is important to realise is, once epigenetic changes have occurred they can be passed to the next generation. Mothers that feed their children a diet consisting mainly of carbohydrate and fat, low in protein and vitamins, may potentially affect their grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren. In fact, for many people struggling to keep their weight down today, their epigenetic switches took place as a result of their grandmother's poor diet in the war years before and during pregnancy.

And what about the numerous epigenetic changes that smoking can cause...

The recent insight into epigenetics has revolutionised our knowledge of the way that genes and the environment physically make us **what** we are. But what about **who** we are? For centuries people have debated what gives us our personalities and dispositions, our intelligence and drives: nature or nurture? Could epigenetics possibly have something to say about that? Watch this space.

Dr Martin Beckers

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Eva Was Back in The Gallery

Walking the Earth

At the end of January I treated myself to a ten day walk in Cornwall, on a ley line (the Mary line) and fell in love with earth, cows... Being aware what hard work it is to be a farmer I admired them more and more for their contribution to our society- unsung heroes! I documented my walk with photographs, mapping sketches and a few drawings. I also wrote 3 pages every day, sometimes more. Back home I decided to make this material the basis for my next project.

Out of this experience and accompanying a farmer on a normal working day back home, came my installation consisting of earth, wheat, photos - a homage to earth.

I created this installation in the shop in Langley House where it was housed till the end of June. Having used the shop for my exhibition East meets West two years ago I was very happy to move in with some new work. This exhibition was part of my degree show for Plymouth university.

It was a great experience meeting people from the village, holiday makers and artists from the area.



One of the photo's that Eva took on her earth walk.

In September I will be exhibiting Oder/Main/Tables in Frankfurt(Main) Germany. I created these last October together with David Rogers (Bridport) to mark the 20th year of the unification of Germany and we exhibited them in Frankfurt(Oder) Germany last October.

Eva Fahle-Clouts

Bymead Remembers



Bymead House held its first 'Memories' Sunday Service on June 12th, during which residents and relatives celebrated and remembered the lives of those no longer with us. The United Reformed Church was pleased to hold the service and many families were able to attend.

As part of the afternoon our new 'Memory Garden' was blessed and plants donated by relatives, friends and staff were planted. The Cream Teas were very popular and a cake sale raised over £180 for the Residents Activity Fund. Liz Wilson, Manager, said "As part of our Gold Standards Framework for End of Life Care Accreditation it was decided to hold the service for all of us to be able to remember the past residents of Bymeade. The service will now become an annual event".

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*Above left:
Bymead's newly opened memory garden.*

See page 30 for future events at Bymeade.

Royal Wedding Street Party



This wonderful village of ours came up trumps again and people donated loads of cakes, sandwiches, sausage rolls and other delights which were piled on the tables along with table decorations, party poppers and drinks supplied free by Charmouth Traders. A brilliant effort by all concerned.

We had power donated by Mike Bowditch and our chemist Francis Lock, which enabled us to supply tea and coffee and to have music, announcer facilities and our candy floss machine.

Charmouth Cherubs supplied toys for the youngsters, whilst Maggie Pratt and her daughter spent the whole time face painting all the kids.

29th April 2011

The party was held in Lower Sea Lane as it's the centre of the village and was easy walking for most people!

We managed, at the last minute, to get the Punch & Judy show that we have at the August Fayre to come and put on a performance. This was a great start to the festivities and encouraged lots of children and their parents to attend.

The Old Bank

The Old Bank Café is now open 5 days a week including Mondays, extending to 6 days from mid-July. Our opening hours are displayed on the door. Breakfast is always a favourite start to the day, served up until 11.30, with lunches starting at 12 noon through to 2.00. The new summer menu includes hot dishes, seasonal salads, jacket potatoes and sandwiches with various fillings, along with a selection of hot paninis. Each day will also feature a special of the day and every Friday our 'famous' fish pie is served!

Homemade cakes and toasted teacakes are available as well as cream teas which feature our own baked scones. The dessert menu includes a selection of Marshfield ice cream flavours and last summer we introduced our Sundae Menu which proved extremely popular. When was the last time you had a Knickerbocker Glory or a Banana Split?

Sunday Roast is served at 2 sittings, either 12.30 or 2.00 and we advise you book to ensure a table. This is a very good value 2 course lunch which includes dessert and tea or coffee. Many customers bring their own wine!

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We had a superb turnout well in excess of 400 people who were amazed that all but the candy floss and face painting were free of charge and who then donated generously when the bucket went round!

I must say so many people thanked us for a brilliant time and said how much they appreciated the effort put in by the village. Many were envious of the Charmouth spirit which never ceases to amaze me too. It is one of the many reasons I am proud to tell people I live in Charmouth!!

Well done Charmouth. Please get ready for next year as we will do something similar for the Queen's Jubilee. Watch this space, you have been warned.

A big thank you to all who helped make it such a brilliant party.

Peter Noel

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run and Challenge the very best
of luck!*

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Kenya - Update

Crisis in Kenya - unfortunately there is a food shortage in Kenya, especially maize and beans which is the staple food at the Gideons orphanage and makes up 80% of their food intake.

During the month of June, maize has increased in price from 3,000KS (£20) a sack (which lasts one month) to 6,000KS (£41) and beans from £21 to £60 a sack. Through kind donations from village people and church folk in Bridport, we have been able to send much-needed money out for them to buy food for the children. They are so appreciative of all that people do for them and want me to express their gratitude. There is no World Vision or Save the Children Fund or government feeding programmes or welfare to help them - just us. We are very grateful that since our last article, several Charmouth families are now sponsoring children at the orphanage which guarantees these children at least one meal a day.

Our next visit is planned for July. Sophie will be flying out to Kisumu at the beginning of the month, followed by me 5 weeks later. We are looking forward to spending time at the Gideons Orphanage with Newton and also to helping Zachy at Peace Home Orphanage and our special friend Allan and his family. With the help of Ellie Hatcher we were able to build a shower room for Allan and provide his children with much needed bunk beds and mattresses, so it will be good to visit them and see how they are getting on.

On our last visit we started a knitting club for the widows. We taught them to knit squares to make and sell blankets at the market and we heard recently that they sold their first blanket which helped provide food for their children. We are excited about visiting them and taking more wool - thank you to all those who donated wool and those making jumpers - we are still happy to take any unwanted wool.



We have been given the opportunity of sending a container to Kenya in either August or September. If you have any unwanted bikes, desks, beds, toys, blankets etc then please let us know and we can arrange to collect.

We are having a Charity for a Charity Day on the 6th August at the Village Hall in Wesley Close. The cost of a table is £6 and any profit from this will go to our projects in Kenya. Everything you take on the day we hope will make a difference to whatever you have in your heart. If you have a charity or are supporting a charity and would like a table at this event, then please contact us on 01297 560352 or email us at awakenlove@hotmail.co.uk

Nicky and Sophie Maclachlan

Dance Classes for children

My name is Niclaire Skye and I teach Children's Ballet and Tap classes each Wednesday 4 - 5pm for children aged 4 - 9 at the Village Hall. Class prices are affordable to encourage all. In August we shall also be offering a 'street dance work-shop'.

On Friday June 10th 2011, four of the Charmouth students joined the Axminster students to perform ballet in 'Dance, Dance, Dance' at The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil. 20 children in all, ages between 4 - 11, performed a ballet presentation of 'Memories' music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

10 dancers aged 6 - 11 performed a contemporary dance to Timberlake's 'Apologise'.

Both Charmouth and Axminster students have the chance to also appear on December 3rd in a 'Christmas Show' at the Axminster Guildhall. This is a show open to all local performing talent. All proceeds are donated to a local school towards helping children develop their techniques in dance, music, theatre, equipment and performance skills. Last year Axminster Primary School benefited. Before that, Woodroffe School.

During August, workshops for the December show will be held in Charmouth Village Hall on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons with space to be booked in advance.

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Charmouth Cherubs



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A couple of weeks ago we were sorry to say goodbye to Lindsay as one of the organisers of Cherubs. She continued to run sessions for several months despite moving back to Blandford Forum in the New Year but now needs to concentrate on her new career in childminding. We hope to see Lindsay again from time to time when she

is in the area and she has kindly offered to help with the cake stand at the Fayre. Lindsay made a great contribution to Charmouth Cherubs which included setting up the website charmouthcherubs.co.uk.

If anyone else would like to help run Cherubs we would very much appreciate it. It would involve running a session every 3-4 weeks (depending how many volunteers there are) and helping set up and pack away when possible in between. It's lots of fun thinking up activities, I particularly like the messy ones I wouldn't do at home! If you are interested please email charmouthcherubs@yahoo.co.uk or call me on 560180

Thanks to the Charmouth Traders Association we have some new equipment, especially for babies. There is a lovely mix of ages from a few months up to pre-school. This will be the last term at Cherubs for those older ones. Freya and Scott start school in September. Due to the logistics of school drop offs, playgroup pick-ups etc, Kathryn and I have decided that while keeping the finish time of 11.30am we will need to go back to the later start time of 10am to allow time to set up from September. Although slightly shorter we will still make time for an activity, snack time and singing and you are welcome to come in earlier while we set up if that is more convenient. The hall hire rate has increased but we will not increase the price which means it will have stayed the same over two hall hire rises.

Returning to mention of the cake stand at the Fayre we would be very grateful to anyone who can make cakes or sweets for us to sell. A poster will go up nearer the time. Also, if any of the groups around Charmouth would like to come and do an activity with the children that would be lovely. The Library Service did some story reading in the Autumn and the Children's Service have come a couple of times.

Caroline Linney

How Light Began



The Bible tells us; 'And God created the Universe, and it was dark'...

So God turned to her husband and said, "Darling, what should I do about all of this darkness?"

And her husband in his wisdom replied, "Here, try this." And God's husband lit a match and there was light.

"Oh darling, that's wonderful," Said God – always in awe of her husband...

So for a while God and her husband lived in semi-darkness, with just the flickering light of a match to show them the way. Then God said, "Darling,"

"Yes Dear?"

"Can we do something else with the match, to make it a bit lighter?"

"Lighter's haven't been invented yet, dear," he replied.

"But Darling, it's still too dark to read and write. I must do something."

"Okay, use the match to light that candle over there."

And God did just as her husband suggested and the candle burst into flame and there was bright light!

Still in awe of her husband, God said, "Oh Darling, that's wonderful. Thank you so much."

Several weeks later, God was still dissatisfied with the light and turned once again to her husband. "Darling."

"Yes, dear?"

"What more can we do to light up this universe of mine?"

"Well, we could always create a sun," her husband suggested.

"Now darling, you know I have a headache!"

"No, no. Not that kind of son – this kind." And God's husband produced a huge ball of hydrogen and oxygen which burned with a fantastic bright light.

"Oh, darling, that's wonderful," God said. "What shall we call this light?"

"How about if we **call it a day**, dear?"

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Charmouth School PTA

Charmouth is a very special place to attend primary school. How many other schools in the country can boast the Jurassic Coastline a few hundred yards from the school, views of beautiful countryside leading to Golden Cap and the River Char close enough for signet spotting during Friday Welly Walks?

Another element that makes Charmouth a great school is the drive of the parents and teaching staff to work together to ensure that it is also an incredibly sociable school which builds and maintains strong connections with the wider Charmouth Community. All parents are automatically members of the school's PTA, with some serving on the committee and many more coming along to help out at events, providing BBQ skills, prizes, cakes or produce from their gardens.

As money is now even more restricted due to government cutbacks, Charmouth PTA is committed to making sure our children can still enjoy a variety of sporting activities, learn to swim, go on exciting school trips and be inspired by music. To achieve this, the PTA organises activities combining fundraising with socialising and family fun, bringing together children, parents, teachers and our neighbours in the village.

In addition to regular activities such as the Christmas Bazaar and School Discos at the end of each term, this school year has been particularly active with events such as The Big Breakfast, The Duck Race, Skateboarding Fridays, regular Bingo and the Charmouth Challenge, Fun Run and Fete

The Big Breakfast saw just under 100 villagers, young and old alike, come together to have a great breakfast, meet friends or just enjoy the luxury of having a locally sourced full English breakfast served up in the buzzing environment of the Community Hall. It was so successful that we may run another in the Autumn.

Another event that is rapidly becoming a firm fixture on the Charmouth calendar is "The Duck Race". Now in its second year, this year's race took place on the May Bank Holiday and saw 1,000 Ducks racing along the Char to the delight of locals and tourists alike. Sales of Cream Teas and treats from the BBQ, helped to raise a fantastic £1,300!

Not all PTA events set out to raise funds; sometimes our goal is just to give the children an opportunity to learn a skill or hang out with friends. We have now hosted 2 "Skateboard Fridays" where children can come along after school with skateboards, bikes or scooters and use the ramps and safety gear provided by West Dorset Council to practice their skills. It is a great, safe and healthy way to expend after school energy and get together with friends. At the last event we added a BBQ and this seemed to go down well (until the thunderstorm that is!). The next one will take place on Friday 15th July.

High on our agenda of course is the annual Charmouth Challenge and Fun Run taking place this year on July 2nd, a race from the school to Golden Cap that is known amongst serious runners as a tough challenge set in a spectacular location. Most locals of course only indulge in the Fun Run (if you believe it's 'fun' to run up and down Stonebarrow of course) which gives children and parents an opportunity to be part of a great event and return to the school for fun and games, BBQ and cream teas at the Summer Fete.

All this effort brings together many people from Charmouth working behind the scenes to source refreshments from local suppliers, move furniture and engage sponsors.

Everyone involved is united in our purpose - to enhance the school experience for our children.

This year this has meant that the PTA continued to fund swimming lessons, paid for coach travel for class trips for every year group, bought new cooking utensils for cookery lessons and books for the school library.

One major contribution we would like to make this year is to work with Head Teacher Chris Vincent and his team to identify how best to improve the play area and provide new equipment. We hope this will be installed over the summer holidays, so the children can look forward to yet another exciting year at Charmouth Primary School.

Marie Oldham

Survey Asks Views of Young People

Young people aged 9 to 19 in Dorset are being asked for their views on what it is like to live in the county. Dorset County Council's Children and Young People's Attitude Survey includes a range of questions about school, free time, health and well-being and issues such as bullying.

The questions are based on issues raised by the County Pupil Council (CPC) - a group of primary and secondary schoolchildren who represent pupil councils from each of Dorset's pyramid of schools.

The survey can be completed online at dorsetforyou.com/youthsurvey2011

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**2nd July 2011
Charmouth Primary School**

News From Charmouth Primary School

It doesn't seem a year since I was writing about the departure of our Year 6 children to secondary school but it is. We have three types of year to contend with in school – perhaps this is why the years seem to move on quicker somehow. We have the ordinary calendar year and this is followed by our financial year, which operates from April to March and then we have the school year running from September to July. A little standardisation might make things easier for those of us of advancing years shall we say.

Our Year 6 children move on to their new schools well prepared for the opportunities and challenges that will undoubtedly occur in September and beyond. Many people ask me what I would like the young people of Charmouth Primary to be capable of doing when they leave our school and it is a pretty simple answer really. I would like them to be literate and numerate; to know their way around a computer because 90% of all jobs require computer skills now; and finally, and most importantly, they need to be good people. Unless they have the latter skill it will be difficult for them to contribute to our society effectively.

This term we also say goodbye to another special and important member of our school community – Roy Churchman. For the past 11 years Roy has been a school governor and for 9 of them our Chair of Governors. Throughout this time he has been a tremendous asset to the school. His enthusiasm and enjoyment of being in school has been an inspiration to us all. He is everything a school governor should be – knowledgeable about the strengths and areas of development, impartial, a critical friend who asks questions and probes further when needed and above all an advocate for the school in the community. Roy has given unstinting service to the school and we will all miss him in his role. We are pleased to say that he has agreed to come back and spend time with the classes as time allows. We are also considering making him and honorary granddad to the school!

As many of you are aware from your links with the school we do like to use our local environment to ensure learning is relevant and has a meaning. One of the highlights of this term was the "School Expedition". A very carefully planned day saw 170 children, 20 staff and around the same number of parents meet on Stonebarrow Hill for a picnic having walked from different starting places and covering different distances. For example our 7 – 11 year olds walked from Morcombelake via Golden Cap and the younger children walked distances commensurate with the lengths of their legs! We all had a fantastic day and I did not hear one comment along the lines of "Are we there yet?" or "My legs ache!" Indeed on returning to school the comments were, "Where are we going next time?"

Parents of the school have already been informed that the school is considered to be OFSTED exempt under the latest school legislation laid before parliament. This means that as the school was rated as outstanding back in 2007 and our results have remained outstanding for the past 4 years, inspectors will not need to visit the school unless results fall or they are given reason to visit. Whilst this is a nice position to be in, it certainly becomes a driver for further school improvement. We have never rested on our laurels at school and we will continue to develop our curriculum to ensure that we get excellence with enjoyment. The school is holding an Open Day on Wednesday 13th July between 9.00 and 11 in the morning and between 1.30 and 3.30 in the afternoon and members of the community are more than welcome to come into school to see the sorts of things we are doing. If you haven't been into a primary school for a while I can assure you that things have changed! Just turn up and we will show you around.

With the Summer holiday approaching apace, I hope that the weather continues in the way it has done during the past few weeks and we can all look forward to a holiday that is both relaxing, enjoyable and in the spirit of our school, outdoors.

Chris Vincent Headmaster

Kid's Poetry

THE PLANT LULLABY

In the garden the old plants grow as tall and happy as they can go.

The tall and happy plants shine bright.

I wonder how they will sleep tonight.

The slugs and snails come out at night.

It might give the plants a fright.

Here comes the gardener, do not worry.

Watch the slugs and snails hide in the shadows from she.

Now sleep tight ...like me.

By Matthew Elliott Aged 10

THE HORROR, THE HORROR

Teenage boys staying overnight.

A new day dawns.

Towards noon, they stumble downstairs

Bleary-eyed.

Adults venturing upstairs are

Overcome, clutching their throats and

their noses, gagging in waves of

Silent horror, Munch's Scream

Come to life.

Not again!

What was that terrifying smell?

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Craig Brown

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Charmouth School Football Team

What a season for Charmouth school football team (albeit somewhat truncated).

The annual Kenway Cup competition involved three teams in a first round, three team, knockout format. After an amazing rearguard performance, a lovely goal from Henry Davy after Millie Pearce had headed on a throw in, Charmouth deservedly beat Uplyme (pre- tournament favourites) 1-0.

A hard fought 0-0 draw with Lyme meant Charmouth were through to the semi finals. Next up were Thorners School back on the home pitch. Upon their arrival some Thorners players appeared fazed by the fact that Charmouth had two girls in the team. They were in for a shock! But for an amazing display of goalkeeping by their young keeper they might have been beaten seven or eight nil. The eventual score was 2 - 0 to Charmouth with splendid goals by Henry Davy and Max Bowskill.

Next up, The Final, with still no goals conceded thanks to fine displays between the sticks by Josh Bale and splendid defensive work by Jed Sparks, Matty McStea and Finn Gordon- Christopher. The midfield engine room of Dominic Beardwood, Jess Hodge, Max Bowskill and Sam Carter had been tirelessly magnificent in all three games and the predatory instincts of Henry Davy up front with Millie Pearce had served the team well so far, so, what could possibly go wrong?

The Final against Greenford school (Maiden Newton) took place at Beaminster on 8th June 2011. The morning of the match saw one of the players ruled out by reasons unknown and then within two minutes of the kick off Jess had to be carried off with a twisted ankle.

With no like for like replacement available Charmouth struggled but defended well and survived a few near misses to go in 0-0 at half time.

Charmouth sadly shipped two quick, well taken, goals just after the restart which left them a mountain to climb. This is when the team displayed the rich togetherness and tenacity they had learned not just in training over the previous weeks but during their time at Charmouth School over the previous six years. They literally rolled their sleeves up and started to attack Greenford in numbers. It was all one-way traffic now and the pressure they exerted



*Back Row: Jed Sparks, Finn Gordon-Christopher, Josh Bale, Jess Hodge, Matty McStea
Front Row: Max Bowskill, Henry Davy, Dominic Beardwood, Millie Pearce*

yielded a goal from Millie Pearce. Her shot was saved but she bundled in the rebound with glee.

Game on.

Two shots against the woodwork and three goal line clearances saw Greenford hanging on for their lives and with one minute to go; the denouement...with the ball seemingly going out for a goal kick, Millie unleashed at shot which hit the post and rolled along the line into a relieved keepers arms. The final whistle blew, Charmouth had given their all, had lost 2-1 and were

unlucky not to have taken the game to at least extra time. The team were devastated together just as they had been elated together in the earlier performances.

After a quick team talk, dried eyes and a days rest they were primed and ready to play in the 6 a side 18 school tournament at Bridport on Friday 10th June. Jess failed a late fitness test but was there as supporter in chief. Leo Kindred (Yr 5) and Finlay Davy (Yr 4) were drafted in as cover and they played their part incredibly well and will have gained much experience for the future.

After 8 games (5 straight wins, 2 draws and one loss) Charmouth were into the quarter finals. Unfortunately, the draw was not kind and Charmouth had to play Uplyme who were keen for revenge after their defeat in the Kenway Cup. The better team on the day won 2-0 at the end of a long emotional week and indeed Uplyme went on to win the tournament. So all in all a magnificent season for Charmouth school football despite being defeated at the summit.

Working with this group of players over the past few months has been a blast. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and smiles have made the coaching practices and the matches an absolute thrill. My thanks go to the whole squad and I will miss them.

Incidentally they also made me aware that they reached the Netball final and won the school cricket tournament this year. What a class! What a teacher, thanks Mrs Bennett.

A final thanks to Steve Davy for assisting me for many hours in this most enjoyable of tasks.

Nick Beardwood

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Charmouth Bowls Club

Ivan Marks - A Profile

I was born in Mile End Old Town in 1931. I doubt there are many of us left now! When war broke out and my father was enlisted into the army, my sister and I were evacuated to South Wales. We were fortunately sent to relatives who lived next to a farm in Grovesend, near Swansea. I was brought up a Baptist and sang in the Grovesend junior male voice choir. I spent a total of six years in Wales.

I returned home to west Hamstead in 1946 and was lucky enough to join my father's business; jobs after the war were in very short supply. At the age of 18 I was enlisted into the army for 2 years followed by another 10 years with the 3/4 County of London Yeomanry Sharpshooters T/A. St John's Wood. These were some of the best times of my life.

When I came out of the army I completed a teacher's training course at Chiswick Polytechnic and became a member of the UCL. I went on to lecture in polytechnics and private schools throughout the UK and Ireland and still do. I also taught table tennis, darts, and pool to the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Societies and to youth clubs all over London.

We were so pleased to find Charmouth 35 years ago and have lived happily in this lovely village ever since; initially we ran a bed and breakfast business in Bow House, long before the advent of the bypass. For many years I served on Char Valley Council.

We are very lucky to have a first class voluntary fire service and coast guard, excellent shops, a dental surgery, a medical centre, nursing and residential homes and, of course, a school. Good business people, wonderful holiday

parks, the locals and holiday makers help us to survive the winters.

For the last thirty years I have been involved with the Bowls Club where I have met some wonderful people. I get an enormous amount of pleasure playing the game.

This year was the highlight of the club. We were running short of members so a sub-committee was set up to try and recruit some new ones. People who came had a wonderful afternoon with us, but we still need more new members please! E-mail June at cliffandjunerebeck@btinternet.com if you would like to join us on the Playing Fields on a Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday at 2pm. I can assure you you will have a great afternoon.

The Club has been strongly supported by the Parish Council and we thank them for that. I would also like to thank our Captain and all our members who have done so much work in getting the green in good shape.

Thank you Shoreline, for being such an interesting and comprehensive publication about village life.

Ivan M.Marks

Chairman Charmouth Bowls Club.
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Charmouth Football Club

We have recently held our presentation evening where there was a wonderful atmosphere and the following awards were made:

Players' player of the year and Manager's player of the year - Simon Smyth

Committee's player of the year - goalkeeper Mark Franklin
Dave Smith memorial trophy for best young player of the year - Paul Grinter

Clubman of the year - Mike Smith

Most appearances (out of 22 matches) - Dan Rendell 21,
Paul Miners and Dan Rumsby 20.

We are already planning for the new season with the Club playing in Division two of the Perry Street and District League and have held our AGM where the following appointments were made:

Colin Bowditch was made Honorary Life President in recognition of his loyal service to the Club for more than 55 years as player, manager, committee member and groundsman. Other officers elected were Wayne Causley - Chairman, Tina Norman - Secretary and Mike Smith - Treasurer.

The Committee members are Steve Pratt, Alec Aldworth, Paul Grinter and Gerry Bearpark.

We have new joint managers this year, Phill Morris who has been a player and previous manager for the Club over a period of 30 years and Charmouth born veteran player Gerry Bearpark who can be contacted on 07817 555450.

The Club is promoting a policy of fair play and fitness and is in particular trying to encourage more local young players to join. Training sessions will be commencing at Charmouth Playing Field at the end of June and everyone is welcome to come along and join in. The dates and times of training and details of the weekly matches will be posted on the village notice board and outside Morgans.

The Club is also anxious to expand its committee with a view to re-forming a reserve side next year. If anyone would be interested in helping out on match days or as a committee member, please contact me on 01297 560529.

Mike Smith

Cricket enthusiasts are needed to form a cricket club for Charmouth for the Olympic Year 2012.

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Strawberry Teas

Sunday 3rd July
2:00pm to 5:00pm

Community Hall

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Cream Teas and Strawberries in the Garden

Wednesday 16th July
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Cream Teas

Sunday 31st July
2.30pm - 5.00pm

Community Hall

Linda Crawford

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Table Top & Crafts Sale

Saturday 6th August
10-3pm

Village Hall, Wesley Close

Refreshments available.
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Summer Barbecue

Saturday 6th August
from 12.00 noon

Bymead house

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CHARMOUTH FAYRE

Sunday 7th August
2.00pm - 5.00 pm

Charmouth Playing Fields.

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General Knowledge Quiz

Thursday 11th August
7.30pm

Village Hall, Wesley Close

With plate supper + a glass of wine.
Tickets (£6.00) can be purchased from the
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Harp Concert

Friday 19th August
7.30pm

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Cream Teas

Sunday 28th August
2:30pm to 5:00pm

Community Hall

Information Linda Crawford

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Pauline May fashion Shop

Tuesday 6th September
2.00pm

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West Dorset Accordion band

Wednesday 7th September
2pm

Bymead house

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Cakes and Cream Teas

Friday 23rd September
2.00pm

Bymead house

in aid of the
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Village Diary

Sun 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbeck
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 Rebbeck
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 Rebbeck
Thurs 6.30-8pm (term-time only)	Charmouth Cubs (ages 8-11)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Toni Green 560778 Secretary 07788158261
Thurs 7.00-10.30pm	Bridge Club (partners can be provided)	Wood Farm (opposite swimming pool)	Vincent Pielasz 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 7.15-9pm (term-time only)	Scouts (ages 11-14)	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Georgina Bailey 07788158261

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 To alter any details in the Village Diary or advertise your Charmouth event contact
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POLICE	PC Richard Winward, PCSO Luke White and PCSO John Burton (Community Police issues)	01305 226912
	Non Urgent call number for reporting incidents / enquiries	01305 222 222
	Bridport Police Station, Tannery Road	01308 422266
FIRE and RESCUE	West Dorset Fire and Rescue Service - Group Manager	01305 252600
COASTGUARD	Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis (Not 24 hrs)	01297 442852
DOCTORS	The Charmouth Medical Practice, The Street, Charmouth	01297 560872
	The Lyme Practice, The Elms Medical Centre, The Street, Charmouth	01297 561068
	The Lyme Practice, Lyme Community Medical Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 445777
	NHS Direct - 24-Hour Healthcare Advice and Information Line	0845 4647
HOSPITALS	Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester	01305 251150
	Bridport Community Hospital, Hospital Lane, Bridport	01308 422371
DENTISTS	The Lyme Practice, The Elms Medical Centre, The Street, Charmouth	01297 561068
	Dorset Dental Helpline	01202 854443
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
EMERGENCY	Gas	0800 111999
	Electricity (Western Power Distribution)	0800 365900
	Water (Wessex Water)	08456 004600
	Floodline	08459 881188
	Pollution (Environment Agency)	0800 807060
CHEMISTS	F G Lock, The Street, Charmouth	01297 560261
	Boots the Chemist, 45 Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442026
	Lloyds Pharmacy, Lyme Community Care Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442981
SCHOOLS	Charmouth County Primary, Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth	01297 560591
	St Michael's C of E, V A Primary, Kingsway, Lyme Regis	01297 442623
	The Woodroffe School, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442232
CHURCHES	St Andrew's Parish Church, The Street, Charmouth. Rev. S Skinner	01297 560409
	United Reformed Church, The Street, Charmouth. Rev. I Kirby	01297 631117
COUNCILS		
CHARMOUTH PARISH	Chairman - Mr M Hayter	01297 560896
	Clerk - Mrs L Tuck, The Elms, St Andrew's Drive, Charmouth	01297 560826
	Heritage Coast Centre, Charmouth	01297 560772
	Beach Attendant, Charmouth Beach	01297 560626
W. DORSET DISTRICT	Councillor - Mrs J Bremner	01297 560431
	Mountfield, Bridport - All services	01305 251010
DORSET COUNTY	Councillor - Col G J Brierley OBE	01297 560660
	County Hall, Dorchester. - All Services	01305 221000
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CITIZENS ADVICE	Lyme Regis (Weds, 10.00 – 3.00)	01297 445325
	Bridport (Mon - Fri, 10.00 – 3.00)	01308 456594
POST OFFICES	1 The Arcade, Charmouth	01297 560563
	37, Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442836
LIBRARIES	Charmouth, The Street	01297 560640
	Lyme Regis, Silver Street	01297 443151
	Bridport, South Street	01308 422778
	Axminster, South Street	01297 32693
SWIM / LEISURE	Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport	01308 427464
	Flamingo Pool, Lyme Road, Axminster	01297 35800
	Newlands Holiday Park, Charmouth	01297 560259
CINEMAS	Regent, Broad Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442053
	Electric Palace, 35 South Street, Bridport	01308 424901
THEATRES	Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442394
	Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport	01308 424204
	Guildhall, West Street, Axminster	01297 33595
TOURIST INFORMATION	Lyme Regis. Guildhall Cottage, Church Street	01297 442138
	Bridport. 47, South Street	01308 424901