

# SHORELINE

News and Views from Charmouth

Issue 16

## BONFIRE NIGHT IS BACK AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ALMOST THREE DECADES

At a meeting of the Charmouth Traders a few months back, it was suggested that maybe the CTA could look at running an event of some description to mark Bonfire Night.

About twenty seven years ago, we were told there used to be a regular bonfire celebration at Charmouth which, for reasons lost in the mists of time, had fizzled out.

The idea was swiftly agreed in principle, a plan was sketched out, a date set and the Bonfire on the Beach became a reality. Once word got out there was almost universal support from within the village and we were well supported by folk who came forward and offered to lend a hand in one way or another. An appeal on email and twitter went out for wood to build a bonfire as well as for people to build the bonfire, and we were able to build a magnificent pyre. Thank you to the hard working volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday afternoon to create such a wonderful focal point for the evening.



Photos by Neil Harvey

was hard to say exactly how many attendees there were but an estimate of between six and seven hundred has been suggested; a magnificent turnout for our inaugural bonfire event. The caterers at the event, Greg Gibbs in his

Jurassic potato van and Alec and John, the Fat Dad Bonfire BBQ Squad, were almost overwhelmed by the demand but manfully coped with the numbers that kept coming at them. Charmouth's leading retired licensee Jeff and his team did their usual sterling job on the bar.

We would also very much like to thank all those who contributed to the evening by dropping a few coins and in many cases, notes into the collection buckets. Thanks to the generosity of people attending the evening we not only covered the cost of the fireworks but managed to make a healthy surplus on the evening. This money goes into the CTA coffers and will be used to fund other projects we have in mind (more Christmas lights?). We will also once again be inviting applications from local clubs and associations to help fund any projects they have. Details can be found on [www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org) or email [info@charmouth.org](mailto:info@charmouth.org) for more details.

There were many not named here who willingly gave their time and expertise to make the evening turn out as successfully as it did. The CTA would like to thank you all. We will be running another Bonfire on the Beach next year and we hope to make it bigger and better, but it will be difficult to follow the first one. Thanks to the fantastic support from the village, the bar has been set very high.

**Ian Simpson**

Of course the weather is always going to play a significant part in the success of an outdoor event, certainly at that time of year. We thought that if the rain held off we could expect a reasonable amount of people to show. However the gods smiled upon us and blessed us with a gentle southerly breeze and a clear rain-free evening. We could hardly have asked for better and the people came in their droves. It



Photo by Jane Clifford

# Editorial

**"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it"**

**- Goethe**

Our New Year, New You feature on the centre pages is a guide to the diverse health and fitness classes available in the village. Where else could you be offered such a choice of activities guaranteed to get you in tip-top condition after the indulgences of the festive season?

Congratulations to the Charmouth Traders Association for organising two brilliant events – Bonfire Night and the 3rd Annual Christmas Fayre. Resurrected after a lapse of 27 years, November 5th was a roaring success. Hundreds of people descended on the Foreshore to eat, drink and marvel at the fabulous firework display. No less than 16 guys were entered into the competition!

The village centre was ablaze with Christmas lights and thronged with people on December 1st. What a wonderful festive atmosphere there was. All the shopkeepers really made a huge effort to create something quite magical and it was certainly appreciated by everyone.

Put Sunday, June 3rd in your diaries right now, as that is the date for the Charmouth Diamond Jubilee Street Party, which will be held on Lower Sea Lane in the afternoon, followed by the wildly popular Party in The Park in the evening. There will be more details in the spring issue of Shoreline.

The musical extravaganza on December 3rd in the Village Hall, put together by concert pianist and choir director Kim Redford and featuring many local musicians and singers, was a fabulous showcase for local talent. Tickets sold out

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very quickly, disappointing a lot of people, so plans are afoot for an even bigger event at St Andrew's Community Hall sometime in the spring. See Pete Wild's review on page 14 and if **you** would like to be a part of Charmouth's burgeoning music scene then call Pete on 0773322213

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Phil and Angie Aylett, the new landlords of the Royal Oak. They have transformed the interior and made the pub a very warm and welcoming place indeed. Thursdays are quiz nights (challenging but great fun!) and live music, theme evenings and traditional games nights are some of the events planned for the New Year.


It with great sadness and regret that I have to announce that Sarah is stepping down from her role as assistant editor and typesetter extraordinaire. We co-founded Shoreline three years ago and have been on the most wonderful journey together, expending a huge amount of time and energy to make the magazine the success that it is today. I will miss her brilliance, her wit and her dedication, without which Shoreline would never have been possible. Lesley and Colin join me in wishing her every happiness in the future.

On behalf of the Shoreline team I would like to wish our readers, contributors and advertisers a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

**Jane Morrow**

## **The Shoreline Team**

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## Meet the Fossil Hunters II

Shoreline's second fossil event – Meet the Charmouth Fossil Hunters II – will take place on Wednesday 16th May – and is being promoted under the umbrella of the Jurassic Coast Earth Festival 2012. Plans are now well underway for what promises to be a bumper evening, so please put the date in your diary. To update you: so far, Professor Denys Brunsden, David Sole and Richard Edmonds have kindly agreed to speak and our locally-based palaeontologists have been invited to attend with their fossil exhibits. Geologist and artist Geoff Townson will bring examples of his cliff section paintings and a series of photographs he has taken of recent changes to the local coastline. Cherry Barlow will recall her late father, fossil collector Ray Jennings, and bring examples from his collection. Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre will provide a standalone display. We also aim to bring you some unique early films of Barney Hansford, including one in which he played Richard Anning, Mary's father. Watch this space, as there's more to come.

During the evening, we will be launching Shoreline's second publication: 'A Tale of Five Generations of the Hansford Family: Charles, Samuel, Barney, David & Davina'. The profits from the sale of the booklet, for which we have to thank David and Davina Hansford, will be split between Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and Shoreline. It tells the tale of five generations of the entrepreneurial Charmouth family and encompasses 150 years of life in and around the village. Barney and his Fossil and Country Life Exhibition take centre stage.

Work continues apace and we will bring you full details in the next (spring) issue of Shoreline. In the meantime, check out the Jurassic Coast Earth Festival website [www.earthfestival2012.org/](http://www.earthfestival2012.org/) Details of Shoreline's 2012 fossil event are due to be posted on the site. You'll also find the background to the planning of our first fossil event in 2010, the event programme and related photos in the 'Get Involved' section.

**Lesley Dunlop**

# Letters

## A PLEA FROM THE HEART

Welcome to Charmouth. You can always tell you have arrived because of the plethora of bonfire smoke escaping into the atmosphere, whatever the weather, be it at the height of summer or the cold autumn and winter months.

Why is it that these bonfires are lit without any due consideration for neighbours, (especially if washing is being dried or those who suffer with chest complaints live nearby) and they become the plague that so infuriates all and sundry?

No one minds the occasional fire as long as the material being burned is dry, combustible material and not still dripping with sap, as seems to be the norm for the majority of garden refuse ignited, together with the occasional noxious items added.

Householders should be aware that weather conditions dictate how the smoke from your bonfire will affect your neighbours. If the air is still, especially in the late afternoon or evening, the smoke will linger. A good, hot fire will drive the smoke and fumes upwards, so be a good neighbour and please:

- Only burn dry material.
- Never burn household rubbish containing plastic, foam, paint or rubber.
- Never use old engine oil of any flammable liquid to assist in intensifying the fire, it is dangerous and could result in you being severely injured as a result.
- Avoid lighting fires in unsuitable weather conditions such as damp and still days.
- Avoid times when the wind will blow smoke over into your neighbour's garden or onto roads which would result in causing poor visibility.
- Especially avoid burning when people wish to enjoy their gardens in the fine weather.
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder.

Finally, although there are no bylaws concerning the burning of garden refuse, regular smoky bonfires or even a single one which is very polluting, could be regarded as a Statutory Nuisance and could result in a legal notice being served on you by West Dorset District Council.

In light of the 'Big Society' being to the fore, is it perhaps time for a community composting scheme to be formed in our village where we could contribute our garden waste and therefore reduce the amount of smoke disturbing us when we're out enjoying our gardens throughout the year?

Anyone on the council have any forward thinking ideas in respect of all the above ?

**Neil**



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## JET SKIS

I've never really been a campaigner for causes but I learned today that West Dorset Council have decided to allow Jet Skis to use Lyme and West Bay harbours next year.

I hate the idea that Lyme and Charmouth could be turned into Exmouth, Southend or Clacton and think that this is a step along the way. As you can see I have emailed our Councillor (for Stanton St Gabriel) to let her know my views. If you share them, please do what you can to raise the issue in the press or with the Council.

Thanks and all the best.

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**Chris Hinton**

*Also sent to Cllr Summers at WDDC*

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## NATURE V NURTURE

Just read the current (Autumn) Shoreline and I wanted to say how much I enjoyed it. There was so much of interest and a good variety of articles - I particularly enjoyed this issue's Nature v Nurture as I am a twin and my sister and I have been participating in the Twin Studies at St Thomas's Hospital for over 15 years now. Despite often being regarded as a single unit during childhood we have developed quite differently and Martin Beckers' interesting discussion has shown how complex the subject is. Neil Mattingly's History of the Court was also excellent as were ALL the other items.

Thank you again for such a good publication.  
with best wishes

**Pam Sneath**

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## HELP NEEDED FOR VILLAGE BREAKFAST

The Village Breakfast urgently needs additional help in January/February

Jan and the team would love to hear from you if you can help cook/welcome/serve a weekly menu of egg, bacon, sausage, tomatoes and beans on Thursday mornings from 8.30-12.30 at the Hollands Room, Bridge Road, Charmouth.

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# Peter M Press and The Pavey Group

**"The Pavey Group" what is that? incomers to the village might ask. The Pavey Group is synonymous with one name - that of Peter Press, who founded it on Wednesday 14th July 1999.** Since then it has become a village institution as the Social History of Charmouth Research Group, with over 250 families involved.

Peter Press retired from the Chairmanship of the Pavey Group on 29th September 2011 at the AGM when he was thanked profusely for his inspiration and dedication to it for over 11 years. So this account is an acknowledgement of Peter's career and how he came set up the Pavey Group. It is a 'Hail and Farewell' to someone who has become a noteworthy character during his several decades in the village and who may or may not be leaving it in the moderately near future.

Peter's background is firmly naval. He grew up in Gosport. His father and several uncles were all Marines. His father was wounded in Italy in World War II and became a permanent invalid, nursed by Peter and his mother. As the only boy, with two not-so-well sisters, Peter became the 'man of the family' at an early age, leaving school at 14 to earn a living for the family. Nevertheless, he attended the local 'tech' with success in both academic classes and rugby – an early and continuing enthusiasm. Consequently, for National Service he was drafted into the Royal Engineers, where he enjoyed rebuilding bridges and roads in post war Germany. His war record and prowess at rugby won him a scholarship at Loughborough College where he qualified as a teacher.

Meanwhile, Maggie, 'the girl next door' had also qualified as a teacher and they decided on a great adventure – to marry and take up teaching posts in Winnipeg, Canada, where there was an interesting population mix with immigrants such as Inuits and after the war, Ukrainians. Peter loved the life: teaching, playing as much rugby as possible, and bird watching. He took school groups on wild expeditions: camping, canoeing and living off the land. Whilst in Canada he also took a history degree, as well as becoming president of the local rugby league.

Before leaving England, Peter had promised his mother that they would return to the U K. This they did on retirement and settled in Charmouth. Here Peter was first attracted to the Heritage Centre, where he became Chairman of the 'Friends' following Alf Twelftree. Then local history swung in – as it does with many new residents of Charmouth. He discovered and read Reginald Pavey's anecdotal social history notes on Charmouth, which the latter had gathered from 'old boys' in the village during his childhood and later holiday visits here. He had written them up, together with parish records and property deeds.

Peter decided that it was time someone else took up the pen and continued this village history. At about this time the Parish Council bought The Elms as an office for the village. Having stripped The Elms down from its former function as retirement flats, redecorated and allocated rooms for various purposes, there remained one room spare on the first floor which Mallory Hayter, as Chairman



Photo By Malcom Bowditch

of the Parish Council, thought would do to keep parish records in. Peter jumped at the idea – combining the record room with the writing up of local memories, making a social history of the village and naming it after his predecessor – and so the Pavey Group was born.

Peter gathered a few interested individuals together – both locals, including myself, and incomers, and, together with some of the Parish Council [notably Michael Hendrick – who was Chairman of the

Foreshore] they formed an embryo committee and decided to hold an inaugural open meeting.

This meeting was well attended both by local and new residents and with Peter's enthusiasm and driving force the first official committee was formed and the Pavey group became a reality. Many folk have come and gone – notably Roy Aldsworth, who wrote of his country childhood in the journal of the Pavey Group – the Village Echo, which Peter established. Roy played a great part in building the Pavey Room, as it became known. Other contributors included Rita Whatmore – a past treasurer and the team who still steadfastly produce the Echo under Peter's editorship. Peter's age, recent ill health and pull of family ties, possibly away from Charmouth, have all contributed to his retirement, with reluctance(!), from the Pavey Group. He remains as editor for the next few editions, but is no longer serving on the committee.

He had a hugely enthusiastic send off at the last AGM with over 100 people attending at the Village Hall. As a tribute to the work he has done in collecting and recording the social history of Charmouth for the many residents, visitors, and home and overseas interested parties who have connections with Charmouth, the members contributed very generously to a bound set of the 36 (to date) editions of Village Echoes, a substantial gift voucher for John Lewis, several books, pens and stationery, whiskies, wine and last but not least a rugby ball signed by the present committee!

What of the future of the Pavey Group and its resources? Advertisements for a new Chairman have so far been to no avail. We must thank Mike Whatmore for holding the fort for the next few months. Let us celebrate the great effort that Peter has put in, on our behalf, by keeping the Pavey group alive. Would anyone out there be interested?

**Pat Stapleton**

Vice Chairman, The Pavey Group.

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# Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre

## Meirel Whaites, Senior Warden

2011 proved to be another busy year down here at the Centre with another record season of over 88,000 visitors and a further 6,000 children on organised school visits. The year ahead is looking to be another busy one, with many days in the year already fully booked with schools and the events programme fully planned up to Easter. The summer events programme will be available from February onwards, and will include all our Fossil Hunting Walks, Rockpool Rambles, World Oceans' Day celebrations and much more.

In early May there will be another Fossil Festival and the Centre will be running events throughout the weekend both in Charmouth and Lyme Regis. Although the summer may seem a long way off when it's cold outside, it soon creeps up on us. During the winter though we are still very busy down at the Centre as we open to the public Wednesday – Sunday and everyday during the February half term.

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th December the Centre held an art and craft fayre, with local artists exhibiting their items for sale. Over the winter months we have fossil weekends on the go and it is the perfect time of year to carry out our volunteer training, with the next session on Wednesday 8th February. This gives the existing volunteers the chance to refresh their knowledge and also offers the opportunity for new volunteers to learn about the fossils and geology of the local area. If anyone would be interested in becoming an active Friend of the Centre then please contact us on 01297 560772 or pop in and have a chat with one of the wardens. Full details of the opportunities that we offer volunteers are also available on the Friends section of our website [www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org).

## Phil Davidson, Geological Warden

Since July we haven't had too many exciting finds brought into the Centre to register for the West Dorset Fossil Collecting Code. Two interesting ichthyosaur skulls have been found by Mike Harrison, a local collector. One is a juvenile with a few strange deformed bones in its paddle. I have contacted a friend of mine who is doing his PhD on how ichthyosaurs change as they grow up, so hopefully we should see if these are fairly common features or something unusual.

We have had a few rough seas over the last few months but October and November were very mild. I feel bad complaining about the good weather, but hopefully lots of rain should make the beach a bit more interesting in the New Year.

For more information about the Fossil Collecting Code and to see pictures of some of the fossils please visit our website <http://www.charmouth.org/chcc/rocks-fossils/fossil-code>

## Nikki Hills, Marine Warden

Last term the Junior Wardens from Charmouth Primary School had a great time learning all about *Scelidosaurus*, the Charmouth Dinosaur. They heard from local collector David Sole, designed their own dinosaur and learned how to prepare fossil bone. One of the highlights of the project was the dinosaur murder mystery, where Crime Scene Investigation came to Charmouth. The Junior Wardens were fully kitted out in the forensic gear and even the wardens got into character and did a bit of dressing up...we couldn't let the kids have all the fun! They uncovered a dinosaur skeleton in the Centre and worked their way through the clues to solve the crime. The project ended in a weekend at the Centre with local artist Darrell Wakelam to create a three dimensional model of *Scelidosaurus* which we will have on display in the Centre. We are hoping to undertake a new project with the Junior Wardens this term based on beach litter. We would like to hold a day in the February half term to do a beach clean, some beach litter art and lots more activities to raise awareness about the issues of marine litter...so fingers crossed that we can get the funding for this project to go ahead.

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## Velo Club on Tour

**The Charmouth Velo Club were 'on tour' in October in Derbyshire.** Eleven chums stayed in a large, tastefully converted barn, overlooking the ford at Tissington in the Peak District. We walked and cycled alternate days and kept up energy levels eating and drinking each evening after frolics in the outdoor hot tub.

As a group of keen enthusiasts, we take to the lanes around Charmouth most weeks. If anyone would like to brush the cobwebs off their cycles in the back of the shed, John will overhaul them and we will be happy to offer advice and routes, cafes and pubs, etc.

We feel that our group is now full (motorists are not too happy dealing with a dozen of us), but another group could easily be formed. Just give us a ring and we will help to get you going.

**Chris Leverington** 560363



# Charmouth Primary School

**Christmas is over for another year.** The tree has been taken down, decorations and lights stored in lofts and New Year resolutions established. Nothing too much changes in life!

At school the children enjoyed performing 'Father Christmas around the World' to over 400 people. It is a huge undertaking by both staff and children at the end of what is a busy term. Thanks must also go to the many volunteers who helped with scenery and costumes. Everyone certainly earned their Christmas break.

2012 has arrived and it will be a year forever associated with the Olympic Games coming back to the UK and the Paralympic Games being established for the first time. It will be a significant couple of weeks in the summer and will have many people travelling from this area to the games in London or just along the coast to Portland. But for one resident in Charmouth it will revive special memories. Our very own Roy Churchman took part in the games when they were held in London back in 1948. He is quick to point out he was not a competitor but a scout carrying a flag at the opening ceremony. Having spoken to Roy about it, there was no loud music, flashing lights or razzmatazz, just a dignified entry to Wembley Stadium by each of the teams. In this corporate world in which we live, I wonder how many 'ordinary' folk like Roy will carry special memories like he has 64 years later?

Leading up to the Olympics, the children here will be entering into the spirit of the games by basing their term's learning

around them. The whole curriculum will be covered through this one momentous event and it will prepare and inform the children for the fortnight when the world's sporting spotlight will be very firmly on the UK.

Mention of London reminds me of a superb three days we spent there with Years 5 and 6 in October. A total of 49 children and adults left school and travelled to the big city to visit, amongst other places, the Science and Natural History museums, the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the Theatre Royal Drury Lane to see a performance of Shrek – The Musical. It was a thoroughly enjoyable three days and the children were great ambassadors for our school throughout.

2012 will be a pretty special one for me too as I will be leaving school in July after 14 years and heading off to pastures new. A number of opportunities have arisen for me in education and before I get too long in the tooth and past my sell by date I need to move on. Having worked in schools for the past 35 years it will certainly be different from what I have been doing and the day to day involvement a position in school brings. The process to appoint my successor is already under way and interviews are to be held in early February. In the meantime it will be business as usual.

**Chris Vincent**

## Parents and Teachers Association

### **Your Recipes were Fantastic!**

In the last issue of Shoreline I mentioned that the Charmouth PTA had (rather naively and ambitiously) decided to publish a cookery book which would reflect the diverse population of the Charmouth area and bring together memory-laden dishes from the young and old of the village. Well, Shoreline readers responded, regulars at The George responded, school parents responded and the recipes came flooding in. Then the children of the school got busy illustrating and the PTA ladies got typing. We were really pleased that village stalwarts such as Harry the Hat, Jane Morrow and Ian Simpson at The White House Hotel provided us with great recipes that are dear to their hearts. Young chefs such as Tilly and Maisie Bellworthy also shared their tasty recipes, we finally persuaded Gina to divulge the secret recipe for her famous Lemon Drizzle Cake and Russ Pearce's shared his Focaccia recipe. Eventually we ended up with a 124 page book which deserves a place on the cookery book shelf in every Charmouth home. You can buy it at school or any PTA event for the great value price of £4.99. It makes a great Christmas present or stocking filler !

Talking of Christmas, this year's Christmas Bazaar was a great success with over a hundred little visitors to Father Christmas's Grotto, mince pies made by the children and mulled wine made by Pete Wild. December also sees the last bingo of 2011 and the Christmas production at school, all great fun events and fund raising opportunities for the PTA, all of which enable us to continue to contribute to swimming lessons, sports activities, school trips and the Sensory Garden being developed at the front of the school.

Looking forward to 2012, lots of excitement for the families of Charmouth as the Olympic Torch will swing through Lyme, Olympic events will take place at Weymouth and we

will celebrate the Queens Jubilee with another 4 day long weekend in June. As promised, you will see the return of The Big Breakfast and the usual crowd pleasers such as school discos and Bingo nights. Next year we also plan to add a new dimension to the hugely popular "Duck Race". As the event will fall on the Jubilee weekend we plan to add a fancy dress element and also host a Charmouth Tea Party along the banks of the river. All dates detailed below, please make a note in your diary and come along to as many as possible, either as a helper or just to enjoy - all welcome.

**Bingo - Fri 30th March (Friday before Easter break)**

**School Discos - Fri 10th Feb - Fri. 20th March**

**Big Breakfast - Sun 4th March**

**Duck Race - Monday 4th June (This is the Monday Bank Holiday of the Queens Jubilee Weekend).**

**Olympic Torch in Lyme Regis - Thursday 12th July 2012**

Finally, hopefully some of you will have seen the new PTA notice board, situated just inside the school gate. Its purpose is to keep everyone informed of the wide range of activities going on, key dates to remember and key people to contact. Around the border of the noticeboard there is space for local businesses to place a card detailing services and skills on offer. We want to encourage local families to get to know the huge variety of experts around us and to support local businesses where possible. A small cost of £10 per card will be levied but we are sure that the uplift in business will easily repay this. For further details please contact me on 01297 560099.

**Marie Oldham - Chairman**



# Charmouth School's Christmas Play

**This year's Charmouth School play was called 'Christmas round the world' and told different stories of Father Christmas as he is seen in various countries from Chilly Russia in Brazil.** As usual, it was a great success and by the looks on the faces of weary staff, a lot of hard work!

The Year 6 class took on the main roles of narration and being as many Santas as there were nations. The younger classes all performed songs, dances and mini scenes depicting their chosen country's tradition. With fantastic costumes and dramatic scenery, the event was a visual feast.



*Above: Australian fun complete with koala.*

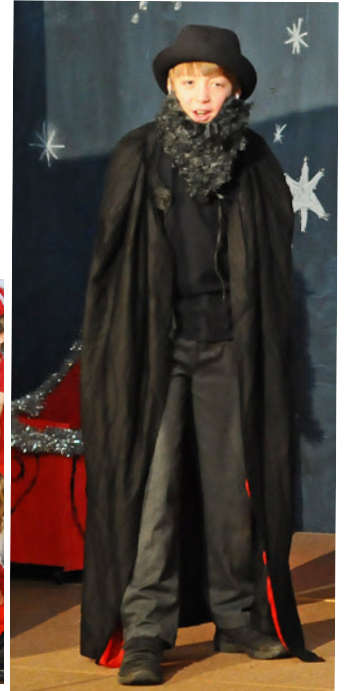
*Left: Bonjour! Year 1 singing in their french scene.*

*Right: Jamie Thomas as scary Père Fouettard who is looking for the naughty children.*



*Above: Chris Vincent applauding the children as a bemused Rudolph (Thomas Osbourne ) looks on!*

*Left: Isabella Phippen singing as the snow maiden in Russia.*



*Left: Luke Bearpark as a puzzled Christmas cracker with Kayleigh Tate (pink fairy), Victoria Harvey (red fairy) and Rudolph.*

*Right: High energy Brazilian Samba From Year 5.*





# Tony and Arthur English

**"To my father, Arthur English, the term 'alternative comedy' meant 'the alternative to comedy'.** Modern humour, which can often be very cruel, did not suit him. He detested bad language on television and felt strongly that audiences deserved respect." Tony English, son of the well known comedian and actor, recalls his late father and his family's early days in the media spotlight.

Tony was one of two children born to Arthur and Ivy English in Aldershot. His elder sister Ann, who lived in New Zealand, died five years ago. "I was born dead, but the midwife revived me with the kiss of life. She told my mother I wouldn't survive the night and urged her to christen me in the bathwater," he says. Tony survived against all odds, but his extraordinary start in life triggered lifelong hearing problems and a severe skin condition which needed ongoing treatment at Great Ormond Street. "I don't know how my parents managed to afford the twice weekly train journeys from Aldershot to the London hospital, as my dad was a painter and decorator in those days," says Tony. "The doctor told them that I'd always have weak skin and would never be able to work with oil or grease, yet eventually I became a motor mechanic." Tony remembers school as "the hardest place on earth" because he had great difficulty hearing his teachers.

His father grew up in Aldershot and, over the years, absorbed cockney diction and slang from soldiers stationed in the military town. When he broke into show business at 30 years-of-age in 1949, he had no doubt that his comic personae would take the shape of a spiv. In addition to painted sideboards under his trilby and a pencilled moustache, he wore a wide three-foot long kipper tie for his audition at the Windmill Theatre. Ivy, Tony's mother, had made it for him and when, initially, he refused to wear it for the audition, she refused to go with him. So wear it he did. His spiv attire and fast-talking character act so impressed impresario Vivian van Damm that he left his painting job and started at the Windmill the next day.

After several seasons as the Windmill's principal comic, Arthur turned to radio in the 1950s and starred in 'Workers' Playtime' a national institution for 20 years, and 'Variety Bandbox'. He subsequently travelled around the country with 'Monsewer' Eddie Gray of the Crazy Gang in the



*Arthur English in the comedy "Are you being served" (1977)*

'Madness Variety Show' and was in constant demand for summer shows, pantomimes and clubs. "His career reached a crossroads in 1957 as the country started to become more affluent and the need for a wide boy disappeared," says Tony. "After a low point in his career, dad secured roles in several of Brian Rix's Whitehall farces and made the transition

into straight acting."

After 'Follyfoot', he joined 'Are You Being Served' as Grace Brothers' brown-coated maintenance man, Mr Harman. He appeared in 45 episodes, including the last in April 1985. "Dad loved that role," remarks Tony. Arthur acted in several George Bernard Shaw plays at Chichester Theatre, to much critical acclaim. The programmes in which he acted include 'Dixon of Dock Green', 'The David Frost Show', 'Bless This



*Tony and Jan with Arthur when he became a Freeman of the City of London*

House', 'Magnum', 'In Sickness and in Health' and 'The Gentle Touch'; and he worked with household names such as Frankie Howerd, Gracie Fields, Dame Vera Lynn, Sir Harry Secombe, Benny Hill and Michael Bentine. He was presented to the Queen Mother and Prince Charles at Royal Variety Show performances and the Queen Mother enquired who had made his kipper tie. When he became a Water Rat and was introduced to Prince Phillip, Tony and his wife Jan joined him. Arthur's 40-year friendship with Sir Harry Secombe led the latter to write the foreword to his autobiography: 'Through the Mill and Beyond'.

Arthur was featured in 'Desert Island Discs' with Roy Plomley and, when the BBC selected him for 'This is Your Life' with Eamon Andrews, Tony was the link man. "It is a genuine secret from the start," Tony notes.

"Whenever the BBC contacted me, we had to use the code word 'tie'. If dad answered the phone, they'd say 'sorry, wrong number! The preparation for the programme took three days and involved my wife Jan, my children Diane and Brian, the cast of 'Are You Being Served' and many show business personalities."



*Father and son dressed as spivs*

"On radio, stage and television, dad was a show man, but at home he was very special. When I was young, he often took me with him to shows and I'd watch from the wings. I was his greatest admirer. Interestingly, I have an early billboard on which dad topped the bill; Morecambe & Wise were a supporting act. I remember one day in the early 1950s when Bruce Forsyth came to ask dad's advice and sat on the lidded coal bucket in our lounge. He was a dancer at the Windmill and wanted to spread his wings."

I brought dad to Charmouth before we moved here permanently and he really liked the place, but Aldershot



# The Brownsea Shoreline Restoration Project

**You may remember that we reported last year on an exciting project taking place on the beautiful and enigmatic Brownsea Island.** The basis of the work was to restore 2.5km of coastline that had been defended (from erosion) by a series of structures including steel piling, wooden palisades and wire baskets filled with limestones known as gabions. These defences were installed during the 1970's and were intended to slow down the rate and degree of coastal erosion. The defences worked quite well for a while but eventually fell into disrepair and were offering little real resistance to the sea.

One often sees old sea defences such as wooden groynes etc on UK beaches and when they cease to function, they are usually simply left to rot away. This is not only unsightly but is often dangerous. The Trust decided that we should be more proactive in the case of Brownsea. We wanted to restore the shoreline to its original pristine condition and create a safe and attractive location for Island visitors.

It was necessary to get planning permission to remove the old defences but with the help of a generous grant from Natural England, the work eventually started in February of 2011. The contractors were excellent and were well used to working in difficult environments such as a clay and muddy foreshore!

The Island is home to many nesting, wading birds and so work had to be suspended in March so as not to disturb them. By this stage, the wooden palisades and the gabions had all been removed and most of the materials sent for re-cycling. The 2011 visitor season ended in late October and the contractors were soon back 'on site' to pull out the steel

pillings. This work went much more smoothly than we had anticipated and now all the old steel has been transported back to the mainland by barge for re-cycling.

Meanwhile, the re-profiling of the shoreline has been completed and unless you knew this section of coast intimately, it would be impossible to guess that there had ever been any defences here in the past....the result we had been hoping for!

The project exemplifies a number of basic coastal management principles that the Trust has adopted over the years:

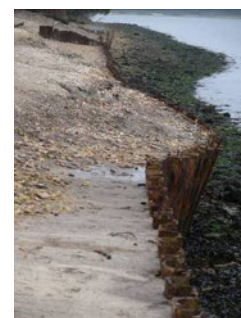
- Work with natural processes wherever practicable
- Always think in the long-term
- Work in partnership with all other interested parties
- Consult widely before acting

Part of the success of the project has been the willingness of all the parties to work closely together towards a common goal and hopefully this work will act as a useful case study for other UK sites where failing defences are interfering with the way in which a coastline wants to evolve.

## Tony Flux

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Below are the 'before and after' pictures of a section of steel piling



## Tony and Arthur English

was his home. After his death in 1995, I set up the Arthur English Bar as a memorial to him in Aldershot's Princes Hall Theatre. I had a life-size model of him made; his face was sculpted by Faith Winter. I put him back on the stage. His life story was on display and his 1949 diary was open at the entry 'Audition at Windmill'. In addition, there were sound excerpts from his early radio plays and one of his acts. Sadly, in less than a year, it was vandalised.

Tony attributes his preaching abilities to his father, to whom faith meant everything. Acting would have terrified me, but I have the confidence to preach and, like dad, I bob around when I speak and I love interaction. There is so much apathy today; it saddens me when people say they have no time for God. The Christian faith means a great deal to me." In the 1990s, Tony was a founder member of the Coastguard Christian Fellowship. "Eight of us started Charmouth Christian Outreach in conjunction with St Andrews. We ran the Fellowship for four years and I was pastor. We bought a 200-seat capacity tent and conducted some incredible missions in my garden. We also used the Village Hall for services. I now preach at the United Reformed Churches in Morecombelake and Axminster, but mainly in Charmouth, and hold an informal monthly service at Byemead. Each gathering has a focal point and we always find time for a laugh."

Tony's wife Jan was born in Lyme Regis. Her grandfather was Percy Smith who built the Hensleigh, which was later extended to become a hotel. Percy and Jan's grandmother Grace later set up home at Old Coastguard Cottages in Charmouth, where Tony and Jan have lived permanently since 1997.

**Lesley Dunlop**

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# Charmouth Traders Christmas Fayre



Photo by Bonnie Bel

**The Charmouth Traders Christmas Fayre was held on the evening of Thursday December 1st.** The previous year we were sweeping the snow from the streets to make sure the evening went ahead. This time round we were merely hoping for the rain to ease off, which fortunately it did.

The Street looked very festive with the new shooting stars on the lamposts up the length of the street and lots of the shops and other businesses decked out in Christmas lights and trees.

We had decided on a circus theme for this year and many of the shop staff had embraced this theme with some fantastic costumes. Santa's arrival in Nick Bailey's vintage car started the evening and was greeted by enthusiastic children and adults alike.

Our original street entertainer Julian Dorrell unfortunately was stuck in the USA by cancelled flights but recommended Jamie Jigsaw who at the last minute stepped into the role and entertained children with stilt walking, juggling and balloon animals.

There was also music from Posh Choir and Wendy Knee's Saxaphones to keep the festive feel.

Charmouth PTA launched its new cookbook featuring recipes provided by many people in the village, and their stall serving free samples of many of the dishes featured was very popular.



Pc Richard Winward examining the evidence. Photo by Neil Harvey

Once again we have to thank those who donated prizes for the raffle and offer congratulations to Ruben Wild who won the kids' fancy dress competition and to Charmouth Fish Bar who won the best dressed tree. Special mention must be made to those adults who dressed the part as well.

We managed to raise over £700 on the evening which, like the sum raised on the Bonfire on the Beach will go into the CTA coffers towards other projects. We will also be offering donations to village societies and clubs, information for which you can find on [www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org) or Twitter @charmouthdorset

**Ian Simpson**



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# Charmouth Fat Dads Mo Crew



Charmouth Mos minus one or two. Photo by Alec Aldsworth

**A huge congratulations to the Charmouth Fat Dads Mo Crew who have raised over £1000 during the month of November.**

The team of 11 (or so) grew Mos with pride throughout November and managed to raise some smiles, laughs and a decent sum of money.

Thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to all who donated money.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men. This is a cause that is not well supported, and one that all men might need the support of some day.

Did you know one man dies every hour from prostate cancer in the UK each year and more than 2,000 men will be diagnosed with testicular cancer this year.

There were around 12 Mos in Charmouth, next year we need many more!

**Paul Harvey**

Find out more at

[Uk.movember.com](http://Uk.movember.com)

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## Update from Kenya

By the time you read this article, hopefully the container will be well and truly on its way to Kenya. It took us longer than planned to chase up last minute articles and pack, but on writing this at the beginning of [December](#), we are confident it will go in January. A big thank you to all who have donated.

Sophie will have spent Christmas at the Gideons Orphanage along with Newton and his family; over 100 children and many of the widows and their families will be coming along to enjoy the day. She was given a small artificial Christmas tree to take along with fairy lights and we raised enough money to ensure the children and widows enjoy a feast on Christmas day - chicken, rice and sweets.

The Newton Knitters have been busy as usual knitting jumpers and hats for the children. They also knitted around 100 teddy bears for the children at the Gideons and we can't wait to see the children's faces when they open the boxes. Thank you again to all the folk in Charmouth and surrounding villages who continue to support the work that we are doing to improve the lives of the children and widows. We appreciate you all so much.

Watch out for pictures in the next Shoreline magazine. If you would like to donate pencils, chalk, exercise books, toothbrushes and toothpaste, or if you would like to sponsor a child for £15 a month, please contact us at [awakenlove@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:awakenlove@hotmail.co.uk) and check out our website [www.awakenlove.org.uk](http://www.awakenlove.org.uk)

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## Heritage Coast Lyme Regis U3A

We have had another very active year with meetings at various centres in Lyme Regis and also in Charmouth. Membership for the coming year is stable at just over 500 and there are still more than 40 groups continuing to meet.

An open meeting on Friday February 10th at The Woodmead Halls, from 10.00 a.m., would be a perfect opportunity for prospective new members to come and find out what is available. The latest group to form is a 'Science and Technology Group.'

A Post-Christmas Meal is arranged for January 21st at The Ridgeway Hotel, Smallridge, Axminster. Details of this can be found on the latest newsletter which goes to all members and also along with all our activities on the website at: [www.whatsoninlyme.co.uk/u3a.htm](http://www.whatsoninlyme.co.uk/u3a.htm)

The arrangement by which we meet for coffee at 10.00, with a talk at 11.00, seems to be working to the satisfaction of the greater part of the membership. The next such occasion will be at The Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis, on Friday January 13th when Andy Swash, a professional wildlife photographer and ecologist will be giving an illustrated talk entitled: 'Beautiful Birds - A Journey Through The Rainbow', considering what makes a bird beautiful.

It should now be possible to find U3A leaflets in all local libraries and doctors' and dentists' surgeries. Otherwise, membership enquiries can be made to: Mary Bohane, 3 St Andrew's Meadow, Lyme Regis, DT7 3NS.

**Mary Bohane**

# Nature V Nurture Part 3

**In a previous article we saw that a person's physical and psychological characteristics are shaped by a combination of nature and nurture.** But rather than being a simple mixture it is a complex interaction. The genes that are active in an individual determine how each person is affected by the environment. Hence different people are affected in different ways to elements of nurture such as diet, chemicals and childhood "upbringing". Furthermore, environmental factors can in turn change genetic activity by switching on inactive variant genes a person may carry, causing more profound physical change.

We saw that nature and nurture conspire to shape our psychological make-up, our personalities, our emotions, attitudes and behaviour. We noted that the evidence from twin studies shows that the effect of nature, genes, is strong, and the effect of nurture varies in effect from person to person. The studies conclude that parental upbringing seems to have no lasting effect on children, or can affect different children in opposite ways. Parental influence can be subsequently overridden by influences from peer groups and other environmental factors.

To see why people differ in their thinking, attitudes, emotional and behavioural responses we need to see how people's brains differ; and further, how genes and the environment affect brain structure and function.

The brain contains numerous different structures that are involved in our psychology and behaviour: interconnected modules that became layered on top of each other during different stages of evolution, each governing different aspects. The hind brain, evolutionary the most ancient area, contains structures that generate immediate emotions in response to sensory perceptions: e.g. the amygdala responds with alarm, triggering the adrenaline fired fright and flight response to perceived threat, or producing apprehension in response to uncertainty; parts of the hypothalamus respond by producing a feeling of explosively energising rage; whereas the nucleus accumbens, the "reward centre" produces a sensation of pleasure. In adverse circumstances the loss of stimulus to the reward centre with constant apprehension from an overactive amygdala helps to produce the feeling of depression leading to withdrawal, with loss of anticipated enjoyment and drive.

Other areas in the brain influence how the emotional centres respond, such as the areas around them (the hippocampus), concerned with memory. In mammals the activity of the emotional centres are further controlled by areas towards the front of the brain. In humans this area is huge. As it is situated right behind the outer surface (cortex) at the front of the brain, and is therefore called the "pre-frontal cortex". The prefrontal cortex recruits emotional responses for social functioning, provoking feelings and driving our behaviour towards others in our group or community, and forms the basis of our psychological make-up. It acts mainly on a subconscious level, though it is richly connected with the "thinking" parts of the brain.

Various pathways connect the prefrontal cortex to the emotional centres and to the areas concerned with memory. The differences in peoples' personalities are to be found in the functioning of the many "circuits" involving the prefrontal cortex. Someone with a tendency towards excessive anxiety has a weaker damping influence from the prefrontal cortex on the amygdala.

Connections between brain cells need certain chemicals to work, called neurotransmitters, such as serotonin, noradrenaline and dopamine. The damping pathways to the amygdala use mainly serotonin and noradrenaline (which antidepressants try to boost), whereas the stimulating pathways to the pleasure centre involves mainly dopamine (affected by cocaine and morphine). Underactivity of these pathways leads to anxiety and depression. Weak inhibition of the rage circuit leads to temper flares and anger.

Whilst the activity of the prefrontal cortex responds to perceptions of external events and thoughts, the sensitivity and the degree of reaction is fixed. For example, in some people the pre-frontal cortex allows the amygdala to react excessively to minor threats, or, worse, allows it to be active all the time, resulting in a persistent state of anxiety. They are said to be "**Neurotic**". Others have a strong inhibitory pathway to the amygdala, resulting in a lack of worry or urgency.

People differ in how strong the pathways to their reward centres are. Those who have a strong excitatory stimulus from activities such as talking to people or adventure tend to be gregarious, driven and engage in all kinds of ventures. They are said to be "**Extrovert**" (in the wider meaning of this term in modern personality psychology). Those that perceive no pleasure from talking, doing or achieving are said to be introvert. If they are also neurotic it could result in shyness and social phobia.

In some people reward pathway activation depends on completion of tasks, maximum achievement and fulfilment of duty, and experience a drive or obligation to avoid "easy gratification" in favour of achieving ultimate goals. These people are said to be "**Conscientious**". They are automatically driven to be organised and meticulous, and they tidy up after themselves. Severely conscientious people can be perfectionistic, pedantic and obsessional.

"**Agreeableness**" is a trait cluster which is associated with activity and size of the area behind the right eye, the orbito-frontal area in the prefrontal cortex. People with high activity here empathise readily with others, are able to imagine what others feel, making them sympathetic and trusting. People with low activity in this area tend to be hostile, mistrusting and ruthless.

Another area of the prefrontal cortex, the dorso-lateral (i.e. upper outer) part, stimulates the reward centre in response to new experiences and aesthetic beauty. This belongs to a cluster of traits referred to as "**Openness**". Whilst most people will enjoy a sunset or a Rembrandt, those with high activity in this area find beauty in abstract art and they experience pleasure from exploration and creativity. They tend to be individualistic, non-conformist and have scant regard for traditions and conventions. They also tend to be politically liberal and tolerant of diversity. People with low activity in this area tend to be conformist and conservative, both in outlook and politically.

In this way a large number of pathways and brain "modules" acting separately and together constitute a person's psychological makeup: their emotional reactions that drive their disposition, thinking and behaviour. Each of these five dimensions, Neuroticism, Extraversion, Conscientiousness, Agreeableness and Openness (NECAO, more easily remembered as **OCEAN**) is a cluster of associated traits that help form enduring tendencies constituting "personality". For example, people that work themselves to



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the top of a hierarchy tend to be high in Conscientiousness, high in Extraversion and, if ruthless (which helps), low in Agreeableness.

It is as if every brain has a large collection of identical trait generators, set at different levels feeding into the mix. These individual trait generators gradually get set as the brain develops during the first 3 years of life in accordance to the inherited genetic codes. Genes determine and fix the volume levels, the basis for personality. Further development (or interference) happens in two ways: learning and epigenetic change.

The brain is built for learning. A perception can initially provoke an automatic response driven purely by reflex emotion, the outcome of which is also perceived. The areas of the brain activated by each step are freshly connected to each other, forming a pathway. The same perception will in future activate the whole pathway: a memory. Each time the pathway is activated the connections are strengthened, otherwise they wither (forgetting). If the pathway is activated without the original stimulus the whole experience is reconstructed as a mental image (remembering).

Emotional reactions are therefore constantly modified by learning, throughout life; however, the strength of modification is limited and the underlying setting is almost always salient. Learning also allows us to internalise values, attitudes and behaviour from the environment, undoubtedly initially from our parents, but definitely from peers and individual life experiences, all of it in accordance to genetic predispositions.

A much more potent change is caused by a change in genetic activity. Genes have "switches" on their surface, small molecules. Methyl bonds cause folding of genes, inactivating them, alkyl bonds open them right out, making them more accessible and active. These switches are referred to as the "epigene". During development and maintenance of body cells and organs the epigene determines where and when a gene becomes active, so that genes are switched on and off at appropriate times. The switching is controlled by other genes (promoters), which are themselves activated in a complex chain of events as the body develops grows and changes.

The epigene has a further function: switching on alternative or additional genes that could have been dormant for generations. Many people inherit inactive alternate copies of certain genes with small differences, known as SNPs (See part 1). These can become switched on by a stimulus from the environment. Overall this can allow the species to adapt more readily to a change in environment. Before brain development is completed during the first 3 years or so, personality characteristics are more sensitive to SNP switching.

For example, persistent high levels of cortisol produced by recurrent abuse or severe neglect in infancy can result in switching on of SNPs amongst genes concerned with the development of the orbitofrontal cortex, resulting in altered function in this area. This results in a lower capacity for empathy (or even a complete absence). Hence the individual is less able to image what others feel, is less able to care, and likely to be sociopathic and more predisposed to cruelty. A complete absence of the capacity for empathy is present in psychopaths.

Hence an abused child can turn into an abuser, -but only if genetically predisposed, i.e. only if the relevant dormant SNPs are inherited. So: is an abuser created by genes (nature) or by abuse (nurture)? Answer: an interaction. Many sociopaths and abusers are born with the relevant SNPs already switched on. (Of course, a reduced capacity for empathy is no bar to learning what kind of behaviour is expected from them by society around them and to taking full responsibility for their actions).

Similarly, genetic predispositions can be inherited to a variety of mental states, including depression and "happiness". Hundreds if not thousands of genes are involved in each personality trait and subsequent mental states. It is known that the different genes that form the predispositions to anxiety and depression kick in at various developmental stages from childhood to early adulthood. Each of these genetic influences on anxiety and depression adds to "sensitivity to adversity". Someone with few of these genes stay remarkably upbeat and positive when unfulfilled or when things go wrong. Someone with a heavy genetic predisposition may feel recurrently or persistently depressed or anxious even in a life without significant adversity, and may misperceive minor problems as major ones.

Ultimately, of course, our behaviour is determined by how we *decide* to act, using the thinking part of our brains, our cognition or "free will". We know that we need to control our immediate impulses, urges and desires. (In fact civilisation has progressed partly because of an ever increasing cultural imperative of self control. No matter how bad we are now, we used to be a lot worse 500 years ago). Nevertheless, people are typically unaware of how much their rational thinking is influenced by their underlying psychology.

So, all this can help to explain *how* we get to differ from each other, but not *why*. According to evolutionary biologists there is very little in life on earth that "just is". Every feature of life has evolved because it has a useful function that increases the likelihood of the genes being passed to the next generation. So what is the purpose of this variation in personality? That question will have to remain dangling from that cliff.

**Dr Martin Beckers**

## Local Prime Pork

I moved back from London last year after pursuing a career in marketing, working for top brands including Red Bull, Innocent Smoothies and Magners Irish Cider. The reason I came back was to help my mother, Felicity, set up her new Farm Shop in Morcombelake. In my spare time, with my uncle John Summers, we set about restoring the fallow horticultural nursery at Bellair Haye just on the edge of Charmouth. Pig keeping has always interested me and combined with the current passion for quality local produce we decided to combine the two and launch our own premium pork brand.



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# Pete and Harmony

**Charmouth is full of musical memories for me. I grew up here in the 70's and it was in and around the village that I learnt to play the piano and performed and sang many times as a child in various houses, halls, and old folks homes.**

It was a great grounding for my musical adventures in the wider world and it has been a pleasure to return to Charmouth to live, and be involved in some wonderful musical adventures here. While I was away I toured the UK and Europe many times as the pianist and keyboard player in bands and then also as a digital technician for one of the biggest drum and bass acts in the UK. Since returning I have played for pantos, parties, weddings and funerals, schools and youth projects while still heading off to play gigs and festivals. Life is never dull!

The Editor has kindly asked me to tell you a bit about the musical talent of some of our Charmouth folk that I know about and also about B Sharp, the local music project for young people.

Just a few days ago over 100 people enjoyed a wonderful and diverse night of music at The Village Hall in Wesley Close organised by Charmouth concert pianist Kim Redford and her partner Martyn Cook. Kim studied at The Paris Conservatoire and we were honoured to see and hear her play Mephisto Waltz No.1 by Franz Liszt. The standard of her technical ability and her passionate delivery was a treat for the audience. We also heard the wonderful vocal talents of Alex McCullum who was accompanied by Kim. This concert was partly organised to introduce Charmouth to The Posh Choir which is led by Kim and is made up of 12 local ladies. It was hard to believe they had only been singing together for two months and that this was their first ever concert performance. They sang Finnish Folk songs and some Italian Operetta, producing a beautifully balanced blend of sound that we all enjoyed immensely. They were given a fantastic reception with much cheering and applause.

Another professional pianist from Charmouth is Phillip Clouts and he played some of his own compositions. Phillip likes to use musical influences from around the world to inspire his jazz pieces and he played solo on the night, although he plays regularly with his Quartet and other groups and musicians. It was great to hear the wonderful rhythms and melodies Phillip has created and for Charmouth to see another pro pianist in action.

Also performing that night was Monique Newby, a singer/songwriter who also lives locally but has spent many years living on a boat. She played acoustic guitar and sang her songs with an infectious warmth and sense of fun, encouraging the audience to join her on her musical journey. Another singer and songwriter opened the show and that was Sue Beckers, a talented local musician and also also one of our village GPs. I have been accompanying Sue for several years now as her pianist and I have really enjoyed writing songs with her. We

performed 4 songs and were delighted with our warm reception.

After the break The Love Daddies took to the stage. The 4 piece band are from North Devon and their blend of dub, punk and psychedelia was wrapped up in great musicianship and groove. I really enjoyed their music as did all of us who took to the dance floor.

One of the pleasures I have discovered in the last few years is the joy of sharing music making with young people. I have found this most enjoyable and rewarding in both my one to one piano lessons and also the music workshops and events I have been involved with at B Sharp. This project was set up as part of Lyme Youth Arts by Fran Williams, an inspirational youth leader and music lover, and in the 5 years since its inception it has touched the lives of hundreds of young people and children in our area.

I have worked with B Sharp for 3 of those years and I am pleased to see so many young Charmouthians are now enjoying and benefiting from the sessions and performances. They have been jamming, composing, rehearsing and learning about music in many ways. They have performed at The Earth Festival, Eden Project, Anonymous Festival, Bridport Arts Centre, The Marine Theatre and many other venues. In 2012 they will have the chance to perform as part of the Cultural Olympiad and may even represent us at some of the Olympic Ceremonies. We can all be proud of what they have achieved under the umbrella of this wonderful youth music collective.

In September of this year Lyme Regis was once again the host town of the B Sharp Busking Festival. This year we decided to place an upright piano on Marine Parade and invite players to use it. Many locals booked slots but there were also times when passers by were urged to play. It was surprising how many people could play in public when encouraged to and there were some truly memorable moments. Over 70 people played during the two days whilst looking out to sea and along our stunning coastline, which is a treat for any player from amateur to professional. Charmouth was very well represented with



*The Vodka Jellies Live Karaoke Band at Glastonbury with festival organiser Michael Eavis. Pete is at the front in the top hat! A Glasto warm up happened here in the village at the Community Hall with many locals singing with them.*



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performances from several adults and many younger players. In the last year or so at least 15 Charmouth based under 18's have been regularly involved with B Sharp and as I write this several of those will be rehearsing with me later today for their performances at The B Sharp Christmas Party and Fundraiser on 10th December.

Music has the power to pull people together in a shared experience, players and listeners, in a way that breaks down barriers and builds up friendships, trust and mutual appreciation. It has survived millennia through its ability to adapt and change to the moving patterns of human development. It brings happiness to billions of us and can make you dance, laugh, jump, cry or be thoughtful. Charmouth has more than its fair share of musicians. I have mentioned some of them but there are many more. Maybe I'll be allowed to tell you about them in future editions of Shoreline.

Wishing you all peace and harmony(!) in 2012,

**Pete Wild**

## Review of the concert

I just want to say thanks to Kim and Martin for organising the Charmouth gig last night and inviting us along to play.

At first we were worried that we weren't going to be appropriate for the audience as the support acts were a good number of local musicians playing in a variety of styles, including a fair dose of classical, and all to a very high standard. Special mention must go to Kim who is both an extraordinarily accomplished pianist and an able director of the Posh Choir whose performance was very moving. We hadn't known quite what to expect but really enjoyed listening to everyone's music.

Really, the gig was the local acts evening and they truly were a credit to themselves. However, despite our anxieties, we were welcomed on stage and the chairs having been moved to one side and the older audience members (who were never going to be able to cope with our volume level) having departed, there ensued much dancing and whooping! We didn't acquit ourselves too shabbily, even managing to digress off onto some psychedelic groove jams and got a lovely warm reception.

It felt really good to be involved in this concert and really nice to have our rough hewn music- making respected; being put alongside a lot of technically much more accomplished musicianship and yet taken seriously for its creative integrity. At least that's how it felt to me. You wouldn't have thought this diversity of styles could have worked, yet it was a very successful evening. Full credit to the vision of the organisers.

Sorry to be so wordy but I really thought this needed saying. All music making is good and when ordinary people get together and put stuff like this on, something real and vibrant is kicking off. This is true culture in all its variety and spontaneity. We don't need a music industry or an arts establishment to tell us what's quality, good or worthwhile.

**Steve Clarke**

Keyboardist of the Love Daddies.



Milly Carter



Harry Eastwood



Ruben Wild

Young members of  
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## Police

**Since the last issue, crime in Charmouth has again been low.** However, although the actual number of reported crimes is small, there have been some burglaries, which of course are very serious. These include a burglary at Nutcombe Terrace where as well as property from the house, both family cars were stolen. Both were later recovered in Chard, but one of them was completely burned out.

The other house burglary occurred at Ellesdon. Cash was stolen from a house. There were also two other non-dwelling burglaries. One was from a barn owned by Manor Farm, flooring and tiles were stolen. The second was at a shed in Catherston Leweston where a chain saw was moved ready to be stolen. The offender was spotted by the home owner and ejected from his land. It was later discovered that he had cut the security light wiring and forced the workshop door. The chain saw was moved ready to steal.

There has been a slight increase in anti-social behaviour in the village. The incidences involve the removal and hiding of hanging baskets from around the Parish Council offices, theft of garden ornaments, door knocking by youths and general bad behaviour. The offenders are being identified and dealt with. We recognise that anti-social behaviour ruins people's quality of life, and we are determined to deal with it.

We now have noise-monitoring and measuring equipment to enable us to prosecute drivers of noisy cars. These are the cars that have had their exhaust pipes modified, or made larger in order to make more noise. We have all heard them, and they are a constant source of complaint. We will now be in a position to prosecute drivers of these cars.

**PC1556 Richard Winward**  
Lyme Regis police station

# St Andrew's Church

**The life of St. Andrew's Church this Autumn has featured the two usual major events: Harvest and Remembrance.** Both have involved special Services that have been well attended. We are always glad to welcome those who come specially to these Services. Harvest fell within the visit of the Walk West Dorset Team. Team members were heavily involved in the Harvest Service, which was shared with our friends at the United Reformed Church. Their Team Leader, preached, and other team members gave testimony to their faith in Jesus Christ as a guide and inspiration for their lives. Our Harvest Lunch followed later that day and the Walk West Dorset Team were our special guests.

The Remembrance Sunday Service was especially well attended this year, with approximately 200 people filling the church and requiring rare use of the balcony. The Service was led by the United Reformed Church Minister, Revd. Ian Kirby. Sadly I could not be present on this occasion, because I was involved in leading two other Remembrance Services that morning, at Marshwood and Monkton Wyld. Please remember that with oversight of 13 churches in this area, I have to 'share myself around' them all. It is no easy matter to decide on priorities between all the churches, but I try to be as fair as possible. The reason this state of affairs has arisen is due to there being fewer clergy to go round, smaller congregations to support and a much tighter financial situation. Churches in this Golden Cap Team struggle as it is to 'pay' for the present clergy, and could not possibly afford to pay for more, to the employing Diocese of Salisbury.

Returning to the Walk West Dorset Team visit in late September, we expect you remember seeing the red sweat shirts of the members around the village! Some of the events over the 10 day period were clearly successful: the Barn Dance with "Crooked Furrow", Quiz Night at the Village Hall, Night of Colour" art talk and Harvest Lunch. The idea of an Information & Prayer Table by the Pharmacy also seemed to be well received – an idea we might repeat when the weather improves! Other ventures did not go

well: the Discussion Night at The George Pub, our Coffee Morning or the Games Afternoon for young people. We are also well aware that there were many who do not like being asked to take part in a 'Personal Beliefs Survey' on their doorstep. The response rate to this was poor; we have been told that people felt this approach to be an intrusion into their privacy. We 'hear' that, apologise for any offence caused, and will not repeat that sort of exercise again. For your interest, the 120 completed replies included the following results:

- ~ Most people believe in some form of God, but only a third think of God as 'personal'.
- ~ A large number of people are very unsure what happens to us after death, with a third believing that after we die, that's it.
- ~ Over 50% believe Jesus is Son of God or a special Prophet.
- ~ The biggest obstacle to believing in God for over 50% of people is the problem of suffering.
- ~ Well over 50% said that if it was possible to know God personally they would like to know more.

Our plans for making much better use of our building continue to develop. Virtually everybody who has expressed an opinion supported the idea of us removing some or all of our pews, replacing with comfortable chairs. This would enable the building to be used much more flexibly, for Concerts, Arts Exhibitions, Drop In Cafe and even to link up with the Pavey Group for historical displays. We aim to improve the kitchen and toilets, perhaps with a new entrance at the northwest corner, by the tower. We will continue our consultations with interested bodies, look for partners in the village, and potential funders. The project will develop in stages, over the next few years. In the meantime we are now obtaining tenders for the re-roofing of the north and south aisle. The work on this will take place in the first part of 2012.

By the way, we urgently need a Church Secretary. Anyone in the village interested?

**Revd Stephen Skinner, Team Rector.**

## Firefighter's Long Service Recognised



Terry Grinter, a Charmouth firefighter who kept up his family tradition when he joined the brigade (by following in the footsteps of his father Keith and his brother Peter, who were also retained at Charmouth), has been honoured for his long service. Crew manager Terry has been a retained firefighter since 1990 and was awarded the Long Service and good Conduct Medal at Dorset Fire and Rescue Service's annual awards ceremony in July. Terry was presented with his award by the High Sheriff of Dorset, Alan Frost, at the ceremony at Lulworth Castle. He said "I felt really proud because I was the only person from West Dorset receiving a medal. With my dad, my wife Penny and the watch commander John Stamp there, and with the beautiful setting of Lulworth castle, it was a perfect evening".

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# Dave Dall - Charmouth's 'Pickle Man'

**You're more than likely to spot David Dall at Morgans wearing his black beret and holding his Help the Heroes collecting box. Since he had a stroke four years ago, David has single handedly raised in excess of £11,000 locally for the charity.**

Born in Lambeth, London, David volunteered for the Household Cavalry when he was a teenager, following in the footsteps of his medal-bedecked father Thomas who fought at Mons, the Somme and Passchendaele. After leaving the military, Thomas joined the mounted police force and took his family to live in Great Scotland Yard.

David remembers helping the local milkman when he was ten years-of-age. But it was no ordinary milk round. "I used to deliver milk to the then Prime Minister Winston Churchill's flat at 10 Downing Street. I would walk down to the kitchen and into the pantry where there was a pull-up lift. Every Saturday, when I put the bill in the lift with the milk, a piece of cake and 2/6d (12½p) would be there for me, together with the money owed. Winston Churchill would often come down and talk to me; he was a jolly man. I also helped with milk deliveries to the Admiralty and the Old War Office."

David undertook six weeks general Army training at Windsor, followed by 16 weeks mounted training there. After a further 16 weeks at Knightsbridge Barracks, he spent three years as a duty man undertaking state duties. Soon afterwards he was posted to a tank regiment in Germany. Mounted sentry duty at Horse Guards and Trooping of the Colour occupied him on his return to the UK. "I was a regular competitor at the Richmond Horse Show, as was Princess Elizabeth," he says. David was on duty when the Princess took the King's place at Trooping of the Colour during his illness. He was also present at the opening of the Festival of Britain and the King's funeral. Between 1951 and 1954 he fought in the Egyptian Canal Zone Campaign.

David met Sylvia on Coronation Day. "I had agreed to go on a blind date and I was so enamoured that I proposed to her on the same day!" They have now been married for 58 years and have a son and a daughter, six grandchildren, one of whom is a Life Guard, and a great-grandchild.

In 1956, after seven years' service in the Household Cavalry, David and Sylvia left the UK for Wankie in Northwestern Rhodesia (now Hwange in western Zimbabwe) and became a shunter on the railways. Sylvia worked in a crèche. "We drove our Standard 8 to all the horse shows and our son Clive became junior show jumper of the year," says David. They finally returned to the UK in 1976 and found work in Dorking. David helped a local farmer with his large herd of cows and Sylvia worked for Surrey County Council as a home carer. When the farm was sold in 1986, David got a job with Reigate Council. Then they came to Chard to live and visited Charmouth whilst on holiday. "We fell in love with the area and decided we wanted to live here when I retired. In 1998 we met the



Photo by Rick Taylor

then warden of St Andrew's House. Quite by chance, she said she was about to retire from her post and had to leave her bungalow, so we exchanged properties."

After a stroke four years ago, David gave jars of his home-pickled onions to the nurses who helped him. They were so impressed that they encouraged him to find a sales outlet. He began by sending his pickled onions to troops in war zones and then he noticed someone selling pickles at a car boot sale. He decided to have a go himself and directed his efforts to the Help the Heroes charity which was then newly launched. "I found people came back for more onions," grins David.

No longer able to stride outside, David takes his electric scooter to car boot sales and Charmouth Market and fills the basket on the front with jars of onions. Not missing an opportunity, he always takes a collecting box too. "We make a considerable amount each day at the market and Roger gives me a free stall." David is often by the beach with his collecting box and notably after the annual Remembrance Day service. More recently, he received permission from the Parish Council to collect in the village. "I don't know what David would do without his fundraising. He can't wait to go out and so enjoys himself talking to people. Everyone in Charmouth has been fantastic," remarks Sylvia. Poppy, their Yorkshire terrier, often joins him in her Help the Heroes coat!

David is proud of his many Help the Heroes certificates, acknowledging his outstanding support. They come addressed to 'The Pickle Man of Charmouth'.

So how can we help this inspirational ex-serviceman? Well, David is thankful for monetary contributions and always needs empty glass jars with lids – especially those in larger sizes. He can raise £3 for a 2lb jar of pickled onions. If you would like to help, please phone him on 01297 560638.

David's fundraising efforts have contributed to the Help the Heroes project for a full-size swimming pool at Headley Court Defence Medical Rehabilitation Unit in Epsom. It is now in use for the rehabilitation of servicemen and women who have been seriously wounded whilst on active duty.

## Lesley Dunlop



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# A Community Garden In Charmouth?

## Would you be interested in a community garden in Charmouth?

If there is enough support I would like to get something organised. The idea is to create a place to meet and grow fruit, vegetables and flowers and for the amateur gardener like me to pick up tips and advice from the more experienced among you. It could be something constructive and fun to do with the children where adults and children (the older and younger variety of both) get something out of it equally. Maybe we could meet on a Saturday morning to dig, plant, grow, pick and chat followed by coffee and maybe even a bacon sandwich (or equivalent). It would be a great way to pick up and pass on tips, exchange seeds or plants and create something lovely. If you have no garden of your own or only limited ability this could be a way of taking pleasure in gardening.

So what would be needed? A location of course. I am making a few enquiries, but if anyone has any ideas, please contact me. Preferably we would need a publicly accessible site or one where access would be agreed for the community gardening club (or whatever it's called). Nearby toilets would be an advantage, as would somewhere to lock up tools - although that is not essential. The area gardened can be very flexible. It can be as large or small as the membership and turfed over if it ever shrinks or comes to an end. It would need enough support; a mixture of those just attending, expert advice and a few committed regular people to keep it ticking over. Sometime after setting up I would look to rotate responsibility for overall organisation because it would not be sustainable for something of this nature to be dependent on just one or two people. Some fundraising would be needed to kick it



*A successful Community Garden in Lewisham*

off but with donated or second hand tools, donated seeds, plugs etc, the set up costs would be very reasonable.

If you are interested or are able to help, please contact me, Caroline Linney at [bloomingcharmouth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bloomingcharmouth@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01297 560180

## Charmouth Gardeners

You do not have to be an actual gardener to be a 'Gardener'. You just need to have an interest in the subject. We meet in the winter - October to February - in the Village Hall, Wesley Close at 2.30 for a gardening lecture, and in the summer we have outings to visit a garden or place of gardening interest. If you are free on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are interested in gardening, come and enjoy yourself with us. Our secretary, Mrs Kay Churchman, will give you all the information you need about the group.

Our next lecture will be on 'Herbs'. It will be held on 11th January at 2.30 in the Village Hall.

**Jean Kesterton**, Chairman (560009)

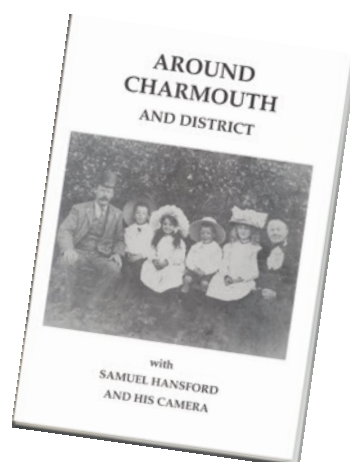
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The 2nd edition of *Around Charmouth and District* will be available in the New Year from Charmouth Post Office, Felicity's Farm Shop, Washingpool Farm Shop and Bridport Old Books, South Street, Bridport (adjacent to the Arts Centre).

It will also be available directly from Davina Hansford on 01297 560014 [davinamj@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davinamj@tiscali.co.uk).

We are happy to report that the reprint will contain some additional and previously unseen photographs taken by Samuel Hansford that have kindly been printed from the original glass plates by a family friend.

**Davina Hansford**



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# Coastguards

**The local coastguard team at Lyme Regis has been involved a project that will see some 2,500 signs installed along the entire length of the 630-mile long South West Coast Path.** The first 500 location signs, which help the Coastguard pinpoint exactly where an accident has taken place, have now been attached to existing waymark signs between Dawlish and Mevagissey by local volunteer Coastguard teams. A further 2,000 signs, each of which give a location name and its Ordnance Survey grid reference, are scheduled to go up over the next year; the 500th sign at Start Point, South Devon was recently installed.

Mick Cooke of the Brixham Coastguard came up with the idea and the project was been jointly sponsored by Endurancelife and the South West Coast Path Association. Mick recently said: "The sooner the Coastguard arrive at the scene of an accident, the better the likely outcome for the casualty, so these little signs could help save a life." The South West Coast Path Association said the charity was pleased to be able to support the project. "Alongside the obvious safety benefits attached to the location signs, they are sure to be useful to walkers along the path, especially if they are unsure of which bay or headland they've arrived at."

Andrew Barker of Endurancelife, which organises regular adventure challenge events along the Coast Path each year, added: "We have runners come from all over the UK and beyond, and the feedback we get is that it's the stunning views from the path that brings them here. It's an important part of our company's ethos to put something back, and so in partnership with a couple of our corporate customers, RBS and Michelmores Solicitors, we are delighted to be able to support this really worthwhile project."

The Coastguard has a long history of involvement with the Coast Path, as much of the route follows the paths created by the Coastguard in its original role as excise men, looking out for smugglers. Right up until 1913 the length of the path was regularly patrolled by the Coastguard in their constant struggle to apprehend lawbreakers. As they needed to look down into every bay and cove, the path closely hugs the coast providing excellent views but rarely the most direct path between two points. This forms the basis for the path that now gives pleasure to millions of people each year.

## Natural History Group

**18th October**-The group set out for Hawkswood in East Devon for a fungi foray, identifying as many as we could. Luckily for us, because it had been dry before the visit, there weren't many. If they had been more, I think we would still be there now identifying them! The fungi which we managed to identify were common earthball, turkey tail, clouded funnel, poor man's beefsteak, candle snuff fungus, ochre brittlegill and parasitic bolete. Hawkswood is one of the very few places in the south of England which has the bog myrtle bush, better known in Scotland, also the reserve has a rare fern called royal fern. Other plants we saw were male fern, hard fern, marsh violet, bulberry and lots of sweet chestnuts!

**15th November**-While we were waiting for a couple of people to turn up, the rest of the group looked up and saw at least 250-300 wood pigeons fly over the village in a north-easterly direction. It's part of a big wood pigeon movement across the country at this time of year! Our



### 'Spot the Beauty spot' Competition

This is one of the locations where we will be attaching a new SWCP sign, but can you work out where it is? Better still, what's the grid reference? We offer a £10 WH Smith voucher.

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main destination was to Black Hole Marsh in East Devon; the morning was good to us. We arrived there and headed off to the Tower Hide overlooking the main estuary. The tide was high but it slowly went down and the birds then turned up. Dunlin, bar-tailed godwit, black-tailed godwit, at least 250 lapwings, wigeon, redshank, little grebe, shoveler, etc. Then we moved onto Colyford Common and saw a family of greylag geese, at least 11 brent geese, but one of the best sightings was a kingfisher hovering over some water very close to the hide. He/she did this more than once for about a couple of minutes. It was brilliant to see! Another excellent sighting was a female peregrine. Unfortunately she was mobbed by a carrion crow and she had to land onto the ground, but luckily for us she stayed on the ground for a long time so we had an excellent view of her which you don't normally see.

**Kate Stapleton**

# News From The Elms

**In June we welcomed new Parish Councillors Andy Peters, Linda Crawford and Rob Love who have immersed themselves in their new roles with gusto.**

We are delighted to have Mike Hendrick back on board after a 2 year hiatus from the council as his knowledge of the Foreshore and the history of the village is invaluable.

After the disastrous road conditions of last winter, the council has been very proactive and has placed 8 grit bins in strategic positions around the village. Should any of these need refilling, note the number on the bin, call DCC on 01305 221020 (Highways) and it will be replenished. Two new bus shelters have been ordered; one to be sited opposite the Bridge Road junction and the other at the Old Lyme Hill junction. These should be in place sometime in January.

The streetlight on the corner of Higher Sea Lane and the light on the Elms building have now been replaced by heritage lamps, thus completing the new street scene. Many of you will have seen young Harry Pearce out and about this summer with his barrow, keeping the streets and pavements clean and litter free. We have received numerous positive comments about his sterling work. He is now back working at weekends, when studies allow.

The Foreshore has never looked lovelier, thanks to our very hardworking beach attendant Mike Perham and his

assistant Amanda Keith. Plans for 2012 include 6 more blue beach huts and the replacement of 9 brown ones on the green – to be painted two lovely shades of green themselves!

Planning advice has been sought regarding a beach volleyball court to be sited beyond the bridge and to the left below the brambles. We are also looking into the possibility of installing an electric winch to enable boats to be hauled back up the beach, which has been well nigh impossible up until now.

At the playing fields a path has been laid to the Scout Hut and all the railings have now been refurbished. The provision of a BMX track is being looked into and the multi-use play area remains high on the wish list.

Members of the Planning Committee have been attending workshops and seminars on the Localism Act, Affordable Housing and the new joint local plan for West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland which is in the early stages of being produced to guide future growth and sustainable development over the next twenty years.

**Councillor Jane Morrow**

## Jane Bremner- District Councillor

**West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Council are in the process of forming a partnership.** The aim is that working together will mean efficient use of resources and staff, and most importantly, money. The partnership between the two councils has started at the top as there is now only one Chief Executive – David Clarke. In fact the top 4 tiers of management have now been combined, and the chief executive has recently announced that all staff are to be working for the partnership by the end of March 2012.

West Dorset District Council has planned an ambitious project in the centre of Dorchester. The first phase, which is now underway, is the building of the new council offices. The new offices will be smaller than the existing ones, cheaper to run, and greener. Dorset County Council is also involved in the project as they are paying for a new public library and an adult learning centre in the new development.

Maybe the most exciting aspect of the project is the fact that the plans include 23 shops that will link with the existing shopping centre, underground parking, new public toilets, a hotel and low cost housing. This part of the project will attract massive public investment and create up to 600 jobs.

Only last week, the developer, Simons, announced that the first big retail player has been signed up – Waitrose will move to bigger and better premises with easier parking in the new development.

If you have ideas or concerns you would like to raise with WDDC please contact me as your West Dorset District Councillor either by email on [cllrj.bremner@woodfarm.co.uk](mailto:cllrj.bremner@woodfarm.co.uk) or on 01297 560431 (office hours)

**Councillor Jane Bremner**

## Clean up after your Dog

Dog fouling complaints have been received by WDDC Dog Warden, Stephanie Miller, from concerned Charmouth residents and Parish Council staff who are worried about the increase in dog mess throughout the village and in particular Barrs Lane, the playing fields and the foreshore. Ms Miller said 'I would like to remind all dog owners that failing to clean up after your dog is a criminal offence under The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005. Committing this offence can result in owners being issued with a £75.00 fixed penalty notice(FPN)

Patrols in the area have now been increased and are carried out on a regular basis with the intention of issuing FPN's where dog fouling is not promptly cleared.

Should you have any information which you feel may help Stephanie, please contact her via 01305 251010 or email [envhealth@westdorset-dc.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@westdorset-dc.gov.uk). Any information will be kept strictly confidential and not passed on to dog owners.

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# Are we Going to Save the Library?

**Yes – if we fund and staff it.**

**No – if we do not contribute time and money.**

The results of the recent questionnaire (details below) demonstrate that Charmouth residents want to keep the library and transform it into a community hub.

Unfortunately, that's only one part of the equation.

Dorset County Council has indicated that the Parish Council can be gifted the freehold or either the Parish Council or Friends of Charmouth Library (FoCL) can take on a peppercorn lease. Of course, there will be legal costs involved, the building is not in a good state of repair and is currently not suitable for the activities which FoCL hope to include in the future. All these considerations are currently under discussion.

When the Parish Council has decided the best policy for the future, FoCL has to produce a business plan and risk assessment for DCC. This will go to Cabinet in March and, if Cabinet Councillors agree that the plan is viable, the library could become community-run by September 2012 – or it will close.

To enable any of the plans to go forward, FoCL will need to raise some initial funds – though we hope to become self-supporting in the future. At a very enjoyable Hallowe'en-themed event on 28 October, together with some generous donations, £700 was raised to give us a start – thanks to all who participated. Our next event will be an **Auction of Promises** on 25 February at The George



Photo by Neil Harvey

which we already know will include some interesting lots such as holiday accommodation in Turkey, photographic portraits, drawing lessons and much more. What promise can you offer to auction to keep the library open? Please let us know. Can't promise? Then please come along and bid!

You can find contact information and the latest news on our new website, generously donated by a library supporter: [www.charmouthvillagelibrary.org.uk](http://www.charmouthvillagelibrary.org.uk).

Here, you will also be able to add to the Village Diary yourself by sending details to the Editor, (especially useful for events arranged between publications of Shoreline) and FoCL have introduced a physical diary in the library for 2012 so we can all check if there will be a clash of dates before writing in our events.

This is just the start of trying to make the library of more use to Charmouth.

Contact any of us via the website with your ideas, suggestions, offers of help or auction promises.

Friends of Charmouth Library Committee: Hazel Robinson (Chair), Robert Hughes (Treasurer), Deborah Winstone (Secretary), Mandy Harvey (Children's Interests), Davina Hansford (Volunteer Co-ordinator), Geoffrey Brierley (County Councillor)

**Hazel Robinson**

## Results from the Library Questionnaire

Thanks to all the 163 people who completed questionnaires. This is around 10% of the population of Charmouth and surrounding villages which is a very good result compared to the usual 5% response to questionnaires.

The full results will be published on our website [www.charmouthvillagelibrary.org.uk](http://www.charmouthvillagelibrary.org.uk) within the next few days but here is a summary.

Only 1 person out of 163 thought we should allow the library to close which means 99.38% are in favour of keeping the library open even if we have to fund and staff it ourselves.

Of those that replied to the question, 77.91% said they were library-users which means that many of those

respondents who do not actually use the library still want it to remain and be of more use to the village as a whole.

53 people offered to volunteer in the library, even if they could give only limited time. This means it should be possible to open the increased number of hours and days that were suggested.

All the suggestions for the use of the library in future received some favourable responses and there were several very good additional suggestions and offers of help to run classes.

There are many difficulties to overcome before we can be sure of retaining the library but the demonstration of this level of support should certainly help.

**Hazel Robinson**



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# Bymead House



Residents Norah Eveleigh and Peggy Baulch with Senior Care Assistant Annie Torrepalma around our Christmas tree

## Bymead House has had a very productive few months.

In November we were lucky enough to secure a grant to allow us to install not only two computer stations for the residents to use and for staff training, but also to 'wi-fi' the whole building! We are now looking for volunteers to offer a few hours a month to help our residents to use the computers. If you are able to help, please contact me.

We also celebrated the 104th birthday of Eugenie Underwood during October; she and her two sisters have a combined age of 308!! They had articles in the Daily Mail and the Bridport News so we are now world famous!

In December the owner of Bymeade House, Sue Blacklock, purchased our very first minibus. It will be sign written with our name on it, so look out for the Bymeade red bus soon! It will enhance the lives of our residents as we will be able to offer many more outings.

Christmas was a busy time with visits from the local Charmouth Brownies who sang some lovely carols, and the children from Mountjoy School in Bridport who came along and played the handbells. It makes Christmas such a special occasion when the children come in and share it with us.

Our lunch on Christmas Day was lovely and we were joined by several relatives, including Ray Smith and Davina Hansford from the village.

The residents enjoyed trips to Otter Nurseries and Morrisons to do some Christmas shopping, where I'm sure lots of money was spent!

We are currently looking for a gardener to work one day a week at Bymeade. This will include general gardening duties plus planning and developing of the gardens. If you are interested and would like to come in for a chat, please contact me on 01297 560620.

I enjoyed a tour of the new shelters in Lyme Regis recently and we hope to book one of them during the next few months for a cake sale, so look out for the adverts.

I know it's a bit early in the year, but here's a date for your diary! Our Annual Summer Barbecue will be held on Sunday 5th August; this year we are having a live Shadows tribute band called 'The Silhouettes' from Weymouth. They also play rock and roll of the 50's 60's and 70's, so if you feel like a jive, Bymeade House will be the place to be on August 5th!

On behalf of Bymeade House Nursing Home, our residents and staff, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

**Elizabeth Wilson RGN, Registered Manager**

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# 1st Charmouth Scouts



*The five newest members of the 1st Charmouth Scout Troop stand within the rope that represents the Scout World Membership badge*

## Charmouth Scout Group continues to grow

Hot on the heels of its Cub Pack investing four new Cubs, 1st Charmouth's Scouts have just welcomed five new members to their Troop.

All five live locally and joined after the Scout Troop invited them to come along to a series of 'taster' sessions. These included: broom chariot racing; indoor caving; shooting at The Tunnel; and taking part in the West Dorset Scout District Swimming Gala.

The new Scouts also helped design, build and paint the two carts that the Troop entered for the District Box Cart Race last Sunday (November 20th). As a result of their efforts, they won the prize for the 'Best Turned Out Cart', and came second in the 'Off Road' event.

The Scout Group now hopes to grow further by re-opening its Beaver Colony, for boys and girls aged six and seven years old. There are also many exciting events planned for the Cubs and the Scouts over the next few months.

Anyone interested in joining, or helping with, the Beavers, Cubs (8-10) or Scouts (10-13) should contact Scout Leader Kevin Payne 01308 459080 / 07976 534517 [payne.kevin6@gmail.com](mailto:payne.kevin6@gmail.com)

## 1st Charmouth's Box Carts Win Honours at District Scout Races

Scouts from the 1st Charmouth Scout Group joined with fellow members from all over West Dorset on the Freshwater Holiday Park, near Burton Bradstock, last Sunday (November 20th) for the annual Scout Box Cart Race.

Each of the 15 carts had to tackle three different events: a Road Race, on the tar macadam paths; an 'Off Road' course, around a very bumpy field; and a Down Hill sprint.

After being scrutinized for compliance with the strict construction guidelines and judged on their presentation, the carts moved towards the



*The 1st Charmouth Scout Troop's box carts rev up for the race*

starting grids. The teams, each comprising one driver and two pushers representing seven Scout Troops within the West Dorset District, then gamely tackled each event against the clock.

The Scouts from 1st Charmouth tasted success twice, as they won the prize for the best presented cart and came runners up in the Off Road event.

Having pushed their hearts out, and taken note of which designs worked best for each event, the Scouts went away exhausted but determined to build even better carts for next year's race.

## Situations vacant at the 1st Charmouth Scout Group

### Assistant Beaver Scout Leader/Colony Assistant

Beaver Scouts are the youngest section of the Scouting family. Their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends.

We have a mother who has volunteered to consider becoming the leader for our Beaver Colony, all we now need to open a Colony is another adult to help out every week.

Contact: Stephen Thompson, Group Scout Leader  
[Stephent12345@aol.com](mailto:Stephent12345@aol.com) 01308 424317

### Assistant Scout Leader/Troop Assistants

To work alongside our Scout Leader in planning and running a challenging programme for our growing Scout Troop. No experience needed, just a desire to ensure our Scouts develop to their maximum potential during their four years with the Scout Troop. Ideally we need someone who can commit to help out every Friday, but joining a once-a-month rota would be an ideal start. Full training provided

Contact: Kevin Payne, Scout Leader, [payne.kevin6@gmail.com](mailto:payne.kevin6@gmail.com) 01308 459080

### Assistant Cub Leader/Pack Assistants

To work alongside our Cub Leaders in planning and running an exciting programme for our growing Cub Pack.

No experience needed, just a desire to help our Cubs get the most from their two years within our Cub Pack.

Ideally we need someone who can commit to help out every Thursday, but joining a once-a-month rota would be an ideal start. Full training provided.

Contact: Stephen Thompson, Group Scout Leader  
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# Valentines Day

**She would ask him this evening.** It was now or never, and Valentine's Day would do perfectly. She smiled wryly at her reflection, noticing another rather deep wrinkle that had manifested itself between her eyebrows. She applied a dab of what used to be called rouge.

*Blusher indeed! Flusher would be more appropriate at my time of life - decidedly more menopausal.*

Catching a glimpse of her room over her shoulder, she turned to scan a chaotic scene of unwashed cups and saucers, together with half finished pieces of artwork intermingled with tubes of oil paints, brushes and pieces of old rag.

If Henry agreed, and she felt quietly confident that he would, she would have to sell up. Her comfortable, albeit messy, haven of several years would no longer do. After all, Henry took his new hobby very seriously, and he would consider a garden to be essential. Her small first floor flat would not be suitable for the two of them, and being on a main road had its drawbacks, however convenient for the High Street. And she would need a separate room she could use as her studio.

She remembered their conversations in the restaurant on Monday evenings. First, there had been his coming to terms with the death of his partner, Beverley, and of his moving back home with his parents. Then there was his sudden and passionate interest in genetics. Biology had never been her strong subject, but she had listened

patiently, and she hoped with a look of interest, to stories of some old monk called Mendel, and his experiments with peas, or was it sweet peas? He had waxed lyrical on dominant and recessive genes, allenes and other such terms that she had forgotten or failed to register. The results of Henry's labours were what she was interested in, not the means. She had realized that after visiting him at his parents' home the other day.

She could imagine the two of them in their new garden. He would probably be inspecting and turning over a newly dug bed where the sweet peas would go, and she would be planting some sensible shrubs, preferably dense and evergreen.

Going into her bedroom to get her bag, she saw an image of the two of them curled up in bed on Sunday mornings. He would probably leave white hairs on the pillow. She would have to replace her dark bed linen with something lighter and possibly patterned.

Was what she was contemplating really such a good idea? Gone would be her freedom to take last minute trips away with her old art college friends, all single like her either by choice, widowhood or divorce. She thought with pleasure of their joint passion for shopping. They would all spend happy hours rummaging through miscellaneous and incongruously placed items thrown together on market stalls, in charity shops and at jumble sales. It wasn't that any of them couldn't afford brand new things, but they all shared the delight of rediscovering new uses for previously loved, but later abandoned treasures. Clemmy had a passion for old buttons and broken strings of beads that she would sew onto bags and cushions, or rework to make new pieces of jewelry, flamboyant and vibrant with new life. Fran was adept at extricating beautiful pieces of cloth from what appeared to be just a pile of useless rags, and from them create an amazing array of throws and wall hangings. She herself would buy mountains of old magazines, the pages of which she would ruthlessly tear out to provide material for her collages, together with anything else that caught her eye, either to wear or to adorn her home. Somehow she didn't feel that she could take him with her. Granted, Clemmy invariably took Winston along; with his mournful eyes, heavy jowls and bow legs... but then a bulldog was altogether a different matter!

Outside, she found the February air chilly, and the pavements rather slippery. She looked down at her sensible fur lined ankle boots. Should she have put a more frivolous pair of shoes in her bag to change into at the restaurant? After all, her bag was quite big enough, more like a sack. She loved its brightly coloured patterns, and she tried to recreate the heat of the sun on her shoulders as she remembered haggling for the bag in some Moroccan market years ago. Unsuccessful, she pulled her shawl more tightly around herself as she hurried to the restaurant. Had Henry been able to secure her favourite table: the one in the corner nearest the door? She felt more at ease with her back to the wall. She enjoyed looking out at the scene from relative obscurity. Sometimes she even took her sketch book, but not tonight.

This Monday, being Valentine's Day, would be quite different from all the other Mondays at the little bistro. There wouldn't be a spare table to be had. Newly engaged couples would be discussing their future together, leaning in towards each other to try and catch every nuance. It

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# Poetry

## The Hollands Room

Do you get bored cooking for one?  
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So why not give yourself a treat,  
All you have to do is use your feet.

So forget the cooking and the dishes  
And get a meal that is tasty and nutritious.  
So once a month if you are able  
You can meet with friends around a table.

Come and join me in the Hollands Room.  
It is great fun and I hope to see you soon.

**by Betty Diamond who is a regular at the  
Village Breakfast and Village Lunch**

## Valentine's day

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would be noisier than usual, and much busier, and she would find it harder to put her proposal to Henry.

"I think I may be a little early," she said to the new and very young waiter, as he took her coat. She scanned the reception for Henry, feeling rather conspicuous standing alone. After what seemed like an age, she saw him approaching, looking very dapper in his dark suit. She noticed his head of thick white hair. She smiled secretly. Very well groomed! Heads turned as they entered the restaurant and all eyes seemed to be upon him as he helped her to her favourite seat.

She felt a sudden dryness in her throat as she thought of what she was about to do, and how the consequences would change her life. What if he says no? How embarrassing would that be? He was obviously aware of her agitation. He was being particularly attentive, making suggestions on what she might like to eat. In her haste to get out of the flat she had forgotten her glasses, and couldn't read the specials board. But after all this time he knew her likes and dislikes only too well.

After the starter and a glass of wine, she felt herself relax a little, but Henry had become rather preoccupied. She wished she could have a proper conversation with him, but the restaurant was heaving tonight, and the clamour of other people's conversation seemed to be bouncing off the walls and floor. She could feel a migraine coming on, and was quite relieved when the evening was nearly over.

She saw Henry re-entering the room and approaching her with a single red rose. She'd ask him now. If he agrees, perhaps she should think of nicknames: Harry, or better still, Hal.

Henry put the silver tray down in front of her, together with the red rose and the bill. She routed through her bag for her credit card.

*Yes, I think Hal will do very well. After all, these amateur cat breeders usually think up the most*

## Morgans Miscellanea

We did a spot of B&B, something for Anne to do,  
Anne said what would be useful is a coffee pot for two.  
She said, 'Pop off to Axminster and see what you can find'.  
She gave me my instructions just to buy a certain kind.

I searched the shops in Axminster and there were pots galore,  
They specialise in kitchen stuff in that big corner store.  
But even they could not supply the pot that I required.  
'There's some of those on order,' they said till I was tired.

When I got back to Charmouth I said to Anne 'Guess what?  
I went to all the shops you said and no one had that pot.'  
'Not even that big corner store, they must have had one there?'  
'Well yes, you would have thought so but they didn't have I swear.'

I wandered down to Morgans, to get my Daily Mail,  
I looked around their kitchen stuff to see what was for sale.  
To find what I was looking for would be a lengthy shot,  
But there to my amazement was the very coffee pot.

A football, fork or Philip's screw, whatever you've in mind,  
Have a look in Morgans it's surprising what you'll find.  
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A trip to B&Q or Smiths could be a wasted ride.

**Peter Crowter**

*ridiculously long names for their kittens, and I'm sure Henry will be no exception.*

She looked at Henry's beautifully manicured nails as he fussed with the crumpled tablecloth before taking her card. He was an excellent waiter and a good companion over coffee on quieter Mondays, and one day he would make someone a wonderful wife!

But all she was interested in at this moment was whether he would allow her to have his beautiful, pure white Main Coon Kitten.

**Jane Bean**

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# Pudding Party was a Great Success

**On the 21st October, 63 people enjoyed an evening of sheer indulgence when they attended a Pudding Party organised by Jan Plummer on behalf of Exeter Leukaemia Fund.** The Party was kindly hosted by Neil Mattingly at his lovely house, Thallata, situated on the cliff top overlooking Charmouth beach. The puddings were supplied by local people and were absolutely delicious. The variety was amazing and the generosity of those attending, and also people who offered donations, enabled us to make an incredible £650 profit on the night, which was increased with further donations to £800 in total; a truly fantastic effort by everyone.

A spokesperson from the charity, which is based at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, said "The generosity and support of Charmouth residents has truly amazed us. We thank you

all most sincerely and assure you that your donations will help us to continue our programme of support to patients and carers across the South West".

I would like to thank everyone who attended the event and all those who helped with the organisation and the food. I would also like to thank the bar staff for their sterling work on the night and, last but not least, I would like to thank Neil for opening his doors and making us all so welcome.

Following the success of this first event, I am encouraged to organise more events where we can have fun and also help others who are less fortunate. Ideas would be greatly appreciated.

**Jan Plummer 560730**

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In 1994, on the advice of The Commissioners for Charities, the name was changed to The Almshouse Charity (the largest of all the endowments), thus simplifying accounting and records.

For further information please contact the Secretary,

**Anthea Gillings**, on 01297 560465

## Leukemia Research Fund

### November Coffee Mornings

We would like to thank our generous supporters, some of whom have attended our Coffee Mornings for all of the 20 years we have been holding them. The first one, which was small and in our own home, raised £198! During this time we have actually paid into the Fund just over £11,000. This year the total raised, with some late donations, was £733.60.

We have decided to retire from this event and although you will not see us in the Village Hall next November, you may see a few of people in red sweatshirts with collecting tins in The Street and Lower Sea Lane during the summer holidays!

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**Don and Ann Macnair**

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# We Remember



**Roger John Warren**  
**6th February 1946 –**  
**21st September 2011**

Roger was born at Watton Epe and spent a carefree childhood with three brothers and two sisters. Roger met Madeline when they were both nineteen. They married in 1967 and they had a very happy life together. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Roger loved life and played skittles in Bridport for forty years and had many friends there. Roger and Madeline moved to Charmouth in 2000 and were soon part of the community; Roger playing skittles and pool and helping the darts team. He loved his pint at the Royal Oak on a Wednesday and Friday, always making people chuckle with his jokes. He loved country and western music and he and Madeline spent many happy weekends away listening and dancing to it. Roger had many friends in Charmouth - the number of people in the church at his funeral was testament to this. Whenever you saw Roger he had a ready smile and a joke. Charmouth will miss Roger a great deal; there is so much more that could be said about him. Rest in peace, Roger, we will all miss you .

***From all your friends in Charmouth.***

**Ossie Eke**

**1921 - 2011**

We played bowls at Lyme Regis, then Ossie moved to Charmouth after selling his flat because he was not allowed to rent it out. He quickly became part of Charmouth society because of my many interests. His greatest joy was reading with the children at Charmouth Primary School where they loved to hear his stories about being on duty as a Grenadier Guard at Buckingham Palace.



He signed on in 1938 at only 17 (lying about his age) and spent his first year as a guard. He was drafted to France and finally to Cairo in Egypt for the rest of the war to draw the plans for the camouflage of planes, tanks and even submarines for desert warfare. Demobbed in 1945, he married and worked first in Bath, then was relocated to south London as Area Manager for Ready Mix Concrete. We couldn't pass a concrete mixer without yet another anecdote!

After the death of his second wife, Ossie took early retirement and spent 13 years in South Africa, helping a long time friend to run an estate. It was there he continued his interest in sport, having played rugby, cricket, golf and swimming. In Charmouth he took up and succeeded in the game of bowls.

Ossie was stone deaf in one ear – a wartime injury – and wore a hearing aid. He was a very reserved, quiet gentleman and I will miss his support and humour, as will others who knew him.

***Jean Kesterton***

**Jocelyn Moore**

**1925-2011**



Jocelyn Moore was born in Hyde, Greater Manchester in 1925. After finishing school, she chose a career in nursing and began her training at Runcorn Cottage Hospital. After a few months she became a student nurse at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary and on completion of her training, was awarded a gold medal. The Liverpool Daily Post published a photo of her with a caption 'Proof that brains and beauty do go together.'

In her early 20's she was the Sister of a busy ward at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary. Jocelyn met John at a ball while he was home on leave from the Navy. They were married in 1950. While John spent many months at sea, Jocelyn brought up their three daughters. He came ashore when their son was born in 1960. After the family moved from Liverpool to Brentwood, Jocelyn returned to nursing. Then, in the late 1970s, Jocelyn and John had a holiday in Dorset and saw a plot of land for sale overlooking the sea. They had a house built and moved here in 1979. Their daughter Joanna recalls how much her mother loved Dorset with its open views, sea and countryside. Jocelyn and John's four children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren were frequent visitors.

Jocelyn was a regular volunteer at Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, where she enjoyed talking to visiting children about the exhibits. She was also a frequent photography prize winner at the annual Charmouth Gardeners' Show. In her later years she took up Honiton lace making.

***The Moore Family***

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Hazel Robinson 561214

# West Dorset Befriending Scheme

## **Could You be a Friend?**

POPP, NHS Dorset and WRVS are working together to establish a community befriending service for Lyme, Charmouth and the surrounding villages. West Dorset Befriending Scheme is a voluntary service, available to anyone in the Lyme, Charmouth and local areas.

Volunteers are needed to provide a range of services to people who require additional support to remain independent. Anyone can become a volunteer and make an incredible difference to someone else's life. By donating just 1 hour per week you can change the life of someone who is lonely or vulnerable.

We also need a volunteer to coordinate the service in Lyme ie. Meeting new clients, interviewing potential volunteers and facilitating the introduction of volunteer and client

Services that will be provided by volunteers include;

- Home visits, sharing a cup of tea and a good conversation
- Accompanying clients on shopping trips or shopping on their behalf
- Reading to those who are visually impaired
- Assisting with correspondence
- Taking clients on short wheelchair excursions
- Accompanying people on short walks
- Sitting to relieve a carer

There is no age limit for volunteers. You just need to;

- possess a willingness and desire to help
- be committed to providing reliable, consistent support
- identify how much time you are able to comfortably give
- identify the kind of service you would like to offer
- enjoy sharing your time with others and meeting new people

The benefits to both volunteers and patients are numerous and rewarding;

- you meet new people
- you learn new things about others and the area in which you live
- clients retain their independence and self-esteem
- volunteers experience a feeling of contributing to an invaluable service and of making a real difference to the life of someone else

Volunteers are warmly welcomed to join WDBS. The area will have a local, volunteer coordinator who will meet with other volunteers to talk about the type of work they would most enjoy and then introduce them to a person who will benefit from their support.

Could you be a member of this fantastic team and help to improve someone's quality of life?

Could you give just 1 hour per week/fortnight to make a real difference?

Could you help to keep someone smiling?

If you would like more information or are interested in being a coordinator or befriender, please call  
**Lisa Knight, NHS Dorset on 01305 368053**

**Sue Herman, POPP Community Leader, 07760 762278,**

**Felicity Horton, Charmouth Coordinator on 07736**

## **Charmouth Youth Club**

We believe that young people benefit from constructive activities during their leisure time and that giving young people somewhere to go, something to do, and someone to talk to is important.

In addition to our Junior youth work session on Tuesday evenings, we are looking to do more by opening up another session for older young people (13 +).

If you believe that you want to help young people reach their full potential you can make a significant contribution by volunteering. If you:

- have some time to offer and want to make a difference
- can listen and be non judgemental
- are 18+

We will provide you with training and support.

Please contact us on 01308 422500 if you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer.

**James Ward- Rice**



# Village Diary

Sun 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbbeck 560860
Mon 9.00-11am or by special arrangement	Pavey Group (village history)	The Elms, The Street.	Peter Press 561270
Mon 9.00-12.30	Monkton Wyld Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
3rd Mon each month 2.15-4.15/4.30pm	Golden Cap Flower Club	Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close	Lillian Bagnall 443335
Mon 4.30-6pm (term-time only)	Charmouth Brownies (ages 7-10)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Mon 8.00-10pm	Charmouth Badminton Club (experience required)	Charmouth Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Tues 9.00-noon or by special arrangement	Pavey Group (village history)	The Elms, The Street	Peter Press 561270
Tues 9.00-12.30	Monkton Wyld Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
Tues 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbbeck 560860
Tues 6.30-8.30 pm	Junior Youth Club (ages 8-11)	Youth Club Hall, Wesley Close	Ken Darling 561004
Tues 7.00-10.00	Charmouth Badminton (begins 4 <sup>th</sup> October)	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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed each month 2.30pm	Charmouth Gardeners	Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close	Kay Churchman 560980
Weds 7.00-8.45pm (term-time only)	Girl Guides (ages 10 onwards)	For info call Davina Pennells 560965	
Weds 7.15pm	Wyld Morris dancing practice	Pine Hall, Monkton Wyld Court	Briony Blair 489546
Thurs 2.00-5.30pm	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground, Barr's Lane	Bob Just 560557 June Rebbbeck 560860
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 Pielesz 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

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

# Local Contacts

EMERGENCIES	<b>Police, Fire, Ambulance or Coastguard</b>	<b>999 or 112</b>
POLICE	PC Richard Winward, PCSO Luke White and PCSO John Burton (Community Police issues)	01305 226912
	Non Urgent call number for reporting incidents / enquiries	101
	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
DORSET'S PORTAL FOR COUNTY/DISTRICT/TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS AND OTHER AGENCIES <a href="http://www.dorsetforyou.com">www.dorsetforyou.com</a>		
LOCAL M.P	Oliver Letwin, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA or e-mail letwino@parliament.uk	02072 193000
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