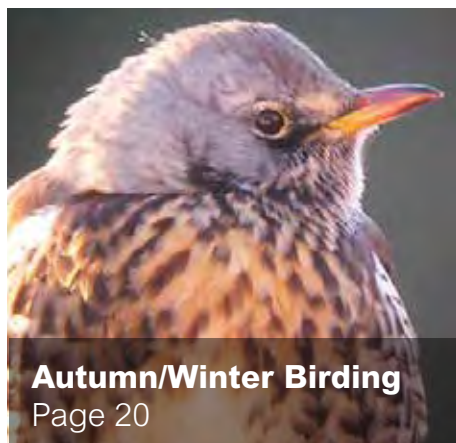


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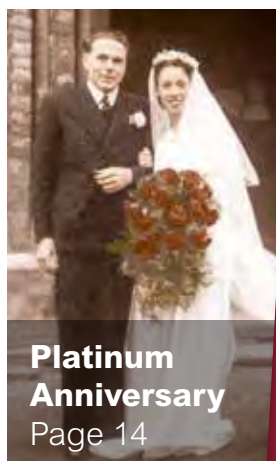
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Editorial

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Melody Beattie

We must surely be grateful for the glorious autumn weather of the last few weeks. There is a certain light and a sense of stillness at this time of year that makes walking along the beach an even more magical experience than usual. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful and special place as Charmouth.

On page 13, Dr Sue Beckers continues to educate and enlighten us with her thought-provoking article on the current diabetes and obesity (diabesity) epidemic which is set to bankrupt the NHS. Fortunately, with the right diet (see the Charmouth Food Chart in the summer issue or online at charmouth.org), exercise and reduced stress, high levels of insulin in the blood can be lowered

dramatically. Dr Sue is planning some 'Deal with Diabesity' events, so if you want to become involved, pop into the Charmouth Practice and put your name on the list.

Geoffrey Restorick's memories of growing up in Charmouth in the '40s and '50s are a most entertaining read. He describes his youthful escapades (many) in such an amusing way and with great attention to detail too. Read all about them on pages 15 to 17.

Being an avid bird lover (eight feeders and counting), I'm delighted to introduce Richard Phillips, our birding reporter, to the magazine. His lovely article, with photos, on page 20, details the birds migrating to Africa for the winter and those we can look forward to seeing here in Charmouth over the next few months.

Some forthcoming events for your diaries include Spooky Firework Fun on Saturday 5th November, Carols and Cheer on Saturday 3rd December and the Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December. See the What's On page for more details.

On behalf of the Shoreline team, I would like to wish our readers, contributors and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and harmonious 2017.

Jane

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Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan

Since our last update in the summer issue of *Shoreline*, the Steering Group has held a very useful initial survey of residents and visitors – you may have seen us one Saturday in August at various places along The Street, armed with clipboards. Everyone we spoke to was friendly and helpful, and the answers we received will form the basis of our first questionnaire.

If all goes according to plan, a copy of the questionnaire will be delivered to each household and business at the beginning of November. For a full update on progress, or for help with

the questionnaire, the Steering Group is holding an 'open house' at St. Andrew's Community Hall in Lower Sea Lane on Saturday 12th November from 10am till 3.30pm. There will be a short presentation at 11.30am and again at 2.30pm, and group members will be there throughout the day to answer any questions and to hear any feedback you would like to give.

We look forward to seeing you!

Carole Girling

Chairperson Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.



2017 Charmouth Calendar – a great Christmas Gift

The fourth Charmouth Calendar is on sale around the village.

35 local photographers submitted 242 photographs and the standard this year meant that it was difficult to choose the best 13 for the front cover and for each of the 12 months. The result is an excellent calendar which it is hoped will raise funds for the 2017 Christmas Fayre and lights.

The price has been held at £5.99.

Phil Tritton



**All Shoreline issues can be seen online at
www.charmouth.org/charmouth_villagelshoreline-magazine/**

Parish Council News

The Parish Council has been successful in recruiting the services of a Facilities Manager. The new appointee is Mr David (Dave) Humphrey of Lyme Regis who commenced his duties on Monday 12th September. Dave joins the Council after a long career in the Royal Navy followed by a period of employment with a local company.

In his role with the Council he will be directly responsible for the supervision of the Direct Labour team whose activities embrace the maintenance of facilities within the Parish. It is important however that any public requests for actions/information in respect of the village are in the first instance channelled through the Clerk to the Council, Mrs. Lisa Tuck (01297) 560826.

With two Councillor vacancies still existing, the Council are keen to encourage local people within the village to consider offering their services. The posts are open to anyone of voting age and provide an opportunity to participate in the functioning of the village; these include particularly the beach and foreshore, playing fields, recreation areas, the cemetery and chapel, together with street controls and planning applications. Any initial interest can be directed through any one of the existing Councillors or direct to the Clerk to the Council.

In support of this need to recruit new Councillors and to provide more information, it is proposed that an "open evening" will be held at the Council Offices at The Elms on Monday 28th November between 7pm - 9pm. This will also be advertised through notice boards and the usual channels and anyone who has not already sought information will be encouraged to attend.

Melissa Kirby

Village Harvest Lunch

Approximately 50 people enjoyed a Harvest Lunch on the 9th October which, at the invitation of Neil Mattingly, was held in his lovely house. Everyone who participated enjoyed numerous delicious dishes and, with the raffle, Neil was able to send a cheque for £400 to The Pilsdon Community. Thank you Neil for your hospitality.

Has anyone mislaid a long thick red purple and blue scarf left at Neil's house? Please contact Ann Macnair (560611) who has it safely in her keeping.

Ann McNair

Macmillan/Weldmar Coffee Morning

On a beautiful sunny morning on 23rd September we held a Macmillan/ Weldmar Hospice care coffee morning in St Andrew's Hall. Thanks to the generosity of many wonderful cake makers and to the 106 people who came to the coffee morning, we managed to raise £630, which will be split between these two charities. We also managed to enjoy the morning because we had three men in the kitchen making many cafetieres of coffee and washing up while we served coffee and cakes.

Kathy Fereday, on behalf of the Charmouth Branch of Weldmar Fundraising Committee.

Charmouth Christmas Fayre

**The Fayre will take place on
Friday 9th December.**

A new, enlarged committee which includes Charmouth Fayre, Charmouth Traders, Charmouth School, Changing Spaces and Charmouth Central will work together to ensure that this year's Fayre is the biggest and best yet!

Details will be posted on the Charmouth Facebook page as they are agreed and also on www.charmouth.org. Please look out for posters and flyers in the local shops as well.

Phil Tritton

Spooky Firework Fun at the beach

Charmouth's traditional firework display on Saturday 5th November will take on a Halloween feel this year. There will be a barbeque, bar and refreshments but also other attractions including toffee apples, decorated pumpkins and spooky music.

The fun will start at 5.45 and conclude at 7.30 on Saturday 5th November. Our fireworks will follow the Lyme Regis display, which is clearly visible from Charmouth beach, which will effectively double the entertainment.

Admission is free though donations will be welcome and revenue from food and drink will also contribute to the cost of the fireworks.

Full details of the evening had not been finalized when Shoreline went to press so please check for updates on the evening's festivities on the Charmouth Facebook page and in local shops.

If we are unlucky with the weather (again!) please check www.charmouth.org or at Charmouth Stores or Morgans for the latest information.

Unfortunately there will not be a bonfire this year. We have decided that the risk of shards of flint from hot stones is too dangerous. We are already looking at a solution and hope to resume the bonfire next year.

The evening is organized by Charmouth Fayre on behalf of Charmouth Traders.

Phil Tritton

Are you interested in opening a cafe on The Street in Charmouth? If so, please call 07980 985159

Charmouth's Party in the Park August 2016

On the 7th August we held our second Party in the Park of the year. It was yet another great night, with over 1000 people listening to the music and dancing the night away. The weather was kind to us and it was a lovely warm evening. The bar almost ran dry and the delicious food was enjoyed by all.

The band, Mr Jean, who were brilliant in May, were invited back, and were superb. Supporting Mr Jean was Pete Wild's excellent band 'The Extract'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave up their time to help set up and secure the site, cook and serve the food, run the bar, man the gate and bottle stall, and work through the evening to make it a safe and fun night for all.

I must take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Peter Noel, Anthea Gillings and Jeff Prosser, who have given many, many years of time and energy to the Fayre and Party in the Park, and who are leaving the team this year.

Resulting from the Party in the Park events this year we were able to donate £2100 to support children's groups in the village.

The Party in the Park will be back in 2017 with more great evenings of fun. We will keep you posted.

The Party in the Park Committee

Charmouth Parking Refund Scheme

A reminder that you can park for two hours in Charmouth's Lower Sea Lane car park and get your parking cost refunded if you spend £10 or more in any Charmouth outlet displaying the 'P FREE' sign. Most outlets in Charmouth village centre are in the scheme.



The Swing Band at Charmouth

The Three Counties Swing Band came to St. Andrew's Church in September to play an evening of old and new band numbers. What a night to remember! Not only are they talented musicians, but they also brought with them soloists who enhanced their performance. And their leader was a good compere. The occasion was an evening organised in aid of the repairs to St. Andrew's Church and the running of Catherston Leweston Church. This was a joint venture not only to raise funds, but to make new friends. Charmouth's Changing Spaces team are committed to restoring the church building, which needs many thousands of pounds to help bring it back to its former glory. The evening raised £1100, to be divided between both churches. This exercise should be repeated as it was such a good evening. St. Andrew's Church has fantastic acoustics and had plenty of room to hold this event. Our thanks go to Stephen Skinner for letting us use the church and welcoming us all, all the people who donated plates of nibbles, and volunteers. Without them, the evening would not have been such a success.

Bob Hatch

Letters

Susan Harben

I was interested to read Lesley's article on genealogy in the summer issue, particularly as she referred to Susan Harben who was a matron at Charlotte Bronte's school. I went to Casterton School near Kirkby Lonsdale and was in Harben House. The school was founded as a result of an amalgamation with Cowan Bridge School, the infamous Lowood school in 'Jane Eyre'. It was founded in 1823 by the Rev. Carus Wilson for the daughters of poor clergy, and Charlotte and three of her sisters were there between 1824-5. The two eldest, Elizabeth and Maria, died as a result of tuberculosis.

Miss Harben was remembered at Casterton as an early headmistress and a portrait of her hung in the school hall. Cowan Bridge and Casterton were amalgamated in 1833 when the school moved to Casterton. It remained independent until 2013, when it became part of the boys' school, Sedbergh, and is now the junior part of Sedbergh School.

Caroline Rogers

Gone Fishing

I was staying with my niece, Jo and her husband, Mike Seaman earlier this year and they gave me a copy of your excellent publication. My fishing-friend Sarah and I both enjoyed catching up on Charmouth news when we were out fishing for salmon in the Juan de Fuca straight off Vancouver Island, Canada recently. We read with interest about Mike's important work as Senior Watchkeeper at Lyme Bay and the very interesting article about Velella: By-The-Wind-Sailor by Rosalind Cole. I have never seen these fascinating creatures (although Sarah has) but perhaps they will miraculously appear on the beach again next time I'm visiting Charmouth!

Here I am showing off with one of our catches of the day.

Ann Tasko,



Choirs to Unite for Christmas Performance

On 19th December two choirs will come together for a specially arranged concert at St. Andrew's Church. Members of the Charmouth and Bridport Pop & Rock Choir and the Lyme Regis Golf Club Choir, both directed by local musician Edward Jacobs, have already started rehearsing for the performance that will include a wide variety of popular and Christmas music.

Tickets will cost £7 (including a drink) and will be available after 28th November from the Charmouth branch of Fortnam Smith & Banwell or by contacting Jan Coleman on (01297) 561625. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments will be available.

Local people have already been asking about this event, so it would be a good idea to book your tickets in advance as the evening will surely prove to be well supported.

Edward Jacobs

RNLI Christmas Day swim

For everyone who supported us last year in such chilly, windy and wet conditions we thank you and applaud your enthusiasm!

Now there are no guarantees, but we're optimistic that this year the weather will be set fair for all our intrepid swimmers or 'dippers'. Once again our Lifeboat crew will be out to ensure we celebrate in fantastic style and raise as much money as possible.

We will provide further details nearer the time but sort out your costume (fancy or otherwise) for Christmas morning.

We look forward to seeing you there.

And if there are any keen bucket collectors do please get in touch

Clare and Colin Evans, RNLI Charmouth Representatives
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Lost in Translation

Our valiant postmaster, Steve Pile, recently sent away for a UHF rodent repeller which was made overseas. He was so amused by the quaintly translated instruction leaflet accompanying the product that he would like to share it with Shoreline readers. Typos/grammar remain uncorrected.

"Effect Range: This machine will have great effect in 50-80 square meters in the room and can lustrate house mouse, black beetle, mosquito, flea, fly, cricket, ant, wood ant, etc vermin. So we can call it electronic lustrate mouse machine, electronic helminthes machine, etc. The ultrasonic that sent out from this machine is far away from hearing range of human being. They will not do harm to human being and pets. Also will not have affect on house machine. This machine is safety and environment protected. Smell-less and flavorless. Teeny used energy (Total power less than 2W) and with advance photoelectron technology.

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So where do you start??!!

Thanks, Steve.

First Ladies of Tennis

Former Charmouth Tennis Club member Joy Cole has kindly alerted us to the 1984 Wimbledon programme and, in particular, an article within its pages by Lance Tingay entitled 'The Ladies 1884-1984'. The article marked the centenary of the ladies' first arrival in the original All England Club in Worple Road, Wimbledon, and focused on their backgrounds and successes and – yes – Charmouth was mentioned. For those who may be unaware, two 19th century pioneering lady tennis champions lived in the area, one in Charmouth and one in Morecombelake. Both died in Charmouth.



Maud Watson

In 1879, at the tender age of 14½, May Langrish became the first Irish Ladies' Singles Champion at the Fitzwilliam Club, Dublin, playing, as they did then, in restrictive, ankle-length, long-sleeved, high-necked dresses and shoes with heels. In 1884 she was beaten by Harrow-born Maud Watson, who was also a winner of the Irish mixed doubles tournament. When the All England Club opened its doors to the ladies in 1884, Maud became the first Wimbledon Ladies' Singles Champion at 19 years of age, beating her older sister Lilian. She repeated her success at Wimbledon the following year. In later years she was honoured with an MBE for her First World War nursing work in her home village of Berkswell, near Coventry, where her father was rector.

In 1932, Maud took up residence in Hammonds Mead in Charmouth as companion to her long-time friend and fellow tennis enthusiast Miss Gertrude Evans. Hammonds Mead was then a large house with 13-bedrooms, a tennis court and gardens that led to the beach. Post-World War II, it became a hotel; the main entrance was in Lower Sea Lane and the service entrance was in Higher Sea Lane. It was demolished in 1993 and the new road of houses built in its place bear the name of Hammonds Mead.

May Langrish, Maud's tennis adversary in her youth, retired to nearby Morecombelake and the two often met and reminisced. In time, May fell ill and moved to Hammonds Mead, where Maud cared for her. May died there in January 1939 and Maud, seven years later, in 1946. May is buried at Catherston Lewston and Maud at Berkswell. Neither May nor Maud married.

So, many thanks to Joy, who still enjoys league tennis and plays for Dorset. For further information on Maud Watson and Hammonds Mead, see <http://www.freshford.com/maud%20watson.htm>

Lesley Dunlop



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CHARMOUTH WEATHER 2016

When looking up the weather forecast for Charmouth on the Met Office website I was puzzled to see it listed under 'Charmouth – West (beach)'. Out of curiosity I asked the Met Office why they were using such a specific part of Charmouth.

They didn't really give an answer, but said that they had decided to add a forecast for the location 'Charmouth'. However they would also continue to list 'Charmouth – West (beach)', presumably for continuity. So now if you want to see the Met Office weather forecast for Charmouth, we have two!



Some statistics for this year's weather so far using my own weather station (located just off Higher Sea Lane):

Bill Burn

		2016 (to 1st Oct)
Hottest	19th July	26.2°C
Coldest	16th Feb	-3.1°C
Wettest	1st Aug	24.1mm
Windiest (gust)	28th Mar	85kph

For comparison	2015
1st July	24.7°C
23rd Jan	-2.6°C
14th Aug	53mm
5th Dec	72kph

Average Temperatures °C

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
2015	6.9	5.3	5.3	9.6	11.5	10.4	15.9	15.4	13.7	11.7	10.2	11.2
2016	7.0	6.3	6.3	8.1	12.2	14.9	16.4	16.9	15.9			

Pop Up Writing

A small group of people got together and formed Pop Up Writing earlier this year. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons in the Charmouth Central Library cafe. What is most enjoyable about the group is the diversity of writing, poetry, comedy, memoir, fiction and much more. Being able to express yourself through writing is so important and members of the group not only give confidence to each other to write, they also entertain.

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THE BOPPER BUS WHEELS TO STOP TURNING

For the past 13 years a coach has set out, summer and winter on Friday evenings during term time, to collect children from villages and settlements within the Marshwood Vale and along the A35. Escorted by volunteers who are all police checked, trained in child protection and first aid, the children are taken to Bridport Leisure Centre for two hours where they take part in a variety of sports led by BLC instructors, followed by supervised swimming. They then gather together for a snack and a chat before returning home on the coach. During those 13 years, over 370 children between the ages of 8-16, have had the opportunity to develop skills in sports they have never tried before, to practice and improve their swimming and to meet new friends and consolidate friendships which many, who live in areas without public transport, can only enjoy at school.

The activities the children have been offered, indoor or out have included all ball games, trampoline, martial arts, badminton, table tennis, short - mat bowls, tag rugby, gymnastics and team games, a favourite being crash-mat racing.

Written quotes from children:

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The Bopper Bus began in 2003 as an idea which received the largest number of votes by Chideock children at a meeting in Chideock Village Hall connected to the Parish Plan scheme run by the Countryside Agency through Parish Councils. A generous start-up grant from the Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Local Network Fund, kept us running for the first two years and since then we have managed to raise sufficient funding to keep going from parish and district councils, trusts, sponsorship, community grants, individuals and our own fundraising events which have included sponsored walks and swims, stalls at fetes and fairs, a race night for parents, raffles, and chocolate tombolas.



Seats on the bus are limited to the size of the bus which has to negotiate very narrow lanes in the Vale. Tickets are booked at the post offices of Charmouth and Chideock Central Stores on a 'first come -first served' basis. As a result of generous donors, grants and successful fundraising events and Sovereign Coaches 'holding ' their charging rate for many years, the Bopper Bus has only raised its ticket price once in 13 years from £1.00 per child to £2.00 with a sliding scale for other siblings.

Since 2003, nearly 50 local men and women have trained and served as escorts to take care of Bopper Bus members, some for many years. In all that time the bus has only ever had to be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions such as flooding, heavy fog, snow or road closures.

However- as the saying goes "All good things must come to an end" so very sadly the management committee has to announce that the Bopper Bus Organisation will close down in December. Two of the present committee, (Kate Geraghty and Lyn Crisp) both founded the Bopper Bus and served as escorts on the bus during those 13 years, two others (Mandy and Melanie Harvey) for nine years each and Charlotte Dixon for the past year. We now all have other calls upon our time and despite trying for the past year, we have been unable to recruit a full, new team to replace the management committee or enough escorts prepared to make a long-term commitment to fulfil what is required to continue running the bus in the future.

There is sufficient funding for the bus to run as usual through November, and make its last journey on December 9th. We always end the Christmas Term with a party so this year we will be holding a Farewell to the Bopper Bus Party in Chideock Village Hall, on Friday 9th December 5.30-8.30pm for all members, escorts, helpers, sponsors, donors and supporters, past and present, to publicly thank everyone for their support for this project.

As associates of the Dorset Youth Association and in line with our constitution, we shall offer any surplus funding to DYA for other Dorset youth groups.

We are very proud to have been part of the Bopper Bus Organisation and if we haven't already said so to all our supporters - you know who you are - we cannot thank you enough on behalf of all the Bopper Bus children for helping it to run successfully during the past 13 years.

Management Committee. Kate Geraghty, Lyn Crisp, Mandy Harvey, Melanie Harvey, Charlotte Dixon.

CHARMOUTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We are now in our fourth year and continue to meet at The Elms each Sunday morning and evening, and also Wednesday evening for Prayer and Bible Study. Last September, as before, we join with C.W.R. for a national weekend of prayer. Although few turned up, it was good to talk about aspects of Church Life with others from different churches. Ask any Christian and they will tell you how important prayer is

and yet it is the first thing to get sidelined when life gets busy. I wonder how many, like me, as they begin writing their article for Shoreline, realise that this is for the Christmas edition. Where has 2016 gone?

I wonder too, how many, like me, are keen bird watchers? (That is keen, not to be confused with good.) Before moving to Charmouth about 20 years ago, we lived in Surrey. At the bottom of our garden was a large piece of land that had just been developed into a housing estate. One day, in the trees at the bottom of my garden, I saw some linnets and, with my binoculars, focused on them. I stood for some time watching them, when I became aware

of something moving some way behind them and well out of focus. Adjusting the focus to my horror I saw an angry lady leaning out of a bedroom window shaking her fist at me. How could I ever explain that not only was I not looking at her, she was completely out of focus and I couldn't see her anyway? This Christmas I wonder what you will focus on: presents, turkey, Christmas tree, that's fine, but occasionally adjust your focus on the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God. After all, He is the reason for the season.

Mike and Tony wish all readers of Shoreline a peaceful Christmas.

Michael Davis

My Rio Olympics Experience



Nicky with Michael Jung, German gold medal winner for individual eventing

I was asked whilst volunteering at the London Olympics in 2012 if I would like to help in Rio and of course I said 'yes', after all it was a long way off! When I applied in 2014 they asked for the usual details plus any specific skills to join the medical team. They wanted me to have another two languages, so in order to improve I did online tests in German and French and also an online schedule of training in health and safety and diversity.

Fast forward to June this year and apart from hearing that the accommodation would be free of charge, I had received no information on my shifts and was getting concerned as I needed to know when to book my flights. I eventually received two emails from two different venues managers welcoming me to the team! The next challenge was to get confirmation of when and where I was going to work, as obviously I couldn't be in two places at once. I received more correspondence from Marina the operations manager - in Portuguese. I would be volunteering at the Deodoro Equestrian Centre, which is what I wanted. So, as flight day approached I was beginning to fret; after all Rio was a dangerous place and I had only received the accommodation address two days before I left. Why did I agree to this? My sense of adventure was decidedly lacking!

When I arrived in Rio I was so glad to find Marcio waiting for me. He was the English speaking taxi driver who had been recommended to me by volunteers already out there. My accommodation was in a military area, the flats were apparently built for the Pan Am games. It had a reception area where I booked in (still no one spoke English) and I

was shown to my flat, which was very sparse but clean. Juliana, in the next room, was extremely friendly and welcoming and a sports medic from Sao Paulo. Thankfully she also spoke English! The next day I went to get my uniform, which involved a long walk, four train and cable car journeys over favelas to Gamboa, the home of Samba. That was my first taste of the real Rio, not just the superficial cover up of the real poverty which was hidden by huge screens near the airport which shielded the favelas* from view.

The first morning there was no transport, so after walking past numerous very young soldiers carrying machine guns, I eventually found the medical base. The medical manager was lovely; in fact without him I would have wanted to come home. He was very frustrated as the disorganisation everywhere was impacting on supplies. We had plenty of defibrillators, glucose monitors and spinal boards but no basic dressings, analgesia or bandages; items I could immediately lay my hands on in the NHS to help patients. This was very annoying as I felt I had to make a bodged job on all the wounds I treated. I made lists of what I needed, but to no avail, so I just organised what supplies we had. A steady stream of the workforce came in as well as the team physios and athletes. At least we had plenty of ice, obtained from a unit in the stables, which gave me plenty of chances to see the horses. I ended up walking for the first few days but couldn't put anything on my worsening blisters as there were still no supplies. Buses were slowly put on but the posted time tables were of no use; buses ran as and when.

The athletes, coaches, grooms, farriers, media, vets and workers were all lovely and communication was not a barrier in treating them. The sport was brilliant as well; I saw several hockey and basketball matches. Maracana and the Deodoro Sports Complex were amazing, but there were few spectators in fact I believe that more tickets were sold for the Paralympics.

Once the sport commenced the public came in droves wanting to be treated for ailments they had had for days. Sick babies were obviously upsetting. I had total respect for the Brazilian medical staff, however it depended very much on where you lived as to the quality of the care - there was a lot of corruption. We had a three tier hospital order: top for athletes, middle for workers and lowest for the public!

The cross country day practice was a challenge as our radios didn't work and we were supposed to practise incident responses out on the course. So off I set with a vet to fence

21 with a warning to "be aware of alligators and snakes on the course". Well, if I had seen one I was prepared to sprint and win a medal myself! We were out in the sun all day with no shelter (it was in the 30s even though it was winter) and no fake incidents to make the day more exciting! On the day I had fence number seven I had a different team of fence judges and vets to get to know. It was an enjoyable experience and thankfully there were no falls.

I worked ten full days so had no time to go out in the evenings. The beaches were two hours away and it was also dark by 5pm, yet still very warm. There were beautiful birds everywhere; the humming birds were exquisite and the dawn chorus was something quite magical. There were gorgeous, cheeky little marmosets in the trees around the flats. I had two days of organized tours and got to see Santa Theresa, Tijuca National Park, Lapa and Leblon, Botafogo and of course Copacabana.

Transport was a huge negative; there were brand new Rio cars and Rio lanes especially for Olympic traffic, but no drivers as they hadn't been paid - or that was the rumour. There were tanks, the military, police dogs and mounted police everywhere, security was very tight. I heard lots of gossip about how Rio had been tidied up. The homeless had simply disappeared and they had fished bodies out of the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas apparently. There were demonstrations as not all the locals were happy at the money spent on hosting 2016 when so many of them lived in extreme poverty. Yet they were warm and friendly and the children had beautiful smiles. I encountered no hostility or bad feeling, apart from either rocks or gunfire hitting the rear of bus once!

Every day I returned to my flat wondering what I would find. I discovered two women and one man in my room, not all at the same time and without any explanation. I soon got them out - some words can be understood in any language!! Lightbulbs went, plates, cups, my milk, fruit juice and my socks! No one at reception could ever tell me why. There were no cooking utensils and only minimal crockery in the flat anyway. It was a good job the meals were so good at work! I only needed snacks the rest of the time.

I met some wonderful people but I have to say I was out of my comfort zone most of the time. I was very pleased to see Brian at Heathrow and I actually admitted to being homesick. I would have loved to have seen more of Brazil, but this was definitely a great adventure.

Nicky Millen

* slums

The three winners of DVDs for the 'Best Walks With A View' competition were:

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Robert England - Marshwood
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News from St. Andrew's Church

The most exciting event for us at St. Andrew's over the past few months has been the publication of Neil Mattingly's book! It's entitled: 'Charmouth – Its Church and Its People'. It is superbly produced, with 96 pages of large size full-colour pictures, drawings and photographs of St. Andrew's and our village. There are numerous features on local families, many buried in our churchyard. Neil 'brings to life', as it were, the epitaphs inscribed upon most of the tombstones and plaques that can be found both inside and outside St Andrew's. Many previous Vicars and Rectors are mentioned and pictured in the book, some of whom had a colourful history!

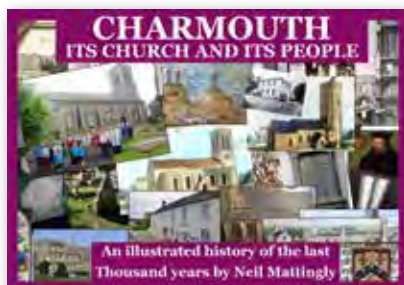
Thanks to the generosity of a large number of sponsors, the printing costs of this book have been entirely covered. So all the sale proceeds of 500 copies at £9.99 each will go towards the restoration and development of St Andrew's, through the Changing Spaces project. We are immensely grateful to Neil for the long hours of research he has invested in this magnificent book. He has also reproduced outstanding features of it in a big display exhibition. This can viewed at your leisure at any time when the church is open (outside Services). Entry is free – but donations are welcome!

Mention of Changing Spaces leads me to give you an update on our plans. Our Project Manager is working very hard with our architect in order to lodge a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the end of October. Our project is now estimated to cost well over half a million pounds. This would cover the cost of repairs to the church tower stonework and complete reordering of the interior of the nave. This will involve removal of all pews, laying a new stone floor, redecoration, new heating and lighting. We are hoping still to sign up a major partner organisation who would occupy the building with their own exhibits, displays, shop and cafe. We cannot say publicly who we are in discussion with at the moment, but we believe the benefits to them as well as to us would be very substantial. We are also hoping for a large matching grant from a charity administered through the Church of England. We hope that success in these negotiations and applications can be announced in the next issue of Shoreline!

St. Andrew's Church is, of course, far more than only a building! Our regular 9.30am Services continue – normally Holy Communion, but on the third Sunday each month we hold a Charmouth Praise Service, with a lighter liturgy, and more space for favourite hymns and worship songs. We have now obtained help from an organist for some Sundays, and

a pianist for others Sundays, which is good news! We will be experimenting with a new, simpler form of Holy Communion over the next few months – comments welcome! Sadly the 8am Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month will be discontinued, because with normal attendances of only about 4 people, this is not viable.

Our very popular FreeXchange Cafes continue; the next is due on 15th October. We aim to continue these in 2017, but are in great need of more people to help run these. Help is needed to publicise, set up in advance, serve coffee and pastries, and very importantly, to clear up afterwards! If we get enough additional help we would like to run at least four next year, but if no new help is forthcoming we might have to reduce their frequency. Please contact Ed Pemberton or myself (on 443763) if you can offer us help.



Forthcoming events:

13th November, 10.45 for 11am:

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service, beginning at the War Memorial. All Uniformed Organisations invited to participate.

26th November, 10 – 12.30: *Christmas Fair and Bazaar in St Andrews Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Lots of stalls and stands. To book your table, please contact Pauline Berridge on 560957*

18th December, 6.30pm: *Village Christmas Carol Service followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine*

19th December, 7.30pm: *Ed Jacobs' Community Choirs sing at St. Andrew's Church*

24th December: *3pm Crib Service, and 11pm Christmas Midnight Communion.*

Finally – at the beginning of September we gave away well over 200 copies of a special Charmouth edition of our Golden Cap Team Magazine. This comes out monthly, and can be subscribed to for only £7 per annum. There is plenty of community news, as well as church news in it, and thought-provoking articles by our new editor, Mark Van de Weyer. It is by no means in competition with Shoreline, and helps to keep up with what's happening in coast and vale. If you would like to find out more, then please phone Mark on 678741.

Rev'd Stephen Skinner,
Team Rector

Launch of new book about Charmouth

Friday 2nd September saw the launch of Neil Mattingly's book 'Charmouth – Its Church and Its People'.

The story of Charmouth starts almost 2,000 years ago as a salt producing site, with significant development occurring under the patronage of Forde Abbey from 1300-1539. Using parish records going back hundreds of years and gravestones from St Andrew's Church in the heart of the village, author Neil Mattingly has constructed a fascinating picture of the characters who populated Charmouth over the centuries.

Many local families such as the Pryers, Palmers and the Hollys are featured and historic characters such as Billy Gear are brought to life.

The printing of the book has been funded by a local version of "crowd funding". Many houses and businesses in the village feature in the book and current owners and business people got involved in the publication of the book by contributing 100 multiples of £25 to achieve the required print fund of £2,500.

All sponsors were given a free copy of the book in return at the launch event on Friday night. The book is now on sale at Charmouth Post Office, Nisa, Herringbone, Morgans or directly from Helen Hughes on 01297 560487. Funds from the sale of the book will

go to Changing Spaces, the project to save St Andrew's Church and enable the church building to be used to meet the needs of the villagers.

Marie Oldham



Neil Mattingly with Kay Dawes signing copies of his book

Charmouth Central Library and Internet Cafe

We have now celebrated three years of successful running as a library staffed by enthusiastic volunteers. More than that, we have also provided a bright and cheerful place for activities and meetings run by our volunteers or by other groups and organisations in our community.

This year we have utilised our wall space to provide art gallery facilities for artists who live in Charmouth or to the east. (We are not Lyme phobic, but Charmouth artists feel that there are many facilities open to Lyme artists, so our space provides a balance.) The art on display has changed every three or four weeks, so there is always likely to be something new that you might love, or loathe! The library tries very hard not to be too middle of the road.

Dorset County Council still provide us with books to lend and computer systems to manage the book stock. I had a great fear and nervousness when Dorset decided to change its computer system. It might have been old and creaking, but we understood it and new systems tend to be more complicated and harder to use, particularly if you only want the basics.

The new system, already in use with other library authorities, was said to be more efficient, reliable, easy to use and would give us the ability to order books from seven other library groups in the south west. Whilst installing the new system has

required some patience and careful management by our team leaders, it is amazing but true that the initial promises have been delivered. Volunteers have said it's easier to understand and works well for volunteers and readers alike.

Because of the efforts of our volunteers and friends, we are financially sound. I give particular thanks to Charmouth Parish Council, who have allowed us to have occasional sales on the foreshore.



I try not to be complacent, but things are going well.

Of course it would be good to be even busier.

More readers would be great; possibly neighbours borrowing books for those who can't make it up, or down The Street, more bookings for the Servery (talk to Kim on 561675), or maybe children dropping in to complete their homework (we have free wi-fi).

We are always delighted to welcome new, or returning, volunteers. Like all voluntary organisations, they are our lifeblood. Talk to the volunteers in the library if you are interested in finding out what might be involved. Like all voluntary organisations, anyone with experience who might like to become a Trustee/Director, particularly Chairman, would be welcomed with open arms.

Bob Hughes, Acting Chairman



Photos: Geoff Townson

Art at Charmouth Central Library

Not inspiration but perspiration! From the time Charmouth community took over the Library, we had had vague ideas about its use as an Art Exhibition space. Busy on other projects, nothing had been done. Then, while sweating over the task of finding something refreshing and novel to attract visitors on Charmouth Traders Evening 2015, late night inspiration struck.

Art Space, but just for Charmouth artists! Not that we are parochial, but Lyme Artists have a much wider range of venues. We contacted a few local artists who thought it was worth pursuing the idea and our first show was born. We were determined to have a 'proper exhibition,' so we asked artists for CVs, pictures were priced with similar labels and so on.

Our picture hanging was a bit primitive: some paintings and wall-hangings being balanced on book shelves, but the exhibition was successful, drew in lots of visitors and was extended for a further week. Seven Charmouth artists participated: Peter Bagley, Joanne

Brown, Terry Coverdale, Karen Loader, Jane Townson, Geoff Townson & Philip Winstone.

In the New Year, we gave more thought to better ways of displaying pictures. We considered some fancy hanging systems but finally decided on very simple plastic hooks, painted to match the wall colours. Since Easter 2016 we have hosted exhibitions every month.

In May we held a paintings, photography and textiles exhibition by Joanne Brown, Sue Calder, Anna Kindred, Karen Loader, Peter Newby and Geoff Townson. Since then we've a busy and art-filled summer at the Library.

In June Barbara Green (from Morecombelake) and Geoff Townson exhibited a sample of their work at the library to promote their Dorset Art Weeks venues. In July Annie Clough, Sheila Keeler and Geoff Townson exhibited local seascape paintings under the exhibition title 'Different folks, different strokes'. In August Peter Bagley, Annie Clough and Geoff Townson held an exhibition called 'From Distraction to Abstraction'. In September Terry Coverdale, Sue Hendrick and Jillian Hunt held a Creative Photography Exhibition.

Now autumn is well and truly underway and the winter season approaches. For the winter months (October to March) we are offering our regular artists – who number 12 so far – the opportunity to block-book the space, arranging their own exhibitions, with occasional days when artists will be in residence, selling cards and prints.

Looking forward into the New Year, from April 2017 we will be taking bookings for exhibitions (three to four weeks each). So we extend a warm welcome to any local artists who'd like to take advantage of our unique space and very reasonable rates to exhibit in Charmouth Library (no stewarding and no commission fees).

In addition, and excitingly, there has been some interest from A-level art students to sell off their early works. We would be more than happy to work with individuals or groups to put together a selling show. This will showcase some emerging talents and, who knows, might kick-start some exciting careers in the art world.

For more information please contact Bob Hughes
(01297 560487/roberthughes40@btinternet.com)

Mr. & Mrs. Priestley

A rather unusual wedding took place in Lyme Regis on 23rd June. A Charmouth couple, both 79 years of age, were married in the Catholic Church of St. Michael & St. George by the Emeritus Bishop of Plymouth, who is also 79. Michael Priestley and his bride Joanne, whose home is in Higher Sea Lane, have lived in the area for nearly 20 years. Joanne is well known in Dorset as the painter Joanne Brown. Michael was a BBC TV news producer for many years until he retired to Charmouth. They had been trying to get married for nearly three years. Being Catholics (she from the cradle; he a convert from 1998), they were determined to marry in a Catholic Church, if the Vatican could possibly be persuaded to agree. Joanne had an immediate right to re-marry because she was a widow, but there was grave doubt that Michael would be allowed a Catholic wedding because he had been married before (in 1959) and divorced in 1981.

There followed a long and often difficult time of gathering documents and waiting and hoping for a good result. The complexities of the church's investigation were too great to go into here. Suffice it to say that the Plymouth Diocesan Tribunal had to be "morally certain" that Michael had not been baptised as a child. Eventually, they seemed to be satisfied but then there was another late hurdle: they wanted Joanne's baptism certificate. Their luck seemed to have run out: Joanne was born in Warsaw in 1937 and the papers had long since gone astray. The only way to get a copy was to write to every church near her home in Warsaw and to pray that they or their archives had survived the war. A forlorn hope! But two days later the certificate arrived in the post. Not long afterwards, all the papers were sent to the new Bishop of Plymouth and then to His Holiness Pope Francis in The Vatican. They went in some style: in the Papal Nuncio's diplomatic bag. By that time Michael and Joanne were cautiously optimistic that their prayers would be answered. They were encouraged by the fact that Pope Francis had been striving to create a new atmosphere in the Vatican and the church in general - a more generous understanding of human failings and a greater emphasis on compassion and forgiveness and the primacy of love. On 29th April 2016, Pope Francis granted "In Favour of the Faith" the dissolution of Michael's marriage, thereby permitting them to marry in a Catholic church, which they did a month later! The whole process had started in 2013 when Michael and Joanne went to Plymouth Cathedral to seek the advice of the then Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Christopher Budd. He received them with such kindness and affability that they felt a strong desire for him to marry them, if permission was granted. He very kindly agreed - and on June 25 he did them the very great honour of officiating at their wedding in Lyme Regis.



The newlyweds with the Rt. Rev. Christopher Budd, Emeritus Bishop of Plymouth

Charmouth Bowls Club



Following the start of season Open Day in April, the Club has enjoyed a full programme of thrice weekly roll-ups and friendly fixtures against neighbouring bowls clubs. Our practice sessions appear to have paid off, as this summer Charmouth Bowls Club racked up four home victories (where we have a slight advantage) and one away win, which was well deserved and quite a feather in the Club's cap!

The Club's mid-summer open day and cream tea was attended by family, friends, and, as the name suggests, first-time locals and holiday-makers alike who joined us for scones and jam, some friendly chit-chat and an introduction to the club.

Throughout the latter part of the season we enjoyed our internal club competitions where opportunity exists to post your name on the Honours Board! We also enjoyed hosting young people from the village's Explorer Scouts, who had a great time and demonstrated great skill and potential!

Charmouth is a village with a richness of enviable amenities not found in other villages, and the bowls club is one such amenity. Situated at Barrs Lane Recreation Ground, Charmouth Bowls Club is a relaxed, friendly, welcoming environment. We meet Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays afternoons to play and we host a pleasant social occasion in which to enjoy a game of bowls and brush up our technique a little bit. We are exceptionally keen to expand and enlarge our membership and the number of people making use of the club, and we welcome anyone of any age to come and join us. All equipment is provided, there is no dress-code, and you are welcome to attend on any of the days without prior notice – just turn up and join in!

If you have missed the opportunity to play this season then don't be disappointed, the Club will start its new season in April next year, so keep an eye open for the spring Open Day.

If you would like to be kept up to date on events, then please give Hon. Sec. Jackie Rolls a call on 01297 560295.

Last, but by far not least, the Club's indoor Short Mat bowling sessions have started at the Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane, and will run every Tuesday throughout the winter. The sessions provide a great opportunity for a little light exercise and social contact. To join in, just come along on any play day at 2pm, when you will be most welcome.

Mark Gordon-Christopher, *Chairman*

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From the Charmouth Practice



Doing something different about “diabesity”

Diabetes is set to bankrupt the NHS. Nothing appears to be stopping the current crippling diabetes (diabetes and obesity) epidemic. What could we be doing? We must be missing something...

Four million people already in the UK have this significant failing of their insulin / blood glucose system which can lead on to heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure, blindness, impotence and amputations. A third of all of us adults, are already heading towards it, with hidden prediabetes shown in rising levels of damaging glucose in the blood. The NHS sleep walks towards a catastrophe and yet the medical emphasis is directed to ever more fantastically expensive drugs with emerging side effects, like a ridiculous sticking plaster over a huge gaping wound in our healthcare.

Where does it start? Unfortunately, glucose rises when the high insulin levels, provoked by processed food, are eventually ignored by our own cells. Insulin, one of the most important of our hormone messengers, then cannot do its essential job of lowering the damaging high glucose levels in the blood. Instead, it orders fat to be deposited, making weight gain inevitable. At a certain tipping point, unique to each individual, the combination of fat stores around the vital organs, together with resistance to insulin, triggers a flood of fat into the liver and pancreas so that the pancreas is no longer able to make the insulin at all. At this point a diabetic becomes “insulin dependent”. An irreversible state has been reached....or has it?

Professor Roy Taylor in Newcastle doesn't think so! He has found that by putting his diabetics on a strict 800 calorie a day diet for 8 weeks, he could reverse 87% of recent diabetics and 50% of his long standing diabetics by draining the fat out of their livers and pancreases and allowing these to work properly again. The volunteers, who were diet controlled diabetics, used liquid diet drinks with non-starchy vegetables and reported that they did not have much of a problem with the diet after the first 48 hours. Professor Taylor monitored the functioning of liver and pancreas as they recovered. It gives us the real reason why bariatric surgery works to reverse diabetes. This is such good news and there is a DiRECT (Diabetes Clinical Remission Trial) being conducted as we speak, but nothing to stop people trying if they are not on diabetes drugs and if they reduce their BP lowering drugs first. And there is more...

Michael Moseley writes in the accompanying book “The 8 week Blood Sugar Diet” that one key to reversing the downward spiral of diabetes is to allow people to choose WHERE in their bodies their fat goes. Sit all day in front of a screen and the fat will settle round the vital organs and do its worst, but if we exercise then our Lipoprotein lipase (LPL) will order our fat in the blood to go to our muscles to be burnt instead. You don't need a work out in a gym; just regular brisk walks will do the trick. So, finally,

we now know why exercise is so vitally important to prevention and treatment of this modern day scourge.

What else? We need prevention.

We already know that the worst foods for raising levels of insulin in the first place are the processed sugary and quick release white carbohydrate foods like bread, biscuits, cakes, pastries, sugary drinks, breakfast cereals and bars, white rice, and white potato. Swapping these out of our diets for fish and sea food, eggs, nuts, seeds, olive oil, beans and huge helpings of fresh non-starchy vegetables and English fruits and berries in delicious, easy to prepare, fresh, local, seasonal foods will quickly start to reverse the high insulin levels in the blood. These foods are full of protein, healthy fats and slow release starches which work with the body's systems and not against it. They also sustain our friendly gut bacteria so vital to health. These are the Body Foods on the Charmouth Food Chart and more of these every day with exercise is a vital part of turning this epidemic around.

Note MORE of these foods – not less food. That's right! By sustained dieting many people are putting their bodies into starvation mode and the body will react by hanging on to every bit of fat for dear life. By constantly missing our breakfast and lunch we push our hunger into the evening where we gorge and end up inadvertently with The Sumo wrestler weight gain master plan! We actually need to eat MORE of the RIGHT food at the right time. Look at Jon Gabriel in his book “The Gabriel Method” or online for excellent NON-DIET inspiration. However if you want to see quick results; I can heartily recommend both “The FAST Diet” and “The SIRT Food Diet” for good ways to kick start the body while still feeling light, fresh, energetic, well fed and in control.

And finally... stress!! -the scourge of the modern age. We are constantly in “Fight and Flight” with no way to run from our stresses or fight them off with our muscle power. Our systems are constantly fired up with nowhere to go and cortisol levels are at an all-time high. Where does cortisol place all your fat? That's right! Around your vital organs, making insulin less effective and weight gain more inevitable. However slow breathing, relaxation, walks in nature or gardening, guided visualisations and meditation are all excellent ways to destress in our busy lives. If you want to look at a very entertaining and accessible way to relax there is an excellent website called “Head Space” with 10 free guided visualisations to get you started.

At the Charmouth Practice we also hope to do our bit. We are already sharing training with our excellent community diabetic nurse Anne Follet, we are joining with other practices to discuss ways forward with Diabetic Care in Dorset and will be organising talks and more of the delicious Friendly Food Club taste and demonstrations to inspire and show just how easy a Balance of Body Food is to prepare.

We were delighted when the CQC inspectors recently awarded The Charmouth Practice “GOOD” overall with “OUTSTANDING” for Care. We believe care to be a two way street and if you wish to be kept informed of all our practice initiatives, help us organise “Deal with Diabesity” events and to support us in the Patient Participation Group or on line, then please give your name, email and contact details to reception at the Charmouth Practice – we want to work with you.

And...I believe together we CAN do something different about diabesity!

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Platinum Wedding Anniversary

On 23rd November, Eric and Dorish Cornish celebrate their Platinum Wedding Anniversary and become one of Britain's longest married couples. They were married in 1946, 70 years ago. We asked the special couple to reflect on their extraordinarily long marriage, what brought them together and how life has treated them. This is what they told us:

Doris – "We met at the church youth club and were complete opposites in character and education. Eric was studying for a science degree until his early 20s and finished up with two degrees, which set him up for years in a laboratory. Later in his career he spent 14 years travelling extensively abroad, visiting laboratories belonging to the company. Although I travelled with him some of the time, I was very much at home, supporting our family of three daughters who brought us much joy - and still do!

Music has been a huge part of our lives in lots of ways and has made us many friends. My life has been full and happy. We have been retired in Catherston for 29 years and we couldn't have chosen anywhere better to live! We love one another."

Eric – "The church hall youth club, where we first met, set us on a lifetime of dancing and seemed to join us by a strong piece of elastic cord. Whatever we did, we wanted to be together. When I was still at school, I used to cycle to Doris' factory and wait outside until she left for the day. Then we cycled home together, sometimes in a day-time bombing raid. As we moved to new homes, we changed clubs and made new friends. For four years after work I went to London University night school for three or four nights a week, returning home at 9pm and straight round to Doris before going home to my parents. I graduated at age 21, married and enrolled at another college for a second degree. My career went well, so when Doris fell pregnant after five years working as a seamstress, she left work to look after our first and other daughters and never needed to be employed again. I encouraged her to stay at home and be our home-maker instead. She made us a good family home from then on.

My employer relocated, so we eventually moved out to the country, near enough to the labs for me to go home for a quick lunch every day. In exchange for this concession, Doris had her own car so she had plenty of time to make a social impact on the village, go shopping or attend

functions ad lib. She did all sorts of voluntary jobs. When I retired, aged 61, the labs were very generous with pension and financial perks. All through our marriage we did many outdoor activities together: dinghy sailing and caravanning to name but two. Doris and I have been inseparable. I am not gregarious, so have never gone off solo to play sport or to the pub. After retirement, we went on a six week round the world tour and later a three week tour of New Zealand. Each time we booked independently of group tours, choosing our own stopping-off places. Now, in our twilight years, we can look back on a wonderful life together.

The constant feature is the elastic link between us that has always been there. Now in our twilight years, we can look back on a life full of love and respect."

To Eric and Doris – a very special couple with much to celebrate – we raise our glasses to you. Have a wonderful anniversary with your family.

Lesley Dunlop



THEA BLUE HUMPHREY WHATMORE

Born to Kerry and Ben Whatmore on 6th August at Dorchester County Hospital weighing 8lb 6oz.

Her proud grandparents are Pat and Ted Whatmore and Tracy and Dave Humphrey.



Mary and Steve Dixon leaving St Andrew's Church after their wedding on 17th September 2016. Congratulations to them both!

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Growing up in Charmouth – Geoff Restorick

I was born on 15th June 1942 at Bayview, Higher Sea Lane; second son of George & Renie Restorick. My midwife was Lily Bartlett, sister to Jack Bartlett who worked at Loosemore Farm and Cicely Samson, whose daughter Pat was to become my wife in later years.

My first memories are of my mother pushing me and my brother under the stairs; I think this must have been towards the end of the war, as bombs were dropping over Portland. My next memory was of the very hard winter of 1947. I remember my aunty Meryl, sister of Reg Forsey who owned Backlands farm and dairy, taking me down to the beach, where the birds were frozen where they stood; even the sea was frozen! I then went to Charmouth School; Miss Manuel was our teacher, then Miss (Nelly) Mead. Playtime was spent in the field behind the school, which is now houses. We made tractors out of cotton reels, elastic, candles and a round piece of wood to wind them up. For school outings, we went to Conager Wood on the outskirts of Charmouth and collected owl pellets, which we then had to dissect. Alternatively, we would go to Golden Cap.

I was told that one day I ran away from school and went home. At the time we were living above my Dad's butchery,

which is now Morgan's shop. As to why I ran away, I don't know! We later moved to the shop on the corner of Barr's Lane (now the Post Office), where my father continued with his butchery business.

Due to rationing at the end of the war, I remember going to Miss Copp in Old Lyme Road, where we could exchange coupons for clothes, etc. I also remember going to Exeter after the war with my father to get black puddings and luncheon meat, as meat was still in short supply. At that time, my father would slaughter an animal or two in his stables at the top of Axminster Road in Charmouth (they were later demolished by a runaway lorry). As this was not allowed, I had to sit and watch for the policeman. This same policeman would occasionally knock on my Dad's door to say a deer had been run over and they would collect it and share the meat. Walking down Double Common one day with my mother, I decided to go down the bank rather than use the gate as she had told me and ended up ripping my arm open on barbed wire, which resulted in me being taken to Dr. Chamberlain to have it stitched; the scar is still visible to this day.

I remember going to Stonebarrow with Walt Rendell to collect rabbits which he had caught in wires. I also used to

go with my father through Marshwood Vale collecting rabbits which would be sent to London. On Sundays we went to Sunday school with Miss Beck in a hut attached to the Village Hall. We joined the 'Missions to Sea Men' which helped sailors all over the world. Miss Beck also held rabbit shows at her house in Old Lyme Road.

Our family was one of a few in Charmouth that had a television at this time and my friends came to watch shows like the 'Lone Ranger'. Roy Fowler from the other side of Wootton would cycle to ours on a Saturday just to watch football. We would sit on a bench outside Braggs and watch the lime lorries thundering through on their way home and one evening we saw an ambulance flying up through the village, followed by a Gear's Garage recovery lorry. We hadn't realised until it came back later with Dad's butcher's van on the back that he had been involved in a serious accident at Penn Cross, where a delivery van had driven across the junction into the side of his van, turning it over. He and my brother spent several weeks in Lyme hospital, thankfully recovering from their injuries.

Next was the 11+ exam. I must have just scraped through to go to the grammar school, but after a year I couldn't keep up ➤

Photos above: (1) Outside the George, mid-1940s. (2) At Col. Burtonshaw's house, Stonebarrow Lane, late 1940s. (3) Charmouth Tracking Club, at the rear of Barr's Fields, I to r: Roger Spurdle & ?, late 1950s. (4) Cotley Harriers' meet outside the Coach & Horses, me and my brother on the white ponies, Billy Gear in hat and light coat on far right, late 1950s. Can anyone identify gentleman in front of him in the dark coat? (5) Decorating the old Youth Club in Wesley Clos, I to r: Richard Stirk, Mallory Hayter, Keith Weller, Russell Edwards, Cedric Edwards & Miss Beck, c1960 (6) At the rear of Barr's Fields, I to r: me and my brother George. (7) Outside Restorick butchers (now the Post Office), I to r: Angus Weller, Russell Edwards, Dave Trivett & Roger Spurdle, 1950s. (8) Restorick butchers (now Morgan's), VE-Day decorations, 1945. (9) My Dad, George Restorick, late 1950s. (10) The Red Planet Skiffle Group, I to r: Dave Trivett, Bill Duke, singer, and me on guitar in Broadwindsor, 1950s. (11) By the radar station, I to r: Dave Trivett, Jonny Davis, Angus Weller, Roger Spurdle & Keith Weller, mid-1950s. (12) Geoffrey and Pat Restorick 1959. (13) In my Austin 7 outside my Dad's butchers' shop by Barr's Lane, late 1950s. (14) At Stonebarrow, I to r: Giles Frampton, Colin Larcombe, Dave Trivett & Roger Spurdle, 1950s. (15) George Restorick and van outside the George, late 1930s/early 1940s. (16) My nickname 'Dunk' carved in a tree. (17) Tom Jones, his wife Elaine and me, 1995.

with the work and was sent down to St. Michael's Senior School in Lyme Regis. I was pleased, as many of my mates were already there. I had some really good times. Mrs. Giles was very strict, as was Mr. Wellings. The Headmaster was Mr. Tunneycliff, although Mr. Davis later became head. We got away with 'murder'; we had a crystal set, a bit like a wireless with wires running everywhere. We would pass the earphones around and take turns to listen. In the summer we went to the town and on occasions we hired a boat and went out to sea, coming back rather late and wet.

Once a week we went to a woodwork class which was held in Woodmead Halls with Mr. Richards. I made a table that I still have today. The metalwork class at the grammar school was not quite so interesting and sometimes, instead of going, we would sit on the bench in Colway Lane and wait until the others came back. I was given the nickname of 'Dunk', which can still be found carved in a tree at the old cycle track in Wootton fields. I remember carving it into my desk at school too; Mr. Davis was not amused and sent me to Cox & Humphries in Lyme to get a tube of plastic wood to fill it in!

Then came the Rock 'n' Roll era. Many dinner times were spent in the café called Poundairy, above Stratton's ironmongers in Lyme, where there was espresso coffee and a juke box. I remember seeing 'Rock around the clock' and 'Don't Knock the Rock' at Lyme Regis cinema. When we went to the cinema on a Sunday night we would go back to Mrs. Hunter's, opposite Child's Ironmongers in Charmouth, for a fry up. Then the mobile fish and chips arrived in a Morris Minor van, which I think was from Long's fish shop in Bridport; most enjoyable they were. Then cheese and onion chips came along, which were sold in the Star Inn next to Dampier's shop, now Nisa. We all thought this was marvellous.

In the summer holidays we spent a lot of time at the beach and in the sea (although I never learnt to swim). After a storm we went beachcombing, finding sailor's hats, smoke flares and tins from other countries. A storm caused the sand to move revealing the wooden hull of a boat, which my father said was from a boat that contained onions. Russell Edwards reminded me how his Dad would haul sand/shingle from the beach with his horse and putt, leaving it where the Heritage Centre is now for local builders to collect. He also said that once a month his Dad would collect ashes from the houses, which meant he got a day off school!

We would go to Stonebarrow, where the radar station had slipped down the cliffs, and climb over to play. We called it Cowboy Land, probably due to the bumps there. We took our go-karts to the top of Stonebarrow Lane and, as you can imagine, we were travelling at quite some speed by the time we hit

Newlands Corner. Good job there was a heap of gravel at the bottom to stop us! And thankfully very few cars about. On another occasion, after a snow fall, we were sledging in a field next to Newlands Caravan Park on a piece of galvanised steel. Unfortunately Tom Jones was hit in his leg; a very nasty cut. Coming up to firework night you would see many 'guys' appear on The Street with a sign saying 'penny for the guy'. On the night there were always penny bangers being let off. I remember someone put a firework through Nelly Mead's letterbox. I got the blame for that – I was not guilty! The Youth Club was held in rooms at the back of what is now the Community Hall; also Scott's hut in Lower Sea Lane. I remember 'Billie' Loveridge who used to come over on his James Motorbike. We'd pester him to take us for a ride and he would eventually give in and take us for a hair-raising spin around the lanes.

“are you coming out, or are we sending the dogs in?”

A plot of land was acquired next to the WI Hall for a new youth club to be built, so we cleared the site ready for the base to go down; it was a case of us all helping. I remember pulling out the roots of shrubs, etc. with my car. A lovely new sectional building was put up and we all had to decorate it under the supervision of Miss Beck. We owed her a lot for all the hard work she had put in to obtain this. We didn't know ourselves, now we had this place to play games, music etc. I understand that it was demolished and rebuilt when the houses behind what was Gear's garage were built and is now called the Youth Club Hall. The Wander Inn was another haunt of ours, where Mrs. Potter made superb milkshakes with a dollop of ice cream on top.

One incident that has stuck in my mind even to this day was when Pat, Tyrone Love and I were coming back from Axminster. We got near Charmouth tunnel and I looked out the side window to see a wheel overtaking us! We were running on three wheels, before coming to a stop. I think we put the spare wheel on, having to take one nut off each wheel so we could get home. We then set about looking for the wheel, which had gone through the tunnel and was nearly down by Hogchester farm entrance, which was quite a distance for it to travel! At my 65th birthday, my invites had a picture of me in my mini with the caption “still young at heart”. I had a birthday card from Tyrone where he had written the caption ‘You may be still young at heart! But can you remember to do the wheel nuts up now. Charmouth tunnel, 1960s.’

I remember one particular day that a car had gone into the back of another by Lower Sea Lane corner. Two men and two women had run out and there

was a lot of police activity looking for them. Roger Spurdle and I thought we would go for a ‘nose’ around. We went up Catherston Lane into the fields; we must have gone through a couple of fields when we saw people creeping along the hedge, so we went and called the police. We were told to stay where we were until they arrived. We were picked up by a Zephyr police car and directed them to where we had last seen the people. I vividly remember bloodhounds baying as they came down from Bridport Road across the river. They tracked the people to a storm drain near the woods. I remember the police shouting “are you coming out, or are we sending the dogs in?” The first one came out, with what I think was a large stone in his hand. The police told him to put it down and, as he didn't, they tackled him with their truncheon. All four gave themselves up in the end, and Roger and I received a letter of thanks from the Chief Constable of Dorset.

Us boys would go ghost hunting at Catherston, but I don't recall finding any! By this time we were very active with the cycle track, on the left of the little bridge over the river. We spent many hours there tearing around the track that we had made. We even had badges made up and called it the Charmouth Tracking Club. This is where my name is carved in the tree. In the summer all the camps arrived: Girl Guides, Scouts, Boys' Brigade, etc. It was lovely to hear the bugles being played by the Boys' Brigade in the morning and at night. They led the parade through the village on fete days. I do remember us creeping out at night to let the Girl Guides' tents down; we never got caught. My father, being a butcher, would supply them with sausages and pies. I used to drive the van on an early morning delivery to them. Colin Larcombe and I became friends with a scout group from London way; the leader of the group was Father Reeves. We had a day out with them and went to Golden Cap. On their last night we were invited to their camp fire. It was great fun eating sausages and singing 'Ten Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall', etc.

My family were what you would call 'horsey' people. My father used to keep race horses, which were ridden by Sid Smith. My brother George did show jumping with a pony called Strawberry and won many awards. I had a little white pony called Snowy, but I was not really into horses, although I attended the hunt meet at the Coach & Horses.

Our little gang was made up of Roger Spurdle (Spud), Dave Trivett (Triv), Jonny Davis, Angus Weller (Bones), Tom Jones (Skinner). Our other friends were Cedric Edwards, Colin Larcombe, Mallory Hayter, who went in the Navy (and promised to bring me back a monkey but never did), and Keith Weller who has sadly passed away. (Hopefully I have remembered everyone, but apologies if I have missed anyone). A lot of Saturdays

were spent at Berne Farm with Bernard Legg, who formed a group in 1963 with his brother Ambrose called 'Undecided', playing in local clubs and bars until he emigrated to Canada in 1974. He played with another group for a time, then formed his own group with two others, one of whom became his wife. He recorded many CDs, a lot of which include songs he wrote. Bernie came over to visit his family in 2013 and we spent a bit of time together catching up on old times.

After leaving school, I worked for my Dad in the butcher's shop. Many weekends our group would go to Axminster where we visited the White Hart public house where there was an upstairs room with a juke box. I am afraid to say that on many a Saturday we would get merry, or shall I say slightly worse than merry, and we would go to dances in the Guildhall. I would then have to walk home, which was a long walk and slightly scary going through Charmouth tunnel. Sometimes, if we were lucky, friends from Lyme would come along on their motorbike and give us a lift, even if it meant riding three up!! Many a Sunday morning Grant Edwards would moan to my father that Russell had come home drunk and blame me for it.

We would all chip in and go to Exeter to watch shows. I remember seeing Cliff Richard and because we were taking photos we were stopped and the camera film confiscated. We used to have a taxi back with Lou Wakely.

The beach bars in Seaton were also a favourite with us and then we would have to travel up 'Boss Hill' near Lyme in first gear. I think this was due to the number of us in the car! I remember Don Driver,

the fishmonger from Beer, helping us pull the Morris 8 out of the ditch where it had ended after I hadn't quite made the corner after the river bridge on our way home from Seaton. I was always terrified that he would tell my Dad, but he never did. Back then we would just walk into our friends' houses and when I went by for Russell Edwards I would call his mother 'The Old Trout'. She would chase me out the back door. Russell said I was the only one who could get away with it.

In the late '50s Tom Jones emigrated to Australia with his family which, if I remember rightly, was a £10 passage. Although we kept in contact for many years, we eventually lost touch until many years later I tracked him down to a town called Miles where he was running a road house. In 1995 he came to England and we explored our old Charmouth haunts. Sadly this was his last visit to England before he passed away.

When working for my father, I was able to use the van at night. I heard there was a dance on in Honiton so Myra Edwards and I decided to go. After turning off at Hunter's Lodge to pick up our friend Roy Guppy at Uplyme, I dropped my cigarette in the car. Looking for it, I didn't see the corner looming up and bang – the van slid down the road sideways! An expensive mistake: a buckled wheel and a large dent on the side, but we still managed to get to Honiton. I can remember to this day the record being played – 'Johnny B Goode' by Chuck Berry! Unfortunately this was the end of borrowing the van. I then got my own car which was an Austin 7, and many more cars followed: Morris 8 saloon, a Morris 8 Tourer, a Morgan which had an engine fitted from an old fire service pump.

Thankfully Brian Richards who had the scrap yard in Bridport was able to keep these cars going for me and Cecil Havis, who was a mechanic at Gear's garage, never seemed to get fed up with my constant questions.

After deciding that butchery wasn't for me, I headed to Yeovil to start work in a garage but, being a country boy, I couldn't stay in one place for any length of time. This is when I decided to join a tiling firm. I still travelled to Charmouth most nights to visit Pat, who was my girlfriend. In 1961 I became the proud father of my first daughter, Vivienne. Pat continued to live with her parents, Bill & Cicely Sansom, in Higher Sea Lane. We got married in 1963, living with my parents for a short time before moving to Tatworth and later to Misterton. Pat and I had three more children, Carolyn, Lesley and Charlie, and continued to live in Misterton until she sadly passed away in 2015. There ends my memories of growing up in Charmouth; a village that holds many happy memories for me.

Geoffrey Restorick

With thanks to Geoffrey Restorick for sharing his memories and photos.



Charmouth Local History Society update

On Thursday 29th September, Neil Mattingly and Ken Gollop gave a well attended talk: "Charmouth in Living Memory" at The Village Hall. More than 70 people enjoyed the talk, which featured many photographs of people, buildings and incidents.

After the interval a short AGM was held at which the chair (Phil Tritton), secretary (Richard Dunn) and Treasurer (Steve Pilsbury) and the other committee members (Neil Mattingly, Lorna Cowan, Mary Lelliott, Juliet Hankey and Pat Stapleton)

were re-elected. The resignation of Gary Readings as treasurer due to ill health was noted and we all wish him well. A membership secretary is currently being sought. Phil Tritton summarised the year's achievements:

- *Two well attended talks*
- *Expansion of the CLHS website to include maps and photographs*
- *The success of The Charmouth History Trail and the April edition of The Village Echo, both of which achieved record sales.*
- *The submission of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create a history exhibition in The Pavey Room. This is ongoing.*
- *The cost of family membership was held at £6pa. This includes a copy of each year's Village Echo and free admission to talks.*
- *At least two more talks are planned for 2016/17 and the next Village Echo will be published in April.*

Phil Tritton



The Mistress of Charmouth, by Garth Pearce.

I have been married to my wife Davina for 44 years. But for 45 years I've had a mistress. She seduced me on sight, has been demanding of time, endlessly expensive, sometimes moody and yet ever enticing. I just can't give her up.

The village of Charmouth came into my life on a misty November morning in 1971. My parents, who lived on the edge of the Black Country town of Walsall, were looking to buy a second property and had sourced a small end-of-terrace bungalow in Old Lyme Road.

I was living and working in Bristol at the time, so could be easily here and back in a day. It was a gloomy drive in what appeared to be a half light. But as I drove up the steep hill looking for the house a heavy greyness and wet mist began to clear and a brave November sunshine broke through.

The property, at number 4, Downside, was empty.

There was a wide and sweeping view across the pretty village. The vast expanse of still sea then came into focus with the far reaches of Stonebarrow and Golden Cap suddenly bathed in an amber glow. I was transfixed.

This was beautiful and mysterious: a love quite like no other.

The price of the bungalow was £4,600. I found a public 'phone in the village and called my parents. "Buy it," I advised. "The property is run-down and needs work. But the view is sensational and you'll never tire of looking at it."

They made the offer, unseen. By the time they had time to see the place for themselves - apart from photographs I had sent - the contract was well on the way to be signed. They both fell for Charmouth, as I had done, recording the first visit took three hours on the road, with four and a half gallons of petrol costing £3.29p.

By Christmas, 1974, after spending so many spare weekends working on the property and coming to terms with what local plumbers, carpenters and others quaintly called "Charmouth time", they had made the move permanently.

This was no retirement home. My mother Florence, aged 50, who despite ill-health had been teaching in a junior school at Pelsall, near Walsall, was given a part-time teaching job in Charmouth's pretty school rooms in Lower Sea Lane with Thelma Pascall, the headmistress.

My father, Dennis, 55, a self-employed gardener in areas around Walsall and Sutton Coldfield, set himself up at several local houses in the village and Raymonds Hill and Lyme Regis.

One of the constant attractions of Charmouth was, as now, its warmth and friendliness. Many are 'outsiders' or those who had fallen in love with the village, so made it their home of choice. Friends were soon made.

More than 40 years ago early contacts at various events including the Village Supper (February 6th, 1975) and WI (February 11th) in my mother's diary included Mrs Forsey, Bert Smith, Mrs Nan Matthews, Ron and Betty Hey, Elizabeth Newbury, Stan and Win Durbridge of Old Lyme Hill and Ken Stapleton and son Christopher of the Court Hotel.

There were also close friends Heather and Len Dauncey at Knapp House, Les and Freda Phillips and a couple of Audreys, Hocking and Aychurch. During my mother's school times, I note that on 16th February, 1976 a child called Eric joined the village school from Kingston, Tasmania, on the other side of the world. I wonder what happened to him?

But the point of the names and the friendships, cemented with the likes of neighbours Alf and Mary Twelftree and Wyn and Neil North when my parents moved in 1978 to a bungalow in Parkway, off Lower Sea Lane, is that they became the main players in their lives at the time.

Lunches were enjoyed at The Singing Kettle (quiche lorraine and baked alaska) or roasts at The Coach and Horses. The long closed New Inn was their nearest local pub' - of six - during the early years. Further afield there was dinner at Eypes Mouth Hotel, chicken in the basket at Shaves Cross and the more exotic charms of Bistro Lautrec in Bridport.

The names slip into history. The people and their memory become part of the fabric of this great village, if not as a commemorative bench (as my father has become), but as part of conversation and warm memories. All played their part in creating the special atmosphere and friendliness. All did their bit.

I have noticed over those years, which have passed alarmingly quickly, a pattern has emerged. Newcomers arrive with a passion for the place. This is their village and home of choice, to be embraced and cherished.



Dennis & Florence Pearce in the summer of 1974

There is involvement and a wish to make things even better. With time and age, the heads turn whiter and balder, the steps along the coastal paths become slower, the presence and contribution is less. Then, like a drip-feed of energy, others move to Charmouth with ideas. It is ever refreshed and renewed.

It is the same with the children and grandchildren of those families who have been the mainstay of the village for generations and have built its fine reputation. We have a family near our own inherited home in Parkway, Alec and Karen Aldworth. Alec, one of the famous Fat Dads who do so much for the village, is the son of the late and much-revered Roy Aldworth. His mother, Joan, still cuts a striking figure in the village.

So I have thought many times about making this long affair with my mistress a permanent fixture. After the death of my mother in June, 1991, I wondered about moving the family to be near my father. But, selfishly, I thought more of my London working life and worldwide travel which was at its zenith.

When my father died in October, 2003, there was another decision to be made. The far more sensible and practical sale of the bungalow? Or the ridiculously expensive refit and renovation while keeping it on, with all attendant annual costs?

I chose the latter, having once again been persuaded by the sights, sounds and new-found friends. To leave my Mistress of Charmouth now would be foolish and regrettable. The appeal was too great, too warm, too enticing and oh-too-familiar.

At one point, in 2009, I'd reached the stage of looking seriously at a home in the village and was prepared to sell our house in Berkshire. I bought a flat in London, so I could continue working between the two.

But life took over. Our eldest daughter became pregnant and the prospect of grandchildren on our doorstep in the villages of Berkshire suddenly became appealing. I had missed so much of seeing my daughters grow up, thanks to travel around the world on various locations. Perhaps I could make amends?

There are lingering regrets on soft blue summer nights with a lapping sea that I did not take the final plunge. Even on others, when a howling wind sweeps along Lower Sea Lane on the drenched lip of advancing horizontal rain, there is a forlorn charm in the deserted village, embraced in a cold wetness.

It also has to be said - and perhaps its age - that Charmouth has never seemed better. The shops are more bustling and varied, the Heritage Centre and fame of the Jurassic Coast has turned the summer season in to an almost procession of visitors and compared to years gone by so many now have a recognition of Charmouth and what it means.

My own step is a plod, compared to what used to be a jog. The dark brown hair has turned white. I know only too well that the swirling mists which greeted my long-ago meeting with my mistress will once again return to envelop and take away.

But perhaps like many a weak, vacillating man who does not take the final step, I have pondered and hovered, thought and prevaricated, setting advantage against disadvantage and have simply failed to deliver a final decision to forsake all others for Charmouth.

The advantage? This sweet mistress of mine remains as covetous and as appealing as she ever did, with her mysteries, flirtations, ability to beguile and a sudden all-embracing power to sweep even the most unsuspecting off their feet for ever.

The love affair goes on...

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Autumn/Winter Birding Update in Charmouth

Autumn is a time of change and from early September onwards groups of Swallows and House Martins have been gathering in the village on telephone wires and rooftops.



1. Swallows mustering on telephone wires

I found this pair of newly fledged Swallows resting in bushes down by the river. Amazing to think that so soon after leaving the nest these youngsters will be strong enough to join the adult birds flying 1000s of miles on their annual migration, southwards across mainland Europe to spend the winter months in Africa.



2. Recently fledged Swallows resting near the river

September also saw mixed flocks of Pied and Yellow Wagtails feeding with cows on Stonebarrow Hill. The Yellow

Wagtails will, like the Swallows and House Martins, depart south during September and October to spend the winter months in Africa.



3. Yellow Wagtails and Pied Wagtails feeding on insects on Stonebarrow Hill

On 8th of September a flock of 15 Brent Geese arrived on Charmouth beach. Five Brent Geese were still around on the beach in the last week of September. These birds have been absent during most of June, July and August in their breeding territories in the high latitudes. With breeding finished and the temperatures falling, they have returned to these shores to take advantage of the warmer conditions in our milder winter.



4. Brent Geese

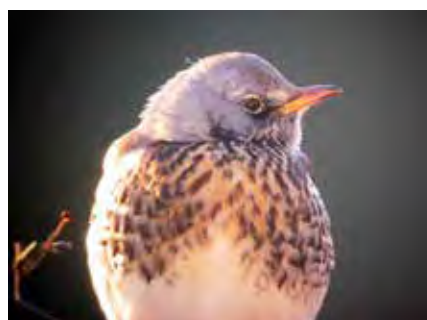
Like the Brent Geese, other birds will be arriving to spend the winter around Charmouth. So what would we expect to see around the village and in our gardens over the winter months? Look out for winter Thrushes. Redwing and Fieldfare breed in Scandinavia and Iceland. They arrive in their thousands on the East Coast of the UK, fanning out with good numbers finding their way to the south west. Here are three photos which will help to identify these wonderful visitors.



5. Redwing



6. Song Thrush and Redwing



7. Fieldfare

Cut an apple in half and push it onto a convenient twig and, like me, you may be lucky enough to host a Blackcap, particularly if the rest of the country is snowbound.



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Bad news on Butterflies

Nationally, butterflies have been in decline for years, due to lavish use of insecticides and loss of habitat. This is not a problem in our lovely part of England - the lack of butterflies this year must be due to the wet spring and too much cloud generally. Hopefully they can bounce back, as insects cope with this situation by breeding much faster than rabbits. Each female butterfly can lay 100 or more eggs, and all we need is more sun next year. Even moth numbers are down, as



the nights earlier in the year were cold, but the good news is that one of our south coast specialities, the Jersey Tiger, is doing well. I had six in the moth trap on two nights in August.

This lovely moth flies by day as well as by night, from the end of July until August, and I often see it sitting on my house by day in full view, no doubt the warning colouration keeps the birds off. My photo was taken two years ago in the garden - I haven't seen two Small Tortoiseshells together this year!

Geoffrey Sell

Jersey Tiger Moth and two Small Tortoiseshells

STEPPING OUT

Following treatment for cancer, the idea of exercising in a leisure centre was not top of my agenda as I am not at all sporty although keen on walking in countryside areas. However, after joining The Living Tree (a support group in Bridport for people with cancer) I was encouraged to try the **Stepping Out** programme – it's turned out to be fun and it helps with various post-cancer treatment problems. **Stepping Out** is a rehabilitation scheme held at **Bridport Leisure Centre**. As a group of men and women who have all had cancers of various types, we get to know one another, understand what we have all been through and are mutually supportive.

The programme at Bridport Leisure Centre is organised and run by Jo Perfect who has been trained in cancer rehabilitation. She inspires confidence and, with her humour and patience, Jo is able to encourage and motivate people in her groups. After a gentle exercise warm-up, the supported group exercises are all about what each individual can do and build on. Various states of fatigue, weakness or difficulty moving parts of the body are considered. A safe environment is provided and a Weldmar Community Nurse is there some of the time for any problems or general queries.

With any cancer, treatments such as surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and so on can have painful and uncomfortable consequences for various parts of the body for long periods of time. Just after treatment it is hard to imagine the range of movement that will be possible some months later! Enhancing movements, increasing strength, as well as reducing fatigue and muscle weakness are all helped by working on individual goals and graded exercises, many of which can be done at home.

It's not just about group exercises: there are discussions on fatigue, the lymphatic system, nutrition, dehydration, breathlessness and many other relevant issues. It is made clear that the Stepping Out programme is important for all aspects of physical health, reducing the likelihood of various diseases (e.g. heart disease) as well as cancer recurrence. It also enhances quality of life and positive mental health. Taster sessions are also on offer including Pilates, Yoga, Nordic Walking, Mindfulness and many other interesting ways of enhancing and maintaining good health. It is interesting to join these sessions and find out what they are all about – they are fun and, within a supportive environment, help to boost morale, mood and motivation.

How do you join? If you have had a cancer diagnosis, see your GP to get a referral form and then arrange to see Jo Perfect, the Stepping Out Project Manager. The programme is free to people with a cancer diagnosis and runs for 12 weeks, though it may be possible to remain in the group for longer if space allows. A follow-on group is available for those who can proceed to more challenging exercises. For further information, email Jo at j.perfect@bridportleisure.com or leave a message at reception 01308 427464.

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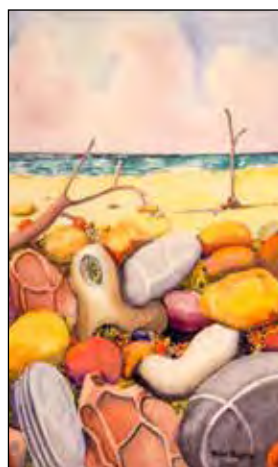
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Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre



We have had a great year here at the Centre. By the end of the summer holidays we had over 83,000 visitors, which is a record for us. This is in part due to the great weather that we have had this summer and the sun is blazing through my window as I write this. We have also had record numbers on our fossil walks and events, which has helped enormously with the charity's finances. This has been the best summer for fossils in years and lots of our visitors have made us jealous with their finds!

There has been lots of great feedback from our visitors about our ever-changing displays and new events. We held a beach safety day in the holidays, where the coastguard demonstrated a cliff rescue and helped raise awareness of the dangers to visitors. We also had an ammonite day in the Centre with lots of incredible specimens on hand for the public to handle. A big thank you goes to Tony Gill and Chris Moore for lending us some of their amazing ammonites.



The big news this year is that the Friends of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre have won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. We were all honoured by a visit in September by Angus Campbell, The Lord-Lieutenant for Dorset, who presented the award to Rosalind Cole the Chair of the Friends. This award, along with the signed certificate from the Queen, will form the centrepiece of a new display about our charity.



I would like to thank all the volunteers for their help and support this season. Without them our charity would not be able to carry on.

We have lots of ideas for the winter working part; the group of volunteers that change round our displays and refurbish the Centre in the quieter winter months. Many of our plans are delayed for another year because of the ongoing problems we are having with leaking windows in our Education room. This has been a problem since the storms of 2014 and we are anticipating that Charmouth Parish Council will resolve these issues as soon as possible.

We now have a full staff of wardens here at the Centre and we have welcomed back Kristina Hixon who will be managing the Centre's education programme. Our Seasonal Warden, Hannah Griffiths, will be staying with us for another year to help with our displays and interpretation. Charlotte Hughes, our administrator, has been compiling the charity's gift aid, which is a much needed source of income as our annual grant from West Dorset District Council has been cut by 20% this year. Ali Ferris has worked wonders on the Centre shop this year and has coordinated all our 79 volunteers who help out on the desk, school sessions and public events.

Phil Davidson, Senior Warden

Volunteers are presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

For the volunteers at the CHCC, the highlight of our season was the recent presentation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The crystal award and citation were presented at a ceremony attended by about 60 volunteers, representing the 80 current volunteers as well as past Friends who have helped to make the CHCC what it is today. The Award was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell who, after the formal part of the ceremony, circulated among the guests over a glass of wine and delicious food provided by the Friends.

Volunteering is an important part of the work of the CHCC and it attracts people not only from Charmouth but also from the surrounding area. If you would like to volunteer to work on the desk, or on the fossil hunting walks or rock-pooling, please contact the Wardens at the CHCC. Any volunteers should be prepared to undertake regular training on various aspects of the work.

Rosalind Cole,
Chair of the Friends of the CHCC



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National Coastwatch - Lyme Bay

EYES ALONG THE COAST



Charmouth NCI Outstation: Making it Happen

The Charmouth National Coastwatch outstation has now been up and running for almost four months and, operationally has been a success. We will still need to complete our probationary period and fingers crossed we can become a permanent addition to the Charmouth foreshore. Our main issues in setting up the station were funding; power; parking, volunteers and training but we have been able to address each in turn.

On funding, we reported in an earlier Shoreline that we won a grant from the Government's Coastal Revival Fund initiative which enabled us to buy start-up furniture and equipment for the lookout. We have been able to extend our fund raising activities to Charmouth; we held a quiz night in February and one of our volunteers, who is an actor in her day job, put on a play in June - all at St Andrew's Community Hall. Charmouth's Nisa store also donated some money as part of their "Making a Difference Locally" scheme which we used to purchase a VHF hand-held radio. This generosity from the local community has helped greatly with inevitable ongoing costs.

Power or lack of it was our main concern. The lookout is listed and, while one day it may be possible to arrange a mains supply, this is still far from a given and will undoubtedly be expensive, even if planning consents were to be granted. Also, we did not want to invest too much at an early probationary stage. But we still needed a reliable system to power our VHF marine radios and charge other equipment. Fortunately the husband of one of our volunteers designed and made a small solar panel system which charges batteries which in turn powers our radios. The panels are rested inside the windows when the lookout is closed and they have been collecting sufficient light for our requirements.

Our other key issue was parking. At Hive Beach we have a longstanding relationship with the National Trust to allow our volunteers to park for free when on duty. As we all know parking in Charmouth is at a premium, especially in the summer, and identifying space therefore was a major challenge. Our volunteers come from all over West Dorset and if we could not find reliable parking then the project would not have taken off. Fortunately, we were offered weekend parking at the Charmouth Primary School which really enabled us to move forward. Since then we have been offered spaces by Robert Vincent who owns the two private car parks near the beach. His generosity will enable us to expand our operations to weekdays in due course.

We already had plenty of qualified volunteers to draw upon to staff the lookout in Charmouth given we are initially only running single watches at weekends. (However, not all of our volunteers are available to serve at Charmouth as many live well to the East of Hive Beach and for them it is not practical for them to commute.) We already had some Watchkeepers from Charmouth but in order to expand our watches we will need to attract more. Since opening, we have attracted some extra interest from locals however, given that the Hive lookout has greater facilities, initial training and qualification will be continued there.

Even qualified, experienced Watchkeepers wishing to work at Charmouth required a degree of extra training. While actual watch-keeping duties are essentially common to all NCI stations, local procedures mostly relating to solar power

equipment, station layout etc. are different. More importantly our Watchkeepers, especially those not from Charmouth, needed to gain local knowledge about the beach, cliffs and walking routes in order to provide advice to the public. This involves holding a number of training sessions over the summer to familiarise the Watchkeepers with the new location. This has worked well and we are also allowing trainees who have gained experience at the main lookout to undertake duties in Charmouth.



Operationally Charmouth has proved to be as busy, if not busier, than the Hive main station. As well as monitoring vessels at sea and radio traffic, we have provided a considerable amount of advice to members of the public about tides, sea conditions and cliffs and coast paths. We have good communications with HM Coastguard and can monitor a broad visual range along the coast complementing that of the Hive lookout and Portland NCI. Our only wish is that we can cover more hours.

So to the future. The Charmouth Parish Council and the Foreshore Committee have been highly supportive of NCI establishing in Charmouth and being a local asset. We now want to consolidate what we have achieved and by next spring will hopefully become a more permanent base extending watches to some weekdays.

As ever with any volunteering organisation success is down to its volunteers and support from members of the public. We have been lucky in this respect. However, we are always looking for more volunteers and, of course, donations – please see the box if you think you are able to help.

Mike Seaman
Senior Watchkeeper.



Contacts:

Volunteering for the NCI is enjoyable and worthwhile and we now have several volunteers from Charmouth and the immediate surrounding area. The NCI exists entirely on public donations, whether from collection days, event sponsorship or direct contributions. Even if you don't want to join us you can support us with a donation. If you want to learn more just look at the websites below. If you are interested in joining and want an application form or to give a donation, please contact:

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BATHROOM BOTTLES, BEADS & BARNACLES

If you like 'Only Connect' on TV, you might like to think of a connection between bottles of facial cleanser in the bathroom and the death of hundreds of barnacles. So what's the connection? Microbeads! When products containing these minute, often microscopic, plastic beads first appeared on the market, they were hailed as effective cleansers and huge quantities of microbeads have been used in the UK - about 680 tonnes each year. However we have now learned that there are serious and wide-ranging disadvantages to this technology.

The focus here is the marine environmental context; we need to consider where products leaving our bathroom basins end up. The fate of 100,000 tiny beads from just one shower has not really been questioned - until recently.

It has been calculated that just one bottle of facial scrub could lead to nearly 350,000 beads reaching rivers, lakes and the sea from our bathroom plugholes, through water filtration systems and eventually out to sea. Used as constituents of skin cleansing agents including pore cleansers and exfoliant products as well as some toothpastes, beads are generally less than 5 mm diameter while some can be as small as 0.0004 mm. Usually the beads are made from polyethylene (PE) but look on labels for abbreviations PET, PP, PS, PTFE and PMMA as well.

For people involved in beach cleans, the persistence of various plastics in the environment is quite obvious; big chunks of plastic as well as microbeads take many decades to break down.

On the bottom of Lake Michigan it has been calculated that there are 17,000 beads per square km while in Lake Ontario there are 1.1 million such beads. Microbeads are carried about by currents and wave action and rain down onto living organisms and sediments below. Surely they are so small that they don't really matter; why might they now be regarded as such a threat to marine and other wildlife?

More than 280 marine species have been found to ingest minute pieces of plastic. Filter feeders such as barnacles, piddocks, mussels and various worms such as lugworms are generally sessile creatures attached to rocks or other surfaces or in burrows within sediment; they are unable to move around to catch prey, they just sit there and draw in currents of water in which a supply of plankton forms their food. Plankton comprises plant cells and a variety of animal forms including eggs, microscopic larvae of creatures such as jellyfish, crabs and shellfish, along with tiny adult creatures. This nutritious plankton soup is vital to survival and complex processes of ingestion, sorting and rejection take place in specialised parts of the creatures' anatomy.

Accompanying the planktonic creatures drawn into filter feeders' systems will be microbeads. After ingestion, food items

would normally be digested by a series of enzymes but the beads interfere with this process. Because beads are indigestible they can block the digestive tract as well as gills causing starvation and reduced oxygen uptake. Eventually this leads to death.

They're only small creatures - does it really matter if large numbers of shellfish, barnacles or marine worms die off? All marine creatures are part of complex food chains or webs in which relatively big animals feed on larger numbers of smaller ones. Predatory marine creatures such as starfish, crabs, fish, marine mammals and sea birds could easily be affected. Clearly there would be concerns in commercial oyster or mussel farms if stocks died off due to this persistent pollution. The beads do not just cause blockages and eventual death; some beads can attract various pollutants onto their surfaces so that oils and pesticides could potentially make their way up the food chain from the smaller creatures to larger predators, including humans.

If you want to help marine wildlife by reducing pollution from microbeads, look at product labels. Apart from Wikipedia and websites belonging to wildlife organisations and Greenpeace, a useful site is beatthemicrobead.org where products free from microbeads are listed. On the positive side, progress is being made; several companies stopped using the beads at the end of 2015 and in the UK all microbeads must be phased out by the end of 2017.

Rosalind Cole

A Community Message from Dorset Police

As we move from the summer period into the cooler time of autumn and winter, it is time to think about the types of crimes which historically increase as the nights draw in.

Oil theft increases as people fill their tanks before the central heating comes on. We have seen a marked decrease in this type of crime over the past few winters, due to the number of tanks which are now alarmed. If your oil tank is one of the few not alarmed then please consider investing in one before you fill the tank up. The cost of the alarm is low compared to the value of a tank full of heating oil.

A spike in burglaries is also commonly seen over the Christmas period. Although the overall crime level in our area is low, simple steps such as locking doors and windows can help to prevent you becoming the victim of a crime. Most of the crimes we experience are committed by opportunistic people, who will check an entire street of cars to find the one which is left open. If you have an alarm on your house or business then make sure it works, and is turned on. The police hold details of key holders for both domestic properties and businesses. Visit the Dorset Police website to register your details so that we can contact you in an emergency.

Online crime is an area which is growing fast. The offenders can

be many miles away, or many countries away. The golden rule is if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is. You cannot win a competition you haven't entered, and no reputable organisation will require an upfront payment to release a prize or pay-out. Cold callers, whether in person or by phone, should be politely thanked and told "No thanks." If you are looking for someone to chop down a tree, re-lay your drive or upgrade your home broadband, then speak to friends and family to get recommendations. Organisations such as Dorset Trading Standards, with their website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, can be used to check whether a business is reputable.

There have been very few crimes reported in Charmouth over the summer. One positive story is William Stead of Bridge Road, Charmouth who was charged with criminal damage at a property in Wesley Close on 1st August. He pleaded guilty to the offence and was sentenced to a 12-month conditional discharge, £179 compensation to the victim and £35 costs.

We continue to hold our monthly surgery, on the first Wednesday of each month at Charmouth Central between 14:30 and 15:00. Please come by to meet the team and raise any issues you may have regarding policing in your local community.

PCS05474 Luke White
Lyme Regis Neighbourhood Policing Team
Lyme Regis Police Station, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG

Poetry Corner

DEATH OF A DESPOT

By Peter Crowter

The most dominant tomb in our churchyard, enjoys the most prominent plot,
And you may well think it ironic, the tenant was not liked a lot.
The man was Lieutenant James Warden, whose naval career was renowned,
But most of the people in Charmouth, were pleased to see him underground.

He purchased the Manor of Charmouth, and fell out with most people there,
Including his son and he told him, 'No longer will you be my heir'.
He then thought the vicar and others, a lesson he might as well teach,
He took them to court 'cause he found them, taking some sand from the beach.
He liked to disrupt parish meetings, by raising objections galore,
A groan must have gone round the council, each time that he took to the floor.

He had a huge row with a neighbour, he met Norman Bond in the street,
Warden became most abusive, and his language was far from discreet.
The dogs Norman Bond had beside him, Warden then threatened to shoot,
An apology then Bond demanded, but Warden did not give a hoot.
Bond was no man to be messed with, his honour must be satisfied,
"I challenge you sir to a duel". "With pleasure", then Warden replied.

Supporting this illegal action was Elizabeth, James Warden's wife,
Had she had enough of her husband, did she yearn for a more peaceful life?
She could have become an informer, a magistrate lived very near,
Instead she supplied both the pistols, suspicious so it would appear.

The duel took place out of the village, at Hunters Lodge just up the road,
As Norman Bond issued the challenge, he had to abide by the code.
The first shot was granted to Warden, who probably thought that was that,
He aimed at Bond's head but he missed it, the ball went through Norman Bond's hat.
The fortunate Bond took advantage, the target he aimed for was smart,
He aimed for the body of Warden, his rival was shot through the heart.

The following lines were penned by
Geoffrey Sells on a December morning,
soon after he and his wife first moved to
the south coast:

**The low sun glints upon the sea:
It seems like summer here to me –
A line of sparkling stars makes light
Pathways across the sea, and might
Remind you of the Milky Way
Brought down to earth to cross the bay.**

**A fly buzzes by, untroubled by the date:
Is it early spring or summer late?
A pulsing knot of gnats gyrate
Down by the fuchsias by the gate,
They laugh because the swallow's gone
And dance until their mating's done.**

**Is this England's winter now?
How calm the sea, how warm the brow:
The summer visitors long are gone,
The plastic mac brigade are none,
And I sit dozing by the vine,
And swat a wasp from off my wine.**

**And is this England's winter now?
The last brave roses make their bow
And pots of daisies shine still more
Beside the lichened cottage door,
Buds on the camellia are forming –
Together we'll revel in global warming.**

The Tommy Cooper Show in Charmouth

What a great night's entertainment was had by those who supported this fundraising event at the Community Hall on 14th October. Whether or not you were a Tommy Cooper fan there was something for everyone - magic, humour, laughs and top quality fun. It was as though Tommy had arrived back in Charmouth 32 years after his untimely death.

Clive Greenaway's tribute act was sheer class. For the first half of the show he treated us to a glimpse into the life of Tommy, along with some great magic tricks. Clive is an expert on and a huge fan of Tommy Cooper and his genuine affection for the man was reflected in his tribute. In the second half, Clive reappeared as Tommy Cooper and it was as though Tommy was in the room. Brilliant and very, very funny; but don't just take my word for it, here are some of the comments.

Great evening last night. Thought Clive was brill.

We travelled down from London for the show and were not disappointed. Well worth the trip and a fun night out.

Another fab, funny fundraiser at the hall on Friday, just like that. Well done committee!

I can't believe how good that night was. Should have been a sold out show.

Are you planning any more nights like this because we'd like to come.

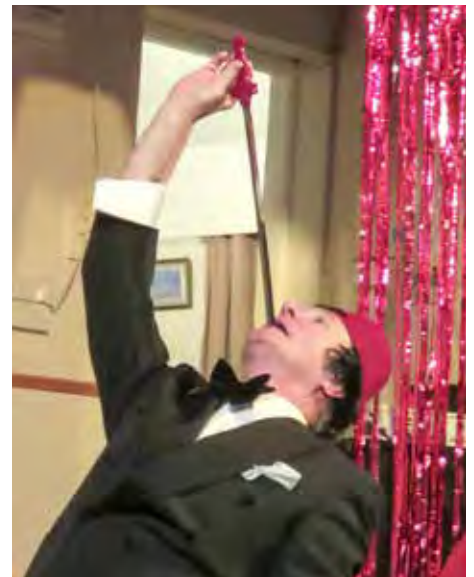
I was not really a Tommy Cooper fan but, how good was that? Great night!

A hugely entertaining night.

So, thanks to all the helpers and to those that came and supported the event.

See, I told you it would be good!

Nick Beardwood



Charmouth Primary School

This term has got off to a busy start with the children focusing on raising funds for two different charities as part of their extra curricular activities. The first event was a fundraising initiative called 'Jump Rope for Heart' which was held on Wednesday 28th September. Pupils and staff alike took part in a skipping circuit as part of the British Heart Foundation's 'Jump Rope for Heart' fundraising initiative. The event was organised by the school's Bronze Ambassadors (young play leaders). With fine weather, fun was had by all, new skills learnt and challenges accepted and achieved. The school achieved 7403 skips in a minute including our youngest children who have just started school with an average of 52 skips per pupil in a minute. At present a total of just over £700 has been raised. The children continue to enjoy skipping at break times and lunchtimes and share an activity in which everyone can join in. The playground is a very happy sight and it is lovely to see children playing together and learning new skills.

On Friday 30 September, the children in Turtles Class (Year 5) hosted a 'Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning in the World.' Thank you to everyone who helped to make our coffee morning such a success by baking a cake, making a donation or enjoying cake in the company of others. The children in Turtles class showed great responsibility and thoroughly enjoyed serving parents and friends in our local community.

It was a pleasure to see how our young children 'lived' some of our school values of respect and responsibility by hosting this special event. They certainly overcame their nerves and embraced the occasion with enthusiasm. You can see some of the children's comments about what it was like to host a coffee morning in this edition of Shoreline.

Best wishes,

Gillian Morris, Headteacher



Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Poppy: "Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning was fun, especially when I took their orders. I really enjoyed serving people tea and coffee and asking for donations. I think everyone liked coming along. A lot of people ate cakes and other sorts of yummies. I hope I can host another coffee morning in the future."

George G: "I enjoyed serving people and my Dad. I liked it when some people bought my cakes and then said really nice comments about them. I enjoyed serving different people and raising lots of money for Macmillan's."

Ned: "I took responsibility in helping little children. I enjoyed helping others, taking orders and also having a cookie. I was nervous about the entire thing, especially taking orders."

Scott: "I served people at the coffee morning. I helped the class lay out the chairs. I served the tea and I served cakes to my Mum, my Nan and my Grandad."

Mattie: "Today I was nervous but excited because I've never served before. I also served people I've never met before in my life. I enjoyed it mostly because I got to have an engaging conversation with other people. I would definitely do it again. It felt like an actual job for me. We raised lots of money for Macmillan."

Mackenzie: "It was so much fun! I liked meeting people from the community. At first I was a bit shy and then I came over it. I was thinking, come on, you can do it!"

Millie: "I enjoyed waiting at the tables and collecting cups. I mostly took orders from people and gave them coffees and teas. It was hard rushing about all over the place but we did it! I saw a lot of money in the boxes which was really good."



Limes School Reunion, 24th July 2016

The second reunion of pupils who attended the Limes Day School run by the Whittington sisters met at Little Lodge, the house used for their classrooms. Little Lodge is the house between Charmouth Stores (Nisa) and Charmouth Lodge.

Former pupils came from as far away as Tiverton. Immediate neighbours also attended to share the flowing conversations on how, for example, Star House was once the Star Inn, and was at one time called the Drum and Monkey. 'Pupils' also walked through the door to what is now Mulberry Lodge's kitchen

sink to have lunch at Charmouth Lodge where the Whittingtons lived.

The school closed in 1963 after nearly 63 years' service to Charmouth, providing a local day school for children from the age of five. It is known now from the reunions that younger children were taken in and, for example, Michael Childs who is now living in Tiverton used to arrive early and sit with the Whittingtons whilst they had their breakfast and read National Geographic magazines. He also remembers they used to drink raw eggs at breakfast-time most days.

Considerably more information on the Limes School, Little Lodge, the Whittington sisters and so much more is readily available on Neil Mattingly's Charmouth local history website - www.freshford.com

"There was so much enthusiasm and laughter at the Limes School reunion that we intend to keep them going and will be planning one at the same time in 2017, with the hope that more former pupils will want to attend" say Helen and Dorothy Parker.



If you spot yourself or a friend in any of the Limes School photos, please let Shoreline know on editor@shoreline-charmouth.co.uk or 01297 561644.

Charmouth Scout News

Charmouth Explorer Scouts (Charmouth Seagulls)

The Charmouth Seagulls have been meeting for almost a year. Highlights of the summer term include kayaking, paddle-boarding and coasteering. Three lucky scouts had the opportunity to complete an aviation course. Freya Southcott explains what they did:

On Thursday 28th July, three intrepid explorers, Alfie, Grace and I, set off for an aviation weekend at Henstridge Airport in Somerset, along with other volunteer organisations, including local scout and explorer units. We had been invited to help at a Fun Day organised by CLIC Sargent Cancer Charity to give about 100 families with children with cancer a once-in-a-lifetime experience to go up in a light aircraft and take over the controls, if they were brave enough. We volunteered to man the refreshments stand and ensured no-one went hungry. We helped play games with the families, including managing the bouncy castle and helping marshal the car-park.

In return, we were given the opportunity to learn about flying and then go up in a plane ourselves. Although I was not brave enough to take the controls, many others did! A visit had also been organised for us to see the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance which is based at the airport, but unfortunately this couldn't take place as it was called out to an emergency, but they still managed to give us a talk instead. We all had a great time and I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and the experience.



The plane they flew



The intrepid three, plus a Scout bear!

The Charmouth Seagulls meet on Thursday evenings between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. For further information, please contact Melanie Harvey 01297 560393.



Charmouth Scouts and Cubs Visit the Birthplace of Scouting

As part of their summer camp, 16 Scouts from 1st Charmouth visited the spiritual home of Scouting on Brownsea Island. It was here that Robert Baden-Powell held his experimental camp in 1907, which led on the creation of the Scout Movement worldwide.

The Scouts were camping on a site in Christchurch and caught the ferry from Sandbanks to access the island. After a stop for a photograph at the bust of Baden-Powell near the ferry dock, they hiked the remaining mile to the site where the original camp was held. Sustained by their packed lunches and having looked at the panels describing the first camp in the small museum on the site, the party then posed for a group shot at the commemorative stone.

Only two weeks earlier, 13 of the Scout Group's Cub Pack had also visited the site of the first camp as part of a District-organised camp to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Wolf Cubs – now renamed Cub Scouts. Here they erected tents and camped amongst the peacocks and deer. They also sang songs round the camp fire, played forest and beach games and made models out of clay. The Group's Explorer Scouts hope to camp there next year.

Other activities undertaken by the Scouts during their summer camp included archery, climbing and abseiling, at Butcher's Coppice Scout Camp, and kayaking and sailing at the Hengistbury Head Outdoor Centre, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Charmouth Guides

Charmouth Guides have had a busy time over the last few months. We have been to the Tunnel and had an archery and team building evening in the woods. We had very impressive two course cooked dinners, made on open fires in a field. There were even napkins!!

We had a trampolining session with the Dorset Council Action van, as well as many evenings of craft, badges and cooking.

During this next term we are looking at the Traditions of Guiding badge, so looking at our laws, promise and traditions. We are also having a family campfire night with the Guides and a sleepover this term. We are planning to end the term with a Division trip to Airhop in Bristol. All in all, an action packed term. If any girls aged between 10 and 14

years would like to join us, please contact Davina Pennells on 01297 560965. We would love to meet them.

Debbie Thatcher



The Guides looked at other cultures and tried on saris

Charmouth Scout News



Mural depicts main characters in their natural surroundings

Jungle Book Comes to Life in the Charmouth Scout HQ

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the 1st Charmouth Scout Group do not have to go to the cinema to see the Jungle Book – it's right in front of their new Training Suite! Painted on the end wall of the new extension to their HQ is a 4 x 2.5m mural depicting the main characters from Rudyard Kipling's famous book in their natural jungle surroundings.

According to Kevin Payne, Group Scout Leader, "As Baden-Powell used elements from the Jungle Book when he founded Wolf Cubs 100 years ago, we had the crazy idea of painting a mural in our new Training Suite. The only problem was none of the leaders could paint! Fortunately, one of the Cub parents - Paula Silverthorne - was a very skilled scenery painter and offered her services. However, none of us expected such a truly fantastic end result."

Paula said, "I was delighted to be able to paint a scene depicting the Jungle Book that would be a permanent fixture within the new Training Suite. It is already creating a great deal of interest among our members who spend time trying to find as many characters as possible from the book and films."

All the main characters are featured: Mowgli, the feral child; Akela, the wolf; Baloo, the bear; Shere Khan, the tiger; Kaa, the snake; and Bagheera, the black panther. The mural will be officially unveiled on Sunday, 29th November, when the Scout Group is running an Open Afternoon. Everyone who has donated funds or offered their services in the design and construction of the new Training Suite will be invited to see the mural and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake or two.

Scouts awarded Chairman's Prize at Lions Swimarathon

Team Ammonites (aka 1st Charmouth Scouts) were awarded the Chairman's Prize for the sterling efforts in the Bridport Lions Swimarathon on 2nd October. Their task was to swim as many lengths of the pool as possible in one hour. And swim they did – clocking up an incredible 131 lengths. This was only a few less than the local swimming club.

According to Dave Barton who managed the six-strong team, "Having a County champion in our team (Nathan Moorey) helped, but the other five swam their hearts out and kept going even when they looked very



tired." So congratulations to: Nathan Moorey; Sam and Scarlett Barton; Harvey and Minnie Harding; and Sam Hare.

Kevin Payne

Beavers Active around Charmouth

The 1st Charmouth Beavers have been out and about over the last few months making the most of the good, and bad, weather. Recent activities included: a box cart rally night around the playing fields; planting sunflower seeds, as part of a competition to see who could grow the tallest by the start of this term in order to tick off part of their Gardening Activity Badge; and a den building evening around Langdon Woods in the rain. The Beavers also enjoyed an American Independence Day themed event on 4th July. Here they learnt about the history of America and iced a cake with the American flag. They finished their term down on the beach, creating wonderful sculptures and toasting marshmallows over a fire-pit.

This term is equally fun-packed. They have already been on a hike and brushed up on our agility, powers of observation and memory skills on a themed Secret Spy Night.

Future events include trips to Tesco, to look behind the scenes and learn about healthy eating, and to Pets At Home to find out how to care for pets. The Colony will also be holding a mini Olympics and craft evenings to decorate Halloween lanterns and, towards Christmas, make driftwood Christmas Trees before rounding off the term with a Christmas Party.

Karen Southcott (Raccoon), Cara Jenkins (Bear) & Giles Smallwood (Coyote)



hike/den building evening in Langdon Woods

The Scout Hut

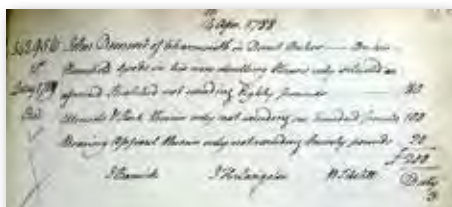
If you've ever wondered about the origin of the Scout Hut in Barr's Lane, Joan Aldworth tells me that her late husband, Roy, accompanied by a couple of friends, brought it from Bovington Army Camp near Wareham in the 1960s. Roy's son, Tim, accompanied them in their task. Roy had heard "through the grapevine" that a hut was available and wasted no time acquiring it for the Charmouth Scouts. He and his friends spent days erecting it, where it still stands proud today, and making it habitable for the scouts. Tim was one of the first scouts to use the hut and, some years later, he became Patrol Leader. Fifty years on, Roy's teenage grandson, Harry, is a member of Charmouth Scouts.

Lesley Dunlop



The Story of Charmouth's Arcade of Shops

In 1894 Charmouth suffered its most disastrous fire. It began in a thatched roof and, by the end of the day, three large houses were completely destroyed. They formed a group and it was only the gaps between them and their neighbours that prevented it spreading further. Unlike other fires in the village, there does not seem to be any mention in the local papers that I have combed. Since then The Post Office, estate agents, newsagents, hairdressers, butchers and Lansdowne House that we know today have replaced them. Fortunately, a few photographs and maps have come down to us which help tell the story of what they looked like before the fire.



In 1290 the Abbott of Forde created a Borough here and each house would have half acre of land stretching back on their Burgage plots. The north wall parallel to The Street survives and some of the plots can still be recognised, although many were amalgamated into larger, more viable units. Barr's Lane would have originally been a main route into the interior. The half-acre plot adjoining it where it met The Street had survived into the 19th century and can be seen on the 1841 Tithe Map as no. 48. The other two buildings stood on plots of approximately one acre, which would have been two plots originally. I have broken the group up into three: the first is the block which now houses the Post Office, estate Agents and newsagents. The second is 'Devon Edge' and the third 'Lansdowne House'. I will deal with the arcade in this article and save the story of the others for the next issue of Shoreline.

The first building from Barr's Lane was commonly called "Streets" after an earlier

owner and is now known as 'The Arcade'. Even in 1933 when it came up for auction it was still referred to as this. It does help with tracing it back. For they were an important family with the parish records showing Stephen being born to John and Grace Street in 1675. Later in 1697, Thomas Street is buried here and his will has survived. It is interesting to see that Sarah Street married Samuel Cornelius in 1706 and they owned a large property where Charmouth Stores (Nisa) is today. Later in 1754 the Streets appears in the Poor Rates for the village when they are shown renting their property from Richard Henvill, the Lord of the Manor. Richard, a Bristol Merchant, had inherited most of Charmouth from his uncle Anthony Ellesdon, who had lived in the Manor all of his long life and has an impressive marble memorial in St. Andrew's Church today.



The next tenant, Robert Sumption, is described later in his life as a baker. The earliest record we have for Robert and his wife Susannah is when their son Henry is baptised at the Church in 1763. By 1783 he is shown in the Land Tax list as leasing his house and orchard from Francis Phipps Henvill. In the same year a list of houses and fields in the village describe it as 'Briggs and it is valued at £3-10-0 with a garden and orchard of one rood 38 perches, almost 1/2 acre, which equates to the original burgage plot set by the Abbot of Forde in 1290. On the death of Henvill, a large part of the village was sold off to Lieutenant James Warden who was later to die in a duel. But this property and a number of others were bought by the village Curate,

Brian Coombe, who continued to lease it to Robert Sumption. The land tax lists show that Robert was renting a number of fields in the village and may well have farmed these. Robert and Susannah's son, Henry married Eleonore Cox, who also lived in the village in 1782. But just two years later his father was to die and his son Henry sold his business to John Diment, who had moved to the village from Whitchurch Canonorum. Benjamin Diment, whose relationship I have still to discover, was a blacksmith who also moved to the village shortly afterwards and built what is Waterloo House today. In 1785, John is shown in the parish records to marry Prudence Bowdidge from Wootton Fitzpaine and they are later blessed with a daughter, Frances. Two of their original insurance policies for 1789 and 1793 have survived and show that his house and bakery was thatched and made of stone and insured for £100 and he was leasing it from the Rev. Brian Coombe. John's time there was short and he died in 1803 and his wife, Prudence just two years later. This could be the end of the story of the building being a bakers, but their daughter Frances was to marry William Coles in 1807 and they continued in the same trade. Her brother, Henry worked alongside her husband and appears in the tax lists of the time as a baker. The Coles and their descendants were to live and trade in Charmouth for the next 100 years. They were to have 4 children - Mary, John, Frances and William. Tragically William senior died in 1816, aged just 34, and his wife is shown as carrying on their business. The 1830 Pigot's Directory shows her and her brother, Henry Diment, as bakers. But her life was to be cut short when, just two years later, she was to die aged just 45, when cholera swept through the area. James Welsh and Captain George Smith also died as a result and all three were buried in the cholera mound by the church tower. It was her son John, aged just 20, who was then to take on the family business.



On the death of the Rev. Brian Coombes in 1818, the freehold of the building and its grounds was purchased by Sir Richard and Lady Ann Spencer. Ann was the granddaughter of Lieutenant James Warden. They lived for a while in Lyme Regis but in 1833, with their nine children, left these shores for a new life in Australia, where her husband was Governor at Albany. Sadly, he was to spend only six years there before his death in 1839. She continued to live on with her children until her own death in 1855. The house they built is now a museum run by the Australian National Trust.

On the death of his mother, John Coles gave up the lease on the building he was renting from the Spencers and moved to the adjoining property, which is now the site of Devon Edge. The Coles were to be successful bakers there and in time bought its freehold.



The new tenant of 'Streets' after the departure of John Coles was Digory Gordge. The 1841 Census shows him there, aged 55, with his wife, Martha and their six children. His son, William was a tailor and no doubt ran his business from the single-storey workshop abutting on to Barr's Lane, which is shown in the maps and early photos. Digory was the Parish Clerk for 56 years. He saw the village increase in size year by year until the church was not large enough to hold the congregation and was rebuilt. His other duties beside being Clerk were constant attendants at Church and its cleaning. He originally lived in a cottage at the top of Lyme Hill on a plot shared with his brothers. He sold his plot to Tobit Gear on 1839 for £13 and moved into 'Streets' as a result. He was Clerk during the building of new church and died on 27th April 1861 at the age of 76. His grave stone can be seen today at St. Andrew's. On his death his son, William, aged 45, continued to live and work as a Tailor there with his wife, Mary and their four children.

In 1862 the Trustees of Lady Spencer's Estate auctioned the property and the advert of the time makes for interesting reading. It is described as "a pleasantly situated and roomy Freehold dwelling house, formerly called 'Streets' with an excellent large garden and orchard thereto belonging, situate opposite Lower Sea Lane, in the fashionable watering place of the village of Charmouth, containing together about 1 acre, now in the occupation of the Executor of Mr. Digory Gordge, as tenant from year to year, at the yearly rent of £17".



The successful bidders were the Pryers who lived nearby at Stanley House and

ran a masons yard directly opposite on a field known as Pear Close. They were also builders and rebuilt Prospect Place after a fire in 1862, as well as The Cement Works, which is now the Heritage Centre and other houses in the village. At the bottom of the 'Streets' garden where it abutted the ancient north wall they built two houses, which they called Pryer's Villas, which was later renamed 'Lanes End'. The Gordges continued to live and work there until 1881 when the census for that year shows William Barnes, described as a baker, no doubt unpopular with Frank Coles who was in the same business next door. I cannot find a record of the property on the next Census in 1891. But there is a strange story involving Sherlock Holmes author Conan Doyle visiting it on a ghost hunt. The Charmouth historian, Reginald Pavey refers to Barnes and a chap called Cornick, living there in 1894. He writes: "Cornick was a heavy drinker and said his house was haunted. Harry Stamp told me that furniture was moved about in the night and that no servants would stay owing to the unaccustomed noises. Cornick must have been well to do as he kept a servant and gardener. Harry's cousin Rose was one of the girls, and his grandfather was gardener, who dug up the kitchen floor and found underneath the skeleton of a baby. No one knew how long it had been there. Sir A. Conan Doyle came down to investigate in the early 1894 and said he would return. In the meantime the cottages were burnt down in the same year. Harry Stamp remembered the fire. It occurred on a Sunday afternoon; he and other boys were leaning against the railings learning their collects for Sunday School. By the time he and the other boys came out from Sunday School, the house was well alight, with men forcing to bucket chain to the nearest tap. The site remained vacant except for a row of macrocarpa trees which Pryer planted and which remained until 1931 after Pryer's death and four shops were built".



The other two plots were quickly rebuilt as 'Sunnyside' ('Devon Edge') and 'Lansdowne House'. It was only on his death in 1931 that it finally went up for auction the following year. Clifford Stapleforth paid £370 for the lot. It was described as "a piece of garden land, with stabling, &c., known as " 'Streets Tenement' having frontage of about 65 feet to the Main Street". The Stapleforths owned the Queens Armes at the time and bought the field known as Pear Close at the same auction for £250 and developed

it into shops and houses.

The next person to come on to the scene in connection with the site was Ernest Thompson who submitted plans for four shops. We are fortunate that the original detailed drawings have survived at the Archives in Dorchester. They show frontages that have been altered over time, but outward looking virtually the same. Ernest was to take the corner building for himself and opened it in 1934 as a drapers, which he ran with his wife Ethel. Andrew Dunn took the next one for a jewellers. Harold Smith ran his Bakery from the next shop and placed a large gold Hovis sign above his door, which can be seen in the old postcards. They had their cake and bake house in Barr's Lane, which is still in use today. Finally, George Restorick from Axminster who had a butchers by the Grange garden, opposite the George, took the fourth unit. All four business were to prosper. Thompson was to be there into the 1950s, Smiths and Restorick into the 1960s. With Ron Dampier and the help of directories of the time, we have attempted to fathom out the confusing change of trading over the years. It would seem that when Smiths the bakers briefly moved their bakery into the corner shop, Childs opened a Hardware business in their unit. Morgans took on Restorick's shop and later extended into Childs shop, which is why today they still carry a large DIY stock at the back. Smith's Bakery were only briefly in the corner shop, before Robinsons took over. They in turn were taken over by the Post Office, which had earlier been at Longs at the top of the Street, then in Devon Edge, before ending up where they are now on the corner. When Dunns finished it was a ladies' fashion shop called Owens for a time, before becoming an estate agents which is today trading as Fortnam, Smith and Banwell.



I do hope that after reading this article, next time you use one of these shops, which have been on the site for many centuries, you appreciate how fortunate the village is to still have such a variety of businesses. The most astonishing fact to come out of all this is that Charmouth Bakery could be nearly 300 years old.

If you wish to find out more about the arcade and other buildings in the village do go to my website: www.freshford.com or just use the Google search engine.

Neil Mattingly



L-R: Leigh, Sarah, Karen, Guang, Helen & Judy

Focusing on Charmouth Pharmacy

Pharmacist Guang Yang took over Charmouth Pharmacy last year and is now well established in the village. We asked him a few questions about his life and his work amongst us. Here are his responses:

Guang, tell us about your early life and why you chose pharmaceuticals as a career path.

I was born in mainland China and moved to the UK with my parents when I was 13 years old. I don't think there are many 18 year olds who really know what career path to follow after finishing GCSEs and A-levels; there are other priorities at that age...like enjoying oneself. Since I knew I was more interested in science related subjects, rather than choosing something that can offer a wide career path, I opted to study for a degree in pharmacy at the University of Bath. It allowed me to focus on what I'm good at.

Where did you work prior to coming here?

I worked for a company called Pharmacy Plus for over ten years prior to moving to Charmouth. It was a company that specialized in supplying medicines to care homes. Unfortunately the company went into administration in 2014 and the entire work force with 100+ staff was made redundant. I then worked as a freelance pharmacist for about a year, during which time I saw the good, bad and ugly side of different companies and it was then I decided to begin a new venture of my own and start my own business.

Why did you choose our small village in which to work rather than a busier or more populous area?

I was always fond of water wherever I went, especially underwater. As a keen scuba diver, a group of us travelled to the coast on a monthly basis and we tended to travel from Bristol to the Dorset and Devon coast on Sundays. I knew if I ever had a chance to live near the sea, it would be the south west coast. Having seen numerous pharmacies up for sale, Charmouth was an easy decision, not only because of the location, but the way in which the previous owner Francis Lock

came across to me during our meetings. He made me feel at ease about the business itself. It is always difficult starting somewhere new, but Francis has always been there with his good advice and, to this day, he still gets the odd phone calls from me. So a big thanks to Francis. Accepting someone new after dealing with the same owner for the past 20 years can be tricky, but the people in Charmouth are second to none; always welcoming and non-judgmental, for which I'm very grateful.

Now you've settled down, what are your thoughts about Charmouth as a village and a community?

Charmouth is an exceptional village, with its rugged coastline away from the hustle and bustle of Lyme Regis. The more time you spend here, the more appreciative you become of its natural beauty. Having been here for over a year now, I find the people in the village have a real sense of community togetherness. There is always a helping hand, whichever way I turn. People will go out their own way to support each other.

What aims do you have for Charmouth Pharmacy?

My intention is to run the pharmacy until the day I retire and I have absolutely no regrets about coming here. I'm lucky with the brilliant team we have at the pharmacy and without their local knowledge and professional expertise, I wouldn't have made it to today. It's the way we treat our customers which sets Charmouth Pharmacy apart from other pharmacies I have worked for. I truly believe going the extra mile to support the health of the local community. We will be conducting our annual customer survey at the beginning of next year. Along with the current services we already offer, such as medicine use review and new medicine service and flu vaccinations, I will be asking our customers what they would like to have available at the pharmacy, such as blood pressure checks, diabetic screening, etc., which will benefit the local community.

What are your personal interests and hobbies?

My hobbies include swimming, scuba diving, canoeing, long walks with my Labrador and looking for dinosaurs with my three year old son.

Lesley Dunlop



Charmouth Pharmacy

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Charmouth Gardeners' Summer Show

What a delightful day, the sun shone, the displays were wonderful and happy faces were all around! Once again the people from Charmouth and surrounding areas met together to enjoy and marvel at the garden flowers and vegetables; home baking and preserves; handicraft excellence and photography skills.

As always, some flowers and vegetables in the garden had 'been and gone' but we still managed to put on a show of great merit. The number of entrants and class entries were marginally better than last year, which is a great compliment to all entrants as the weather had not been kind to gardeners. The children's entries improved (although mostly due to grandparents – thank you); let us hope that children's entrants will improve each year. A huge thank you to all who participated, I say it every year but without you, there would be no show. Special thanks must go to all Gardening members who helped organise halls and worked tirelessly to make the Show such a success.

Pauline Bonner, Show Secretary



Prize and Trophy List – 2016

RHS Banksian Medal – Highest Points/Prize Certificates
Jan Coleman

RHS Award of Merit for Young Exhibitors
Sophie Burgess-Moore

Diplomas in Horticulture – Worthy Exhibit in Horticulture Sections
Leslie Kitcher and Ron Dampier

Grace Laker Cup – Highest Points for Flower & Vegetables
Sheila Samuel

Poppleton Cup – Best Floral Exhibit
Ron Dampier

Wyn Durbridge Bowl – Best Vase of Garden Flowers/Shrubs
Margaret Ledbrooke

BD Founder's Trophy – Best Dahlia exhibit
Margaret Moores

Joe Tisshaw Trophy – Best in Sweet Pea class
Jan Plummer

Rose Vase – Best Rose stems showing 3 stages of flower
Patsy Flather

Rose Cup – Best in Rose classes
Patsy Flather

Stan Durbridge Bowl – Best Pot Plant
Margaret Moores

Marcel Clouzy Cup – Best Exhibit in Floral Arrangement
Jan Plummer

Thalatta Cup – Best in Handicrafts
Hannah Trott

George Cup – Best Exhibit in Fruit & Vegetables
Penny Rose

Clouzy Cup – Best in Home Produce
Jean Dampier

Mattingly Pudding Plate – Best Roulade
Pauline Bonner

Norah Kidd Trophy – Highest Points in Photographic
Rob Davis

Moseley Cup for Best Photograph
Dee Butler

Charmouth Gardeners' – forthcoming Speaker Dates

All meetings at the Village Hall, Wesley Close

Wednesday 9th November – 2.30pm – Mr. Michael Jordan will speak on 'Father Christmas; Apple Scrumping in Paradise and the Wicker Man'... a little different?

Wednesday 11th January 2017 – 2.30pm – Speaker Mr. Neil Lovesey who will talk on 'Why did it die?' – different reasons why plants can fail.

Wednesday 11th February 2017 - 2.30pm – Annual General Meeting followed by speaker Mr Martin Young, who will give us a short talk on 'Fragrant Roses' followed by a fun quiz on Veg/ Fruit and Herbs (with prizes!). Also an opportunity to renew subscription £5 p.p. for 2017/2018.

Please do join us, free entrance (although new membership queries very welcome) excellent, interesting subjects to inform gardeners and visitors alike. Refreshments available at minimum cost.

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Entertainment by Pete Wild and guests

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Heritage Coast U3A talks - all at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis: coffee from 10.00am, speaker at 11.00am. Free to U3A members; donation of £2 suggested for non-members. Contact: Mary Bohane, 01297-444566.



Friday 11th November: 'A Minuet in Time'. Maureen D'Albertanson, former Academic Head of the Royal Ballet School, discussing her role in this distinguished, and unique, British institution. PLEASE NOTE: Members' AGM at 10.00am, followed by coffee. Talk at 11.00am.

Friday 9th December: U3A members' quiz-with-lunchtime-snacks. Bookings (pay £3 per person on the 9th) at the AGM on 11th November.

Friday 13th January: 'Rousdon village life under the Peeks'. Nicky Campbell's illustrated talk will concentrate on the people who worked on the estate, and their families. The Peeks were exceptional landlords who brought the village church back to life and built the village school.

Friday 10th February: Social meeting with coffee. An opportunity to chat with other members and to talk to representatives of the activity groups. You can join new groups or consider starting your own. The committee members and many group leaders will be there. Bring your friends! PLEASE NOTE: 10.00 am start.

Chris Boothroyd

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We Remember

Victor 'Vic' Hunter

12th May 1924 – 16th August 2016

Vic was born at Beach View (now Lavender Cottage) on Higher Sea Lane, Charmouth and worked as an apprentice garage mechanic before joining the Army. In the 1950s he bought Luttrell House Hotel and latterly, with his wife Joan, operated Charmouth's large beach car park. Vic gained his knowledge of fossils from Pete Langham, Stuart Bagnoli, David Costain and Don & Shirley Pye. He was one of a trio of fossil hunters in Charmouth in the 1960s; Ray Jenkins and Barney Hansford were the other two. During the 1980s, he scoured the cliffs and beach for fossils between Church Cliffs and Golden Cap, while mentoring the then-young enthusiast Andy Cowap. Andy first came to Charmouth with his parents and sister in 1977 and, at 15, he met Vic and Joan on Charmouth beach. Impressed with Andy's knowledge of fossils and enthusiasm for collecting, they offered him a holiday with them before the start of the summer season, when the car park was quiet. The experience was to shape Andy's future. After asking his engineering course tutor in Buxton to help him pursue fossil related studies, Andy was given a related university examination to try. Despite lacking any formal teaching in the subject, he gained exceptional marks. So, in 1983, determined to return to Charmouth, he lived in a van in the corner of Vic's car park. Joan subsequently invited him to stay at their home, Charside on River Way, formerly the home of the renowned geologist, James Frederick Jackson. Andy remained there for two-and-a-half years, paying his way by working in the car park from early morning until evening and collecting fossils with Vic at every available opportunity. He recalls that Vic applied his Army training to the parking of cars in the beach car park and didn't stand for any nonsense. "But to me he was a very generous person and gave his time willingly." Andy remembers that Vic sorely missed his son Mike, who had died. "I would like to think that I helped him to recover after his son's death," says Andy, who was looked after like a second son. "We sat talking for ages every night and Joan would bring us cups of tea." Andy, who is now a professional fossil collector and preparator, taught Vic to prepare fossils and remembers his mentor's great creativity.

I met Vic on a number of occasions when he contributed information for the first Shoreline publication, 'The Fossil Hunters of Charmouth and Charmouth Fossil Guide', and attended the first of two Shoreline 'Meet the Charmouth Fossil Hunters' events. He was kind, gracious and his enthusiasm for fossils was totally undimmed by the passing of the years. He was a lovely man.

Lesley Dunlop

Andy Cowap pays his own tribute to Vic with his personal memories and those of professional fossil collector and preparator David Sole:



1977 – David Sole was fossil hunting at Black Ven after a storm and broke his hammer. Vic, being a nice decent guy, lent David his hammer so that he could carry on collecting, then proceeded home. At that time David lived in Swanage and commuted to Charmouth on most days to collect fossils.

1978 – David was again fossil hunting at Black Ven when Vic approached and told him about a large 'woodstone' nodule that he had covered up with mud. As Vic had found a fair number of ammonites, he told David he could have the 'woodstone' to break open, free of charge. Inside the nodule was a 12 inch *Asteroceras Confusum* ammonite. After David finished cleaning it, it was one of the finest single ammonites to that date discovered on this coast. David compensated Vic for his generous action on the beach.

1980 – Another substantial find of Vic's was a five-foot long *Ichthyosaurus* skull which resides in the small museum of the Lyme Fossil Shop. He found it at Black Ven and it remains to this day unprepared, but was still a superb find.

1983 – Most evenings after the car park closed, Vic and I used to collect at 'our' favourite spot in Charmouth – Stonebarrow beach – for the *Asteroceras Obtusum* ammonites, which contained the 'flatstone' nodules. One particular evening we returned home at 9pm with 18 beautiful *Asteroceras* ammonites. One single piece has four ammonites in it; absolutely beautiful yellow calcite ammonites.

1984 – Vic discovered at Black Ven the finest single piece of *Pentacrinites fossilis* (crinoid) ever discovered that now resides in David Sole's collection. It's a piece with a complete head, stem and mouth parts preserved in pyrite. It is one of the finest invertebrate fossils ever discovered in this stretch of coast. It was discovered in the same area that Mary Anning used to patrol.

1984 – Vic and I also used to dig for the pyrite ammonites (when it was allowed) and we found up to 40 *Echioceras raricostoides* every evening. Looking back now, I wouldn't do it because of the dangerous and unstable cliffs.

1984 – Vic and his wife Joan bought me a complete *Ichthyosaurus* tail from a casual collector called Frances. She used to own a small curiosity shop on Uplyme main street, just up from the Talbot Arms pub. I think the price was £20. This gift was because of the hours I put into helping in the car park, which allowed Joan to go off and do other things.

Pete Langham and Vic used to exchange fossil stories when they met on Charmouth Beach in the late 1970s/early 1980s.

"Vic was a huge influence on my early fossil collecting days as a teenager. I got on so well with him and he was most certainly a second Dad to me. He was a real gentleman and just fantastic!" says Andy

Not Much Knitting but Plenty of Nattering!

We held the Knit and Natter Club's first meeting after the summer holidays in The Bank House Cafe. An absolutely delicious cream tea was enjoyed by everyone and we would like to extend our thanks to Sally and Wendy for making us feel so welcome. The tables we had booked were laid with

beautiful matching bone china and made us all feel like very special guests. It was decided that another cream tea will definitely be needed in the deep, dark days of winter and that The Bank House must be the venue!

Anyone who would care to join our circle of knitters is welcome to come and see us any Thursday afternoon between 2 pm and 4 pm in the Club Room of St Andrew's Community Hall in Lower Sea Lane.

Finally, a date for your diary. We will be holding our next coffee morning in the Village Hall, Wesley Close on Saturday, 19th November from 10.00–12.00. All the proceeds will be used either to buy yarn to knit for our charities, or to send as donations for any other items they may need. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lynne Butler

We Remember

Jacqueline (Jackie) Moody

7th July 1946 - 1st September 2016

Remembering Mum - Steven Kleppa

Mum was born in Welwyn Garden City in 1947, one of four children to Eric and Clarisse Moody. When mum was still little, the family moved to the Isle of Wight where her father was a customs inspector. Mum therefore grew up by the sea and developed a love for the sea that never left her. She led an active and interesting life, moving to Norway with the British Council in 1970, following teacher training at the University of London. Thus began a long career in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), which took her from Norway to York, Guildford, back to York, New Zealand and ultimately to Charmouth. She had two children, myself in 1976 and Lizzie in 1978. Mum was able to balance a busy career with raising two children largely by herself, an achievement in itself! Despite working full time and looking after myself and Liz full time, she was awarded an M.A. from Guildford University in 1985, having studied part-time. She was diligent and hardworking; an ethic that never left her and which she did her best to instil in both her children.



I had visited the Jurassic Coast on a geology field trip back in 1995 and recommended to Mum that she should visit too, as I had been struck by how lovely the area was and how friendly the locals were. Mum duly moved to Charmouth around 1998/1999, having fallen in love with the village as well, and in particular with the house that she bought at Catherston Cottages. Mum had a tremendous capacity for making friends. She was always a 'giver' and got involved in village life from the start. She knew an awful lot of people and the list always seemed to grow on my many visits to the village. She got involved in many aspects of Charmouth life and it was often tricky getting in touch with her, as she was either off playing badminton, or jiving or rambling with the Ramblers' Association, or off in Lyme at cinema nights, or round at a friend, or having visitors at her house (a VERY frequent occurrence). Mum was always there for anyone who needed her and this sense of selflessness was repaid in spades in her last few years. Mum loved living in Charmouth and I have many many fond memories of walks on the beach (up Stonebarrow Lane to Golden Cap, down St Gabriels and back to Charmouth along the beach - via the ice cream shop, of course), or up 'Windy Ridge' to Conegar Hill and back along the River Char.

Mum's health began to decline around 2011 and it was a long and difficult five years until her passing in September. During this time, however, the people of Charmouth rallied round and really showed the best of community and humanity. I am still struck and profoundly moved by the love and care that the people of Charmouth showed her during those last few years. She was able to live at home right up to the end, something that was important to her and wouldn't have been possible without her friends in Charmouth going above and beyond what would ordinarily be expected. I'd like to pay tribute to and thank everyone in Charmouth who knew Mum and was there for her in any way. Charmouth represents the best of what we can be, as far as I'm concerned, and will always be a special place for me, much like it was for my Mum.

Remembering my Sister - Rod Moody

I have known Jackie all my life, being her 'older' twin by ten minutes (she never forgave me for that!). I am convinced that the only reason for that is she was so keen to get on with life that she kicked me out, we both being nearly three months premature. From the moment we were born, Jackie showed herself to be a fighter, being only three pounds in weight in a

makeshift maternity ward (the main hospital had been bombed, so we were evacuated to Brockett Hall in Hertfordshire). Nurses put Jackie to one side saying she could not survive. It was some time later when a passing nurse noted she was still breathing and thus started treating her (no incubators were available). That was the start of Jackie's fight, which

continued for the next 70 years. Her strength of character was apparent from day one. She made sure she didn't waste a moment of the time she had control of. As a young teenager, whilst crewing with a friend in a Cherub dinghy, they won the national championships; the youngest crew to do so. She went on to crew with me and we became known as 'the terrible twins' after she refused to hoist the spinnaker during a subsequent regatta whilst leading the race because "the wind was too strong". The subsequent stand up row involving me being hit by the spinnaker pole resulted in us losing five places, much to the delight of the other boats. We did sail together very happily until we left home; she never lost her love of the sea and sailing.

Jackie was very much a people person, keeping in touch regularly with anyone she had the pleasure to meet and always looked out for anyone who needed help, no matter who they were. It was this desire to help others that ultimately led to her illness and subsequent complications. She went out to Namibia to help and caught some peculiar bug which affected her immune system, already weakened by chemotherapy post breast cancer some years earlier, which possibly led to Parkinsons.

Jackie has left a big void in our lives and I am sure also in the lives of all her new and extensive 'family' in and around Charmouth. Without that 'family', Jackie would not have had such a happy time in her latter years. It was the place she called home and never wanted to leave, despite all her relatives living a long way away. Jackie's heart is still in Charmouth and the village will always be in her.

Remembering our Friend - Sarah Edwards, & Madeline Warren

The Revd. Elaine Marsh, the Vicar at Jackie's funeral, said that Jackie was the bravest person she has known and I think most of us would say the same. Jackie had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for some time when, two years ago, she was found to have bone cancer as well. Jackie's faith, together with her determination and refusal to complain about her situation (which included having to wear both a spinal brace and a neck brace), were awe-inspiring.

Jackie had the gift of friendship. She had many friends in this country and abroad, some she had known for decades, whom she kept in touch with by cards and letters. She had a constant stream of friends from Charmouth and further afield visiting her at her cottage, or in hospital during her times as an inpatient. She was very hospitable, and loved the excuse to have tea or coffee and cake with her guests.

Jackie made the most of every day. Even her trips to hospital (and there were many - to Poole, Dorchester and Exeter) were occasions to be enjoyed, and her appointment was always followed by a visit to the hospital cafe for coffee and cake. The Exeter jam doughnuts were the favourites! Jackie recently celebrated her 70th birthday with three parties: one with her siblings, one on the day itself with her children and grandchildren, and then one a few days later with friends. Her funeral service was packed with her family and friends, and reflected how many people's lives she touched in Charmouth and further afield.

Shoreline Charmouth - Village Diary

Badminton Club (experience required)	Mon 8-10pm	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Badminton (social)	Tues 7-10pm	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Russell Telfer 560806
Beachcombers Café	Mon 10-12am	Hollands Room, Bridge Road	Alison McTrustery 07789 165570
Beavers (ages 6-7)	Tuesdays 6 - 7.15pm	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Amanda Clist 01297 560157
Bingo (fund raising for Community Hall)	3rd Fri each month 7.30pm (eyes down)	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Jane Tait 560801
Bopper Bus	Fri 4.45-8pm	Bridport Leisure Centre Drop off/pick up Primary School	Kate Geraghty 489422 Melanie Harvey 560393
Bowls Club <i>Summer:</i> <i>Winter Short Mat Bowls:</i>	Sun, Tues, Thurs 2-5.30pm Tues 2-5.00pm	Playing Field, Barr's Lane Community Hall Lower Sea Lane	Jackie Rolls 01297 560295 Jim Greenhalgh 01297 561336
Brownies (ages 7-10)	Mon 4.30-6pm (term-time only)	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Bridge Club (partners can be provided)	Thurs 7-10.30pm	Wood Farm (opposite swimming pool)	Vincent Pielesz 560738
Charmouth Local History Society	1st Tues of month 10-12 or by appointment.	The Elms, The Street	Richard Dunn 560646
Cherubs (Mums & Toddler Group)	Wed 9.30-11.30am (term-time only)	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Vicki Whatmore 561315
Cubs (ages 8-10.5)	Thurs 5.00-6.30pm	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Ed Pemberton 01297 560241
Explorer Scouts (ages 14-18)	Thursday 7.30 - 9pm	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Melanie Harvey 01297 560393
Gardeners	2nd Wed each month-winter; two outings-summer	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Penny Rose 561076
Girl Guides (ages 10 onwards)	Wed 7-8.45pm (term-time only)	Wooton Fitzpaine	Davina Pennells 560965
Junior Rangers Club (ages 8-12)	2nd Saturday each month 10.30-12noon	Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre	Alison Ferris 560772
Knit and Natter group	Thursday 2 – 4pm	St. Andrew's Community Hall	Jan Coleman 561625
Library Storytelling & Rhymetime (under 5s)	Monday 9.30 - 10am in term time	Library, The Street	Mandy Harvey 01297 560167
Memorable Memoiries	1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm	Charmouth Central Library	Jan Gale 07897 511075
Parish Council Meeting	3rd Tues each month 7.30pm	The Elms, The Street	Lisa Tuck 01297 560826
Sewing Circle	Tuesdays 10.30-12.30pm	Charmouth Central	Hazel Robinson 561214 or HazelRosery@aol.com
Scouts (ages 10.5-14)	Thurs 6.45-8.30pm	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Carol Moorey 01297 560100
Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Mon to Thurs (term-time only) 9am-12.30pm	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
Tea and Chat	1st & 3rd Monday each month 3pm - 4.15pm	Charmouth Central	Felicity Horton 07736 825283
Wyld Morris dancing practice	Wed 7.15pm	Pine Hall, Monkton Wyld Court	Briony Blair 489546
Whist Evening	2nd & 4th Mon each month 7.30pm	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Eileen Lugg 560675
Whitchurch WI	2nd Tuesday each month - 2.30pm	Village Hall, Whitchurch	Pat Veal (01297 560544)

To add or amend any details in the Village Diary or to promote your Charmouth event contact:
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	The Lyme Practice, Lyme Community Medical Centre, Lyme Regis	01297 445777
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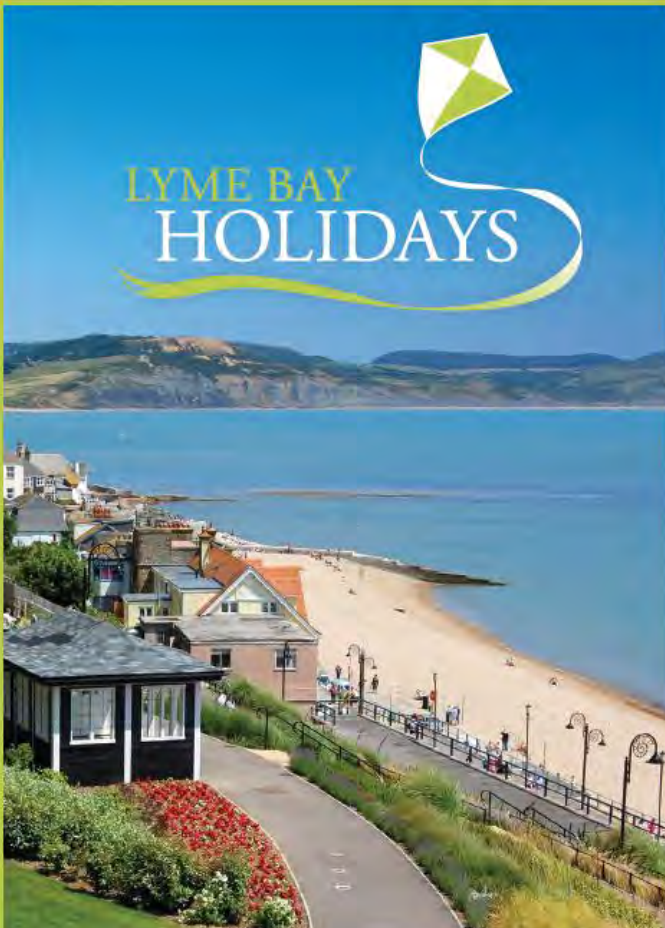
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