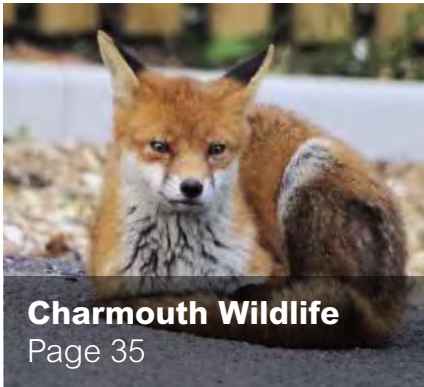


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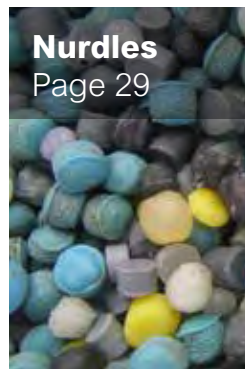
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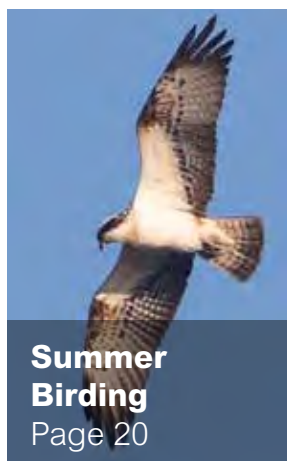
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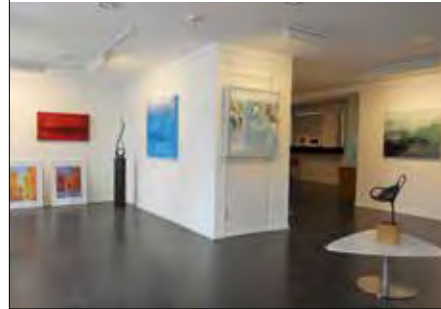
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Countrywide political confusion... but Charmouth remains calm and charming as ever!

Well the summer has finally arrived and with it our welcome visitors, enjoying our beaches and countryside and the relaxed Dorset way of life! As villagers ourselves, we are always very keen to promote our way of life in Dorset and all the activities and facilities that are available within the village and surrounding area. (Shoreline's articles and advertising supporting this adage of course.)

Although the range of properties available in the village is much lower than normal, as it is across the south west, we still have a good range of applicants looking to move to our lovely village!

Some of them are cash buyers, looking to come down here to



retire in the long term but buying a property as a second home in the first instance. Many of these purchasers have been holidaying in the area over the years and know Charmouth well and feel themselves "honorary" villagers already.

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Editorial

The path of love and the path of insight lead into the same garden.

Stephen Mitchell

In late May I completed an extensive application form (passed on to me by the Parish Council) entering Charmouth into the Village of the Year 2017 competition, a series being made by Reef Television, commissioned by Channel 4. Three weeks later, I was thrilled to learn that we had been shortlisted to one of 75 villages from several hundred applicants. On 24th June, the film crew, with revered actress Penelope Keith, who is presenting the series, spent the day in Charmouth filming all around the village, including a visit to the Fire Station, Tai Chi on the beach, a fossil walk with CHCC's Ali Ferris, Ron Dampier's garden, a group of very brave swimmers (the heatwave was over!) and culminating in a BBQ at the blue beach huts.

Penelope will preside over the heats, semi-finals and the final, with a panel of expert judges deciding which villages will progress through the rounds based on appearance; history and heritage; village events; activities and visitor experience. They are interested in villages that have soul as well as beauty. Methinks we

are a strong contender. Their chosen village will be awarded the accolade of VOTY 2017 and £10,000 to be used for a worthwhile community project.

The series will be shown later on in the year and each episode will feature four of the shortlisted villages. Fingers crossed!

Phil Tritton's article below highlights the urgent need for more volunteers to help at our very popular village events. So often, the same willing people raise their weary hands and offer their time and energy to make things happen. Well they are getting ever wearier and some have recently retired after years of loyal service. New blood and fresh enthusiasm is required and I exhort all you villagers standing on the sidelines, whether you are newcomers or have lived here for a while, to get involved. Be active, meet new people, make a positive impact on this wonderful community of ours. No excuses now!

A lot of effort has gone into planning three exhibitions being held simultaneously in Charmouth during July, August and September. The Library is featuring five local artists; St Andrew's Church will have a display of photos and text from Neil Mattingly's brilliant book 'Charmouth – Its Church

and its People' and the Local History Society is exhibiting over 150 photographs entitled 'Through the Lens of Samuel Hansford' in the Pavey Room at The Elms. The launch will be on Friday 7th July from 6.30 to 8.30 at all three venues.

Have a great summer.

Jane

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New blood needed for Charmouth Events

Charmouth's residents and visitors have a great tradition of putting on all kinds of events. Over the years these have included

the Charmouth Pantomime, Guy Fawkes night, Charmouth Fayre, street parties, Christmas Fayre, New Year's Eve fireworks and Party in the Park.

The number has dwindled in recent years to just four – Party in the Park, Christmas Fayre, Guy Fawkes night and New Year's Eve fireworks, but they are all very popular, especially when the weather is kind. On these nights Charmouth really feels like a community as families and friends, old and young, come together to have some fun.

However, the future of these events are under threat:

1. Several organisers and helpers have recently retired after many years serving the community.
2. Increasingly onerous risk assessments and permissions which can be very time consuming when completed with due diligence.
3. Complex and expensive insurance costs as events are run by different organizations.
4. Failure to recruit enough new volunteers to replace those that are retiring.

Such an important aspect of village life which is enjoyed by the whole community is surely worth preserving.

With this in mind, I am proposing that a Charmouth Events Committee should be set up (maybe with a 'buzzier' name?). This committee would oversee all current Charmouth events, probably with sub-committees for each event. The committee would include people with the expertise to evaluate event plans, risk assessments, contingency plans, insurance policies

and finance for each event. The Charmouth Events Committee would then assume collective responsibility for all the events, taking the weight off individuals who currently organize each event and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

This committee could also look at any proposals for new events and decide whether to take these on.

Surplus money would be distributed to local organizations and causes.

We already have good people with the necessary expertise and enthusiasm to form the basis of this committee but more volunteers are desperately needed to ensure the future of our community events.

Your help is needed

Whether you can help with publicity, risk assessments, humping beer barrels, helping at the BBQ, serving at the bar or just collecting donations, your help would be greatly appreciated. Even if you could give up just a couple of hours, that would really help. We also need your ideas, to keep these occasions fresh and exciting.

If we lose these important celebrations when the village gets together, then Charmouth's community spirit would undoubtedly suffer. We have a wonderful village so please help us to keep it that way!

Phil Tritton, David Clifford, Ian Simpson and Peter Noel

Contact us in the following ways:

You can see information and leave messages on the Charmouth Events Facebook page which is @charmouthevents

You can email Phil on phil.tritton@gmail.com, contact him through Facebook Messenger or call him on 07887 781348. If you are thinking of helping please get in touch so that we give you more information.



Parish Council News

In the spring edition of Shoreline, it was reported that the Council had two vacancies....this is still true, except that two new Councillors have been co-opted and two more have left!

To fill the existing two vacancies, Judy Fellingham was co-opted in December 2016 and Richard Acton was co-opted in March 2017. Meanwhile, Jim Greenhalgh left at the end of 2016 and Richard Salisbury retired in May 2017. We welcome our two new Councillors and wish Jim and Richard all the very best for a well earned rest.

Consequently, we still have two spaces and would encourage anyone with an interest in joining the Council, to come and find out more. It really is a very varied and rewarding role.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Community Hall on Wednesday 24 May 2017 with over 50 electors attending. This was a very positive meeting with interesting and topical presentations from Melanie Harvey and the Explorer Scouts; Simon Williams (Foreshore Regeneration Report); Dr Gemma Barron (Ecologist for National Trust Golden Cap Team) and Professor Jim Rose (Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre).

In light of the on-going restructuring of Dorset Councils, we continue to liaise with other agencies with a view to whether the Parish Council can take on the maintenance/running of more village amenities.

As we now head into the summer season, our outside team will continue to be working hard to keep the village tidy for the parishioners and the many visitors to enjoy.

Melissa Kirby

Charmouth Village Hall



The committee of Charmouth Village Hall are seeking additional committee members and wish to invite any members of the groups who use the Village Hall or persons residing in Charmouth to join our friendly committee.



There are only three meetings per year hence the role is not onerous. As the present committee are not getting any younger we are looking for fresh input to help us maintain the hall to its present standard. We have recently undertaken to improve the facilities in the hall including the refurbishment of the toilets and the addition of an accessible toilet, and would like to maintain this level of ongoing performance.

Anyone interested please contact either of the following:

Dave Gillings at 01297 560465 or e-mail gilly@swansmead.wanadoo.co.uk

Jan Johnstone at 01297 560052 or e-mail jan.johnstone@bopenworld.com

Charmouth Pharmacy News

New anti-malarial service available.

We are delighted to introduce a new service where people can obtain anti-malarials direct from Charmouth Pharmacy for travelling to areas where there is a risk of malaria. People will be able to book an appointment at the pharmacy without the need to see their doctor or practice nurse to obtain a private prescription for the treatment. We will also be offering general travel health tips and appropriate vaccination recommendations.

The service has been communicated with the local surgeries.

Recent Pharmacy2U mailing in Dorset

Pharmacy2U, which is based in Leeds, is heavily marketing a service offering to send out prescriptions direct to people's homes. Although the company is offering its postal service nationally, their marketing is cleverly targeted locally. Their letters received in this area specifically mention the doctors' practices in Charmouth, Lyme Regis and Bridport, although the company has no direct link with them. Two years ago, Pharmacy2U sold details of more than 20,000 of its customers without their consent, an investigation by the Information Commissioner's office found. More than 100,000 customer details were advertised for sale, at a cost of £130 per 1,000 records. The database was advertised as including people with a range of conditions such as asthma, Parkinson's disease and erectile dysfunction. They were fined £130,000 as a result.

Although where people get their prescriptions is a patient choice, if too many people sign up to Pharmacy2U, it could put small village businesses in jeopardy. We have had many enquires from customers during the past months; people were often confused by whom exactly is providing this service and, after clarification, the majority of people have shunned away from them. In this age, we are used to the 'click and collect/deliver' way of receiving goods, however there is more than that when it comes to medicines. Safety is our top priority, often handing out a prescription involves offering advice on how to take the medicine and potential risks/side effects people may experience. This expertise and advice simply cannot be replaced by a parcel through the post.

All of us at Charmouth Pharmacy would like to thank you for your continued support.

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Colour Run

Staff from Bymead House in Charmouth took part in the 4K Colour Run on the 6th of May in Lodmoor Country Park in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare. These included Registered Manager Lisa Walters, deputy manager Sarah Weare and members of the Nursing, Carers, Housekeeping, Admin and Cooking teams- Honeybee Toledo, Amy Blacklock, Lisa Wood, Emily Stewart, Olive Haida, Lorna Gould, Tracey Wood, and Lisa's two sons, Dylan and Harri Walters.

A fantastic time was had by all the team, who enjoyed the atmosphere, contributing to such a worthwhile charity and getting covered in colour.

Party in the Park Update

The Party in the Park team were ready to go on the 28th May, after having some fabulous weather during the week of preparations. However, it was decided to cancel the event because of terrible weather forecasts, at different times during the day, with heavy rain and even storms predicted, which would have ruined the evening. Some would say we'd have got away with it, but heavy rain did finally come at 22.15hrs, and it would have meant a very wet clearing up exercise.

We have rescheduled the event which will now take place on Sunday 27th August. The headline band will be 'Mr Jean', with maybe some surprises!

All the main ingredients for a fabulous evening will be in place, with a full bar including Pimms, BBQ, curry and chilli served by the Fat Dads and crew, plus fireworks to close the show.

The fun starts at 6.15 and we look forward to seeing you there.

David Clifford



Letters

FOND FAREWELL

Alan and I moved from France to Charmouth in 2000, calculating that we would stay in the little house we had found on The Street for a year or so while we looked around for something bigger. As time has proved, the house was, in fact, just the right size – so we have been living in it contentedly for the past 17 years.

Charmouth must be one of the most friendly, inclusive, caring and active villages in...well, anywhere. There is always someone to talk to, something to do and somewhere to go. These factors make Charmouth very hard to leave, though leave we must.

Both our sons live in Kent. Driving there has always been unpleasant but, as we get older and the roads become ever more crowded and accident-prone, it has become a journey we are less and less inclined to take. If we are to see anything of the two most important people in our lives, we have to move closer (but not too close) to them – so, after much soul-searching, that is what we are doing.

We couldn't leave without saying a very big thank you to everyone we know in Charmouth for helping to make the past 17 years such happy years. Thank you from us both.

Hazel Robinson

And a very big thank you too to Hazel and Alan for their significant contributions to Charmouth over many years. They will long be remembered and missed! Au revoir – and do come back to see us.

Community Line Dance Group



I have started a community (free no charge) Line Dance Group. We meet in the Village Hall, Wesley Close on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00-3.30pm. Please come and join in the fun.

Andrea Harfield, 01297 561083

A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who attended the Knit and Natter Coffee Morning on 22nd April, we really appreciate your support. Altogether, including donations, we made the grand sum of £410.20.

So that, in addition to buying yarn, we have been able to send gifts of money to our charities and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next Coffee Morning on Saturday, 18th November in The Village Hall, Wesley Close, at 10am.

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.



Charmouth Conservatives The Party Line

One hundred years ago this year, Emily Pankhurst was campaigning for votes for women and Emily Davison died, having thrown herself under the king's horse running in the Epsom Derby. Whilst she would not have anticipated the frequency of elections today, I suspect that she would still have been disappointed at the number of those who cannot be bothered to vote.

Our supporters were busy for a short time distributing election literature etc. but have returned to doing what Charmouth Conservatives do best. In April, 40 of us celebrated St. George's Day with supper, a quiz and games. It was a great evening at which we all learned a lot about St. George. Sadly, by the next day, most people had forgotten all that they had learnt. The good news is that we can use the same quiz next year.

A planned visit in June to the House of Commons had to be cancelled, so our next event is a Summer Barbecue on 29th July which we have arranged to be a hot, dry day. We have a new venue and are hoping that we will have 50+ members and friends. Following that, on 17th September, we will be holding a Lasagne Lunch. This too will be a warm day, as the event will be indoors, the roof is sound and the heating can be adjusted.

We welcome all to our social events; politics forms only a small part of our menu. Ring for details (01297 560487).

Bob Hughes *Treasurer*

VILLAGERS EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS!

There has been a very good response, from both residents and businesses, to the Neighbourhood Plan Survey (NHP) issued in March, with over 250 completed surveys. This equates to about a 30% return.

Many thanks to those of you who returned the survey, we appreciate that it took some time to complete but we can assure you that your views are being fully considered. The feedback received is very encouraging with many expressing their passion and views about the future of Charmouth, just showing how much residents and business owners care about the village. No real surprise!

Good progress is being made in analysing the data by members of the NHP committee and this is being done in two phases:-

- *Firstly, quantitative analysis i.e. the number of 'ticks' in boxes and demographic information*
- *and secondly, qualitative analysis i.e. gathering comments and identifying main themes*

We are planning to report back to the village on the results of the quantitative analysis on Saturday 9th September at the Community Hall starting at 10.00am. We will advise you, as soon as we are able, when we have completed the second step, as it will take a bit longer to analyse the comments.

An update on the NHP progress was given at the Parish Council's Annual Meeting on 24th May by myself and Andy Bateman. The winners of the prize draw, an ammonite found in Charmouth, were Amanda Jones and Nick Baber.

If you would like to find out more about Charmouth's NHP please go to our new website www.charmouth-nhp.co.uk or should you like to contact us then please email charmouthneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com or telephone 07594 653341.

Carole Girling, *Chair of Neighbourhood Committee*

Village Hall News



On Saturday, 20th May, we were very fortunate to present a concert in aid of funds needed for new windows in the Village Hall. Edward Jacobs, our local choir director and accomplished pianist, played a great mix of popular, light classical, show tunes and romantic piano music. It was the most wonderful evening. Edward thoroughly entertained everyone there, and I might add that he played a very varied repertoire without the aid of any musical score. I would like to express gratitude to everyone who came along to support the Village Hall and our particular thanks go to Edward for putting together the concert and making the evening so enjoyable and fun for us all.

Jan Johnstone

30 hours free childcare and Tax-Free childcare for working parents

Working families may now be able to get up to 30 hours free childcare a week (3 and 4 years olds) and/or Tax-Free Childcare (children up to 12, 17 if disabled). Both parents must earn at least £120 a week to be eligible. To apply now for 30 hours your child must be aged 3 as of 31 August, for Tax-Free Childcare your child must be 0 to 4 years old as of 31 August (17 if they have a disability). If you're not yet eligible to apply, you can get an email to notify you when you can apply. Find out more at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/newchildcarefunding>

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NEW BENCH FOR THE HOLLANDS ROOM

Many, many thanks to the Charmouth Traders who have very generously donated a beautiful, new wooden bench for the front patio of the Hollands Room in Bridge Road. The original one had fallen to pieces and was sadly missed, but just in time for the good weather, everyone can now sit in the sun and watch the world go by. The benches are for the use of everyone, residents and holiday-makers alike, so if you are passing and would like to sit and rest awhile, do go in and make use of the new bench, but don't forget to shut the gate!



Judith Weeks

Phil Davidson, Geological Warden at Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre says:

The best place to look for fossils is in the loose material on the beach and NOT in the cliffs. The cliffs are very unstable and you should make sure you keep your distance from them. Rockfalls and sticky mudslides should be avoided as they can cut off the beach on an incoming tide. Always check the tides times before going out fossil hunting.



CHARMOUTH GARDENERS

Summer Village Show
Saturday 12th August

2.30pm – both Village Halls

Entrance £1 adults (covers both halls)
– accompanied children free.

Please do join us on the day, beautiful displays of flowers, vegetables, home produce (cakes, pastries, bread, jams, marmalades and 'men only' classes). Plus, a Handicraft section (knitting, needlework, woodwork, craftwork or painting) for which the Subjects this year are 'Dancing' and 'A Village Scene'. Photographs are a very popular area; this year's subjects are 'Flowers; The colour red; Dancing; Water; Lazy Bones and Retirement'. The Children's sections would always welcome more entrants! There are many more classes, too numerous to mention them all, particularly in the flowers, vegetables and photography sections, so please do remember the date OR...

Better still, **please do join in and enter an item of your own;** this is a friendly village show (not highly competitive) and the more entries we receive the better the displays and enjoyment for all. A free programme/schedule with entrance form listing all the categories, can be collected from the Charmouth Post Office from Wednesday 12th July with details for return by Wednesday 9th August. Gardening members will have the schedule delivered as usual.

There are prize certificates and cups to be won, but for most of us that is not the aim of the day; it is just for fun! **It is free entry to all classes** and really lovely to see everyone's efforts so if you have never entered please do try it this year. Otherwise, we hope to welcome you to view on the day...

Refreshments and lovely home-cooked cakes available during the afternoon.

Pauline Bonner



Charmouth Conservatives The Unauthorised View

Do leading politicians get a copy of SHORELINE? I ask because I want to request them to make 2018 a year without elections, referenda, opinion surveys or focus groups. They should not come running to us so frequently looking for guidance.

Press and TV reporters could relax from the impossible task of convincing us that we are excited, fascinated and thrilled at the prospect of having another vote, enthralled by each and every debate, and attach great importance to the opinions of an anonymous group of people who had been having a quiet drink in a pub.

In the unlikely event of my being asked to be Prime Minister, I would go further. One visit to the Polling Station every five years, to include votes for Local, National, City Mayor and Police Commissioner elections, plus any Referendum questions. In the intervening period they, like us, would just have to get on with the job. I know this approach might offend a few, but it would make life more pleasant. For example Nicola Sturgeon could only ask for a once-in-a-generation vote every five years!

Bob Hughes

News from St. Andrew's Church



Our Sunday morning Services have continued as usual over the past few months, with a Holy Communion (Eucharist) Service on all Sundays except the third, when we hold a 'Charmouth Praise'. In this Service we have greater opportunity to sing more hymns or worship songs – we aim in due course to have more musical accompaniment from piano, guitars or other instruments. If there is anyone who would like to help us with this, then please let us know! At our Annual Church Meeting we agreed to begin a Songs of Praise Service, which will give us even greater flexibility for more informal prayers, poetry and readings. This will probably begin in August – linking in with the presence of holidaymakers, who often enjoy a more informal style of worship. Watch our noticeboard!

Our Free XChange Cafes are continuing – the one held on 3rd June attracted around 100 again, with plenty of exchange of books, DVDs, bric -a -brac, games, jigsaws, and various electrical goods. Because of its popularity, we are holding two more this year in Charmouth: 19th August and 14th October. Both run from 10am until 11.30am. Our organisation team is reduced in size these days, so we would be delighted to have more volunteers to set up, serve refreshments and especially clear up afterwards!



There will be a church fund-raising Summer Fayre coming up on Saturday 29th July, 10am – 1pm in St. Andrew's Community Hall. This is a 'table top' event, so if you would like to book a table to sell your wares, then please contact Pauline Berridge, our church warden on 01297 560957.

The Changing Spaces team are organising a special event on the evening of Thursday 20th July. Thanks to the kindness of Paul Atterbury, we are holding an Antiques Roadshow on the evening. More information on times, ticket prices and the content of the evening from Helen Hughes. Profits from this event will go towards the restoration of and improvements to St. Andrew's Church.

Speaking of Changing Spaces, it's time to give you an update on the huge renovation project to restore and renovate the tower, nave and churchyard of St. Andrew's, both inside and out. We still have secured our huge grant of £370,000 from the Diocesan-administered Erskin Muton Trust. But we also need to obtain a matching grant from the Heritage Lottery

Fund to undertake all the work. Our first application for this was unsuccessful, but the HLF saw many good features about our bid and so have encouraged us to re-apply. They are helping us to further improve our application, with yet further evidence of community benefit and longer term sustainability. They are also very keen on us having one or several partners who will share the use of the building with our congregation. We are still investigating this and holding meetings with possibly interested parties. We want this wonderfully spacious and attractive building to serve not only visitors, but also as wide a cross-section of our village as possible.

Frustratingly, it will take even longer to deliver this project than we hoped at the start of 2017. But we are determined to keep going at the moment and in the meantime undertake some slightly smaller scale projects around the church. This will perhaps include improvements in public use of the churchyard, our visibility and access to the community, and some developments in the main nave to assist our concerts and exhibitions. We remain open to your ideas!

Thank you for your support. We remain committed to blessing Charmouth through our wonderful church building in traditional and innovative ways. Please pray for us as we continue this work.

Revd Stephen Skinner,
Team Rector



Churchyard clean up crew

To advertise in Shoreline please contact: neil@shoreline-charmouth.co.uk

Changing Spaces

We have had a fun and satisfying start to spring with a churchyard clear up. Over 20 enthusiastic helpers, including some of our scouts, spent several hours really making a huge difference. Coffee and cakes certainly helped keep the energy levels up!

A spin off from this was Melanie Harvey and the scouts meeting us in the church for a brain storming session to see how young people could use the community space. Marie Oldham hosted a boisterous hour with some great ideas suggested, including films, a casino, open mike nights and many more! We look forward to implementing some of them.

Paul Atterbury

Our next event is an evening with Paul Atterbury entitled "Behind the scenes of the Antiques Roadshow" to be held on Thursday 20th July in St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 including a glass of wine and will be available from Helen Hughes 01297 560487 and Fortnam, Smith and Banwell.

Paul is a freelance writer and lecturer, specialising in art, architecture, design and decorative arts of the 19th and 20th century. He has been appearing on the Antiques 'Miscellaneous' team for over 25 years and has a wide knowledge including railway history, World War 1, sculpture and 1920s and 30s Jazz.

His mother worked on the 'Watch with Mother' programme in the 1950s and it is claimed that the Andy Pandy puppet was based on her son. Is that why he wears those wonderful striped jackets?

Hope you will join us for an entertaining evening "Behind the Scenes" followed by any questions you may wish to ask Paul.

Helen Hughes

ART EXHIBITION

At the end of April, St Andrew's Church hosted a week-long solo exhibition of work by Charmouth artist Russell Coulson. This was a first for the Changing Spaces team – the removal of the side pews provided ample space for two ranks of bespoke display boards. The church was light, bright and airy and provided a perfect backdrop for the vibrant colours and the varied styles and subject matter of Russell's prolific work. The exhibition opened on the Friday with a lively preview evening hosted by the Changing Spaces team – this was attended by a large number of appreciative people who complimented the team and the artist on both the venue and the work on display. The same congenial atmosphere continued on both Saturday and Sunday mornings with coffee, cakes and art. Russell remained our 'artist in residence' for the rest of the week, and enjoyed interesting chats with many visitors – in the course of the week his work attracted much interest and he was delighted to sell a considerable number of paintings and drawings. Importantly, St Andrew's proved itself to be an attractive and delightfully 'different' venue for future art exhibitions and other displays of all kinds.



London MoonWalk

On Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th May, Bethan and I completed the London MoonWalk. Walk the Walk came into being in 1996 when just 13 women power walked the New York City Marathon in their bras to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. What started out as a one-off fundraising event has blossomed into a thriving multi-million-pound charity, raising to date more than £100 million for vital breast cancer causes.

After registering with MoonWalk, we were sent our training plan with scheduled walk days and rest days over the 13 weeks, leading to the actual event. This plan started with three mile walks for three days a week, building up through regular five and then eight mile walks, with 12, 16 and 20 mile walks in the weekends prior to the event. With Bethan working and often

staying in Sidmouth, finding the time to walk was a challenge, although it gave us the opportunity to spend a considerable amount of time together, just the two of us – very rare in our household! Plus, walking the hills around here put us in good stead for the flat streets of London.

We arrived in Clapham Common for the start of the walk at around 8pm. It was an amazing sight – an enormous circus style tent with around 15,000 people – mainly (scantily clad) women. Whilst waiting to start the walk we were entertained by live music and fed a healthy pasta meal. At 10.15pm the countdown to our departure started with a warm up and then we were encouraged to the starting line for a 10.30pm start. This was the first start time, there were five more, with the final group leaving at midnight. The 26.2 mile route goes along the Embankment to Tower Hill, through St. James Park,

around the edge of Hyde Park, around Knightsbridge and back to Clapham Common.

During the earlier part of the walk the streets are full of party goers; from 3am onwards it became much quieter. We were in the lead group, with the more serious walkers. We completed the walk in six-and-a-half hours. The advantage of this was we were back in Charmouth by 8.30am. Bethan and I do not remember much of the journey home as we were fast asleep! The downside was by the time we reached the half-way mark; we were more or less on our own with just handfuls of walkers in sight – and the marshals of course.

Thank you to all for sponsoring us/ giving donations. We raised over £800 for a very worthwhile cause.

Melanie Harvey



Charmouth Youth Club Update

For those in the community who are unaware, the Charmouth Youth Club has had a very tough year! We are a very lucky community in that the Youth Club Hall was donated to the youth of Charmouth for recreational use. We had a successful club that had been running for 60 years until last year when DCC cut funding to all youth work bar exceptional cases. Historically, the club had been run by volunteer parents but in recent years this was taken over by trained youth workers - great in that these individuals were able to have a professional approach and spot any problems with particular youth in the community, but obviously this came at a cost which the Council covered.



In July last year, the committee was faced with a hall that needed income to support it (previously partially covered by subs from the youth club) and a lack of support from the community to try to rejuvenate this wonderful asset. After much deliberation, and under threat of the hall being sold off, the committee decided to plough through in the hope that

the governmental austerity programme may have a change in tack. We have a plan to bring focus to the hall as a youth-based centre where activities in the village for youth can be advertised and promoted. We are supporting the Charmouth Scout Group in providing subsidised space as they are outgrowing their hut. We also have Pete Wild's music group for youth that will be using the space for their sessions.

We would love to find more classes and clubs that would like to use the hall. If you are a teacher of any activities suitable for youth of any age, or a keen enthusiast who would like to run a club please get in contact. So far we have had ideas such as dance, martial arts, gardening, art, drama, table tennis and many more! We would also

love to run a youth club again so if this appeals to you, again get in touch as we can help with setting this up. *Telephone: 01297 560329 or 07985 064711*

Magda Perrett

Charmouth Local History Society (The Pavey Group)

Summer Exhibition

We are planning an exhibition at the Pavey Room in The Elms over the summer months. This will focus on a selection from the enormous number of old photographs we have. There will be over 200 images, all with some accompanying notes, showing various aspects of the village, some dating back to the 19th century, and including many of Samuel Hansford's wonderful photos. Also on display will be some of the artefacts we have collected over the years, ranging from the pre-historic to interesting objects like the raisin stoner and coffee grinder that used to be part of the local stores.

At the moment we plan to open 2-4pm most days in the summer months, but details are not yet finalised. Please check our website www.charmouthlocalhistorysociety.org.uk or keep an eye out for posters around the village for further details.

We hope this will be of interest to both residents and visitors. It will be an opportunity to come and browse at your leisure and find out a bit more about the fascinating Local History of our village.

Entrance will be free for everyone.

September Talk

Our next talk will be in September, part two of Charmouth in Living Memory by Neil Mattingly and Ken Gollop; keep an eye out for posters nearer the date or check our website.

Volume 44 of the Village Echo and the History Trail are still available in local outlets.

Richard Dunn
Secretary



Happy 3rd Birthday to Herringbone!

Time flies - Herringbone has celebrated its third birthday! Originally a Christmas pop-up shop with 15 local artists, we are now a thriving showcase for over 50 local makers and artists. We love working with so many fabulous designers and makers and by shopping with us, you will be supporting them and promoting their incredible skills too.

To mark the occasion we are delighted to be launching our own collection of contemporary, yet timeless tunics and tops designed and made in Charmouth! We have chosen linen, denim, and hand-printed cottons using traditionally carved wooden blocks to incorporate the artisan element. With beautiful detailing, these garments are made to be comfortable, perfect for everyday wear and will look fantastic on everyone - whether tall, short, curvy or not. Linen and Levis, like Bogart and Bacall! What's not to like?

Now in our fourth year and energised by our success, we will continue to strive to bring you unique and handmade items directly from the creative makers of Charmouth and its surrounding area. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers and artists for their continued support - without you, we wouldn't be here!

Anna Kindred

From the Charmouth Practice



Food for thought... and memory

Let's eat great tasting fresh food to keep the nutrients flowing in and out of our brains and stop the formation of tangled transport tubules and dumped protein waste products which are the hall marks of Alzheimers. Why not go for great brain function from delicious daily food?

Boost your antioxidant vitamins with fresh fruit, brightly coloured berries and nuts.

The key is to have these vitamins from whole foods not supplements, to keep the balances found in nature. Blackcurrants, kiwi, citrus fruits and peppers for vitamin C; nuts, seeds and wheatgerm for vitamin E. Selenium, a trace mineral is so important that the brain will grab it preferentially when it is in short supply. It can protect brain cells from those hallmark changes of Alzheimers above and low levels are clearly linked to low brain function. Liver, kidneys, fish and occasional brazil nuts are great sources.

Enjoy those strong tastes and dark colours of plant protecting polyphenols which keep the cogs of your cognition turning by improving circulation, reducing inflammation and building nerve cell connections.

Bitter coffee, dark chocolate, rich vanilla, green tea and herbs and spices for taste and the deep colours of dark leafy greens, bright reds and purples of cabbage, aubergines, beetroots, berries and red wine are all rich sources which feature strongly in the Mediterranean style diet. Aim for a small helping regularly of something really high quality. A little of what you fancy definitely does you good!

Be keen to boost your B vitamins

B vitamins stop the build-up of homocysteine which damages nerve cells and heart disease and is somehow linked to dementia and heart disease, whether by cause or effect. B6 is found in meat, fish, poultry, whole grains, potatoes and vegetables. Folate is also found in liver, yeast extract, beans,

pulses and leafy greens and added to some cereals as folic acid. B12 is found in animal products like meat, fish, shellfish, milk, eggs and cheese although you need healthy stomach acid to absorb it easily. This is one of the reasons why we recommend people do not take PPI medication like Omeprazole every day unless they absolutely have to. We can check a B12 level if you have a concern and we already do this for everyone on Metformin for Diabetes, which can also lower B12.

Soak up the sunshine for vitamin D

Vitamin D is really a hormone or messenger helping to absorb and control calcium for healthy bones, nerves and muscles. 15 minutes of sun on your forearms and lower legs between 10am and 3pm gives your skin the chance to make vitamin D naturally while avoiding the sun burn which causes skin cancers. You can boost vitamin D intake with oily fish, liver and eggs and one researcher found that all varieties of mushrooms make vitamin D when placed in sunshine for 30mins! In fact they made 10mcg vitamin D per 80g mushrooms which is a good amount of your recommended 25mcg daily.

Fantastic fish oils for flexible fats in the brain

Two portions of fish a week with a weekly oily fish like mackerel, sardines and herrings is recommended to keep those flexible gateways moving the messages through our brains. Good fats are essential to the brain which is after all itself a fatty organ. Liquid oils including olive oil and also rapeseed oil and avocados are positively linked to preserving our brain function, so don't be sold short by the food manufacturers who need to use stiffened trans fats and hydrogenated vegetable oils to extend the shelf life of processed foods in packets.

Exercise and enjoy life

Moving to keep powering up the mitochondria in muscles is what keeps our body machinery working well. Make it movement you enjoy which gets you out into nature. See the exercise recommendations at : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/start-active-stay-active-infographics-on-physical-activity>.

Margaret Rayman, Professor of Nutritional Medicine at the University of Surrey has written a wonderful recipe book full of delicious meals to help us to feed our brains – all based on the best and most recent unfolding research. "Healthy Eating to reduce the risk of dementia" is published by Kyle books.

Remember to eat well or should that be - eat well to remember!!

Enjoy.

Dr Sue Beckers

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From Charmouth to Nova Scotia

After reading Geoff Restorick's account of 'Growing up in Charmouth' in the autumn/winter issue of Shoreline magazine, a copy of which he sent to us here in Canada, we thought we would add our two cents worth for those people with good memories.

It was with great excitement and trepidation that we made our trip back to Dorset in 2013 after a 25 year hiatus. Excitement because with Jackie my true love by my side we were coming home to my birth place and seeing my brother and family for the first time in a quarter century, trepidation because we both have a great fear of flying – we got over our fear as soon as we drove into the field in front of the house at Berne Farm and breathed in that fresh Dorset air. With family milling around and meeting nephews and nieces for the first time ever and then walking into the old house, it was as though I had never left – the same plants and trees although bigger, all still in the same places as they used to be when we were children. It was a true homecoming in every sense of the word.

Within a few days we had a visit from Richard Stirk and cousin Cedric Edwards and it was good to see and hear them just as they used to be. Richard was our drummer in the 'Undecided' band when we first played at the socials and dances in and around the west Dorset area. One of our favorite places to perform was the Youth Club hall on Wesley Close - we were just young ones having fun.

Geoff Restorick also visited us at Berne Lane with one of his daughters. We did a lot of talking and then he invited us over to his home for a barbeque and a sing song. It was good to meet Geoff's wife Pat after at least, 50 yrs. She loved the music and it was with great sadness that we heard of her passing. We're sure the music would have brought back many good memories for her. She was a sweetie. Thank you Geoff for giving us the chance to meet her.

I also used to play and sing at the George and Fernhill Hotel, as well as lots of other pubs, clubs and hotels on my own-singing Jim Reeves and other music artists' songs. I remember singing at Paul Sartons' home on Wesley Close to the early hours of the morning, lots of Donovan and Joan Baez songs. We had many good times in Charmouth with many home parties as well. I seem to remember having a crush on his daughter Pauline but I don't think she knew!

Singing on the beach at Charmouth was like being in a huge auditorium with just the waves as a backdrop - sometimes friends would join me and time and worries would just fade away. I'm 72 years

old now and I sometimes think we must have had guardian angels looking after us, when I think back to how fast I used to drive in my hotted up mini through those narrow country lanes and down the A35 to Charmouth. I thought nothing of doing a 'ton' as we used to say, but I've slowed down a bit since then!



Jackie and Bernard at home in Nova Scotia

It was a couple of days before we plucked up the courage to drive my brother Richard's Toyota Amazon into Charmouth but when we did, what a thrill - new roads and houses but still the quaintness that I remember- still the friendly people and service I used to know. It was beautiful in every way.

Also while walking up the street I saw a person I thought I knew. Sure enough, it was my uncle Peter Brooks still going strong – so it must be a special place this 'Charmouth by the sea' because people just seem to endure forever. That same day we paid a visit to my cousin Ron Oxenbury and his wife Gwen at their home on Lower Sea Lane. They were surprised to see us, that's for sure. My uncle, Douglas Legg, who farmed at Great Coombe Farm and was master of the Cotley hounds for years, came to Berne Farm with his daughters Marilyn and Heather, to enjoy some good talk and a little music. Uncle Doug was in a world of his own when we sang Pat Boone's 'Love Letters in the Sand', remembering no doubt dancing with his late wife Marjorie. We were sad to hear of his passing since returning to Canada. We would have liked to have sung in public while in Charmouth, but the opportunity didn't seem to offer itself.

This was my first actual holiday in 25 years and we feel privileged to have spent the best eight weeks we ever had 'honeymooning' in such a beautiful part of our homeland. (Jackie was born in Kent but loved the south coast.) We hope many other people get to share your world and enjoy it as we did.

We spent endless hours exploring the farm again, walking Berne Lane and following the river Char to Charmouth and



Some of the large numbers of young people who attended a fancy-dress dance on a Saturday c1965 in the Women's Institute Hall, Charmouth, organized by the Badminton Club in aid of the Charmouth Church Hall Fund.

the joy! oh the joy of walking amongst the bluebells of Dorset, just soaking up all that beautiful scenery.

So you see, we will always be a part of Charmouth and the surrounding area. Even though we live in Canada, our hearts will forever be hooked to that gem of Dorset on the most beautiful coastline in England. Cherish it well. We have very much the same atmosphere here in rural Nova Scotia but somehow the oldness and charm is not here. We live on a quiet country lane on the south mountain of the Annapolis Valley, very country with maybe six or seven cars a day passing our house and just the birds and bees to keep us company – beautiful, but in a different way.

This is the country where the tuition of Mr. Richards at Lyme Regis School woodwork classes came to fruition for me. I spent most of my working life here in Canada, firstly building houses and then graduating into building kitchen cupboards, furniture and my speciality long curved staircases. We still sing a lot but mainly now sing as volunteers to the people in the old folks' homes around the valley, giving them much joy and us much satisfaction.

We have enclosed photos for you to print if you wish for those interested. I'd love to know who all the people are in the dance photo. I'm also enclosing the words to three of my songs written from a sometimes homesick heart, of memories of living in the Charmouth area. Feel free to print them if you like and if anyone is interested in hearing these songs, I'm sure my brother Richard at Berne Lane or Geoff Restorick, both of whom have private copies of our CDs, would not mind playing them to those who asked.

On another topic, we picked up a copy of Shoreline while in Dorset and have worn it out by reading it cover to cover over and over again.

Bernard D B Legg

If you would like to read the words of Bernard's other two songs, please email editor@shoreline-charmouth.co.uk and we will send them to you.



Bernard Legg, Richard Sturk and Ambrose Legg at Wootton Hall

Old Childhood Dreams

Walk with me to a place of your old childhood dreams
Where old memories hold you so warm
Where primroses blooming on quiet country lanes
Make me think of the place I was born.
Please let me hear the clear sound of the sweet nightingale
As it sings in the woods at the side of the farm.
These same woods held a mystery that's etched in my mind.
They're a part of my old childhood dreams.

See the butterflies playing on the tall summer grass
As you walk through the meadows of time.
Hear the trickling water of the brook on the stones
As it winds its way down to the brine.
Please come with me and we'll walk through a carpet of
bluebells
That bloom in the beech woods on the side of the hill
I can still hear the grown-ups out reaping the wheat
'Cause they're part of my old childhood dreams.

When you're born in a county like old Dorsetshire
You can marvel at the beauty it holds
But with time one forgets till one day you return
To the place of your old childhood dreams.
Cherish the sound of the meadow lark over the heather
She's singing her praises to the warm summer skies.
Let your heart give away to the beauty you've seen
It's all part of your old childhood dreams.

Please let me hear the clear sound of the sweet nightingale
As she sings in the woods on this cool summer eve.
I can still hear my Mum and my Dad in the house
It's all part of my old childhood dreams.

Bernard D B Legg (Written on 4th February 1993)



Twinning News – Charmouth/Asnelles

It was our turn to travel to France this year and we left Poole on the 8.30am ferry to Cherbourg.

On arrival in Asnelles we were greeted by our French friends, with speeches from the mayor and Asnelles Twinning president. Then off to our host families where we sat down to a four or five course meal with the wine flowing!

On the next day's excursion, we were taken to the Chateau Carrouges (a stronghold of the 100 years war!). Then lunch at the Chateau and on to the gardens of La Mansorriere with its 16 separate gardens. On the Saturday, the French hosts took groups to various locations in the area. In the evening, we enjoyed a buffet supper and dancing in the village hall, when we again met up with the many Twinning members (not just the hosts) of the French Twinning Association. It was a wonderful and energetic ending for the last evening of the visit. On Sunday, more 'wining and dining' at lunch time, after which we staggered to the farewell venue and (with much kissing and embracing) collapsed into the coach to start on our way homewards.

We are a lively, friendly group and welcome new members (School French is acceptable). If interested contact 01297 561076 but if you would like

to be a social member and join us on our social evenings listed below, then please do so. Social members help us to increase our funds when hosting the French arrivals on each alternate year; although hosting the French visitors is also a delight – give it a try!

Forthcoming Events – Please make a note in your diaries

Sunday 16th July – BBQ at Thalatta, kindly hosted by Neil Mattingly

Saturday 16th September – Barn dance with refreshments. Community Hall

Friday 13th October – Quiz and refreshments. Village Hall.

For tickets or further information, please ring Peter Bonner on 01297 560251 or 01297 561076

Doing the small things that make a big difference in Charmouth

Many older people in Dorset can have their lives changed through contact with befriending schemes. Loneliness and isolation are common among older people living alone.

Volunteers provide a range of services to people who require additional support to remain independent and active in their community. Anyone can become a volunteer and make an incredible difference to someone else's life. Even an hour a week will make a difference.

Services provided by volunteers include:

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

There is no specialised requirement for volunteers, you just need to:

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

The benefits to both volunteers and older people are numerous and rewarding:

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

Could you be a member of this fantastic team and help to improve someone's quality of life? If you would like more information, please contact Felicity Horton, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Royal Voluntary Service on 07736 825283



Weldmar fundraising Charmouth committee

On June 9th 2017 we held a T@3 event in the Community Hall in Charmouth. It was under the umbrella of The Big Dorset Cuppa which the Weldmar Hospice are promoting this month so they can continue to provide care for people with cancer and other life limiting illnesses in Dorset.

The Community Hall was buzzing with people who had come along to support us. We had wanted the event to be an upmarket Tea and Cakes and I think most people there seemed to appreciate the effort we had made, who doesn't like to drink out of a bone china cup? Special thanks to Jan Plummer who had managed to beg or borrow much of the china. The wonderful array of cakes was provided by the committee and their many friends and supporters, I must just mention Margaret Sage who brought Three cakes along for us.

The trustee from the Weldmar Hospice was impressed with all the people she spoke to and enjoyed the ambient feel of the afternoon.

Well done Charmouth for once again giving us your support.

Kathy Fereday

I would just like to say that somebody was removing our posters before their sell by date, which meant more posters were needed and therefore more expense. Please don't, we really are supporting such a noble cause.



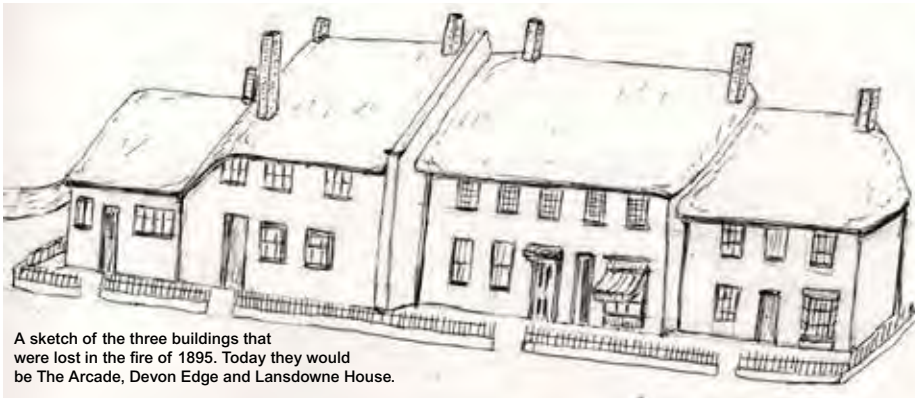
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A sketch of the three buildings that were lost in the fire of 1895. Today they would be The Arcade, Devon Edge and Lansdowne House.

The Story of Lansdowne House on The Street in Charmouth

In the last two issues of Shoreline I have looked at two of the three buildings that formed a group that were destroyed in a fire in the year 1895. They have been rebuilt since. The first originally called 'Streets' is now the row of shops which includes the Post Office, estate agents (Fortnam, Smith & Banwell) and Morgan's. The second which was called 'Hansford's' is now 'Devonedge'. In this article, I will cover the history of the third of the buildings that was lost and is now known as 'Lansdowne House', but formerly 'Mables'.

Although the present boundary is the same as the early Tithe map of 1841, it would originally have had a larger area of half an acre stretching back to the present-day stone wall that runs parallel to The Street. These Burgage plots were created in 1290 by the Abbott of Forde who owned the village and wished to turn it into a borough. It was not a great success, with competition from Lyme Regis and Bridport, and many of the original plots were amalgamated into larger, more viable holdings.

A comprehensive survey of the village was carried out in 1564 by Sir William Petre, who owned Charmouth at that time. Almost all the buildings along The Street had an acre of land as



2. Hammet the Blacksmith discovering the Horseshoes were from different counties, including Worcester.

well as a further acre in the Common. Unfortunately, it is not possible to accurately pinpoint the occupier in that year.

We have to jump forward a century to a reference in a later document to previous owners which lists Hammet as the earliest. This is Peter Hammet who signs the 'Protestation List' for 1641 as an oath of allegiance to King Charles I and the Church of England. He was a blacksmith who would go down in history for observing in 1651 that a horse that he was shoeing had been shod in three counties, including Worcester. For on 22nd September of that year King Charles was to attempt to flee these shores for France and freedom after the Battle of Worcester. After waiting all night at 'The Queens Armes', the boat he was to take did not appear and he rode on to Bridport. William Ellesdon, who lived in the Manor House opposite the church, assisted the King and was later rewarded by him with a life pension. He gave a first-hand account of the events shortly afterwards, which is now held in the Bodleian Library and there follows an extract relating to Hammet:

"On the same morning whilst Peters was with me at Lyme he went to speak with the then Parson of Charmouth (Bartholomew Wesley), intending to communicate his suspicions to him, he being at that time engaged in prayer with his family. Another remarkable passage we must of necessity here insist which was this: My Lord Wilmott's horse wanting a shoe; in Peter's absence, the hostler led him to one Hammets, a smith then living in Charmouth, who viewing the remaining shoes, said, this horse hath but three shoes on and they were set in three several counties and one of them in Worcestershire. Which speech of his fully confirmed the hostler in his former opinion. By this time Harry Peters, being returned from Lyme, my Lord Willmot's horse shod, on the advertisement that was sent him, his Majesty immediately departed towards Bridport".

The document relating to previous owners of the house has Edward Mable as the next occupant. His name appears on the list of owners for the Hearth Tax in 1663, with a total of three chimneys. A deed for 1674 describes him as a soap

maker and the property was to remain in his family until 1753 when Elizabeth Mabel left it to William Coombe, and it is her name that appears on the Poor Rates List for that year. William was to be Rector of Charmouth for 35 years, from 1748 until 1783. Although he was to own this house, he in fact lived next door on the site of what is now 'Devon Edge' which he rented on a long lease from the Hansford family. To follow through the history of these two buildings, one has to look under 'Mables' and 'Hansfords' in the Land Tax and Poor Rates Lists for Charmouth as that was the name they were to be called long after their original owners had passed on. In 1780 John Randall disputed the Poor Rates he was paying on his house, then known as 'Yandovers' and today 'Little Lodge'. The Court case relating to this has helped me with the early history as it is very descriptive of all the houses and their owners. It details that: *"Mr Coombe is also rated for a tenement late Elizabeth Mabels (otherwise Hammetts) who gave it him in the year 1753. She died in June of that year. And Mr Combe has been rated for it ever since by the name of Mr. Combe for Mabel's 1d"*.



3. A photograph taken in 1880 showing Lansdowne House on the right of Devonedge with the blind.

A map of the village in 1783 has long since been lost but its record book survived and amongst the records is No.88. Freehold, Rev. B. Coombe, late Mables (£3-0-0d) 0a 1r 6p. This area equates with the later 1841 Tithe map and today. The Reverend William Coombe came from a wealthy family originating from Shepton Mallet, whose memorials can still be seen in that town's church. He married Catherine Coffin and they were to have three children; Frances, Jane and Brian. It is Brian who followed in his father's footsteps and became Rector of Catherston on his father's death in 1782. He should have also been Rector of Charmouth, but the patron at that time was Francis Phipps Henvill who lived in St. Kitts and instead appointed his kinsman, John Audain to this position. But Audain soon tired of the village and returned to the West Indies, leaving his Curate, Brian Coombe in charge.

Brian's father left him a fortune and he became the largest landowner in the



4. The Charmouth Volunteers march by the vacant space in 1906 where the former Lansdowne House stood.

village by purchasing Backlands Farm, Stonebarrow Farm, 'Streets' and many other properties. He never married and lived with his mother, Catherine, who died in 1814. His aunt was to rent 'Lansdowne House' from him and her name appears in the Poor Rates and Land Tax under 'Mables'. She outlived her nephew Brian who was to die in 1818, aged 60. He left his large estate to his nieces: Frances Purlement, Jane Purlement, Catherine Williams and Frances Warren and £200 a year to his aunt. She died in 1822 aged 87, and was buried at Netherbury. Her own Will was very generous to her servants, Rachel and Edward Woonton, who continued to occupy the house. Edward appears in the List of Voters for the village for many years as a gardener. Their slate slab memorial at St. Andrew's Church is inscribed as follows: *In memory of EDWARD WOONTON/ of this parish who departed/this life the 25th day of June/1840 aged 64 years/ Also of RACHEL Relict of the above who departed/this life the 30th day of Oct 1841 aged 68 years.* Pigot's Directory for 1830 shows John Felstone as a Shopkeeper at the property. He was a Shoemaker and was married to Sarah Potter. They had a large family, whose baptisms are listed in the records of the United Reform Church. He was to die in 1839 and his wife is shown in the Census two years later as a widowed shoe maker, aged 36 with four children. In 1837 the trustees for the late Rev. Brian Coombe sold off much of his estate including 'Lansdowne House'. The Rector at that time was John Dixon Hales who, the year before, had the village church demolished and rebuilt. He was to purchase the property from them. An abstract from the deeds as follows:

"31st January 1837 a lease and release between Henry Gobins Kirsteman (Trustee) of 1st part and John Dixon Hales of 2nd part and Thomas Kingston Bayly of 3rd part. All that garden plot (the no. 46) situate and lying at Charmouth Street formerly in the occupation of Mary Coffin and Edward Woonton, but lately in occupation of Felstone." The 1841 Tithe Map shows Sarah Felstone as renting the house from John Dixon Hales, who had by then resigned as rector to take up a similar position at Richmond in Surrey, where he was to remain until his death in 1879. He bought further property in

the village from William Burnard in 1843, which included Pear Close and the New Inn on either side of The Street. These were to remain in his family until the beginning of the 20th Century. Sarah and her family were to rent the property from the Hales for the rest of the century. The next census in 1851 describes her as a nurse and her son, Charles, aged 23, as a shoemaker. Twenty years later it is her daughter Emma who is a Draper and she a Grocer. The Kelly's Directory of 1880 has Miss Emma Felstone as a linen and woollen draper and her mother Mrs Sarah Felstone as a grocer and tea dealer. Sarah died in 1884 aged 78 and her daughter Emma may have continued to live and run her shop from Lansdowne House for a while. The next Census for 1891 lists the property as unoccupied. This is borne out by the 'Bridport Times' report of the devastating fire that swept through it and its neighbours on July 12 1895:

"On Sunday afternoon, about three o'clock, smoke was observed issuing from the thatched roof of an uninhabited house belonging to Mr. Pryer, builder. An alarm was at once raised, but the fire had got such a firm hold of the roof that it was found impossible to save it. Efforts were directed to save the adjoining house of Mr. Coles, baker, which was also thatched, but in spite of the exertions of a ready band of helpers, the fire obtained the mastery of the house. A considerable quantity of Mr. Coles furniture and stock was saved and stored in the School Room, which fortunately available, as the school holidays are now on. An uninhabited house, adjoin Mr. Coles, next caught fire, and there was great fear that an adjacent block of thatched cottages would be involved in the conflagration. By pulling down the walls of the house next Mr. Coles the progress of the flames was checked, but the three houses were completely burnt out. Mr. Pryer's house and that of Mr. Coles were insured, but we are sorry to say, wholly inadequate to cover the loss incurred by the fire. The third house belonging to Major General Hales was uninsured."



Photo 5 Stapleforth's drawing of Lansdowne House submitted for planning in 1923

The uninhabited house referred to is Lansdowne House, at that time owned by John Hales' son, Major General Arthur Hales. He later sold it to Francis Coles, the baker who left it empty until selling it in 1921 it to Clifford Stapleforth, who



6. Aerial photograph taken in 1927 of the newly built garage with its range of workshops.



7. Woolards Garage in 1925 with its petrol pumps



8. 1953 photo of the two garages opposite each other.



9. Len Smith, Herbie Lock and Gerald Rattenbury with wrecks of cars.

was running a garage from the stables at the rear of the Coach and Horses. He submitted detailed plans for the house we see today in 1923, which can still be seen in the Record Office in Dorchester. It was set back from the road so as not to obscure a window on the adjoining 'Wander Inn'. To reduce the risk of another fire a passageway was created to the west of the house which led to workshops at the back.

Not long after he had built the garage, he was to sell it in 1925. Reg Pavey relates that the next owner, Charles Woollard, was unaware that the site opposite was soon to be a garage run by local businessman Billy Gear when he bought it. Photographs of the time when he owned it show the garages with their petrol pumps along their fronts. The Kelly's directory for 1927 have Woollard's Garage with telephone number 7 and Gears at number 8. Clifford Stapleforth went on to buy the fields where the shops are on either side of The Street in 1932 on the death of Harry Pryer and develop them. He also owned the Queens Armes, now the Abbots House and Uplyme Garage.

The Woollards were not there for long and sold the business to George Furnis in 1931 who continued until the Second World War. Dennis and Beryl Jerrard are shown in the Electoral Roll as living at Lansdowne House from 1947. Billy Gear was to later buy his competition and rent it out. Gerald and Brenda Rattenbury lived there from 1955 until 1965.

Photograph No. 9 shows him leaning against a smashed-up car. Cecil and Florence Stork followed him until 1980. The more recent history is more difficult to locate, with the lack of directories and records. All I can go on is the fact that for a time it was a bakers, then a wine shop and estate agent. The workshops behind it were rebuilt as a terrace of houses which now goes by the name of 'Lansdowne Court' and the property reverted to being a house.

If readers can provide me with more information, I would be very grateful as it would enable me to complete the story. I wish to thank Keith Wiscombe,

Mary Davis, Ron and Jean Dampier for their assistance with the recent history. If you wish to find out more about this and other buildings in Charmouth, do go to my website freshford.com and use the search engine or just google it.

Neil Mattingly



10. Lansdowne House in a rather sorry state in the 1970s. The garage had been replaced with a wine shop.



11. By 1982, when this photograph was taken during the Falkland Wars celebration, Lansdowne House was an estate agents.



12. Lansdowne House today.



Mango, Lime and Coconut Fool with Toasted Coconut Shortbread Fingers

MOUSSE

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 large or 2 medium, ripe mango - peeled, stoned and chopped into large chunks

2 gelatine leaves

Grated zest and juice of ½ lime

160g tin coconut cream

120ml double cream

50ml Greek yogurt

25g coconut flakes, toasted

Method

Place the mango and lime juice in a food processor and whizz to a smooth purée. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the mixture to one side.

Soak gelatine leaves in cold water for a few minutes to soften.

Heat the coconut cream and yogurt, stirring well until just hot, not boiling.

Squeeze excess water from the gelatine sheets before adding to the hot coconut cream mixture. Stir well, until the gelatine is fully dissolved.

Whip the cream into soft peaks. When the coconut and gelatine mixture is cool, fold gently into the cream.

Add the mango purée and lime. Fold in gently.

Divide among 4 small glasses and top with the remaining mango purée and toasted coconut.

Place in the fridge until ready to serve. Serve with coconut shortbread on the side.



TOASTED COCONUT SHORTBREAD FINGERS

Makes approximately 24 fingers

Ingredients

50g desiccated coconut

110g caster sugar

Zest of 1 lime

225g butter, at room temperature

300g plain flour

Method

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 4/180C/350F.

Spread the coconut on a small baking tray and place under the grill or in the oven for about 5 minutes, until lightly toasted.

Put the sugar, lime zest and butter into a mixing bowl and beat until light and fluffy.

Sift in the flour and add the toasted coconut. Mix into the butter mixture until it starts to come together in dough.

Tip the mixture out on to a lightly floured worktop and use your hands to work the dough into a smooth ball.

Press the dough into a 20cm

x 30cm baking tin and smooth down. Score into approximately 24 fingers and fork through the dough to ensure an even bake.

Place the tin in the fridge for half an hour to firm up.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until just lightly browned.

Allow to cool on the tray for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Alternative serving suggestion -

Cut the dough into 2 and roll each half into a long 'sausage'.

You can make small 'nibble' cookies or a larger cookie. Cut each roll into 1cm slices and cook as above for approximately 12 minutes.

The dough can be frozen at the roll stage, and thawed ready to cook.

Tips:

- Don't waste that lovely lime - squeeze the juice and pop into a small pot or ice cube tray and freeze to use in guacamole or simply to add to soda water with a little sugar and ice for a refreshing drink.

- For a quick dessert, toast some extra coconut, dip a banana in syrup, honey or maple syrup, dunk into the toasted coconut and serve with ice cream.

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Hazel Robinson

(nearly departed: leaves Charmouth on 5th July)

Hazel, former Chair and saviour of Charmouth Library, is moving to Kent. We should all be truly grateful for what she achieved. Six years ago, Dorset County Council (DCC) was determined to close a clutch of smaller libraries, including Charmouth. Hazel organised a petition and got Oliver Letwin MP and our local County Councillor to support her efforts. She created a committee to help fight the proposals. The irresistible force of bureaucracy had met its match. In public and in private she fought, until DCC threw down the challenge to us of running it ourselves, with only books and library equipment provided by them.

Hazel and committee accepted the challenge, but not before DCC agreed to pay for a new roof, new heating system and a dowry to get us started. Sometimes it was a bit scary sitting alongside Hazel in negotiations, but sitting opposite must have been quite terrifying.

Realising that we would need income to pay for the running costs, Hazel successfully pursued a grant from the National Lottery to create the Servery area, plus further grants to equip it and improve the garden. Whilst pursuing these grants and supervising the alterations, Hazel recruited volunteers to be trained to work in the library. Six years on, the Library is going strong and is open more hours than before. Ironically the alternative offered, the Mobile Library service, was closed this year.

I do not know anyone with Hazel's single-mindedness, determination, drive, energy and vision. Without her there would be no library. A huge thank you and our good wishes for the future.

Numbers

Everytime someone uses the library we count them in. We have around 450 visitors a month, around 5,000 a year. What is very pleasing is the astonishment of many first time visitors at how much we do, given that we are all volunteers. Obviously the library service, but also refreshments, book sales, craft sales and a range of activities. Our volunteers are great!

Dorset library service provides book issue statistics. I am delighted to report that our 2016/7 figures were 8% higher than the previous year, as good as any other Community Library and significantly better than the average 3.5% increase for smaller



County-run libraries. People may not be dumping their Kindles, but many are returning to enjoy proper books.

Talking of proper books, I would be grateful for donations of any newish paperbacks which we sell in the library and at our Summer Foreshore beach sales (thank you Charmouth PC. We hope to sell 600 - 700 books in the summer, which is an essential part of our income.

Last year's Survey and Extra Activities

We were asked to organise more activities. We introduced 'Chair Yoga' to the village, which had up to eight regular participants. Sadly, our Instructor decided to run it as part of other classes which she runs at the Village Hall. Whilst pleased it went well, we are just a little bit sorry it is continuing elsewhere.

We are trying to arrange for the Citizens Advice Bureau to visit us. Amongst other topics, I hope that they will be able to explain the mystery of how to change Gas, Electricity and Home Insurance providers to those who are paying heavily for not shopping around.

We have also successfully run our first 'In Conversation' evening. The format is simple. We find a speaker with a detailed knowledge of an area, and the audience ply him with questions. Mike Seaman, a diplomat working in a variety of hot-spots on the globe including Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, was able to broaden our understanding and perspectives beyond media coverage which, like bikinis, tends to be short and skimpy.

On Tuesday, 27th June (7.00pm in the library), Jo Seaman will be answering questions on life in Myanmar (Burma), Egypt, Georgia and Pakistan, where she has worked as an independent consultant and in a senior role at the British Council. I am looking forward to it. Tickets are £3. You can enjoy a glass of juice or wine and have an enjoyable evening with a chance to chat to someone with deeper knowledge of the country than any reporter.

Summer Reading Challenge

This activity is part of a County-wide scheme to encourage 4-12 year olds to read for pleasure and maintain their skills during the summer holidays. We will be liaising with Charmouth School to increase participation, so look out for information in the school and in the Library.

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Summer Birding Update in Charmouth

Before making a few suggestions of up-coming birding "what-to-look-for's" please find a quick review of recent spring sightings. So what's been happening in and around the village since the last edition of Shoreline?

In early March and before Seadown Caravan Park reopened, the short grass alongside the reedbed played host to up to eight feeding Moorhen. On some days these were joined by a Water Rail feeding with the group. These water birds are usually very secretive, skulking in the reedbed hidden from view and only giving away their presence by the occasional pig-like squeal as they go about their daily routine. Unusually this individual showed very well out in the open and well away from the reedbed.



A Water Rail hunting for food on the short grass at Seadown Holiday Park (Photo taken from footbridge)

On the 10th March a Dunlin arrived into a fog-bound Charmouth river, feeding, preening and even roosting quite unconcerned, a short distance north of the footbridge.



A Dunlin, still in winter plumage on a foggy day

Although the weather can still be cold, Wheatear were beginning to arrive and I saw my first on the early date of 11th March. For me the first Wheatear is always a wonderful sight marking the true beginning of Spring for the Birder.

Also the beginning of March, and after quite a mild winter here in Charmouth, produced my first spring record of a Cetti's Warbler. It was heard singing in the riverside bushes and trees alongside the River Char. In the last few years Cetti's seem to have prospered along this part of the south coast, being present at Seaton Wetlands, West Bay and Radipole lake, Weymouth. Always difficult to see and even more difficult to photograph this is an interesting Charmouth record because it would seem to add evidence that Cetti's are doing pretty well at the moment and that their range is expanding.



A Cetti's Warbler – Restless and tricky to photograph, perched briefly on some riverside brambles

By early April, the woods and bushes were ringing with the birdsong of newly arrived migrant birds. On most days Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler and Blackcap could all

be heard and seen down by the river. And nearby, a Great Spotted Woodpecker was found perched on a rotten branch searching for grubs and insects.



This Great Spotted Woodpecker has found a rotten tree trunk down by the river

I saw my first Charmouth Swallow on the evening of 4th April feeding on insects above the reedbed.

If you read my last birding update, you may recall that I mentioned that our keen-eyed Herring Gulls are vigilant and always on the lookout for raptors. For the Birder their shrieking alarm-call might signal that they have spotted such a predator. Around 18:30 on 8th April, an Osprey was reported plunge-diving to catch a fish in the River Axe at nearby Seaton Wetlands. An hour later the Charmouth gulls went crazy flying up en-masse, shrieking their alarm call. I was lucky enough to be in my garden to see a beautiful Osprey cruise lazily eastwards over the north side of the village. Quickly finding it in the binoculars I watched this stunning bird for a couple of minutes until it disappeared over the hill above Morecombelake. What a spring birding highlight! Ospreys are long-winged and very large in size, roughly between large eagles and buzzards. This was my first sighting of an Osprey in Charmouth and it was brilliant to witness the fly-by of this magnificent fish Eagle as it passed through our small village on its way to some Scottish Loch or Norwegian Fjord.



The Osprey – Photo taken earlier at Seaton © Tim White

By the middle of April, spring migration was in full flow with Redstart and Whinchat in the scrubland on the nearby hills. And on 18th April, on Stonebarrow/Chardown Hill, I saw an amazing 44 Wheatear, which is by far my best count for this species.

By early May the first few Swift had arrived from their African wintering grounds and were seen flying and 'screaming' above the village. This year I've heard from the delighted owners of one private house on the west side of the village that once again Swifts have returned to their regular nest site in a cavity in the brickwork high up on an east facing wall. 'Our' Swifts are only here for three months and the rest of the time they're African birds. They're fascinating creatures doing everything on the wing including sleeping! Perhaps, I'll do some more research about this interesting bird and include some more fascinating facts in a future article? Several species of Waders were seen locally on their northward spring passage too. A little further afield an exotic Hoopoe made a brief appearance at NT's Cogden Beach. When high pressure weather system dominates Britain and continental Europe, the associated light southerly winds can create conditions in which migratory species normally found in southern Europe reach much further north than usual. I managed to get one photo of this wonderful Hoopoe, a classic Spring overshoot, before it promptly disappeared!



A Hoopoe, a classic spring overshoot migrant – photo taken on the coast path

And on 6th May it was a joy to see a delicate elegant aerial Hobby, come in off the sea at Charmouth Beach on its flat/bowed wings. The Hobby is a small migratory falcon, not unlike a mini Peregrine Falcon. Fantastic! Another Spring birding highlight.

Let's not forget our local breeding birds which have been busy during spring. The pair of Robins which built a nest on a shelf in my garden shed successfully fledged five healthy youngsters on 23rd May. I've also seen young Blackbird, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Dunnock and Great Spotted Woodpecker. All are testament to successful breeding. On 25th May three Red Kite were seen drifting west above the village. So far, June has been pretty quiet bird-wise with spring migration having petered out towards the end of May. So much for the spring sightings, but looking ahead towards the lazy days of summer, what might we expect to see in and around the village during July to September?

Look out for more youngsters of our resident garden birds. By now they may be into their second or sometimes even their third brood. Last year a Woodpigeon was still incubating in my garden during September! And why not? Spend a few moments gazing upwards near the shops on The Street and you'll see the busy parent House Martin bringing food to their hungry brood, safely housed in the delicate mud cups high up in the eaves above the Post Office. Green Woodpecker will reappear once again on our Charmouth garden lawns foraging for ants.



Green Woodpecker - often seen foraging on the ground

During late July and August, wading birds begin to head back south again. If you're up and about early in the morning, check out the beach and river and you may be lucky to see the first of these returning wading birds.

They will be those which have either already finished breeding or they have for some reason failed to breed. On Stonebarrow Hill or Black Ven lookout also for recently fledged Goldfinch, Linnet, Stonechat and Meadow Pipit. Black-headed and Mediterranean Gull will begin to reappear on the beach. Although mostly still in their breeding plumage these seabirds will quickly begin to lose their summer refiner and will spend the cold months clad in their more muted winter plumage.

During late August and early September Spotted Flycatcher and Redstart, are likely to appear in our woods and scrubland or maybe the odd Wheatear and Whinchat in suitable rough pasture or hedgerows. Be on the lookout for rarer birds too. Last year, for example, I was lucky enough to see a beautiful, cryptic Wryneck and a juvenile Red-backed Shrike both within 10 miles of Charmouth. With so much wild unspoilt countryside and wonderful habitat around us, really anything is possible with a little perseverance! By mid-September Swallows and House Martins will be mustering on the telephone wires within the village, twittering excitedly as they prepare to set off once again for warmer climes, so completing the full year's cycle.

Happy Summer Birding!

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Charmouth NCI Lookout: Formal Opening Ceremony 10 June 2017



Photos Liv Goodwin



We held the formal opening of the NCI lookout station at Charmouth on 10 June. We were fortunate to have the Right Honourable Sir Oliver Letwin MP agree to cut the ribbon and say a few words along with Lesley Suddes the NCI Chairman. We were also honoured by distinguished guests; the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Angus Campbell; High Sheriff

of Dorset John Young; and two former High Sheriffs Sir Philip Williams and Jennifer Coombes. (Jennifer is also Chairman of the Lyme Bay NCI). Representatives of the Parish Charmouth Parish Council, emergency services (HM Coastguard, Fire Service, RNLI) local businesses and NCI members from other coastal stations also attended.

Although the lookout had been running for a year, for much of this time this was on a probationary basis, testing feasibility of operating from this historic building without mains electricity and heating. Charmouth NCI, as a satellite station for our main lookout at Hive Beach, also had to show that it could complement and support existing efforts. (Indeed, in recent weeks Charmouth NCI has been asked by HM Coastguard to provide valuable observational assistance – one event led to the rescue of a boat by the RNLI.) Having passed the probation successfully, the NCI Board of Trustees agreed for our operations to continue. We therefore felt that we should mark this by having a formal opening to celebrate the NCI presence in Charmouth.

There was also a keen sense of history in all this. The building was constructed in 1804 as an observation post during the Napoleonic Wars and continued as a lookout for the Excise Service and Coastguard throughout the 19th century. More



An early picture of the lookout and cement factory (now Heritage Centre) – courtesy Neil Mattingly

recently it was owned by the Parish Council and leased as a beach hut. With the NCI now operating there, it seems fitting that this grade II listed structure is now being used more or less for the observation role it was originally intended – albeit minus the cannon used by the Coastguard all those years ago!

Although rain threatened, the ceremony went well and after opening speeches, we were able to show guests the (tiny)

lookout and our Watchkeepers were around to answer any questions about the work NCI undertakes. There was also a small, pictorial, history display showing the lookout throughout the 19th and 20th century.

The event also demonstrated relationships developed and the kindness the NCI has received from the local community. The Parish Council has been highly supportive in having an NCI presence in Charmouth. Charmouth Stores provided money for a VHF marine radio last year and also refreshments for this recent event; Rob Vincent, who owns the private car-park, allows our volunteers to park when on duty – a crucial element for all of us. Jim Greenfield of the Hensleigh House Hotel also helped put NCI information on the Charmouth village website. Kevin Payne, Charmouth Scoutmaster and his team kindly provided two tents for our event. Last, but not least, we want to thank members of the public for supporting us, as without financial contributions we could not undertake our tasks.

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 give a donation, please contact:

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See also: Lyme Bay NCI website:
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A New Website

Those of you interested in old buildings such as churches, cathedrals and historic houses may be interested to visit a new website which is still being populated with information.

<http://dorsetbuildingstone.weebly.com/>

There are four main sections: Building Stones (Geology), Churches, Quarries & Pits, Other Historic Buildings.

This new website has been created by a small group of amateur and retired professional geologists who wish to investigate, publicise, celebrate and archive information about the building stones used in Dorset's historic churches and buildings.

Many of the contributors also belong to other groups such as the Dorset Geologists Association Group, Open University Geological Society, Dorset's Important Geological Sites group, Dorset Environmental Records Centre and the Dorset Buildings Group.

The aims of this new website are:

- 1) To document, on-line, existing scattered data on Building Stones in Dorset collected over many years (e.g. publications by Jo Thomas) and to augment this by the on-going addition of data on Churches and Other Historic Buildings.
- 2) To provide succinct geological descriptions & illustrations of Building Stones used in Dorset, emphasising diagnostic features to aid identification & provenance.
- 3) To provide location maps of Dorset Quarries & Pits from which Building Stones have been, or still are, extracted.

The Purpose is to provide Building Stone data for interested members of the public, historians & architects, surveyors & builders and geologists (professional & student).

The means of achieving these aims are by providing:

- Descriptions of individual buildings with illustrations of specific building stones + any key references, downloads & links to other sources
- Information on how we study and identify building stones (macro, micro & geological maps)
- Succinct geological descriptions of building stones to aid identification in buildings by general appearance and with a magnifying glass
- Thin section descriptions to assist in identifying building stones and their geological origin
- Geological Table showing informal Building Stone names and their geological ages and formal names
- Glossary of terms used in the website
- Bibliography of published work & links to useful websites

As local examples, there are sections on the churches of Monkton Wylde, Catherston Leweston, Whitchurch Canonorum, Bothenhampton and Symondsbury, as well as Beer Stone, Blue Lias and Portland Stone. This new website has only been going a few months and has a long list of places to add – if you have any suggestions please make them to the webmaster using the Contact page.

Geoff Townson

Poetry Corner

THE PHANTOM POSTMAN

By Peter Crowter

They say there is a postman who only works at night,
That's why some call him Postman Bat but say he doesn't bite.

He's probably quite friendly but it's really hard to say,
Because he never seems to want to come out in the day.

And outside the old manor is the place he parks his bike,
It seems that he prefers to ride and doesn't like to hike.

A carrier is on the front, that must be for his sack,
I wonder when he goes to work and what time he gets back.

Is it a coincidence it's opposite the church?
Our vicar Stephen Skinner, could p'raps do some research.

If a postman's buried there make sure his tomb is tight,
And he doesn't lift the lid and venture out at night.

Does he deliver naughty stuff we're not supposed to see,
Like really saucy postcards that you see beside the sea.
Or parcels in plain paper with things to do with sex,
They're maybe from Ann Summers, mysterious objects.

Does he collect his dodgy mail from Steve just down the road,
Maybe 'Word of the week' down there could be some sort of code.

Next time you're in the post office just try and work it out,
Will you be successful? I really have to doubt.

Try and solve this mystery my guess is you will fail,
You'll get no satisfaction if you ask the Royal Mail.
You can stay up all night long and look out if you like,
I don't think you'll ever see that postman on his bike.



*PS: The phantom postman's lying low and this is what I feared,
I think he knows we're on to him his bike has disappeared.
He may have moved to Morcombelake or Beaminster or Lyme,
It's possible he will return, it's just a case of time.*

This poem was written in response to a special request from Ros Cole.

Charmouth Primary School



Headteacher's News

We cannot believe that we are half way through our summer term. The mania of preparations for the summer production has started for our performances during the third week of June. Details of the times of the performances with the details of the performance where we welcome members of the local community to watch can be found on our website on the home page.

The school has been involved in several exciting projects over the last term and half. These included a three day visit with an Artist in Residence and a whole school Sportathon where children continuously exercised from 8am to 8pm, raising money for the school. The children were also recently involved in fundraising for the East African Crisis Appeal. This was initiated by one of our very thoughtful year 6 pupils. The children had listened to a PowerPoint on the crisis and were so deeply moved and affected by the plight that the people find themselves in, that she came up with the idea of raising some money to help them. Almost £80 was raised through a cake sale and children's donations forfeiting their favourite treats on a weekend to help the people in East Africa.

In the spring term, we had the exciting challenge of having a Space Day across the whole school. This was triggered by the Tim Peake six month mission on the International Space Station (ISS). The UK Space Agency and its partners put together an exciting programme of activities for schools and other education groups and individuals so that children could take part in Tim's mission.

In this issue of Shoreline, we have a mini report of the activities that the children took part in on the day. The report was written by some children in Year 5.

We wish you a healthy and happy summer and look forward to sharing some more of our activities with you in the next issue.

Best wishes,

Gillian Morris, Headteacher



Our Space Day

by Our Year 5 Space Reporters

British ESA astronaut Tim Peake returned to Earth last June following his six month mission on the International Space Station (ISS). ESERO-UK, the UK Space Education Office, created an exciting project for UK primary schools to get involved. Charmouth Primary School held a Space Day in the spring term to learn about 'Life on Mars' and 'Life on the International Space Station.' The following reports provide some information about what the classes found out.

Starfish

Starfish Class watched a video of Mrs Mouse going to space and Mrs Mouse met Tim Peake up there! They found out that Tim Peake was living in the space station with other astronauts. They did some writing about what they would pack if they went into space. Also the reception and year one children made a little mouse out of paper and put it on a bottle and it shot up in the air. The small bottle shot the mouse up the lowest. The big one made it go the highest.

Jellyfish

The children made rockets out of straws and paper. Then they dressed up wearing oven gloves and threaded beads on string!

Seahorses

They tested soil samples from Mars and dissolved and filtered the samples to see which was the closest match to real soil from Mars.

Dolphins

The children in Dolphins took part in PE with obstacles for training for astronauts. They also watched a video about Tim Peake during his training in Reading.

Sharks

Sharks watched a video of the Mars-rover landing and how it worked. They were asked to design an egg carrier to safely land from the balcony without the eggs cracking. They made designs with parachutes. Naomi, Lily, Violet and Esme won.



The increase in mental health issues for teenagers and the effects of the internet

In recent years there has been a noticeable increase in reported mental illness issues amongst teenagers. According to the Independent newspaper 'rates of depression and anxiety amongst teenagers have increased by 70% in the past twenty five years' (27/2/16). However, it's difficult to understand why this is so. What is causing the rise? Many people believe the growth in use of the internet by young people is a major contributor.

The most commonly known websites which are considered to affect teenagers' mental health are Instagram, Tumblr and Facebook.

On Instagram people can share photos on the internet and anyone is able to comment. It also has an area in which it recommends products and other people's likes and dislikes. It shares information on famous people and celebrities therefore promoting a favoured body-type or lifestyle.

This can be damaging to the younger generation because it often displays unrealistic standards, specifically for younger girls; especially since the media-wide use of photo-shopping can mean that even professional models' pictures are enhanced to make them look more 'desirable'.

Other apps include Tumblr which is entirely imaged-based. People can share visuals, which could include positive things like personal art-work or photography; however, famously, it can also be used negatively for people to share images of self-harm and worrying (although usually anonymous) quotes which imply suicidal thoughts.

Facebook is slightly different to other apps; it can be a platform to share good news, photos and ideas but also it can create an opportunity for cyber-bullying. This form of trolling is increasingly common throughout the internet.

I believe the way some people use social media is an important factor in the rise of mental illnesses. Despite this, there are many ways to use the internet in a positive way.

For example in Instagram, people are able to discuss mental health issues openly and receive guidance and support, often from influential and knowledgeable people. By using the internet for research, people are able to access a wide array of information about important issues surrounding mental health.

YouTube also enables well-informed or experienced people to post videos giving advice and information. Many female (and increasingly male) YouTubers, known for advice on makeup and beauty, share tips on dealing with body image issues; for example, by showing acne-covered skin beautifully and confidently, it allows younger viewers to feel more comfortable with their own flaws. There are also many diverse areas of YouTube, so there can be videos which make serious matters comedic; i.e. videos which make racism, sexism and homophobia look ridiculous, thereby positively supporting each issue.

There are also websites which help people learn new skills and create more hobbies which can make life more fulfilling.

In conclusion there are many reasons for the rise in reported mental health; while the internet probably has contributed to this, it has also been a way for the younger generation to better understand the issues and be supported and helped.

Anna Clutterbuck,
aged 14

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Distant Shoreline

Yaiphaba (Yai) Kangjam of Battle of Imphal Tours, looking at Shoreline in Imphal, north east India. In the background, at the south eastern edge of the Imphal

plain and a few miles from the hills of Shenam Saddle, is Palel Airfield. It was one of two important World War II all-weather airfields in the plain and played a vital role in the siege of Imphal in 1944 when the Japanese cut off the Imphal – Kohima Road, leaving the airfield as the only link for the defenders. When it was constructed, the runway was 2,000 yards long and was used by the RAF to bring in rations, fuel and mailbags and transport the wounded and reinforcements. My father was at Palel with 113 Squadron of the RAF.

Yai also took us to many other sites in Manipur and Nagaland, bordering Myanmar (Burma), that had direct military relevance to my father and also Bob's father and uncle. He has a thorough understanding of the complexities of the 'Forgotten War' and his sheer enthusiasm for his subject is second to none. He is from Imphal and knows the land, its history and those alive today who experienced the war first-hand. We wholeheartedly recommend him to anyone who is considering undertaking what is an unusual, yet totally breathtaking and unforgettable trip.

Lesley Dunlop

Controlling the Ragwort on the Charmouth by-pass – and well beyond it



Seeding Ragwort less than 10 metres from grazing pasture on the bypass Last September

I have explained in previous issues of Shoreline that, after decades of pulling ragwort too late in the season (and even then, leaving loads of plants standing to go to seed) Highways England have established a dangerously high concentration of Ragwort on the Charmouth by-pass. This Ragwort threatens to spread to neighbouring farmland and this is what Highways England accept they are legally obliged to prevent.

We did make *some* progress in 2016 when no fewer than 142 bags of ragwort were removed from our 2-mile by-pass – *almost as much as was removed from the rest of the 70 mile trunk road from Exeter to Bere Regis!* However, I was not satisfied, because they still left about 20 per cent of the ragwort plants going to seed well into October. I raised a formal complaint under the Weeds Act and that disclosed to me a shocking degree of complacency and ineffectiveness in

Natural England and DEFRA (so that's not the government, but the civil servants that are employed to manage this stuff). Well, I won't bore you with the details here, but it has become clear that we need to fix the Weeds Act enforcement process, as well as fixing the Highways England Ragwort control program. Someone should do something – why not me?

As a first step, I have expanded the scope of my local interest. Several West Dorset farmers are already represented in the newly-formed A30/A35 Ragwort Strategy Group where Highways England have been persuaded to collaborate in their ragwort control planning for the whole 70 mile stretch of road which is under the one contract. From within the Group, I expect to represent all affected land-owners, while Highways England, and their various contractors plan the season's ragwort management strategy. Procedures and practices will be challenged with a view to getting true compliance with the Ragwort Code of Practice. It will be tough, because these people remain reluctant to admit that there's room for improvement, but there so clearly is. Ample room.

Three West Dorset ragwort hot spots are now under the spotlight for 2017. As well as the Charmouth by-pass, we have been joined by others with long-established concerns on the A35 Dorchester by-pass and the A35 Tolpuddle by-pass. Devon

farmers are also being encouraged through the NFU to make their concerns heard, too. Through working in concert, I hope that we will accelerate and enhance the already substantial effort that Highways England put into this and turn it into something that is *actually effective*.

Highways England know that I would support any wild flower enhancement projects that could be adopted along this stretch of road, and it was rumoured that the Dorset AONB were looking specifically at the Charmouth by-pass as a candidate, but then inexplicably the contractor slashed the by-pass bare at the end of April which will have been a set-back for the existing wild flower population. I have seen some orchids struggling through but it is a grim setback. At this point explanations have been unconvincing. Meanwhile, back to the invasive weeds, I'd like to persuade the Government Select Committee for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs to re-examine the methods and practices employed nationwide to enforce the Weeds Act. I have observations to make that show their processes are designed to fail ...and they do so, frequently. I'll have a long wait for this, as Brexit, potential bans on herbicides, the fight against bovine TB, and a host of other agricultural woes are of greater commercial impact, but I am a patient soul.

John Calder



Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre



The summer is certainly here for the Centre and we will be running activities daily from mid-July until the beginning of September. Come along and learn how to safely find and keep your very own Jurassic Fossils on a guided walk. Discover the wonders of Lyme Bay and the creatures that live here on a Rockpool Ramble or join one of our new-for-2017 marine events. We will be running children's art and craft activities in the Centre daily, so come along and polish a fossil or make your own Magic Shrinking Monster! Keep an eye on the website events calendar for our summer programme.

We have many new displays in the Centre this year for you to see. Our Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is now on show as part of a new display about our charity. Alongside this is a new slide show of photographs of Charmouth past and present put together by volunteer Bill Burn.

Also in the Education room, we have a tribute to the late fossil collector and preparator David Costin. We have fossils that David prepared on display along with information panels on his pioneering work. Our recent finds cabinet also has lots of new additions, so be sure to pop into the Centre to see some amazing fossil finds.

Two of the Velux windows in the education room have been removed following storm damage from the last few winters.



In place of the windows will be panel lights and we can now develop the displays underneath. We have also welcomed two starfish and two grey mullet from the Lyme Regis Aquarium which will live in the tank until the end of the season.

The Great Dorset Beach Clean at Charmouth was very successful, with over 40 people helping. We managed to fill over 40 bags of small plastics that were caught up along the river in seaweed as well as on the beach. A big thank you to everyone in the village who came down to help! The Junior Rangers have also been helping to rid the beach of nurdles (micro plastics). See Eden Thomson's article on nurdles on page 29.

Senior Warden Phil Davidson and Alison Ferris are joined this summer by two seasonal staff, Sophie Thomas and Yolanda Aze who are planning the marine events and helping to lead guided fossil walks. As ever, we rely on the help of our many volunteers to assist us through the busy season. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Centre and how you can help, please pop in or see our website for more details.

Alison Ferris, Deputy Senior Warden



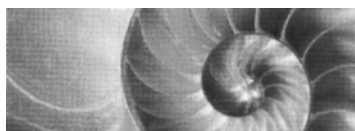
Dapedium - a fish fossil in the recent finds cabinet

CHARMOUTH HERITAGE COAST CENTRE - VOLUNTEERING

The CHCC is an attractive and interesting focus for locals as well as visitors to our village. The wardens do a great job but, with over 100,000 visitors a year, they need volunteers so they can carry out many different activities. If you would like to volunteer at the Coast Centre, just telephone 560772 to arrange to see one of the wardens who will give you information about the possibilities.

Apart from the voluntary work in the centre or on the beach, Friends of the Coast Centre form an important social group within the village. If you have an interest in geology or marine flora and fauna, please do get in touch – you will be made very welcome.

Rosalind Cole
Trustee and Chairman of the CHCC Friends.



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Nurdles

Since the last *Shoreline* when, with two mentions, nurdles became a new word for many people, we (I and the CHCC) have been asked about them so often, that I thought you might like to know more.

How would you know a nurdle if you saw one? Unlike large pieces of plastic marine litter, nurdles are so small that they go largely unnoticed – but just have a close look at our strandline. On the day of the Great Nurdle Hunt in February, I collected 425 in 40 minutes – and I only searched within a couple of square feet on the east side of the river! And, at the Great Dorset Beach Clean in April, a couple of people collected nearly 1500 in an hour and a half. If you want to see what they look like, ask at the desk in the Heritage Coast Centre.



NURDLES ON BEACH

There are many different colours of nurdles although on our beach they are mostly turquoise blue; light grey and dark grey are also very common. We can find clear ones, white, yellow, red, and occasionally other colours. Presumably they could be any colour depending on the dyes used in their manufacture. Most nurdles tend to be roughly cylindrical, about 5mm long and about 5mm in diameter, but some are shaped like lentils with domed top and bottom but no cylindrical sides. They have been nicknamed ‘mermaids’ tears’, but those we find here do not look like tears though maybe clear nurdles might.



A MASS OF NURDLES

But what are they? The vast majority of plastics are made from raw hydrocarbons, i.e. natural organic materials such as oil or natural gas. The hydrocarbons are processed, chemicals such as dyes or flame-retardants are added, creating a resin which is extruded and formed into pellets known as nurdles. These nurdles are therefore the raw material from which nearly all our plastic goods and packaging are made. These little pellets are the most economical way to transport large quantities of solid plastic to the manufacturers. Across the

globe, over 250 billion pounds (113.4 billion kg /113.4 million tonnes) of nurdles are produced every year, then shipped around the world to the factories which produce usable plastic items. Something like 25,000 nurdles weigh a single kilo.

So how do they appear on our beach? Surely we are a long way from anywhere producing plastics?

Nurdles can be spilt when handled on land whether at factory or port, perhaps during transfer between different containers, and so get washed down drains and ultimately out to sea. They also end up directly in the ocean through accidental spills during shipping. Nurdles are lightweight, durable and the majority float, so currents and winds disperse them around the oceans: they can end up on beaches hundreds, even thousands of miles away from where they were spilt. Campaigners estimate that during their manufacture, transport or use, billions of nurdles find their way into the UK's environment each year, and potentially wash up on beaches. The Great Nurdle Hunt in February recorded findings from 279 UK beaches, almost three quarters of which are littered with nurdles. These pellets have been finding their way into the sea for 30 or 40 years, and can be found on the shores of remote uninhabited islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean – far from any apparent source. No wonder we can find them here on Charmouth beach.

NURDLES FLOATING

Although made from natural organic materials, the plastic created is chemically inert. A single molecule of plastic is so heavy and rigid that nothing can break it down. Every single bit of plastic ever produced still exists in some form! Despite what we read, there is no such thing as degradation of petroleum-based manufactured plastic. Over hundreds of years plastics will fragment into smaller and smaller pieces, especially under UV light, but never disappear.

Acting like sponges, plastics take up pollutants from surface water thus becoming toxic. Certain substances are hydrophobic i.e. they are insoluble in, and may even repel water. Hydrophobic substances include fats, oils, waxes, and other greasy substances but also include many organic pollutants such as PCBs, DDT and other organochlorine pesticides. Such chemicals may be banned, but they still exist in the environment, accumulating on the sea surface (repelling water) and so attaching readily to plastic debris. Nurdles are very effective at attracting, absorbing and concentrating these environmental pollutants potentially to highly toxic levels.

In the spring issue of *Shoreline*, I wrote about plastic particles being ingested by many

marine species. Nurdles are often mistaken for food and eaten by fish and other marine animals. Seabirds easily mistake these pellets for fish eggs and feed them to chicks, which starve. Over 70 species of seabirds are known to have consumed nurdles. In the North Sea 95% of fulmars studied contained plastic, and 273 nurdles were recovered from a single bird's stomach. Not only do marine creatures ingest plastic, but they therefore ingest the toxins coating those plastics, nurdles being particular offenders. Toxins thus enter and will accumulate up the food chain.

Can anything be done to stop the environmental effects of nurdles and other ‘lost’ plastics?

At present, there appear to be very few regulations dictating how nurdles should be managed, meaning spills may not be treated as pollution. An international convention known as MARPOL prohibits the dumping of plastic and other rubbish at sea, but that does not prevent spills. An international industry initiative called Operation Clean Sweep outlines good handling practice to prevent loss for those who make, ship and use nurdles: however, it is voluntary.

Recycling plastics is important, but not a solution. Using oil and similar hydrocarbons to make plastics creates a further problem in that oil is a non-renewable natural resource. Research is underway to identify suitable renewable resources which could make new plastics, using biological sources such as corn oil, types of starch, cellulose, sugar cane, possibly even wheat gluten. Such plastics are more likely to biodegrade naturally, lessening the environmental problems of current plastics. Industry is also starting to replace toxic materials used as stabilisers and flame retardants with less harmful substances.

Nothing can reduce the amount of plastic already widespread throughout the environment.

And nurdles? Both government and non-governmental organisations are collecting information on nurdle loss and distribution. If you want to collect them, remember that nurdles absorb toxic pollutants and so please wear gloves or use tweezers (I use an old set of toast tongs) and always wash your hands thoroughly afterwards. An old jam jar is ideal for collecting nurdles and showing them off to friends. There will always be more nurdles floating on to shore, but every single one collected is one less available to harm the environment.

Thank you to everyone who does not create litter, who takes their rubbish home, who collects nurdles, who participates in beach cleans, and who collects rubbish off the beach on their own. It all helps.

Eden Thomson

The Friends' Bristol Museum Visit



Isla Gladstone, Senior Curator of Natural Sciences, Bristol Museum, and Jean Kesterton

Did you know that Charmouth was home to a large, armour-plated plant eating dinosaur about 190 million years ago? Did you know too that Scelidosaurus was, as far as is known, unique to the area of coastline between Charmouth and Lyme Regis?

If the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre is a familiar place to you, then you will have seen the replica skeleton of our Scelidosaurus on the wall display.

As far back as 1859, some fossilised bones had been found along our coast and were examined and described by Sir Richard Owen, who named it and which, in Greek, was meant to mean "limb lizard".

Much more recently, around the year 2000, the bones of an almost complete skeleton began to appear on our beach at Charmouth. Had it not been for the forward thinking of the local fossil collector David Sole, who was convinced that all the finds should be kept together, we would not now have an almost complete skeleton of this four metre long quadruped which even sported small horns.

Credit goes also to the late David Costin who spent eight months carefully soaking and cleaning the limestone-covered fossils daily in a bath of acetic acid until the bones were clean. He even found the remains of its last meal preserved inside the stomach and throat. Its diet would have consisted of ferns or conifers, as grasses did not evolve until much later.

Once assembled, the skeleton could be photographed, carefully labelled and then handed over to Bristol Museum for closer examination and safe keeping. What an amazing find!

It was for this reason that a visit to Bristol Museum was arranged in May for 44 of the Heritage Coast Centre Friends to meet "our dinosaur" which is now on public display. We were then taken behind the scenes by museum staff to see other amazing treasures not on general view.

Our first encounter was to visit the library where theologians William Buckland and William Coneybeare would meet. Both were famous geologists and palaeontologists in the early 19th century when Mary Anning was making her discoveries. They would sit around that beautiful library table and no doubt discuss their latest papers on Megalosaurus, coprolites, geological faults and the anatomy of the Ichthyosaur and Plesiosaur.

In one corner of this fascinating library we were able to see part of an Ichthyosaur collected by Mary, that had

been salvaged from the ruins of the original museum which was bombed during World War II when many of her finds, unfortunately, were destroyed. Picture a hefty and dusty one metre cube box and you have the size of about half of this Ichthyosaur skull.

At the other end of the library we were able to open a huge drawer, lift the protective tissue paper and see one of the few original copies, reproduced by hand in watercolour, of an early geology map. It was really significant because it was the first map to date the geological layers. This was done by noting the presence of different fossils. William Smith, the author, was an engineer and geologist and would travel the country on horseback making notes as he went. His map, produced in 1815, after many years of detailed study, was important in establishing geology as a scientific discipline.

Leaving behind all the superb, old, leather-bound books lining shelves in the library, some containing beautiful lithographs, we moved on to view fossils found and recorded when the Charmouth by-pass was constructed. This alone occupies a huge aisle of shelving of the kind typical of records departments when the units can be steered by a wheel; a great space-saver. Unfortunately there were only minutes to examine some of the superb specimens in these boxes before carefully moving on so as not to disturb research projects on the benches or move dusty boxes of all sizes lying in or on every available space.

We were privileged to see part of the life-size Pliosaur which is being constructed for an exhibition in Bristol Museum in June. The curator tells us that it "was the length of a bus with sharp teeth the size of bananas, four huge flippers and crushingly powerful jaws. This sea dragon was the ultimate predator. There is nothing alive like this today."

If meeting Doris (*Pliosaurus carpenteri*) appeals to you, then do make a visit to Bristol Museum from 17th June onwards, when you will be able to participate in a time walk from 150 million years ago to the present day.

The museum web address is: <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk>

We would like to thank the museum staff for the illuminating visit behind the scenes which was truly enjoyed by everyone. Sadly, there isn't space to mention the highlights from all the general displays of superb fossils and wonderful geological specimens in the public gallery.

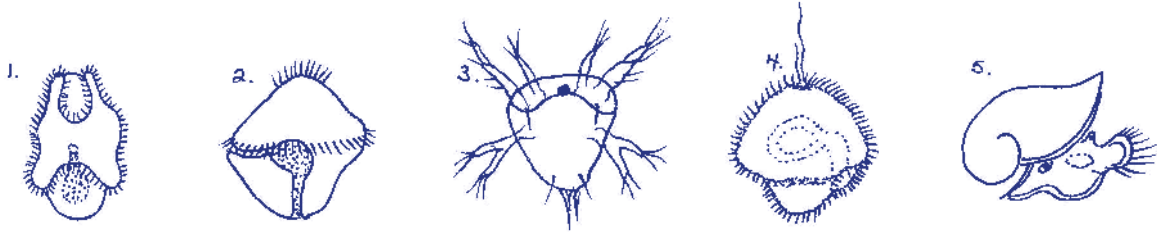
Finally, I would like to express my thanks to those Friends who so kindly wrote comments in my little notebook and helped me with this article. It was much appreciated!

Myra Sealy



Pliosaurus teeth

Shoreline Creatures



Catching those microscopic aliens...

Just a small amount of sea water in a glass dish may look quite clear, but view it under a microscope and you might see tiny creatures that look unlike anything you have ever seen before! What are these microscopic aliens in our sea water?

What you may have caught are tiny organisms that comprise PLANKTON, a collective term which comes from the Greek planktos meaning wandering.

Although bacteria make up large proportions of plankton, there are two basic types we can see using an ordinary light microscope: small greenish plants such as various kinds of single-celled algae and diatoms; these make up the PHYTOPLANKTON. Then we have ZOOPLANKTON comprising tiny animals as immature forms, larval stages and eggs.

Using the green pigment chlorophyll, organisms in the phytoplankton produce their own food from carbon dioxide, water and sunlight; this process produces oxygen, important for the survival of all marine animals. So phytoplanktonic organisms make their own food but plenty of animals will, in turn, feed on them.

In the zooplankton, many marine creatures have larvae including: molluscs (such as squid, snails and clams), starfish, sea urchins, sea anemones, jellyfish, worms, barnacles, crabs and plenty more. Many marine creatures do not reproduce by mating but, in response to environmental triggers, release very large quantities of eggs and sperm into the sea water. It is rather a hit and miss affair where some of the eggs will be fertilised and grow into larvae, eventually becoming adults. However large numbers of eggs remain unfertilised and drift around to become nutritious food for many other creatures including those in the zooplankton. Overall, planktonic creatures form a nutritious 'soup' consumed by animals such as shellfish, barnacles, worms and some much larger creatures.

Among the zooplankton, it can be difficult to know what the larval forms are because many are nothing like the adults they will eventually become. Also, before the adult stage is reached, some creatures have several different larval stages. Try to guess what the illustrated larvae will become.

Larvae are fascinating forms moved about passively by currents and tidal movements. However, to a limited extent, most larvae can move using their own power. To achieve this, many larvae have bands of cilia (pronounced 'sillier') around the body; rather like a Mexican wave, the cilia beat in succession causing propulsion. Cilia look like tiny hairs but actually are completely different in structure and complexity; a flickering appearance shows they are beating. Common throughout the animal kingdom (including humans) these structures are not just for swimming, but are found where mucus is wafted along channels, during feeding for example.

Although larval forms are microscopic, there is more to them than meets the eye. It is possible to see a simple gut: mouth, stomach and channel to excrete waste; many have a light-sensitive organ (eye spot). Larvae will grow and change their shape, sometimes through several stages of increasing complexity. Eventually they become small adults and will feed, grow and reproduce; some (e.g. barnacles and mussels) will cement themselves to hard surfaces and remain there for life.

Plankton is important because animal larvae and tiny plants are dispersed to colonise new areas, sometimes over large distances. As a vital part of the food web, phytoplankton is eaten by zooplankton. Plankton is food for a huge variety of animals and is the basis for commercial fisheries; without plankton many large marine creatures could not survive in the world's seas and oceans. However plankton is not always good news to people with boats. Larvae can settle on structures such as hulls, keels, propellers, pontoons and anything frequently immersed in sea water. Imagine the increasing weight of thousands of growing larvae, some bearing shells; these disrupt the flow of water and reduce efficiency of marine craft. As well as scraping the bottom of a boat, anti-fouling paints and other methods are often used to prevent larvae from growing where not wanted.

Rosalind Cole

The answers to the sketches of marine larvae in the zooplankton (not to scale) are:
1) Bipinnaria - sea urchin. 2) Trochosphere - mollusc (e.g. limpet). 3) Nauplius - prawn.
4) Pilidium - marine worm. 5) Veliger - mollusc (gastropod/snail).



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Long and Local Trips

Cubs learn about sea safety at RNLi Station

Living so close to sea, everyone needs to know how to keep safe when swimming, surfing or just walking along the coastline. So, to ensure the Cubs were right up to speed, they descended on the RNLi Station in Lyme Regis. After a brief check on their knowledge of how to stay safe (which was very good), one of the highlights of the tour was the opportunity to dress up in the gear worn when the volunteer crew members go to sea. Step forward Harry Nolan who looked the part, even if the survival suit was just a bit too big for him.



Beaver Sleepover Quieter than Expected

Considering the term 'sleepover' is usually a complete misnomer, all the leaders were pleasantly surprised to get a good night's sleep with 10 Beavers camping in the HQ.

Activities and food were provided by the Explorers, who had a much colder night's sleep camping on the recreation ground!



Scouts try Archery, Caving and Climbing at Easter Camp

During a weekend of near unbroken sunshine, 14 Scouts had the chance to have a go at archery, caving and climbing during their pre-Easter camp at Huish Woods Scout Camp, near Taunton. They also enjoyed a bit of wood fire cooking, whittling and orienteering.

Latest Chief Scouts Awards

The following members of the Scout Group have been awarded Chief Scouts Awards over the past six months:

Bronze (Beavers): Caitlin Roberts & Trae Maletta-Jackson

Silver (Cubs): Rachel Pollard, George Chapman, Ned Cadwell & Scott Hare



View from Lyme editor becomes 100th member

When we realised that the total number of the Scout Group was approaching 100, we asked ourselves, "Who should have the honour of becoming this landmark addition?" The answer was very simple – someone who had contributed so much to our remarkable growth over the past six years – the editor of *View from Lyme*!

Accordingly, Francesca Evans was invited to become an honorary Scout and the 100th member of the Group. Since 2011, Francesca has had a keen interest in the Group and published over 20 news items. On receiving her red and white scarf, Francesca said, "I was really honoured to be made the 100th member of the Scout Group, especially as I live locally and was a Brownie and Guide."



Barr's Lane Rec becomes Jurassic Park overnight

It's been a fair while since dinosaurs roamed the Jurassic coast, but they made a startling return in May when each Beaver built their own terrifying monster.

Fortunately, these were only made of cardboard and fed on a diet of grass. However, they were still pretty nippy as the Beavers demonstrated when they raced each other around the Barr's Lane Recreation Ground.

Building the monsters was the idea of Elena Dixon, one of the Colony's regular adult helpers who saw the templates on the internet.

Gold (Scouts): Harvey Harding, Millie Turner & Tegan Hooper

Platinum (Explorers): Freya Southcott, Alex Moorey & Gemma Bowditch

Well done! These names will be added to our Honours Board in the HQ.



Leader recruitment posters win prizes - but no volunteers yet!

In an effort to find more uniformed Leaders for our Cub and Scout sections, all members were invited to design a colourful recruitment poster. The standard of entries was particularly high, and an entry designed by Scout Minnie Harding got the 'thumbs up'. This was Minnie's second competition success - one of her designs was chosen for the Group's 50th anniversary badge in 2015.

Copies of Minnie's winning poster have been emailed to all parents, with a request to print off a copy and display it as prominently as possible.

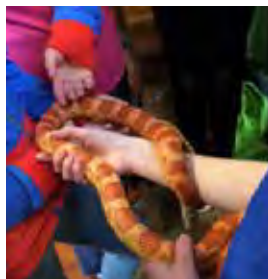
Kevin Payne, *Group Scout Leader*

Charmouth Guides

Charmouth Guides have had a busy few months. We have been looking at our animal Go For It. We have had many visits by dogs, cats, corn snakes, guinea pigs, hamsters and chickens. This has taken place over many weeks so that the animals did not fancy any others for lunch!! We have been discovering how to look after them and their care needs.

Another project has been Glamorama. This has been looking at our hair and we had a local hairdresser come and talk to us and show us how to look after it and some styling tips. We have had a massage night, made face packs and looked at make-up, amongst other things.

We had a special celebration for Elaine Bearpark who had her 30 years' service bar.



Over the next term we are having a sleepover at Huish Woods, where we will be doing exciting things such as zipwire, spider's web, archery and woodland craft. A cookout has been planned and the girls are organising what food is going to be cooked on open fires in a field at a local farm. This helps the fire lighting skills as well as the cooking!! We have planted some tubs with flowers at the hall where we meet in Wootton and have the Council Active team coming to do some trampolining at a meeting.

If anyone is interested in joining us on a Wednesday meeting 7-8.45pm at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall, please contact Davina Pennells on 01297 560965. We would love to see you.

Debbie Thatcher



An Explorer Scout's Report

Charmouth Explorers have had a busy few months visiting new places and trying out new things. They visited Sandy Park rugby stadium, home of the Exeter Chiefs. The explorers had a fantastic tour around the place, learning everything from the training of players, to what they eat after a match. They were taken to see the pitch, gym, swimming pool and changing rooms it was all very exciting and I think the Explorers learnt a lot about their home team, who have just become the premiership champions.



On one of the evening meetings, the Explorers went to Flybe. They had the opportunity to learn about the science behind the building of aeroplanes and what some of the parts do on the plane. Following on with the plane theme, a couple

of weeks later they visited a flight simulator at the Virtual Jet Centre in Chudleigh, where they got the experience of what it is like to fly a real plane thanks to Neil Charleton an ex-pilot and local resident. Let's just say some of them definitely won't become pilots when they are older!

In the Easter holidays the Explorers helped run a sleepover for the Beavers. They helped out with activities like Easter egg hunts, glow-in-the-dark treasure hunt and lots of fun games. The Explorers camped overnight and then went on a hike on the second day. They walked the Undercliff from Seaton to Lyme Regis and then followed the Monarch's Way to Charmouth, returning to the camp in the early evening and enjoying a delicious barbeque and playing some game.

The last few weeks the Explorers have been working towards their pioneering badge with Kevin (the Group Scout Leader). They were split into two groups and each made a different structure. The first group made a monkey bridge and the second group made a tower. Most of them have now gained their pioneering badge because they demonstrated an understanding in pioneering and made two great sturdy structures.

Now that the summer is approaching the Explorers have lots more outdoor activities to look forward to, such as an evening with the Coastguards, Zorb football and the summer camp where they will be walking the Wessex ridgeway over five days.



Alex Morey, *Explorer Scout*

We Remember

Joan Amelia Aldworth

1926- 2016

A copy of the eulogy read by Joan's sons, Alec and Tim at her funeral

Alec: Joan Amelia Anglin was born in the Essex town of Upminster, to loving parents, Alf and Daisy Anglin, in 1926. She shared the family home with sisters Bess, Millie and brother Alf all of whom she was very fond.

Mum would often share the many experiences she had of growing up in the shadow of World War II. During this period she witnessed the horror of dogfighting Spitfire, Hurricane and Messerschmitt fighter aircraft in the skies above Essex during the battle of Britain.

Tim: Mum's memory of these events had a huge impact on her, as I'm sure it would for anyone. Indeed, she would vividly recall many of these aerial duels, even on her sick-bed a few weeks ago.

In 1945, Mum joined the WRENS and was first posted to Whitehall, working on the government switchboards, even putting calls through to Winston Churchill himself, a man she held in high regard. A later draughting found her in Fort Southwick, near Portsmouth, as an officer's steward. Full of fun, even smuggling in her brother Alf, when his ship docked there.

Alec: Mum later left the WRENS and, whilst living back in Essex, crossed paths with a merchant sailor, from Charmouth by the name of Roy Aldworth. They were besotted with each other!

In July 1954 Joan and Roy were married at Upminster Church and shortly after moved to settle in Dad's home village of Charmouth, where, with its strong community spirit, she was welcomed with open arms.

Tim: She loved her family of course, but found such happiness here in Charmouth, where she started her own family with the birth of sons Alec and myself. As a new Mum she made many friends, with groups such as the Young Wives and had wonderful days bringing us both up, both on the beach and in the fields towards Wootton Fitzpaine.

Alec: In the early 70's Mum worked for her great friend Eileen Milton as a barmaid in the Royal Oak, extending a warm welcome, even to thirsty groups of 'Hells Angels'. Later, Mum worked for the Blackshaw family at the Queens Arms, where Mike Blackshaw kept a prized collection of white doves which, much to mum's embarrassment, my cat Nipper took a bit of a liking to on more than one occasion.



Tim: During the '80s and '90s Dad was kept busy with his carpentry and Mum, equally, was kept busy looking after Alec (a really tough job as I remember). Around this time she started attending the United Reformed Church, where she was an enthusiastic member of the congregation and made many friends.

In 2004 Mum and Dad, very happy together, celebrated their Golden Wedding surrounded by family and friends.

Alec: In 2006, Dad sadly passed away, leaving Mum heartbroken at the loss of her soulmate. However, as stoic as ever, she managed to pick herself up and learn how to cope with life without Dad.

Tim: At this time, the support of her friends helped immensely and some of them went on to form what became known as the 'Golden Girls'. Mum forged many close friendships with them and much valued their companionship on their trips and outings together.

Alec: Mum continued to actively support the United Reformed Church and was a long term member of the Senior Citizens Lunch Committee and was never shy of voicing her opinions.

In November last year Mum celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at the George.

Tim: Mum had fought the onset of cancer bravely, always looking for alternative therapies, which amazingly, together with her very strong faith, kept her going; strong and independent.

Mum was always known for her generosity, courage, faith, kindness, love, charity, love of music and dancing and above all her, sometimes wicked, sense of humour.

Alec: Liam, her grandson, said his Nan was the 'Beyonce' of her time. Mum has been referred to as a "spicy" lady, which we feel sure was complimentary. Thank you Gerry Bearpark!

Tim: You have been a wonderful wife, Mum, mother-in-law, loving grandmother, and a fabulous friend.

You loved the night sky. Now there is a very special star shining brightly, you truly are a diamond.

Alec: We are sure that Charmouth will miss you, racing around trying to avoid being slowed down by "old people", and we hope that you are now at peace with Dad and you will be remembered as always being young at heart.

CHARMOUTH VILLAGE PEOPLE

Thinking of Eric

1925-2017

An easy smile comes to me when I think of Eric. I first met Eric and Doris when they lost their independence because he couldn't drive any more and they were so upset. They were pleased to see me at their lovely home in Catherstone as I outlined what our clubs did in Charmouth and soon found that they were very willing to join us at Memorable Memoirs. They even came on a holiday that we organised to the Isle of Wight and arrived in the hotel dining room each evening dressed perfectly as if on a cruise ship at the Captain's table.



We soon saw them as committed members of Charmouth Village People, always coming to Memorable Memoirs, and full of enthusiasm with Eric's ideas often being put into practice. We were invited as a group to their home where in the early days Eric played his baby grand piano, and their hospitality was kind and lavish.

We all became very fond of Eric, celebrating his birthdays, happily teasing him, and he more than ready to respond. A warm and friendly man with so much wisdom and knowledge that cannot ever be replaced. We miss him so much and have many happy memories to remind us of him.

Jan Gale, Chairperson

We Remember

Rose Horton

1932-2017

Rose was born in 1932 in Chattenden, Kent. Her father was a Sergeant Major in the Grenadier Guards, who had met her mother in Turkey after the First World War.

Rose's mother did not allow her two daughters to be evacuated, so her childhood memories were dominated by the war – stories of the doodlebugs, the V-2, the air-raid shelter, watching the bomber squadrons fly out in formation but returning with gaps, then cheering the stragglers as they subsequently limped home.

After leaving school at 14, she started working at the Royal Opera House, making costumes for the performers, including Margot Fonteyn. During this time, Chris Horton, a young radar technician doing national service in the RAF, asked Rose's sister (in the WRAF) for a date. This was not an immediate success, as Betty later married Chris's best



friend, but Chris was Best Man and Rose the Bridesmaid, so the story has a happy ending – Rose and Chris got married.

They had three children, Paul, Kathryn and Richard. The family moved from Essex to Hampshire and back again, before Rose (now a laboratory technician) and Chris took early retirement, moving to Charmouth in 1993. Rose was a member of Charmouth Gardeners, the Tea and Chat group, the Memorable Memoirs group, and the 'exclusive' 1932 club. Her proudest achievements were the design of her gardens, culminating in Westwell House, where Rose and Chris hosted many occasions, including her 75th birthday and their Golden Wedding.

After Chris's death in 2016, Rose spent her last year at Wolfeton Manor residential home in Charminster. Rose passed away peacefully, aged 84, at the Weldmar Hospice on 29th May 2017.

Paul Horton

Charmouth Wildlife

Living in a relatively central position in the village (between Kidmore Close and Higher Sea Lane) I have been surprised by the amount of wildlife that appears in and around our garden. I've become used to finding slow worms warming themselves in the sun and finding the odd toad by the pond, but four-legged visitors were unexpected. There have been deer wandering down the road at five in the afternoon looking for roses to nibble. For a while a fox was a regular visitor in broad daylight, sadly helping itself to the neighbour's rabbits. It made itself very comfortable on the drive one afternoon.



Having noticed a scraped hole under the garden fence I thought it might be the local cats or possibly a fox. However, after setting up an automatic wildlife camera that I had been given for Christmas, it soon revealed that we were being visited by a badger. It spends a few minutes looking for worms and grubs in the lawn most evenings before moving on. It's not doing too much damage, just the odd small hole in the grass, so for now it's a small price to pay for this unusual visitor.



The camera also shows night time visits by a fox and an occasional visit from a hedgehog, a seldom seen visitor in this area. Badgers are known to eat hedgehogs, so hopefully their paths won't cross.

These unexpected garden visitors make an interesting addition to the life of Charmouth.

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SUMMER CONCERT

Musical Director: Edward Jacobs

Monday 24th July 2017 at St Andrew's Church, Charmouth

Tickets £7 (including a drink) will be available after 1st July from the Charmouth branch of Fortnam Smith & Banwell or by contacting Jan Coleman on 01297 561625.

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Thank you to all those who contributed to the 'Plant and Home Produce sale' held on Saturday 13th May. It was a very successful event and we managed to raise the lovely sum of £276.45 (a £5 increase on last year!) ... All funds help towards covering costs of the Annual Summer Show.

DATES TO REMEMBER –

Saturday 12th August – Summer Show

Saturday 15th September – Coach visit to Forde Abbey and garden... A special event 'Garden and Harvest festival day' featuring garden demonstrations and talks; plants to buy, delicious food and entertainment. Coach leaves Old Lyme Road at 9.00am, St. Andrew's car park at 9.30am. Please book early. Non-members welcome to join us but there may only be a few seats left!

Wednesday 11th October – A reminder FOR MEMBERS ONLY – the presentation of engraved cups awarded at the August Village Show, followed by a Buffet supper. Held in Village Hall 7.00pm start.

Please do consider joining our society, Membership only £5 per year and lots of advantages; for more information on membership of the above, please ring 01297 561625.

Pauline Bonner

Heritage Coast U3A talks - all at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG: coffee from 10.00am, speaker at 11.00am. Free to U3A members; donation of £2 suggested for non-members. Contact: Mary Bohane, 01297-444566



Wednesday 12th July: 'Adventures at the Seaside'. Deirdre Dee.

How did the great British Seaside tradition begin? Was it with George III in Weymouth? Or the Prince Regent in Brighton? Or Queen Victoria, who "Drove down to the beach with my maid and went into a bathing machine where I undressed and bathed in the sea for the first time in my life ..."? Or the 1841 London to Brighton railway opening up the coast to the East End of London? Or ...?

Deirdre's entertaining presentation will reveal all (or, at least, a modest amount) about our love of the seaside.

Wednesday 9th August: 'Why living in the Dorset AONB is good for you'. Julie Hammon.

The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the fifth largest of the 46 AONBs in the UK, covers over 40% of the county, from Lyme Regis to Poole Harbour and from Blandford to Chesil Beach. It brings together 20 organisations to care for the area and to keep this nationally important landscape in good shape for future generations to enjoy. Julie, its 'Stepping Into Nature' Project Officer, will be telling us what the AONB is, how the AONB team is working to get people out to enjoy it, and why this is important.

Wednesday 13th September: 'Ancient Egypt – A History in Eight Objects'.

Following her popular talk last year, Janet Diamond returns with a different perspective on Egypt. She will feature a series of items with differing purposes, artistic styles, materials and periods, and from different museum collections around the world – each item with its own interesting story to tell. They are taken from across the main periods of ancient Egypt, beginning with predynastic times (c.4400 BC) and finishing with the Ptolemies (323 – 30 BC) in the dying days of the Egyptian Empire some 4000 years later.

Friday 13th October: 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. At 10.30 there's a special welcome for new(ish) members (those who've joined in the previous 12 -18 months, or the last five minutes).

Shoreline Charmouth - Village Diary

Badminton Club (experience required)	Mon 8.00 – 10.00pm	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Trish Evans 442136
Badminton (social)	Tues 7.00 – 10.00pm	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Russell Telfer 560806
Beachcombers Café	Mon 10.00 – 12.00am	Hollands Room, Bridge Road	Alison McTrustery 07789 165570
Beavers (ages 6-7)	Tuesdays 6.00 – 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
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 – 6.00pm (term-time only)	Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane	Caroline Davis 560207
Bridge Club (partners can be provided)	Thurs 7.00 – 10.30pm	Wood Farm (opposite swimming pool)	Vincent Pielesz 560738
Charmouth Local History Society	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	Kevin Payne 07976 534517
Explorer Scouts (ages 14-18)	Thursday 6.00 – 7.30pm	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
Line Dancing	Tuesday afternoons from 2.00- 3.30pm	Village Hall, Wesley Close	Andrea Harfield 01297 561083
Memorable Memoirs	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 7.00 – 8.30pm	The Scout Hut, Barr's Lane	Kevin Payne 07976 534517
Steiner Kindergarten (ages 3-6)	Mon to Thurs (term-time only) 9.00am – 12.30pm	Monkton Wyld Court	Charlotte Plummer 560342
Tea and Chat	1st & 3rd Monday each month 3.00 – 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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	Water (Wessex Water)	08456 004600
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	Lloyds Pharmacy, Lyme Community Care Centre, Uplyme Road, Lyme Regis	01297 442981
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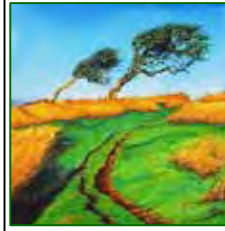
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