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**In France, it's known as *la rentrée*, when everyone returns to school and work. Here, it's more likely to be "Oh no, summer's over and we still haven't bought the new school shoes!"**

But whatever September means to you, there's no doubt about it—it's almost here again! Hard to believe.

At The Pilot, we'll be rooting for Charminster's Ed Bird, our cover picture English schools champion who will be fighting for a place in the England international squad when he runs again on September 25. Our picture is not quite as sharp as we might wish, but we felt the content made it well worth using. Read Ed's success story on page 5.

### **Answers**

We have pictures of local youngsters enjoying the new (and pretty fabulous) equipment at the reopened

North Street play area, and for those of you who have been grinding your teeth in frustration since the August Pilot, we have the answers to Judy Bird's (no relation to Ed!) walking Treasure Hunt around the village. See them on page 15.

There's some important information for those of you who want to apply, or re-apply for social housing, and if you are interested in improving bus services locally, then take a look at our story on page 31.

### **Thanks**

As ever, we're grateful to all our advertisers, contributors and volunteer distributors for their part in getting The Pilot through your letterbox. The next copy deadline for the October Pilot will be Friday September 10. Please send to [editor@charpilot.com](mailto:editor@charpilot.com). Keep well everyone,

*Marilyn Kay (Editor)*



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# Ed runs into the record books

**Charminster's Ed Bird is the new 3000 metres English Schools champion.**

Ed (16) took the title when he raced into first place with a new Dorset record and personal best in just eight minutes 31.14 seconds – 0.36 of a second ahead of his nearest rival!

Now he's heading to Derby on September 25 to run for England against the Scots, Welsh and Irish, in a bid to become part of the international squad.

## Punishing schedule

Ed, who's been running since he was seven – "but only properly since I was about 10" – puts himself through a punishing training schedule every week with a mixture of track running, cross country and lengthy gym sessions.

Now joining the sixth form at Hardy's, Ed is looking to develop his running skills further. "My dream

would be to become a professional athlete when I'm older. I'm hoping to get on to the Youth Development Programme which gives access to people like dieticians, chiropractors and physios."

## "This is mine"

Ed knows he's up against some great opposition from the other home countries but is undaunted.

"On the right day in the right conditions I might do it. In my title race I gave it all I'd got. I could feel the other guy right behind me and I thought 'No, it's not happening for you. This is mine'."

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# On the housing list? You need to re-apply NOW

## Changes have been made to the Dorset Council Housing Register.

Anyone on the council waiting list for social housing must now re-apply to join the new Dorset Council Housing Register by the 1st of October this year.

Following the recent local government re organisation Dorset Council is changing how properties are allocated and now people should apply for housing with a new Home Choice website from the 4th of October.

To re-apply you will need to access the Dorset Council website to open a new account at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/.../re-registration-process>. You need to get a move on as you must meet the 1st of October deadline to ensure that

you keep your original registration date.

Properties will continue to be advertised on the current council website until October 1 and then on the new website from October 4 if you have re-applied and been assessed.

## New applicants

Any new applicants for housing - anyone aged over 16 years - will now only be able to apply to join the Housing Register from October 4 this year.

We're told that you will need an email address to both re-apply and apply. But not everyone has access to emails, so there is advice and support available from the Dorset Council Digital Hotline 01305 221048 (Mon. to Fri. from 10 to 12 noon). Advice about the Housing Register policy and process is available by email to: [dorsetcouncilhomechoice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dorsetcouncilhomechoice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or by phone on 01305 221739





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# New Alley Bridge taking shape



The curved, red brick plinths, complete with stone signs saying Alley Bridge on the left, and River Cerne on the right, are in place. Soon, a new wood and metal bridge, matching the one in Higher Charminster, will be installed.

## Dorset Apple Traybake

**It's September—and that means loads of apples are around. So we thought you might like this easy recipe for a form of Dorset apple-cake.**

### ***Ingredients***

225g butter, softened, plus extra for the tin

450g cooking apples ½ lemon, juiced

280g golden caster sugar

4 eggs

2 tsp vanilla extract

350g self-raising flour

2 tsp baking powder

demerara sugar, to sprinkle

### ***Method***

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas

Butter and line a rectangular baking tin (approx 27 x 20cm) with baking parchment. Peel, core and thinly slice the apples, then squeeze over the lemon juice. Set aside.

Put the butter, caster sugar, eggs, vanilla, flour and baking powder into a large bowl and mix well until smooth. Spread half the mixture into the prepared tin. Arrange half the apples over the top of the mixture, then repeat the layers. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar.

Bake for 45-50 mins until golden and springy to the touch. Leave to cool for 10 mins, then turn out of the tin and remove the paper. Cut into bars or squares.

Enjoy.

# Brownies and Guides in full swing

**Charminster Brownies have had a fantastic end to our season with a lovely weekend away at PGL camp**

We did Archery, Zip wire, Abseiling Giant swing, a beach walk, campfire and sensory trials which is where the girls are blindfolded and must lead each other in activities. It was probably the hottest weekend of the year so was very challenging.



The girls were great, the weekend was a great success, and we all look forward to doing our next sleepover activity near Christmas time. We will start back in the Hall on the 9th of September.

Alli, Sue and Simone Unit leaders

**Charminster guides finished off their term with Pizza making.** It was a great evening — all girls remembered their ingredients and most groups

decided to do them individually. While they were baking the girls decorated cakes using icing pens .



The Guides also finished the term with a trip to PGL camp and challenging activities like the Brownies. The guides took great enjoyment challenging the leaders and winning at some of the activities !! This has been a great term and we will be back in full swing on the 9th of September for the new term.

Alli, Ann and Christine, Unit leaders

For any information about guiding go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/) or the Join us section



**Dorchester County Hospital has asked us if we can knit or crochet shawls as well as blankets and twiddlemuffs.**

So I took a prototype to the Day-Lewis ward to see what they thought. I had knitted a wrap, but triangular shawls with the long side at least 60" are preferred as the shawl is sometimes worn 'back to front' to cover a patient's front as they sit up in bed. If anyone fancies having a go . . . !

All shawls will be gratefully received – or wool to knit them. Double knitting or thicker for shawls. We also need double knitting wool for our memory blankets. I took 3 more to the ward when I took the shawl sample.

### **Gold awards**

We all enjoyed our visit to Extreme Falconry. Later in the month, our strolling group wandered out from Weatherby Way to Herrington and strolled back.

Dorset County Trefoil AGM was held in Charlton Down Hall on Tuesday,

3rd August and several of our members attended. (We were on car park duty). During the meeting, two members from elsewhere in the county were presented with gold Voyage awards by Sarah Murray, the County chairperson. One of our members, Lynda Kiss, has completed her gold award and will be presented with her badge at a later date. Following the meeting, we all enjoyed a 'posh' tea prepared by the county committee.

### **Meeting again**

Our own Café Catch-up was held at the Relax Coffee Lounge when several members turned up for non-stop chat and enjoyable tea and coffee.

We are back meeting in St George's church hall from September – the first Wednesday afternoon of each month from 2.30 – 4pm. Everyone aged 18 and over is welcome to come along and join in.

Alli and I have been selling hot drinks and cakes in conjunction with Dorchester Arts open air theatre in Maumbury Rings. So far we've raised around £200 for Charminster Guides

***Judy Thompson***

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# *It's the September Quiz!*

**Why not tackle this monthly challenge, combining local knowledge and facts loosely linked to the month of September?**

1. Sept is French for seven. So why is the ninth month of the year called September?
2. Doc, Sneezy, Grumpy, Sleepy, and Dopey. Who's missing?
3. What's the link between the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club and the author of *The Secret Seven* books?
4. Who wrote and sang the early sixties hit *It might as well rain until September?*
5. Where in Dorset will you find the Devil's Nine Stones?
6. Elmer Bernstein wrote the theme to a 1960 western starring Yul Brynner. What was the film?
7. Who wrote the poem entitled *The Seven Times*?
8. In which National Park will you find the Seven Sisters?
9. Gluttony, pride, and sloth are three of the.....?
10. What do we call the full Moon closest to the September equinox?

***Quiz answers on Page 43***



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# Charminster Treasure Hunt—here are the answers

In last month's Pilot, we featured Judy Bird's clever village Treasure Hunt. For those of you who had a go, here are your long-awaited answers

1. 2018
2. BLACK & RED DOORS
3. COTSWOLD
4. NO. 10
5. BUMBLEBEE COTTAGE
6. NO. 10
7. 11.15 AM
8. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
9. SILVER
10. 2005
11. BROOKE HOUSE
12. METAL GATE AT NO. 2
13. NO. 4

14. PHEASANT, KING-FISHER & HORSE
15. RUBBISH
16. MARK SIMONS
17. NO. 8
18. NO. 30
19. EMMA
20. BEERS, WINES & SPIRITS
21. 2 (POPPIES)
22. RABBITS
23. 1¼ MILES
24. SEPTEMBER
25. 9
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- 'BRICK' WITH HOLES – NO. 9 CHURCH LANE
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# ***From the Clergy... with Revd Leila***

***They are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1.***

**Seasons are strange things. I'm an autumn/winter person and I love nothing more than cosying up in front of a log fire watching Gilmore Girls, with Cookie the dog at my side (gradually taking over the whole sofa) and a mug of coffee in my hands.**

This September, though, feels different. Far from the cosy, almost-autumn vibes, it feels like our lives are still opening up again. Lots of children are going to be starting new schools and learning to adjust to new routines, while others will be readjusting to the structure of the new school year after their very different year and a bit.

## **Grace and love**

Charminster First School and Charminster church work closely together and Revds Mark, Pene and I are so thankful for Mrs Garner and all of the staff who have kept the school going with incredible grace, love and determination through such a tough and unpredictable time. We've missed being in school, in-person, and are a grateful for the wonderful class

collages that they have lent us, which have been on display in the church.

## **Celebrate**

At last we've been able to celebrate lots of weddings and baptisms again and reopen Tuesdays@StMarys in the mornings. Whenever we welcome people into our church, the bible verse above always pops into my head, as it counterbalances that sense of giddiness and excitement with its picture of a firmly-rooted tree, flourishing no matter what happens around it. It doesn't say that nothing bad will ever happen, but that if we root ourselves in God's love then He will nourish, support and guide us through the changing seasons of life.

Our all-age services In September are a wonderful opportunity to embrace the new school year, so you are all warmly invited! On the 11th September at 9.30am, Breakfast Church is back and on the 25th September we will be celebrating Messy Harvest at 4pm!



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# Charminster WI members enjoy the good life!



**The sun shone for us at our August garden party when 30 of us gathered in Alison's beautiful garden overlooking her island and the Cerne water meadows.**

We sipped prosecco or tea, nibbled delicious, dainty treats made by the committee and chatted the afternoon away. It was so good to enjoy each other's company, and that of some new members, in lovely surroundings watched by the neighbouring alpacas.

## **Trips to come**

Business scarcely intruded! There was just a reminder of our trip to the Hauser Wirth Galleries in Bruton on **September 3rd** and of the Dorset WI meeting in the Poole Lighthouse on **Oct 21st**, together with a quick run through of our own group activities which are all flourishing!

During the afternoon we had a 'Bring and Buy' table featuring beautiful things made by Mary and her craft group. A raffle and a display of the

latest Charminster Whispers results also featured.

## **Idyllic afternoon**

The latest Whispers challenge was a picture of boats on the beach with a half-eaten panini in the foreground. This inspired, as always, some wonderfully skilful embroidery pictures, quilts and tapestry, but also some adventurous Dorset cookery and a small stone garden round a garden shed cum beach hut. We particularly enjoyed Jane's collage of ice-cream cones!

So thank you Alison for an idyllic afternoon!

We warmly welcome newcomers to all our meetings but especially to "Meet the Alpacas" - Alison's neighbours—in the Community Hall at 7.30 on **September 14th**. The WI is a wonderful way of getting to know a new community. You will certainly find a warm welcome!

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# ***Stinsford News...***

***...from Michael Clarke***

We've now had our first Evensong where the congregation were able to sing for the first time for well over a year - albeit with masks still on!

Now we have a hymn at the beginning of the service and one at the end, chosen by members of the congregation. For those still concerned and who have been self-isolating, the south aisle is available to sit apart but participate in the service.

## **Missing gate saga**

The saga of the missing churchyard gate is over. Lower Cemetery Gate is now in place and ready for its official opening says Derek Pride. In March 2020 skilled carpenter, Keven Smith agreed to make a new gate. Then Covid struck and the supply of the wood was delayed by the first lockdown. Demand for Kevin's skills coupled with further restrictions delayed the production and final fitting.

The new gate is made of solid English oak properly seasoned the old fashion way, not kiln dried. It is an exact copy of the original which was probably

made in the 1930's. The new gate has been treated with hard wax oil and with regular treatment should out last the old one. The old blacksmith's hinges have been reused and the old gate has been passed to a wood turner to use the timbers. Our thanks go to the two sponsors.

## **Benefit of sales**

'Whatever happened to the other Hardys' – this is the title of a small book written by the late Brenda Tunks. It is the story of the Hardy family and the book allows the reader to better understand the personality of Dorset's favourite writer. Brenda's daughter Catherine updated the book in 2012 but following the death of her mother approached St Michaels so that that they could get the benefit of any sales.

After a summer of allowing the wild-flowers to prosper in the church meadows, we feel that we can now cut them back in the area to the south of the old cemetery and similarly in the Cecil Hanbury Memorial Garden Cemetery.



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And to help you on your way, the councillors have a number of suggestions, such as rewilding by planting more trees, or creating a pond.



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# Campaigners unite to take on County Council

**Campaign groups across Dorset are coming together to oppose a county council plan which would give the go-ahead to 39,000 new housing units.**

Stinsford Parish Council are among the groups that have objected to the proposals which are set out in the draft version of the Dorset Local Plan. Other members of the alliance include CPRE, the Dorset Climate Action Network and STAND (Save the Area North of Dorchester.)

## **Bear the brunt**

Stinsford Parish Council chairman Michael Clarke explained that under the current proposals Stinsford would bear the brunt of any development on farmland north of Dorchester. He said the whole of the development would fall within the Stinsford Parish Boundaries.

If the plan is approved, developers

Persimmon Homes are proposing to build 3,500 housing units as well as a new road linking the A35 and A37.

The Stinsford proposal, which the county council refers to as Dor 13, represents about ten per cent of all planned housebuilding across the county. In total, the County Plan, which was the subject of a public consultation exercise earlier this year, identifies possible locations for up to 30,000 houses plus a further 9000 in case of possible spill-over from Bournemouth and Poole.



*Part of the planned building land*

Stinsford and Charminster Parish Councils have both objected to the proposal. Mr Clarke says: "Our views, our walks and our history will disappear under a pile of concrete and brickwork. But it's not just about Stinsford, this proposal will greatly

affect the character of Dorchester as well.”

Stinsford Parish Council has produced a Neighbourhood Plan which it hopes will be adopted shortly. “That will give us much more clout in any discussions about Dor 13,” says Mr Clarke.

### Petition

Last month STAND presented a petition to the county council with the signatures of more than 5000 people opposed to the plan. And Dorset West MP Chris Loder is also against the Dor 13 development.

Dorset Council has said it’s considering the 60,000 responses received from the public when the local plan was published earlier this year. It says

there’ll be further opportunities to comment when the plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in public late next year or in 2023.



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9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

**Tuesday Sept 7th**

9.00 am - 12 noon - T@SM

**Wednesday Sept 8th** 11.30 am - Zoom Act of Worship

**Sunday Sept 12th** - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am BREAKFAST CHURCH

**Tuesday Sept 14th**

9.00 am – 12 noon - T@SM

**Wednesday Sept 15th** 11.30 am - Communion Service in St Mary's

**Sunday Sept 19th** - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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**Tuesday Sept 21st**

9.00 am – 12 noon - T@SM

**Wednesday Sept 22nd** 11.30 am - Zoom Act of Worship

**Sunday Sept 26th** - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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9.00 am – 12 noon - T@SM

**Wednesday Sept 29th** 11.30 am - Communion Service in St Mary's



## **SEPTEMBER 2021 AT ST MICHAEL'S, STINSFORD**

**Sunday Sept 5th** - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
10.00 am      Holy Communion (CW)

**Sunday Sept 12th** - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
11.15 am      BCP Mattins

**Sunday Sept 19th** - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
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# North Street playground re-opens - and it's a hit with the kids

The newly re-equipped and refurbished play ground in North Street, Charminster has been given a big thumbs-up by local children.



The new adventure equipment, which replaces the old and dilapidated climbing frame, saw youngsters having a great time as they tested the rope ladders, tunnels, bridges and sliding poles.

And the parents were pretty impressed too. Nick, father of Ruby and Rose (pictured below) said: "It's a big improvement and well worth the money".

Heidi Milligan, whose five-year-old son Kayden was having a high old time on his first visit to the new play-

ground, said "It's really good. Perhaps a few more things for the smaller ones but with a few tweaks it'll be wonderful."

And Mel Heal, mum to Jack (8) and five-year-old Logan agreed. "It's terrific", she said.







Aimee Shaw, pictured above holding one-year-old Arlo, said she and her other three children, including four-year-old Elodie seen here on the swing, had been looking forward to the park re-opening for ages. Shannon (11) and mum Kelly Rance, also pictured above, were also highly impressed with the new park and equipment.

Now all that's needed is some good weather so everyone can get outside and enjoy themselves.

*Pictured right, more children test out the new kit.*



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Councillor Ray Bryan, who heads up highways, travel and the environment on the council, said: "We want to design a future bus network that is attractive to passengers, more affordable, simple to use , faster and more reliable, and greener."

The bus improvement plan is to be published by October 31, so get your views in by contacting <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bus-service-review>. Find out more at <https://orlo.uk/ibBrw>



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**Dorchester's Poverty Action group, which benefits local families in need, is holding a fund-raising cream tea at the Old Vicarage in Puddletown on September 5 from 2.30 – 4.30pm.**

There are stalls and raffles, and a cream tea will cost you £3 plus £2 extra if you fancy a glass of prosecco!

A coffee morning held by the group earlier in the year raised £1800, which the group described as "fantastic!".



## Some dates for your diary

**After cancellations and postponements over the past 18 months of restrictions and lockdowns, events are starting to be organised at St Mary's Church, Charminster.**

On Saturday 16th October there's a Grand Organ Concert by Simon Lole (formerly Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral) a well-known and very talented musician. Tickets at £10 each available from Bernard Tinker (Tel. 01305 213403) from early September.

And on Saturday 20th November there's a Christmas Bazaar and Fair in the church – details to follow.



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Mr Lee was a long-time deliverer of The Pilot to a large area of Charlton Down and was well-known in the area. Many tributes have been paid remarking on how valuable his efforts within the community have been. Mr Lee leaves a wife, Kate and daughter Laura.



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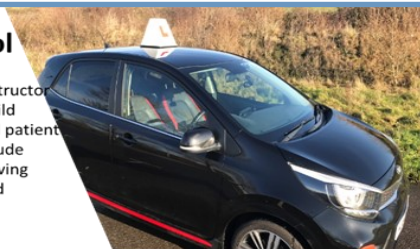
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2. Happy and Bashful are the missing members of the seven dwarves.
3. Enid Blyton and her husband bought the club in 1951 and enjoyed many rounds of golf there.
4. Carole King
5. Also known as the Nine Ladies, this is a circle of nine prehistoric stones or megaliths just outside Winterbourne Abbas.
6. The Magnificent Seven
7. Thomas Hardy
8. They're a series of chalk cliffs in the South Downs National Park in East Sussex.
9. Seven Deadly Sins, along with wrath, greed, lust and envy.
10. The Harvest Moon.

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All villages are covered by Neighbourhood Police Teams (NPT). We're looked after by Sgt.1756 Andy Napper, PC 0229 Pete Moore and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO 5410) Sarah Pilcher. If you want to contact one of the team for any reason then go online to Dorset Police website at [dorchester-rural-npt@dorset.police.uk](http://dorchester-rural-npt@dorset.police.uk) and follow 'Do It Online' to access a range of services., call 101 if

## CHARMINSTER CONTACTS

|                        |                             |              |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Parish Council         | Chairman: Mark Simons       | 260055       |
|                        | Vice chair: Carol Matthews  | 751535       |
|                        | Parish Clerk: Sarah Davies  | 07947 622326 |
| Flood Wardens          | Keith Beeson                | 264032       |
|                        | Bob Brinton                 | 260511       |
|                        | Tim Yarker                  | 265942       |
| St Mary's First School | Headteacher: Suzanne Garner | 263880       |
|                        | Caretaker: Belinda Bessant  | 266598       |
| Pre-School             | Vanessa Thomas              | 251512       |
| Village Hall           | Bookings: Sarah Bird        | 266478       |
| Women's Institute      | Judy Thompson               | 263783       |
| Bell ringers           | Captain: Chris White        | 07783555199  |



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|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Girl Guides                      | Alison Barlow                                 | 07918 745017 |
| Brownies                         | Lisa Upwards<br>Charminsterbrownies@gmail.com |              |
| Scouts, Cubs, Beavers            | Ruth Young                                    | 268208       |
| Scottish Country Dancing         | Val Scriven                                   | 265177       |
| Charminster Stores & Post Office | Louise Christopher                            | 264312       |
| Art Group                        | Dudley Kemp                                   | 757151       |

### **CHARLTON DOWN CONTACTS**

|                      |  |              |
|----------------------|--|--------------|
| Village Hall         | Sarah Davies<br>enquiries@charltondownvillagehall.info |              |
| CD Women's Institute | Brenda Down  | 251499       |
| Jellytots            | Emma   | 07791 204323 |
| Flood Warden         | Carol Matthews   | 751535       |

### **STINSFORD CONTACTS**

|                          |  |        |
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# Charminster & Charlton Down

**Q. Wasn't there a lot of work going on in Charminster over the summer?**

A: Yes, both footbridges over the Cerne were being replaced, firstly the one at Higher Charminster followed by Alley Bridge behind the church. Whilst access was limited, children still managed to enjoy paddling in the river as they have been doing for generations. Work on Alley Bridge was still ongoing during August but hopefully will be completed during September.

Also major work has been going on in the North Street playground to replace some old tired equipment and install a large new climbing frame and other new equipment.



Diaz, Crosbie and Bramley families enjoying the re-equipped play park in North Street



Hunns and Davis children playing in the river

There is still work to do on putting in smaller football goals and seating. When the sun eventually came out this gave a real focus for families to enjoy letting off steam in the open air with a new focus. Hope many of you had a chance to take your children there and have some fun but please note the Gamekeeper car park is for patrons only!

There will be a continuing focus on bringing more improvements to Charminster and Charlton Down this autumn.

## **South Ward** (Charminster village)

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Keith Beeson           | 264032 |
| Peter Dangerfield      | 260543 |
| Richard East           | 264724 |
| Alan Rolls             | 267863 |
| Mark Simons (Chairman) | 260055 |
| Tim Yarker             | 265942 |
| Louisa Swabey-Payne    | TBC    |

## **North Ward** (Charlton Down & Forston)

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Carol Matthews (Vice-chair) | 751535        |
| Geri Brown                  | 07789 756610  |
| Susan Fraser                | TBC           |
| Julie Jackson               | TBC           |
| Richard Wareham             | 07710 938 959 |
| Vacancy                     |               |

Contact: Parish Clerk, Sarah Davies, 25 Strodes Lane, Charlton Down, DT2 9UB  
07947 622326 [clerk@charminster.info](mailto:clerk@charminster.info)

Please see our website or contact the clerk for details of any forthcoming meetings

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## Charminster Parish Council