

# The Pilot

A large bonfire is the central focus of the image, burning brightly at night. The fire is composed of a pile of logs and branches at the base, with a tall, intense column of flames rising from it. Numerous sparks and embers are being carried upwards by the wind, creating a misty, glowing trail against the dark night sky. The ground around the fire is dark and appears to be covered in dry leaves or twigs, which are illuminated by the fire's light.

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**So here we are, the clocks went back an hour on October 31, Hallowe'en encouraged kids to dress like ghouls, Remembrance Day isn't far off and Bonfire Night is only days away.**

And apart from remember, remember the fifth of November, don't forget to check around your bonfire for sheltering hedgehogs! (see our story on page 33)

### **Platinum Jubilee**

We have Strawberry Field news, and the start of a short series about the River Cerne, a precious waterway that runs through Charminster, Charlton Down and Forston.

We're also looking forward to next summer when the Queen celebrates her Platinum Jubilee. We have some information for those hoping to organise an event locally.

After the last 18 months or so, it's great to see social events popping up. There's a new weekly coffee morning at the Community Hall being planned for parents and carers of village school children, adult craft classes for Christmas decorations, and various winter fairs in the pipeline. We're almost back to normal!

### **Thanks**

Thanks, as ever, to our advertisers, contributors, distributors and deliverers - in fact, everyone who helps get The Pilot through your letterbox.

Our next copy deadline is November 5 and should be sent to [editor@charpilot.com](mailto:editor@charpilot.com). I shall expect some fire-cracking stuff!

Best wishes

*Marilyn Kay (Editor)*



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# Dorset says NO to Strawberry Field houses

**Campaigners in Charminster have been celebrating Dorset Council's decision to reject plans for 80 new homes on the land off Westleaze which is known locally as Strawberry Field. This comes after several attempts by developers to secure planning permission for the site.**

David Shaw, who helped coordinate opposition to the plans, said: "Many thanks to everyone who took the time to submit their objections to the Council or contributed to the fund for the village posters.

The current prospective developers have been defeated for a third time (two planning refusals and an appeal dismissal) and for now we will retain some of the valued landscape around our village. Let's hope we can continue to keep it that way."

Among reasons given for the refusal of permission were the impact the development would have had on the historic Wolfeton House and the nearby Wolfeton Riding House.

## "Welcome result"

Peter Dangerfield was delighted by the decision: "As chair of the Riding House Trust and someone who regards themselves as immensely fortunate to live in Charminster, I salute everyone who has done so much to get this welcome result."

Planners also considered the adverse impact of the development on the site's rural setting.

Campaigner Matt Clarke said: "We were fighting to protect our valued green space, let's hope the developers throw in the towel once and for all!"



# Help needed for precious river

**The River Cerne flows through the heart of historic Charminster. *Nigel Kay* looks at its significance to the village and our neighbouring countryside.**

The Cerne rises in the hills above Minterne Magna and meanders south through Cerne Abbas, Charlton Down and Charminster before joining the River Frome in the water meadows just north of Dorchester. It's barely eight miles long, but it's one of the most precious features of our landscape.

## England's "rainforests"

The Cerne is one of only 200 or so chalk streams in the world, most of which are found here in the UK. And according to environmental organisations and the UK government, they are under threat. One report last year said: "Chalk streams are England's rainforests, and they need help fast."

But how healthy is the River Cerne? And what can we do to improve the quality of our river and the wildlife that lives in and around its water?

The river is a blissful spot for children and dogs to cool off in the summer; it supports a wide diversity of wildlife - trout, salmon, freshwater crayfish, kingfishers, and water voles. It helps drain the fields, but historically it's been responsible too for a number of significant floods - most recently, in 2014, when St Mary's Church and a number of homes in the centre of the village fell victim.

Parish Councillor Keith Beeson has lived alongside the Cerne for the past 15 years.

In that time, he says, much of the gravel riverbed has been buried under a layer of silt and there are now far fewer plants that are the basis of the food chain growing in the water. Keith blames changes in land use higher up the valley as well as sewage pollution. It's known that raised levels of nitrogen and phosphorus flowing from the Sydling, Cerne, Piddle



and Frome, as well as from urban areas, have resulted in the excessive growth of weed and algae in Poole Harbour, restricting the food available for wading birds.

But he fears that concentrating on steps to tackle the problem lower down the river system have meant that virtually no work has been done on the Cerne. Now he wants Wessex Water and the Environment Agency to take a long hard look at our river and draw up fresh plans.

### **Wild life corridor**

“We all know about the problems of water contamination by sewage and treatment works, and from farms, but anyone looking at the river today will see that it is dark brown and not crystal clear. It is the silt being washed into the river from fields which were once mostly grass, but are now arable,” said Keith.

And in an ideal world, Keith suggests a wildlife corridor – a continuous strip of land on one or both sides of the river - stretching from Cerne Abbas through Charminster to the Frome. It would, he says, be a home for a huge variety of plants and animals, drawing life and sustenance from its babbling waters.



Amanda Broom, who is the catchment manager for the Dorset Wildlife Trust agrees with Keith’s assessment that the quality of the Cerne needs improving. His thoughts about a wildlife corridor are, she says, “a brilliant idea.”

The Wildlife Trust has begun working with farmers and landowners along the valley to reduce pollution by fertilisers and limit the soil erosion that forms the silt on the riverbed.

Next month, in part two of this series, we hear from Wessex Water about steps being taken to improve water quality in the River Cerne, and see what we can all do to protect one of the river’s rarest species, now threatened with extinction.



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# Get Jubilee planning ... now!

**Next year marks Her Majesty The Queen's platinum jubilee, celebrating 70 years on the throne, and there's going to be 12 months of events throughout the country.**

But if we want some local celebrations, it seems we need to get our collective skates on.

## **Big Lunch**

It has already been decided there will be an extended Bank Holiday from Thursday June 2 to Sunday June 5, the day when everyone is encouraged to join in with The Big Jubilee Lunch in order to "share friendship, food and fun with neighbours" by holding street parties, barbecues or simply lunch with them-next-door.

The Eden Project Communities has an information pack including invitations, how to make bunting, posters and lunch planners. But there are no more hard copy packs left, so you can download the information on line.



It's not difficult, but indicates the level of interest that's already been shown.

And if you want a street party, then you need to contact Dorset Council who will consider applications for temporary road closures. You need to apply at least six weeks before the event and are encouraged to contact Dorset Highways much earlier before submitting an application – they could be inundated closer to June. Have a look at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/street-party-on-the-highway](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/street-party-on-the-highway) for all information.

So if you have some ideas for cheering on the Queen, get planning!

# Guides and Brownies top up their stocks

**Charminster Brownies had a lovely creative time this month when the girls chose to make edible slime!**

We melted marshmallows then added oil to help make it stretchy and less sticky. Bowls were on the table with cornflour and icing sugar and the girls could add what they wanted to get the texture they were looking for! Then we added cocoa powder to make our slime chocolatey. It was great fun, a bit sticky and very tasty.

The girls all helped to clean up and sanitise, followed by a quick game, and finished off with a little relaxation. We lay on the floor and thought about all parts of our bodies, working from the top all the way down, and vice versa. This was a great calming exercise after our sugar rush and clean down session.



We have already completed our mindfulness Interest badge and are loving our unit meeting activities. Can't wait to do our sock puppets next week and show you our results in next month's Pilot .

## **New equipment**

We have spent a bit of money this term buying books, bags and uniform bits and new badges, and replaced our old dried-up stocks. We still plan to buy more paper/card and ink for all our crafts and printing.

We are truly grateful to Charminster Village Hall committee members for their support and really appreciate any donations that help us buy the things we need for our unit meetings,

*Brown Owl (Alli) Snowy Owl (Sue)  
Barn Owl (Simone) and our YL's Little Owl and Chestnut Owl*

**The Guides have been talking about feelings this term - feeling left out and how to join in. We have completed our Meditation badge and are well on the way to completing our Feel-good stage 4 Badge.**

We had a great evening doing little plays! Drama was a lot of fun and we think a show might be in order as we have many talented girls in our group!

Our theme this term has been about wellbeing. We also had a great evening sewing little owls chatting and chilling. We practiced our Promise ready for our Promise evening, planned a chip shop survey and hope to make our Promise out there in the dark.

So far, this term has gone well. We also have topped up our stocks and replaced old items and bought new badges, books and many other items needed for our patrols.

*Alli, Ann, Christine, Rachel, Lauren and Lulu*



We do still have spaces in both Brownies and Guides but are filling fast! If anyone would like to get involved in Guiding or enrol their child, please go through our Girlguiding website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## Trefoil at 60

**Dorchester's Mayor and Mayoress, Gareth and Anne Jones, along with senior Guiding and Scouting officers, attended Dorchester Trefoil's Dia-**

### **mond Anniversary tea party in Stratton Village Hall.**

Judy Thompson, welcomed everyone and said 'Over the years, we have supported as many Division and County events as possible and, helped Guide and Brownie units where we can. Before and during the pandemic we made blankets, twiddlemuffs, and now shawls, for patients in wards at Dorset County Hospital. This project will continue as long as it is needed.'



Lisa Upward cut our lovely birthday cake, donated by Alli Barlow, Charminster Guide leader, who makes cakes professionally. BBC Radio Lincolnshire presenter, journalist and poet, Judy Theobald entertained us with a hilarious talk about her career and some of her very funny poems. The celebrations ended with the singing of Taps – the traditional Guide closing song.

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# ***It's the November Quiz!***

**Eyes Down! Here's our much-enjoyed monthly quiz. Once again we've tried to ensure the questions are linked to the locality or the month.**

1. Who was Robert Catesby?
2. Name the Dorset prep school where James Bond author Ian Fleming was educated.
3. What is the name of the feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics?
4. Stir Up Sunday (November 21st in 2021) always falls on the last Sunday before advent. Its name comes from The Bible. What custom is linked to this day?
5. The River Frome is 30 miles long and flows into Poole Harbour. Where does it rise?
6. Two bridges span the entrance to Holes Bay in Poole Harbour. One is Poole Bridge. What is the name of the other?
7. The renowned 19th century surgeon Sir Frederick Treves was born in Dorchester. His friendship and care of Joseph Merrick has featured in a Broadway play and an award-winning film. How was Merrick better known?
8. What is "Movember"?
9. How is *Nasturtium officinale* better known?
10. Remembrance Sunday falls on November 14th this year. The event is organised by the Royal British Legion. When was the Legion founded?

***Answers on page 43***



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# ***News in brief...***

**...from last month's meeting of Charminster Parish Council**

**Councillors heard concerns about drainage and road safety when they considered an outline planning application for a new house on the western side of North Street.** Residents who attended the meeting said water running off the site would add to the risk of flash flooding and expressed fears about road safety at the junction of the property's drive and North Street.

The application is for a single house on raised ground behind the row of cottages at 24 North Street. Councillors agreed to oppose the application because the proposed building was outside the village's development boundary and was "inconsistent with the conservation area." They said there was also a significant worry that the run-off from the site would be detrimental to existing properties.

The application will be considered by Dorset Council later in the year.

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**Road safety on North Street also figured in a discussion about road signs in the village.** Traffic using the road was getting faster and heavier said Councillor Keith Beeson. The council agreed that new 30 mph signs would be painted on the road at the northern end of the village.

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**The council gave the thumbs up to a plan to hold weekly coffee mornings in the Community Hall.** Organisers hope the event will appeal to parents after they have dropped off their children at school. Councillors said it was a great initiative that deserved to be encouraged. They agreed to waive hire charges until January. Coffee will be served from 8.45 to 9.45 on Thursdays after half term.



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# Tales of formal gardens open WI eyes

**Abbotsbury Gardens: Past, Present and Future were the fascinating subject of our October meeting, writes Juliet Austin.** Curator and head gardener Steve Griffith took us on a verbal and visual tour which journeyed from the establishment in 1785 of a kitchen garden for the now vanished Abbotsbury Castle, through the plant hunting ventures of the Victorians to today's gardens and visitor centre.

## Micro-climate

A passionate and expert plantsman, Steve gave us plenty of horticultural information to get our teeth into, and we loved his tales of devastating gales, charabancs from Weymouth and exotic calling birds. Above all he communicated the amazing care and skill with which recent plantings have sheltered the tropical micro-climate and created new vistas and focal points. I suspect a great many of us will soon visit there again with newly opened eyes.



We voted to continue meeting mainly in the Village Hall, though we shall occasionally use the new Community Hall for events such as our Christmas dinner, which needs the bigger kitchen, or others needing outdoor space.

## Join us

We're also delighted to be back in action with a Make & Take coffee morning on Saturday 6th November from 10am-12am in the new Community Hall, when we'll be making reindeer, angels and Christmas trees, and you can enjoy the WI's delicious cakes and coffee!

Charminster WI meets in the Village Hall at 8.30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Do come along and try out a few meetings to decide if you would like to join. As well as being a great place to make friends, we have outings and groups which meet for different activities (including pub lunches!) Phone Judy on 263783 or Doreen on 267498 for more info – or just turn up on November 12th when we'll be discovering the history of baking.



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

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

**Good weather meant apples in abundance. So how many of you made The Pilot recipe for Apple Cake? I can tell you it is a real winner, absolutely delicious by all who tasted it.**

The Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride saw two members of our parish plus a friend taking part by cycling to ten churches and raising £190, 50% of which will come to St Michael's with the rest going to the Trust to help parishes with their repair bills.

## **Fayre success**

There was a last-minute decision to go ahead with our annual Michaelmas Fayre, so we were surprised by the number of visitors. The village support was impressive, and thanks go to Julian and Sophie Bailey for use of the Old Rectory courtyard, Kingston Maurward College Horticultural Department, the Watercress Company and to several parishioners who showed their very special vintage and classic cars. There were burgers and sausages from the Brace of Butchers, cakes and cream teas, books and bric-

a-brac, light music by our organist, and our fun dog show. We raised just short of £1,000. The Fayre Committee thank all those who contributed to such a remarkable day.

And on Michaelmas Day we celebrated Mr Brian Warren- Peachey's 101st Birthday! Many Happy Returns Brian.

## **Holly wreath**

Our patronal service and our Harvest Festival saw the church wonderfully decorated with incredible floral arrangements and produce. Thanks go to the students of the Floristry Department of KMC and our superb group of volunteers.

Plans are in place for our Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 27th November from 11.00 a.m. in church. There'll be Christmas gifts, stocking fillers and how to make your own front door wreath with holly from the Thorncombe Woods rangers.

This is followed on Sunday 28th, the first day of Advent, by a wedding at 2.00 p.m. so no change to Sunday evening service time.

  
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# ***From the Clergy...***

***...with Hugh Willis***

**Following the withdrawal of members of our Armed Forces from Afghanistan, many will question why they were there in the first place.**

Among the questions being asked we hear “was anything positive achieved?”, “was it worth the loss of so many lives?”, and “did it benefit the Afghan peoples?” It is worth remembering that the servicemen and servicewomen who went there did so at the directions of the governments that we, as citizens, voted into parliament. Do we share in the responsibilities?

## **Young lives**

Over the years since the end of World War II, our service people have been involved in other actions. Many young lives were lost in those conflicts. Their names have not been recorded on the various memorials in Charminster, Stinsford, or Charlton Down, nor do we have any information on whether any of the service-people who lost their lives actually came from these villages.

Following our usual morning service on 14th November at Charminster, there will be an Act of Remembrance at 10.45am. at the village war memorial which is in the churchyard. As well as humbly remembering those who died in two World Wars, we will also recall the other conflicts in which our armed forces were involved. There will also be a Remembrance Sunday Service at Stinsford; please see the list of church services for timings of that.

We know that the God who gave his Son to bring us reconciliation hears our prayers. This Act of Remembrance is an opportunity to remember with gratitude and sorrow those whose lives were lost that we might live.





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# Gone but not forgotten

**Armistice Day on November 11, and Remembrance Sunday on November 14, will see people gathered at war memorials in towns and villages around the country.**

Nearly all those memorials bear the names of local soldiers, sailors and airmen who lost their lives in the first and second world wars.

But what about those service men and women who have died in conflicts since 1945 – a total of 7187 deaths throughout the UK.

## Names lost

Retired dentist Dr Hugh Willis, who is an associate minister at St Mary's Church, Charminster, is concerned that there may be local families who lost a father, son, or brother in one of the many conflicts of the last 74 years, but whose names have been lost.

Hugh, who served with the Royal Army Dental Corps for many years and occasionally had to help identify the remains of dead soldiers by their den-

tal records, is sure some names have slipped through the records net.

"There have been a lot of conflicts since the end of World War two, and it may be that some men and women from these villages lost their lives. If so, perhaps we should find some way of honouring them." he said.



If you know of a local man or woman who died during a conflict, please let us know.

\* The worst year since 1945 was 1951 when there were 851 operational deaths in three conflicts – the Malayan, the Anglo-Egypt and the Korean wars. There were spikes of more than 100 deaths a year in the early 1970s in Northern Ireland and in 1982 in the Falklands. These figures apply to the entire British armed forces.

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Ed, who travelled to Derby to run for England against the Scots, Welsh and Irish, took the top place on the podium after beating his nearest rival by an impressive four seconds.

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*Pictured right, Ed on the gold medallist's podium*



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8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.00 am - 12 noon - T@SM**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**11.30 am - Midweek Communion**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion for Remembrance



**10.45 am Act of Remembrance, war memorial in the Churchyard**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.00 am - 12 noon - T@SM**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Sunday next before Advent -**

**Christ the King**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

6.00 pm Evensong

**Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> November 9.00 am -12 noon - T@SM**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 am - Communion Service**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November - First Sunday of Advent**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

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

**Sunday 7th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent**

10.00 am      Holy Communion (CW)

**Sunday 14th November - Remembrance Sunday**

10.45 am      Remembrance Sunday Service

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## **Grown-up crafts**

The idea is to make some grown-up Christmas crafts and at the same

time, says Leila, "Take time out to relax and connect with the meaning of advent in a creative way through crafts and a short reflection on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love."

There are four sessions starting on December 1 at 7pm. It's free to attend but you are asked to book your place by calling Rev'd Leila on 01303 263761, or visit [www.stmarys-charminster.org.uk/advent](http://www.stmarys-charminster.org.uk/advent)

As well as all the crafts and design, (pictured are some Christmassy ideas) there will be recipes to tempt the palate, and of course the chance to chat to old and new friends.



## **Christmas Fayre**

And before then, don't forget the Christmas Fayre at St Mary's Church on Saturday November 20 from 11—4. There are cakes, preserves, gifts, cards, toys, bric a brac, a kids' corner and lots more.

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# Scottish dancers get reeling

**The Scottish Country Dancing group are back in action at Charminster village hall—but at a new time of day.**

Instead of evening meetings, the dancers are now twirling and reeling on Tuesday afternoons between 2pm and 4 pm.



Val Scriven, who runs the group, said they have been in existence for more than 40 years, starting as an off-shoot of the WI. And it seems to be coming increasingly popular.

“We have about 40 members who come from all over the area, but no Scots! Everyone is simply interested in the dancing. We are a social group in Charminster, but there is a teaching group run by Judy Seymour in Weymouth if anyone is interested,” said Val.



*A warming-up promenade before the reeling begins.*

The Charminster dancers pay just £2 a session. Anyone wanting to learn in Weymouth can obtain details from Val whose contact information is in the villages’ directory at the back of The Pilot.



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# Wanted ... a hedgehog high- way



**We might not see them very often but we all seem to regard them with fondness – hedgehogs, those prickly little nocturnal creatures who potter around our gardens and lanes almost in secret.**

Now hedgehog fan Nicky, who has created hedgehog feeding stations, a hedgehog house and hedgehog ramps up the steps in her North Street, Charminster garden, is hoping others in the village will join in looking after her favourite animal.



“I’d love to see a hedgehog highway through the village. If people could

cut a little hole in the bottom of their fences, and make a simple feeding station, it would be wonderful for hogs.

“Hedgehogs can travel up to a mile a night looking for food. If they have a surfeit of slugs and snails – their natural food – they can become very ill and full of parasites. If we put out some wet dog food for them, they stay healthier because they still eat slugs (good for gardeners) but fewer of them.”

Many people, including shy Nicky who likes to be fairly anonymous, might be concerned that putting food out for hogs will attract rats.

“Rats won’t eat tinned dog or meaty cat food. They will go for the dried stuff. We have a camera in our feeding station and we have never seen a rat in there.”

Hedgehogs also face other threats, particularly at this time of the year. Bonfires can attract them so it’s wise to check yours before lighting it, leaf clearing can harm them and strimmers have caused horrific injuries. And of course, traffic can be a major hog killer.

So let’s all Think Hedgehog and preserve our prickly friends.

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# Final stage for neighbourhood plan

**Stinsford's draft neighbourhood plan has now completed all its consultation stages which lie in the hands of the parish council.**

The council has updated and hopefully improved the plan in response to comments made by members of the public and interested organisations. Although some sections have been re-drafted, the vision of the plan is still centred on safeguarding the parish's rural peace and quiet, its attractive landscape, and its cultural and natural heritage, while allowing limited and appropriate development to support people continuing to live, work and visit here.

The next step in progressing the plan is in the hands of Dorset Council. They have confirmed that the plan meets the basic legal requirements. They are now providing a further opportunity for people to comment, in the form of the 'Regulation 16' consultation period. This is likely to last until about the end of November – details will be posted on the Dorset Council website and on [www.stinsfordnplan.org.uk](http://www.stinsfordnplan.org.uk).

After this stage, the neighbourhood plan will be go to an independent examiner, who can suggest further changes if they think some are needed. Finally – hopefully in 2022 – the plan can be put to a referendum of voters in Stinsford parish, and, if passed by a majority, it will become a key influence on future development in the parish.

*Sally Cooke*

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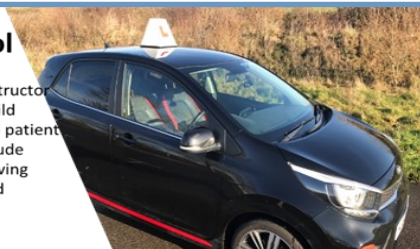
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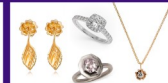
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2. Durnford School in Langton Matravers on the Isle of Purbeck. Neighbours were the Bond family whose motto is 'Non sufficit orbis' which translates as The World Is Not Enough - the title of the 19th Bond movie.
3. All Saints Day
4. Stirring the Christmas Pudding
5. In the village of Evershot
6. Twin Sails Bridge
7. Merrick was severely deformed and became known as The Elephant Man.
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# Villages' Directory

## DORSET COUNCILLOR

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## LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

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. Or there's always 111 or for more serious emergencies, 999.

## 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

Girl Guides	Alison Barlow	07918 745017
Brownies	Lisa Upwards 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**

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Jellytots	Emma	07791 204323
Flood Warden	Carol Matthews	751535

### **STINSFORD CONTACTS**

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# Charminster & Charlton Down

## Q. Whats happening with the red phone box in North Street, Charminster?

A: Reluctantly we have decided to accept the replacement phone box that was provided after the old box in North Street was removed by mistake. The box provided has been refurbished and repainted so it is better than the old one. Many other villages use theirs as a book swap/library. As well as mini libraries, other kiosks have previously been turned into an art gallery, a pub, and homes for defibrillators. On consideration it seems to be a good idea to start it off as a mini library. So two things... anyone out there willing and capable of building some shelves to hold the books? Also the mini library needs someone to "manage" it. Could that be you? Offers of help to the Parish Clerk please.



**Q What are the latest improvements going on around the parish?** The parish council have bought 5 more picnic benches made out of recycled plastic, following good reports on the first one bought last year. One has been placed on Olympic Park under the shelter at Charlton Down (pictured), one has been put in Broken Cross play area and two have been added to the newly refurbished play area in North Street.

### 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
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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