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We're optimistically welcoming in the New Year with all its hopes and promises for a rosier future despite Omicron, and have been having a peep at how this annual rebirth is marked in different parts of the country.

And we've also taken a look back over the last 12 months of The Pilot to remind ourselves of some of the events and issues that took place locally.

We've got a bumper New Year quiz for you, combining local knowledge with general know-how associated with the time of year.

Independent Pilot

On a more serious note, it seems that some people believe that The Pilot is a mouthpiece of, and run by, the Parish Council. It is not. It is an independent publication that has some funding from the PC, along with the Church and other organisations, but its main revenue is from advertising.

As highly experienced journalists, we like to bring you some local news as well as features and organisations' reports. So we attend parish council meetings as members of the press to write about the discussions and decisions made by them. Any member of the public can also attend. The council meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month. I hope that's clear.

Happy New Year!

In the meantime, our heroic team of distributors who get The Pilot through your letterboxes every month carry on. So huge thanks and a happy New Year to them, to all our advertisers and contributors, and to you—our readers.

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Community news in brief:

Dorset councillor David Taylor says he remains strongly opposed to plans to build more than 3,500 houses on land between Charminster and Stinsford. The controversial proposal attracted hundreds of comments when it was included in Dorset Council's draft local plan. Cllr Taylor said the plans would cause mayhem because little thought had been given to providing the necessary infrastructure.

Charminster Parish Council has agreed its budget for next year. Members set a precept of £43,821 – an increase of 3.6% on the current year. The precept is the parish share of the council tax bill issued by Dorset Council. Members were told that the number of new homes being built in the parish was helping to keep the precept lower than it might otherwise have been.

Charlton Down has a new parish councillor. Oliver Greenaway has been co-opted onto Charminster Parish Council to represent the north ward. Oliver, who works for Dorset Council, has lived in the parish for twelve months and takes a keen interest in community affairs.

The Christmas Fair held at St Mary's Church, raised a total of £1700. Organisers said the hard work before and during the event had certainly paid off.

Permanent traffic bollards are to be erected outside Charminster Village Hall in North Street to discourage parking. They will replace the temporary cones that have been in place since the alterations to the junction. Drivers who need disabled access to the village hall will still be able to park temporarily outside the North Street door, as will people needing to load or unload goods.

Anger at Dorset's “misrepresentation”

Stinsford Parish Council has protested to Dorset Council over what it says is “a gross misrepresentation” of its position regarding the proposed North of Dorchester Garden Community.

The Parish Council features on Dorset Council website as one of a number of organisations apparently sup-

porting the bid. This could not be further from the truth says the parish council.

Under current plans, the 3,500 homes being built as part of this development would fall entirely within the parish of Stinsford, a community with fewer than 350 residents at present.



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The parish council raised strong objections when it first wrote to Dorset Council about this proposal in November 2018, and councillors unanimously restated that position at a parish council meeting last month.

“To be misrepresented in this way is unacceptable,” said Michael Clarke, vice-chair of the parish council. “I have insisted that our name be removed from this list immediately.”

Community misled

“It’s not just our residents in Stinsford and the wider Dorset community that have been misled, it’s Government as well - as the initial “garden communities” bid claimed that it had the support of the community and local town and parish councils, continued Cllr Clarke.

In a covering letter to the county council’s Head of Planning Mike Garrity, Councillor Clarke asks him to write to Housing Minister Michael Gove to “set the record straight.”

A spokesman for Dorset Council told The Pilot: “Stinsford Parish Council wrote in their letter dated 8 November 2018: ‘We object to the idea of 3,500 homes being built in the parish but, if the development is forced to

go ahead, then the Garden Village Scheme should meet most if not all of our objections and, in this respect, we fully support West Dorset District Council in its application.’

“The draft Dorset Council Local Plan has been developed to balance the



needs of current and future Dorset residents with the preservation of our beautiful and unique landscapes.

“The plan is not just about housing, it is about creating communities for people to live, work and enjoy. There will be mixed types of housing to produce homes for a wide variety of households who will use the newly created local facilities, generating economic growth and prosperity for the county.”



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A toast to baking at Charminster WI



Fourth generation baker Steve Oxford was welcomed to our meeting to talk about the 'History of Baking', writes Judy Bird.

Steve has a passion for the family business and told us of the history of Oxfords Bakery, started by his great grandfather Frank. He and his wife Olive bought the village bakehouse in Alveston, near Sherborne, in 1911. The oven they still use is 100 years old this year and the largest of their dough mixers is 75 years old (the last working one of its kind anywhere in the world).

The business has survived two world wars and this is their second pandemic. Steve's own father, Roger, left school at 13 to join his father in the family business. At first he hated it but eventually, at the age of 21, opened their first shop in Sherborne – at the time there were 10 other bakeries in the town! He became passionate about the bakery and Steve followed in his footsteps and com-

pletely fell in love with the business himself. Oxfords now have five shops, including the bakery in Alveston and their shop and cafe in South Street, Dorchester.

Steve's two sons, aged 7 & 9, are already interested in the business and are helping out at events – it looks like the future of the business is in safe hands!

Steve generously brought along some Oxfords mince pies and an iced Christmas cake. The mince pies were delicious with a glass of Prosecco and one lucky lady won the cake in the raffle!

The committee gave a short entertainment to round off the very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th January 2022, at 7.30pm in the Community Hall (if Government regulations allow!). Our speaker is from the charity Project Linus, who provide quilts for children in hospitals, hospices, refuges, etc. You are welcome to come along and join us.

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Stinsford News...

...from Michael Clarke

Work has started on cutting the hedges alongside the London Road so the approach to our town will look appropriately smart for Christmas and the New Year. But I might walk up the hill later to pick up the litter brought to light by the tractor's activity!

On the day of our Carol Service I heard a loud noise and found a vehicle had shed its load of roofing and polystyrene sheets between the access to Slyers Lane as far as Stinsford Hill. Both the Police and the Dorset Waste Partnership were quickly on the scene and made a good job of clearing up.

The Christmas Fayre went very well and although numbers were down the takings were appreciatively high and we made a little short of £750. People from all around our parish were able to meet up over a coffee or soup. Holly was available from the Rangers of Thorncombe Wood. As usual, we in turn make a donation to Puddletown Middle School Benevolent Fund.

The first Sunday of Advent, was a

busy weekend with a 2.00 o'clock wedding and a 4.00 p.m. Evensong .

We then saw the wedding flowers gradually replaced by Christmas decorations as the tree went up in the Nave ready for Christingle. The Rev'd Leila Mathers took this service and we were delighted to see the young children enjoy it so much.

Good wishes

Decorating the church for the Carol Service became a priority. The Rangers provided us with more freshly cut holly. We collected ivy from the hedgerows, cleaned and cut old candles for the windows, and began flower arranging. All was filled with greenery, flowers and lights. So with the addition of the Nativity scene in the east window to the south aisle we were ready to go! We also have a decorated tree in the churchyard. The service of the 9 Lessons and our favourite Carols was enjoyed by all, despite the current constraints.

Good wishes to one and all for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2022.



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SOON AGAIN. PS - LOOK OUT FOR ONGOING SPECIALS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

From the Clergy....

At Christmas many churches have a special blessing to mark the season and as I read this blessing I am struck by how appropriate it remains as we step into the new year with all its uncertainties. Therefore, I share it with you in the hope that it might point the way as we move into 2022.

“May the JOY of the Angels...”

Perhaps Joy is not something we can easily think of right now. However, we need to keep the song of the Angels and the joy of knowing Christ in our lives. Although we all have burdens, we have much to be thankful for in health, family or shelter and sustenance, and above all the joy of knowing that God is with us.

“The EAGERNESS of the Shepherds...”

Let us step forward into the New year with eagerness, with a sense of new beginnings, of possibilities and hope – as the Shepherds did as they hurried to the Stable to meet the baby Jesus.

“PERSEVERANCE of the Wise men...”

The last few years have certainly been difficult for us all but let us put the old

...With Rev’d Mark Philips

year behind us and travel on like the three Kings. They went forward with strength and courage and with their faces turned to the light in hope and expectation.

“OBEDIENCE of Mary and Joseph...”

Obedience is not a word that sits comfortably for many today. We should perhaps think of it to mean Trust and Faith. – just like Mary and Joseph we may not always fully understand what is happening to us and our world, but we have faith that things will get better as new vaccines are developed and trust that those in charge have our best interests at heart.

“And the PEACE of the Christ Child...”

Because of that great gift, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we can know Peace. Peace does not mean avoiding troubles for they are part of life, but we may have the peace of knowing we are loved. God is always with us - He shall walk alongside us wherever life takes us. And at the end of our lives we can be at peace with God.

It's the bumper New Year Quiz!

Try your hand at our great New Year's Quiz. All the questions have a topical or local flavour. Good luck! (Answers on page 43).

1. Why do we remember the Scottish poet Robert Burns on New Year's Eve?
2. In which year was the Euro currency introduced on New Year's Day?
3. Where would you find a side including a squire, a bagman, and a foreman?
4. Apart from The Square in Charminster, where else would you expect to find The Three Compasses?
5. Where will you find this unusual warning? (*Picture A*)
6. Which former Tottenham Hotspur and England striker, born in Southampton, played a handful of games for Dorchester Town in the early 80s?
7. What were Harry Styles and Tom Hardy doing together in Dorset in 2016?
8. Which actor played Betty Draper in the TV drama Mad Men?
9. What are two little ducks in bingo and the Spanish lottery?
10. Where in our villages would you find this magnificent gateway? (*Picture B, below right*)



Picture A



11. "If music be the food of love, play on" is a quotation from which of Shakespeare's plays?

12. Another warning sign. Where's this? (Picture C)

13. Which current England cricketer played a key role in Dorset's title winning season in 2010?

14. Which former pupil of the Thomas Hardy School was a pirate radio DJ and is now a Conservative MP?

15. Whose Paralympic success is commemorated at Charlton Down's Olympic Park? (Picture D)

16. Who wrote

*"The rain smites more and more,
The east wind snarls and sneezes;
Through the joints of the quivering door
The water wheezes."*



Picture C

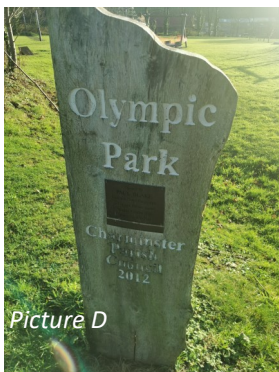
17. Shaun Williamson is appearing in panto at Bournemouth Pavilion. He has appeared in 656 episodes of which TV soap?

18. Who played the role of Mary Anning in the 2020 movie Ammonite, set in Lyme Regis?

19. What was the original purpose of Herrison House in Charlton Down?

20. What's the name of this bridge, opened last year, in Charminster?

(Picture E, below right)



Picture D





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Set the world on fire ... it's New Year's Eve!

Saying good-bye to the old year and ringing in the new is celebrated in quite a restrained way in this part of the world, but elsewhere in the country – particularly in the north – they really set the world alight.*

Although in other places people do the opposite by plunging into the sea for an icy swim!

Fireball swingers

At the fire festival in Flamborough, Yorkshire, people parade with flaming torches or swing caskets of fire around their heads before setting fire to a Viking longship, while further north in Aberdeenshire, 60 fireball swingers whirl cages filled with burning rags to create patterns like giant sparklers.

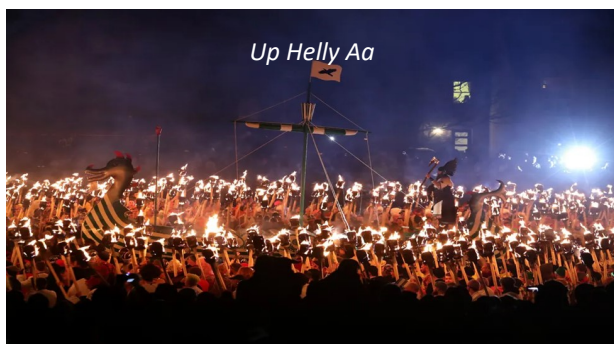
If you want to get really hot-headed, then go to Allendale

in Northumbria and join in with the “Guisers”, the 45 men who parade through the streets with flaming tar filled whisky barrel on their heads before throwing them on a bonfire in the centre of town!

Up Helly Aa

But the most famous fire celebration to mark the new year, and the largest in Europe, is the Shetland Islands' Up Helly Aa. It's held on the last Tuesday of January, which represents the New Year in ancient calendars and culminates in setting a vast Viking longship on fire and sending it out to sea. It's clearly a great night out for all – there's now a public holiday in Shetland the following day to allow everyone to recover!

*These fire festivals – and the universal use of fireworks – are thought to date back to the pagan tradition of fire worship.



New Covid fears hit Guides and Brownies

Charminster Brownies

Before further concerns were raised over Covid, we did a part of a badge that was called Steppingstones. It was a game the girls had to play in groups using newspaper as stepping stones to get from one place to another, making six stops where there was a question they had to answer. The groups had to work as a team and risked losing "stones" on their way round. The winner had most stones left, or most questions right, or the fastest. They were all brilliant! It was an eventful evening and a lot of fun.

Cases rising

Unfortunately, we are finding that Covid cases in our schools and areas are rising, so that we decided to take a couple weeks off to stay safe and try to keep Covid to a minimum, but we did have 1 zoom meeting in our 2-week break.

Now with the new changes and this new variant, we decided to break up for Christmas early, finishing with some crafts which is always a lot of fun and a trip to the cinema. It is a busy time of year and we had a lovely end to our term.

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

Charminster Guides

We had a fantastic time with our cooking, changing recipes to try and add more veg or fruit to our diets.

This was planned in small groups and everything was done by the girls from working out their recipes to who was bringing what, and then, the next week doing the cooking. It was a very successful evening enjoyed by all and the girls now have an idea of how to make recipes more healthy.

We sadly also closed for a couple of weeks and with things the way they are we too decided to close until next term in January. We had a lovely Zoom meeting and a Christmas craft evening then a trip to the movies to mark the beginning to our Christmas holidays. We will be returning (all

being well) on 12th January subject to following any latest Covid guidance.

Alli, Ann and the guiding team

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We do still have spaces 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

Dorchester Trefoil

Our December meeting was full of laughter as Katharine Marr, the last head teacher of the Grove Primary school, described holidays in West Bay and her schooldays, all in the 1930s and during the second world war.

As it was our last proper meeting before Christmas, we enjoyed lovely home-made mince pies (made by Pam Williams) . We ended the meeting with campfire songs led by Jeane Holmes and Sharon Wyatt round a make shift (unlit)campfire.

The picture is our tree in St George's Christmas Tree festival – the theme is Heroes this year and we wanted to make sure we chose something no

one else did – so we chose children's comic heroes, maybe not exactly what was intended!



We meet in St George's church hall - the first Wednesday afternoon of each month from 2.30 – 4pm In January, Jeane Holmes will be talking about her holiday in Jordan and showing slides. Everyone aged 18 and over is welcome to come along and join in.

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Support for cleaner river

Following our recent articles on attempts to clean up the River Cerne, we received this letter from reader Jenny Mulligan, who lives in Charminster:

"I just wanted to write and say what a pleasure it was to read your piece on the Cerne in the November issue of The Pilot.

We have the good fortune, as we live within feet of the river, to have seen some wonderful wildlife, all you have mentioned and more.

Dippers and wagtails

The shy egret comes to paddle at the river bed in search of tasty morsels before escaping to tree tops once spied; hedge sparrows keep us amused in early summer as they rustle the hedges, darting in and out,



swooping and catching the mayflies as they rise, innocently, from their submersion. They then land on our little wall to scoff their fluttering catch.

I have even seen a pair of dippers and of course pied and grey wagtails.

I have never seen crayfish and didn't know we had them in the Cerne. I hope they are the native species and aren't being attacked by the American invading species!

Wildlife corridor

The damsel and dragon flies are a pleasure in their flitting translucence but one of the more exciting sightings is lampreys.

I completely agree that a wildlife corridor would be a great move and arresting pollution can only be a benefit and aid to preserve this precious heritage.

Your article much appreciated here!"

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Review of the year ... 2021

Covid continued to impact the lives of the three villages throughout 2021. Many of our local organisations were forced to cancel meetings and move their gatherings online. But it wasn't all gloom. We've been flicking through the pages of The Pilot to recall some of the highlights of the year.

Not everyone has suffered because of Covid. Last January we reported on a local business that had experience a welcome boost as a result of the pandemic. Restrictions on overseas travel led to an increased demand for camper vans – good news indeed for Simon Alley, owner of Van Creations on Charminster Farm Industrial Estate. As the year began, he had a full order book for his luxury conversions.

Staycations

Staycation became one of the words of the year, as more and more of us looked for ways to amuse the family closer to home. The new North Street playground in Charminster was undoubtedly a big hit with children and parents alike. In September we reported its reopening .

“Wonderful”, “Terrific” and “Well worth the money” were some of the terms used by parents to describe the new climbing frame and swings.

Sadly, Charminster Fête fell victim to Covid for the second year running. But hats off to Charminster School and Pre-school who managed to stage another successful family fun day in September. They succeeded in raising more than £8,000 for school projects.



And on the subject of raising, six-year-old Fred Walkley (above) became The Pilot's cover-star in October, after growing the tallest sunflower in the village!

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Earlier in the year we featured the achievements of another local youngster, Charminster's Ed Bird, who is the new English Schools 3000 metres champion. Ed, (below) who's 16 and a pupil at Thomas Hardy School, won the title in Derby with a new Dorset schools record time. Then in September he represented English schools in an international meeting, finishing first again in a high-quality field.



Charlton Down cricket club were also winners, enjoying one of their most successful seasons, and hosting regular pizza evenings for the wider community.

Plans for large scale housing developments on the fringes of Charminster



have been a regular feature of The Pilot's coverage this year. In February, we reported that the parish council had again signalled its opposition to a scheme for more than 80 houses on Strawberry Field, just off Westleaze. Opponents of the plan were concerned about the impact on nearby Wolfeton House and additional traffic using the village's narrow roads. There were celebrations in the Autumn when Dorset Council rejected the proposals.



Road safety has been a continuing theme this year. We've reported on the new 20 mph speed limit, road improvements at the junction of West Hill and North Street, and the new footpath in Higher Charminster. And for those who prefer to walk and cycle around the village, we celebrated the opening of our two new footbridges across the River Cerne.

So despite Covid, we can safely say it's been a year to remember.

JANUARY 2022 AT ST MARY'S, CHARMINSTER

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9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday 9th January	1st Sunday after Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30 am	Breakfast Church	
Tuesday 11th January	T@SM 9 am – 12 noon and 3 - 4pm	
Sunday 16th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)	
6.00 pm	Evensong	
Tuesday 18th January	T@SM 9 am – 12 noon and 3pm - 4pm	
Sunday 23rd January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)	
4.00 pm	Messy Church	
Tuesday 25th January	T@SM 9 am – 12 noon and 3pm - 4pm	
Sunday 30th January	4th Sunday of Epiphany - Candlemas	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)	
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Community Tree Nurseries seek your seedlings

Two new Community Tree Nurseries, set up locally to help battle climate change, are looking for your help to provide them with spare tree seedlings in your garden.

And now is the time to uproot and move them for the greatest chance of success.

Richard Bradford, one of the volunteers at the nurseries, says that one of the national responses to the climate and ecological emergency has been a call to plant more trees and hedgerows in suitable locations across the UK. This has led to a number of voluntary groups setting up local tree nurseries to help meet the growing demand for young trees and hedgerow plants.

Stinsford's Kingston Maurward College and Trees for Dorset have set up a new tree nursery at the College this

autumn, as has Transition Town Dorchester at the Community Farm in Poundbury.

Both tree nurseries are keen to receive donations of tree seedlings, particularly those suitable for planting in hedgerows such as Hawthorn, Hazel, Field Maple, Holly, Guelder Rose, Common Dogwood, Spindle berry and Blackthorn (being very careful with the thorns). They can also find suitable homes for small trees such as Cherry Plum, Crab Apple and Rowan which are excellent for wildlife and which seem to do well in the Dorchester area.



Tree seedlings are best moved when they are dormant in the winter months (late November to early March) and when they are about 15-25 cm tall (6" to 10"). The seedlings can either be transferred to a pot (not too big as tree seedlings seem to do

best when their roots are a bit cramped) filled with garden soil or with a 50:50 mix of peat-free compost and sharp sand or horticultural grit (which helps with the drainage). Alternatively, they can be relocated as ‘bare root’ seedlings in a loosely sealed plastic bag so long as the roots are kept cool, and damp, and the seedlings are replanted within a couple of days.

Germinate

Said Richard: “We have collected and prepared about 2000 seeds and berries from local trees this autumn and, hopefully, some of these will start to germinate in spring 2022 and others in the following spring. All being well, these saplings will be ready to plant locally from winter 2023 onwards.”

“In the meantime, the local tree nurseries would love to receive tree seedlings from your garden as they should be ready to plant earlier than the seeds we have collected! If

you have lots of spare tree seedlings (of the species listed above), and feel daunted by the prospect of moving them, we might be able to arrange a volunteer from the tree nursery to help with the task.”

To donate tree seedlings, to volunteer at one of the Community Tree Nurseries, or if you would like more information, please get in touch with Richard Bradford via dorchester-trees@gmail.com.

For more information about Community Tree Nurseries in Dorset, please see <https://dorchester-trees.org.uk/index.php/community-tree-nurseries/>

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The old ones are the best...

As we're in the season of cracker pulling and sharing their silly jokes, we thought we'd compile some of our favourites to hopefully bring a smile to your faces.

Is the fear of pantomime giants fe fi phobia?

A man was given a rubber trombone – now he's looking for an elastic band.

For years Sid worked for the circus. He didn't have an act, but he was the only one who could get the tent back in the bag.

Man got a bad stomach after listening all night to Sam Cooke and Ella Fitzgerald records. Doctors say he's got Sam 'n Ella.

A man gave his wife an artificial leg at Christmas – it was just a stocking filler.

A billionaires' space consortium decided to build and open a pub on the moon. But it had to close due to the lack of atmosphere.

If you collected all the Bee Gees' teeth would you get a mass o' chew sets?

I thought my wife was joking when she said I was obsessed with The Monkees. Then I saw her face...

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Ideas for the Jubilee

The Queen hopefully celebrates her platinum jubilee in 2022 marking 70 years as monarch.

Now communities throughout Britain are looking at ways to celebrate.

Charminster resident Richard Denton-White has been doing just that. He writes:

“I’m no monarchist. If I had lived during the English Civil War I’d have signed up as a Parliamentarian trooper to Sydenham’s troop and rode with them to victories over the Royalists throughout Dorset.

Three villages

“However, since I am a mere citizen living in beautiful Charminster I can see the excitement and joy of celebrating the Queen’s long reign by the Pilot’s three villages coming together

to celebrate their essential communities. So here’s a few ideas.



“Firstly, all three communities should participate in the planning with two representatives from Charminster, Stinsford and Charlton Down, chaired by the Pilot’s Editor Marilyn Kay, if she’ll agree! (Not sure about that! Ed.)

“West Hill to be shut off to road traffic with the green sward in front St. Mary’s used for live music—rock, folk and some traditional Elizabethan music.”

Richard also suggests that food and drink should be locally sourced, and that all the village organisations such as the WI, guides, scouts and school can become involved too.

Keep the ideas flowing—next June will be with us sooner than we think!

Many congratulations to Maryann Hubbard from Charlton Down, who took up the challenge for Cancer Care research and raised over £1000 by doing 100 squats a day dressed in a different costume. She works at the shop, where even the post box likes a bit of fancy dress!



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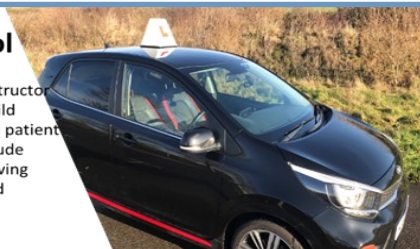
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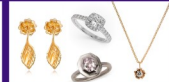
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6. Martin Chivers
7. Filming the movie Dunkirk in Swanage and Weymouth
8. January Jones
9. The number 22
10. St. Michael's Church, Stinsford
11. Twelfth Night
12. Charlton Down Cricket Club
13. Jack Leach, who took 6-21 in the second innings during the final against Lincolnshire.
14. Sir Roger Gale MP, who worked for Radio Caroline in the mid-sixties, and then joined the BBC.
15. Dorchester's Paul Blake, winner of silver and bronze track medals at the 2012 games.
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