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Romance could be in the air in this month of hearts and flowers, but for others it's a time to keep hunkering down while hoping for better things to come. And it looks like there might be some hope of normality on the horizon, but let's wait and see.

In this edition, we have an update on the Charminster allotments. The long term site next to the cemetery will disappear as part of the third phase of Charminster Farm estate, and Wyatts, the developer, has pledged to provide a new allotment area closer to Wanchard Lane. To see what's happening there, turn to pages 5 and 6.

On hold

Activities in the villages have been more or less on hold as a combination of post Christmas/New Year closures and Covid shut-downs have taken their toll, but we hope you'll still enjoy another of our bumper monthly

quizzes to help get through a long winter evening, and some other pieces of seasonal information. The Pilot never sleeps!

Good news for Charlton Down—work is set to begin on repairing Herrison Hall's roof so it should soon be back in business as a major community hub.

Contributions

As ever, we must thank all our advertisers, contributors and of course, our network of delivery volunteers for their help in getting The Pilot through your letterboxes. Our next deadline for copy—and suggestions and ideas— is Friday February 4 for the March edition. Contributions should be sent to editor@charpilot.com.

So, happy Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday!

Marilyn Kay (Editor)



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New site for allotments

Charminster's allotment holders have upped sticks and moved to a temporary site off Wanchard Lane. Their former site off Weir View is being cleared for the next phase of the Charminster Farm development.

It's two years since the gardeners learned that they would have to move to make way for new housing. But despite some initial misgivings, the chairman of the new allotments association says the developers Wyatts have tried to make the move as easy as possible.

Temporary

The new site, though, is only temporary, and the plots will be moved again in another year or so to a site by the electricity sub-station further along Wanchard Lane.

Don Rousell has been elected chairman of the newly-formed Charminster Farm Allotments Association. He explained that the original allotments were on land that was privately owned. Under an agreement with



Wyatts, Charminster Parish Council will now take responsibility for the new allotments and charge an annual rent.

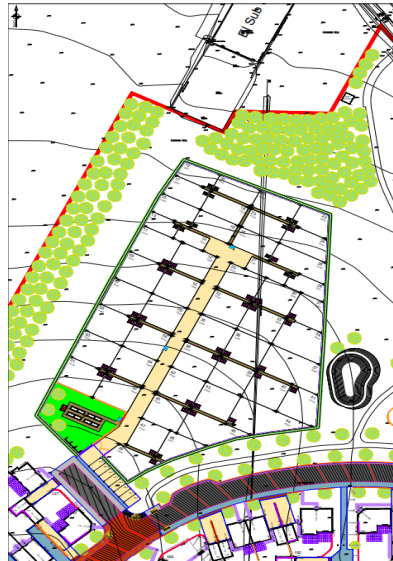
Sixteen of the existing allotment holders are moving to Wanchard Lane. Wyatts are providing temporary storage for their tools and other equipment, but when they eventually move to the final site, each allotment will be furnished with a new shed.

End of year

Tim Hoskinson, who is Head of Planning with Wyatt Homes, told The Pilot: "A temporary allotment area has been provided and a new permanent allotment facility located further to the west will be constructed later this year with a view to completing and handing over the new allotments by the end of the year. This will provide much improved facilities with sheds,

water supply, parking, etc as shown on the attached plan. We have worked with the allotment holders to agree these arrangements and the specification for the new allotments. “

But it's not just a question of moving the contents of their tool sheds – many of the gardeners will be moving their plants too. And Don Roussel warns that it won't be easy. The soil on the new site is heavy and still full of large root clumps. Planting this year's fruit and vegetables is likely to be harder work than in a typical year. Fingers crosses for a successful harvest!



The final allotment site plan





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Coffee, chat ... and chaos!

“Happy mayhem” has returned to the Community Hall in Charminster. That’s how St Mary’s curate Leila Mather describes the atmosphere at the Thursday morning drop-in sessions for parents and carers.

The coffee mornings, which began last Autumn, returned at the start of the new school term in January. They offer parents the chance to get together for a chat after dropping off their children at the school gate. Toddlers are welcome too, and according to Reverend Leila they’re the cause of most of the mayhem!

The School Run Café, as it’s called, is open every Thursday morning from 8.40 to 9.40 and has been supported by the Parish Council, Waitrose, and Tesco. Parents and carers with children at the First School and Pre-school are all welcome.

For more information please contact Reverend Leila on 01305 263761.





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National concerns and Charminster challenges

National WI resolutions for 2022, including concern about the treatment of non violent women prisoners and the problem of those disenfranchised by lack of digital equipment and education, were discussed by Charminster WI at their January zoom meeting.

But the main topic of the meeting was the “Charminster challenge”. Our most recent challenge arose from our autumn visit to the reopened Dorchester Museum. The challenge was to do something inspired by any aspect of the new displays and refurbishment.

Several people were inspired by the top floor display about the Chaldon Herring group of writers and artistic creators. Dinosaurs also featured in a ‘Cuddle Quilt’ and the Jurassic heritage was celebrated in different studies of rocks and small collectables in



the form of photography and machine embroidery. Other members were inspired by mosaics. Even the little alcove for reading in the oriel window of the library featured in a small painting.

Church inspiration

The challenge continues with Charminster itself as the topic for 2022. The first three-month project centres on anything inspired by the church or churchyard. There was a launch at the Tuesday coffee morning at St Mary’s, but the church is always open to spark imagination.

Our next meetings will be arranged at short notice as we want to see how things are before deciding whether to meet or zoom but it will be on Tuesday 8 February

New members will always find a welcome. It is a great way to get to know others in Charminster. Contact Judy on 263783 or Doreen on 267498. of you are interested.

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The countryside can be shocking

Dorset is a charming , rural county, and here at The Pilot we often remind our readers of the Countryside Code encouraging everyone to enjoy the environment but to keep it safe.

Members of the public are urged to close gates, not stray from marked footpaths and bridleways, and to definitely keep their dogs under control, especially around livestock.

And there's no arguing with that.

Serious shock

But like most things in life, it's a two-way street, and landowners also have a responsibility to ensure safety while protecting their fields and livestock.

Most do, which is why, when walking our dog along a public road, we didn't take much notice of a single strand of wire about 50 cm from the edge of the concrete path and about 50 cm off the ground. But when the dog caught his nose on it while having a sniff at some grass, there was a bang

and the poor chap leapt in the air squealing and howling as he got a serious shock. He was shaking and traumatised for some time.

There was no livestock in any of the surrounding fields at the time, and most importantly, there were no markers anywhere indicating the wire was live.

An offence

According to Dorset Council, " Electric fences alongside a right of way should be adequately signed and give plenty of width to ensure there is no danger of users coming into contact with the electric fence. " It is an offence to put an electric fence across a public right of way too.

So please keep your eyes peeled for unassuming, unmarked wires—they could give your dog, or worse still your child, a very nasty shock. And perhaps landowners might switch them off when there's no cattle or sheep in the fields, but at the very least, mark them. *Marilyn Kay*





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AND BAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING NEW MEMORIES AND SEEING YOU ALL
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Raising the roof at Herrison Hall

Work is soon to be completed on the gables and roof at the front of Herrison Hall, after there was severe damage during a storm about a year ago.

Since then, the hall has been out of action, But now, with surveys and tendering processes complete, the builders are in and hoping to finish by the middle of the month.

Ben Lucas, who chairs the trustees of Herrison Hall, said there had been considerable refurbishment work done in the hall, and once the new works are completed, the place should be open for business as soon as possible.

“There have been quite a few changes on the board of trustees and we are looking at ways to organise the day to day admin at the moment.” he said.

Work on the roof has cost around £35,000. The main problem was a gable to the right of the entrance which collapsed in the storm, and then brought down part of the roof as it fell. It was found to lack the right sort of underpinning, so all the gables are now being fixed along with the damaged section of the roof.

Former parish councillor and community Baptist minister Ben said he was looking forward to seeing the Hall becoming once more a major hub of the Charlton Down community. “It is a great asset to our village,” he said.

Right, Herrison Hall, showing the newer extensions at the front. The older part of the building was not damaged and is “as solid as a rock” said Ben.



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Scouts' success with post and photos

More than £280 was raised by the Charminster Scouts' Christmas Post, despite a reduction in the service because of Covid.

They also showed some special talents when they held an exhibition of their photographs in the village church as part of their Photography Badge.

Now, after the excitement of Christmas activities, the Beavers and Cubs are settling into the spring term and looking forward to lighter evenings and outdoor fun. A bit different from when they celebrated the last evening of the term sitting in the dark around a lantern eating snacks, telling stories and singing! And a special well done to Jake, who entered a local competition with his Christmas craft-work.

The Scouts spent the Autumn term preparing for their Photography Badge and the exhibition. They had worked very hard and produced some

excellent pictures. They received some lovely comments praising their variety, interest and imagination. Well Done Scouts.

And there are special thanks to all the people who used and supported the Scout Post in its reduced form this year, particularly John and Gill Townson in the sorting office and to all the people who delivered the post.

Ruth Young Group Scout Leader.



Above and below, samples of the Scouts' photography





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Want to feel good? Go for a walk!

Still struggling to shed those extra pounds acquired over Christmas? Well Dorset Council wants us all to take up walking, and is even coordinating “health walks” for those of us who may need a little support or encouragement.

Walking, it says, is the perfect activity to improve your health and wellbeing. You can start slowly and build your fitness gently, at a pace that is comfortable for you. If you are looking to get more active and would like to walk in the company of others, then a health walk could be for you!

20 miles of footpaths

The council’s website (www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-health-walks) lists the dates and times of group walks across the county. In Dorchester the walks take place every Monday and Tuesday and are organised by the Dorchester Strollers. Walkers are accompanied by trained leaders and there’s always a back-marker to look after any stragglers.

But if organised walking in a group is not your thing, then there are plenty of options here in our villages. According to Charminster Parish Council we have at least 20 miles of footpaths and bridleways.

The County Council has a free online mapping tool called Dorset Explorer which shows all the local rights of way, and the Ordnance Survey app allows you to plan and store your routes on your phone.

Get the bug

The Cerne Valley Way starts here in Charminster and wends its way north up the river valley. Don’t be put off by the fact that this circular walk is 26 miles long. Try breaking it up into manageable chunks and do a section each weekend. There’s a shorter version, the Cerne Valley Walk, which also passes through Charminster and is only 11 miles long.

And if you really get the bug, take a look at the Ramblers website: (www.ramblers.org.uk/) There are hundreds of walks listed across the UK. But they also give details of local rambles where once again you get the services of an experienced guide.

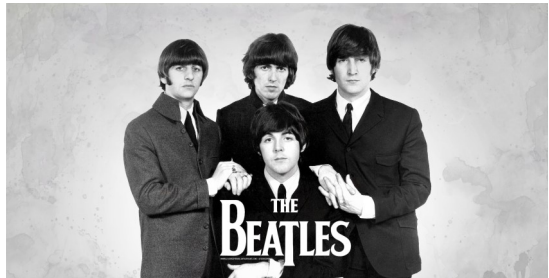
Happy walking! *Nigel Kay*

It's time for the February Quiz!

Love is in the air. These romance-themed questions should get you in the mood for Valentine's Day on February 14.

1. Complete the name of this traditional pub between Wimborne and Blandford: The True Lovers
2. In which series of crime thrillers did Motown singer Darlene Love play a detective's wife?
3. Who was the author of Love in a Cold Climate?

4. What was the name of The Beatles' first single released in 1962?



5. Who is the film director whose credits include Love Actually?

6. Which early Hollywood star was nicknamed The Sheikh and Latin Lover?

7. She's a Loose Women panellist who partnered Graziano Di Prima in 2021 series of Strictly Come Dancing

8. Which Dorset resort boasts a Love Lane?

9. The perennial garden plant Nigella damascene is also known as.....?

10. In which US City did the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre take place in 1929?



Nigella damascene

11. Ice dancers Torvill and Dean made history at the Winter Olympics on February 14th, 1984. What music did they dance to?

12. Who wrote the hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling?

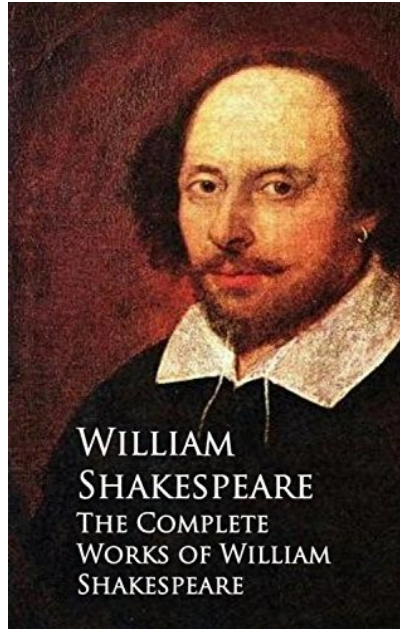
13. Which Shakespeare play opens with the line "If music be the food of love, play on"?

14. From Dorset with Love is a popular local food producer. What do they make?

15. Lead singer with US rock band Hole who was once married to Kurt Cobain

16. "I'm not in love" was a huge hit for which British band?

17. Which James Bond novel features the villain Rosa Klebb?



18. What is the name of Mike Chapman's sculpture in Dorchester town centre opposite the war memorial?

19. Where would you find your Love line?

20. Je t'aime was a controversial hit record for which English actress?

Answers on page 43



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Year of the Tiger comes roaring in

2022 may have started quietly as firework displays and grand street parties were cancelled by Covid, but for one nationality, the new year actually begins on February 1.

It's the start of the Chinese New Year and this time it's the Year of the Tiger – not, it seems, the luckiest of all the years.

People born in a year of the Tiger are predicted to be brave, competitive, unpredictable, and confident. But when it's their zodiac birth sign year (*benmingnian*) it's considered bad luck.

“Pig related”

Apparently, if you were born in a Tiger year (such as 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938 or 1926), then 2022 could mean you face many challenges. However, your career fortunes may not be too bad as long as you keep working hard. Clearly the forecasters have HM The Queen (born

1926) in mind!

So how do you hold on to your luck? Wear “pig-related elements” (no, me neither unless they're thinking of Lady Gaga's meat dress!), get married, make a baby, oh, and wear red underwear to help ward off misfortune!

And if you want to wish anyone “New Year Goodness”, it's *xin nian hao* in Mandarin, and *san nin hou* in Cantonese.

Happy Chinese New Year!



Marilyn Kay

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Stinsford news

...from Michael Clarke

Here we are in February, the month of St Valentine and darkness appearing one hour later than that at the winter solstice.

We're still looking back to the many Christmas events with great pleasure, even though we had a slight emergency when the cooker gave up three days before Christmas Eve!

Going the Rounds

'Going the Rounds' was a major success. It is promoted by the Hardy Society and based upon the Christmas house to house journey depicted in 'Under the Greenwood Tree'. With a magnificent Quire of some 30 musicians, singers and performers plus guests, everyone set off from the Visitor Centre at Thorncombe Woods and walked to the softly lit Cottage to sing 19C carols and hear poetry and excerpts from the novel. Then to the Old Manor and the Old School House, where young Fancy Day appeared at the window holding a lighted candle, and Farmer Shiner's house, where the Farmer appeared. The party then moved on to the River Walk and for

the first time for several years walked the 'embowered path' to arrive at St Michaels for further carols and readings. Special thanks must go to the many organisations and people making up the 2021 Mellstock Quire and Band brought together by Tim Laycock with musical direction by Phil Humphries.

Hardy wreath

Early January saw us take Shirley Churchill's wreath made of local flora material to Westminster Abbey to be placed on the Thomas Hardy Memorial Stone in Poets Corner. This, with prayers and selected poems, followed Evensong Service at the Abbey.

Candlemas will be celebrated on February 2, the presentation of the young Jesus in the temple to the aged Simeon and the lighting of candles. The shepherds had returned to their flocks, but the three Kings stayed until this day when they returned to their home countries.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) on the 9th and Ash Wednesday on the 10th. It marks the first day of lent and 40 days of preparation for Easter. The ASH being the burnt remains of the previous year's palm crosses and placed as a cross on the forehead.

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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die ... a time to seek, and a time to lose ... a time to love ... “

As I write this at the beginning of the New Year, it feels to me that it could not be more appropriate. A New Year with resolutions, perhaps, but new beginnings and fresh starts definitely.

It was a fresh start when I came to St. Mary's, Charminster, as a curate in 2012, having served the first half of my curacy in the Cerne Benefice. After completion of my curacy, I remained licensed to the Benefice as an Associate Priest – a huge privilege.

I became involved with St. Mary's School. What a joy! A wonderful 'bundle' of children aged between four-and-a-half and almost ten, so diverse and yet each bringing their individuality to the school community as a whole. It is not too strong to say that I fell in love with them!

So began my ministry with children and families.

An unexpected fresh start came in Autumn 2017, when Charminster and Stinsford joined the Chalk Stream villages. I took up my current post, having day-to-day responsibility for the four Chalk Stream parishes. However, my links with Charminster have continued throughout.

New beginning

Here we are at the start of 2022, and a new beginning and another fresh start for me as I shall be retiring at the end of February.

The quote at the heading of this letter begins:

'For everything there is a season.' My season with you is coming to an end and it is time for me to seek what is still to come ... to let go of what has been.

I shall always remember the love which met me when I arrived those years ago, and as I bid you all 'Adieu', want you to know that you will always have a special place in my heart.

Wishing you every Blessing

Rev'd. Pene

(Also, see page 33)

FEBRUARY 2022 AT ST MARY'S, CHARMINSTER

Sunday 6th February - 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 8th February

9.00 am - 12 noon - T@SM

Sunday 13th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am BREAKFAST CHURCH

Tuesday 15th February

9.00 am – 12 noon - T@SM

Wednesday 16th February

11.30 am - Communion Service in St Mary's

Sunday 20th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

6.00 pm Evensong

Tuesday 22nd February

9.00 am – 12 noon - T@SM

Sunday 27th February - The Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

Rev. Pene's Leaving Service.

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2022 AT ST MICHAEL'S, STINSFORD

Sunday 6th February - 4th Sunday before Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 13th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

11.15 am BCP Mattins

Sunday 20th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 27th February - The Sunday next before Lent

4.00 pm Evensong



Big thanks from Charminster Guides and Brownies

**Wishing you all a happy new year
from all the Guiding team.**

Both Brownies and Guides had an amazing end of term, making Christmas crafts and going to the movies to watch Encanto.

While we have not yet had a planning meeting, we have bought some new glass pens and craft materials for replacing older dried up stocks and have bought some program packs (skills builders) in the sale - so more value for our money!

Generous donations

Thank you to the both Charminster and Stratton parish councils for their very generous donations to make this possible. We do need to use our donations to help towards our unit census (now set at £40.50 per girl and adult) but I feel it is good for the girls to see the things we have bought with our donations and to help us write big

thank you notes. This is something that we plan to do when we meet up in unit time. It will be a bit tough as all bills are coming in now but we will get by and we are still running thanks to all the support from the hall and parish council donations.

We are extremely excited to be going back to the hall as from January 13 and getting the badges we earned last term.

Looking for leaders

We're still looking for someone to help with Brownies! It would be great to have someone trained or willing to train as we need leaders. If you, or you know of anyone who might be interested, we would love to hear from you. It really is fun and rewarding.

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Just before Christmas we took our latest offering of 8 shawls, 13 blankets and 10 twiddlemuffs to DCH for use on the elderly and stroke wards.

DCH asked if our blankets could be given to stroke patients as Christmas presents – we thought this was a lovely idea. If anyone would like to knit squares or shawls or donate wool, we would be delighted to hear from you – our contact details are below.

Our January meeting speaker was our own secretary, Jeane Holmes, who showed slides and told us about her interesting holiday in Jordan which was before the first lockdown. This was originally planned for 2019.

Once a month our Café Catch-up is a relaxing coffee and chat drop in – in the Relax café near Waitrose at 11am. Next meeting 19th January.

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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A recent survey that had more than 100 responses, showed that 90% wanted a daytime café/coffee shop to use on weekday mornings.

But the café could be much more than that, says trustee chair Ben Lucas.

“It could be used as a ‘dementia café’ to help residents of our local home, and other groups could hold their afternoon or evening meetings in there with easy access to tea and cakes,” he said.

Ben added: “I have now got 34 email addresses of people who would like to be involved in the community café. It is definitely a goer ... and we’ve got plenty of great cake-makers in this village!

“We’ve got the space, so it will be nice to use it in a slightly different way.”

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Rev. Pene retires after a decade of love

Reverend Pene Kennedy will be retiring at the end of February. Pene will be sorely missed by all of us in the Benefice.

Her ministry Since 2010 when she joined the then benefice of Charminster and Stinsford has been a truly dedicated and pastoral presence, serving our church team and wider communities. She writes in her letter (a copy of which is on the church Information boards) that on first arriving in the Benefice she experienced a welcome of love, and of her great joy in being called to love and serve us. However, it is we who have benefited most from her ministry, characterised by that same genuine love and joyful service.

Wish her well

Pene's last working day will be Sunday February 27. We will have a joint Benefice service on that day to celebrate her ten years of faithful service to the Benefice and to say goodbye. Pene has decided that she would like this service to be at the 9.30 am, St Mary's, Charminster. We will have a buffet and drinks afterwards. Everyone is very welcome to attend, to join with us to celebrate Pene's time with us and to wish her well as she enters a new phase in her life.

She will also be at Messy church at 4pm that afternoon - so we can give her a 'messy' farewell there too!

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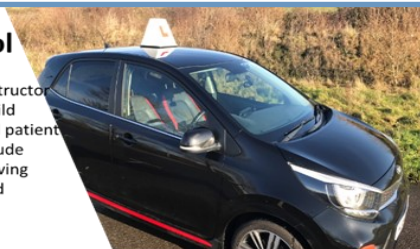
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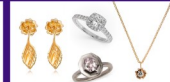
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8. It's a narrow traffic-free lane off High West Street in Weymouth.
9. Love-in-a-mist
10. Chicago
11. Their performance to Ravel's Boléro won world-wide acclaim and a Gold medal.
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13. Twelfth Night
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Charminster & Charlton Down

There was not a meeting of the Parish Council in January, but the next one will be held at the Charminster Community Hall on Tuesday February 1 at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Litter

The annual litter pick has been scaled down in the last couple of years because of Covid restrictions. The Parish Council will be discussing how to make the litter pick more effective when they meet on February 1.

The Parish Council gave an early Christmas present to local organisations for children and young people when they held their last meeting of the year in December. Grants were made to St Mary's First School (£500), First Charminster Scout Group—including Cubs and Beavers—(£300), and £200 each to Charminster Guides and Charminster Brownies.

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