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I know it's hard to believe, but British Summer Time begins this month! And the week before heralds the first day of spring on March 20—hurrah.

March is always a busy month starting off with Shrove Tuesday on the 1st and more or less finishing with Mothering Sunday and the clocks going forward on the 27th, with St David's Day being celebrated by the Welsh and St Patrick's Day by the Irish in between.

### Platinum fete

Personally, it's a big birthday month in our family (expensive!) with the biggest birthday of all being celebrated by my mother who, all being well, turns 101 on March 2!

Locally, we're thrilled to report that the Charminster fete is going ahead this year as a Platinum Jubilee event in the grounds of Charminster House, home of Gwen and Tim Yarker. Gwen has researched the archives to look back on the Coronation celebrations—see her findings on pp18/19.

We've also popped in a few timely recipes for you—Welsh Rarebit, Irish Stew or pancakes anyone?

I do hope you enjoy reading this month's Pilot magazine. If you have any ideas about what you might like to see on our pages in the future, then please let me know.

### **Barbecues**

Thanks of course must go to all our advertisers, contributors and distribution and delivery volunteers without whom The Pilot wouldn't be posted through your letterboxes every month.

So have a lovely March, enjoy your pancakes and let's look forward to getting out the barbecues as spring is sprung!

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### Marilyn Kay (Editor)

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# Cautious welcome to housing rethink

Campaigners have given a cautious welcome to news that Dorset Council has opened talks with the Government about a "radical" new approach to house-building targets in the county.

The draft Local Plan, which is being developed by the Council, proposes 39,000 new houses in Dorset over the next 17 years. Four thousand of these houses are planned for the open countryside between Charminster and Stinsford. The plan is opposed by both Charminster and Stinsford Parish Councils.

### Needs, not numbers

Last month the leader of the County Council, Cllr Spencer Flower, said that he had opened talks with Housing Secretary Michael Gove about " a constructive, bold and ambitious alternative for the way we develop our new Local Plan – one that is right for Dorset." Cllr Flower said: "As a result, of the unprecedented 9,000 responses our public consultation received, many residents share my view that the draft Local Plan chases housing numbers rather than prioritises local needs."

### "Heritage desecration"

Countryside charity, CPRE, which has campaigned against the proposals said it welcomed the council's willingness to explore alternatives to the existing planning proposals. But Jane Ashdown, chair of STAND (Save the Area North of Dorchester) was more cautious in her welcome. She noted that Cllr Flower also said that he preferred fewer bigger-scale new developments in Dorset. This suggested that the 4,000-house development between Stinsford and Charminster "with all the accompanying environmental and heritage desecration" might still be on the cards.

The proposed housing estate would, if allowed to go ahead, be almost twice the size of Poundbury once that is completed in 2025. There should then be about 2200 homes on the Duchy of Cornwall development.

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# For crying out loud...!

Dorchester Town Crier Alistair Chisolm took to the streets in January to raise awareness of the controversial plan for 4,000 new houses planned for the open fields between Charminster and Stinsford.

Alistair, who is the national champion town crier (his 11th such victory), was one of the founder members of STAND (Save the Area North of Dorchester) and his latest "cry" sets out his fears about the impact on the environment of our villages.

### Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

In Stinsford Church lies Hardy's heart, his "Casterbridge" nearby,

But the Local Plan is threatening his landscape and his sky!

Half his Parish may soon be lost beneath concrete, brick, and tar,

Four thousand houses could be built, and each will have its car.

This will not help with climate change, in fact 'twill make it worse.

A few will make a fortune; for us 'twill prove a curse!

These developers will not be building the homes we know we need,

But only those which make the most to feed their endless greed.

Our countryside and our wildlife would be lost for no good reason,

Our market town made urban sprawl – an act akin to treason.

Rethink the Plan, there's time, you can, and build on brownfield sites.

Rethink the Plan and create one which all of us unites.



Alistair in action



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## Project Linus inspires WI

At last we were able to meet in person! A cheerful group assembled in the new Community Hall to hear Liz See and Lesley Platt, the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of the West Dorset Project Linus Group talk about their work.

Project Linus was founded in the USA and is named from Linus, who clings to his comfort blanket in the Charlie Brown 'Peanuts' cartoon strip, which featured the phrase 'Happiness is a warm blanket'! Now spread country wide in the UK as well, the project provides comfort in the form of lovely bright handmade quilts.

Children in hospital were the initial target but the project now embraces premature babies, people in refuges, and in long term care, and even has a few side-lines in tiny knitted garments and comforting items for those with mental health needs We saw plenty of examples of quilts in brilliant colours with pictures ranging from modern tractors to kittens and pastel backgrounds. We were



especially moved to see the tiny quilts made to measure for the premature baby cribs and DCH. Another advantage of the scheme is that it enables house bound people to contribute and can give those who might feel isolated a real sense of being part of society.

WI chair Judy Thompson presented them with the quilt she has just completed as part of the 'Charminster Whispers' group.

Charminster WI meets on the second Tuesday of each Month at 7.30. Currently we are using the Community Hall as it enables us to be socially distanced. We hope soon to be returning to the Village Hall which has been our home for over 100 years. If you would like to join ring Judy on 263783. You will find us a welcoming group, keen to make friends and enhance Charminster Life. Next month is our Birthday Party when we shall be entertained by the Ukulele group.

Juliet Austin, Charminster WI



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### It's our mad March Quiz!

March is the theme of this month's quiz. But the onset of spring seems to have gone to our question master's head. Some of the links are tenuous indeed!

- 1. On what date do The Ides of March fall?
- 2. In which county does the town of March lie?
- 3. Which well known march became the theme tune for Monty Python?
- 4. In 1834 tens of thousands marched through London in support of which Dorset movement?



- 5. Marchwood is a military port on Southampton Water. It was built in 1943. What was its original purpose?
- 6. When is St Patrick's Day?
- 7. In which book does the March Hare take part in a tea party?
- 8. Where are the Welsh Marches?
- 9. Who wrote the poem Men Who March Away?
- 10. Where to take a rest in March (anag)

Answers on page 43





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## Platinum Jubilee could be set in stone!

Tree planting, stone benches, a plaque for the village hall and a house decorating competition are on the cards for the local celebrations of the Oueen's Platinum Jubilee.

Ollie Greenaway led the charge at the latest parish council meeting when he suggested a small commemorative park be created on council-owned land opposite Charminster Village Hall. Careful planting to prevent any problems with visibility at the North Street/West Hill junction could lead up to a stone bench at the rear of the land.

"There may never be another platinum jubilee in our, or our children's lifetimes, so it is important that we create something long-lasting," he said.

A commemorative plaque, in keeping with other Jubilee plaques from the Queen's reign, could be installed on the Village Hall. And on the weekend of the Jubilee holiday, Ollie suggested best-dressed house competition with prizes for winners in both Charminster and Charlton Down.

For Charlton Down, where the council owns several pieces of grassland, it was suggested that a big tree, or small copse, would make a stand-out feature along with a stone seat or carving.

The councillors agreed to all suggestions in principle and will research costings before making final decisions.





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### News in brief ...

The annual litter pick in both Charminster and Charlton Down is back!

After two years of the event being cancelled, plans are now in place to hold the event on Sunday April 3 (for more information, see back page).

Traditionally held on a Saturday, the parish council decided more people might be free to take part on a Sunday. Collection points are the community hall in Charminster and the shop in Charlton Down. Cllr Lou Swabey-Payne has offered to make tea and coffee at the community hall to help litter pickers on their way.

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Charminster parish council has agreed to check out the cost of dying, with a review of cemetery charges . The interment of an adult is currently £300 for someone from the parish, and £500 for an adult from elsewhere. The burial of ashes is considerably less. Councillors are anxious that the fees cover the costs of cemetery maintenance.

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Rowan Walk in Charlton Down is about to see the back of the diseased horse chestnut trees. Although they have yet to be felled, the parish council is looking for quotes to replace the trees with other species. At the February meeting, hornbeams were suggested while councillor Peter Dangerfield offered several saplings of different varieties he has in his garden.

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Flood Wardens: Bob Brinton and Keith Beeson have decided to pass on the flood warden baton so replacements are needed. Not much is required of the role—except perhaps a pair of wellies—but anyone interested in covering Higher Charminster and central North Street should contact parish clerk Sarah Davies or councillor Carol Matthews.



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## Topical recipes to try out

With St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday and St Patrick's Day coming up in March, here are some topical recipes to get you into the spirit.

Everyone knows that a Welsh Rarebit is made from a mix of strong cheddar cheese, mustard and Worcester sauce with either a little milk or an egg to turn it into a creamy mixture. But have you considered adding a small glass of warmed brown ale to the mix before spreading it on toast and cooking under the grill? Try it, I think you'll enjoy the flavour!

### Pancake day

Pancakes are one of the simplest puds to make. Whisking up plain flour, eggs and milk before frying enough of the batter to coat your pan produces pancakes as big or small as you like. But it's the toppings that are the most fun. Traditional squeezed lemon juice and sugar is hard to beat, but berries or honey and whipped cream are delicious too. Crispy bacon with maple syrup gives an American flavour to the dish, and there are

those who swear by chocolate sauce and crunchy nuts. And that's the secret—you can do whatever you like!

### **Irish Stew**

Irish stew is traditionally made with mutton or lamb, but increasingly popular is the version made with beef and Guinness. The art is to really brown off good chunky pieces of beef before starting to cook the rest of your onion, garlic, bacon lardons, celery, carrot and maybe a baby turnip or two, then deglaze your pan (all those brown bits stuck to the bottom hold loads of flavour) by adding your Guinness and stock, along with some thyme and a few bay leaves.

Then let your stew simmer for at least two hours in a covered pan, taking the lid off and then simmering for a further half an hour to reduce the stew to a glorious sticky, melt-in-themouth dish.

I haven't given any quantities as I think it's worth doing a spot of batch cooking here because the stew needs such a long cooking time you might as well make several meals-worth at any one go.

Enjoy!

Marilyn Kay

# A Platinum fete for the Platinum Jubilee

As the nation begins preparing their Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Queen's reign, plans are now well under way to hold a special fête on 4 June 2022 at Charminster House, the home of Tim and Gwen Yarker.

Present-day planning has inspired Gwen to take a look back to 69 years ago to see how Charminster celebrated the Queen's Coronation with the very first village fete to be held in those same gardens – and she's unearthed some fascinating facts, including a live pig being the skittles competition first prize!

### Weekly collection

Writes Gwen: Planning began that February when the Parish Council Chairman Fred Guppy held a crowded village meeting. A committee was formed and the meeting agreed to raise fête funds by organising a house -to-house collection from Lower Burton to Forston. A small sum was donated from each household with vol-



unteers making a weekly collection.
Other money-making suggestions included whist drives, and a skittles competition at the Three Compasses — with that pig donated by Charles Budden! A film show made by Gilbert Gell, County Children's Welfare Officer then living in a wing of Wolfeton House, would feature the fête and Coronation celebrations.

On Coronation Day a Garden Party would be held in the grounds of Charminster House, by permission of General and Mrs Oxley. This would include a tea provided for children under 16 and people over 70, fancy dress competitions for all ages and impromptu sports and games such as a pram race. There was also a competition for the best decorated house.

Any surplus funds would be used to plant trees in suitable places in the village to 'form a permanent memorial of the occasion and which would be appreciated by many people for a period of years'. These plans received unanimous approval.

#### Prize cockerel

Over the next few months fund raising was well under way. Fred Guppy organized the whist drives — where an extra prize of a cockerel - given by Mr and Mrs Cleall - was presented to the top player.

Although 201 children qualified to receive a Coronation gift and tea, there were only 39 folk aged 70 or over. The children chose between three Coronation related gifts - a mug, a book or a propelling pencil whose total cost was £25 15s. 6d. (that's around £600 in 2022 terms). with the tea for children and older residents another £30. By May nearly £100 (£2975 today) had been raised through donations, whist drives and the skittle competition. Money was also needed for competition prizes, after which Canon Eperson felt any surplus cash could fund events for those outside the age-limits fixed for children and old folk. It was left to the Committee to see how it should be spent. Any remaining cash would be used for a permanent Coronation memento such as flowering trees and shrubs to 'beautify the village'.

On the day many houses sported Union flags and bunting. The villagers paraded through the streets to the



garden party tea in the grounds of Charminster House, to the beat of a bass drum, with children dressed as cowboys, sailors, Humpty Dumpty, queens or toy soldiers. A tiny part of grainy colour film still survives.

But back to 2022, there's lots of work to be done. If you would like to have a stall or help in other ways to make this as special a fête as the Coronation of 1953, please contact:

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### Guides and Brownies think

### of others

February was the month when everyone in Guiding celebrated Thinking Day.

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22nd February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other all around the world.

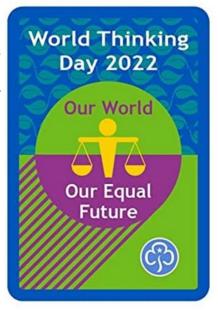
February 22 was chosen because it was the birthday of both Robert Baden Powell and his wife Olave, the founders of Scouting and Guiding. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect young women in 150 countries.

Normally, in Dorchester, we celebrate as a Division but despite our Division Commissioner's best efforts, and Charminster Guides and Brownies and Trefoil support, the planned service in St George's church didn't take place because of lack of enthusiasm to get together in large numbers. It'll take us all time to get back to normal

won't it? Units will be planning their own Thinking Day activities this year after all.

It's Trefoil's AGM every February too and this year, we have a new Chair person, Jeane Holmes, who has been our secretary for 5 years and a new secretary, Sharon Wyatt who was Brownie Guider of Maiden Newton Brownies for many years until it closed at the end of 2019. I'll continue to write for the Pilot and coordinate our knitting project for DCH.

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### It's the Platinum Jubilee Fete!

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### Stinsford News...

It was a real pleasure for the village to meet two groups of young children from the Prince of Wales First School who were learning about the three Dorset H's, Thomas Hardye, Admiral Thomas Masterman Hardy, and in St Michael's Stinsford, Thomas Hardy the novelist and poet.

They were particularly interested to see the church and to see where the poet found the names of characters to weave into his stories or become source material for his poetry.

### Rugby star

Last March I wrote that we would be through lockdown soon. A year on, we may still not be totally through the pandemic but signs of spring cannot wait and all around there are sightings of bright primroses, early celandines, and vast floods of snowdrops on the banks alongside the road or in hedgerows or churchyards or carpeting the grounds of our grand houses. A the perfect pick-me-up for this time of year.

Current headline of parish news is that Stinsford's Orlando Bailey was

### ...from Michael Clarke

selected for the English Rugby Squad. Unfortunately, the 20 year old suffered a hamstring injury in training so for the moment he is staying at Bath, where he showed great talent. We wish him a speedy return to full fitness.

March has many "days" - some less well known than others.

The 19th is the much neglected St Joseph's day, celebrating the partner of the Blessed Mary in Jesus's upbringing.

### **Planting begins**

The 20th brings the Spring Equinox. The Green Man awakens and the planting season begins— so prepare in good time as there is nothing better than home grown peas, climbing French beans and Runner Beans and they only need a corner.

25th March is Lady Day celebrating the announcement to Mary by the Angel Gabriel that she is to bear a child. The day is one of the four traditional quarter days when rents were payable.

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### From the Clergy...

### ...with Dick Luther

I'm writing this at the start of the Chinese New Year. Each year is associated with a Chinese Zodiac animal sign—this year it's the tiger that represents the characteristics of being brave, competitive and confident. But the Chinese Church says it's not just the zodiac symbolism that defines their identity but also the knowledge that each of them is a unique child of God.

### Such a mixture

The Chinese New Year is all about the family and as members of God's family we are all special and God loves us all unconditionally and equally and has no favourites. We too should value and respect one another. We're such a mixture – our genes, our temperament, our backgrounds, our country of origin, our culture, all that has happened to us – both good and bad – all these make us who we really are. Sadly, these very things, have sometimes led to conflict, hatred and suspicion.

Members of the Chinese Church said that every element of the celebration

of the Chinese New Year reflects the hopes and fears of the family - hope for harmony and peace within the family, hope for faithfulness, for blessing and prosperity and that disaster would not overwhelm the family; hope that unity will not be splintered by bitterness or hate; that parents would not have the sorrow of children dying before them. They believe that Jesus came to fulfil our hopes and dispel our fears; that through Him, we might all become a family united in love and harmony and that every member may know peace and joy.

### Loving family

God wants us to become part of His family. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest". His arms outstretched wide upon the Cross welcomes all, whatever our culture or colour, race or gender – to be part of one loving family.

May our hopes - like those Chinese Christians celebrating the Chinese New Year - be fulfilled.

### MARCH 2022 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHARMINSTER

Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 6th March - The 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

**Tuesday 8th March** 9.00 am – 12 noon & 3-4 pm - T@SM

**Sunday 13th March** - The 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am BREAKFAST CHURCH

6.00 pm Evensong

**Tuesday 15th March** 9.00 am – 12 noon & 3-4 pm - T@SM

Wednesday 16th March 11.30 am Communion Service in St Mary's

Sunday 20th March - The 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

**Tuesday 22nd March** 9.00 am – 12 noon & 3-4 pm - T@SM

**Sunday 27th March** - Mothering Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

4.00 pm MESSY CHURCH

**Tuesday 29th March** 9.00 am – 12 noon & 3-4 pm- T&SM

Wednesday 30th March 11.30 am Communion Service in St Mary's

Mothering Sunday

### MARCH 2022 AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, STINSFORD

2nd March 2022 - Ash Wednesday

11.00 am - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

6th March 2022 - The 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

13th March 2022 - The 2nd Sunday of Lent

11.15 am BCP Mattins

20th March 2022 - The 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

27th March 2022 - Mothering Sunday

4.00 pm Evensong



# Charlton Down Cricket Club looking forward to 2022 season

The cricket club has had a busy winter behind the scenes getting things in place for the forthcoming season. Last year was a good one for the club with the Saturday team and Evening 1st team both gaining promotion. In fact, the Evening 1sts achieved the rare feat of being undefeated in the league and also made it to the Cup Final. writes James Pretty.

This year, the Saturday 1sts will play in Division 2 of the Dorset League and for the first time we have also entered a Saturday 2nds team (Division 7) to accommodate the youngsters who have come through the club's youth coaching system.

In addition to Saturdays there will be a handful of social Sunday games and two teams in the local Evening League (Divisions 1 and 3). Plans are also under way for an early season tour to Cheddar to sharpen up our cricketing and cider drinking skills.

In terms of youth cricket, there will be an Under 10's softball cricket team, an Under 13's and Under 15's team with regular coaching at the ground on Tuesday evenings and matches throughout the season. Building on the success of last year, there will be a repeat of the All Stars (age 5-8) and Dynamos (age 8-11) cricket on Sunday mornings from 23rd May.



Pre-season cricket practice starts indoors at St Mary's School Sports Centre in Puddletown on Thursday 3rd March for four weeks. Youth sessions will be from 6-7.30pm and adults from 7.30-9pm. From early April we will be having some outdoor practice sessions at the ground.

As always, we are on the lookout for new players of any age and ability. All newcomers will receive a warm welcome, regardless of their cricketing pedigree. We are also expanding our Social membership and improving the facilities at the club. We have recently created a social committee who will be organising various exciting events throughout the year, in addition to the regular Friday night bar. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events on social media and village noticeboards.

You don't need an interest in cricket – just an appreciation of some (hopefully) sunny evenings and good company! Annual Social membership for the club is just £5.

Finally, the club has also started to hold a regular coffee morning on Thursdays 10-12.30. So come and

enjoy the pleasant surroundings at the club.

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# Stinsford's Neighbourhood Plan gets a pat on the back

Stinsford's Neighbourhood Plan has come through an independent examination by a former planning inspector with flying colours.

This is almost the last stage before the plan can go to a referendum of voters in the parish, hopefully in April or May.

### **Unique character**

In his report on the neighbourhood plan the examiner, Andrew Mead, commended the Parish Council, the Steering Group and other voluntary contributors for producing a professionally presented and well-illustrated Plan, which he found logical, well-structured and very informative. The examiner went on to say that "the high quality of the Plan is demonstrated by the very small number of recommended modifications ... With



those modifications, the SNP will make a positive contribution to the Development Plan for the area and, notwithstanding the challenges faced by the possible northern expansion of Dorchester, should enable the unique and diverse character and appearance of Stinsford Parish to be maintained "

The Steering Group is grateful to everyone who has contributed to the Plan. Many local people have attended meetings, taken part in surveys, or sent in ideas, comments, photographs and local information. We hope the Plan does justice to the appreciation which so many people have shown for Stinsford parish.

Sally Cooke, Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

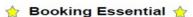




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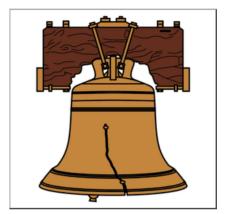
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- 5. To support the D Day assault on Normandy
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