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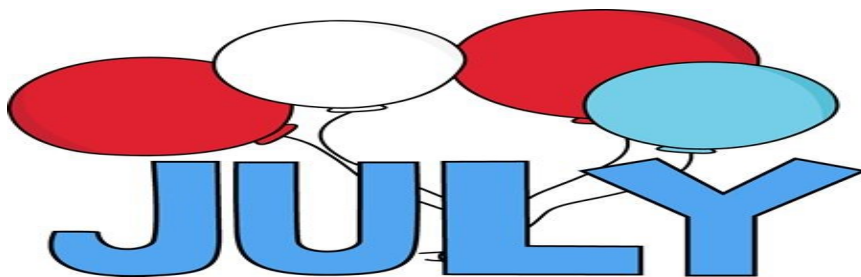


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**Well this is it—my final Pilot. After 32 months, quite a chunk of which were lockdown periods with nothing open or happening (so I had to be very creative!), it's hand-over time for me.**

It has been a busy but enjoyable two and a half years when I was able to dust off my old newspaper journalistic skills and brush up my sub-editing and lay-out abilities to bring you what I hope was a bright little magazine.

### **Generosity**

In doing so, I've met lots of lovely people in the village who may otherwise have remained strangers, and have been impressed by the generosity of villagers when they've been called upon to lend a hand. Whether it's supporting the fetes and fun days with donations and spending on the day, offering help to the housebound during the pandemic, homes or supplies to Ukrainian refugees or giving

to the food banks, people always step up to the plate.

I hope you enjoy my last efforts—I couldn't go without reporting on all the Platinum Jubilee events that took place locally! So I make no apology for the number of pictures—see if you can spot yourself!

### **Ongoing support**

I understand a small group of people are going to keep The Pilot going in the future, and I wish them all the very best. I hope you, our readers and advertisers, will also give them your ongoing support.

So thank you everyone—readers, advertisers, contributors, printers and distribution team—for helping to make my time at the helm of The Pilot such a pleasure.

Enjoy the summer,

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# Platinum Jubilee fete—a HUGE success

**When an overnight storm sent stall gazebos in tatters and into the river, and forecasters were predicting a washout, Charminster's first fete in three years could have been in jeopardy.**

But it turned out the gods were smiling on Charminster House and it's beautiful garden, and this is what owners Gwen and Tim Yarker had to say.

"Wow – what an amazing afternoon – thank you Charminster and Charlton Down for such a fantastic turn out to celebrate not only the Platinum Jubilee but also the return of the annual fête.

"So many people made the event possible – and we thank you all. Most stall holders, the Three Compasses bar, Bouncy Castle and Posh Pigs had queues all afternoon – reflected in record takings. The WI tea team were in full demand the whole afternoon for their cakes and much needed tea

and coffee.

"We are so indebted to our main financial sponsors Charminster Stores; Martin Christopher; Hardy Trees; and BCP Media Group. We were also supported by Charminster Garage, Hayden Farm and Wyatts.

"We wish to personally thank Nate Greenaway who organized the sponsorship, designed and managed the fantastic marketing which contributed so much towards the success of the afternoon.

"The fête cleared £8,500 which is a magnificent achievement. The fête team will be meeting very shortly to allocate Jubilee gifts amongst the various contributing organizations.

"Once again a huge thank you to all of you who – after a really tough couple of years - came out to celebrate and make it such a special and fun afternoon."



*Ready for the onslaught!*

# Cakes, camping and crowns for Guides, Brown- ies and Trefoil

**Jubilee fun day in Borough Gardens saw Trefoilers selling hot and cold drinks and cakes for Trefoil and Charminster Guides.**

The weather was perfect so the event was really well supported and we sold out of cakes at 2.30pm – 1½ hours before the end! Our profit for Girl-guiding (split 3 ways) was over £300.

## Evening meetings

We now have an evening section of Dorchester Trefoil. Our first was at Wolfedale Golf clubhouse and attended by 12 people. There was a lovely atmosphere as old friends met up. Then there was a bowls taster lesson at Dorchester Bowls Club. For some time, we've been aware that people who work and wish to be involved in Trefoil, are not able to attend our afternoon meetings and might feel left out. After all, Trefoil is for everyone who supports Guiding and

Scouting – men too, so our evening group makes it possible for all to be involved if they wish. Linda Scott, our Division commissioner, is co-ordinating it.

If you would like more information about afternoon or evening Trefoil, please contact me.

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*The Borough Gardens cake team*

**Charminster Brownies have had a great start to their term, planning and organising the program and spending a lot of time celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.**

We made biscuits to look like England flags, and crowns to wear, while having a lot of fun preparing for the Jubilee Village Fete.

We finished the term with a trip to Buddens activity centre. Superb weather and fantastic activities lead to a brilliant time being had by all, and all the girls got a jubilee badge for all their hard work.

If you need to get in touch feel free to contact Brown Owl on 07483429596. Or contact us through our guiding website . Have a great summer all of you !



**Charminster Guides have also had a fantastic term preparing for the Jubilee.**

And we've had loads of fun with food science! The girls made home made sherbet dips and learned about density by making their own layered rainbow syrups.

Its been a really fun and educational

beginning finishing off with the camp out at Buddens Activity Centre. We joined other units camping out and doing a lot of out door activities Including paddleboarding and jumping into the lake !



Its been a great term. Have a lovely summer! From Charminster Guides.

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Or contact Alli on 07483429596



We do have spaces, especially in Brownies! 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)





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# Hearing dogs charm WI

**Hearing Dogs for the Deaf joined Charminster WI at their latest meeting, writes Judy Bird.**

We had two couples with two dogs, who each talked to us about how the Hearing Dogs scheme works. Deb (who is profoundly deaf, but is helped by hearing aids) was accompanied by her husband Keith, and her Hearing Dog, Elmo. Debbie and John Patterson brought along their Ambassador Dog, Flash. Both the dogs are black labradors, but other breeds can be trained to assist deaf people.

## Six sounds

They are trained to voice and hand signals, and are carefully matched to a deaf person so that the dog's skills and personality perfectly suit the lifestyle and needs of their partner. Elmo is trained for six sounds – fire alarm, door bell, phone, alarm clock, kitchen timer and 'call' (for instance, if Deb's husband had a fall and called out, Deb couldn't hear, so Elmo would alert her).

Debbie introduced us to Flash their

Ambassador Dog. He wasn't trained as a Hearing Dog but makes an excellent ambassador for the charity. Debbie and her husband are also volunteer dog trainers. A dog's training takes around 18 to 24 months, during which time they learn how to be a well-behaved dog and how to alert a deaf person to important sounds.

With almost one in six of the UK population experiencing some level of deafness or hearing loss, demand for the services of Hearing Dogs is ever-growing. The charity relies solely on the support of the public. We were glad to be able to give a generous donation.



Next month we will be meeting on 12th July, at 7.30 pm, again at the Community Hall. We will be decorating small square of fabric to be donated to the County Museum to make a quilt. You would be welcome to join us.

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# ***It's The Pilot July Quiz!***

***It's summer, and our quiz features the month of July and some popular derivations!***

1. How did the month of July get its name?
2. Which politician, born in Wales, was elected Prime Minister of Australia in 2010?
3. Where in Dorset do the British Sand Polo Championships take place each July?
4. Which British motoring pioneer was killed in an air crash in Bournemouth in July 1910?
5. What outstanding sporting occasion took place on July 30th, 1966?
6. What iconic gesture was adopted by Winston Churchill in July 1941?
7. Winner of the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in The English Patient.
8. The Four Pennies topped the hit parade in 1964 with a ballad called....?
9. British Actress born Julia Elizabeth Wells is better known as....?
10. Who is the keyboard player with Squeeze who now presents the TV music show Later...with?



**Answers on page 43**

# Kids kick off the Jubilee with crowns and crafts

A children's craft morning planned by local resident Eve Powell was voted a great success as youngsters set the Jubilee ball rolling in Charminster Community Hall.

The event, which Eve organised with the



help of friend Mary Hayes, was funded by the parish council. "We just wanted to do a community event for the Jubilee, so we're very grateful to the council and of course to all our volunteers who've given up their time." said Eve.



The children made crowns to wear, painted small crowns as hanging decorations, made paper and felt windmills and models of the Queen and her soldiers.

And got quite sticky!

Pictured anticlockwise from the top of this page are: Olivia White aged

five, nine-year-old Darcey Lea who didn't let a broken arm stop her making a model of the Queen, helper Lydia-Rose Sheward who took time off from GCSE revision to make windmills with Jake Taylor (8), Elsa Burton (8), Anabelle Emery Burns (8) and Angelina Kammidge (6) with their crowns, and sisters Matilda (2) and Georgia Clatworthy-Cann (4).



Left, some of the craft work completed by the children and above, the proud creator of a smart guardsman is six-year-old Catherine Navarra.





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# Jubilee teas for the house-bound.

**The Cream Teas Home Delivery Service went ahead according to plan, during the Sunday afternoon following the village fete, writes Arna Drammis.**

Grateful thanks to Niki Knipe for not only suggesting the idea but also for providing the most incredible coffee and walnut cake, as well as a last-minute Victoria sponge to replace the absolute disaster, which was my own feeble attempt! (I just hope my scones were edible!)

## Extra touch

Many thanks too, to Eve Powell who volunteered to help with the entire process, along with producing a lovely lemon drizzle cake, beautifully hand-crafted boxes, Union Jack napkins and tiny flags, along with hand-written labels to individually name each cream tea box, for that little extra touch.

Thanks also to Clare Crosbie of Cerne

Abbas for specially baking a gluten free lemon cake for one of our ladies.

Between us, we managed to provide, free of charge, a little something special for those people who, for whatever reason, were unable to attend the fête itself.

Even more importantly, our deliveries also gave us the opportunity to spend some time chatting with several of the recipients, which probably meant just as much if not more than the tea itself.

We have since received some lovely feedback from the 'Tea Set', both verbally and written, so, all in all, a thumbs up.

Good work, Team!



# Bunting fit for a Queen!

The flags were flying and bunting billowed in the breeze as houses, halls and even the old telephone box in Charminster and Charlton Down were bedecked to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

To help encourage the great sea of red, white and blue (plus a variety of other colours) Charminster parish council offered a bottle of Champagne to the best-dressed house in each of the two villages.



*Ribbons, flowers and even The Pilot, got in on the act!*







*Boat flags, Union Jacks and red, white and blue bunting on local houses and Charminster Village Hall.*





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

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

**Everywhere you go birds seem to be nesting, Great Tits in the Virginia Creeper, Blue Tits in the nest boxes in the Hanbury and as ever the grass grows at a pace. Still no bees, not even the mention of a swarm.**

For the holiday the church was decorated with a profusion of flowers and their associated scents. It is so pleasing to see a group of people come together and enjoy bringing colour and design into the church.

## **Winning bench**

Nigel Hewish kindly provided one of the benches from the Kingston Maurward College's Chelsea Show where they won a further silver gilt medal.

He placed it on an open grass area approaching the west door, together with associated planting.

July seems to have few Christian festivals but with the Ukraine constantly in the news with their battle with Russia's Putin, it's worth remembering that they have the festival of Saint Vladimir, Grand Prince of Kiev (also known as Vladimir the Great) who

died on 15th July 1015. He founded the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and his festival is held on the date of his death. He is said to have had no worldly possessions when he died having given them all away to the poor.

July 25th brings the festival of Saint James the Great, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. Also called James the Elder, he was the first apostle to become a martyr and the only one whose martyrdom was recorded in the New Testament. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome and is the Patron of Pilgrims and Labourers.

## **Other faiths**

Both Hindus and Muslims find July a significant month. Hindus celebrate on July 1st Krishna "Lord of the Universe" with processions and festivals throughout the UK. For Muslims July is a time for pilgrimage, fasting and festivals, with the start of the Muslim New Year on July 22.

And the weather's looking good, so let's enjoy our summer.

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## Church Services—an update

Please note there is no centre-spread in The Pilot of church services this month for St Mary's Charminster and St Michael's in Stinsford.

Rev'd Mark Phillips is leaving the parishes and will take his final service on Sunday July 3 at 11.00 at St Mary's. At the time of going to press, final arrangements were yet to be put in place for the immediate future.

Normal service—and services—will be resumed as soon as possible!

In the meantime, you can check for details on the church's website, <https://www.stmarys-charminster.org.uk/>



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# Saying it with flowers



**A Jubilee-plus festival saw Stinsford's St Michael's Church filled with flowers.**

The arrangements—all created by village volunteers—were originally designed to celebrate Pentecost, Thomas Hardy's birthday and of course, the Queen's platinum Jubilee.



Then a fourth reason to celebrate came into the reckoning when Kingston Maurward College won



*Flower festival organiser Sally Warburton gets creative*

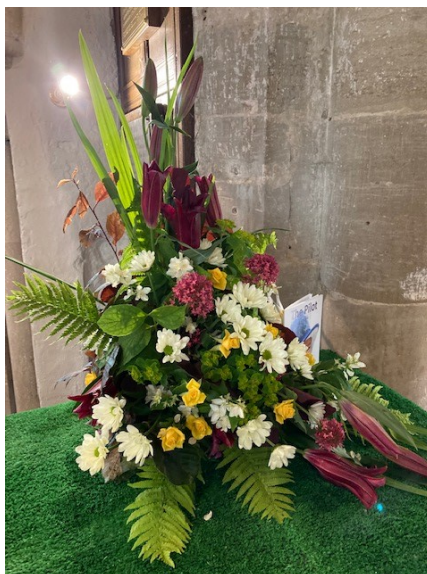
a silver gilt award at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Said organiser Sally Warburton: "We've been doing this for years but this time there's rather more to celebrate."





Added Sally: "I just asked the locals if they'd mind contributing to the flower festival and they've created all these fabulous arrangements. They're just wonderful people!"



And although there wasn't a flower festival as such in St Mary's Charminster, Pat Watkins created the Jubilee arrangement (left) using flowers mainly picked from her garden.

## Fabulous fete ... in pictures

It rained the night before and it rained the day after, but glorious weather was the order of the day for Charminster's Platinum Jubilee fete, as our pictures show. From the setting up, to the kids' joy at Punch and Judy, fun was had by all!







Left, Gwen Yarker gets patriotic, dog show judge Karen Wyatt-Bain of Dorch Paws checks out a winner (top right) and bottom right, look who else turned up!



# Weather , wine and winning at Charlton Down CC

**We are now well into the cricket season and overall the club has done very well. This year we have been lucky to gain sponsorship for our home games, writes James Pretty.**

Many thanks must go to Sprint Signs in Dorchester, Port Décor, David Morrison and Haseeb Javed for their sponsorship of the Saturday 1sts, 2nds, Youth, and Sunday games, respectively.

Thanks also to The Balti Express in Dorchester for their generous donation. Their support helps us stretch our coffers a bit further and continue the development of the club.

## Team wins

At the time of writing, the Saturday 1st team have won three out of four in Division 2 of the Dorset Cricket League, which is a great effort having been promoted at the start of the year. The Saturday 2nd team have only played two games so far but it has been great to see our youngsters

make a start in adult cricket (with the help of a few older heads) – their first win of the season isn't far away. Similarly, the Evening 1sts have only had a couple of games after being unlucky with the weather – they'll be hoping to kick-start their season with a win against Hazelbury Bryan. The Evening 2nd team are sitting pretty at the top of the table in Division 3, mainly because they've played twice as many games as everyone else! Regardless, three wins and a thrilling tied match vs Puddletown Rugby Club represents a solid start after eight games.

## Grand tour

Moving on to action of a different kind, our Somerset Tour (a grand name for one night in the Premier Inn at Taunton) was a terrific success. We had a great day at the County Ground, watching Somerset take eleven wickets in the day to beat last year's champions Warwickshire.

Somerset bowled very well and evidently celebrated even better, as we saw when we bumped into a few of them in town a bit later in the evening. Our cricket match versus Cheddar on the following day was rained off, which was a shame but perhaps also a blessing in disguise for a couple of





weary tourists! Many thanks to Kevin Alway for organising and for his valiant attempts at herding cats for two days. Since then, we have organised a night out to the Ageas Bowl in Southampton where we watched Somerset wallop Hampshire in the T20 tournament – we may be in danger of becoming club mascots for Somerset CCC!

### **Cheese and wine**

Very belatedly we would like to thank everyone that came down to our Cheese and Wine Event. It was a great evening and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. The sun was shining, our benches were full,

and we had to make an emergency trip for more wine which is always a good sign! We'll be organising our gin tasting event for the very near future, so keep your eyes peeled.

Much more information is available on our club website – fixtures, results, player stats, sponsor's info and more can all be found at:

[www.charltondown.play-cricket.com/aboutus](http://www.charltondown.play-cricket.com/aboutus)

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# Hoopoe hops in to Charminster

**There was some excitement among bird watchers when this Eurasian Hoopoe popped in to see us.**

While sightings are quite common in southern Europe, only about 100 a year are spotted in the UK. Various friends with a great interest in wildlife have never seen one in decades of birdwatching, so we were quite lucky to see this hoopoe in the village.

So much so, local wildlife photographer Simon “Stilts” Craft , whose pictures have often featured in The Pilot, was out at 5.30 in the morning in a bid to get a shot of the bird.

And as you can see by the photograph below, it was worth getting up early for.



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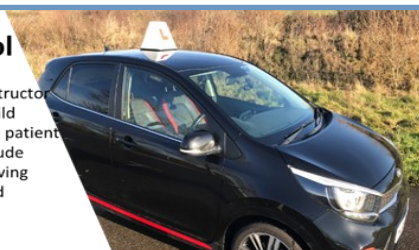
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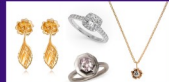
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1. It was named in honour of the Roman emperor Julius Caesar.
2. Julia Gillard
3. Poole
4. Charles Rolls, co-founder of Rolls Royce, was the first Briton to be killed in an aeronautical accident with a powered aircraft, during a flying display in Bournemouth. He was aged 32.
5. England won the Jules Rimet Trophy at Wembley after beating Germany 4-2 in extra time.
6. The BBC started the "V for Victory" campaign, and from July 19th, Churchill started using the V hand sign.
7. Juliette Binoche
8. Juliet
9. Julie Andrews
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*Right, Julie Andrews as Mary Poppins in the 1964 movie*

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Quite a lot has been done already including, for example the widespread 20mph speed limits.

But the first thing to do is gather the data we have on traffic and then involve you as residents to tell us what matters to you.



We need to know where you feel the problems are, what safety concerns you have and what solutions you might have so that the Parish Council can create a strategy and put pressure on the highway authority to make changes.

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