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Dear Readers,

Times change; phone boxes become book exchanges, much loved shops close, technology displaces the familiar. And there was a danger of that fate befalling The Pilot.

When you pick up your copy, there is no reason to think of the work that is involved in producing it. But each edition takes the editor many hours to compile, and our team of loyal distributors many hours to deliver.

So, when, after two and a half years at the helm our popular editor Marilyn decided to take well-earned retirement, the search was on to recruit her replacement. Without one the magazine would have folded and joined the long list of things taken for granted, but missed when no longer with us.

Success! Two community minded Charminster residents decided that they could not let The Pilot die and volunteered to be the new Editorial Team. Let me introduce them.

Claire Horne moved to Charminster in 1994 with her husband; her two children were baptised at St Mary's and attended Charminster First School. Claire and her husband are teachers in local schools, and the family love living in the village.

Mel Rose grew up in Charminster, and having moved away was lucky enough to be able to return with her husband and buy their own house in the village 13 years ago. They are both keen walkers and love exercising their three dogs in the local countryside.

Thank you, Marilyn, for your hard work. Thank you, Claire and Mel, for stepping up, displaying a true sense of community spirit, and we wish you every success as the Editorial Team

And, to you, our readers and advertisers, thank you for your continued support as The Pilot starts a new chapter!

Best wishes

Tim Yarker

Publisher

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## **Marilyn Bows Out!**

Tim Yarker and Michael Clarke  
present Marilyn Kay with flowers  
and some bubbly to thank her for  
the brilliant work she has done for  
The Pilot.

Thank you Marilyn!

Can you spot the photo bomber?



## Platinum Champion

As a small child Richard Courtney Cripwell wanted everyone to be happy. By the time he was eight, he'd modified his bike to enable him to run errands and do odd jobs for people while cheering them up.

And that desire to help and reduce conflict and unhappiness in people's lives has never left him – and has now resulted in him being given a Platinum Champion award for outstanding service and dedication to Crisis and Welfare over the last 20 years.

Now working as an independent diplomatic negotiator, the father of three from Stinsford uses his instincts and experience to diffuse conflict and tension in a variety of circumstances, and is regularly called upon to help by the NHS, the prison service, the police and other organisations.

"I am completely independent – I do not and cannot take sides. I try to create a calm atmosphere where there is conflict, violence, potential suicide or problems perhaps with bullying on a corporate or personal level that's causing a lot of stress," said Richard.

The former actor and production company boss has always kept quiet about his negotiating activities, but the Platinum Champion award – which was presented to him at Buckingham Palace by the Duchess of Cornwall and was followed by lunch at Windsor Castle – has made him realise that people need to know that he and people like him exist.

"I want to raise awareness, particularly here in rural Dorset, that help is at hand and we can find a way out. out .for people in despair or in extremely stressful situations."



Richard CC with his 10 year old spaniel Flash who occasionally accompanies him to help calm crisis situations.



## Dorchester Trefoil

It was a busy Jubilee June for us but has calmed down now. Some of us visited the Division activity camp at Buddens near Wareham (but didn't actually camp). A group attended the County Jubilee celebrations at Butchers' Coppice in Poole and Jeane Holmes and Sue Allen represented us at the National Annual meeting in Llandudno where they went to a concert by The Proclaimers. It wasn't part of the official programme, they just happened to see that it was on. It was definitely a case of Guiders going for it!

Our recent Wednesday afternoon meeting was a singsong of camp fire songs we remembered - such as Donkey Riding, Animal Fair

and Go Well, Go Safely.

The Evening section is meeting at Wolfedale Golf course for a barbecue

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

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**Brownies and Guides** wish to thank the Village Fete team for its generous donation towards our funds. We enjoyed being there and running our stalls and look forward to helping next year.

### **BROWNIES**

This term we have had great fun completing our Feel Good Skills Builder badge. The girls have spent a lot of time using emotions to express themselves through role play and games. We have also chatted about the food groups and what each group does for our bodies. We made Happy Thoughts jars using different glitters for each happy thought we put into the jar. Then had fun working out how to get more exercise into our daily lives and finished with a trip to Kingston Maurward. It's been a lot of fun this term and with the village fete and fantastic weather, certainly a time to remember.





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## CHARMINSTER GUIDES

Charminster Guides have had a brilliant term doing their Explore Skills Builder badge. This included making a sextant to find their way to the hidden treasure, and they had a lot of fun mapping out the world and planning their holiday which included working out travel transport - sea, air or rail or road, packing the right gear and chatting about cities they wanted to visit and discussing the fun and fears of visiting new places .

To break up all the adventure we also did a lot of work with different art forms:- splattering, stippling, stencil work and blotting pictures. These techniques were a lot of fun but somewhat messy.

All in all a fab term and hope you all have a lovely summer.

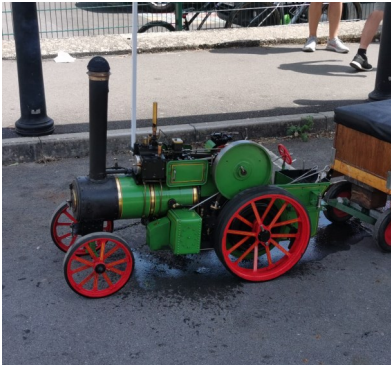
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We do have spaces, especially in Brownies! If anyone would like to get involved in Guiding or enrol their child, please go through our Girlguiding website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## Charminster Family Fun Day





## Stinsford News

**Early July brought the last service conducted by Rev. Mark Phillips in the Benefice before moving to Somerset.** Prior to this on 26<sup>th</sup> June Mark and Clare came along to Evensong at Saint Michaels and whilst not officiating, (carried out very ably by Shirley Churchill and Arnold Storey) gave the end of service blessing. Many went along to the farewell service at Charminster which was a fine occasion particularly when the Sunday School attendees come out for their Communion blessing. Mark made the point that he had enjoyed his time within the benefice especially with Charminster's first school and the Stinsford Studio School and Kingston Maurward College. Something we would wish to see continue with a new incumbent. So now we wait for those applying for the role. **In the meantime, all morning services at Stinsford will take place at 11.00 a.m. with Summer Evensongs at 6pm.**

**You will have noticed that the new Bockhampton Cross Fingerpost is in place** and the attached photograph is of installation day. My thanks go to Roger Bond of the AONB who provided, free of charge, the Oak Fingerboards and bolts etc. and much advice. He kindly ordered the metal letters; the old Council having taken away the original post and returned the one we were replacing with plastic stick on letters, no good to man nor beast. Thanks also go to Kevin Dean and his students from the Kingston Maurward welding department for all the pre preparation done with the letters from the foundry, cleaning, drilling out the screw holes and painting them. These in turn, all 122, were passed to Chris Groves, whom many of you will know, to make up the boards; Chris both worked for the Dorset Echo and as a professional signwriter. We put the HIGHER and LOWER Bockhamptons in two strings thus allowing shorter boards in the hope there was less chance of them being damaged by larger vehicles often sent down Cuckoo Lane when there has been a road traffic accident on the A35. Then it was back to Kevin and his team, examinations having been completed, to erect the post. **A job very well done.**





**We had much pleasure in going along to see “A Midsummers Night’s Dream” by the Duke’s Theatre Company, on their touring production at Kingston Maurward**, all young actors from the Old Vic in Bristol. It was by the lake, on a beautiful afternoon/evening and it was wonderfully well done. Full of humour and pleasing to watch.

**The Thomas Hardy International Conference** was held in the last week of July and 2022 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the much-loved novel “Under the Greenwood Tree”. With a line-up of experts and enthusiasts to expound the glories of Hardy’s literature or poetry which took place at the United Church in South Street and a full programme of events.

**August brings** the first wedding anniversary of Mathew Paine, the grandson of Michael Legg, we hope the first year of marriage has brought them much happiness and we wish them continued health and happiness.

**Please note in your diaries this year’s Michaelmas Fayre will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Calling all parishioners to consider participating in the Dorset Historic Churches ‘Ride and Stride’ on 10th September** a very enjoyable, challenging and rewarding event, details on the notice board or contact me for further information.

Michael Clarke

## The August Seaside Quiz!

- 1) What is *Equus africanus asinus* better known as?
- 2) What is the Principal constituent of the Sahara Desert?
- 3) What is the name given to a medieval fortification. There's an outstanding example in Corfe.
- 4) Which Weymouth landmark was opened in 1930 and cost £90,000 to build?
- 5) How many eyes does an adult scallop have?
- 6) The coat of arms belonging to Diana, Princess of Wales featured three scallop shells. What do they signify?
- 7) Pulcinella was a 16th century Neapolitan comic character who's now an English seaside favourite. What do we call him?
- 8) How long is Chesil Beach?
- 9) Evidence of the first folding chairs has been found in ancient Egyptian Tombs. But when was the deck chair patented in the UK?
- 10) How much ice cream does the average person in the UK eat in a year?

**Answers on page 43**

## Book Sale News



Everyone likes a good bargain - and there were plenty on offer at the second-hand book sale held in Charminster Village Hall last month. There was a huge a range of books for children and adults. And if you just wanted to sit quietly in the corner and read, tea and cakes were also on sale.

Organiser Sarah Bird said she was delighted by the response. The sale raised over £170 for village hall funds. With the summer holidays coming up, Sarah has said there'll be another book sale on **23rd July**.

**Diary Date:** Bingo returns to the village hall on Friday evening, July 22nd. Details are on the village Facebook page.



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## CHARMINSTER PLATINUM JUBILEE FÊTE JUNE 2022

### ALLOCATION OF GIFTS

At their final meeting the Platinum Jubilee fête team allocated one-off gifts from the Platinum Jubilee fête proceeds of £8,700. Allocation of these Jubilee Gifts focused on those organizations which benefit the community in various ways, with a particular emphasis on the young and elderly. This reflected the intentions of the Coronation Fête of June 1953.

The cash distribution was unanimously agreed as follows:

£2,500 to St. Mary's Church, Charminster- solely for: a)care of the fabric of church; b) its youth projects

£1,250 to the School Association of St Mary's First School, Charminster

£1,200 to Charminster Village Hall Charity - benefitting the whole community both young & old

£500 to Chaminster Book Club to support their reading project for children –once formulated

£500 the Charminster Scouts/Cubs to help support scouting in the local community

£500 to Charminster Guides/Brownies to help support guiding in the local community

£300 to Wolfeton Manor - solely for the benefit/enjoyment of the residents' social activities

£250 to the Pre School Association St Mary's First School, Charminster

£250 to *The Pilot* - for promotion of village events

£200 to Charlton Down Village Hall - for loan of equipment

£200 to Charminster Community Hall - for loan of equipment

£50 to Charminster WI - for their new fête teapot & aprons!!

£1,000 remains as Charminster Fête's Reserve for 2023 to enable it to get started.

Arna Drammis and her team very generously donated their cream tea costs for their house visits to the elderly in the village which was much appreciated.





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## News Update ...

You may remember we have featured young Ed Bird who lives in Charminster in The Pilot before. He is a superb athlete and lovely young man. Well, he has just returned from the European U18 Championships in Jerusalem and he got a Bronze medal. He ran a personal best time of 8 minutes 14.59 seconds in the 3000m. What an achievement! Well done Ed!!!



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## Charlton Down Cricket Club News ...

As summer rolls into August, the cricket season becomes a bit less frenetic for Charlton Down's cricketers. Both the Evening League and Youth Cricket competitions come to a close and the club will be noticeably quieter during the week. There is still plenty of weekend cricket to be played, however, and league positions to be settled in the last month of the season. At the half-way stage of (I'm writing this on 3<sup>rd</sup> July) the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> team have won six from nine and are sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division 2 of the Dorset League. This includes an excellent win in a high scoring run chase against top-of-the-table Beaminster. Special mention should go to Nitin Joshi (pictured) who scored a classy 116 and Nick Voss (71 not out) who saw us home with three balls to spare. It was a brilliant game, played in the right spirit by both teams, and will surely be one of the highlights come the end of the season.





On the social front, there is lots of news to report. Our Jubilee picnic on 5<sup>th</sup> June was great fun with kids races overseen by champion runner Ed Bird, bouncy castle, fancy dress, Pimm's, scones, live music and a good old fashioned sing-a-long. Our raffle raised £400 for Weldmar Hospicecare, so thank you to everyone who came along on the day, helped out or donated raffle prizes. It was the club's first attempt at organising a village event of this kind and we've certainly learnt a few lessons along the way. The good news is we all enjoyed ourselves enough to agree that we should make a Family Fun Day an annual event for the village. We'll start planning soon....



On 26<sup>th</sup> June the club opened its doors to the staff and families of Dorset County Hospital for a Cricket Tournament and Fun Day. Many of those present have come to the UK within the last two years to help the NHS during the Covid crisis. With the big crowd, the big hitting and the banging Bhangra soundtrack, it felt a little bit like the IPL had come to Charlton Down for the day. Things certainly got quite lively and it's safe to say the club has not seen dance moves like that since Mike Lingham hung up his boots! The day was a tremendous success and we hope to have a repeat event next year.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August we are planning to have a Balls & Beers afternoon at the club. This will be a VERY friendly game of cricket for anyone who fancies giving it a go. This includes those who have never played a game of cricket in their lives, as well as past players who might be tempted to dust off their whites. The idea is to give people an opportunity to try cricket without having to commit to anything too serious, as well as creating another social opportunity in the village. There will be a few evening practice sessions on Friday evenings ahead of the match, so even if you're vaguely interested, please do come along.

## **CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2022**

### **St Mary's Church, Charminster**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00 am     Holy Communion (BCP)**

**11.00 am   Holy Communion (CW)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00 am     Holy Communion (BCP)**

**11.00 am   Café Church with Baptism**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00 am     Holy Communion (BCP)**

**11.00 am   Holy Communion (CW)**

**6.00 pm     Evensong (BCP)**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August - 11th Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00 am     Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30 am     Holy Communion (CW)**

## **CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2022**

### **St Michael's Church, Stinsford**

**Sunday 7th August—8th Sunday after Trinity**

**11:00 am Holy Communion (CW)**

**Sunday 14th August—9th Sunday after Trinity**

**11:15 am BCP Matins**

**Sunday 21st August—10th Sunday after Trinity**

**11:00 am Holy Communion (CW)**

**Sunday 28th August—11th Sunday after Trinity**

**6:30 pm Evensong**

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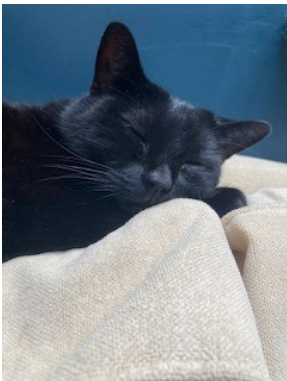


Meet Troy!

We adopted  
him in October  
2020 from  
Taylor's RSPCA.

[Phil, Claire + Charlie  
Horne]

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## Beetroot Brownies

Believe it or not, beetroot is a delicious addition to these chocolate brownies, adding a depth of flavour and a squidgy texture. If you have the willpower, leave these overnight before cutting into squares. The fudgy texture will be worth the wait!

It takes 1 hour 45 minutes and makes 20 squares

## Ingredients

- 375g raw beetroot
- 250g dark chocolate, chopped
- 250g unsalted butter, cut into cubes
- 3 medium eggs
- 250g caster sugar
- 150g wholemeal self-raising flour
- ½ tbsp cocoa powder

## Method

**Preheat** your oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas mark 4.

**Grease** and line a 20cm square cake tin. Prepare your beetroot by trimming off any leaves, then peel and cut into quarters. Add to a microwaveable bowl with a splash of water and cover with cling-film. Cook on high power for 10-12 minutes until cooked through. Leave until cool enough to handle and then grate – you should be left with approximately 250g cooked beetroot. Set aside.

**Place** a medium saucepan of water on the stove and fill a third of the way with water. Bring to a simmer and place a large heatproof bowl on top, adding the chocolate and butter. Stir the chocolate and butter until melted, then remove.

**Whisk** the eggs and sugar together until thick and creamy. Pour in the melted chocolate, then fold until combined. Add the flour and cocoa and fold until combined, then fold through the grated beetroot.

**Pour** the brownie mix into the lined tin. Spread out so the surface is even, then bake for 55 minutes to 1 hour until only a few crumbs remain when you poke with a skewer or cocktail stick.

**Remove** the brownies from the oven and place on a wire rack. Leave until entirely cool, then lift out of the tin. Dust with the cocoa powder and cut into 20 squares.



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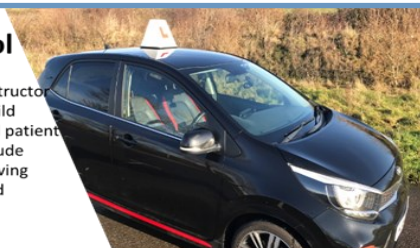
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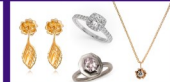
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- 2) Sand
- 3) Castle
- 4) Weymouth Bridge
- 5) Up to 200. They use them as an early warning system to detect predators.
- 6) In heraldry, scallop shells (or escallops) are a common device relating to pilgrimage and symbolise piety, victory, and warrior spirit.
- 7) Mr Punch
- 8) 18 miles from West Bay to Portland
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