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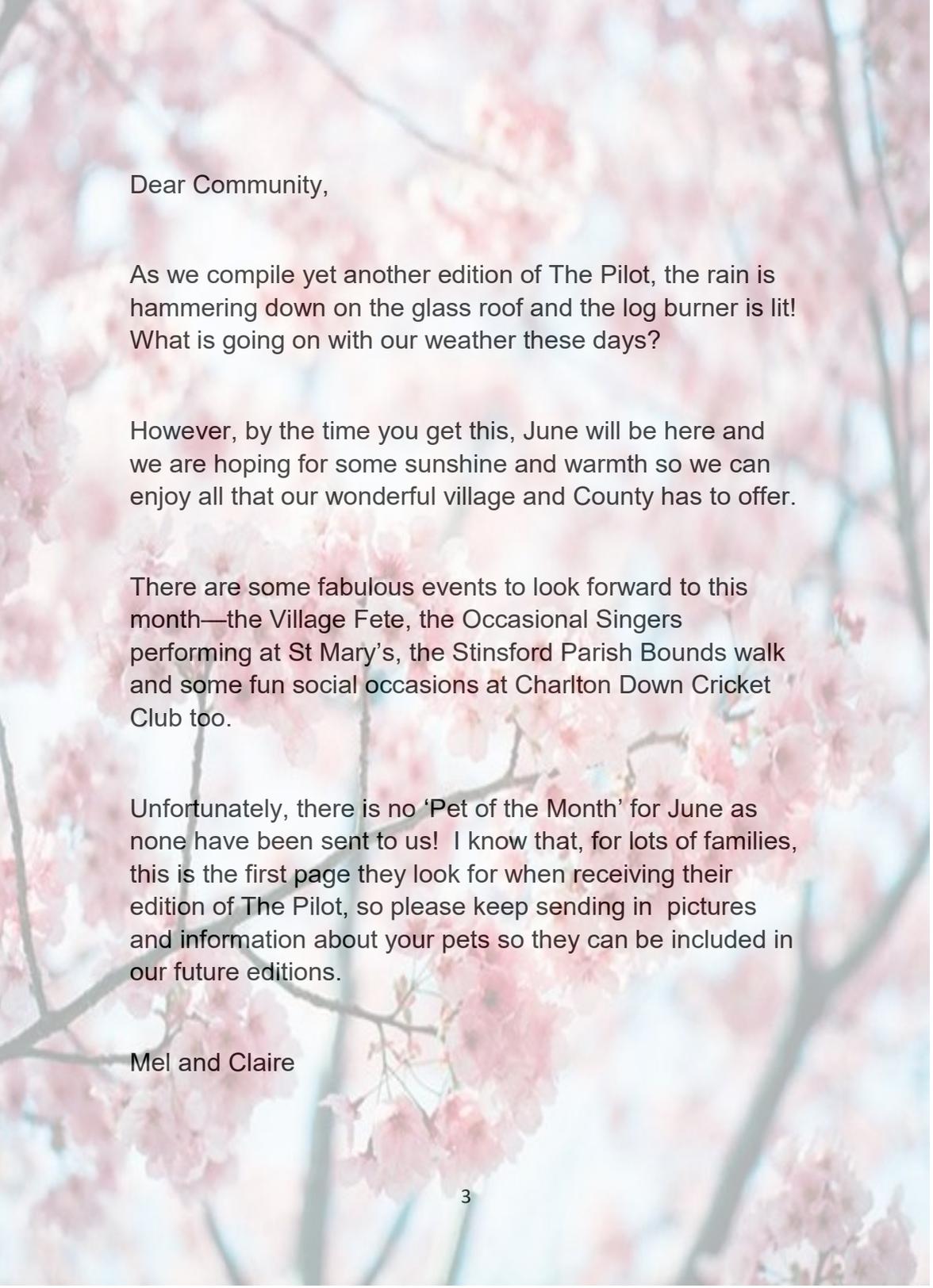
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Dear Community,

As we compile yet another edition of The Pilot, the rain is hammering down on the glass roof and the log burner is lit! What is going on with our weather these days?

However, by the time you get this, June will be here and we are hoping for some sunshine and warmth so we can enjoy all that our wonderful village and County has to offer.

There are some fabulous events to look forward to this month—the Village Fete, the Occasional Singers performing at St Mary's, the Stinsford Parish Bounds walk and some fun social occasions at Charlton Down Cricket Club too.

Unfortunately, there is no 'Pet of the Month' for June as none have been sent to us! I know that, for lots of families, this is the first page they look for when receiving their edition of The Pilot, so please keep sending in pictures and information about your pets so they can be included in our future editions.

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## Charminster Brownies

Brownies enjoyed their Innovate skills Builder, having fun with music and dance moves, building things with food, and planning a party! It's been an excitable and noisy project! We really enjoyed joining Guides for the chip shop survey (even though it rained again!) and have had fun with different throwing and catching techniques. We worked in our sixes for many of our activities.

Getting Ready for the coronation was fun! Lots of ideas, but mainly cake! and this was a lovely beginning to our summer term. We've started with some lovely crafts so may be a craft badge is in order, but we're also really looking forward to getting out of doors this term. Our coronation badges look great and we're looking forward to running our lovely games for the Village fete. Hope to see a lot of you there on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

If you would like to know more or join our Brownies, you can get in touch with us through our girl guiding website or call Brown Owl on 07483429596

## Charminster Guides

We had a lot of fun with food last term and really enjoyed our individual Dorset Apple cakes. It was a great finish to the term joining Brownies for an Easter Bingo evening which was a great success. We used the money we raised to help pay for the Chip Shop survey which included checking out the local chip shops and devising a points system to vote for the best in town.

We've been planning our new term and plan to do some outdoor activities such as a party in the park (weather permitting) for the coronation. We are going to practice face painting for the village fete And hope to book up ringoing! We are working on another Skill builder (still planning things) so will have more to tell you next month.

Interested in Guides? Why not contact us through our website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## 70 years of Celebrations at Charminster Fete

Join us at the popular Charminster Fete on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June this year 2-5pm, meet new friends (and old), bring your family and your cheeky dogs and enter the dog competition!

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Dorchester members attended the Dorset Annual Meeting held in Morden Village Hall. We were able to run a tombola stall at the event and raised over £50 to support our chosen local charities which includes Julia's House and Project Linus, both of which support our community knitting of shawls, blankets, twiddlemuffs and now teddies for the stroke and dementia wards at Dorset County Hospital by donations of wool/blankets. Project Linus supporters' main activity is making quilts for children in hospital and other children who need them. They have recently taken quilts to the Weldmar Hospice too.

Three members of our Evening Trefoil section, including Linda Scott of Stratton, who was our Division Commissioner until August 2022, have recently made their Guiding Promise as members of the Trefoil section. They were presented with their badges by County President, Shirley Williams and Sarah Murray, County chair was also at the ceremony, which was followed by a meal.

Dorchester Trefoil (afternoon) meets on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month in St George's church hall. Evening Trefoil usually meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening – the venue varies depending on our activity. Future evening events include an activity such as archery and a litter pick followed by a picnic. We also meet for coffee on the second or third Wednesday morning in the United church hall and enjoy copious natter at our knit and natter group to which any of our 'community' knitters are invited whether members of Trefoil or not. For more information just contact me. Trefoil is open to all who support Guiding and Scouting and the community – you don't have to be a current or former leader.

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## Stinsford News

The first week in May, and it is cold with, on occasions, an Easterly wind. It is good to see the sun although its appearance is a rarity. On the brighter side no frosts as per last year and the fruit blossom this year has been exceptional on the Concorde and Doyenne du Comice pears and as to Damson, even more so. Looking forward to seeing what comes of the cherries and apples. The Daffodils and tulips around the parish have performed wonderfully with delightful and magnificent displays of very attractive new varieties.

I am trying "the no dig" system this year in part of the garden. A technique that quite literally involves the minimal amount of digging, many individuals view it as a less strenuous but effective way of gardening. Unlike traditional gardening methods, no dig uses organic matter to naturally eliminate weeds and some choose this gardening method to grow organic vegetables. I am finding it thoughtful and challenging - will be interesting to see the outcome.

The last Sunday in April at Stinsford, what a fifth Sunday of the month service that was! Our Organist was in fine form, with much practice happening in preparation for our Coronation "Songs of Praise" Service to come the following weekend his finale was *Zadok the Priest* as his closing anthem. The hymns and singing were great and glorious and Rob's sermon as thought provoking as ever. This was the first occasion that the fifth Sunday's collection would go to an agreed charity and the Sudan had been chosen. As we presently find the Sudan in great conflict the sum of £158 collected will go to the Sudan Crisis Relief Fund. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

And so to the Coronation and crowning of King Charles 111 and Queen Camilla. At our Sunday celebrations twelve hymns had been chosen for their rousing tunes ending with all three verses of the National Anthem and three cheers. Shirley then ended the service with a simple closing prayer, and we all ended with the Grace. This was followed by a slice of a spectacular, perfectly made 'Union Jack' cake and a glass of fizz raised to our newly crowned King. Then to our 'street party,' tables and chairs, music, wine and food and some glorious sunshine, all within the church car park.

As you read this, thoughts will be turning to June and the Hardy Birthday Celebration Service. Channel 5 have approached the Hardy Society who in turn have approached the PCC with regard to filming the service. They are producing a series of recordings around the country and the belief is “you cannot do Dorset without a reference to Hardy” and Mellstock is its centre. We in turn, knowing the Archdeacon is to preach, asked Leila to approach her as to her thoughts on the matter. Archdeacon Penny has been most supportive and made us aware of the manner in which it could be carried out.

There are certain rules that need to be applied:

The congregation need to know in advance that the service is being filmed in case they do not wish to be on camera. There needs to be a designated area where those in the congregation who wish to attend but do not want to be ‘on camera’ can sit and to check any copyright issues. So we are now planning to put Stinsford yet again back on the national map and are looking forward to the event.

Michael Clarke



## Let's get quizzical!

- 1) Which 1956 film adaptation of a Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical features the song 'June Is Bustin' Out All Over'?
- 2) What historical event happened on Tuesday, 6 June 1944?
- 3) Where in Dorset will you find two remnants of the original Mulberry Harbours?
- 4) Who first played Dot Cotton in the BBC soap opera EastEnders in 1985?
- 5) Which is the longest river in Dorset?
- 6) Which of these is not a real place in Dorset? Scratchy Bottom, Shitterton, Tincton, Burpswell, Shaggs?
- 7) In this month in 1936, Gone With the Wind was first published. Who was the author?
- 8) What takes place near Pilton in the last week of June, each year?
- 9) What family event is celebrated on the third Sunday in June?
- 10) What is the name of Paul McCartney's fashion designing daughter?

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## CDCC

I was hoping to have some significant cricketing action to report for this month's Pilot, but the damp start to the season has seen most of our matches cancelled without a ball being bowled. Spare a thought for our skippers who put a lot of effort into getting a team organised, only to be scuppered by the weather. Likewise, for poor Pally and all the thwarted pitch preparation. The few games that we have played so far have gone very well. The Saturday 1sts started their league season with a win against Sturminster & Hinton – a close game between two evenly matched teams. The Evening 1sts won their KO Cup game vs Abbotsbury, chasing down a competitive target with a good batting performance. Apart from that it has been rain, drizzle and frustration (I'm writing on 6<sup>th</sup> May).

Hopefully by the time this is published, the weather will have taken a turn for the better and our season will have gained a bit of momentum. The June diary is absolutely jam-packed with cricket and there should be no shortage of games to come and watch at the ground. The bar is almost always open when there is a game on and it is a lovely spot to while away a couple of hours – need I say any more? With lots happening at the club, there are various ways to keep an eye on upcoming fixtures and social events. There is a notice board outside the clubhouse, our re-vamped Facebook page or follow us on Twitter – just search for Charlton Down Cricket Club.

Our social plans for June are centred around the club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The main event is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June when we are throwing a party at the Village Hall. We are hoping to see lots of past players and others with a connection to the club. Fittingly, our anniversary celebrations also coincide with four consecutive days of cricket at the club. Our two Evening League teams are in action on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Saturday 1sts are at home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and then on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> we are having a friendly game between CD Ancient (club players who debuted 2003-2012) and CD Modern (players from 2013 onwards). This promises to be the most entertaining of matches – all bets are off as the outcome will likely be influenced by the night before and almost anything could happen on the day itself.

Finally, the next Quiz Night will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. It should be regular quizmaster Sid running the show, but if not, his deputy James will do his best to hold things together on the night.

James Pretty



## News from Stinsford Parish Council

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Come for a walk.

There is a long history of parish bounds walks in England. Sometimes they are known as beating the bounds. The tradition dates back at least to the middle ages. In most cases it amounted to a walk or ride around the perimeter of the parish. Very often parishes had boundary stones. Some traditions saw hymns sung when the walk arrived at each stone or stones were thrashed with sticks as in 'beating the bounds' or blessed. There was some variation in dates for the walk in different localities although most took place on Ascension day or five weeks after Easter Sunday. In some places the event lost all religious ties. In some northern towns like Berwick on Tweed it has always been carried out by horse riders and now involves hundreds of riders entering through the town gates to be met by huge crowds in the market place.

Stinsford has previously held bounds walks but in recent times they have been irregular. To walk the exact boundaries of Stinsford is difficult because of the health and safety implications of crossing the A35 and contemporary land ownership patterns. There are no known existing boundary stones. Nevertheless we would like to reinstate an annual walk as close to the parish boundaries as possible using public rights of way.



We intend to do the walk on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We will start at 10am at the lower car park at Kingston Maurward College. The walk will head to the river footpath and follow it into Lower Bockhampton and on to Bhopmston. From there we will follow the path northward past the Pine Lodge Tea Room and through the forest to Higher Bockhampton. From Hardy's Cottage we will walk up the delightfully named Snails Creep, over the A35 bridge and follow the now little used old A35 to Yellowham Wood. At this point we leave the Parish to climb up onto Waterston Ridge and follow it west crossing Slyers Lane / Piddlehinton Road with spectacular views across the higher parts of the parish before descending to Fiddlers Green with its huge ancient barrow and the ruins of the cottage associated with Hardy's story The Three Strangers. The path takes us on through Triangle Copse and briefly into Charminster Parish at Segars Barn before climbing up again to follow the delightful old drovers track known as Lovers Lane back down to Frome Whitfield from where we follow the path to Blue Bridge and back through the water meadows to Greys Bridge and a very short stretch of the London Road footpath before rejoining the riverside path back to Stinsford, St Michael's Church and Kingston Maurward.

It's quite a long route – Stinsford is a relatively large rural parish and the bounds walk is over 12 miles. It is an unquestionably scenic route offering a wide variety of countryside from the water meadows through beautiful woodland and the high expansive scenery from the chalk downland in the North of the parish. We will try and arrange a number of stops. It does require appropriate footwear, none of it is particularly difficult going but in places it can be muddy in wet weather so boots are advisable. If wish to join the Stinsford Parish Council Face Book site we could discuss some of the finer details nearer the time. We hope to see as many of you as possible but even if you are not walking please feel free to turn up to wave us off, and with your support, we can make this an annual event again.

Sarah Pattison

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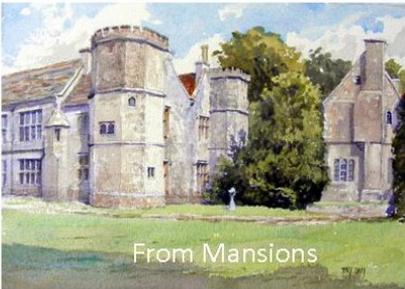
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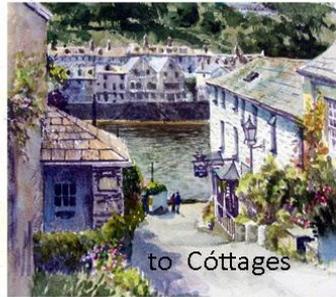
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## CHARMINSTER WI

### May Meeting

This month we followed the Coronation with a small celebration of our own. A glass of Prosecco was offered on arrival and a welcome from our President, Judy Thompson. This was followed by the usual business, including updates on the arrangements for WI refreshments at the Charminster Fete. We are lucky that so many of our members have generously offered to bake and donate cakes, and help on the day. It was so busy for us at the Fete last year throughout the whole afternoon – only a few slices of cake were left at the end! On 9<sup>th</sup> June we will be helping out with an activity (based on the book, We're Going on a Bear Hunt) in the Church/Churchyard for local pre-school children.

The rest of the evening was filled by a quiz, wordsearch, decorating small cakes with red, white & blue icing, pin the crown on the King, raffle, and lots of chat! Members had brought along Royal

memorabilia from home which made a fascinating display.

Our Drama Group entertained us with amusing poems especially chosen for the occasion, ranging from an adaption of a Pam Ayres poem 'The Diamond Jubilee' to A A Milne's 'Buckingham Palace'.

Next month (13<sup>th</sup> June) we look forward to a talk about Sculpture by the Lakes entitled A Year in a Botanical Sculpture Garden. Roy Godwin (Assistant Head Gardener) will give a PowerPoint presentation and tell us more about this wonderful local garden.

We have welcomed quite a few new members recently so, if you think you might like to join us, please come along to one of our meetings. It's a great way to make new friends.

Judy Bird



## **CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR JUNE 2023**

### **The Benefice of Charminster, Stinsford & The Chalk Stream Churches**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Trinity Sunday**

Bradford Peverell	4.00 pm	Soul Food
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Frampton	NO SERVICE	
Stinsford	10.00 am	Holy Communion for Trinity
<b>Sunday and Hardy Birthday</b>		
Stratton	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sydling St Nicholas	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise



#### **11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Barnabas the Apostle**

Bradford Peverell	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Morning Praise <i>with Baptism</i>
Frampton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Stinsford	11.00 am	BCP Matins
Stratton	NO SERVICE	
Sydling St Nicholas	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (CW)



**18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity**

Bradford Peverell	11.00 am	P & W!
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Frampton	NO SERVICE	
Stinsford	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stratton	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sydling St Nicholas	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with Baptism</i>



**3.00 pm      Deanery Confirmation Service at Milton Abbey**



**25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - 3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity**

Bradford Peverell	<b>**6.30 pm</b>	Evening Prayer (Lay Led)
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Frampton	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		<i>with Baptism</i>
Stinsford	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Stratton	NO SERVICE	
Sydling St Nicholas	NO SERVICE	



## **NEWS FROM ST MARY'S**

We are pleased to announce that the instrumental group "Quintessentially Wind" will be performing in the church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July .

QW - a very talented band of instrumentalists who are very well-known and popular in the Hampshire/ Surrey area - will be playing a very eclectic mix of music for a summer's evening.

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- 5) River Stour, at 60 miles in length
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