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Dear Community,

Well, this edition is our 12th and that means we have been editing The Pilot for a whole year! How did that happen?

The success of The Pilot is down to **YOU!** So thank you very much for all your contributions over the last year. We just put in what you send us and are very grateful for it all. Thank you also for being so kind when there has been the odd glitch etc. It has certainly been a steep learning curve!!!

Here's another packed edition of your Parish magazine.

Good news ... we have a Pet of the Month and it's rather an unusual one this time! Please keep sending them in to us.

If you are waiting for some Village Fete news, you will have to wait a little longer...possibly next month.

Look out for an article about local artist Anthony Paul's success at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. His work is stunningly good.

As we write this, the sun is shining and everything in the village is looking so green and marvellous. Fingers crossed that Summer will be a good one!

Mel and Claire

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Charlton Down Cricket Club

Summer is flying by and July marks the mid-point of the cricket season. Overall, Charlton Down have made a fine start. At the time of writing (early June) the Saturday 1sts are in second place in Div 2, while the 2nds are topping the table in Div 6. In the Evening League the 2nds are joint top in Div 3, while the 1sts keep coming close, but are still looking for their first win in Div 1. More importantly, there is a great sense of togetherness and enjoyment at the club at the moment. This couldn't be more evident than on some of our recent Friday nights when the 2nds have had a home game, the 1sts are in the nets practicing and our social members have turned out in force. It's been a great mixture of age groups, cricketers and non-cricketers and it's a fine example of how a sports club can knit together a community. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved – organisers and punters alike!

We had perfect weather for the club's 20th Anniversary weekend, celebrated in style in the Village Hall on the Saturday night. It was lovely to catch up with past players and even better to get some of them out for a game of cricket on the Sunday between players from the first decade versus the second decade. It was a close run thing, but the oldies couldn't quite chase down the target set by the newbies, losing by 8 runs. Some of us had just about recovered from the weekend before making our annual trip to Southampton to watch Hants take on Somerset in the T20 Blast.



All the players who were involved in our 20th Anniversary match - 1st decade vs 2nd decade.

For July we're hoping for more perfect summer weather, a few more wins and a few more glorious Friday nights at the club. In particular, Friday 7th July is Gin Night – this will be our third annual gin tasting event and no doubt Rachel has been hard at work researching some new varieties for you to test out. Keep a lookout on advertising boards and social media for details of this event. Quiz Night and our monthly prize draw will be on Friday 28th July.

James Pretty



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Stinsford news

The First Sunday in June brought the Thomas Hardy Birthday weekend service together with Trinity Sunday led by the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Venerable Penny Sayer. We had a good congregation of which a fair number were TH Society members and Penny delivered a fascinating sermon. Channel 5 turned up to film the comings and goings at Stinsford on that day plus the highlights of both outside and inside the church then moved on to the Thomas Hardy Victorian Fair in Dorchester. There seems to be a lot of interest in Hardy of late, with ITV also filming to be broadcast in September and local film makers Wessex Drama making a film of one of Hardy's stories and are visiting us on Saturday 11th June.

Our fine organist Malcolm has been unwell, we wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him behind the keys and pipes of our organ again soon. So we have had a guest organist, Philip Lange to play for us recently.

As many will know there was a Deanery Service at Crossways in May, very well supported by all members throughout the Deanery. Following this in early June, Leila arranged the first joint meeting of all six parish PCCs within the Benefice, a momentous occasion. Pleasingly our new PCC member, James Thurston, "Jim" was present, and Bradford Peverill hosted and made us very welcome. Members attended from Bradford Peverill, Stratton, Frampton, Sydling St Nicholas to the north and Stinsford to the south and the largest single Community which now includes Charlton Down south of centre. With a population 10 times that of most of us!

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Dorchester Trefoil



Dorchester Trefoil's community knitting project for Dorset County Hospital continues and we recently donated 20 more blankets, 20 twiddlemuffs and 29 shawls to the Mary Anning and stroke wards. Some blankets are used as Memory blankets to help patients with dementia recognise their beds and some are used as lap blankets in the stroke wards.

Patients can take their blankets, shawls and muffs away with them to use at home and many do so, so we need to keep knitting! Non-member knitters are welcome at our monthly knit and natter group, which is as much natter as knit.

Donations of wool, especially double knitting, are always needed and we can collect.

Most recently, we were invited to a special coronation party held by 1st and 3rd Dorchester Guide companies to mark both the coronation and the annual changeover of the Mayor's Guide who accompanied the Mayor, Janet Hewitt, at several of her engagements. Kaitlin Wlodarczyk was thanked by the mayor and then the flag was handed over to Grace Prowse who has this special responsibility for the next 12 months. The ceremony was followed by some lovely food and lots of chat. Jeane Holmes, our chairperson is sitting to the left of the mayor and Lisa Upward our Guiding County Commissioner is on the right of the picture. Lisa is from Dorchester.



Dorchester Trefoil (afternoon group) meets at St George's church hall, Fordington, on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month. Visitors are welcome. It's very friendly and always with tea and chat. The next Evening Trefoil (Wednesday 28th June) is a litter pick followed by a picnic and then a drink in Wetherspoons. For more information about both the afternoon and evening groups contact Judy Thompson, e-mail:- jct231@outlook.com (or via Charminster WI)



Charminster Guides

Charminster Guides have also been working on another badge as well as completing the 'Have Adventure' theme award! This has involved doing work from all areas of the programme—their Badge Book, Skills Builders Badge and their unit meeting activities. One of these theme awards can take over a year to earn as our programme is varied and consists of 5 themes as well as its five essentials that all fit in with our term.

We also try to keep up with the world around us and fit in with what's going on. So there are many other things we do to keep us varied and active. We had a party for the Coronation and some of us managed to help at the village fete running the 'adopt a toy' stall and helping the Brownies with the other activities on offer.

A few other things we have done this term are:- making a bird feeder from oranges and bird seed; looking after the birds while nesting, as well as in the winter; some biodiversity work in different areas to see what nature has to offer and also tried an A to Z in nature while in Thorncombe woods.

Its been a really great term with some fantastic plans ahead!

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Ooh la la!

This month's quiz has a French connection. (With apologies for one terrible pun!)

- 1) Bastille Day is celebrated in France on which date?
- 2) The French Connection, starring Gene Hackman won five Oscars. In which year was it released?
- 3) England begin their Rugby World Cup campaign on September 9th. In which French city?
- 4) What is the name of the ferry that operates daily between Poole and Cherbourg?
- 5) *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles is set in which Dorset town?
- 6) Who plays Jean Valjean in the film of *Les Misérables*?
- 7) What is another name for "eggy bread"?
- 8) Dorchester is the twin town of which famous town in Normandy?
- 9) Which British port features in the 2017 film *Dunkirk*?
- 10) Sounds like a French hedgehog is lost in Charlton Down. Where might you find him?

Charminster Family fun day

Our 'Spectacular' family fun day is returning for its 6th time! Each year we raise the stakes to create an even bigger, more elaborate, fun day than ever before, and this year is set to be our most fantastic yet!

We will have live music from the amazing Nathan Jon-Snell and Koast, setting us a wonderful atmosphere throughout the whole day, along with some exciting dance shows from 'Twirl Academy' and 'The Dance studio' we also have an exciting appearance from the one and only 'Strawberry jam' who never fails to entertain the children and get them laughing!

Our Fabulous Forest school area will also be open, where children (and adults) can toast marshmallows on the open fire, make clay models and decorate their own pebbles to take home as a reminder of your amazing day.

We will have a fire engine, miniature traction engine, digger and mini tractor on site, all making for wonderful photo opportunities with family and friends.

For the fearless amongst you, why not visit our animal area, supplied by 'The Ranch, Weymouth' They will have Burmese pythons, corn snakes. Sand boa. Blue tongued skink. Bearded dragon, iguanas, tortoise, along with goats, who can all be fed and stroked.

Geared towards the adventurous, and to tire the children out, we have bungee trampolines, inflatable slide and bouncy castle.

If all that wasn't enough, we have a great variation of stalls joining us on the day, from crafts, photography, wildlife, games, etc.

If after all the excitement you need to take the weight off your feet, then join us in the bar area, where you will find an abundance of hay-bales to relax on., whilst you can enjoy the many refreshments, food and ice cream we have on offer and listen to the live music.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets on the day and be in with a chance of winning.... A TV, pressure washer, family tickets to.... farmer palmers. Vurlands animal park, Corfe castle, Abbotsbury swannery, Lulworth castle, along with many, many more prizes.

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Notice -

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Thank you to all those involved.



Charminster Brownies

We have had a fantastic beginning to our term. It feels like such a celebratory time with the King's Coronation and the Village Fete! We decorated some lovely mini cakes and made bracelets, set up our fairground activities to try out and had a bit of fun with face painting. We made ribbon dance sticks with red, white or blue ribbon and had a lot of fun using them.

We've planned what to do for Father's Day and loved every minute of the village fete and what fantastic weather!

We also had a lovely time at the movies watching the Little Mermaid at the cinema. Getting a special badge for this too!



Anyone wanting to join Brownies can go onto our [girlguiding website](#) and Join us. Contact Brown Owl for any information - call Alli 07483429596

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR JULY 2023

The Benefice of Charminster, Stinsford & The Chalk Stream Churches

2nd July 2023 – 4th after Trinity

Bradford Peverell	4.00 pm	Soul Food
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Frampton	NO SERVICE	
Stinsford	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stratton	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sydling St Nicholas	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise

9th July 2023 – 5th after Trinity

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)

16th July 2023 – 6th 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) <i>with Baptism</i>
Stratton	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sydling St Nicholas	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)

23rd July 2023 - 7th after Trinity

Frampton Church and Village Hall
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Followed by bring and share lunch

30th July 2023 – 8th after Trinity

Joint Benefice Service - Details to be confirmed

DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR LOWER BOCKHAMPTON ARTIST

Local artist and Pilot advertiser Anthony Paul, of Molehill Studio, Lower Bockhampton, has had both his submissions for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions accepted.

The most prestigious annual art exhibition in Britain, it is the largest open art exhibition in the world, attracting 15 17,000 public entries worldwide. From these only about 850 works will be selected, to hang among the Royal Academicians' and guest Artists' works.

The exhibition is large, this year 1602 artworks, spread among 16 galleries within Burlington House In Piccadilly, London.

Tony's two paintings, both still lifes, are hung in gallery VI, and painted in the beautiful medium of egg tempera, a traditional medium steeped in antiquity.

His first painting 'A conference of Pears', resulted from his wife being given the four pears. Neither she nor he were that keen on pears, but Tony liked their shapes and, in his studio set them up on, as much as in, the small bowl. He found the two, more upright fruits with their twisted stems, were like humans, Their body language indicating apprehension.

Tony says: 'The bowl was a delight to paint. Glazed pottery isn't easy to represent, but it's really satisfying when it works. It is the second appearance of this bowl in a Summer Exhibition, being first shown in his second RA success in 1987.

The second painting 'Fruits de Mer' features a bowl of shells collected by his two daughters. Set in the raking light in the recess of a stained glass window, there is a powerful representation of light and shadow.

The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition is open until 20th August.

If you would like to see more of Tony's work locally he will be holding a weekend 'open studio', with daughters Sally (stained glass) and Kerry (jewellery, collages, prints and cards), from 21 - 23rd July. Just park (or walk) near to Bockhampton Bridge and follow the signs. The studio/gallery will be open from 10am - 4pm. Weather permitting there will be refreshments available in the garden.

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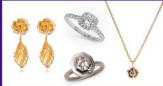
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- 2) 1971
- 3) Marseille
- 4) MV Barfleur
- 5) Lyme Regis
- 6) Hugh Jackman
- 7) French toast
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