

The Pilot

September 2023



Charminster, Charlton Down and Stinsford

DEAR COMMUNITY,

We are all experiencing “The Cost of Living Crisis”, and finding ways to cope with rising prices, even so when our printers announced that they were increasing the monthly production cost of The Pilot by 42% we were taken aback!

It was obvious that the magazine wouldn’t survive if we had to increase advertising rates by the same amount, so we set about looking for alternative solutions.

Our search led us to Epic Creative Print of Dorchester, who came up with an innovative arrangement, which we have adopted. The first change as you can see is the increase in the size of the magazine. This is easier to produce and offers us more space. The second change that you will notice is that Epic have taken on the job of composing the magazine, giving us a smarter more readable publication. This means that our brilliant editorial duo, Mel and Claire now just have to send the content to Epic who then put the magazine together taking a big load off their shoulders.

Another change that you will probably **not** notice is that Epic are carbon offsetting the raw material used, and this allows us to have a certificate from the World Land Trust. In these times we are all keen to be more sustainable and aware of our impact on the environment.

We have had to reduce the number of issues a year to ten to stay within budget, so there will not be a January, or August Pilot, but times of church services for these months will appear in the preceding edition.

The Pilot Team hope that you enjoy the new look and keep supporting our community magazine.

Best wishes

Tim, Michael, Sally, Mel and Claire

Date for submissions – 6th September Editor@charpilot.com



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QUIZ

September 2023

WHERE'S LITTLE WILLIE?

Try your hand at this general knowledge quiz with a strong focus on Dorset and the month of September.

1. What is the connection between West Dorset and a world-famous brand of cognac?
2. Which Dorset village holds the record for the highest daily rainfall in the UK?
3. Who wrote and sang the early sixties hit It might as well rain until September?
4. The Weather Girls 1982 hit was called?
5. September 9th is International Sudoku day. Why?
6. The Great Fire of London started on September 2nd, 1666. In which street did it begin?
7. The Dorset County Show takes place in September. When was it first held?
 - a. 1740
 - b. 1840
 - c. 1940
8. Visitors must climb 153 steps to get to the top of which famous Dorset landmark?
9. St John's Well in Evershot is the source of which Dorset river?
10. Where in Dorset will you find Little Willie, Bulldog and Warthog?

Answers on page 26

Please read and donate for a Defibrillator for Charminster Community Hall

I am looking to raise £1035 which is 50% towards a Defibrillator which will work on adults and children. I have obtained the other 50% from Wyatt Homes. Currently my Crowdfunding page is at £410 for the other half.

There are currently two defibrillators in Charminster, one to the east side and one at the church but currently there isn't one to the west side of the community.

In June myself and about 8 other community members undertook training in the Community Hall, and I took it upon myself to try and raise funds for this cause.

Please help me to raise the necessary funds to enable the community to benefit. Thanking you in advance.

Please donate to my Crowdfunding Page:

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STINSFORD NEWS

The weather has turned to the good after weeks of rain and blustery winds and by mid-August, so they say, this should be much improved and will last throughout September.

This year fruit in the garden on the pear trees is outstanding almost to a point where branches would break with the weight. Another fruit worth a mention is the crop of Jostaberries, a cross between gooseberries and black currents, quite prolific, easy to grow and full of flavour. And noticeably the juicy blackberries along the hedgerows, large and ready to pick and deliciously sharp at the moment just perfect for pies.

A very good harvest then in readiness for our celebration Harvest and Patronal Festivals on the 24th of September. If you could offer to help with a small display of flowers in and around the church or some garden vegetables it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Shirley or Sally, our Churchwardens.

Rob van der Hart will officiate on Sunday's Festival Evensong at 6pm.

Another celebration, our Michaelmas Fayre, Stinsford's Fete will be held on 30th September Donations of Cakes, vegetables, preserves, items you think appropriate for either the "New to you" stall or Bric-a-brac would be very much appreciated. We hope to have a little Mellstock honey for sale on the day, it being produced by the Dorchester and Weymouth Beekeepers Association's Apiary, located in the Hanbury, where they school the beginners.

Please see the posters or comment on the radio and come along, relax and enjoy.

Hope you have all seen the series of programmes on Channel 5 narrated by Alan Titchmarsh on the county of Dorset. So far it has seemed to receive mixed reviews some thinking it covered too much and tended to jump about but it was good to see the county get some excellent television coverage around the amazing amount of interest we have, in fact I think it could have easily been a series of twelve programmes instead of six. Bearing in mind they were quick to get the series on the television when filming at St Michael's in early June we have to give them full marks however bringing it out just in time for the holiday season.

We now look forward to the ITV series in September, we understand to include Martin Clunes.

The first year of the revised service times has been completed with morning services at 11 a.m. and the last service in the month being a 6.00 p.m. Evensong in summer and 4pm in winter. Should we have a fifth Sunday in the month we repeat the Evensong but this as an agreed ongoing Joint Benefice event at Stinsford followed by a drink and eats. July had a fifth Sunday and we had the opportunity to wish Malcolm Davis a Happy 81st Birthday with the organ being played on this occasion by Charminster's organist Neil Cuthill. With a good congregation made up of our normal congregation and others from around the benefice, and holidaying visitors it was a joyful event, Malcolm managed to avoid the chocolate cake.

September 9th brings the annual Ride and Stride event and we hope to have entries taking part this year so should others like to join in please do so. We have the journey route made by participators on the last occasion so should anybody wish to have a copy do let me know. So whether you be a Walker, Cyclist or Horse Rider here is an opportunity for a little or lot of exercise and to enjoy a thoroughly good day. Notices are up on the church and PCC boards and further information found at Dorset Historic Churches Trust www.dhct.org.uk Ride and Stride where you can also download a sponsorship form. I think the record is still held by Alan Neades of Piddlehinton who once visited over 30 churches/chapels on the day and I am sure he will be participating again this year.

The PCC met in July, a number of issues were discussed, notably Christmas Services, repairs to the Alarm System, the Fete and Festival plus the introduction of a card reader as an alternative to cash. The PCC viewed the latest version of our film we made to show the Diocesan Advisory Committee the intended whereabouts of the refectory/toilet and the reasons for the need. This was approved and would be forwarded by Leila to the appropriate department in Salisbury.

Pleasingly the stone in memory of Bill Jesty is now in place under the Yew tree having received the appropriate permission from the Chancellor's office in Salisbury

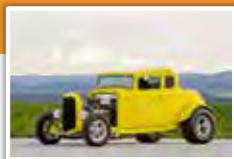
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Saturday 30th September 2023



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 - Dog show 1pm
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CHARMINSTER WI REPORTS

JULY 2023

'From Pigeon Racing to Parliament – thirty years in journalism'. This was the intriguing title of our July talk, delivered by Charminster resident, Nigel Kay. An extremely interesting and entertaining talk, in which Nigel told us about his fascinating history in journalism. Even as a child, he had realised he wanted to be a journalist, and, at 18 years old, he was lucky to be offered an apprenticeship in the local newspaper in his home town of Leicester. Over the years he progressed, working in broadcasting, especially BBC local radio, in different areas of the country. During his career he interviewed numerous well-known figures including Margaret Thatcher, Brian Clough, and Eric Morecambe. He was involved in reporting major events such as the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the Brighton hotel bombing, the Hillsborough disaster, and the Manchester Arena bombing. In more recent years he has travelled to many parts of the world advising governments on how to handle public information and the media during a crisis. Nigel has agreed to join us again next year to tell us more about his fascinating career.

Keeping to the theme of journalism, our members' competition was to find a humorous article from a newspaper or magazine. Nigel judged the entries and the winner was Pat Tinker who brought along this quote from a church magazine – "The preachers for the next six weeks can be found nailed up in the church porch".

News of our next meeting (August) will be in the next edition of The Pilot. It is our garden party in the beautiful riverside garden of one of our members. We will be having a raffle in aid of Cancer Research UK, and enjoying an afternoon tea in the garden (weather permitting!).

AUGUST 2023

We held our 'garden party' on Tuesday 8th August but, unfortunately, the drizzly weather meant we had to meet indoors. We were still able to look out on Alison's beautiful garden though! Grateful thanks to Alison for letting us use her house/garden for our August meeting every year.

30 members attended (out of our current total membership of 39) which was a good turnout. Everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon of chat and excellent food. The committee and our small catering committee worked hard to provide the various treats on offer, including sandwiches, sausage rolls and savoury scones, with plenty of cake and a cream tea! As expected from WI, a real gourmet experience!

Maureen had devised a clever quiz based on the Scattergories game, using the letters spelling Charminster WI. It kept us all entertained in any short lull between chatter and eating! We also held a raffle with lots of lovely donated prizes. £112 was raised and donated to our chosen charity, Cancer Research UK.

On the subject of raising money, we have also agreed to donate £50 to the appeal for funds to buy a defibrillator to be placed outside the Community Hall. This has already been given to Helen Freeman who is trying to raise the required amount.

Our next meeting is on 12th September at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Our speaker will be local historian and author, Brian Bates. His subject will be WW1 Nurse Annie Keats – experiences of a nurse who worked in Dorchester.

In October we will be holding a Harvest Festival for our members. Supper will be provided (members bring a plate of food to share) and we hope to be able to have a sale/swap of produce.

If you have any queries about coming along to one of our meetings or joining the WI, please use the contact details published in the back of the Pilot. We would love to see some new faces and you will be made very welcome.

Judy Bird

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

The Benefice of Charminster, Stinsford & The Chalk Stream Churches

3rd September 2023 – 13th 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	6.30 pm	Evensong

Tuesday 5th September - Institution Service Church and time to be confirmed

10th September 2023 – 14th after Trinity

Bradford Peverell	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Café Church
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)
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)

17th September 2023 – 15th after Trinity

Bradford Peverell	11.00 am	P & W!
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
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)

24th September 2023 - 16th after Trinity

Bradford Peverell	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Charminster	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	All-Age HC - <i>Harvest Festival</i>
Frampton	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with Baptism</i>
Stinsford	6.00 pm	Patronal <i>Harvest Festival</i> with Evensong
Stratton	NO SERVICE	
Sydling St Nicholas	11.00 am	<i>Harvest Festival</i>

"NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

St Mary's Church will be holding a Harvest Supper and Quiz on Saturday 23rd September commencing at 7.00 pm in Charminster Community Hall. For tickets at £10.00 each (adults) Tel. 213403 – all welcome.

Join us for an evening of food, wine and fun.

Date for you Diary – St Mary's Church will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 18th November – lots for everyone. Stalls will include – Christmas gifts, crafts, cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac, toys, games, refreshments and more don't miss it!"



CHARLTON DOWN CRICKET CLUB

I'm writing this in early August and we're currently scrambling around looking for players to fill our two Saturday teams. Holiday season is upon us, which, on top of a growing injury list means we'll have to dig quite deep to get the teams on the pitch. Furthermore, we have just come off the back of a crazy sequence of 12 games in 11 days, brought about by trying to reschedule various rain affected games before the School holidays. Many thanks to the dads and part-timers who have given up their time to help us out. Thanks also to the cricket-widows for putting up with us. You might now see a bit more of your partners now the season is drawing to a close.

The Evening League has now finished and the good news is the 1st team ended up with a couple of wins to celebrate. The 2nd team had an excellent season, finishing in 2nd place and just missing out on promotion. With four games left to play on Saturdays, both the 1sts and 2nds are sitting in mid-table positions, which is probably a fair reflection of their performances. Special mention should be made of the 1st team's game against local rivals Cerne Valley. This proved to be an absolute thriller, with Cerne taking the final wicket off the last ball of the match to win, while Charlton Down needed

just two runs for victory. That we got so close was purely down to our skipper and opening batsman Jack, who was the last man out for 87 – a memorable knock in a losing cause.

We had a perfect sunny evening in July for our Gin Night (seems a long time ago now) where we tried out various exciting G&Ts and cocktails. The Black Cherry gin from Whitley Neill was the most popular on the night, while the Seville Orange from Tanqueray was also a firm favourite. The monthly Quiz Night has been a source of much excitement – we even needed a tie-breaker question in a recent quiz. The team to beat are the Cheeky Raspberries, who seem to be winning more often than not – possibly we need some fresh talent to come and knock them off their perch! Everyone is welcome, and it's a good fun night. The next quiz (and our monthly prize draw) will be on Friday 29th September, doors open around 7pm and the quiz starts at 8pm. On Friday 15th September, we're having our Italian Night – this was postponed in August because Yvette has been so busy doing all-sorts for the club, but now has a bit more time to do the cooking and organising.

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DORCHESTER TREFOIL

We have had a fairly quiet month for once but did manage to squeeze in a lunch at Goulds Garden centre as an extra get together.

As our speaker was unable to come to our July meeting, we changed our programme to a version of 'Would I lie to you' – committee versus the rest of our members attending the meeting. The committee won with the comment from several members that they were horrified we were such good liars! Due to a poor weather forecast, our Evening section's barbecue was postponed until August.

Fiona Bevins, Chris White and I delivered 35 shawls, 21 blankets, 17 twiddlemuffs and 10 teddy bears to the stroke unit of Dorchester County Hospital where they will be shared between the Mary Anning dementia wards, and Evershot ward as well as the stroke unit. WE normally deliver direct to the Mary Anning wards but they are closed to the public at present due to Norovirus.

You don't have to be members of Trefoil to knit for the Trefoil community knitting project (Chris and Fiona aren't) and all knitters are welcome to our knit and natter group.

As ever we always appreciate donations of wool so our members can continue to knit shawls and blankets for DCH.

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. Evening Trefoil usually meets on the 4th Wednesday evening of each month. For more information about both the afternoon and evening groups contact Judy Thompson, e-mail:- jct19336@gmail.com (or via Charminster WI).

Judy Thompson



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2. Martinstown. The village recorded 11 inches of rain on July 18th, 1955.
3. Carole King.
4. It's Raining Men.
5. It's the ninth day of the ninth month and the game is played on a 9 x 9 grid.
6. Pudding Lane.
7. 1840.
8. Portland Bill lighthouse.
9. River Frome, which flows 30 miles into Poole Harbour at Wareham.
10. They are all exhibits at the Tank Museum in Bovington.





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Charminster Community Orchard Makeover

The Orchard on Mill Lane, also known as Millers Orchard, has had a makeover!

Charminster Parish Council commissioned local tree surgeon Matthew Clark of Acorn to Oak Tree Services to prune and shape the apple trees, clear dead neighbouring trees and overgrown branches and cut the undergrowth.

The Parish Council has also installed recycled picnic benches and opened up access to the little stream that runs through the Orchard.

The work is now finished and the Orchard is ready for you to enjoy.

Did you know?

The Orchard is open to everyone.

It's a great place to sit and chat, relax and play.

The Orchard is owned and managed by the Parish Council for the benefit of the community.

The historic Orchard was recreated in 2003 with a variety of local apple trees.

The trees were planted by people representing the village, including the oldest resident, local children, the publican and the shopkeeper.

When ready, the apples are free for everyone for domestic use.

Let's make the most of this great revitalised asset!

The Parish Council has limited powers and resources but I like to think that lots of small positive changes like this one can add up to making life better for everyone.

Peter Dangerfield, Parish Councillor.



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