

The Pilot

May 2024



Charminster, Charlton Down and Stinsford

DEAR COMMUNITY,

Our job as editors is made so much easier when you send us lots of interesting articles to include and that has certainly been the case this month. Thank you.

This edition of The Pilot is filled with events to attend including The Occasional Singers, Wessex Musical Theatre Show Sister Act, Band nights and more.

There is also details about our favourite annual event, The Charminster Village Fete.

Do look out for important information on 'Norchester' and the proposed merger between Weymouth College and Kingston Maurward too! We feel incredibly grateful that there are such community-minded people in our locality who care about the future of our villages.

Mel and Claire

Date for submissions for our June edition – 6th May 2024
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STINSFORD NEWS

Early April has brought us mixed blessings with another wet spell. Of March one has read we experienced half a year's rain in three months. The newborn lambs have had a tough time, for those born in late 2023 seen at Bhompston around Christmastime and the early Spring lambs of 2024 around the Kingston Maurward pastures. But the grass is growing, and the ground prepared for the 2024 crops. The Frome River continues to rise, overflow, and fall. The land disappearing under water and reappearing after a day or so. We do not need the services of the "drowners" these days, whose job some time ago was to flood the meadows, just look to mother nature for early grass. The seasonal growth has been relatively true to form, the Horse Chestnuts in the Park are already in leaf and the Sycamores ready to burst.

Easter in the church saw some great floral displays and services led by Rob Van Der Hart. Both the Saturday evening "Service of Light" celebration with our Rector, Leila leading the singing and the torchlight procession "bringing the light of Christ" from beyond the church bounds into our darkened church. Easter Sunday service was followed by the annual egg hunt, with delightful young and older children in the congregation. The church abounded with flowers and the Easter Garden a triumph with more white rabbits than you get out of the average hat!

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place in a few days' time and Derek Pride, both a member of the PCC and stalwart for maintaining the Cecil Hanbury Memorial Garden Cemetery, as his father did, is stepping down. So may we urge anybody willing to help please come forward. Derek's work can be seen with the array of primroses and other wild flowers currently out in abundance and certainly contributed to our

Bronze Award, and importantly he has kept the grass cut. The first of the Ash trees has been taken down due to Ash Dieback. Originating in Asia this fungus lands on the leaves, drawing itself into the tree. First the leaf and new growth dies and then it continues to a point when the trees water transport system is blocked, resulting in the death of the tree. There are said to be over two billion Ash trees in this country, and one cannot imagine a summer without enjoying them. What will the likes of car makers Morgan do for the chassis or the cricket bat industry, for a wood of a sound straight grain. Always remembering on a cold night the Ash burns well whether seasoned or not and has a comparable heat output as that of Oak and Beech.

The Salisbury Diocese is currently putting together an application to the Heritage Fund under the direction of Anna Hardy drawing together a group of churches with Hardy associations of which Stinsford, St Michael is a lead. Because of Hardy's role as an architect he was involved in the many changes taking place to church buildings in the 19th & 20th Centuries within and around the Diocese. Grants, if successful, will be available, and we are charged with thinking how we would best spend anything between £5/10K on a project that would maximize visitor interest.

We are shortly to receive our cashless device so that both visitors and parishioners can make donations or pay for goods by means of a card. Something we have had to consider post-pandemic when there were little or no cash transactions.

The proposed merger of Kingston Maurward and Weymouth College document is out for consultation and careful reading.

Michael Clarke

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT PART 2

The Lower Bockhampton – Stinsford riverside path referred to in the last edition of The Pilot is not only impassible at Stinsford Bridge, it also regularly floods at its Lower Bockhampton end.

Poor maintenance of the river banks along this section allows more water to cross the path at more places. These incursions sweep the path surface into the river, thus lowering the height of the path. This makes it even easier for the next flood to sweep even more path into the Frome.

Stinsford Parish Council (SPC) has been pressing Dorset Council hard over the last years to fully repair this section. The cost of repairs will go up every year that the works are left and the path will become ever more fragile until the river cuts through it completely and the bridle way becomes impassible.

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT PART 3

In the past, the road between Lower Bockhampton and West Stafford flooded approximately once every three years. This winter, the road has flooded five times.

The crucial role played by the water meadows in holding flood water and releasing it later into the Frome has been tested to capacity and beyond. This new pattern is directly in line with the science on Climate Change, only the speed of change has been underpredicted.

SPC has invited the Environment Agency to speak on water meadow management, particularly in reference to the proposed building of 3,500 houses north of Dorchester (date to be confirmed).

SPC will be calling on local parish councils along the Frome Valley to join together to monitor these changes and highlight key areas of river management. It will also be asking that the new Local Plan and relevant Neighbourhood Plans have stronger and more coordinated sections on the water meadows, protecting them from development and reinforcing their central role in preventing so many Dorset communities from flooding.



LOWER BOCKHAMPTON PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION

The playground in Lower Bockhampton is owned by 'Fields in Trust' (formerly The Playing Fields Association) and is held in Trust by them for the community.

Stinsford Parish Council (SPC) acts as 'Managing' trustee and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the playground as well as for all costs for its maintenance and equipment provision.

The equipment is slowly coming to the end of its natural life and costs SPC approximately £600+ per annum for routine maintenance. SPC has decided that this would be a good time to consult the community on how the playground should be run in future and help the PC make a long-term plan.

The last full refurbishment of the playground cost £10,000 fifteen years ago. We were lucky to get a grant from 'Awards for All', part of the National Lottery. It is highly unlikely that we would get a repeat grant because of the low usage figures (see below).

Children's play equipment is built to a very high safety specification and any refurbishment plan would also have to address access issues. The cost of any refurbishment would fall directly on Stinsford parish households via the annual precept (part of the rates). This could be as high as £70 per household if not more.

Playground use has fallen dramatically in the last ten years. Some of this is demographic, with fewer young children in the playground's catchment area, some reduction comes from the

opening of Kingston Maurward's animal park as a free attraction, some from the continuing access problems via the Dorchester-Stinsford river path and, of course, the disruption of play patterns caused by the restrictions of the Covid epidemic.

Before making any decisions, SPC would like to hear your views.

Some of the options could include:

1. Keep the playground as it is and replace all equipment when it reaches the end of its safe functioning life. This would incur the highest capital costs and long-term maintenance cost.
2. Make it more of an all-age community resource by adding a couple of benches and replacing the football area (the least used part of the playground) with a wild flower area or community orchard. This would have slightly lower capital and maintenance costs.
3. Let it become an open picnic area by keeping the present table but not replacing any of the playground equipment when it becomes obsolete. This would be the cheapest option and have the lowest maintenance costs.

Let us hear your ideas, either by email to:

stinsfordclerk@gmail.com

or directly with any of your parish councillors.

A new list of councillors will be published after the May election with full contact details.

And/or come to the Parish Council meeting when this item is on the agenda (July – date to be confirmed).

George Armstrong SPC Chair



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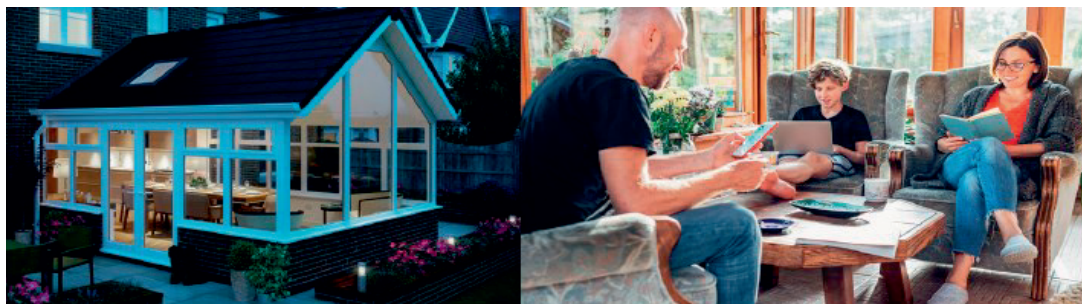
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PROBUS CLUB OF DORCHESTER



The Probus meeting in March was the Annual General Meeting where the last years events were reviewed and the President, Vice President and Committee for the next year were elected by the members. The retiring President Robert Potter said it had been a really good year with each of the social events well supported and the membership had been stable throughout. The President went on to thank the Committee for all of their work and to welcome Paul Gowler taking over as President for the next year. The Secretary led a vote of thanks for the Retiring President who, he said, had worked diligently throughout the year for the Club.

For the next year the Club has some interesting speakers lined up including a talk by a member on his life as a Detective and an illustrated talk from an outside speaker about his involvement as a Volunteer and Torchbearer at the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics in both Dorset & London.

Probus Club of Dorchester is part of the international Probus Organisation and is a group of retired or semi-retired men who meet on the second Thursday of each month for lunch at the Gamekeeper in Charminster. At many of the meetings we have guest speakers and a wide range of topics are covered. We are keen to welcome new members and if you are interested in coming along please in the first instance contact either Bill Lowes at williamlowes167@btinternet.com or Chris Hutton-Penman at chris@ossl.biz or on 01305753611



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SUN 18th 4pm - FIRSTY THIRSTY FERRETS

THURS 9th 7pm - OPEN MIC Si Genaro
SAT 11th 7pm - VANILLA RADIO
SUN 12th 4pm - MARKY DAWSON TRIO

SAT 25th 7pm - BLUE COLLAR
(Harry from The Few!!)
SUN 26th 5pm - ALL FUNKED UP



DORCHESTER TREFOIL

Our photograph this month shows the Hardy Perennials making Easter Eggs under the guidance of Charminster Brownie and Guide leader, Alison Barlow at Wolfedale Gold Club.

We had a lovely, messy in my case, time and the eggs are delicious. Most were beautifully decorated.



Our next meeting will be playing skittles at the Colliton Club, and then we have our quiz for Foxie's Future (a charitable trust set up to buy Foxlease in the New Forest

so that it can continue to be run as an activity centre for young people). The quiz is on 21st May in Charminster Community Hall and teams of up to 6 people are welcome. £7.50 per person including supper. Contact Judy Thompson (below).

A speaker from Julia's House is coming to our afternoon guild meeting in April and Steve Belasco, talking and showing his marine photographs of the Jurassic Coast is our May speaker.

Many thanks for the recent wool donations – they are always needed.

Trefoil is for anyone over the age of 18 who supports Guiding, Scouting and the community. If you'd like more information about our afternoon or evening groups please contact me – my e-mail is:- jct19336@gmail.com.

Judy Thompson



THE OCCASIONAL SINGERS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday 19 May at 4.00pm

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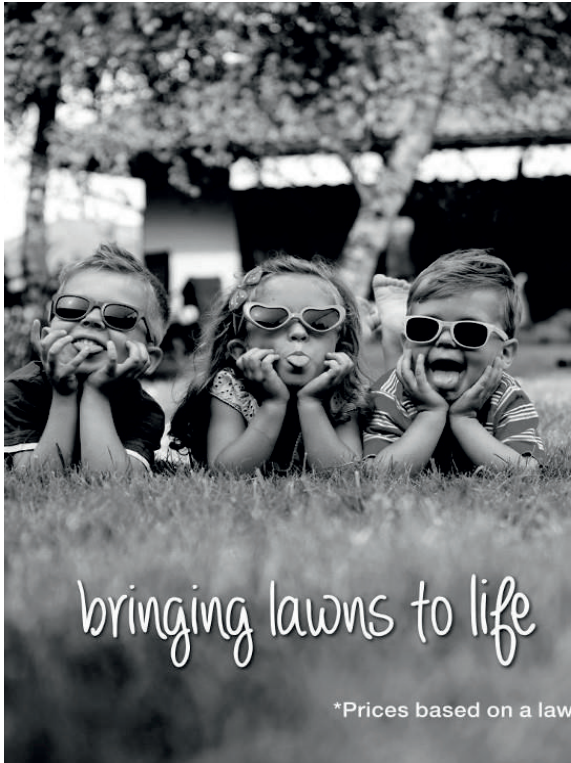
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9.30AM PARISH COMMUNION & APCM - STRATTON
11AM PARISH COMMUNION - CHARMINSTER
11AM BCP COMMUNION - STINSFORD
4PM SOUL FOOD & APCM - BRADFORD PEVERELL
6.30PM EVENSONG - SYDLING ST NICHOLAS

THURSDAY 9TH MAY - ASCENSION DAY

6PM SUNG EUCHARIST - CHARMINSTER

12TH MAY - EASTER 7

8AM BCP COMMUNION - CHARMINSTER
9.30AM HOLY BAPTISM & APCM - CHARMINSTER
9.30AM MORNING PRAYER - SYDLING ST NICHOLAS
11AM MATINS - STINSFORD
11AM HOLY COMMUNION - BRADFORD PEVERELL
6PM BCP EVENSONG - CHARMINSTER
6.30PM EVENING PRAYER - FRAMPTON

19TH MAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8AM BCP COMMUNION - CHARMINSTER
9.30AM PARISH COMMUNION - SYDLING ST NICHOLAS
11AM PARISH COMMUNION - CHARMINSTER
11AM PARISH COMUNION - STINSFORD
11AM PRAISE AND WORSHIP - BRADFORD PEVERELL
6PM EVENING PRAYER - STRATTON

26TH MAY - TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00 AM HC (BCP) - CHARMINSTER
9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION - CHARMINSTER
9.30AM MORNING PRAYER - SYDLING ST NICHOLAS
11AM HOLY COMMUNION & APCM - FRAMPTON
4.00PM MESSY CHURCH
6.00PM BCP EVENSONG -STINSFORD
6.30PM EVENING PRAYER - BRADFORD PEVERELL





CHARMINSTER

VILLAGE FETE

01 JUNE 2024

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The show runs from 29th May to 1st June at the Thomas Hardye School Theatre, including a Saturday matinee. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite:

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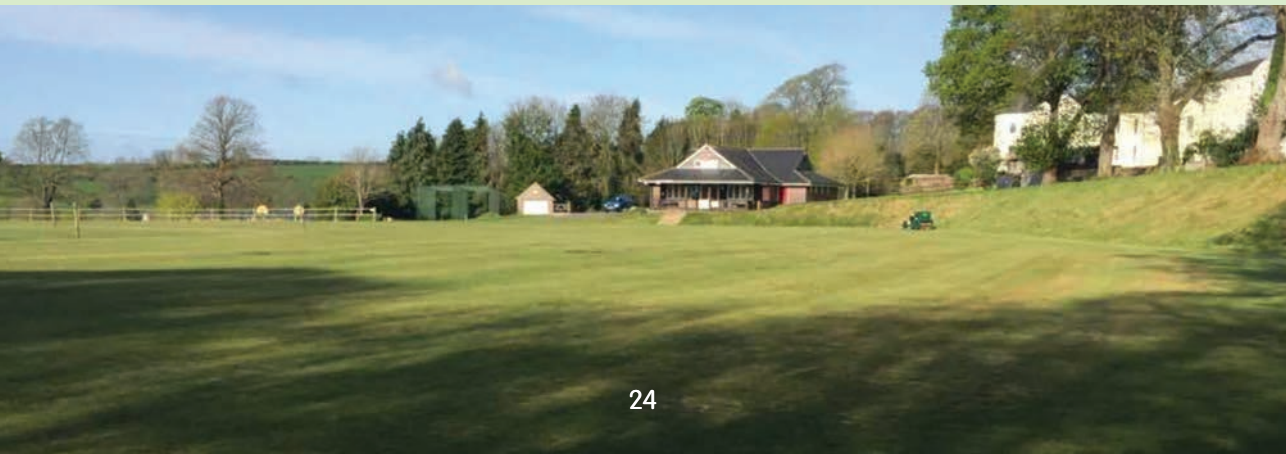
As I write this in early April with the rain pelting against my window, it feels like cricket is still a long way away. However, by the time this reaches your doorstep in early May, the season will be well under way (and hopefully we'll be basking in some glorious Spring sunshine). After some warm-up games in late April, the season properly gets going in May with the start of the Saturday and Evening Cricket Leagues. May is a time for some early season optimism that all the winter practice and planning will translate to good results on the pitch. In recent years, Charlton Down have started the season strongly and maybe this will be the year we can keep it going into the second half of the season....

Now the evenings are longer, we have finished our indoor practice sessions and moved outside. Charlton Down residents will have noticed that the club is a hive of activity on Friday evenings as we fine-tune our cricketing skills. The sharp-eyed among you might have spotted our swanky new training kit (pictured) and we would like to thank Selwood House Care Home in Charlton

Down for their generous sponsorship. Every Friday we have youth coaching from 5-6pm for ages 7-11, 6-7.15pm for ages 12-15 and adult training from 7.15pm onwards. Of course, being a Friday, the bar will be open for the usual social get together. It is an excellent opportunity to come down and get involved with the club, whether it be socially or as a player. We have a wide range of cricket available throughout the summer, so whatever your age or cricketing ability, we'll be happy to have you on board! If you have any queries about adult cricket, please contact James on 07903 396407 or if you are interested in youth cricket (any age between 7 and 15) please contact Sid on 07769 620968.

As well as all the practice, we have been hard at work preparing the ground and clubhouse for the season ahead. Of course, a lot of this falls upon groundsman Pally and his team of helpers, but we try to get everyone to do their bit with a weekend work party. This year our Get Set weekend took place over 6 & 7th April with as many of us as possible descending on the club to tackle Pally's two page job list. It may teeter on the verge of chaos, but it is true what they say about many hands making light work – even with all the cups of tea and chatting!

With our focus turning to playing cricket, we are not planning any special social events in May, but we will still have our monthly Quiz Night and prize draw on 31st May. Coffee Mornings will continue every Thursday 10-12ish and whenever there is a game on at the ground there is a good chance the bar will be open too. A list of upcoming fixtures is on display at the club and village shop. We'll keep putting out info on our social media, or you can check out our website <https://charltondown.play-cricket.com/>



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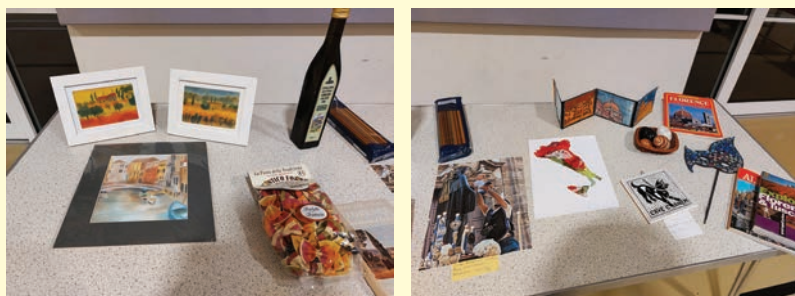
At our March meeting we celebrated our 106th birthday, in the usual way with good food & good company! The party had an Italian theme – food, drink, table decorations, table quiz and display of items that made members think of Italy. There was a very varied display ranging from fabric creations to brightly coloured pasta.

Later the same week we held a coffee morning at the Village Hall to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Members had been busy baking cakes and making items for the sales table, and we raised over £450 once donations and other contributions had been taken into account. We were so pleased to see so many people from the village and surrounding area coming along on a Saturday morning to support such a worthwhile event. Thanks also to those members who helped on the day with refreshments, manning the sales table, raffle, etc. And, finally, a big thank you to those people who made cash donations which bumped up the total considerably.

In April it's our Annual Meeting where we vote for our committee for the coming year. Most of the committee members will be standing for re-election but we hope that we may have some new ones too! We'll use the rest of the evening having a go at making fabric tulips with Mary's expert guidance.

We're getting lots of visitors and new members from ladies who have recently moved in to the village, especially the Charminster Farm estate. It's lovely to welcome 'newcomers' to swell our numbers. Do come along, maybe as a visitor in the first instance. You can attend 3 meetings at a cost of £3 a time, giving you a chance to see if you like us before becoming a paid-up member!

Judy Bird



1ST CHARMINSTER SCOUT GROUP

It has been a long dark and wet Winter and we are looking forward to Spring and being able to commence some of our outdoor activities.

The Beavers and Cubs have been working for their Skills Challenge Award. This includes – how our body works, exercise, healthy eating, daily living activities, creativity projects, problem solving and learning a new skill.

On a visit to Bridport Museum they learnt about the history of Rope Making in the town and they made some rope. At the end of the evening each person was given a piece of rope to take home.

Unfortunately we have no Scout leader at present.

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Pet of the Month ...

Say "Hello" to Timothy Whippet. Timothy is a 7 year old boy who lives in Charminster and is regularly seen with his Daddy in Mill Lane and across the fields doing whippet "zoomies".

One of his favourite past-times is standing at the bar in pubs waiting for a pickled egg or gravybone. This is him at "The Rabbit" in Dorchester chatting up the landlord.

Alastair Wallace



The annual meeting of the Charminster Village Hall Committee takes place on Wednesday, May 15th at 5.30pm.

The committee is always looking for new members, particularly people who want to be more involved in village life. Committee members are only expected to attend four meetings a year, but they will be asked to help organise fund raising events at the hall. If you're interested please email Nigel Kay at nigelrkay@gmail.com

DORSET ART WEEKS

Dorset Art Weeks runs from 25th May to 9th of June with a variety of artists opening their studios. You could have a day out with friends, visiting these local studios and enjoy cake in one of the cafes on-route.

155 Carol Savage is a multi disciplinary artist interested in collective memory and sense of place.

156 Kevin Moore's painting and print making explores aesthetics in nature and the environment. Unit 1 Mellstock Farm, Higher Bockhampton, DT2 8QJ

157 Alison Moore is exhibiting semi-abstract paintings composed of layers of drawing.

158 MooniGooni Glass. From shoreline and sea to flora and fauna. Dorset inspired fused glass. Unit 2 Mellstock Farm, Higher Bockhampton, DT2 8QJ

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159 Creative Clay for All. The constantly changing Dorset landscape inspires Deborah's sculptural ceramics. Unit 12 Mellstock Farm, Higher Bockhampton, DT2 8QJ

160 Ron and Dorothy Karley are exhibiting watercolour paintings of flowers and fungi. Roller Cottage, Lower Bockhampton, DT2 8PZ

161 Anthony Paul, exhibitor at the RA summer Exhibition 2023. Working in egg tempera and casein. Molehill, Bockhampton Lane, DT2 8PZ

162 Stinsford Studios. Contemporary figurative painter Julian Bailey is exhibiting alongside artist friends and family at the recently established Stinsford Studios. A mixture of ceramics, painting and drawings. The Old Vicarage, DT2 8PT.

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Electors will vote for one Dorset Councillor and for one Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

Charminster Parish Council South Ward (Charminster) will be contested with nine candidates for seven seats. Voters may vote for up to seven candidates.

Charminster Parish Council North Ward (Charlton Down and Forston) will be uncontested as there were two candidates for five seats.

Stinsford Parish Council will also be uncontested as there were seven candidates for seven seats.

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