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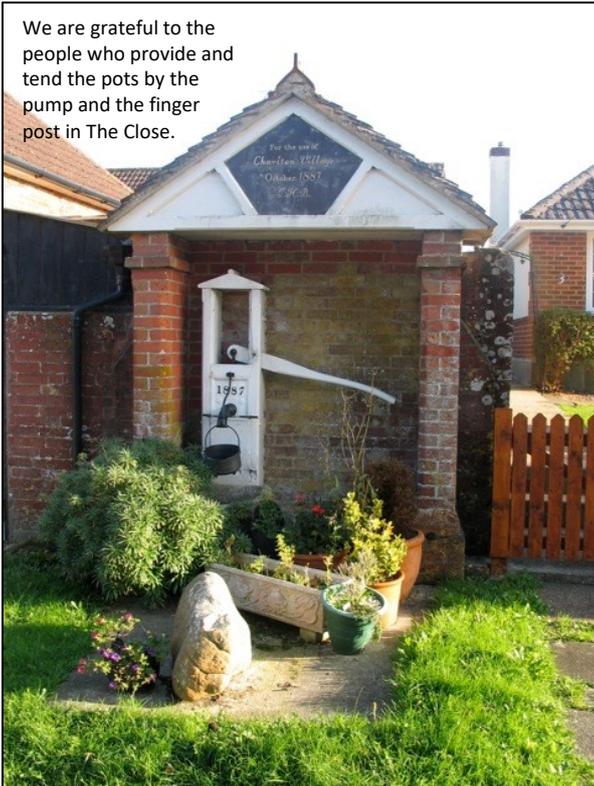
Please look for photographs of that field - see if you have good ones of it being flooded. It has to be **that** field to be of any use. I suspect we all have pictures of other areas being flooded but they are not required. The date they were taken is also crucial. Several will be prints from a pre-digital age, so please contact the Clerk if you can help. Digital ones can be sent direct to the Clerk at the Parish Council email address.

### BARRIE COOPER – NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

I moved to Manor Farm, Birch Close in 1999, with my wife Dorothy. I farm the land at Manor Farm and I have always taken a keen interest in the village. I was County Councillor for Blandford until May 2017 having served over 30 years, also on North District Council for the Langton St Leonards Ward of Blandford. Having knowledge and experience of both County and District matters, I felt I should put my name forward to be a Parish Councillor. My wife Dorothy was a Parish Councillor until last July. With all that is going on in the village with regards to future development, new village hall etc, I would hope to represent the residents so that we can preserve what is good about the village and make it even better.

Ben Hollowbread also became a Parish Councillor during the year and we expect to introduce him properly in the Spring newsletter. Ed.

We are grateful to the people who provide and tend the pots by the pump and the finger post in The Close.



### SPEEDWATCH

Vehicles are still regularly clocked at between 46 and 50mph well inside the village boundary, by the small group involved in Speedwatch. The police do take note, take action and provide visible support. If you would like to join the team, please contact the Clerk, who will pass details on to the present organiser.

### LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE MINERALS AND WASTE SITES

The final draft Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Plan will be open for public consultation from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. The revised documents give detailed information about future quarries up to 2033 and waste management facilities throughout the county. The Waste Plan includes a new site for a replacement Waste Management Centre to serve Blandford and surrounding villages.

Clr Daryl Turner, Cabinet member for natural and built environment, said "We are pleased that so many residents took part in a series of consultations over the last few years. Many of their concerns have been incorporated into the plans, and we want to encourage people to review the documents and give us their views during the final consultation in December. The Plans should ensure that we protect Dorset's environment whilst building a sustainable economy for the future."

For more information, go to [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/minerals-and-waste](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/minerals-and-waste) or call 01305 228585

### Community Benefit Fund (Solar Farm)

The next payment of £7,000 is due to be received by Charlton Marshall and applications are sought for ideas of how this money could be used to benefit the community. Last year the funds were used to contribute towards the building work in the Church Room, fund new computer equipment for the computer club and purchase a bench which will be sited by the river in due course.

If you would like to apply for an allocation of this year's funds please contact the Clerk, Marie Dando who will supply the relevant application forms. The deadline for receipt of applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

### DORSET ALERT – FRAUD on the phone and HMRC

Dorset Police are very worried that many older and perhaps lonely people are being persuaded on the phone to give personal details because callers claim to be from the HMRC (tax office). Latest scams involve callers pretending to be Dorset Police acting on behalf of HMRC and someone asking for your National Insurance Number. Don't get sucked into a conversation. It might not be as easy as some people say to get out of one. Please hang up, preferably immediately. You can report this to the Parish Clerk.



### FAMILY FUN in the FIELD DAY

The change to a later weekend in September to avoid other local events, and the fine weather, brought well over 140 people to the QEII Field. It was lively, colourful, and provided a wide variety of activities for all, so there were lots of happy faces. Money raised went to the funds needed to refurbish the Play Area.

The array of Spacey Tracy's fabulous inflatables was a focal point for the youngest, and the challenging innovation of the climbing tower was highly popular. All new All Stars Cricket made an appearance and the skittles rumbled away all afternoon. Cheik was in Senegal because his father was in hospital, but the African Activities group filled in brilliantly, catering for all ages.

Our Scouting group worked hard providing yummy refreshments throughout and raised money for their cause in the process. The races and egg throwing got everyone involved before the raffle brought things to a close.

Special thanks are due to Blandford Leisure Centre for providing the first prize of a year's full membership. I gather it is in good hands!

Thank you to all the volunteers who set up, helped during and cleared away, but as many asked, why was it necessary for a nearby bonfire to be stoked up so regularly while the event was going on? TJH