



SEPTEMBER 2011

CHARMINSTER IN BLOOM

Sadly due to the floods filling the teddy bear stall with sewerage we had to cancel our day selling tickets and raising money for Charminster In Bloom. We will just have to arrange some more fund raising events to ensure that the flowers in Charminster just keep getting better and better.

If you would like to have a charity box for Charminster In Bloom at your business premises, please let Maggie know and we will arrange for one to be delivered to you.

On a brighter note at least 3 businesses (hopefully more!) have been invited to the Bournemouth In Bloom award ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> October as they have been awarded a prize. They are not told what they have one and will find out on the night. Congratulations to everyone and we will give you full details of who won what in the October newsletter.

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The Flood

We have been asked by Bournemouth Council to provide them with details of any businesses in Charminster that experienced flooding due to the heavy down pour on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August. They are meeting with the water boards to see what can be done to improve things should we ever experience that situation again.

Can anyone who has been affected please e-mail / ring Lesley so I can pass on the information? **Please can you do so by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September?**

We have already told the council that the lower part of Charminster Road which was eventually closed to traffic should have been closed earlier, as much of the flooding was caused by the wash buses and cars were creating by driving fast through the water. Also we expressed our concern to the council that by the Fiveways roundabout the man hole covers were lifted due to the water and that pedestrians were crossing the road unable to see the danger. Maggie suggested that a grid be placed under the man hole cover so that if the situation arose again the danger of someone falling down a man hole would be eliminated. The council agreed that this was a good idea, so hopefully it will be implemented. Well Done Maggie - A great suggestion.

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DAVID NEEDS YOUR VOTE !!!

David Barnaby from Barnaby's Optician's is one of only 3 finalists for the "Dispensing Optician of the year award". This is a national award and David is the only candidate south of London, which is a fantastic achievement. The winner is decided by the number of votes they receive and so we are asking the CTA members to please vote for David. To cast your vote, please go to:

[www.optometry.co.uk/awards/dispensing-optician-of-the-year](http://www.optometry.co.uk/awards/dispensing-optician-of-the-year) and click on the Click here to vote link. Closing date is Midnight on 23rd October. But don't delay, vote today !!

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**EXPERIENCE CHARMINSTER LEAFLET.**

I am pleased to say that these are no printed and being distributed. If you haven't already got some, they can be collected from Neil at the Post office, or Maggie from Barnaby's Optician's both in Upper Charminster or Lesley From Head 2 Toe in Lower Charminster.

Feedback has been good and members are pleased with the new look leaflet. Many Thanks to Adam from Merit Print for his hard work producing the leaflet and his patience when we kept changing our minds!!

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**NEXT TRADERS MEETING:  
THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2011**

After the 6pm AGM meeting at The Richmond. 153 Charminster Road. Start time 6.30p.m. The meeting will last no longer than an hour.

Next Month will be back to usual time and place.

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**The Cyril park Fun day**

The fun day was a great success with more money being raised than last year. Many thanks to the traders who donated prizes for the tombola. Plans are already being made for another one in 2012.

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**CHRISTMAS TREES ??**

I know it's only September and it seems wrong to mention it, but Christmas will be here before we know it and we are planning to get a couple of large trees in Charminster to be funded by CTA.

Also, we want as many businesses as possible to have small trees on the outside of their premises. We are currently talking to a local company about making brackets which can be fixed to the buildings. Traders can either get their own trees or we can see if we can get a special price for a bulk purchase. If getting power to the trees for lights is a problem, why not get some solar powered ones? I got some for £9.99 from Robert Dyas which are for outside use and can either be static or twinkling. **We do need to know who is interested in having a bracket so can let Lesley know by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September so we can find out a price.**

We hopefully will find a nice local handyman or a CTA member with a ladder and a drill who will volunteer to put up the brackets for us. Tel; 532465 e-mail lesley@head2toesecurity.co.uk

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**Next CTA social night**

The next CTA member's social night will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Venue not yet decided as surprisingly no one came forward to say that they wanted it at their premises. If no one has contacted me by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September I will pick a business and see if they can accommodate us. Do put the date in your diary. It's a great chance to meet other traders and generally have a good time.