

**charminster  
traders  
association**



**October 2011**

## **CHARMINSTER IN BLOOM**

We are pleased to report that Charminster Traders did extremely well in the Bournemouth In Bloom competition.

**Greek Café** won a Bronze award, **Barnaby's Opticians, Baraca** and **Head 2 Toe Security** won Silvers and **Flowers at 166** won a gold. Charminster also won most improved ward jointly with Westbourne.

Congratulations to all the winners and for everyone that took part this year helping make Charminster look so good.



## **CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CHARMINSTER**



CTA are pleased to report that for the first time ever we are having a large Christmas tree in Charminster.

The traders association is funding a 20 foot tree with lights which will be situated on the forecourt of The Richmond.

To celebrate the event and to have a grand switching on of the lights we are having carol singing and roast chestnuts on

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER FROM 4.30P.M. TILL 6.30P.M.**

Put the date in your diary and come along and join in the festive fun.

## CHARMINSTER TRADERS ASSOCIATION AGM 2011

The CTA AGM was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Many thanks to all those who attended. In accordance with our constitution, the committee members reported on the activities and finances for the past year and resigned their positions.

Nominations were received and I can confirm that there are 2 new faces on the committee with 4 being re-elected for a further year. The 2011 – 2012 committee are:

Chairman – Lesley Stephenson – Head 2 Toe Security

Vice Chairman – Margaret Annable – Paul Watts Estate Agents

Secretary – Maggie Barnaby

Treasurer - Mike Golden – Martin & Company Accountants

Membership Secretary – Neil De Myne – Charminster Post Office

Fund raising Secretary – Sarah Patient – Flowers at 166

The Minutes from the AGM are available – Maggie did send e-mails to as many people as possible but if you did not get a copy and would like one, please contact her. Due to the financial information, we do not publish the AGM minutes on the Experience Charminster web site.

### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR VOTES

Thank you to everyone who kindly voted for David Barnaby in the National Optometrists Awards. David was runner up, which is a fantastic achievement. Well-done David.

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### FLOOD DEFENCE BARRIERS

Following on from the damage they received during the August flash flood, Town and Country Communications have had flood barriers installed

Managing Director Nigel Butler is happy to demonstrate how it works to any CTA members who are considering flood barriers for their own premises.

The link below will take you to the installation company's web site for more details.

[www.ukfloodbarriers.co.uk](http://www.ukfloodbarriers.co.uk)

### MEMBERSHIP

We currently have just 103 members which is great but it would be wonderful to get even more businesses to join. Please encourage neighbouring businesses that are not members to join. The more the merrier!

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

CTA meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon at Wonderful Kitchen, 261 Charminster Road meetings take around an hour but if you can only spare a few minutes, do come along. The More the merrier!!

### EXPERIENCE CHARMINSTER WEB SITE

Only 53 of the 103 members have contacted premier 32 to get their web page set up on the web site. Don't forget it is FREE as it is part of your CTA membership fee.

If you're not on there then customers can't find you. You may be missing out on business.

For those that already have their page. Don't forget to check it every now and then to make sure the information is still current. I have done that today and have noticed a couple of small amendments that need to be made to my page!!

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