

# Charlton Marshall News

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**On a cold frosty night** - the Thursday before Christmas - there were 22 young people at a disco in the Church Room.

Tom Willits and Sue Diffey, the County Council Youth Workers with the Youth Outreach Bus were in charge, and Anthony Chambers provided the music. The youngsters had provided their own refreshments and certainly seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The Youth Bus provides young people in the villages with access to County Council youth workers and events. Prior to the disco evening a maximum of 11 young people had attended the weekly visits of the bus and good relationships are building.

**VILLAGE SHOP.** A meeting is to be held in the Church Room 8pm Tue. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Come and hear the plans and air your views.

**Meet the Councillors.** Karen Harper and Steve Weatherly-Barton.

Karen has been a councillor nearly two years; she heads up the Village Shop project from the Parish Plan. Karen was born locally, has two small children at Spetisbury School, is a self employed Farm Administrator and runs two Clothing businesses. Her other interests include country sports and farming.

Steve has been at various times a Civil Servant administering Air Traffic Control training, a Baptist minister, and a taxi driver (mainly working the night-shift in Christchurch and Bournemouth). He currently works alongside students with disabilities, in Learning Support at Bournemouth University, as well as leading a small church near Salisbury and running the Spetisbury & Charlton Marshall Under 11s cricket team. As a Parish Councillor he keeps an eye on the Play Area and hopes to make a contribution to youth activities in the future.

**Featured Group.** I hope you will find the lists of activities in Village Hall and Church Room useful. If there is any activity you want to know more about, Paul or Pat can tell you who to contact - see panels on right.

There are two art groups; one in the Village Hall on Wednesday evening and one in the Church Room on Thursday afternoon. The members have varied interests and levels of expertise. Neither is a class where art is taught; they are groups where members encourage and help each other. The Art Society on Wednesday evening has regular talks and demonstrations as well as putting on two exhibitions a year. New members are always welcome.

Contact Wynn Pullen 452081.



**Youth Project**  
Planning meeting  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Church Room  
Young people and  
interested adults  
watch for further info  
or ring the Clerk

## Regular activities in the Church Room.

Monday - Friday

- Post Office open 09.00 - 13.00

Monday

- Whist 19.30 alternate weeks

Tuesday

- Parish Council 19.30 first Tuesday

Thursday

- Coffee morning and cake stall 09.30
- Thursday Art Group 14.00

Friday

- Lunch Club 13.15 second Friday
- Bingo 19.00 first Friday

Blackmore Vale Magazine available to collect from 09.00 Friday.

Further info Pat Osborne 453516.

## Regular activities in the Village Hall.

Monday

- Dog Agility 14.00 - 16.00
- Scouts 18.00 - 20.00

Tuesday

- Bowls 14.00 - 16.30
- Bowls 19.00 - 22.00

Wednesday

- Yoga 10.15 - 11.45
- Brownies 17.30 - 19.00
- Art Society 19.30 - 21.30

Thursday

- Dog Agility 10.00 - 12.00
- Rainbows 16.15 - 17.30
- Cubs 18.00 - 19.30
- Table Tennis 19.45 - 22.15

Friday

- Beavers 17.30 - 18.45
- Bowls 19.00 - 22.00

Saturday

- Dog Agility 10.00 - 12.00

Further info. Paul Hannam,  
Bookings Secretary 459153

The Vehicle Activated Speed sign by the church is still not working properly.  
Watch this space

### Highlights from recent Parish Council Meetings.

November.

- The Tree Warden is conducting a survey of ancient trees in conjunction with Dorset Wildlife Trust. There are several in the village.
- A resident has offered help to set up a village website.

December.

- Councillor Weatherly-Barton reported that the Play Area was in good repair.
- The Youth bus is calling each Thursday; the Clerk had called in on the last three visits.

January

- Parish Plan. Meeting re shop to be arranged end Feb. early Mar.
- Parish Council Logo. No winner. Art Club to be approached.

### PC 2186 Dave Mullins.

Dave has spent much of the last three years as a Community Beat Officer in Blandford. He is now part of a team that covers 26 villages and hamlets south of the town including Charlton Marshall. He attends our Parish Council meetings whenever he can and is very keen that we tell him of concerns we have about things that happen in the area. He makes the point that the police cannot deal with matters they are not told about, and if there appear to be no issues here, resources will be deployed elsewhere.

Contact Dave on 01202 223003 or [dave.mullins@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dave.mullins@dorset.pnn.police.uk).

To report a crime in progress or emergency, call 999.

To report a non emergency incident, call 01202 222222.

### STREET PARKING

Many of the roads and lanes off the A350 in Charlton Marshall are narrow, and with all the cars and other vehicles that we own these days parking can become a problem - many vehicles **have** to be parked in the road.

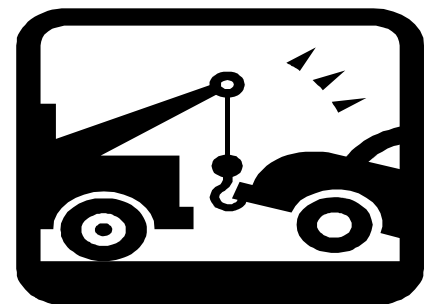
Everyone is allowed to park on the highway as long as the vehicle is taxed and the Highway Code is followed.

Some priorities are:

- Easy access for emergency vehicles.
- Visibility around parked vehicles (who knows when a child might run out from behind one).
- Proper access into driveways for residents.
- Keeping footpaths clear for pedestrians, wheelchairs, the visually impaired, people with child buggies etc.
- Not causing distress or inconvenience to other road users or to residents e.g. a large vehicle outside a property blocks light.

Finally, wherever possible try to talk with neighbours and find the best solution in the circumstances.

Advance notice. Quiz Night Village Hall April 12<sup>th</sup>.



**LOCAL DELIVERY.** In the last newsletter, I described the principle behind the local delivery project and to what extent your Parish Council was willing to take part in financing facilities in the North Dorset District.

The single payment supporting the local delivery project last year is not to be repeated in the next financial year; there is insufficient support among Parish Councils in the district to continue with funding in this manner. Blandford Town Council has taken over responsibility for some services, such as the public toilets, and we do not believe that our remit extends to raising the Parish Council precept to assist the local town council in funding their facilities.

The Blandford Leisure Centre is a popular facility with Charlton Marshall residents. Its long term future is in some doubt and your Parish Council believes that it should support this facility if funds are needed.

Other than that, your Parish Council has decided to use its funds to support local projects, including those specifically set up in the Parish Plan. We are now well placed to develop such projects and hope that residents will be encouraged by the initiatives that are mentioned in this newsletter.

**Lunch Club.** Monthly lunches with waitress service, and in December, Christmas lunch with all the trimmings! No wonder the feedback has been excellent. The club can accommodate 30 diners and there are spaces available. Please contact Jean Marjoram 450240 if you are interested.

**New Bus Service.** Damory 330 from Broadstone to Sherborne and Yeovil; every Friday except public holidays picks up in Charlton at 09.09. Due back in Charlton 15.11. Spring half term and Christmas holidays returns half hour later. All other school holidays continues to Ilchester, Street (Clarks Village) and Glastonbury. One warning - it meanders round lots of villages between Blandford and Sturminster Newton.

**Invitation to coffee (or tea)**  
Every Thursday from 9.30 to 12  
**In the Church Room / Post Office**  
Cakes Pies Jam Eggs etc.  
often available  
Get your stamps and cash at the PO  
Meet your friends  
All profits to Church Room  
Maintenance /Improvement

Ian Rodd. Chairman, Parish Council.