

# Charlton Marshall News

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**From the Chairman.** Your parish council has been working hard this year to make a difference to the community. I would like to thank the councillors for giving up precious amounts of their time and to thank those who have left and joined the council during the year. We all want to thank Pam Higgins for taking over the role of parish clerk with great enthusiasm; she has already shown skill and determination in dealing with many parish matters.

The great progress made by the community group is a credit to all those involved. Many of the issues that residents have raised have been addressed. All households are soon to receive an information pack that will hopefully aid communication and encourage involvement in village activities. It has been pleasing to hear about the number of groups using the Village Hall and Church Room, as it reflects just how vibrant the parish really is.

However you perceive the change, the village appearance is improving with the completion of the properties opposite the Charlton Inn. We sincerely hope that the traffic issues improve and that there is a reduction in the number of accidents in the village this year as a result of the changes made.

The Parish Council is about to officially receive control of the field at Hopegood Close that surrounds the children's play area. This is a major step for us in that we are responsible for the maintenance, but can enjoy the benefits if we can find ways to utilize the land effectively. The lease enables us to use the field however we want to, within reason, so we can develop opportunities to use the open space.

We have been pleased with the structured youth activities provided by the team and visiting youth bus, but I am concerned that we make our youth project a real success. I hope some inspiration and ideas can be provided by the young residents and their parents to make a difference to the facilities we provide to this important age group in our community.

**Cricket.** What wouldn't I have given in my early years as a cricketer to have had regular practice with a qualified coach, and the chance to play in a competitive league?

That is what is on offer to our village through **Spetisbury & Charlton Marshall Cricket Club**. Currently we are running an Under 11s and an Under 13s team. Practice and home games take place in Spetisbury - a short distance to travel for a great opportunity to learn and play the greatest game in the world.

There's an adult team too, with an age range of teens to sixties.

For more information contact Steve Weatherly-Barton at [stillcrazysteve@masdafish.com](mailto:stillcrazysteve@masdafish.com) or by telephone on 480227.

The Vehicle Activated Speed Sign by the church appears to be working at last - unless of course you know otherwise. The problem? Dud batteries!

**Meet the Councillors.** Yvonne Powell and Enid Plant.

Yvonne moved to Charlton Marshall in 1994. She is now retired, having worked in the National Health Service for 26 years heading a busy Finance Department. Yvonne became a Parish Councillor last year and is looking forward to participating in projects outlined in the Parish Plan.

Enid, our newest councillor, came to the village in 1987. She says she 'joined in everything' to get to know people. In particular she helped the Church Restoration Association and was a committee member of the WI until it ceased in 2005. She has three adult children and after WW2 was in the WRNS Reserve. Hobbies include silver-smithing, painting, pottery, and needlework.

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Draft logo designed by Wyn Pullen to reflect the main aspects of the village.

**Don't be a loser!** People who damage property and facilities in our village are not just annoying. They are also very sad ... in fact they are losers, and we all become losers if they are not stopped. So if you have any information about vandalism in Charlton Marshall, pass it on (in confidence) by email to [dontbealoser@googlemail.com](mailto:dontbealoser@googlemail.com) or by text message to our SMS hotline 07748 291658.



**Safer Neighbourhoods commitment**  
Making Rural Blandford Safer  
Making Rural Blandford Feel Safer

PC 2186 Dave Mullins - Safer Neighbourhood Officer  
PCSO 5389 Luke Goddard - Police Community Support Officer

Emergency Services 999  
Urgent non-emergency 01202 222222  
Blandford Station 01258 452101  
Safer Neighbourhood Team (Office) 01202 223003  
Safer Neighbourhood Team (Mobile) 07825 521850  
Crimestoppers 0800 555111  
Email:- [blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

**Internet Access** will soon be available to all local people in the Church Room. This is supported by Connecting Dorset and POPP. For more information or to offer help contact John Griffin on 454653 or [johngriffin@bigfoot.com](mailto:johngriffin@bigfoot.com).

**Are you arty or crafty?** What's your speciality? Do you have ideas for suitable features along the extended trailway (the old railway line)? Please contact the Clerk. **Stop Press.** By the time you read this, work should have begun on the extension of the trailway towards Blandford.

### Buses through the parish.

W = Wilts and Dorset 01202 673555

S = Shaftesbury and District 01747 854359

D = Damory Coaches 01258 452545

N = Nordcat 0845 6024547

#### On the Bournemouth Road. Timings at Charlton Inn.

##### Monday to Saturday

83 to Wimborne. 7.10, 8.06, 9.51, 10.51, 12.51, 14.41, 15.51. N.

83 to Blandford and Shaftesbury. 7.47, 9.05, 11.10, 12.50, 15.00 (Blandford only), 15.45, 17.30. N.

##### Monday to Friday.

X8 to Poole. 7.07 then hourly from 7.52 to 17.52. W.

X8 to Blandford. 8.15 then hourly from 9.20 to 19.20. W.

##### Friday and Saturday

X8 to Poole. 18.52, 20.52, 22.52. W.

X8 to Blandford 20.24, 22.24, 23.54. W.

##### Saturday

X8 to Poole. Hourly from 7.52 to 17.52. W.

X8 to Blandford. Hourly from 9.20 to 19.20. W.

310 to Poole and Bournemouth. 9.38 and 14.38. D.

310 to Blandford, Sturminster Newton and Woolland 12.12. D.

310 to Blandford, Sturminster Newton and Gillingham 14.52. D.

##### Sunday and Public Holidays

X8 to Poole. 9.52, 11.52, 13.52, 16.22. W.

X8 to Blandford. 11.20, 13.20, 15.50, 17.50. W.

##### Schooldays

183 to Blandford. 16.40. D.

##### Tuesday except Public Holidays

314 to Blandford, Fontmell Magna, Salisbury (Market day) 9.09. Back in Charlton 15.17. D.

##### Thursday except Public Holidays

315 to Wimborne and Ringwood (Market day) 9.36. Back in Charlton 14.25. D.

##### Friday except Public Holidays

330 to Sturminster Newton, Sherborne, Yeovil 9.09. Back in Charlton 15.17 (at Spring half term, Easter, Summer half term, Summer school holidays, continues to Ilchester, Street, Glastonbury. Back in Charlton 15.47). D.

##### Friday (School summer holidays only)

35 to Morden, Wareham, Corfe Castle, Swanage 10.08. Back in Charlton 16.45. S.

#### On the Dorchester Road. Approximate timings at Thornicombe junction.

##### School days

184 to Blandford and Salisbury. 8.30, 10.05, 12.15, 15.25, 16.30. W.

184 to Dorchester and Weymouth. 7.55, 9.55, 11.55, 13.55, 16.00. W.

11.55, 13.55, 16.00. W.

##### Saturdays and School holidays

184 to Blandford and Salisbury. 10.05, 12.15, 15.25, 16.15. W.

184 to Dorchester and Weymouth. 7.55, 9.55, 11.55, 13.55, 15.45. W.

##### Monday from beginning of school Summer term to end of Summer holidays.

45 to Bere Regis, Monkey World, Weymouth. 10.10. Back in Thornicombe 16.43. S.

### Highlights from recent Parish Council meetings.

#### February.

- PACT - Partners and Communities Together - a government initiative for safer neighbourhoods currently operating in towns is to be extended to rural areas.
- Glass from broken wing mirrors is frequently left on the A350 road at the southern end of the village. Clerk to contact NDDC.
- Youth bus. Regular voluntary help needed.

#### March.

- Mrs Enid Plant was co-opted as a parish councillor.
- Andrew Berry from DCC Environment Services asked if parishioners would like to put art or sculpture items along the extended railway (please contact the Clerk if interested). Dorset Wildlife Trust to be contacted re a display board of local plants and wildlife.

#### April.

- In the Open Forum the subject of cars "For Sale" on verges was discussed and the following advice was given by PC Mullins. Report the car registration, and the phone number displayed, to the police and they will check its ownership etc. If it is an obstruction at a junction it can be removed. The problem of long time parking of oversized vehicles in areas where visibility of other traffic was impaired was also discussed. Advised to contact police.
- Parish Plan: Community & Neighbourhood - Looking to distribute the Information Pack in May.



I did appreciate a good cup of tea served by the young people of the village on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March when they provided refreshments for the older people of Charlton Marshall, and we did turn out and make quite a crowd. There were lovely cakes too - all made by the young folk - I am hoping to read an account of the finger-licking fun they had that day. Thanks to the fellas and girls - they served us well and I know they were glad to make some money towards new goal posts. A grateful grandma!

#### Shop

About thirty people attended the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. They decided to send a questionnaire to every home in the parish ahead of the next meeting. Further info or offers of help - Councillor Harper 459622.

The Church Fete is on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Book the date. Offers of help to Francoise Witheridge Tel: 452548.

The Blandford Youth Centre Outreach Bus continues to visit Charlton Marshall every Thursday evening. Recently the young people have gone bowling at Blandford Camp, done a litter pick in the village and organised a mini football tournament for themselves. In the near future we hope to have a cyber safety talk from Dorset Police and a youth BBQ. We will also be working on more ideas to raise funds for the development of the land acquired by the Parish Council. The recent cake sale was hugely successful - raising over £50 and providing lots of delicious cake baked by the young people themselves. The young people were also working towards their Dorset Award, which is a well-regarded recognition of achievement awarded by the Dorset Youth Service. Thank you to those who came and ate cake and for your generous donations. I know all the young people involved were very grateful, and pleased to see you all; anyone who didn't make it be sure you don't miss the next one! Tom Willetts.

Village Information Packs should be ready for distribution in the next couple of months.

Dog Poo. Responsible owners pick up. Please be a responsible owner.

**Charlton  
Marshall  
History  
Project  
Putting together  
our story**

Charlton House stood opposite the church and was built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century by Samuel White of the Poole merchant family replacing an earlier and probably less grand house. Later owners included Henry Huntley - almost certainly of the biscuit family - and Col. Gordon. In the 1930s Mr Everett had a private school there which became the Clayesmore Prep School from 1937 to 1974. Sadly the house was demolished in the 1980s and Charlton House Court built in its place.

Summer talks. On Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 I'll be giving talks in the church featuring people, places and events from Charlton's past. Mark Churchill.