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Meet the two new Parish Councillors - Dorothy Cooper and Tim Hill.

Dorothy says - Born in Poole, Dorset, I relocated to Blandford Forum in 1991 upon marriage to Barrie. I was then working at Bournemouth University where I had been employed since 1984, returning to employment after a nine-year break, looking after my two children. We continued to live in Blandford Forum and resided there for eight years. I joined Blandford United Reformed Church and I became both Organist and Elder.

We moved to Birch Close, Charlton Marshall in 1999 but I continued to work at the University so it was not until 2008 upon retirement, that I realised what a busy village Charlton Marshall was! I heard about the Post Office closure and the opening of the regular, morning coffee shop and volunteered to join the band of people who helped run it - an ideal opportunity for getting to know people. The rest, as they say, is history.

Tim says - I came to Charlton Marshall 19 years ago last month. I grew up in Sussex, Wiltshire, Hertfordshire, Cornwall and Suffolk. After a flirtation with Law at Cambridge, I eventually qualified as a teacher and began work teaching 5 subjects, as well as starting cricket, at a soon to be comprehensive in Newmarket. 1990 saw the move to Bryanston to teach history, take charge of cricket, and 'the wonderful job of Public Examinations Officer'.

Involvement in Suffolk schools' rugby led to my becoming Chairman of Eastern Counties Schools Rugby, and I just made the top 2% of referees in England, whilst also running county, regional and national schools Under 19 teams. I am now Chairman of Dorset Schools Cricket Association, Manager of Dorset under 17s and an executive member of the English Schools Cricket Association and Dorset Cricket Board. There are numerous other interests but trying to keep fit for rugby ref'ing, at the age of 62, gives me ample incentive to get out on the trailway, and I have also fitted in a few Dorset over 50s cricket matches when time allowed.

Charlton Marshall History Project

Putting together our story

Those of you who live in the older properties in the parish may have copies of your deeds from years back. If so, please will you look and see if the name Clark or Street appears in them, or the property known as Hurdles is mentioned.

Also, are there any pictures out there? I'm especially keen to find anything to do with the Gospel Hall at Thornicombe or the Methodist Chapel in Gravel Lane - buildings or people.

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The Parish Maintenance Unit (PMU) that carries out small highway repairs will be in the area again in September. If you know of road or pavement repairs etc that need to be done, please contact the Parish Clerk or a Parish Councillor.

With this Newsletter you should receive a sheet headed 'Charlton Marshall Parish Council and Blandford Leisure Centre'.



Please read it carefully, and use the slip at the bottom to make your views known. Your response will influence our Parish Councillors when they discuss by how much our Council Tax might rise. Contact a councillor or the Clerk if you need more information.

You should also receive new pages for the Parish Information Pack; please put them in your binder to replace the originals.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

May

- Suggested in Open Forum that 'beating the bounds' be held next year as a community event
- 22 calls to police from Charlton Marshall in April resulted in one crime
- The faulty VAS removed. To be replaced by one powered by mains electricity
- Dog mess still a problem on the trailway
- Thanks to Chris Dewey for excellent website

June

- Councillor Mole has resigned; three residents have offered themselves for co-option to the two vacancies
- Roger Higgins representing Village Hall outlined plans for a new hall in the future
- Original gate to play area to be replaced
- Repairs to lay-by near church will not be done this year

July

- 12 calls to police resulted in 3 crimes; mainly car related
- New councillors are Tim Hill and Dorothy Cooper
- A Tree Preservation Order has been made by NDDC covering the wooded area at Gulliver House
- The Community and Neighbourhood Group is updating the Information Pack and details for the website
- Following on from the Parish plan a Design Statement should be produced for the parish; see example on Child Okeford's website
- The new VAS has been installed
- Parish Maintenance Unit will return in September; residents to be encouraged to report jobs that need doing
- Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group. Council decided to consult every household before committing to increase the parish rate

Just a reminder - the village website is www.charltonmarshall.org.uk

Over 6,000 missions and counting

The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, needs £3,500 a day to keep its helicopter and highly trained crew in the air. As a charity, the service relies on the generosity of individuals and organisations to help it continue its life-saving work. Airborne within three minutes of a 999 call, the Air Ambulance can reach most of its operational area within nineteen minutes. It needs an area only half the size of a tennis court to be able to land. It can then transport patients to the appropriate hospital for their injuries - being able to do this will make the difference between life and death for many patients.

It's your call: now you can also raise money for the charity by recycling your unwanted mobile phones. It is easy to recycle your mobile phone, just place it in an envelope and send by Freepost to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Freepost London 16281, London, WC1N 3BR- No stamps needed! Each recycled phone has a value, however some newer models are worth much more.



You can also recycle your textiles- for more information on your nearest textile bank and how to help the Air Ambulance visit www.bagitup.org.uk.



There is a skip in the Charlton Inn car park.

For more information about the air ambulance, see www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.co.uk or ring 01823 669604

ON THE BUSES

So much for having Damory Coaches timetables on the bus stops - most disappeared at the end of May when new Wilts and Dorset ones went up - but what about the posh new bus stops! Complete timetables are available to view at the Church Room and we hope soon to have relevant details on the village website.

During August only, Shaftesbury and District Motor Services Ltd run bus no 35 to Wareham, Corfe Castle, and Swanage on Thursday, 10.08 at the Charlton Inn, back at 16.45, and no 45 on Monday through Thornicombe to Monkey World and Weymouth 10.10, back at 16.43. Full timetable in Church Room or at www.sdbuses.co.uk

Earlier in the summer I did a very enjoyable circular bus trip - ideal for the bus pass (or for those who don't yet qualify there is the Explorer ticket).

Take the X8 to Poole then the 40 via Wareham to Swanage. Return from Swanage on the 50 that goes to Bournemouth via the Sandbanks ferry; get off in Sandbanks and wait for the 52 to Poole, then get the X8 home.

All the buses are hourly throughout the day so you can even stop off in Wareham or Corfe Castle on the way down if you want to. In the peak holiday period the 50 is half hourly. On a Thursday during August, bus pass holders could of course use Shaftesbury and District's 35 direct from Charlton to Swanage at 10.08 for the outward journey.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOP SCOOP LAW

You MUST clean up after your dog OR **FACE A FINE***

*Maximum fine in Magistrates' Court £1,000 or **£50 FIXED PENALTY**

DOGS (Fouling of land) ORDER 1997
"Poop Scoop" Areas

The Order applies to any land in North Dorset to which the public have access, subject to the following exemptions:-

- Carriageways with a speed limit of more than 40 mph and land running alongside them.
- Land used for agriculture or woodland.
- Land which is predominantly marshland, moor or heath.
- Rural common land.

Better to be safe:
Always carry a "scoop" and clear up after your dog.

For advice please ring Environmental Health on (01258) 454111
www.north-dorset.gov.uk

Dog walkers, if you're walking your dog on the trailway there are bins on the access slopes or steps at Hopegood Close, Church Lane, and Park Hill. Please use them if you pass those points and if not, take it home.

The Charlton Marshall Parish Council must be feeling quite encouraged by the addition of two new recruits - I am certainly encouraged, as an ordinary resident, that there are folk interested enough in our village to be part of the Parish Council and serve us in this way. Thank you to you all on the Parish Council. MJB.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who helped and all who came to the church fete; lots of fun, and what glorious weather too, at the end of a very poor week.



£682.29 was collected for Christian Aid in Charlton this year - only a few pounds short of last year. 'Thanks' to every collector and contributor.

Three people took out subscriptions to 'Three Villages News' after our mention of it last time. Any more? Contact Ann Taylor 857336 or Janet Isaac 857759.

YOUTH CLUB: about 14 children attended the disco on 16th April and applied for membership. The club now has a snooker table and table football.

Dorset Adult Learning Courses Start in September

Whatever your interests and wherever you live, Dorset Adult Learning is bound to have a great opportunity for you with courses starting from September onwards.

Art, history, IT, photography, sport, cookery, business studies, languages and complementary therapies are just a few of the subjects on offer. Academic courses include psychology, maths, science and law. You can invest in your future with an NVQ and help is at hand with English and maths. Adult learning is open to all those aged 16+ and courses take place throughout the year, during the day and evenings.

If you would like to find out more please contact a customer care adviser on 0800 26 26 48 or book a place online at www.dorsetforyou.com/adulted



A reminder to all village groups and organisations that we provide free publicity for you and your events. Just contact the editor if you want to advertise a special event, report one after it's happened, or just want to remind other people of what is going on regularly. We reach 500 homes and businesses.