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Corrections for Information Pack.



Village Hall. Musical Munchkins should be Sarah Cordina (wrong name, right number).

Local Services. Blandford Hospital should be 01258 456541.

Apologies and please amend your copy.

Highlights from recent Parish Council Meetings

August

- Play area. Bicycle frames and metal sheeting to be removed. Repairs needed. Investigate formation of subcommittee to take forward the field project.
- Design Statement put on hold till new year to give time to consider future plans for village.

September

- Blandford Leisure Centre. 49 replies received to survey delivered with August Newsletter. Will support Centre if other parishes do.
- Play area. New rope and fittings that had been removed were recovered and will be put back after school holidays.
- Litter pick needed again.
- Highways Dept to be contacted re pavement between Parva Cottages and Gravel Lane.

October

- Parishioners present expressed concern over state of path between Charlton and Spetisbury; suggested PACT cards be completed. Also complaint about dog and horse mess on trailway.
- Youth Club - A Family Fun Evening had been organised and was successful and a disco will be held on 22nd October.
- Traffic Issues. Replacement of 'cats eyes' had been completed. Highways Dept. have been in contact regarding overgrowth on pavement between Charlton and Spetisbury and between Parva Cottages and Gravel Lane.

On the buses: the first X8 bus to Poole Monday to Friday now runs five minutes earlier at 07.02 and there have been minor changes in the timetable at weekends. The timetables at the bus stops and on the village website have not yet been updated but you can check the timetable booklets in the 'Church Room and Village Centre' or go to www.wdbus.co.uk.

Drive 55 Plus

This is a joint casualty reduction initiative, between the three local authorities in Dorset, to reduce the numbers of drivers aged 55 plus being injured on our roads

A free 3 hour Driver Refresher Course aims to help drivers update their knowledge and skills. No driving is involved. The group discussions include: new driving techniques; changes in the law and Highway Code; keeping fit to drive; motorways and roundabouts

For dates and venues contact the Road Safety Team on 01305 224558 or email roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk

There is also an optional Practical Refresher course. You will be accompanied by an experienced driving professional, in your own car, on this 90 minute course. The route usually includes town and country driving; you can also ask the instructor for help with things that bother you, such as parking or reversing difficulties. The aim is to update and improve your driving skills to reduce the chance of you becoming involved in a collision.

The car must be taxed, insured for you to drive and roadworthy. The instructor will also ask to see your licence to confirm that you are entitled to drive.



The village website, which is www.charltonmarshall.org.uk.

YOUTH CLUB FAMILY FESTIVAL

As part of the National Learning Revolution Festival, the youth club organised an evening of games, competitions and computer activities for village children and their parents. Snooker, table football, air-hockey, 20 questions, a picture quiz and computer skills, with refreshments provided and generous prizes, made the evening a great success.

Stacey Wood won first prize, and mum Sarah won the meal-for-two very kindly donated by the Charlton Inn. All the children went home with party bags. Next, a successful Halloween Disco was held on Thursday 22nd October.

New members aged between 9 and 17 from Charlton and surrounding villages, are welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 7pm to 9pm. Tel: 01258 452457 for more details.

The Club is urgently seeking a new leader. Please ring the above number for details and an application form.



Christmas cards and Christmas stamps should be available at the Church Room from mid November

The Dorset Historic Churches Trust full-colour calendar for 2010 costs £5 and Charlton Church is featured in it. If you would like a copy, please contact the editor.

**Charlton
Marshall
History
Project**

Putting together
our story

Back in July I spent an evening with some of the residents of Gravel Lane gathering information from them and sharing with them some of what I knew about the lane.

It is more than likely that the lane was part of the original 'main road' through the village. Gravel Lane would have led across the fields to the road below the church in Blandford St Mary which in those days continued past the Manor House, across the bypass, Tesco and Homebase, then behind the cottages near the brewery to join the road coming in from Dorchester by the ford below Blandford Bridge.

Most of the cottages in Gravel Lane are early 19th century in their present form but many certainly have older origins. Buildings of interest are 1. Barnwheel and Little Manor which were once the site of the tannery and the tanner's house, 2. The Old Chapel whose origins are probably the cottage that in 1799 belonged to Joseph Compton and was registered as a Methodist meeting house, 3. The Old Inn which seems to have been a beer seller's residence at least as early as the mid 19th century.



Whoever you are, if you've got information that Charlton Marshall people ought to know, please let us have it.

If you are involved in any group or organisation in the village 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.

DORSET IN WARTIME is the title given to a diary from 1941/1942 that has just been published. The diary was written by Phyllis Walther (nee Woodhouse) who at the time was a WVS worker in Blandford. It is a fascinating and very readable insight into conditions in the area at the time both for local families, evacuees and service personnel.

The book is a very smartly produced hardback and is available at £12.50 from the Blandford Information Centre in the Ham car park and the Dorset Bookshop in East Street opposite the church. Alternatively you can order it by post from Ann Smith c/o Dorset County Museum, High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XA. at £15 inclusive of postage and packing; cheques to be made out to DNHAS.

Did you know that each year the Parish Council lays a wreath on the War Memorial in the churchyard and each alternate year representatives of the youth of Charlton and Spetisbury attend the Remembrance Service at either Charlton or Spetisbury and lay a wreath?



Police contact details
Our local officers: PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard of Blandford Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team
Tel: 01202 223003 or 07825521850
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Dorset Police HQ Tel: 01202 222222 or 01305 222222 www.dorset.police.uk

REMEMBER: IF SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE ARE IN THE AREA OR SOMETHING IS HAPPENING THAT MAKES YOU ASK YOURSELF "Should I dial 999?" THEN YOU PROBABLY SHOULD - let common sense be your guide.

Old Parish Magazines

We have just been given a pile of magazines from the years 1936 to 1948 and another from 1969 to 1973. They are not complete sets and we still have nothing from 1914 to 1936 and little from 1948 to 1968 and 1974 to 1991.

If you know where there are any other old copies please contact Janet on 857759. Thank you.

Harvest festival at the church again supported the Trussell Trust emergency food bank at Salisbury and the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall raised £265 which was divided between the Church and Girl Guiding.



Charlton Marshall Online Centre signed up for National Online Day on the 23rd Oct. The volunteer mentors helped several more villagers to get an email address and even a 3 year old came to try out

her skills. If you would like to be able to email, order goods on line or learn some new skills, come along to the 'Church Room and Village Centre' between 10.30 and 12.30 from Monday to Thursday for some friendly help and tuition.

Norman Carey will be starting a six week camera course on Wed 4th Nov from 2pm to 4pm. This is fully subscribed with a waiting list.

