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From the Chairman's window...

The year has ended on a high note, with our gaining runners up spot in the Dorset Community Action Best Large Villages competition. The Parish Council first entered in 2012 to provide a good focus for what we could realistically achieve. Many thanks to everyone for contributing in 2013, and that includes those who resist chucking down a fag end!

The 2014 Village Calendar is made up of pictures taken at the Family Fun Days and other village events. Lots of pictures of people – is there one of you, or some of your family, at a Fun Day or some other event? Just get in touch with me if you'd like a copy – only £5 – see below. I am always glad to get the ready help of an excellent group of youngsters when the field needs marking out, and they support the events superbly. Next year there will be a bigger emphasis on the 'family' nature of the events.

Thankfully, enough people came forward to allow us to join the Speedwatch scheme, which is aimed at making the village a safer place. It has proved incredibly successful in the Dorset villages which have adopted it. There will be a more detailed explanation in the next Newsletter.

We still require volunteers to help on the Playing Field Working Party (no more than 2 meetings pre an event – I promise!), and definitely could do with at least one more Parish Councillor. Don't assume you have to run around like an irrepressible loony

most days of the week. That is reserved for the Chairman!

Happy
Christmas
2013



So, on behalf of the Parish Council and our Clerk, I wish a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to one and all.

TJH.

Prosperity in
2014



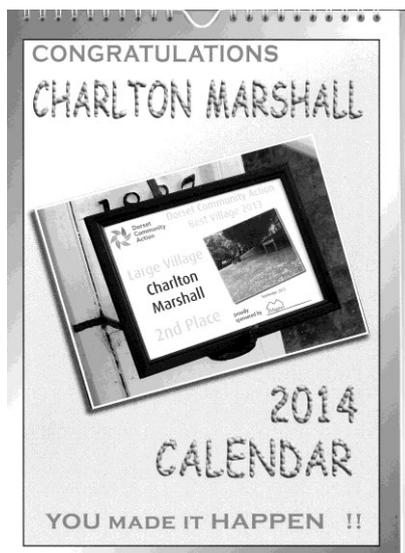
DORSET BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION – It was with great delight that the village was awarded 2nd place for the Large Village category.

So 'Well Done' to the community in helping to achieve this award. Next year 1st place!!!

If everyone could help by keeping areas near their property litter free it can make a big difference. Thanks.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY – The Council are still looking for a volunteer to join the Council. If you have lived here for 2 years or more and would like to help make a difference to the village and community then please get in touch with the Clerk either by email charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or by calling 01258 488431.

Calendars - Copies of the excellent village calendar for 2014 are still available at £5. Don't miss out, get your orders in by contacting Tim either by email t.j.hill@tesco.net or tel: 01258 451188.



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Village Christmas Tea Party

Saturday 14th December 2.30 – 5.00pm

Charlton Marshall Village Hall

Adults £3.00 Children £2.00 - includes

Yuletide refreshments

Christmas table quiz

Children's activity and entertainment

A present for each child from Santa

Community Carol singing

Proceeds in aid of QEII playing field

Draw in aid of Mityana Charity, Uganda, Patience Primary School project.

Linked with Spetisbury School

GRIT BINS - These were filled earlier in the year, so are ready for the winter. Please may we remind you this salt/grit is for public use only and **NOT** for private paths/driveways. As the Council will be charged for re-filling, please contact the Clerk on 01258 488431 if a bin near you becomes empty, quoting the number on the top.

NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN 2011 TO 2026 PART 1
- North Dorset District Council has produced a pre-submission document which was approved by the Council on 27th September for publication prior to its submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. It is now available for consultation from 29th November 2013 to Friday 24th January 2014. A series of four drop-in exhibitions have been arranged (see below) and can also be accessed at the Council offices in Blandford and at all North Dorset Libraries. The documents can also be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planningpolicy>. The quickest way to comment on the Local Plan Part 1 is on-line using the survey form that can be found on their website or you can download a response form and email your comments to planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk or post your comments to Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Blandford Forum, DT11 7LL. The deadline for representations is 5pm 24th January 2014.

Drop-in exhibitions times and locations:-

2 December	Sturminster Newton (The Exchange) 10am - 7pm
4 December	Shaftsbury (Town Hall) 10am - 7pm
9 December	Gillingham (RiversMeet Centre) 10am - 6.30pm
12 December	Blandford (Parish Centre) 10am - 7pm

CHARLTON MARSHALL ONLINE CENTRE in the Church Room, is open every Tues, Weds and Thurs from 10.30 - 12.30.



With a grant from POPP (Dorset Partnership for Older People Project), we now have iPads and Tablets to add to our Laptops, enabling us to demonstrate and help with any problems.

Mentors are on hand each day, free WiFi, photocopying and fresh coffee are available.

Tel: 01258 452457 for more details

SPEEDWATCH - Volunteers have formed a group to take on this task. The equipment will be bought by the Council and training will be given by the Road Traffic Safety Division. More news next time.

BUS SERVICES - The Dorset County Council public consultation on subsidised bus services, that we mentioned last month, produced 1216 responses on-line, which included 32 on the X8 Blandford to Poole evening and weekend services, 48 on the 183/184 Salisbury to Weymouth via Blandford service, and 49 on the 83 Shaftesbury to Wimborne route. Changes in services were planned from January, but that will not now happen and further thought will be given to find a solution. Details of bus services currently running through the village are on our website.

THE FAMILY FUN DAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - This annual event was once again a success and enjoyed by all. Football and cricket skills sessions enjoyed, various types of races run, the tug-o-war - very competitive, with the boys just snatching the prize on the 3rd 'tug', and finally, the egg throwing (and catching) competition which was greatly enjoyed by all ages. The bouncy castle and sumo wrestling were very busy, as was the skittles, and the 'Rat' was 'Splat' on many occasions. Other activities included basket weaving, chalk carving and art. Beautiful cards to buy and a display of model aircraft from an era gone by was enjoyed by everyone. The Raffle table groaned under the weight of prizes to be won. Burgers and hot dogs, along with tea and cake ensured no-one needed to go hungry. The ice-cream van arriving made a fitting end to the day. The Council would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event so enjoyable. **Make a date in your diary for next year - 13th September 2014.**



Also note:-

Easter'tainment - Saturday April 12th am
Family Rounders - Saturday June 28th am

"THREE VILLAGES NEWS". Now is the time of year to take out a money-saving annual subscription to the only monthly publication that contains news and advertisements from Charlton Marshall, Blandford St Mary and Spetisbury together. £5 for the next twelve months. Contact the treasurer Sue Boardman 489895 or sue-boardman@sky.com.

DORSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP - remember to check what changes may apply to your rubbish and recycling collections at Christmas and New Year.