

Charlton Marshall News - December 2014

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Village Christmas Tea Party

Saturday 13th December 2.30 – 4.30

(Doors open 2.15)

Charlton Marshall Village Hall

Yuletide Refreshments - Table Quiz

Children's activity - story - singing

A visit and present from Santa

Adults £3.50 Children £2.50

(All inclusive)

- Draw -

In aid of QEII Jubilee Playing Field



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S WINDOW The most significant event was the Service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 9th at St Mary's Church. A large congregation, swelled by the Beavers and Scouts, with their colourful banners, moved outside and observed the two minutes silence by the War Memorial before I read the names of the fallen from our village. We are fortunate, in a parochial sense, because no name has had to be added since 1956. Wreaths were placed, the first being from the Parish Council. The occasion of the Hundredth Anniversary of the start of the First World War was made even more poignant by the haunting, confident rendition of 'The Last Post' by Fergus Taylor, from Yarrells Prep School.

Casting our minds back to September, many thanks are due to all who helped with the Fields in Trust Family Fun Day in our Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Field. There really was an extraordinary number of different things to get involved in. Actually, you all help to the tune of just under a pound each, as part of the annual precept. By funding this event, the Parish Council is delighted to say that over £400 can go to the Playing Field Fund. Also in September, at the Dorset Community Action Best Villages Presentation Evening, the field won a Certificate of Excellence as the Best Community Area in North Dorset.

You will notice that the "dragon's teeth" by the entrance to the QEII Field have been spruced up and missing ones replaced. There is also a new bar gate. Tesco are to bring life to the wooden fence around the Play Area in the near future, as part of their Community Programme. We also have a new Working Party devoted to that Play Area and a questionnaire is attached to this Newsletter. It is vital to have statistical information when applying for grants.

Much was made at the recent Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils AGM of the need for Emergency Planning. There is a very compelling argument for having a Plan in place for every settlement so that all blue light services and local volunteers have a common plan to adhere to. This can be tied into the Parish Plan, and ours is 10 years old in 2015 so it needs serious attention. Add to that the considerable Community Benefit due every year for the next 20 years from the now approved BSR solar farm at North Farm and it is apparent we have much to consider. The Parish Council can lead, but it is vital that there is input from as wide a range of the community as possible. Please think it over, because there will be a flyer circulated in January.

Should you not be able to come to the Christmas Tea Party on December 13th, I wish you, on behalf of the Parish Council a Very Happy Christmas, and what could be a Very Prosperous New Year!

TJH

THE CLERK TO CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Sadly for us, Mrs Ali Long has been tempted back to work for Liverpool Victoria (LV) by an offer she could not refuse! She shared May 2014 with Pam to learn the ropes and was cut loose in June. Since then, she has been a tower of strength and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her. She also provided an important link with the younger members of our community. Ali will still be in the village doing plenty of voluntary things, but we now have to go through the process of finding a new Clerk, with a view to filling the position in time for January 2015. The post has been extensively advertised and a short-list will be drawn up on December 5th. We all wish Ali and her family well for the future.

TJH Chairman CMPC

WHEELIE BINS Please remember to put them out in good time with the handle facing the road for the operative to take hold of.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We still do not have a full team of councillors. If you are over 18, are on the Electoral Roll, have lived at a main address in the area for the whole of the previous 12 months, have an active interest in your community, and would like to know more, why not talk to the Chairman – contact details at top of page.

PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

Welcome to Thomas Mortimer and Karen Welford, who have joined the Chairman in mapping out a business plan for improvements to the Play Area, which will soon be 20 years old. This is a lengthy process, but there is an end in sight and that might encourage one or two more to lend their support. Please contact the Chairman via charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

THANKS TO NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thank you to NDDC for so rapidly responding to a problem over perceived excessive tree felling in the 'Old Orchard' site. The architect's plan and the Arboreal Impact Assessment did not tally. The Inspectorate had accepted the suggestion in that document and even if it had been spotted, little or nothing could have been done at that stage. There are big conditions for Linden Homes to follow regarding planting of new trees.

AND TO DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

thank you DCC Highways from Charlton Manor. It is a private road, which is often seriously inundated by water flowing across Church Lane from blocked drains. After the storms of recent months, which caused problems everywhere, Paul Eastwood (DCC Highways) organised for the impressive drain cleaner machine to clear all drains in the vicinity. That appears to have done the job. It should be noted that Dorset Waste Partnership is responsible for keeping the roads clear of muck.

CALENDARS FOR 2015 AND 2016

The 2015 calendar was made possible because Steve Fripp let us into his world of photos taken on the River Stour as it flows through the village. Working with Blandford Camera Club President, Norman Carey, we achieved an awful lot in a short while. The longer shape of the calendar reflects the wishes of some villagers. There is a prize competition within the calendar, with £25 going to the most accurate set of answers. Every house has received an order form. There are plenty of calendars still available. **The answer sheet must not be handed in until January 2016!**

A meeting was held for ideas for 2016 – the fifth year in succession a village calendar will be produced. We will be looking for artwork of aspects of the village – people, places and things. Spetisbury Primary School has been invited to take part.

Deadline must be the end of July 2015. Contact Tim Hill via charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

TIP TOP TOBY CAPTURES CRICKETING ACCOLADE

Captain of Dorset Under 10s, Toby Berry, confident with a cherry in his hand, or playing it off the bat, took 14 wickets for his county side this season, and amassed 277 runs, which included a wonderful 84 versus Somerset. He also scored 51 against Dorset U11s to underline his potential. In the field he shrewdly put himself in the right place to pick up 7 catches. Toby gained valuable experience playing club cricket for Hamworthy, where he was leading run scorer and joint highest wicket taker, successfully meeting the challenge of playing a year up – crucial in a young cricketer's development.

In front of his proud parents, Ruth and Nick, this promising, competitive all-rounder was presented with the Dorset Cricket Board Under 10 Player of the Year Trophy at the County Youth Presentation Evening in October by Hampshire II, Dorset CCC and England Under 19 wicket keeper, Lewis McManus.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT Some local bus services are getting more 'joined up'. A very good leaflet from DT11 Forum came with the Blackmore Vale Magazine recently - copy in Church Room. The X9 to Shaftesbury and Gillingham and X10 to Sherborne and Yeovil now leave from West Street (Crown Hotel) and return to East Street; timings should allow good connection with our X8. In theory our X8 also connects at Sturminster Marshall with the 88 to and from Wimborne but the timing is much tighter, the connection not guaranteed, and it's a very long wait if you miss it. The best bus for Wimborne is the Wednesday 315 to Ringwood at 09.36, and don't forget the 314 direct to Salisbury at 09.15 on Tuesday (Market Day). Use them or lose them!

DEVELOPMENT OF 'THE OLD ORCHARD' OFF CHURCH LANE

Most residents are probably aware that preparatory work is underway prior to building work starting next year. Linden Homes have sent out their first Newsletter to the village. Site Manager is Scott, tel: 07776 999 118.

CHARLTON MARSHALL VILLAGE HALL – FUNDRAISING

The total for The New Hall Funds has now reached just over £30,000. A great achievement by our very busy fundraising team AND your support for the events.

The 'Breakfast' in September raised £142 and the Craft Fair in November £260. For 2015 another 'Breakfast' is planned for February and a Craft Fair in March – so look out for advertising posters and flyers. There will be other events throughout the year – so please continue to support us to raise money for the New Hall. Margaret Chambers

FLOOD PLAN FOR CHARLTON MARSHALL

The Environment Agency is emphasising the need for a Flood Warden and a Flood Plan. We **do** get floods, mainly because we are built next to the River Stour flood plain. What happens if there is a serious traffic collision? What happens if there is a severe outbreak of influenza? Dorset is leading the country in having a unified approach for blue light services. I have invited a speaker to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, which is for the whole community, even though the date has to be confirmed for Tuesday April 14th. TJH

A FEW EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY

Wednesday 10th Dec. 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm. Yuletide Festival and Late night Shopping. Details – Information Centre or www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk

Friday 12th Dec 7.30 pm. Corn Exchange Film "Belle" 12A cert
Tickets from Information Centre £5.50.

Saturday 13th Dec 9.00 am – 2.30 pm
"Khaki Canteen" – WW1 exhibition and coffee morning. Corn Exchange.

Monday 15th Dec 6.30 pm Civic Carol Service. Blandford Parish Church.

Sunday 21st Dec 4.00 pm. Corn Exchange Peter Pan. Real Pirates in The Shambles from 3.15 pm. Tickets from Information Centre. Adults £8, Under 16s £6, Family (2 adults + 2 children) £25.



TOBY BERRY – AND OTHERS WHO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS!

It is really nice to be able to mention our youngsters who do well. I am sure Toby is not the only one. Please let me know if you have done something, or you know of someone we can all be proud of. TH. Use charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk