



Charlton Marshall Parish Council

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S WINDOW...

Anything I might have considered starting this with, has been relegated since the dreadful accident our recently re-elected Vice Chairman, Dorothy Cooper, had in the village at 15.45 on May 5th. The Air Ambulance took her to the Major Trauma Unit at Southampton General Hospital, and I am pleased to say, that from reports received from husband Barrie, she is on the road to recovery after time in Intensive Care.

In the Parish Council world, those who came to the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council AGM, will have learned a great deal. The effects of austerity cuts are bringing about radical changes in local administration, although there seems to be a lot of money available for Big Society voluntary schemes from various quarters, including the EU. The applications have to be spot on and everyone always has a good case. Decisions about the Solar Farm Community Benefit have nearly been completed, but it has taken nearly five months to set up the account for this. Nothing is ever straightforward! Local funding has led to improvements, most obviously to the playing field car park and at the entrance to the cemetery.

I would like to thank our three excellent and outstanding speakers at the APM. These busy people willingly found the time to come and enlighten us. Likewise, at the PC AGM, County Councillor Hilary Cox and District Councillor Andrew Kerby both had strong messages about the year ahead. Their continual hard work for us all should never be underestimated.

That notion of duty provides the link to Queen Elizabeth II and her 90th birthday. It is good to hear there are some celebrations being organised in the village. If you are not involved, please come along to the Vintage Tea Party, masterminded by District Councillor Kerby, on Sunday, June 12th from 2pm in the Village Hall – and free of charge!

Let's hope that summer really has arrived and that on June 12th there will be magnificent weather to match the occasion.

TJH.

**FIELDS IN TRUST
FAMILY FUN
DAY, SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH
FROM 1.30PM**

**Put the date in
your diary now!**

**Arrangements
are well under
way. Top
attractions so
far are Cheikh
Diop who is
returning with
his Afric'Arts
drummers, and
Spacey Tracy
with her terrific
inflatables.**



On April 19th, one year to the day from Roger Ferre's Air Ambulance presentation at the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting, the new Dorset and Somerset helicopter, G-DORS, landed in the field by the Charlton Inn to take a seriously ill young man from Green Close to Dorchester Hospital.

Sixteen days later, on May 5th, it was on call again, after the accident in the village.

One easy way to support the air ambulance is to use the skip in the Charlton Inn car park to recycle clothing for sale in their charity shops.

KEEPING SAFE ON THE PHONE, ONLINE, AND AT HOME – A FEW TIPS.

- Never discuss your computer over the phone with anybody you don't know – whoever they claim to be.
- Never give PIN numbers or passwords over the phone or in response to emails – no bank or reputable company will ever ask for them.
- Never pay money to anyone who says they need it to secure a reward or prize for you – it won't happen.
- Never let a 'cold-caller' do work for you, especially if their offer sounds too good to be true – it probably is!

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON APRIL 19TH

We were very fortunate to have three excellent main speakers who were all experts in their field.

Hilary Ritchie had been responsible for the North Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership. She explained the plans for the Trailway as a means to improve the economy of adjacent villages and towns by increasing tourism. Applications for EU and UK money are incredibly complicated, but she remains optimistic.

Next Ed Gerry, North Dorset District Council Planning Policy Team Leader spoke about the adoption of the new Local Plan. Part 1. 400 pages take us to 2031. Housing and employment remain national priorities and Government will have the final say over any local policy, despite the numbers prescribed for Stalbridge and the 18 larger villages.

Jen Newman from the Countryside Rangers then took us off into the fresh air with an illustrated talk about the diverse and increasing roles of the Rangers as they, along with hundreds of volunteers of all ages, keep Dorset the best place to live in. In North Dorset area they attend to 745 miles of rights of way and some 3000 miles of verges and are always so helpful to us in Charlton Marshall.

Full write up is on the village website www.charltonmarshall.org.uk



Ed Gerry, Hilary Ritchie, Jen Newman

LITTER PICK

Around 15 or so turned up on a fine morning for the hour's litter pick on Saturday April 16th. It was organised by Cllr Dorothy Cooper, aided and abetted by Cllr Pam Higgins and was an integral part of being in the Dorset Best Villages competition. Thank you to everyone who came along to help and to District Councillor Andrew Kerby for supplying the grabbers and gloves which helped to deposit rubbish into 6 bags. Thanks also to Blandford Town Council for the loan of high-vis jackets. Let's do our best to keep the village tidy.



TEA FOR THE QUEEN

CHARLTON MARSHALL VILLAGE HALL



SUNDAY 12TH JUNE - 2PM

Celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in style at Charlton Marshall Village Hall this June with a themed tea party! This is a FREE event.

Cakes, sandwiches and of course, copious amounts of tea, will be served to residents of Charlton Marshall. Fancy-dress is encouraged, with costumes reflecting any period of the 90 years of the Queen's life.

The party is being organised by the Parish Council and District Councillor Andrew Kerby, who is keen for volunteers to help bake cakes, make sandwiches and to help serve the residents.

If you can help out, please contact Andrew on 07795058568 or e-mail cllr.akerby@north-dorset.gov.uk

Do you have any celebration memorabilia from the past 90 years? If you do, can you bring it along to the party for all to enjoy.

Church Fete 16th July 2pm

One phone box is being refurbished by Ben Hollowbread. Any more ideas for their use?

