

Charlton Marshall News - March 2014

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From the Chairman's window

Tormented by floods on the river side of the A350; cowed into submission by the legal process on the Trailway side, following the Planning Inspectorate's decision on Church Lane; threatened with the loss of weekend X8 bus services, and the announcement by Pam, our wonderful Clerk, that she is to retire after 7 selfless years, all mean 2014 has not begun in a way anyone would have chosen.

However, life must go on. At least the Section 106 Agreement made between the landowner of the field off Church Lane and NDDC will ensure the Village Hall project will now have a firm financial foundation.

The village is again entering the Dorset Best Villages Competition, which means, amongst other things, the organisation of another litter pick (26th April), more investment in facilities for the QEII Jubilee Field and a host of fund raising activities in order to maintain the momentum we have enjoyed recently.

Do come and find out more about the Parish Council, and what it can, and does do, at an 'Open Morning' on Saturday, March 22, from 10 until 2 in the Church Room. You might be pleasantly surprised! It also provides a real opportunity to thank Pam in person. Tim Hill.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday April 15th at the Village hall from 7pm



This is the Community's meeting which gives the opportunity for residents to come along to give their comments and ideas to the Council on how the village can continue to improve as a community.

The Parish Council has arranged for Dorset Fire and Rescue to give a short presentation regarding their role in the community. Speakers from POPPS (Partnership for Older People's Projects) and Speedwatch have also been approached and will be confirmed.

Meet the Councillors - Saturday 22nd March

The Parish Council is having a drop-in session at the Church Room on Saturday 22nd March from 10am – 2pm. Come along to meet and chat to the Councillors and find out what they do and what they have done for the community.

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Clerk with effect from 1st May 2014. This is an interesting and varied part-time post, equivalent to 35 hours per month, working mainly from home with training provided. Remuneration will be in accordance with national pay-scales which are related to experience and qualifications.

Our meetings take place on the first Tuesday evening of each month and the Clerk's duties include preparation of agendas, minutes, correspondence, general administrative duties and liaison with other organisations such as District and County Councils.

The Parish Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer and as such will be required to undertake the accounts and preparation of annual budgets and returns.

Candidates should be prepared to work as part of the team but also be able to work on their own initiative. In addition they will need to have good literacy, numeracy and IT skills (a laptop, printer and screen will be provided).

Closing date for applications: Monday 24th March 2014.

Interview Date: Friday April 4th 2014 from 2pm

Apply in writing with your CV and a short statement about your particular skills and qualities to:

Mrs Pam Higgins

**Clerk to Charlton Marshall Parish Council
242 Bournemouth Road
Charlton Marshall,
Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 9NF**

Tel: 01258 488431

Email: charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Reminder regarding Reporting of Pot-holes



Anyone can report a pot-hole – or any other road defect - either by **telephone on 01305 221000** or by following the links on the website **dorsetforyou.com** – transport and streets –

roads and pavements – report a road problem – report a road defect online. It is a simple process and a reference number is given to enable you to check if/when the work is done.

The Village Hall This Month

Gravellers Concert – 8th March 7.30pm

Jumble Sale - 22nd March 2 - 4pm

Easter Bingo – 22nd March 7.30pm

Poachers Moon – 29th March 7.30pm

'Poppies Red and Cornflowers Blue' If you enjoyed 'The Land Remains' with Cast in Time or Poacher's Moon's performances in our Village Hall you will be pleased to hear that John Anderson from Charlton-on-the-Hill has written and composed a new show to commemorate the First World War. Our story, told with original music and song, poems and narrative, with projected images as a backdrop, follows the lives of British soldiers from rural England. Often leaving a life of poverty, for better pay and decent food, we follow them from enlistment, through training, to the killing fields of France and Belgium to meet the foe. The choruses for many of the songs are projected so that the audience can participate. Poacher's Moon are touring the south of England with this production over the next two years and feel very privileged to be able to perform the show in our own village.

Saturday March 29th Charlton Marshall Village Hall 7:30pm, £8 adults, £7 concessions. Refreshments. Feel free to bring a bottle. 01258 488640 to reserve tickets. www.poachersmoon.com

QEII Jubilee Playing Field - Dates for your Diary

Easter'tainment – Saturday April 12th 2014 – 11am – 2pm - Inter-Parish 5 a-side Soccer Challenge, egg and spoon races, plus lots more for all the family. Hot food.

Rounders' Tournament – Saturday June 28th – 11am – 2pm - Inter-Parish teams plus any teams the community can put together.

Family Fun Day – Saturday September 13th – 1pm – 5pm – fun for the community and surrounding areas.

Land at Church Lane

Most residents will know that the Inspector visited the site in January and gave the go-ahead for 35 homes there, to the huge disappointment of all who had worked so hard to explain the unsuitability of the scheme. In the final week of February a 'For Sale' board went up, so now we wait to see who will buy it and implement the plans

Our Parish Clerk

The working relationship between Chairman and Clerk of a Parish Council is very special and crucial to achieving anything, so it was a deeply poignant moment when Pam's letter, indicating it was time to retire, arrived. I am sure Ian, the previous Chairman would echo my sentiments. Pam has worked assiduously for 7 years, maintaining her sense of humour and a real devotion to the village she loves. She has fulfilled the challenging and increasingly demanding role, from that of 'responsible financial officer' to 'helping hand' in a host of causes, in a brilliant fashion and we all had confidence in her. I will miss her genial manner, the chats, her support and advice, and occasional rebuke! Rest assured, we will still see her at the heart of many village activities. Thank you so much, Pam! TJH.

DRAINS. Following a problem reported to the Parish Council in January we give the following from Wessex Water's website www.wessexwater.co.uk. See the website for additional useful information.

Not for the loo

- ✗ wet wipes and so called "flushable wipes"
- ✗ cotton buds
- ✗ tampons and sanitary products
- ✗ nappies
- ✗ condoms
- ✗ dental floss
- ✗ bandages

Please dispose of these items responsibly:

- ✗ razor blades
- ✗ syringes
- ✗ needles
- ✗ medicines

For information on the safe disposal of sharp items and medical supplies please contact your GP or local council.

Not for the sink

DO NOT:

- ✗ put fat, oil or grease down the sink
- ✗ use hot water or bicarbonate of soda to rinse grease down the sink. It does not stop blockages
- ✗ put food scrapings down the sink
- ✗ rinse plates with food scraps in the sink

Our advice

Instead, wait for the fat to cool before putting it into a non-recyclable container, or wrapping it up, and disposing of it with your food waste or normal household waste.

- ✓ ONLY toilet paper and human waste should be flushed down the toilet

- ✓ Wipe greasy pans with a kitchen towel before washing
- ✓ Use a fat separator for gravy
- ✓ Use a filter in the sink to collect food scraps

Road Safety. Dorset Highways Road Safety Team want to know what aspects of road safety we think are the most important. Go to <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/412479> to have your say by Friday March 28th.

Community Speedwatch is a police initiative aimed at raising awareness and encouraging speed reduction. Speed is a major factor in about a third of all traffic collisions. Charlton Marshall has 9 volunteers awaiting training.

STOP PRESS: SUNDAY X8 REPRIEVED FOR A YEAR but Friday and Saturday evening services will cease in April.