



Charlton Marshall Parish Council

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S WINDOW



For a change this is devoted to the Annual Parish Meeting.

A dry comment made at a recent meeting was "I reckon we are all 'consulted out.'"

So much is going to change and all of you will be affected. Hospitals could go, North Dorset District Council probably will go, Council Tax will rise, Dorset Community Action will remain to hold our hands and Parish Councils will have extended roles. So, to take you into the future, we have invited three excellent speakers, whose titles might appear stuffy, remote and irrelevant to most, but, who are on the ball and can bring light into perceived darkness. **They deserve a large audience.** TJH.

First speaker: Sarah Pickering from Dorset Community Action. DCA has already waved its wand here. It has been vital in providing advice to the Village Hall Committee in its quest for Lottery grants. It is untiring in its efforts to help volunteer organisations across the county. You will be amazed by what they offer.

Second speaker: Dr Karen Kirkham is Assistant Clinical Chair at the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group. You might have responded to their recent consultation. Leaflets and booklets were delivered to about 95% of the parish and our previous Newsletter highlighted the process. Where is our hospital service going?

Third speaker: 'Young' District Councillor Andrew Kerby was thrown in at the deep end when we sadly lost District Councillor Richard Moyle. He will track his life and experiences over this, his first year, with a degree of humour and optimism, as local government heads towards massive change.

There will be scope for Q&A sessions. Each speaker will have about 20 minutes in all.

This evening is for you all, including – perhaps especially – senior school pupils, who, in particular, will have to live with the intended changes.



The evening is organised by the Parish Council because it is its statutory duty to do so, but this is not a Parish Council meeting, where voting takes place.

So, please come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday March 28 – a day for everyone's diary. The Village Hall opens at 6.30pm with drinks and nibbles, leading to the three guest speakers starting at 7pm. The second part will be devoted to local activities involving voluntary groups. It will also give a chance for the electorate to raise concerns on local issues.

At Village Hall 6.30 for 7.00

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday March 28th



Annual Litter pick. 10am Saturday 22nd April 2017. Please meet at Church Room for the BIG LITTER PICK to help prepare for the DORSET'S BEST VILLAGE competition. The more who come the less time it takes – one hour last year. All kit provided but bring a hi-vis jacket if you have one.



THE NEWSLETTER. Is there anyone out there who could spare about half an hour or a little more to deliver our Newsletter four times a year – several roads need to be covered but especially we need someone with transport to cover Thornicombe. Please contact the Clerk if you can help or want to know more.

A WORD OF CAUTION to users of the footpath from The Old Orchard down onto Church Lane – especially young families – please be very aware of traffic and horse riders that may be coming down the lane.

The Parish Council has just issued a new edition of the Parish Information booklet. You may have received one with this Newsletter, but if not, you should receive a copy shortly. We hope you will find it useful. Updates will be advised via the Newsletter as required.

If someone moves into a house near you, as well as making them welcome, please get an Information booklet for them from the Clerk.

BLACKMORE VALE MAGAZINE Parts of the parish no longer get BVM delivered. It's available in the Church Room and Village Centre and more copies are now being delivered there.

Not another consultation? Well yes, actually - it's about Waste and it has to be completed by April 5th. Blandford needs a new and improved household recycling centre. The new facility would be a modern, 'split level' one - safer, quicker and easier for people to use and would not need to close when containers are being emptied.

To get copies of the Consultation Document and Response Form contact 01305 228571 or read them and respond online at www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan

... and talking of waste – dog waste this time – please always pick it up and bin it. It's a punishable offence not to.



CHARTON MARSHALL ART SOCIETY needs new members. We are a very small group who enjoy painting; no-one teaches, but we encourage, and help each other with our different skills and interests. We meet in the Church Room on the second and last Wednesday of each month from 7.30 to 9.30 and have a break at Christmas, Easter, and in the summer. We would be pleased to welcome anybody who enjoys painting in any medium: water colours, gouache, pastels, acrylics, oils, or even if you just want to sketch with pencils. Bring your own paints, brushes, pads, canvases etc. and if you would like to speak to someone about it feel free to ring 01258 452872 or 01202 695899.