

# Charlton Marshall News - September 2013

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From the Chairman's window (actually from beside a lake in Finland ).



The summer months have flown by, but at least the swifts, swallows and house martins eventually turned up. The harvest is in. I went to see my Suffolk farmer friends in early August and they reckoned it would be a useful yield - could be better, could be worse! They never give anything away! The Steam Rally will be nearing its conclusion and schools will be re-opening when this arrives.

So, just to ensure nobody gets bored, it is a good thing that there will be the Annual Fun Day in the QEII Field on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is run by the Parish Council which owns the field and the adjacent carpark. This event is for the whole community of Charlton Marshall to enjoy and will be opened at 1pm by our special guest, the Mayor of Blandford. Volunteers to help set it up are most welcome from around 9am. Otherwise come along and sample the sporting and other activities and spend some money which will go towards the funding of more equipment. The emphasis is very much on 'having fun'.

Sadly, Roger Higgins is stepping down from the Parish Council to concentrate his time on the Village Hall Committee. I thank him for his valuable work. There is only so much a volunteer can do and the enthusiasm and creativity of that committee is something to wonder at. Remember the Open Gardens, for instance - a hugely successful weekend.

However, it does mean there will be a vacancy on the Parish Council for some dynamic person aged 18 or over. Also, there are always opportunities to join the Working Party on the QEII Field, which operates under the Parish Council. Someone who relishes the challenge of fund raising would be ideal. Please contact the Clerk, Pam Higgins, to find out more.

In reply to queries about the Minutes of the monthly PC meeting in the '3 Villages News', these are only the bare bones of what was discussed. Where planning permission is simply stated to be accepted or declined, that is reporting the decision of NDDC. We cannot make such decisions ourselves. Full minutes are put on the village website, but the public is most welcome to attend the actual meeting on the first Tuesday of every month.

Tim Hill.

Your Village needs you! Work in the Village for the Village!

Are you a trades person? Qualified or skilled in the likes of brick laying, general building, ground work, painter, plumber, carpenter, gardener, landscaper etc? Working, retired or just willing and able? Then this will be of interest to both you and the Village!

From time to time, the Parish Council has the requirement to repair, maintain or undertake projects which require specialist skills. We end up searching far and wide for people to do the work. We then spend large amounts of money with expensive firms and in some cases we have to pay travel costs too and wait a long time before the work is done.

We are sure the village has all the skills and people we need for all the varied projects we do.



We would like you to register your interest with the Parish Clerk either by email [charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) or phone 01258 488431, by simply providing your preferred contact, email address or phone number.

This will be added to our new distribution list. Then when we have some work that needs doing, the Clerk will send an email to everyone on the list (irrespective of skills), with full description of work needed along with a closing date for quotes to be submitted. If you do not want to quote then, no problem as you can just ignore or delete the email.

All quotes will then be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting and decisions made.

We are hoping that this will help you and the village by keeping it local.

Annual Fun Day on the QEII Playing Field 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the flyer attached and come along to enjoy the event - now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. We need lots of HELP to set up the event so if you have an hour or two to spare from 9am we'd appreciate it.



**The Car Park in QEII Playing Field** - It has come to the Council's notice this car park is being used by a few in the area as 'resident parking'. The Council would like to remind everyone the car park is for users of the playing field and the Trailway and needs to be available at all times for those users. Please do not park here.

**All residents with walls on the boundary to footpaths** - An incident where a dog injured its paw from 'shards' of brick that had eroded away from the wall onto the footpath was brought to the Council's attention. Please can you check your walls and sweep up any debris to ensure not only dogs, but small children cannot harm themselves if they fall/tread on this material.

**To all dog owners** - Please pick up your dog's mess wherever you walk. As well as open grass spaces, please include footpaths and bridleways especially when they cross in front of properties that front onto these paths. Dog mess is also found too often on some sections of the trailway through the parish. Please be responsible and law-abiding.

PLEASE  
REMEMBER THE

**North Dorset  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**POOP  
SCOOP  
LAW**

You MUST clean up after your dog OR

**FACE A FINE\***

\*Maximum fine in Magistrates' Court £1,000 or £50 FIXED PENALTY

For advice please ring Environmental Health on (01258) 454111  
[www.north-dorset.gov.uk](http://www.north-dorset.gov.uk)

The Parish Information booklet is due for an up-date, if you have a business you would like included please contact the Clerk either on [charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) or 01258 488431.

A new website 'Travel Dorset' has been launched by Dorset County Council. The pages include live travel information on Dorset roads, next bus and train departures from any Dorset location, a journey planner, advice and information on walking and cycling, facility to report a road problem, etc. etc. Visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/traveldorset](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/traveldorset) to see for yourself.

#### **CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Charlton Marshall Parish Council is looking for a candidate to join the "team".

The Parish Council meets twelve times a year on the first Tuesday of the month.

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**New Village Hall** the next fundraising event for the New Village Hall is a Medieval Night on 19<sup>th</sup> October and tickets are still available. £8 per ticket; further details and contact number for tickets 01258 456572 or [info@charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk).

We continue to welcome your support for The Buy a Brick Scheme for the New Hall - donations from £5 upwards. Forms from Roger Higgins (Treasurer) on 01258 488431 and Margaret Chambers (Chairman) on 01258 456572. Forms can also be collected from the Church Room and the Village Hall.



**Rural Transport.** Do you use the bus or have a concern about people living in the smaller villages? Far reaching changes to services that are subsidised by the county council will take effect in January next year 'in a bid to deliver better value for money'. Most weekend and evening subsidised services will cease (probably affecting X8) as will all 'rural services that cost the county council over £5 per passenger and urban services with subsidies over £3'. Considerable changes are planned for the Salisbury to Weymouth and Wimborne to Shaftesbury routes. Your views are invited up to September 24<sup>th</sup> by letter to the county council or through the online survey at [www.dorsetforyou.com/bussurvey](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/bussurvey) where full details of the proposals are available.

