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Another season is with us as the leaves turn, but at least we have the Fields in Trust Family Fun Day in the QEII Field to look forward to!

Saturday, September 12th is writ large on the village calendar and preparations have been going on for a year.

We would love to see some volunteers in the morning, willing and able to put up the marquee. Offers have already been made to move large items in, but the more hands the better. We also would love to have volunteers to run stalls. I can even bribe you with a purple FIT t-shirt!

You all pay just under £1 in the precept to cover overheads, but any money raised is put in a pot to refurbish the Play Area and provide equipment in the prize-winning field. Nothing is cheap these days. In fact, costs are now scarcely credible. A recent quotation for a complete safety surface and replacement of the climbing frame in the Play Area was in the region of £50,000.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S WINDOW
FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH 1.30 pm

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, that would be most welcome. Just tell our Clerk.

It is always good to have something a little different and we are lucky to have Cheikh Diop putting on a display of Afric'Arts drumming and dancing, which should get everyone excited and involved. They will perform at 2pm and return at 3pm for you all to participate, so do not be late and miss it. *

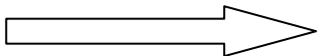
* <http://www.africartsdrumming.com/about-us.html>

There will be plenty to do as well, with our cricket and soccer skills, volley ball, novelty races, skittles, splat the rat, egg catching and, of course the tea tent, hot dog stall and raffle. Also, our favourite, Spacey Tracy, is bringing her wonderful variety of inflatables. So, do bring a little money with you to spend.

The Solar Farm Community Benefit money has to be spent. A suggestion box for projects, along with a list of ideas already put forward, will be in the marquee.

We need lots of HELP to set up the event so if you have an hour or two to spare from 9.00 am we'd appreciate it.

There will also be a display from Dorset County Council about what the future holds now a further £47m of cuts have to be made, although that is not intended to take the gloss off proceedings.

More news on the other side PTO 

Let's make it a Family Fun Day to remember! Tim Hill.

Family Fun Day 12 September

The attached 'plan of events' has a lucky number on it – if you bring it with you on the day and your number is read out you win £10.

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCILLOR

VACANCIES

Charlton Marshall Parish Council is looking for candidates to join the Council as Parish Councillors. If you are interested in the village, have lived in the area for at least 12 months and meet a few other minor requirements, you can be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council meets twelve times per year on the first Tuesday of every month (apart from Bank holidays). For more information regarding this valuable role and the commitment required please contact Marie Dando, Clerk to the Council. Tel.01202 695962.

‘STOP PRESS’

Charlton Marshall Village Hall ‘Extravaganza Day’ on Saturday 19th September from 9.30am to 8.30pm. Look for your invite dropping through your letterbox soon!

CHARLTON MARSHALL’S ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT Early in July a small group of like-minded adults and children joined together at the QEII Jubilee Playing Field for a couple of games of rounders. The games were fun and the weather was great although the turnout for the village was disappointing. There were some fabulous ‘hits’ and some great catches, there were a couple of lost balls and time for a much needed picnic and ice-creams afterwards.

Reporting road and transport issues

Anyone can report a range of road issues online including potholes, overgrown hedges, broken street lights, flooding and blocked drains and many other issues by following the links on the website dorsetforyou.com – roads and transport – report a problem. It is a simple process and a reference number is given to enable you to check if/when the work is done. If you do not have online access please contact the Clerk who will report the issue on your behalf.

Dorset Driver Gold

Do you remember when you last read the Highway Code?

If not, the Dorset Driver Gold programme may be right for you!

Dorset Driver Gold provides an opportunity to update your driving skills and confidence on the road, as well as refresh your knowledge on topics such as the Highway Code, modern driving techniques and how to keep driving safely for longer.

The programme is aimed at older drivers aged 75+ but drivers of all ages and experience are welcome.

Theory sessions are currently available in our area: Dorchester 23rd Oct 10.00 am, Gillingham 11th Nov 2.00 pm, Poole 1st Dec 10.00 am, Dorchester 3rd Dec 2.00 pm. You will be able to have a practical session later in your own vehicle if you wish. Contact <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/roadsafety/gold> or 01305 221000.

From the Police - Correct use of 101

If your call is an emergency, e.g. a life is in danger, or a crime is in progress, always call 999. For all non-emergency calls that require a police response, call 101. If your call isn’t urgent, you can leave a message or use our email address enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk and we will respond to you as soon as we are able to.

Dorset Police receives, on average, 1300 non-emergency calls every day. 65% are answered within 30 seconds. With such a high demand it is important that the public only call for matters that require a police response. These will include, but are not limited to:

- Your car or motorcycle has been stolen
- Your property has been damaged
- You want to give information about crime in your area

Examples of matters that will require a response from other authorities such as the local council and **NOT** the police are:

- Dog fouling
- Abandoned or badly parked vehicles
- Dumping or fly tipping



IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR PLANNING BUILDING WORK WHICH YOU ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT?

To have your say you will need to respond to the planning application to register your objection with North Dorset District Council (Development Control Committee). Each month at Charlton Marshall Parish Council meetings, Councillors review any local planning applications and a response is registered where appropriate. Your Parish Councillors have extensive experience with how best to respond to planning applications and can help you address the key points in your objection. Furthermore, when the application is dealt with at the NDDC Development Committee, they can help you prepare your comments.

You should be aware that at NDDC Planning Committee, only 3 minutes is allocated to voice your concerns and, therefore it is important that you make every minute count.

Please come along to Charlton Marshall Parish Council meeting on the first Tuesday of each month to find out more. Members of the public are always welcome at our meetings.

Christmas Tea Party – Saturday 12th December