



# Charlton Marshall Parish Council

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## News - September 2016

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S WINDOW

We will have to wait and see what the effect of 'Brexit' will be on the applications for EU grants to help Dorset's tourist and agricultural economy. Otherwise, the momentous withdrawal from the EU will have probably had little effect on anyone so far. We had always clung on to miles, yards, feet and inches, as well as the pound and no-one was going to succeed in making us drive on the right!

It was good to see the paths from Blandford to Spetisbury have been cleared to make them safer for pedestrians. You have to thank the Parish Council, working with our District Councillor, for convincing DCC that this needed to be done. I hope it will not have been a final flourish before we are required to organise and carry out such work.

Solar Farm Community Benefit money has allowed the Lych Gate at the cemetery to be refurbished and the church clock will no longer be hand wound by the time you get this Newsletter, because of the new electric winding gear. Ideas about schemes for next year's round of grants should be addressed to the Clerk, who will supply the necessary application form. Maybe we will be able to upgrade the soccer posts, for instance.

The QEII Playing Field will be busy on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, with the Fields in Trust Family Fun Day. There will be plenty of different activities, with Afric' Arts making a welcome return, along with Spacey Tracy's wonderful inflatables. This is a community activity, organised by the Parish Council, but volunteers to help at some time from setting up to clearing up, will be most welcome. Stalls have to be attended to as well. There are quite a few newcomers to our village, so I hope as many as possible will come and enjoy the day as well as meet the locals! By all means make it a special family day by bringing a picnic. A flyer accompanies this Newsletter.

Continued thanks are due to all those who work to keep the vital notion of community alive.

TJH (Tim Hill).

### INFORMATION PACK UPDATE. OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

The village information pack was put together some years ago and now requires an update. Useful information is being put together to create a new pack and this will be circulated to all residents in due course.

The information pack will contain a section giving details of local businesses that operate within the village to encourage residents to support local enterprise. These businesses are not endorsed by the Parish Council but Councillors are keen to provide the information to help both businesses and residents. This will not be advertising space but purely a list naming the business, type of trade and contact details. If you have a local business and would like to be included please send your details by email to Marie Dando, Parish Clerk on [Charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:Charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk). The closing date for details will be the end of September 2016 and only businesses within the Parish will be included.

### A RIGHT ROYAL THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone that attended the 'Tea for the Queen' event in June. It was a roaring success and we raised £120 for the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. With an estimated 200 cups of tea served and copious amounts of cake, it was a fitting tribute to celebrate our monarch's 90th birthday.

I would additionally like to thank all the volunteers that made the day possible and that made the event free – enabling everyone to come and enjoy the event.

Yours, Andrew (District Councillor Andrew Kerby).



### SHARING SPACE ON THE TRAILWAY

The Trailway is regularly used by families, walkers, joggers, dogs, horses, cyclists and wheelchair users. Please be aware of other users who may not be familiar with how to approach horses or comfortable with unknown dogs or may not be able to hear cyclists approaching. Please keep dogs under control and pick up and remove any mess.

Please be polite and considerate of others and remember that the Trailway is for the enjoyment of everyone.



On 6<sup>th</sup> September a new national phone number "105" will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator.

105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.

Watch out for national advertising.



### The Old Orchard

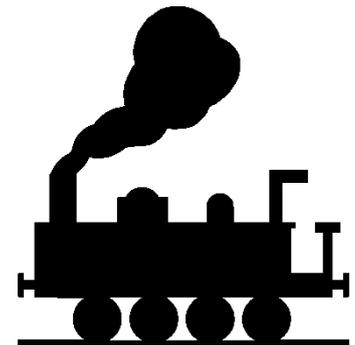
The first two homes were occupied before last Christmas and during recent weeks about another dozen or so families have moved in. We welcome them to the village and hope they are finding their way around, getting to know people, and feeling that they are welcome.

### Did you make history on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1956 or do you know someone who did?

That was the day that Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury stations were closed. In a 1999 book, Train Driver Reg Darke recalls that on that day, he was in charge of the 4.10pm train from Evercreech to Bournemouth. They picked up a family of four at Charlton Marshall who travelled only to Spetisbury and there crossed to the 'up' platform to get the train back to Charlton Marshall. Those were the last two trains to officially stop at Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury. Does anybody know who that family might have been? If so please contact me [mk.cmanor@googlemail.com](mailto:mk.cmanor@googlemail.com) or 01258 452872.

Thank you. Mark Churchill.

On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> this year, for anyone interested, I shall be on the platform at Charlton Marshall at 5.30 pm to show a few photographs of things as they used to be and to walk a short way along the trailway pointing out some of the things that changed when the railway first came through in 1860. Spetisbury have an event from 10am – 4pm. Mark.



Another picture from the Right Royal Tea

FIELDS IN TRUST  
FAMILY FUN DAY,  
SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 1.30PM



Afric'arts at last year's fun day