Quarterly Edition – December 2022



Charlton Village News

www.charltonvillage.org.uk and Facebook page: Charlton Community Chat

Welcome to the Winter Edition of 2022

Well first it was droughts, now it's flooding, you can't say our weather is boring!!
Check inside for lots of interesting features including the creation of our new Charlton Charity!!

If you have any articles, recipes or puzzles for the next edition please send to the editor at editor@charltonvillage.ora.uk



Picture taken at Anton Lakes by Brian Cartwright

One of these beautiful birds was seen devouring its catch on the pavement of Foxcotte Close. A sad but also impressive sight

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays 17th Jan, 21st Feb, 21st Mar 2022: Charlton Parish Council meetings 7.45pm

Saturday 10th December: Oaktrack Christmas Market 3pm to 7pm **Sunday 18th December:** 10 am Christingle Service – St Thomas Charlton **Wednesday 21st December:** 7.30pm Carols around the Christmas Tree

Christmas Services – See inside for more detail

Parish Council Updates

Charlton Village Community Association – Incorporated Charity

Your community needs you!!

On the 22nd November the community events committee met. Due to financial policy the Parish Council can no longer act as the main organiser of any event and it was decided to create an Incorporated Charitable Association (ICA). This will then become the vehicle for managing the Community Day and other events/activities. A draft constitution will be prepared as quickly as possible. The key is to get many more Charlton residents (and supporters) to join as members so that activities/events are driven by all and not just the few. If you feel you wish to be more involved then you could join as a Trustee.

It would really help if any volunteers, who wish to be Members or Trustees, could make themselves known before Christmas. Please email Jacqueline Smith smiffyjac66@gmail.com

The purposes of the charity will be along these lines

- (1) The support and enhancement of community life and wellbeing of all residents
- (2) The preservation of the existing and future environment of the village.

Trustees

The charity would be managed by a committee of trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the charity.

In order to carry out the charitable purposes, the trustees have the power to (at least):

- (1) Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (2) Apply funds to carry out the work of the charity
- (3) Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
- (4) Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

Membership

The charity shall have a membership. People who support the work of the charity and are aged 18 or over, can apply to the trustees to become a member. Once accepted by the trustees, membership lasts for 3 years and may be renewed. The trustees will keep an up-to-date membership list.

Speedwatch

The police conducted Speedwatch activities in October:

- Foxcotte Road Charlton Village 21:20 till 22:00
- Charlton Road Charlton Village 22:10 till 22:30

They will carry out random checks going forward. Although only one stop was made on Foxcotte Road and words of advice were given, there is conclusive evidence that speeding remains an ongoing issue. Please drive carefully through the village

Climate Change

It's official: Charlton is not sold on the Greening Campaign. Only very few cards were displayed and so carbon counting was not possible. Feedback suggests that residents are more aware of energy usage but this is probably driven by rising costs rather than a focus on our climate emergency. It seems there is no collective desire to work together and so we would just wish you good luck with your personal journeys to better living and awareness.

If you do have good examples/ideas of things that have worked for you, please share on Charlton Facebook page or email cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Riverbank Repairs - Charlton Village

We have been trying to get a solution to the erosion of the riverbank opposite Tesco for many months/years. Every time we think we have an answer another obstacle emerges. We are in discussion with the company that recently enhanced the Carters Meadow portion of the stream and we are hopeful that a suitable and affordable scheme can be agreed. The constraint is that the stream feeds the River Anton which in turn feeds the River Test and this gets Environment Agency interest and bureaucracy. Look forward to more updates and we hope 2023 will finally be the year we get the repairs done and improve the flora and fauna in the area. In the meantime, we would welcome volunteers who are prepared to keep the area clear of rubbish and generally neat and tidy. We have a couple of names but if anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Charlton Newsletter

We would like some feedback on the newsletter. What do you think of it? What would you like to see included? Do you have an article that you would like to submit? Could you become a feature writer?

Charlton Village Community Day 1 July 2023

It is the intention to hold our CVCD on 1 July 2023. We are hoping to create a Charitable Association (see first article) to run the event with the Parish Council and Church fully supporting. The next meeting is proposed for 24th Jan 2023

Coronation – 6 May 2023

Does Charlton want to do something collectively to mark the coronation? Or do we just want to encourage street parties? Would someone organise a Scarecrow Competition?

Railings by Carters Meadow

The Parish Council recently had a meeting with Carters Meadow and it was agreed that a gate would be installed into the railings (marked red). This would enable Charlton residents to access the Open Green space and enjoy the tranquillity of the river.

Hurstbourne Forge has been given the contract to create a gate. To do this they will cut and remove the existing railing and create the gate at their workshop.

This will mean that for a short period of time there will be a gap, although the railing by the bridge will still be intact and therefore it should not create a health and safety issue.



Facebook - Charlton Chat

https://www.facebook.com/charlton.community.chat

This is run for the community. If you have something to say or share then please post it on the visitors' section. You can also send Facebook message and we will action.

If you don't use Facebook but would still like to get in touch then email Cllrjsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk

Jubilee Beacon

The Parish Council is seeking permission to place the Jubilee Beacon in the village. An early response from TVBC questioned the 'materials, size and prominence of the Beacon' but it is meant to be prominent, admired and a lasting memorial in Charlton Village. The map shows the initial 4 locations all of which would need to be checked for subterranean pipes, wires etc.

Responses have been very positive about locating the Beacon centrally in Charlton Village. The one objection received from a resident was about location not the notion of having it located centrally in



of having it located centrally in the village. Overall, there was a slight preference for location C but most respondents also supported D as an alternative. Both these locations will be included in a Pre-Application to be submitted before Christmas.

Portable generator

We have been awarded a grant for a generator through the Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks' Resilient Communities Fund.

This will enable the council to assist in any major incidents that occur within the parish. It will also be used during our community events.

Millennium Stone Tree

It was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to accept the estimate for removal and stump grinding of this tree. As you can see from the pictures below the tree planted had grown considerably and was obscuring our Stone. Unfortunately it could not just be trimmed as with this type of species only the tips are green and the centre is bare.

Don't panic, the tree will be replaced at the beginning of next year, the council is looking into the right type





Charlton Leisure Centre - Community Consultation

The Leisure Centre is an important venue for the community in Charlton, Andover and surrounding villages. This highly valued green space has evolved to reflect the growing and changing needs of the community with the site offering space for multiple sports, informal recreation and play making it a 'destination site'. TVBC is about to consult over its future management/development to produce a Plan for the next 5 years and beyond.

Starting in March 2023 TVBC will work alongside the Charlton Parish Council to begin to speak with the local community to map out the use of the site, opportunities, limitations, barriers to access and challenges. It will be a comprehensive consultation involving all current and potential users with the aim of producing an approved Management Plan in Dec 2023

Project milestones and key dates

- Project kick off March 2023
- Questionnaire goes live April 2023
- ➤ Easter holiday activities April 3 14 2023
- > April to June 2023 Summer half term activities
- > 29 May 2 June 2023 Club/group engagement
- Questionnaire ends 31 May 2023
- Engagement at Charlton Village Community Day 1 July 2023
- > The first draft of the summary report will be shared with the Parish Council in August 2023
- > First draft management plan October 2023
- Final draft and approval of management plan Dec 2023

Street Lighting

As the clocks have now gone back,, the darker evenings mean that HCC streetlights will be coming on earlier than is needed during spring and summer. If you notice a fault, please report using the link: https://www.lightsoninhampshire.co.uk/Public/Default.aspx

You can also use the FixMyStreet.com for this and many other issues

Food and essentials

Families struggling with the cost of essentials - such as food and fuel - are encouraged to visit the connect4communities website below. You may be eligible for a Council Tax reduction. www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities

Warm spaces

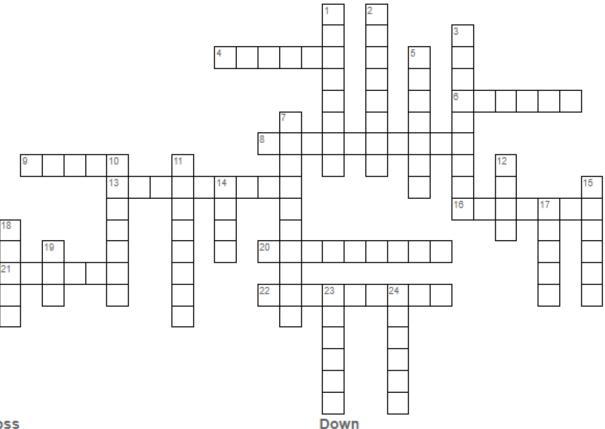
The library network offers warm space for anyone needing a place to spend some time, connect with others, to work or study. Libraries also provide support with the distribution of Warm Bags and Food Vouchers through the Household Support Fund www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/libraryfinder

Andover Library is listed as a warm hub





Christmas Fun



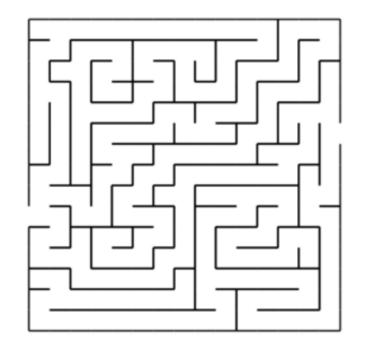
Across

- 4 Hung on the tree 6
- 6 Sung at Christmas 6
- 8 Every child's favourite 5 and 5
- 9 Written and posted 5
- 13 He's behind you
- 16 Which saint's day comes after Christmas day 7
- 20 Who were guarding their flocks 9
- 21 period leading up to Christmas
- 22 White berry plant 9

1 Under the tree 8

- 2 Found in the pudding 8
- 3 Who last looked out 9
- 5 Hung around the fire place 7
- 7 Decoration made from paper 5 and 5
- 10 Do not over boil this vegetable 7
- 11 Hope there are no holes in this item 8
- 12 Hope this is big enough for the turkey
- 14 Bringers of 3 precious gifts 4
- 15 Yearly reading
- 17 This tree bears the crown, folk carol 5
- 18 Which Friday happens before Christmas 5
- 19 As above 3
- 23 Glitters in the light 6
- 24 Make a gobbling noise 6

Connect the snowflakes through the Maze









Hampshire Sustainable Warmth Fund (SWF)

Test Valley Borough Council residents can now get help with their rising energy bills by applying for a grant of up to £25,000 for sustainable home improvements.

The grants will cover up to 100% of the costs for various energy-saving improvements such as installing insulation, heating system upgrades, energy efficient hot water solutions, solar panels and energy efficient lighting (among other improvements).

Grants range from £5,000 up to £25,000. Funding is available under this scheme for households that have a gross annual income of less than £30,000 or are in receipt of an eligible benefit. Your home

must also have an energy efficiency rating of D, E, F or G.

Grants are for homeowners and those living in private rented properties. If the property is rented, then the landlord may be required to contribute towards the cost.

If you think you may be eligible then visit https://www.hampshire-applications.co.uk/ Or telephone City Energy on 02921 680951 and press one for scheme applications.

Charlton Village Church, St Thomas'

Revd Alex Randle-Bissell, Priest-in-Charge, 01264 512161 revalex@pastrowfamily.org.uk **Judith Appleby**, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk **Facebook**: Family matters in our villages@pastrow **Website**:www.pastrowfamily.org.uk

Letter from our Priest in Charge, Alex Randle-Bissell

Dear friends,

As we are now in the church calendar of advent there is an encouragement to feel both expectation and lament, two very different and contrasting emotions. Perhaps these feelings are very apt for this season as advent's true meaning is to remind us in a broken world of our need for God's love and saving grace. Of course, in our modern-day society that is a bit of a challenging statement and the great human problem of suffering is often accompanied with the question 'why and how would a good and loving God allow such horrible events to happen?' For many, the overwhelming notion is to simply say that it's all a load of hokum and 'religion' has been the cause of humanity's problems from the start. I have met quite a number of these folk in my time as a priest, and whilst I am always hopeful that people can change. I do think at least I know where people are coming from! Others lean towards a far more worrying trait however, and that is not thinking about it very much at all. The notion of faith for some is something to think about later on in life, or only when confronted with a serious problem that makes them stop and reflect on what it all means. With this in mind though, I am often completely baffled by the viewpoint that we are somehow in the middle of a pointless universe just passing time, and that people actually believe that life is a series of meaningless events that culminate in nothing much. Even writing that last sentence has made me feel slightly gloomy, only slightly however because for me, hope is the key in looking toward a completely different, life-changing perspective...

Thousands of years ago people had reached some of the above conclusions and had lost all hope, so God sent a rescue mission to point people back to the light and to lead them towards life as it was always meant to be. And so, in squalor, God's son was born in astonishing circumstances and went on to change everything. The rescue plan was all about the truth of love itself, that it is the most powerful human emotion we have and mixed with hope, it can endure for an eternity. There is no surprise then, that the most famous verse of the Bible is John 3: 16 – 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' These are words that, in the midst of suffering, have brought hope and comfort to millions upon millions of people ever since, and continue to do so today.

As we journey through advent this year, I would invite you to reflect on a world in need, and the expectation of hope that comes with celebrating Christ being born into the world for you and for us all. I pray that you may have a very blessed Christmas.

Alex

The Pastrow Family of churches invite you to.....

The Alpha Course

An exploration of the Christian faith



When? Friday 20th January, 2023, 7-9pm

Where? 33 Mercia Avenue, Charlton, SP10 4EJ

You are invited to an introductory 'taste and see' session of the Alpha Course on Friday 20th January – an 8-week course starting the following Friday evening. No commitment. Just come to this

first taster session and see if it is for you. Can' make Friday 20th January? You can still sign up for the course.

What happens on the night?

- A Meal, where we will get to know one another
- A talk and/or video, approx 20 minutes
- A discussion when you can say whatever you like, ask questions, express opinions (or just sit back and listen)

Who is it for?

- Anyone and everyone, whatever your experiences, beliefs or none.
- Anyone who is curious about the faith that has changed lives for 2000 years and continues to do so.

To come on Friday 20th January – email lan on <u>iansue.smale@btinternet</u> with your name and contact details (number or email address) or – text 07421354874 or – put a note through the door of 33 Mercia Avenue. Numbers will be limited to book early.

For more about the Alpha Course: https://alpha.org/try-alpha/ No pressure, no follow-up, no charge.



Church Services at St Thomas and Pastrow Churches for December to February Please check http://www.pastrowfamily.org.uk/ for latest information

Weekly	Wednesdays 10 am, Holy Communion – Tangley			
	8 pm Compline with Holy Communion Christ Church, Hatherden Wednesday 30 th November, 7 th , 14 th & 21 st December			
Sunday 20th Nov	10 am Family Service			
Sunday 27 th Nov	10 am Holy Communion			
	3.30 pm Play and Praise			
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus			
Sunday 4 th Dec	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering inc Children's workshops – Christ Church Hatherden			
	4 pm Said Holy Communion – St Michaels Weyhill			
Sunday 11 th Dec	10 am Holy Communion			
Sunday 18th Dec	10 am Christingle Service			
Wednesday 21st Dec	7.30 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree			
Christmas Eve	1pm & 3 pm I'm a Christian get me out of here			
	5pm Carol Service			
	11.30 Midnight Communion			
Christmas Day	10 am Christmas Day Service			
Sunday 1 st January	10 am Pastrow Family Communion Service, St Peters Hurstbourne Tarrant			
Sunday 8 th January	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering inc Children's workshops – Christ Church			
	Hatherden			
	4 pm Said Holy Communion – Holy Trinity Penton			
Sunday 15 th January	10 am Holy Communion, 3.30 pm Messy Church			
Sunday 22 nd Jan	10am Family service			
Sunday 29 th Jan	10 am Holy Communion			
	3.30 pm Play and Praise			
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus			
Sunday 26 th Feb	3.30pm Play and Praise			

Creating 4 Healthy Habits for Every Day!



Lots of people often ask me what they can do each day to keep healthy.

Here is a list of my 4 foundation points I introduce to my clients, by doing these 4 things everyday it will help you create great healthy habits that you can build on.

- 1. When standing, stand evenly with your weight distributed equally through both of your legs.
- 2. When sitting, sit with your weight evenly distributed through both of your sitting bones.
- 3. Drink water every day. To find out how much water you should be drinking each day simply divide your body weight in Kg's by 35. Eg. $(70 \text{ kg} \div 35 = 2 \text{ litres of water per day})$.
- 4. Aim to go for at least a 30 minute walk each day. (If you are new to exercise, then build up gradually, start with 5 or 10 minutes and build yourself up.

If you would like any further help or advice, please feel free to get in touch. A free 10-minute call can be booked with me (Clare the Chiropractor) through my website www.calmerlivingchiropractic.co.uk or by telephone on 01264 362432





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Get the festive season all wrapped up at Oaktrack's Christmas Market

We are delighted to announce that Oaktrack will be holding its Christmas Market at the smallholding on Saturday 10th December from 3-7pm.

Now in its fourth year, the market will focus on local and sustainable festivities. In addition to our own Christmas offerings, we will have a host of other local artisan producers

and makers joining us to showcase their products. From charcuterie to fruit liqueurs, upcycled homewares and furniture to handmade Christmas decorations, candles and jewellery.

We will also have a bar serving festive refreshments throughout the day including mince pies and mulled wine, a bbg cooking up a feast and live entertainment!

Tina Wells, Oaktrack owner and smallholder said:

"We are really excited to be holding our fourth Christmas market here at the smallholding. Now more than ever we feel it is really important to support other small local businesses like ourselves and focus on making our festivities more sustainable. We are fortunate to have some fantastic local producers and crafts people in our area and this event will provide an opportunity for them to showcase their products and share their own unique stories with visitors."

The market is open to all and entry is free. To find out more about this event and Oaktrack visit www.oaktrack.co.uk

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Thank you to our suppliers, our customers and staff, our regulars who come each day with whom we share a laugh.

To those who pop in now and then and those just passing through, we value each and every one and are always 'there for you'.

We hope you have a Christmas full of laughter and good cheer and we'll make sure we have all you need to help bring in the New Year.

We are open our usual hours but closed 25th & 26th Dec & 1st Jan.

Best wishes, Tim, Leslie & Team Enham Village Post Office & Stores



List of Charlton Parish Councillors

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First Point of Contact

Emergency resilience planning	Cllr Ward	Planning	Cllrs Wylde, Smale	
Speed watch	Cllrs Smale, Ward and Mills	Carters Meadow	Cllrs Smale and Mills	
Traffic	Cllr Smith	Neighbourhood Plan	Cllrs Ward and Smith	
Communication	Cllrs Smith and Ward	Book Exchange	Cllr Smale	
Community Hall	Cllrs Ward and Wylde	Charlton Lakes	Cllr Ward	
Environment	Cllr Wylde and Ward	Climate Change	Cllrs Ward and Smith	
Footpaths & Rights of Way	Cllrs Wylde and Ward	Lengthsman	Clerk	

LOCAL INFORMATION

Contact Group leader for current arrangements

CLUB	LEADER	CONTACT	DAY	TIME
Playgroup (Gov Funding from 3	Mrs S Hartley	07979 841318	Mon, Wed, Fri	09.00 - 12.30
years)		07979 841318	Tues, Thurs	09.00 – 3pm
Brownie Guides (7 -11 years)	Mrs K Ryder	01264 316907	Tuesdays	4 – 5.30pm
Rainbow Guides (5-7 years)	Mrs E Taylor	01264 394322	Thursdays	
Keep Fit	Mrs E Taylor	01264 394322	Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30pm
Slimming World Andover Rugby Club	Kate Evans	07568 622189	Tuesdays	7 – 8.30pm
Young Church	Mrs S Brewer	01264 366394	3rd Sunday	10.30 – 11.30am

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

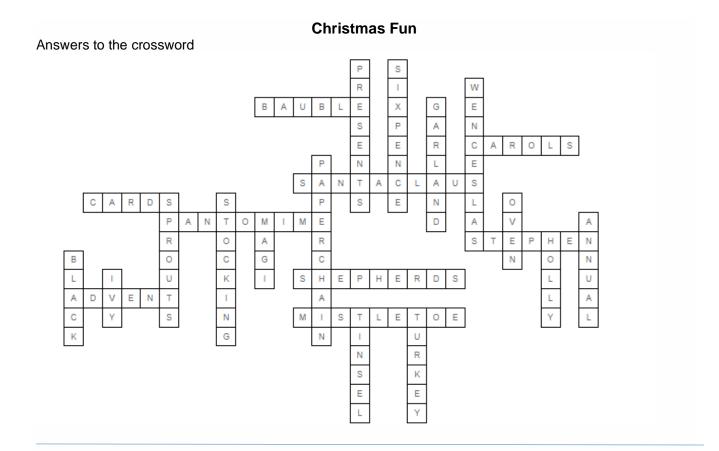
Tree/hedgeproblems: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

Flooding/drainage: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

Pavement problems: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving

Rights of way: www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you



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Please submit adverts in the correct size ideally in PDF or JPG format. Acceptance of all advertisements is subject to availability of space and at the discretion of the Editor.

Content should be addressed to The Editor Charlton Village Newsletter, via email editor@charltonvillage.org.uk or via the post-boxes on the Village Noticeboards

Reminder to use or exchange your 'old' stamps

Do you have a stock of stamps you are unlikely to use before 31st January 2023? Royal Mail are introducing a new style of stamp at the end of January and current stamps will no longer be valid after that date. There are only 100 days to go until non-barcoded stamps can no longer be used.

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Extending a welcome to the Charlton Village Community.



Charlton Park Crematorium. An oasis of calm in a hectic world.

Whatever the weather, Charlton Park is a beautiful and serene place to be. It's a place to rest, reflect and find inner calm. And a venue for many local family farewells, remembrance and memorial services. You're most welcome to visit the crematorium's extensive, mature parkland and enjoy its peace this Winter. The grounds are open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 10-4 at weekends, all year round.



