



# Charlton Village Monthly News

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## **Bridge from Foxcotte Road to Park – Good News**

The project will begin on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August with the construction of the access path between the bridge and Lakeside café and then move onto the foundations and bridge in September and October.

### **Survey - Update**

Thank you to the many residents who responded to the Survey in the July Monthly Newsletter.

### **Community Hall**

We are happy to say that a number of people came forward with offers of help and support for the Village/Community Hall. At the July Parish Council meeting it was agreed that a Village/Community Hall Committee would be formed with Ian Carr as its Chairman, working to the Parish Council. A recent meeting with the Salto Centre confirmed that a piece of the car park could be leased to accommodate the Hall. There is still a long to go with many hurdles to negotiate but it is hoped to get the project underway very soon. To be a success it needs your support to properly capture the requirement, to engage positively with the Committee and to help raise the funding required. We have talked about it for at least 20 years, let's now make it a reality.

### **Communications**

Charlton Chat Facebook page has growing numbers and continues to be well received. You are encouraged to look at the site regularly and actively engage in village life. Unfortunately, we didn't get a volunteer webmaster to manage and develop our Parish Council website [www.charltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.charltonvillage.org.uk). So for now, if you have views about what you would like to see on the website please send them to [cllrcward@charltonvillage.co.uk](mailto:cllrcward@charltonvillage.co.uk) and I will endeavour to tweak the website to suit our purposes. The Parish Council is due to consider the best way of communicating at its September meeting.

**Charlton Village Community Day – 19 September - will now be Street Parties** We now have a number of Streets/areas signed up. Posters have gone out and we hope people will get behind this event and have some much-needed fun. The more the merrier!

### **A Charlton Christmas Market – date for your diary**

This year there is to be a Christmas Market on 5 December. Details to be finalised but likely to take place from 3-6pm in the church grounds and its surrounds.

### **Charlton Community Support Group**

We have wound down the service but we remain available and willing to help those who continue to need assistance. [cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk) 07538596344

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

#### **Cllr Clive Ward – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan is still with the Independent Examiner – further points of clarification have been provided to TVBC.

## Feeding the Ducks and Geese

This applies to ducks and geese at Charlton Lakes but also at the river by Carters Meadow

# Please do not feed bread to the ducks and geese



Traditionally, people love to feed ducks a leftover loaf, but you might not realise that bread isn't actually very good for them. Bread provides very little nutritional benefit to ducks and it also puts them at risk of a disease called angel wing, which is an incurable condition that leaves them unable to fly. The uneaten bread also spreads disease and attracts pests such as rats.

This doesn't mean you should stop feeding them altogether, but we'd ask that you feed them the following foods instead as they are closer to their natural diet:

- grape halves
- defrosted peas or corn kernels
- barley, oats, birdseed
- duck feed pellets

For further information please contact Test Valley Borough Council on **01264 368000**

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## Photographic Competition



The winner this month is **Jo Catton** with her dog Bobby. What a lovely picture.

Remember to post photos to [www.charltonsnaps@gmail.com](mailto:www.charltonsnaps@gmail.com) or via Instagram [CharltonSnaps](https://www.instagram.com/CharltonSnaps) and state whether you are under or over 16.

## Notices

<p><b>September 2020</b></p> <p>The Parish Council will meet by video link on Tue 15 Sep - details of how you can attend will be published in advance.</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church</p> <p>Recent Government guidance has allowed churches, where appropriate mitigation measures have been put in place, to re-open for public worship. Across the Pastrow Family of churches a cautious approach to this is being taken with services at each church on a once or twice monthly basis. For St Thomas' there will be two services during August. Both will be Holy Communion at 10am on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Aug. However there has to be a limit to those attending to ensure social distancing is maintained. Anyone wishing to attend one of these services will have to pre-book a place by calling Jean Milne on 01264 391504. We will continue to use modern technology to provide a range of services both on a Sunday morning and during weekdays. All these are delivered via the internet and can be accessed through the Pastrow Family website at <a href="http://www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk">www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk</a> – a simple click on a link will let you access any of the services. Please join us.</p> <p><b>Revd Alex Randle-Bissell</b>, Rector 01264 512161, <a href="mailto:Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk">Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Judith Appleby</b>, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 <a href="mailto:admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk">admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk</a></p>
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