



# Charlton Village Monthly News

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The Charlton Village Monthly News is published on the Parish Council website and on Charlton Community Chat Facebook page. For those who aren't able to access electronically, copies will be posted on the Village Notice Boards. If you have anything you wish to include in the Monthly News please send by email to [cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk) or post it into the letterboxes on the Notice Boards.

## Newsletter Deliverers

You may wonder how your Charlton News is delivered. Well it is delivered by a group of volunteers under the direction of Bridget Rawlings. Bridget is stepping down as the organiser – Thank you so much Bridget. And a number of new recruits have volunteered to help with deliveries so we are able to let some of the 'old guard' off the hook. So we thank Peter Curry, Ann Viney, Linda Marshall and Barry Hodgson for all the miles they have put in.

## Help Needed

We need your views on a number of items so please complete the very simple survey at Page 4 of this Monthly Newsletter.

## Community Hall

It's been a long time coming but the Parish Council wants to get started on developing a Village Hall. The location is to be on the site of the Salto Car Park at the Tesco end. Salto are now able to sub-let the piece of ground (which had been the sticking point) and bilateral discussions are about to take place. Before we go further, it is important to confirm that we still have a mandate from residents for this venture so could you please complete the short questionnaire at Page 4.

## Communications

Communicating with the village is a bit haphazard at the moment, relying on a mix of the Parish Council website [www.charltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.charltonvillage.org.uk), Charlton Community Chat on Facebook, a Resident's Forum (about 20 people who have signed up to receive emails and act as a village sounding board), Notice Boards, the Church Grapevine publication and word of mouth. We are not unique but some other parishes seem to have developed a much more informative and dynamic website incorporating Parish Council and Community news/views. Where successful these sites tend to have a **Webmaster**, someone who manages, controls and develops the website – adds the bells and whistles. Are you enthusiastic about the village and able/willing to take on this role? If so please make yourself known to any Parish Councillor and/or complete the questionnaire at Page 4.

## Charlton Village Community Day – 19 September

Despite the gradual easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we have been forced to cancel the traditional village fete at Charlton Lakes for this year. Instead, it has been proposed that we keep the date and have a Community Street Party event, encouraging all streets (or areas) to run their own event but with some optional unifying themes and competitions (art, cake decorating, floral decoration etc). We would adopt the social distancing guidelines in place on the day and yet still have some fun! The detail is still being worked out but we need an indication of how many streets/areas would be interested. So if your street/area has already decided to take part or if you are a possible, could please fill in the sheet at page 4. This would be in addition to Charlton having a Christmas Market – see below.

## A Charlton Christmas Market?

With the Charlton Community Day cancelled for this year, it has been suggested that we put on a Christmas Market/Fair this year. The church normally have a Christmas Fayre and the idea is to

expand on this with stalls outside that will spread from the church, go over the road and join up with the Royal Oak or at least into their car park, subject to their approval of course. We would ask for the road to be closed for the few hours of the market which would be timed so that at least part of it will take place in the dark. There could be a village-wide Christmas lights competition to coincide with it, carol singing, food, games for the children, Father Christmas(?) and much more. In fact, a whole community event. The Community Day was very well supported and enjoyed last year and, because of the coronavirus restrictions, we have not been able to repeat it as last year but this could be a good alternative. Do let us know your views.

## **COVID-19**

### **Charlton Community Support Group**

Speaking on behalf of the whole Support Group, we have found these last months to be very enlightening and helped us to understand more about Charlton as a community. I personally have much enjoyed doorstep chats with people I didn't know, in places I was unaware of and other volunteers have said the same. This virus has brought us together as a community – let's not revert to bad habits as things return to 'normal'. Anyway, despite the good progress being made with controlling the virus, the Support Group is still operating for vulnerable and isolated residents who can't get support from family and friends. Please continue to contact us if you are worried or need assistance.

## **The Bridge from Foxcote Road to Charlton Lakes**

My latest information from Test Valley is encouraging:

- Ecology survey works have been completed and report is in hand.
- Bridge has been ordered. We are awaiting final construction details before signing off for manufacture.
- Drawings for the path have been completed and are out to tender
- Environment Agency permit will be submitted shortly

Much of the consultation design work and has been completed and once started it shouldn't take too long to complete.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

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

The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan is still with the Independent Examiner – no white smoke yet!

## Photographic Competition



You can do better than this one entered by Clive Ward – we would love to see some of the stunning Charlton scenery and wildlife. All you need is a phone or camera. Encourage your children too.

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

## Notices

### July 2020

The Parish Council will meet by video link on Tue 21<sup>st</sup> July – details of how you can get involved to follow.

### St Thomas' Church

Recent Government guidance has allowed churches, where appropriate mitigation measures have been put in place, to open for private prayer. However St Thomas' has never been open for private prayer as it is used by a number of other groups (including of course the playgroup). Other churches in the Pastrow Family have opened so if anyone wishes to visit then you are very welcome (the nearest churches to Charlton are Christchurch, Hatherden and Holy Trinity, Penton Mewsey). We are continuing 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 Benefice website at [www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk](http://www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk) – a simple click on a link will let you access any of the services. Please join us.

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**Your Views Welcome**  
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or put slips in the post boxes mounted on Village Notice Boards

**Street Party – 19 September**

My street ..... would like to hold a street party on 19 September

Lead Household.....

Point of Contact. Tel No.....

Contact .....

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**Village/Community Hall**  
**Please put cross in boxes**

- 1. I support the development of a Village/Community Hall for Charlton.
- 2. I would like to be part of the Project Team
- 3. I would like to be the Project Manager.

My experience is:

- 4. I would like to be part of the fundraising team for the Village/Community Hall

Name ..... Address .....

Contact .....

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**Communication**

I would like to be part of the Group that recommends how we should communicate within the community/village

If we develop and enhance the Parish Council website I would like to be the **Webmaster.**

**My experience is:**

Name ..... Address .....

Contact .....