Quarterly Edition – June 2023



Charlton Village News

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

Welcome to the Summer Edition of 2023

Unfortunately, this is my last edition as editor. I am hoping that someone will take up the 'sword' and continue with this much-loved means of communication.

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



Join us for a fun day on 1st July, details on page 2!

Annual Parish Meeting! 20th June 8pm

Air your views on current matters.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 20th June: Annual Parish Meeting. St Thomas Church Hall. 8.00pm

Tuesdays 18th July, 19th Sept, 17th Oct 2023: Charlton Parish Council meetings 7.45pm

Saturday 1st July: 12pm – 4pm Charlton Village Community Day, Charlton Park

Parish Council Updates

Charlton Newsletter

<u>Urgent!!</u> We are in desperate need for a new editor as unfortunately our current editor can no longer continue. Unless we can find a willing person to take on this task the newsletter will have to be shelved for the time being.

The new Editor will receive £200 per edition. The right person needs to have time and knowledge of the village and be willing to gather news and interesting articles.

If you feel you could do this, please contact Cllrjsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting of Charlton Parish Council 20th June, 8pm

The Annual Parish Meeting is different to the monthly meetings of the Parish Council. It is a meeting of the Parish and as such is an opportunity to bring matters affecting our Parish to the attention of the Parish Councillors to help shape priorities for the year ahead. It will start at 8pm and should finish at around 9pm with drinks and nibbles and a chance to chat. All are welcome.

Charlton Village Community Day 1 July 2023 A message from the new Charlton Village Community Association

We are in the final throes of organising this event but still need Volunteers for a few things

- Could you assist on a stall, even for a short time
- Could you act as a steward, guiding and assisting people during the event.

The Spitfire flypast has been confirmed - timings unknown.



As the assault course was such a success last year, we have booked this again including the Tiny Tots castle. The company has stated that they will have bigger and better next year!!! Looking forward to that!

As before both of these will be FREE to use, however if you enjoy these and would like to make a small donation in aid of the community hall, this will be gratefully received.

There will also be a Penalty shootout stall where you can test your skills and win prizes according to the number of goals you score.





The arena events have almost been finalised, these include

- Rock Choir
- Scorpion Judo Club
- Ruby Slippers
- Dog Agility & Fun dog show
- Louis Vincent School of Dancing

Tug of war. We are still looking for more teams.

Check with your neighbours, enter a street team or two. We already have three teams from Tower Close!! 5 people per team, £5 team entry fee



Wellie Wanging, try your hand at wellie throwing and see if you can become the Charlton Wellie Wanging Champion 2023 and receive a designer trophy.

Grand Prize Draw – the committee are still receiving offers of prizes and tickets will be £1 each, cash or card.

Prizes confirmed so far. Check Facebook Charlton Chat for further updates. https://www.facebook.com/charlton.community.chat

£200 Cash Prize
Family Ticket Whitchurch Silk Mill
Hawk Conservancy Family Admission Ticket
Express Facial at Desora Beauty Cabin (SP10 1PL)
Spinal health check and 2 treatments
Afternoon Tea, Esseborne Manor
Annual Membership Andover Leisure Centre

Bakers!! Are you able to make some delicious cakes for our refreshment tent? They can be full cakes, cupcakes, slices. Whatever takes your fancy, after all any cake is good!! Charlton Chat will have details of where to bring them nearer the date.

Stalls - We have a good selection of independent stall holders already booked, ranging from cheeses to soaps, jewellery to sweets. There is still space for a few more, if you would like to have a pitch, the cost is £30. Please contact Jacqueline Smith ismith.cvca@gmail.com with details.



Unfortunately, there will be no Scarecrow event this year.

If you feel you want to get involved with this event, please contact Jacqueline Smith jsmith.cvca@gmail.com Tel: 07938 561609

Charlton Village Community Association

We are still looking for any volunteers, who wish to be Members or Trustees. If you feel you would like to be involved then please email Jacqueline Smith jsmith.cvca@gmail.com

The Association's purpose is to run events for the community to support and enhance community life and wellbeing of all residents.

Coronation Picnic in the Park 7th May 2023



Well, the weather was certainly kinder to us than the King for his Coronation.

Thank you to the families that ventured to the park for a fun afternoon.

Only a slight hitch with the generator but that did not stop the fun. Clouds of bubbles drifted across the field and sack races were enjoyed by all!

Charlton Waterside



The new gate has now been installed in the railings. It was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting that this particular green space should have a name and be semi-wild with a picnic bench and litter bin.

In line with the King's wishes for community volunteer day, a group of volunteers helped to tidy this area on 8th May. A lot of weeds were removed but

enough plants and flowers were left for the wildlife to enjoy.

The cuttings were put into a makeshift compost pile which will be properly made soon.





The council intends to plant more bulbs, to add to the bluebells that were found.

The picnic bench has been ordered and will be suitable for use by everyone.

The litter bin will be installed and emptied frequently and the railings will get a lick of paint.



We hope that this area will be a haven for wildflowers and wildlife, while being enjoyed by Charlton residents.

Therefore, a Bug Hotel has been built by a few willing volunteers.

It may not look the prettiest but I am sure that all the little wildlife will enjoy its wonders. Why don't you pop down and take a look and if you have anything to add to it, please feel free

We do ask that if you visit this area, you respect the neighbouring Carters Meadow estate.

Jubilee Beacon

The Parish Council has now paid for a Tree Protection survey, which was a requirement of Test Valley Planning. The report states that, with specific conditions, the Beacon could be placed in our preferred location. We are now awaiting formal permission before moving the Beacon from its current location in the park.

Next we need to decide on an appropriate floral arrangement. It's a big basket but should look magnificent once completed. Is there someone or a group in the village who would like to take this on as a project or has 'green finger expertise' to offer, please contact cllrcward@charltonvillage.or.uk



Bra Recycling

Don't forget the Bra Recycling Box in Charlton Convenience Store

2 boxes already sent off and nearly ready to send 2 more. Well done ladies!

Reporting Highway Problems

Are you fed up with all the potholes?!

The more people that report them the better. Please use the links below

Missing or damaged signs:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/brokensigns

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

Problems with rights of way:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report.

Charlton Village Community Day

"FLOWERS FOR FUN"

Friday 30 June 2023, Church Hall then on Saturday July 1st at Charlton Lakes

Please enter our Flower Competition Schedule of Classes and Entry Form

Number	Class	Entry	Tick if
		Fee	entering
1	Arrangement in a decorated Jam Jar	50p	
	5 years to 8 years		
2	A Floral Table Centre - 9 years to 12 years	50p	
3	Coronation Celebrations – An Adult class	£2	
4	Just Five Flowers – An Adult Class	£2	

Space allowed 60 cm wide and height optional.

All exhibits will be staged on tables.

£10 1st prize for each category

Please send your entry form to Clive Ward cliveward.cvca@gmail.com

Displays to be delivered to the Foxcotte Room at Charlton Church on Friday June 30th between 3-5pm. Judging will be by Bronda Dossett.

Displays can be collected at 6pm and delivered to the display tent at the Community Day site by 12pm on Sat 1 July. Prize giving will be at 3.45pm at Charlton Lakes.

Name	
Address	
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Charlton Village Church, St Thomas'

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Letter from our Priest in Charge, Alex Randle-Bissell

Dear friends,

I have written many times about the nature of change and how difficult it can be for us as humans to engage with it, and yet, for all of the times that we avoid and deflect change, it is for the most part a constant part of our lives.

Here in the Pastrow Benefice we have been working for some years with the national Church on a project called 'Benefice of the Future', looking at the future of large rural benefice's and how we can be sustainable in the future - how on earth do we adapt to change and embrace new realities? – it is very hard to accept, let alone live with!

Some of you may have been engaged with a particular consultation we have been doing over the past couple of years now to simplify our governance structure and adapt to the ever-changing landscape, but also to retain and maintain the continuity of our buildings and services that we open and offer to the communities we serve. This has been a somewhat difficult and searching process, but we live with the reality that the traditional pattern of 'Church on Sunday' has been fundamentally challenged for a number of years, with less and less people choosing to come to church as society offers far more than it used to. The other significant factor is that the church is steeped in tradition, and whilst that can be a great comfort to some seeking answers to the great questions of humanity, it still needs to adapt in order to reach out to the new ways that people live their lives.

With all of this in mind, the Pastrow Benefice, or Pastrow Family of Churches as we are now known, is about to undertake a major change of governance. On the 1st June we will become a single Parish of Pastrow for all of our eleven churches, with one PCC to provide support and governance for all. We will become the largest parish in the Church of England, and I am still unsure whether that is something to marvel at or not...I suppose time will tell! Of course, there will be local church groups which still lovingly and with great care look after their local church for the benefit of our communities. For the vast majority of our parishioners, there will be no visible or tangible change – we will still be offering the same pattern of local services and people will be able to continue to give to their local church should they choose to.

I will be writing more about these changes over the next few months to give some context and detail, but in the meantime if anyone has any queries please do call me and I can provide answers and assurances as we begin this new chapter for our local churches, but we are always assured that our collective mission remains unchanged – we are here to share the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

В	essings	tor t	the	month	ahead.
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<u>Church Services at St Thomas and Pastrow Churches for March to May</u> Please check http://www.pastrowfamily.org.uk/ for latest information check link

All Services and events at St Thomas unless stated otherwise Weekly 10 am Holy Communion – St Thomas Tangley

11 th June	10 am Holy Communion	
18 th June	10 am Family Service	
23 rd June	2 pm Cosy Cafe	
25 th June	10 am Holy Communion	
	3.30 pm Play and Praise	
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus	
1 st July	9 am Prayer Breakfast	
2 nd July	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – Christ Church Hatherden	
	4 pm Said Holy Communion – St Thomas Charlton	
9 th July	10 am Holy Communion	
	3.30 pm Forest School/Messy Church – St Thomas Tangley	
14 th July	2 pm Cosy Cafe	
16 th July	10 am Family Service	
23 rd July	10 am Holy Communion	
	3.30 pm Play and Praise	
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus	
28 th July	2 pm Cosy Cafe	
30 th July	10 am Service check the website for full details	
5 th August	9 am Prayer Breakfast	
6 th August	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – Christ Church Hatherden	
	4 pm Said Holy Communion – St Thomas Tangley	
11 th August	2 pm Cosy Cafe	
13 th August	10 am Holy Communion	
20 th August	10 am Family Service	
25 th August	2 pm Cosy Cafe	
27 th August	10 am Holy Communion	
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus	

Correct at time of going to press.

For the very latest information please see the Pastrow Family website at www.pastrowfamily.org.uk or email eventsadmin@pastrowfamily.org.uk to join our weekly mailing list.

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 a 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







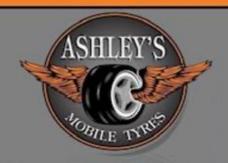
Introducing a pet into the family home can be an extremely rewarding venture especially for small children. Teaching them to care for a living creature can encourage compassion, responsibility and improve social skills whilst also boosting their immune system.

A popular choice for a child is a rabbit. They are fab pets for a small child but they have complicated housing and nutritional requirements which need to be addressed for them to have a happy and relaxed life. Rabbits should, ideally, be kept with at least one other rabbit and have a large area to move around in (3 x 2 meters floor space for 2 rabbits). The usual wooden cages are not suitable without extra outdoor space. Their digestive system requires a specific diet and regular checks on nails and their continuously growing teeth, which can cause problems needing veterinary attention. We have all heard the saying 'breeding like rabbits' so care should be taken when selecting a pair and there is the option of having them neutered.

Other choices for a child friendly pet include rats, which are super friendly, handleable and easier to look after, birds such as budgies and canaries and, with a bit of extra care, guinea pigs.

For further advice on small pets, have a look at the RSPCA website which has comprehensive guides on child friendly pets.

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- 4. Take your containers to the till, and our helpful staff will do the final weighing. It's as simple as that!

Forgotten your containers? No problem! We have refillable containers that you can purchase in store.

Summer Glamping at Oaktrack returns for the month of August 2023



On Tuesday 1st August 2023 Oaktrack will opening their pop-up glamping site for the second year running. Throughout the month of August, the site will have a small collection of fully furnished bell tents, sleeping up to 6 people, as well as a communal kitchen area and a well-stocked farm shop with produce from the smallholding.

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Oaktrack owner Tina Wells said: "We are delighted to be opening our glamping site for a second year following the initial success in 2022 and have added more bell tents and facilities to our offering for 2023." Amy, who visited with her young family last year, described the site as "an amazing experience, very nice facilities and well worth the money."

To check availability and pricing drop us an email at oaktracksmallholding@gmail.com or call Tina on 07933 764305.



Photo from the Archive. This is a photograph of former Cllr Ian Carr and Victoria Robinson. It was taken in 1992, when Portway Junior School assisted with the planting of trees at the athletics track.

We know that Ian Carr is still in Charlton and very active with the Community Hall group but I wonder what happened to Victoria? It's just for fun. If Victoria is local we would like to give you some raffle tickets for the Community Day Grand Draw. Contact cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk Anyone recognise the others in the photo?

List of Charlton Parish Councillors

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First Point of Contact

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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 C Hartloy	07979 841318	Mon, Wed, Fri	09.00 - 12.30
years)	Mrs S Hartley	0/9/9 641316	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

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Heartfelt thanks again for all of the amazing messages and congratulations I have received since collecting my BEM. It was a very humbling experience being in a room filled with such inspirational people and something I will treasure forever.

Tim and I also attended the Kings Garden party which was again, another incredible experience that we will never forget.

Our new EVRI system is working well and our DPD drop off as well. We're glad that we are able to offer you so much choice now for your deliveries.

Our Coronation raffle was hugely popular and we raised a massive £1000 towards our landscaping and parking project.

With the holiday season getting closer, the Post Office can provide a great, flexible money card, currencies and insurance so please do pop in and see how we can help and a reminder, if the shop is open, the Post Office is too so that's 7 days a week availability!

Do we have any Warhammer players out there? Or anyone who is interested? If so, keep an eye out, or pop in and see us as we have some exciting news coming!

Finally, if you don't follow us on Facebook already, please do have a look as you'll be able to find all our latest news there as it happens. Tim, Leslie and team.







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