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Parish Council Updates

Celebrating 80 Years of Victory: VE Day Anniversary in Our Community

Our community came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a joyful celebration at the Charlton Leisure Park field, filled with food, drinks, music, and laughter. The event drew residents of all ages, who enjoyed a delightful evening basking in the spirit of unity and remembrance.



As night fell, the atmosphere grew anticipatory as we prepared for the beacon lighting at 9:30pm. Joining communities across the nation, we lit our beacon in a powerful display of solidarity and remembrance. The flames flickered warmly against the night sky, symbolising hope and reflecting on the sacrifices made during the war.

This VE Day anniversary celebration was not only a remembrance of our history but also a heartfelt gathering that reinforced our community bonds. Together, we honored those who fought for our freedom while creating cherished memories for future generations. The event raised £1,510, which was split equally between the Charlton Village Community Association and SSAFA (the Armed Forces Charity).

"THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make this event memorable! Here's to many more celebrations of unity and remembrance ahead.



George Alias had the winning program number 007 (very fitting, our very own James Bond!) in our cash prize draw. In a generous gesture, George donated his £50 winnings to SSAFA.



"... it was a great evening!
The singers were fabulous
and the atmosphere!"



Here's some treasured memories from local residents reflecting on the original VE Day celebrations...

"I was 10 on VE Day. My mother and father collected me from boarding school to join in the celebrations. It was a slow journey as the streets were packed with people singing and dancing and there were Union Jack flags everywhere. We had a huge party in a field at the end of our street. Every family contributed to the food and there was music - lots of Vera Lynn - and everyone was dancing, but the feeling I most remember was of such joy and love and not having to rush down air raid shelters or wait for the sirens. It was good to see the adults happy and so relieved that the bombing was over. It took a while to recover. When I started nursing at Royal South Hants Hospital in 1954, there were still lots of bombed areas"

Pat Tasker, Charlton Resident

Peter Marchment was born at 79 Charlton Road, where he spent much of his childhood on the family farm. By 1945, at age 11, local residents organised a jumble sale in a World War I hut on Enham Lane to fund a celebration party. In the same field, four cows were moved to let Bert Chivers cut the grass with two shire horses.

A mile-long track was prepared for an open race, with prize money sponsored by Peter's aunt, Ethal: £1 for first place, 10 shillings for second, and 5 shillings for third. Peter's brother, John, who later became a postman, won first prize. Peter and his friend Tomer made 30-40 torches for the evening procession using hazel sticks and tin cans filled with soaked sacking. The community adorned the event with Union Jack flags and celebrated late into the night after the tea party.

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★ Don't miss our next **BIG** event...

Charlton Village Community Day 2025!



Yes, that's right - our major event, the Community Day, is back for 2025! Mark your calendars – 5th July from 12pm until 4pm, at the Charlton Leisure Park field.

Excitement is growing within our Charlton Village Community Association and among attendees. It's the ideal chance to gather family, friends, and neighbours for a day filled with fun and entertainment. Enjoy inflatables, stalls, music, thrilling arena events, and more. As we anticipate this upcoming community event, the buzz of excitement is sure to captivate and inspire both residents and visitors alike.

👁️ **Keep an eye out for more details on the village notice boards and our Facebook page - Charlton Chat!**



Update on the Recent Charlton Easter Treasure Hunt

We're excited to share that our recent Charlton Treasure Hunt drew an impressive 44 entries for the prize draw, and Daisy Elm was our lucky winner!



Although Daisy couldn't collect the prize herself, her sister and children accepted the delightful Easter hamper on her behalf. A big thank you to everyone who took part in the treasure hunt - we hope you had as much fun as we did building it for you!

Feedback on the activity was overwhelmingly positive, with participants praising the treasure hunt's interactive nature, organisation, and family-friendly impact. It successfully brought families together, sparking interest in more themed activities like Halloween and Christmas hunts. Some raised concerns about accessibility for wheelchair users, suggesting improvements for future events.

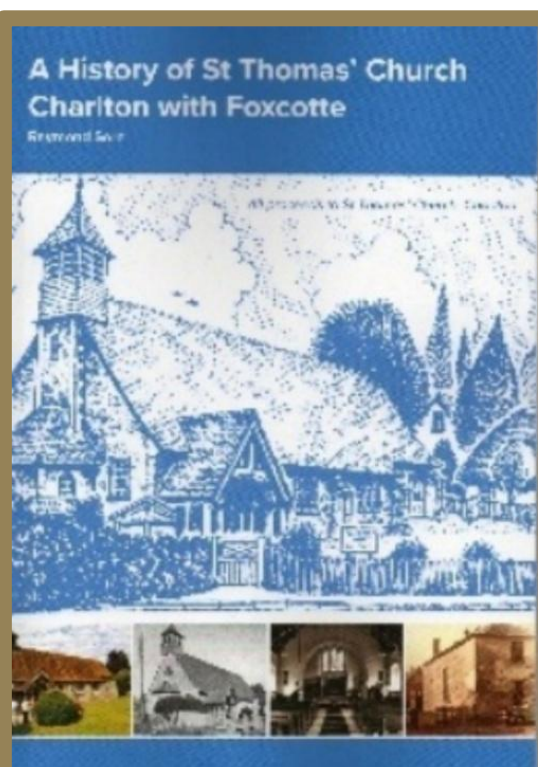
Overall, the feedback confirmed that the Treasure Hunt was a success, and we look forward to organising more exciting community events like this in the future!

Now Available: Illustrated History of St Thomas' Church!

We're excited to announce the release of a beautifully illustrated 112-page A4 book detailing the rich history of **St Thomas' Church**, including its predecessors at Foxcotte and the fascinating materials used in its construction. Celebrating 117 years of the church and its significance to our community, the book is priced at just £10, with all proceeds supporting St Thomas' Church.

To obtain your copy, please contact ray@sore.org.uk (preferred) or call 01264 359576.

Grab yours today and explore the remarkable story of St Thomas' Church!



Village Litter Picking Volunteers Rally Together

On Saturday, 10th May, the village litter-picking volunteers came out in full force, with 12 dedicated individuals working together to tidy up the streets of Charlton. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated their Saturday morning to this important task!

The team observed significant improvements in the village's appearance, reinforcing the belief that regular clean-up efforts are truly worthwhile. Participants discussed the possibility of organising monthly or six-weekly sessions moving forward, so stay tuned for future dates!

Over the past few weeks, our volunteer group has increased in numbers, with about 20 passionate individuals, including a remarkable 11-year-old, committed to keeping Charlton tidy. Their collective efforts have made a noticeable impact both in the village and the Charlton Leisure Park.

We'd like to give a special shoutout to all our volunteers - your hard work does not go unnoticed!

New volunteers are always welcome to join us. The next litter pick is tentatively scheduled for 14th June, but please check Charlton Chat (Facebook) for confirmation and updates.

Together, we can continue to make Charlton a cleaner, more beautiful place for everyone!



20th Andover Guides
Are fundraising for their unit
trip to Switzerland in 2027

**JOIN US FOR A
COFFEE AFTERNOON**

AT ST THOMAS CHURCH,
CHARLTON. SP10 4AN

SATURDAY 7 JUNE
2PM TO 4PM

**CAKES
TOMBOLA
SWEETS
GIFTS**





In case you haven't heard, there's some important roadwork happening soon!

From July 16th to July 30th, the north side of the Hundred Acre Roundabout on the Andover West side, as well as the approaches on Weyhill Road from West Portway to the petrol station, will be getting resurfaced and relined.

That's over a mile of road being redone, so there will be closures and diversions, which means some disruption is expected. Diversions will be set up, and signage will be placed in advance to keep everyone informed.

The A303 will remain open as usual, but the slip roads on the eastbound side will be closed.

LOCAL INFO

A list of useful contacts

Playgroup - Gov Funding from 3yrs

Mon, Wed, Fri | 9am - 12:20pm
Tues, Thurs | 9am - 3:30pm

Contact: Mrs S Hartley
Telephone: 07979 841318

Rainbows

Wednesdays | 5pm - 6:15pm

Contact: Miss A Turner
Telephone: 07794 323293
Thursdays | 5:45pm - 7pm
Contact: Mrs E Taylor
Telephone: 01264 394322

Brownies

Tuesdays | 5:45pm - 7:15pm

Guides
Wednesdays | 6:30pm - 8pm
Contact: Miss K Ryder
Telephone: 07917 697558 or
01264 316807

Keep Fit (all levels)

Thursdays | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Contact: Mrs E Taylor
Telephone: 01264 394322

Slimming World (Andover Rugby Club)

Tuesdays | 7pm - 8:30pm

Contact: Kate Evans
Telephone: 07568 622189

Charlton Waterside needs some TLC!

Our resident ducks have taken over the picnic bench, leaving quite a mess, and there's too much cow parsley that needs managing.

If you'd like to help maintain the area, reach out to... Cllr Clive Ward at cllrward@charlton-pc.gov.uk.

In the short term, we'll focus on strimming and mowing, cleaning up the bench, and relocating the ducks to a new spot by the water. We also plan to rebuild the Bug Hotel, making it a fun summer project for the kids!



Community Hub Update...

The consultation is still ongoing, and the feedback we've received so far has been really positive!

The collation and analysis of returned questionnaires are ongoing, but it's already clear that a significant majority of respondents support the construction of a Community Hub. There's still time for you to share your opinion, and the refined drawings will be on display soon, with another opportunity to speak with the Community Hub Working Group at our Community Day on July 5.

The Parish Council met with Salto and TVBC on May 22 to discuss and finalise the car parking solution. The architects are refining the design and costs, and discussions with TVBC about funding options have commenced, including potential development money from upcoming housing at the top of Peake Way. Securing Planning Approval is crucial for unlocking grants and raising funds.

The architects believe there is enough evidence to produce a strong and compelling Planning Application.

Parish Council Meetings

"Join us for the upcoming parish council meeting. Everyone is welcome!"

These meetings are great opportunity to raise any questions you may have, learn more about what's happening in our community, and find out how you can get involved. Your voice matters, and we'd love to hear from you!

Our Parish Council meetings take place every 3rd Tuesday of the month (except Aug and Dec), in the village Church, St Thomas at 7.45pm. **Everyone is welcome!**

The agenda will be posted to this website and notice boards. They can also be obtained by contacting the **Parish Clerk, E Attwood** 07534 336756, or by e-mail clerk@charlton-pc.gov.uk.

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Are you passionate about making a difference?

We're seeking dedicated individuals to join our Parish Council, especially younger residents who can bring fresh ideas!

Why Join? Make a positive impact - Gain valuable experience - Engage with your community.

If you're ready to take an active role, contact **Councillor Clive Ward** and let's shape the future together! 💎

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Test Valley	Linda Lashbrook	07766 708 061	cllrllashbrook@testvalley.gov.uk
Hampshire County	Christopher Donnelly	07738 289 858	Chris.Donnelly@hants.gov.uk

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT:

Emergency Resilience Planning	Cllr Woods & Cllr Ward	Planning	Cllr Ward
Speed Watch	Cllr Wilson & Cllr Ward	Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Ward
Traffic	Cllr Wilson & Cllr Ward	Book Exchange	Cllr Woods
Communications	Cllr Wilson & Cllr Ward	Charlton Lakes	Cllr Ward
Community Hub	Cllr Ward	Climate Change	Cllr Ward
Environment & Trees	Cllr Wilson	Lengthsman	Clerk
Footpaths & Rights of Way	Cllr Ward		



Councillor Phil Wylde has now moved away from the village and has stepped down after an impressive 31 years on the Council. His contributions have been recognised with the Charlton Village Community Award 2025 for his dedicated service as a councillor and more recently as our village 'Lengthsman'. **"Congratulations and best wishes to Phil and Heather!"**

St Thomas, Charlton

The Pastrow Family...

A benefice or collection of churches in and around the villages of Andover, North Hampshire.



Dear friends

What does it really mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Already there have been some important distinctions made as the word 'disciple' has changed over the centuries. To start with, the word was solely associated with the Jesus movement but now has become a word that means anyone who is prepared

to follow or adhere to a particular philosophy in life. Perhaps this reflects an increasing secular or pluralistic society, but I tend to think that even the dictionaries struggle with defining what it means to be a disciple. Many of them use the term 'follower', but the problem with this expression is that in reading the gospel stories we see that Jesus had thousands of people following him. He was indeed a local 'celebrity' who people flocked to listen to, and you can be sure that the crowds were packed full of those who were genuine believers, some that were mildly curious, and those that followed him because they were looking for ways to debunk him as fake news. Whatever the motivation, it is clear from reading scripture that being a disciple is much more than being just a follower.

Then we can look at the main group of disciples themselves, often called the apostles, a word which translated from the Hebrew equivalent Sheliach means 'messenger' or 'missionary' and we get to a closer understanding of what being a disciple truly meant to those who chose to be with Jesus. This was, of course, after they had spent three years trying to understand (with little success) what Jesus was teaching them, culminating in them abandoning him at his most darkest hour. Bewildered, crushed and confused they scattered, only to be united by the same person who gathered them all together and had originally told them of his resurrection! It is one of the factors sometimes used in the proof of the resurrection account that this band of deserters, after witnessing Jesus amongst them again after his crucifixion, became the most fervent disciples the world has ever known and finally understood his message of love, grace and truth. Not only this, but they radically enacted his command to spread the good news of God to all nations.

Whether you are prepared to believe, or just even explore the possibility of this astonishing account, is perhaps a first step on the journey of discipleship. I wonder if you would like to consider treading this path with us for a while? A very well educated chap called Frank Morison, started writing a book in the 1930's called 'Who Moved the Stone?' because he passionately believed the resurrection story was a complete load of made-up rubbish. I won't tell you how his story ended, and just to let you know that you can buy the book for a penny on Amazon... it is a remarkable read and may be a great place to start!

Blessings for the months ahead.

ALEX

Revd Alex Randle-Bissell

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SERVICES & EVENTS - ST THOMAS

All services and events at St Thomas, unless stated otherwise.

For the latest timings... visit

www.pastrowfamily.org.uk

Come join us everyone is welcome!

June

1st | 10am Pastrow Family Gathering (Hatherden) & 4pm Said Holy Communion (Weyhill)

3rd - 8th | Novena Retreat Series (Tangley)
Please see our website for full details and how to book

8th | 10am Holy Communion, 3.30pm Messy Church (Family fun with children ages 5+)

13th | 1.30 - 3.30pm Cosy Café

15th | 10am Family Service

22nd | 10am Holy Communion, 3.30pm Play & Praise (Fun for families with preschool children), & 6.30pm Encounters with Jesus

29th | 10am Healing Service

July

5th | 10am Julian Prayer meeting (Hatherden)

6th | 10am Pastrow Family Gathering (Linkenholt) & 4pm Said Holy Communion (Enham)

11th | 1.30 - 3.30pm Cosy Café

13th | 10am Holy Communion & 3.30pm Messy Church

20th | 10am Family Service

25th | 1.30 - 3.30pm Cosy Café

27th | 10am Holy Communion, 3.30pm Play & Praise, & 6.30pm Encounters with Jesus

August

2nd | 10am Julian Prayer meeting (Hatherden)

3rd | 10am Pastrow Family Gathering (Smannell) & 4pm Said Holy Communion (Linkenholt)

8th | 1.30 - 3.30pm Cosy Café

10th | 10am Holy Communion

17th | 10am Family Service

22nd | 1.30 - 3.30pm Cosy Café

24th | 10am Holy Communion

31st | 10am Holy Communion (Weyhill) & 4pm Songs of Praise (Hurstbourne)

If you would like to sign up to our weekly newsletter *Grapevine* email eventsadmin@pastrowfamily.org.uk

The Well @ Tangley

A place of blessing...



'Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee'.

St Augustine

A brief story of The Well@Tangley...

St John's gospel tells that Jesus, on his way to Galilee from Judea, stopped at noon by Jacob's well in Sychar, Samaria. Tired and thirsty he sent his disciples into the village to buy food. He sat by the well where soon a woman came to draw water. He revealed himself as the Messiah for whom she and her people had been waiting and in whom she would find true refreshment and peace.

And here, in Tangley, that same tranquillity, sensed inside and around the church of St Thomas of Canterbury has drawn many to seek solace, resolution and affirmation.

The same need felt by the Samaritan woman hundreds of years ago has drawn others of all faiths and none and not regular churchgoers here to Tangley Church where they nevertheless found their way inside, where they encountered refreshment.

Written on the doors of the church are an invitation to all by Jesus... 'Come unto me and I will refresh you.'

We look forward to welcoming you.

Booking on a Retreat or Quiet Day

To book a place, or for further information, please contact:

Jude on 07999 352585 or email admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk

Alex on 07717 778853 or email: revalcx@pastrowfamily.org.uk

Or visit our website – www.pastrowfamily.org.uk



Pastrow Family

The Pastrow Family...

is a benefice or collection of churches in and around the villages of Andover, North Hampshire.

Our overarching mission is **'to share the Love, Grace and Truth of Jesus Christ.'**

We achieve this by identifying, encouraging and developing the gifts and talents of our worshipping communities to share in Christ's mission and to work collegiately within the parish; strengthening communities and responding to the spiritual needs of the individuals and families we support.

Facebook: Family Matters In Our villages@pastrow

Website: www.Pastrowfamily.Org.Uk, or simply scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Judith Appleby, Benefice Administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk



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Churches sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

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JULY 29TH-31ST

Smannell School

£15 per child

9.30 - 3.30

lunch & snacks incl.

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To book your space, scan the QR code for the link.



Presentation Service
Sunday 3rd August
10am at
Smannell Church

For more information or to enquire about a bursary please email holidayclub@pastrowfamily.org.uk

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Your Community Updates

Stories, pictures and updates shared by you...



Peake Way Celebrates VE Day with a Joyful Street Party 🎉

Peake Way came alive for VE Day, transforming the neighbourhood into a lively festival of laughter and camaraderie.

A highlight was an exhilarating tug of war, where teams of all ages showcased their strength. The "Welly Throwing" competition became a hilarious favourite, with participants launching rubber boots as the crowd cheered.

As the sun set, the street party not only commemorated VE Day but also strengthened community bonds, leaving everyone eager for the next gathering.

It was a fantastic day filled with joy, friendship, and a true sense of belonging.

📷 Charlton Caught On Camera!

A panoramic photo from the footpath at the top of Hatherden Road, near the Old Nursery, of the oil seed rape fields looking towards Charlton.

Sent in by Alison Bird, Peake Way.



Charlton Wanderers FC Win First Ever Trophy! 🏆

Charlton Wanderers FC are proud to announce that we are the 2025 North Hants Chris Price Cup champions!

In front of a packed crowd at Andover New Street's DH Property Services Stadium, a second-half goal from



Louis Attrill secured a hard-fought 1-0 win over AFC Chestnut, and sealed our first ever trophy.

It's been quite the journey for the club, which started just over two years ago as a small group of mates playing Man v Fat football at Charlton Astro. Since then, the club has grown massively. **We now run two teams in the Andover and District Sunday League and continue to represent Charlton with pride every weekend.**

What's next for us? Charlton Wanderers FC has achieved back-to-back promotions and will be competing in Division 1 next season alongside teams like Tidworth Town FC and South Wonston Swifts FC.



Get out in the garden... This Summer

Summer is really here! There's still plenty to keep you busy, like cutting back and mowing, but this time of year, you can truly start to enjoy the fruits of your labour. Most importantly, take time to sit back and savour the sensory delights of your garden; reward yourself for all the hard work you've put in. Gardening shouldn't feel like a chore — embrace and enjoy it!



THINGS TO DO

- 1. Watering Wisely:** During the hot summer months, plants require more water to cope with the heat. Early morning is the best time to water, as it allows plants to absorb moisture before the sun's rays evaporate it. Deep watering promotes strong root systems, so aim for less frequent, but thorough watering sessions - target roots directly.
- 2. Mulching for Moisture:** Applying a layer of mulch around plants aids in moisture retention and helps control weeds. Organic materials like straw, wood chips, or grass clippings not only suppress weeds but also add nutrients to the soil as they decompose. A 2-3 inch layer is usually sufficient for maximum benefits!!
- 3. Pest Management:** Summer can bring an influx of pests. Regularly inspect plants for signs of infestation and take proactive measures. Consider using natural pest control methods, such as introducing beneficial insects like ladybugs or using neem oil sprays. If pests become problematic, target them specifically rather than resorting to broad-spectrum insecticides that may harm beneficial species.
- 4. Fertilizing:** Summer is the season for growth, and many plants benefit from additional nutrients. Use a balanced fertilizer to support flowering and fruiting plants. However, moderation is key; over-fertilization can lead to excessive foliage at the expense of blooms and fruits.
- 5. Timely Harvesting:** For vegetable and fruit gardeners, summer often brings a bountiful harvest. Tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers thrive in the heat. Regular harvesting encourages plants to produce more and prevents overripening, which can weaken plant health.
- 6. Shade and Shelter:** Plants can suffer from heat stress during peak summer temperatures. Consider providing shade for tender plants, especially during extreme heat waves. Shade cloths or strategically placed potted plants can offer relief and help maintain optimal growth conditions.
- 7. Enjoying the Fruits of Your Labor:** Finally, take time to enjoy your garden! Summer is the perfect season for relaxation outdoors. Create cozy spaces to sit and appreciate your hard work, whether through outdoor dining areas, picnic spots, or simply a quiet nook to read and unwind.

In summary, summer gardening is rewarding. By adopting smart watering practices, managing pests, providing nutrients, and taking time for yourself, you can create a thriving garden that flourishes under the summer sun.

Happy gardening! 🌸



What's on...



Your Chance to Wave the Chequered Flag

The British Touring Car Championship roars back into Thruxton Circuit on 7th and 8th June, for a weekend of epic racing action!

If you book an adult weekend or Sunday admission ticket you'll be entered into a competition to wave the chequered flag for the first BTCC race of the day!

For information and tickets visit:

<https://thruxtonracing.co.uk/racing/btcc>



Workshops and Events at the Whitchurch Silk Mill

- Open Gardens: 22nd June, 1–5pm. Visit 20+ private gardens in Whitchurch.
- Regency Picnic: 28th June, 3–7pm. Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with a Regency-themed picnic.

Exhibition: Riches to Ribbons Exhibition - Until 20th July. Explore the history of silk ribbon weaving in celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birthday.

More information and tickets visit:

<https://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk> or call 01256 892065





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LATE NIGHT WALK

Saturday 21 June 2025
10pm-2am
Harrow Way School



LET'S SHINE THROUGH THE NIGHT

Book your place now at www.cobh.org.uk/upcoming-events

12th July from 10:00 – 16:30

Wallop Wheels & Wings 2025

Army Flying Museum – Middle Wallop, Stockbridge

A spectacular array of historic aircraft, classic and supercars, motorbikes and much more.

Find out more at <https://armyflying.com/what-s-on>



6th – 8th June



THE GARDEN SHOW
AT BROADLANDS

It promises to be a fantastic day out for the entire family. Life is wonderful in your summer garden!



Art, Design, Your Garden & You!

The Garden Show at Broadlands, Romsey, this June, set against a beautiful parkland backdrop. Explore over 170 stands showcasing unique plants, garden accessories, art, fashion, and gourmet food. Discover new talent while supporting small businesses with special items not available on the high street.

The event features a variety of talks and attractions: gardening expert **Paul Slater** will discuss compact gardening, while **Richard Jordan-Baker** will provide insights into Broadlands' history. **Dr. Ian Bedford** runs a "Pest Clinic" and a talk on slugs, and **Ben Cross** promotes the British cut flower industry.

Family-friendly activities include a Giant Tombola supporting Jane Scarth House, circus skills with Craze Hazee, rides, giant slides, bouncy castles, artisan demonstrations, live music from **"The Jazz Trio,"** and aerial displays from **Huxley Birds of Prey**. Don't miss this vibrant celebration of gardening and creativity!

Ticket Prices On The Gate: Adults £12, Concessions £10, Child £5 (4yrs and under FOC), Family £32 (2A & 4C)

PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS ON LINE 15% DISCOUNTED!

For more information and tickets, visit www.thegardenshowonline.com, call 01243 538456 or scan the QR code.





Visit Oaktrack on Open Farm Day

Farming's annual open day

On **Sunday, 8th June**, farms across Britain will swing open their gates for the annual Open Farm Sunday, organised by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), the leading organisation promoting more sustainable food and farming practices. This family-friendly event offers a fantastic opportunity to dive deeper into the world of farming and show your support for British agriculture.



At Oaktrack, **owners Tina and Jim Wells**, along with their dedicated team, will be available to share insights about the farming industry, demonstrate how your food is produced, and explain the efforts made to protect our countryside. They'll be there to answer all your questions, ensuring you leave with a better understanding of farming and a memorable experience.

Join us at Oaktrack from 11am to 3pm for our Open Farm event! You'll have the chance to engage in hands-on, interactive activities and demonstrations. You'll also learn how we care for our poultry, pigs, and sheep, as well as the diverse wildlife that thrives on our farm.



Open Farm Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to experience farming in harmony with nature, discover where your food comes from, and meet the farmers behind it all. Be sure to mark your calendar for a visit to Oaktrack!



www.oaktrack.co.uk and www.farmsunday.org

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Have you heard the news yet?! We are the South East Region, Countryside Alliance Award winners!

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to vote for us and for all of your amazing support. You can now say you shop in an award winning store, we're so very grateful and very proud.

On 18th June, we'll be heading to the House of Lords, where all regional winners from England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland will gather for judging to determine the overall winner.

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for Mother's Day and Easter. The funds raised will go towards a new commemorative bench.

Pop in - We have a fresh selection of seasonal soft fruit and vegetable plants in stock, along with an array of seasonal fresh fruits and veggies.

Be sure to check out our new delicious COOK meal additions, including Leslie's favorite vegetable lasagna. If you haven't tried them yet, we highly recommend you do - we're confident you won't be disappointed!

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page (Enham Village Post Office & Store) for the latest deals and offers.

As always, thank you for your support - Tim, Leslie & Team Enham





THIS YEAR'S CHOSEN CHARITIES ARE



SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025

FOOD – RIDES – MUSIC – ENTERTAINMENT

HIGH STREET - TOWN PROCESSION - VIGO PARK

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ANDOVERCARNIVALEVENTS

HIGH STREET: 12PM – 4.30PM

VIGO RECREATION PARK: 12PM – 9PM

PROCESSION: 4PM – 5.45PM

ANDOVER JOBS FAIR

Wednesday 11 June 2025
9.30am to 12.30pm



 The Lights theatre, Andover

This event is perfect for anyone looking to enter the workplace, return to work, change careers, or seek new challenges.

Meet local employers with vacancies in various sectors and get expert advice on interview skills and LinkedIn profiles.

Organised by, The Lights, Andover Jobcentre Plus, Andover Chamber of Commerce, Andover College, and Hampshire County Council's skills team. **No need to book – just turn up.**

Introducing Dig for Dementia....

A Garden Therapy Service

Dig for Dementia is a unique gardening therapy service designed specifically for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. **Led by Jack Pickford-Brake**, a registered nurse with 15 years of experience and a passion for gardening, this program offers a variety of engaging workshops. Participants can explore activities such as planting summer bedding plants, creating beautiful hanging baskets, and even starting their own kitchen herb garden or growing fruits and vegetables. The sessions are adaptable for varying abilities and can take place indoors or outdoors, ensuring everyone can take part.

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Did you know? You can contact me directly should the need arise. Or, when you go to see your chosen funeral director you can let them know that you have already chosen me to support you.

Planning ahead? If you are considering setting out your wishes in advance, I can offer you sensitive support and guidance. We can talk about your life story and how you would like it to be told as well as think about music/reading/poem choices. I will capture and preserve your personal wishes for you to share with the important people in your life, easing the burden and lessening the load when you eventually pass away.

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I've lived in Charlton since 1999 with my husband and three daughters. I trained as a celebrant in 2023 because I wanted to do something where I could use my integrity, compassion, empathy, creative writing, public speaking and professionalism whilst helping people through what is often one of the most difficult things they'll have to face.

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We believe that each of you holds a unique story, a cherished memory, or an exciting update waiting to be shared. That is why we invite you to be a part of our upcoming village newsletter. Whether you have a heartwarming tale, a fascinating experience, a new project, or any news you'd like to share, simply get in touch by emailing editor@charlton-pc.org.uk.

Your stories and updates hold the power to inspire, connect, and bring us closer together as a community.

*** The deadline for submissions for September's edition is August 11th.**

Acceptance of all advertisements, and articles are subject to availability of space and at the discretion of the Editor.

You can find all the links we've shared in the online version of this newsletter. It, along with all previous editions, is available on our website

www.hugofox.com/community/charlton-parish-council-12680/home

