



Charlton Village Monthly News

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Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Clive Ward – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan has now completed its Pre-submission circulation with some useful comments received. An amended version (called Reg 16) should be circulated this month. Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available for residents to 'loan' and the supporting evidence base (a weighty tome) will be available in a ring binder for residents to peruse as required. The next part of the process sees the appointment of an Independent Examiner who will crawl over the paperwork. This could take 4 weeks or so and if all is well, we should see Test Valley sponsoring a Referendum. For the Charlton Neighbourhood Plan to be 'made' and have legal status more than 50% of those responding to the referendum must be favour of the Plan.

University of the 3rd Age

We have 2 local-to-Charlton U3A Groups – Andover U3A and Anton U3A. They are all part of a national organisation but Andover is much larger in terms of membership. Details of Anton U3A are below.



Anton **U3A**

For more details about Anton U3A visit www.antonu3a.org.uk or Contact: The Secretary Tel: 07538596344

www.u3a.org.uk

U3As are self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operatives for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for their members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning not for qualifications, but for fun.

Learn, Laugh and Live!

Anton U3A is a branch of the U3A spawned from Andover U3A a number of years ago. Monthly meetings, where all members meet together and hear talks by invited speakers, are at Burghclere Down Community Hall, Berry Way, Andover, SP10 3RZ on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3 pm.

We run 17 Interest Groups including Art and Floral Decoration, Skittles, History, French Conversation, Questers, Bridge, Mah Jong and Walkers – hopefully something for everyone.

Full details at www.antonu3a.org.uk

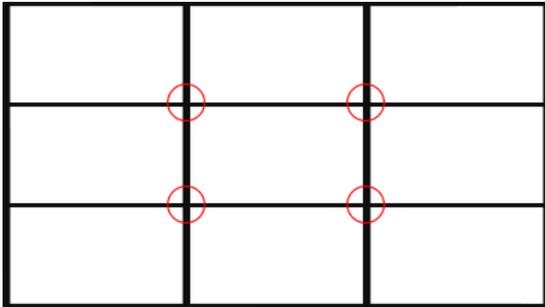
If transport is an issue let the Secretary know and he may be able to help.

Photography

The photographic competition got off to a slow start in terms of quantity but there were some very nice pictures submitted and the winner had her photograph on the front of the Christmas edition of Charlton News. Well done to Kim Lund. January's subject of **Bicycles** invites you to be inventive and imaginative. So get your entries sent to charltonsnaps@gmail.com and make our judging panel work for a living. The winning photograph will be included in February's Monthly News and be entered into the competition for Best Picture to be judged in May and announced at the Charlton Village Community Day in June.

Top Tips from Councillor Jen Mulberry Now that the photographic competition is in full flow, I thought it would be a good idea to create some tips and ideas on taking photographs.

Composition. The human eye always has a preference to how it sees things. We all read from left to right and how you look at a photograph is no different. We all look from left to right. With this in mind it may help you see things better in camera. Remember anything goes in Photography these days, it's all about personal taste however there are aspects that can enhance any imagery. Framing an image should not be that hard but good composition takes thought! So for the first part of our composition tips I thought we would cover the basics of the rule of thirds. So good luck and have a go. More tips next month.



Think of your photo in 9 equal boxes (The rule of thirds), three horizontal and three vertical lines. Try to ensure that the important elements of your scene or point of interest is either along these lines or at the points where they meet. This is the rule of thirds grid.

Nature Corner

It is said we are a nation of animal and bird lovers and sometimes in some areas it's only our gardens that offer green space for them. Whether it's a bug hotel, or hedgehog house we gain pleasure from helping them. We are terribly lucky in Charlton as it has plenty of natural green land and lots of room for our birds, wildlife and animals but also for rats, I'm afraid. Our gardens nearly always hold at least 1 of three needs to support rat populations. Food is the main one whether it's waste, nuts or berries or Bird Feed!

So has anyone spared a thought for the birds this year? I am sure you all have in one way or another. Here's a tip for you, when you have finished brushing your dog or cat, try pegging the hair to a branch or washing line in your garden. The birds use it to fluff up and warm up their nests. Nothing goes to waste here. We all understand that feeding birds can attract rats but you can still reduce the risk. Bird feeders that minimise food dropped on the floor, place it in an open space (rodents are not great lovers of open spaces) and remember seeds and nuts are a favourite to rodents. Mainly remember to clean up after your feeder, keep it on a high table, keep it clean and minimise spillage.

Stay Aware

Burglaries are on the rise in North Hampshire. Christopher Gregory (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire) says:

"Burglars are often opportunistic and you can make it difficult for them by following the advice below."

- Shut all windows and lock them when you are not using the room, at night and when you leave your property
- Lock all front and rear doors at night and when you are out. If you have a UPVC door with a multi-point lock ensure you lift the handle and lock it with the key. Remove the key after the door or window is locked.
- Put all car keys and other keys out of sight and not in reach of windows and letterboxes. It doesn't take much for the keys to be hooked through the letterbox.
- Leave a light on so your home looks occupied if you are going out for the evening. If you head out while it is still daylight and won't be back till after dark then timer switches (available from most DIY stores) can be useful for turning your lights, radios and other appliances on at a set time before you get back.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden; lock them away in your shed.

- Have an intruder alarm system installed by an approved contractor. Ensure a visible alarm box is attached to the outside of your home. Also consider fitting security lighting.
- Use door chains and spy holes to give you extra security if someone knocks on your door. Never be afraid to turn people away. If you have concerns about anyone who has come to your door call the police.
- Record the details of your property such as serial numbers for electronic goods on the Immobilise website (<https://www.immobilise.com/>)

The Bridge from Foxcotte Road to Charlton Lakes

As you may well know, funding for a bridge from Foxcotte Road (close to Mercia Avenue) to Charlton Park has now been found by TVBC. The plan is to start preparation this month (January) and to be complete by Easter (whether permitting). Thank you to all those who engaged with the process; your support made all the difference.

<p><u>January 2020 in our village...</u> Monday 13th – Charlton Village Community Day meeting, 8pm Foxcotte Room Sunday 19th – Andover Farmers’ and Craft Market 10am-2pm Tuesday 21st – Charlton PC meeting, 7.30pm Foxcotte Room</p> <p><u>Future diary dates (February)</u></p> <p>Monday 4th - Charlton Village Community Day meeting, 8pm Foxcotte Room Thursday 14th – deadline for input to Quarterly Charlton News Tuesday 18th - Charlton PC meeting, 7.30pm Foxcotte Room</p>	<p>What’s on at St Thomas Church?</p> <p>Regular services... Every Thursday 9.15pm Compline 1st Friday of month 2.30pm Holy Communion 1st Sunday of month 10.00am Family Service 2nd Sunday of month 9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Young Church 6.30pm Encounters with Jesus 3rd Sunday of month 10.00am All age service 4th Sunday of month 9.00am Holy Communion 3.30pm Family Play and Praise 6.30pm Encounters with Jesus</p> <p>Revd Alex Randle-Bissell, Priest-in-Charge, 01264 512161, Vicar@pastrowbenefice.org.uk</p> <p>Judith Appleby, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk</p> <p>Facebook: Family matters in our villages@pastrow Website: www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk</p>
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