

Quarterly Edition – March 2022

Charlton Village News



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Welcome to the Spring Edition of 2022

The days are slowly getting longer and planning for the Charlton events is in full swing. Check out the updates from the Parish Council regarding the Jubilee events and the community day.

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

Happy Easter to you all



Spring and Easter Services

Sunday 6th March 10am Pastrow Family Gathering with children's workshop – Hatherden

Sunday 3rd April 10am Pastrow Family Gathering with children's workshop – Hatherden

Good Friday 15th April 2pm Stations of the Cross - Charlton

Easter Sunday 17th April 10am Easter Family Communion Service – Charlton

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays 15th Mar, 19th Apr, 17th May 2022: Charlton Parish Council meetings 7.45pm

Saturday 2nd April: Andover Chamber Choir 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd April: St Thomas Church, Table top sale 10am–3pm

Thursday 2nd June: Charlton Village Beacon Lighting and Music event 7pm-11pm

Sunday 5th June: Charlton Village Big Lunch, picnic in the park 1pm-4pm

Saturday 9th July: Charlton Village Community Day 12pm to 4pm

23rd July 2022: St Thomas Church, Jubilee Celebration 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Parish Council Updates

Charlton Community Support Group

The Charlton Support Group, comprising 15 local volunteers, remains in place and is ready and willing to collect prescriptions, shop, run errands or just be a listening ear. If you need anything, please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk / 07538 596344 or Ian Smale cllrismale@charltonvillage.org.uk / 07421 354874

Traffic Calming and Speedwatch

As you may have seen the Parish Council have recently installed another speed indicator along Goch Way. They have also purchased 2 more batteries and a further battery charger. They are looking for a resident that could assist with the charging and changing over of batteries for the indicator on Goch Way. If you are able to help out then please contact Cllr Clive Ward.

Speedwatch needs to be reintroduced to increase the effectiveness of our speed indicators. Please contact Clive Ward if you would be willing to offer 30 mins of your time on a rota basis – probably once per month.

Bra Recycling

A great success so far. The Bra Bank box at the convenience store has been filled and bras have been sent off via DPD. A new box is in place, so get sorting!!

Facebook - Charlton Chat

Our Facebook page is for all residents in Charlton, to enhance communication and the community spirit. We now have about over 500 who have liked the page and the same in followers. Take a look you may find useful information <https://www.facebook.com/charlton.community.chat>

Community/Village Hall

cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk 07538596344

Thank you to all those who responded to the surveys and engaged us at the St Thomas' Christmas Fayre. The feedback we have so far, confirms that residents want a Community/Village Hall that is big enough (100-150 seated), that is suitable for the normal range of activities (gatherings both social and village business, birthday parties, events, perhaps wedding and wakes) and a second smaller hall for meetings. Adequate parking, a modern kitchen and good toilets are seen as essential.

However, getting permission to lease land from Salto is proving problematic. Negotiations are still ongoing with TVBC and the Parish Council involved. Until this is resolved a second PreApp for the Charlton Village/Community Hall is on hold.

Bus Shelter Recycling

Unfortunately the unit in the bus shelter has been vandalised beyond repair. The remnants have been removed and the Parish Council is currently looking at other alternatives. – We will keep you informed.

Charlton Village Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month, except August and December, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm. Press and Public are welcome to attend. Check the parish website www.charltonvillage.org.uk for details or contact the PC Chair, Cllr Jacqueline Smith on cllrsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Beacon Lighting and Music evening in the Park

Thursday 2 June 2022 7pm to 11pm.



The events committee is working hard to organise this wonderful event. Hurstbourne Forge have been given the order to make the impressive beacon. The picture shows the design but our beacon will be slightly shorter standing at about 4m. After the event the beacon will be resituated to the centre of the village and become an impressive hanging basket display. It's very heavy, so if you think you can assist with the transport or lifting of this structure then please contact Clive Ward or Jacqueline Smith. A cherry picker or similar would be very useful.

The entertainment has been booked. The first session will be Test Valley Brass, followed by a very talented singer 'Midge'. The final entertainers will be a lovely band called <https://www.kilcannon.co.uk/>

Tickets for the event will be available from Eventbrite from 1st March. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charlton-beacon-lighting-and-music-in-the-park-tickets-252911052767> Advance tickets will be £2 per head for adults and children over 12, with tickets on the day being £3. Under 12's are free.

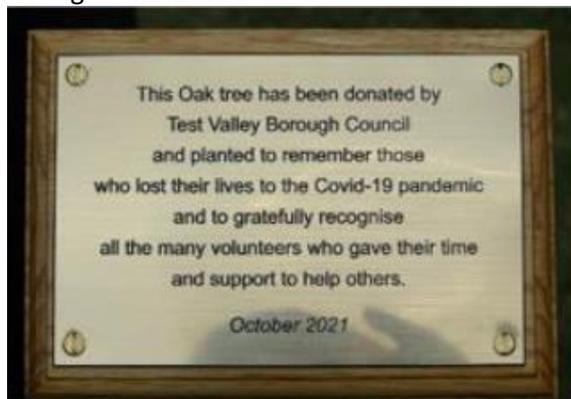
Sunday 5 June 2022: Queen's Jubilee - Charlton Village Picnic in the Park,

1pm to 4pm. We will be encouraging all Charlton residents to join us on the field, bringing your own picnic. The Parish Council also aims to provide a refreshments/food tent, alas no alcohol.

Commemorative Oak Tree



The picture shows the Mayor of Test Valley planting a commemorative Oak Tree in Charlton Park. He was accompanied by the Mayoress and a number of residents turned out to hear the Mayor reflect on the effects of the pandemic so far. He made special mention of all the volunteers who had stood up to help the vulnerable and elderly. He was pleased to be told that the Support Group in Charlton would continue to offer their services when and where it was needed as part of the ongoing 'neighbourliness' that had manifested during lockdown.



Charlton Village Community Day – Saturday 9 July 2022 12pm-4pm

Make sure this event is in your diary!!! It aims to be bigger and better than the first one. Watch out for posters and further publicity.

The events committee is working hard but needs more willing volunteers to help make the event the success it deserves. If you think you can help with organisation or help on the day please contact Cllr Smith or Cllr Ward. The next committee meeting is being held in the Foxcotte Room on 29th March at 7.30pm, please drop in if you can.

To whet your appetite:



- The inflatable assault course has been booked and will again be free of charge to use, as many times as you like!
- We plan to have arena events with the ever-popular Test Valley Brass, exhibitions from local activity groups, a Dog Show and a tug of war competition.
- We will also hold another 'Wellie Wanging' competition with the winning athlete being presented with this magnificent trophy.
- And of course, there will all the fun of a village fete with a Grand Prize draw, Ice cream Van, Burgers and hot dogs (vegetarian options of course) and many of your favourite and traditional games and stalls.
- We have already quite a few takers for stalls but if you would like a stall please contact Cllr Smith or Cllr Ward with details.

Newsletter Delivery request

A couple of our regular deliverers have moved or are unable to continue with deliveries. If you could help once a quarter to deliver a batch of the newsletter please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Editor Charlton News

Jacqueline Smith has now taken on production of the Charlton Quarterly (at least for the time being). The Parish Council would like to thank the outgoing editor, Gilly Summers, for all her hard work over the last couple of years. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please get in touch with editor@charltonvillage.org.uk

Charlton Village Climate Change Challenge

It is with regret that our Climate Change Champion, Mike Cripps, has had to step back from this role due to other commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Mike for his valiant efforts so far.

The Council has now joined the Greening Campaign www.greening-campaign.org. This is not a political or affiliated organisation and is backed (and subsidised) by Hampshire County Council. Charlton is about to embark on Phase 1 - Engagement & Behaviour Change. To this end you are all invited to join an online meeting on Thu 10 March at 7pm to watch a short video from the Campaign and help select 8 Challenges for Charlton to embrace. It's on Zoom but there is no need to download Zoom just use the link available from the Parish Council website

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/charlton-parish-council-12680/climate-change/>

Please contact cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk (07538596344) or cllrsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk (07938561609) for more information.

Charlton Village Church, St Thomas'

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

Facebook: Family matters in our villages@pastrow Website: www.pastrowfamily.org.uk

Letter from our Priest in Charge, Alex Randle-Bissell

Dear friends

I remember vividly as a teenager reading a rather angry forward from one of Richard Bachman's (who turned out to be a pseudonym for Stephen King) books called The Running Man which served as a warning about the fractious relationship between the media and those in politics, and as I recall also warned about how easy it was for those of us looking on in disbelief, and sometimes despair, to become distracted by the theatre of it all. I wouldn't go as far to say that those now very wise words were prophetic in nature, but they have certainly resonated enough in my mind to not only recall them now but to apply them to the events that we are currently witnessing at the heart of our democracy. Just what are we to make of it all? I have written many times over the past few years about the nature of what we think we know to be true, and how important it is to exercise critical thinking to get to the truth and not to blithely accept information (and yes, that does include this article) as the definitive message. It is part of our human nature that when we see things we simply don't like or witness unfairness and injustice to want to redress the balance. However, some of the questions that often

arise after the dust has settled are, in the end, the deeper issues really brought to light, wrestled with, and solved? It reminds me of the story of Mary and Martha in the gospels of Luke and John. Jesus went to visit them and Mary chooses to listen to what Jesus has to say whilst Martha is distracted by rushing around preparing food and cleaning the house, and then gets very angry with both Mary and Jesus for sitting around whilst she seemingly does all the work! Many have surmised about this passage for centuries because someone must do the work in the end surely? For me, the passage speaks clearly about the importance of focusing on what is truly important and not being distracted by what we often think should be central. Of course, this can be difficult because when we heap on things like expectation, preference, prejudice and so on we realise how complicated and distracted we can be at times. But perhaps this is why it is important to take some time out and to pause if we can and seek what is really important to us. We are running, during Lent, a course I have humbly written entitled 'What in Heaven does it really mean?' Where we will be examining some of the astonishing claims made in Christmas carols and then put them to the test – to this end I would like to encourage doubters and supporters alike to gather together to debate these ancient claims, and to look at what was really important in the messages they seek to give. Please do call me or look at our website to sign up!

Blessings for the month ahead.

Alex



Join us as we look at some of our most loved Christmas Carols to ponder their messages and discuss with others what they mean to us.

Courses are running on the following days and times

Monday	7.30 pm	The Rectory, Penton (in person)
Tuesday	10.30 am	Christ Church, Hatherden (in person)
Wednesday	1.00 pm	The Vicarage, Hurstbourne Tarrant (in person)
Thursday	7.30 pm	Terry & Jeans House, Charlton (in person & Zoom)
Thursday	7.30 pm	Alan & Hilary's House, Andover (in person & Zoom)
Thursday	7.45 pm	The Village Hall, Vernham Dean (in person)
Saturday	9.30 am	St Thomas', Charlton

Alternatively, 'Words from Calvary' Thursdays 7.30 pm at Johns house, Andover (in person).

To book for any of the above contact

Jude 07999 352585 or eventsadmin@pastrowfamily.org.uk

23rd April 10:00 -15:00 - Table top sale, bric a brac with refreshments!

If you are a local business who would like a table at our table top sale or for more information, please email alicedjbrewer@hotmail.com

23rd July 14:30-16:30 Jubilee Celebration! Ticket only more information will follow

Church Services at St Thomas and Pastrow Churches for March and April

March

Wed 2 nd	7.30 pm Ashing Service	Weyhill & Hurstbourne
Sunday 6 th	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering with children's workshop – Hatherden	
	4 pm Said Holy Communion	Hurstbourne
Sunday 13 th	10 am Holy Communion	Charlton
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus	Hatherden
Sunday 20 th	10 am Family Service	Charlton
Sunday 27 th	10 am Holy Communion	Charlton
	6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus	Charlton

April

Sunday 3 rd	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering with children's workshop – Hatherden	
	4 pm Said Holy Communion	Smannell
Sunday 10 th	10 am Holy Communion Palm Sunday	Charlton

Holy Week

Monday 11 th	9.30 Easter Retreat	Hatherden
	7.30 pm Songs of Praise	Hurstbourne
Tues 12 th	6.30 pm Passover Meal*	Charlton
Wed 13 th	7.30 pm Reflection Service	Hatherden
Thurs 14 th	7.30 pm Foot washing & Vigil	Charlton
Fri 15 th	2 pm Stations of the Cross	Charlton
Sat 16 th	7.30 pm First Communion of Easter	Weyhill
Sunday 17 th	10 am Easter Family Communion Service	Charlton
Sunday 24 th	10 am Holy Communion	Charlton
	3.30 pm Play and Praise*	Charlton

* see the Pastrow Family website pastrowfamily.org.uk for more information and how to book.

Green Home Grant



Could you be eligible for a Green Home Grant to make your home warmer this winter? If you find it hard to heat your home and worry about your energy bills, a Green Homes Grant might be able to help. Delivered by Warmworks, the scheme can help you make improvements for a warmer home that's kinder to the environment, and will help you to reduce your fuel bills. You could qualify for help if you live in an energy inefficient home, which is owned or privately rented - and your household income is less than £30k a year. Find out if you are eligible by visiting

<http://surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD>



Local smallholding to hold lambing days this Spring



Oaktrack is delighted to announce that they are launching a series of 'hands-on' lambing experiences at the site in Charlton Down. Visitors will get involved with the day to day running of the lambing shed, bedding up, feeding and keeping an eye out for lambs.

Tina Wells, Oaktrack owner and smallholder said:

"We love to open our gates to visitors so they can see how we care for our animals, the work that is involved to raise them for food and future breeding as well as the importance of supporting local and British farmers."

She continues "We hope that this new initiative will reinforce this message and give people a once in a lifetime experience to see lambs being born."

Oaktrack plan to hold a number of other exciting events over the course of the year including Open Farm Sunday in June and Hampshire Open Studios in August.

For further information about Oaktrack's lambing days and to find out more about other forthcoming events and activities visit the Oaktrack website at www.oaktrack.co.uk.

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Leslie & Tim at the Enham Shop & Post Office told me

"With the continuing success of our milk machine, we have teamed up with local company Hurstbourne Forge. They have produced a fantastic bottle carrier available for 2, 4 or 6 milk (or wine!) bottles. These are available in store and to order. We are starting a loyalty scheme for the milk -please ask for a card

As you are aware, we are a collection point for Andover Foodbank. The Post Office are partnering with The Trussell Trust and every time money is withdrawn, 1p is donated. The last figure we had was close to an amazing £100! Leslie was honoured to be asked to take part in the TV advertisement for this partnership so keep an eye out for her!

We are now offering hot "Food to Go" between 7 & 9am and 12 to 2pm. The paninis and burgers are proving to be very popular.

Pop in and see us soon to take advantage of our weekly deals as well as browse our ever updated local produce."

Sending our best wishes to you all Leslie and Tim



A taste of Norway by Gilly Summers



I've recently returned from a voyage from Dover to the North Cape of Norway. Along the way we endured stormy seas and extreme cold as well as an out of this world experience of the Aurora Borealis, clear night skies filled with stars and brilliant blue skies atop snow capped mountains.

Whilst on our voyage, we were treated to a wonderful range of fine dining showcasing the best of Norwegian ingredients and recipes. Finding cloudberries, lingonberries and reindeer is not that easy in the UK so here is one recipe which would be easy to recreate at home and perfect comfort food for a chilly day.

Cardamom Rice pudding with cranberry jam

The recipe serves four but the delicious nuttiness of the al dente creamy short grain rice perfumed with cardamom and vanilla makes it somewhat irresistible so I'd recommend doubling the quantities to ensure there's enough for everyone!

120g short grain rice

750ml whole milk

250ml single cream

3 tablespoons caster sugar

1 teaspoon cardamom seeds - lightly crushed. Open the pods to remove the little black seeds inside.

1 vanilla bean, sliced lengthways and seeds scraped

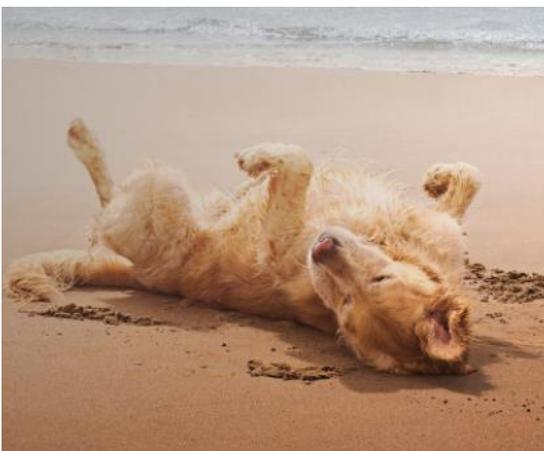
Cranberry jam made from cranberries gently bubbled with sugar and a splash of water

Place the rice, milk, cream, sugar and cardamom seeds in a deep saucepan. Add the vanilla bean and seeds, stir well and bring to the boil. Simmer gently for 30-35 minutes, stirring now and then, until all the liquid has been absorbed and the rice is just cooked.

Spoon the rice pudding into bowls, discarding the vanilla bean and top with the cranberry jam.

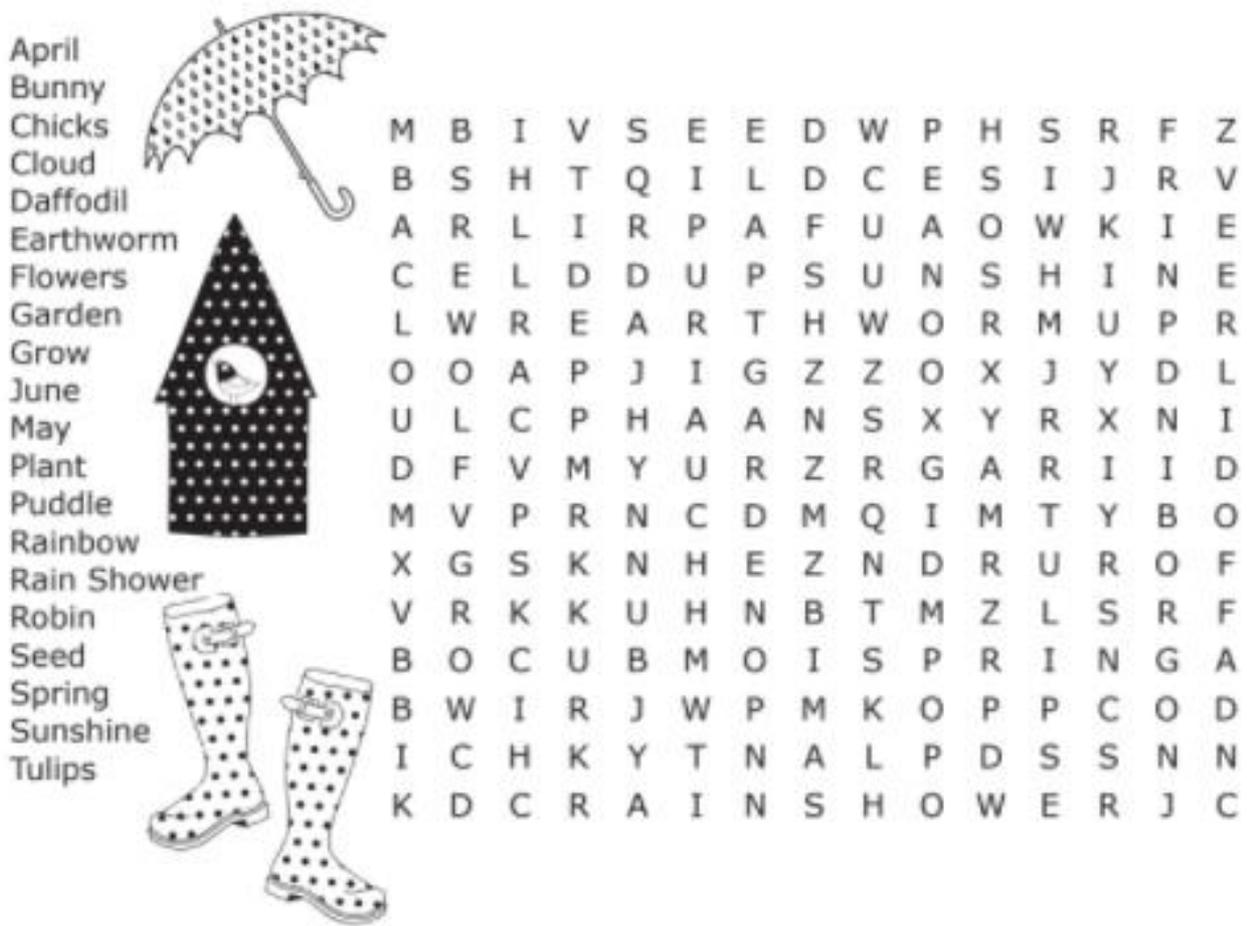
For more Nordic inspired recipes, take a look at The New Nordic recipe book by Simon Bajada

Holiday Advice from our local Foxcote Vets



With the relaxing of the current covid guidelines, thoughts are turning to adventuring overseas possibly with our furry friends. During the pandemic, the rules have altered regarding taking your pet abroad and the Pet Passport scheme is no longer valid for travel to most European countries. Instead, an Animal Health Certificate is required, along with a microchip and a valid Rabies vaccination. The Animal Health Certificate is issued by a vet and is a lengthy document to complete. The certificate should be issued no longer than 10 days before travel and is valid for 4 months in most European countries and for your return to UK. A new AHC needs to be issued for each trip abroad. The Rabies vaccination must be administered 21 days before travel. If you are planning on taking a pet abroad this summer, contact your vet to discuss the arrangements you need to make.

Time for a bit of fun



Interesting Facts regarding Spring

Spring begins on the Vernal Equinox. The word Vernal means Spring in Latin while Equinox is the Latin word for equal days. On the first day of Spring the hours of daylight and night are almost equal with daylight being slightly longer.

Nowadays, when we say 'Spring', we know that we are talking about a season. However, this word was not available in English before the 14th Century. Earlier, people would use the word 'Lent' to refer to the spring season.

The first day of spring, the vernal equinox, has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness.

The warmest spring on record was 2011 with an average daytime temperature of 9.2 °C. The coldest was the spring of 1962, with an average daytime maximum of 5.8 °C

Spring is often associated with the start of the pollen season. However, some pollen types can release as early as January

1947 saw the wettest spring to date with 331.7 mm of rainfall.

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First Point of Contact

Emergency resilience planning	Cllr Ward	Planning	Cllrs Wylde, Smale and Hodgson
Speed watch	Cllrs Smale, Ward and Mills	Carters Meadow	Cllrs Smale and Mills
Traffic	Cllr Smith	Neighbourhood Plan	Cllrs Ward and Hodgson
Communication	Cllrs Smith and Ward	Book Exchange	Cllr Smale
Community Hall	Cllrs Ward, Wylde and Hodgson	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 and Cllr Hodgson

LOCAL INFORMATION

Contact Group leader for current arrangements

CLUB	LEADER	CONTACT	DAY	TIME
Friends of St Thomas'	Mrs P Yates	01264 355766	3 rd Monday	2.30 – 4pm
Playgroup (Gov Funding from 3 years)	Mrs S Hartley	07979 841318	Mon, Wed, Fri Tues, Thurs	09.00 – 12.30 09.00 – 3pm
Brownie Guides (7 -11 years)	Mrs K Ryder	01264 316907	Tuesdays	4 – 5.30pm
Friendship Club	Mrs S Macnamara	01264 364726	3 rd Wednesday	7.30 – 9pm
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
Young Church	Mrs S Brewer	01264 366394	3 rd Sunday	10.30 – 11.30am
Pilates Class	Jodie Bascombe	jodieawilliams@ googlemail.com	Friday	6-6.45pm

Feeding the Ducks and Geese.

It won't be long before the youngsters start appearing at Charlton Lakes. Duck food is still available from the Charlton Lakeside Café. It is better for birds than bread and all proceeds go the Andover Foodbank or SSFA - The Armed Forces Charity.



Bee bombs

Packed with seeds and ready to plant, this crafty activity is an easy way to add a splash of colour to the garden, and is perfect for little green fingers.

What you will need: Flour, soil, mixing bowl, Water and Native British wildflower seeds



Step 1 – Mix 10 parts soil to 1 part flour

Step 2 – Slowly add water and mix until the mixture is like dough

Step 3 – Roll into a gold ball size ball

Step 5 – Fill a tray with Wildflower seeds and roll your mud balls around until covered

Step 6 – Leave to dry for a day or two and then they are ready to throw in your garden.

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Clipboard Claire Blogger

Hello my name is Claire Hattrick. I am the owner of the blogging website ClipboardClaire.com. We cover topics on my experience as a single mum of identical twin girls, parenting ideas, The Menopause and general life advice!

My name is Claire Hattrick and I have been a resident in Charlton (Porchester Close) since February 1998

The Clipboard Claire website covers three main topics.

The Kids Conservatory- As a single mum I know how hard it can be to bring up your children alone and have no family around you. We have lots of ideas and things for kids to do and advice from babies- teenagers.

The Menopause Lounge - my own experience through it has been a long and difficult one, suffering horrendous joint issues where I could barely walk/sit or stand. We cover anything and everything menopause and offer lots of tips and advice to get through this transition period.

The Life Advice Attic - from organisational tips, planning parties, mental health and some internet dating tips, we try to make this section informative and helpful but with some light hearted reading too!

I have just (after a year of writing) launched my new Menopause Help Book, aimed at informing women at a younger age, and men and businesses with it's easy to read format/layout and illustrations



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Some ideas for things to do at home

- Candle lit dinner
- A night of board games lit by candles
- Camp out in your backyard or living room
- Create your own golf course with household objects
- Hold a shadow puppet play

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