

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 it 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 or post it into the letterboxes on the Notice Boards.



Charlton Community Support Group

Now in Tier 4 and Covid cases are on the rise so please follow government guidelines. The Charlton Support Group (15 local volunteers) remains in place and is ready and willing to collect prescriptions, shop, run errands or just be a listening ear. So, if you need anything, please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk 07538596344 or Ian Smale cllrismaile@charltonvillage.org.uk 07421354874

Parish Councillor Needed

It's really important to have an enthusiastic team of Parish Councillors. There is inevitably turnover and we now have 2 vacancies. The commitment is a little as attending one Parish Council meeting per month (less August and December) but it is up to you about how involved you become. It would be great to have some younger residents on the PC so that it better represents the whole community. If you are interested please contact Heather Bourner the Parish Clerk clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk or Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Village/Community Hall – We Need You to be Involved

The next Village/Community Hall Committee meeting is on 11 Jan. The Committee's task is to investigate the feasibility of building a Hall, considering all the possible sites. Information is still awaited from TVBC and HCC but it is hoped to produce a small list of possible sites and to settle on the one that best fits the requirement, very soon. There is still plenty of opportunity to add value by being part of the Team so if you want to get involved, please contact ian@carrsonline.com or cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Communications

Communication is still the key to building community spirit. Charlton News – the Quarterly Edition that is delivered to every household is liked and appreciated by residents. Please do pass items you would like included to the editor@charltonvillage.org.uk by the 14th of the month preceding the month of publication. This Monthly News is for updates and items of general interest. Please pass items/observations or photographs to cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk at any time.

Charlton Chat on Facebook has a part to play <https://www.facebook.com/charlton.community.chat>. It is for residents so please keep an eye on the site and don't be afraid to contribute. The Charlton Community Climate Change page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=charlton%20community%20climate%20change> also has some very interesting posts.

I sense the Parish Council website www.charltonvillage.org.uk is underused and the PC will be looking at how it can be made more relevant and useful for residents. I expect a survey will be sent out in the New Year but if you have views now, please don't wait. Send them to cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk.

The Bridge

There are still some problems with the gate arrangement as the mechanism is not suitable for wheelchair users. TVBC is now working with a local resident to fix the problem.

Feeding the Ducks and Geese

Duck food is available from the Charlton Lakeside Café. Simply put donations of £1 in the Collection Box.

Charlton Village Convenience Store



I have had nothing but good feedback about the Village Shop. The owners are anxious to please, so give them a go. Use it or lose it!

Book Exchange/Library

Please don't dump bags of books as it makes access difficult for residents. Just take the books you want and replace with a similar number. Many thanks for your cooperation

Photographic Competition

A Dunnock 'Enjoying' the Snow



This month's winner of the Charlton Photographic Competition is Alan Evans.

Notices

<p>January 2021</p> <p>The Parish Council will meet by video link on Tue 19 Jan - details of how you can attend will be published in advance.</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church</p> <p>Despite being in Tier 4 communal worship is still allowed. There will be services at St Thomas' each Sunday in January. To enable the church to manage numbers you will need to book for the services by calling Jean on 391504. We will continue 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 Family website at www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk – a simple click on a link will let you access any of the services. As the playgroup will still be running, St Thomas' cannot be open for private prayer. However other churches in the Pastrow Family of churches are open for such times of prayer (the nearest being Holy Trinity, Penton Mewsey and Christchurch, Hatherden).</p> <p>Revd Alex Randle-Bissell, Rector 01264 512161, Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk</p> <p>Judith Appleby, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk</p>
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