



# Charlton Village Monthly News

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## Coffee Mornings

A reminder that the Royal Oak hosts a coffee morning from 10-12 each Wednesday and **all residents** are invited to come for coffee and cake. The last Wednesday of the month is in support of Macmillan <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/> but the real reason for meeting is to be sociable. More men would be most welcome.

## Charlton Community Climate Change

A small group of people interested in climate change met on 11 October to discuss what Charlton can do to support the Test Valley and HCC efforts to reduce carbon and help our community. Approach:

- Keep/make it simple and easy
- Make it visible – communicate/advertise to encourage others
- Borrow good ideas from other parishes/TVBC/elsewhere

A draft Climate Change Action Plan is now on the PC website [www.charltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.charltonvillage.org.uk) under the Climate Change tab will be put on Charlton Community Chat.

## Bra Recycling



Bra Recycling is now possible in Charlton thanks to Manoj the owner of the Convenience Store who has He has kindly agreed to host a bra bank.

## Traffic



Speeding is an ongoing issue. The Speed Indicator tells me a significant number of cars are still managing more (some much more) than 50mph. The Test Valley Cops Rural team have been out and about (see picture). The village Speedwatch Team needs volunteers – names to [cilrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cilrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk) . They would clock vehicle Reg Nos and work with our PCSO to see if speeders can be further deterred.

The white lines along Hatherden Road are supposed to give an impression of the carriageway being narrow thereby slowing traffic. In an ideal world, we should be able to detect an average speed reduction using the data from the Speed Indicator. The data will be analysed over time to see if the lines make a difference.

## Churchfriends

Over 25 years ago, a resident at Homewood in Charlton wanted to be part of a House or Homegroup with the church. This was a challenge, as his learning difficulties would have made it impossible to integrate him in a regular group. It then occurred to me that there may be other adults in the various churches who would value their own group meeting regularly, and so Churchfriends was born. Over the years we have welcomed somewhere up to forty members who meet each month. Until the pandemic hit, we travelled around the various churches and were fortunate to have a minibus to help members attend. We met on a Sunday afternoon. There is a strong and capable volunteer team (more always welcome!) some of who love in Charlton, and who provide a delicious tea and help our members with the various activities. Some

members are accompanied by a Carer for added support. We have just re-opened again. We are now meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday afternoon of the month, 230pm-4pm at the United Reformed Church Hall. Sadly, the minibus is no longer available.

Our meetings are full of friendship, fun and food! Each month the topic will be seasonal and we explore the theme through craft, drama, music, story, quizzes, and any other activities I can dream up!

The group is open to any local adult with a learning disability who is either a member of a local church, or who is interested in the Christian faith, together with family members, carers or friends who may like to come with them. The monthly subs are £3 and we have an optional raffle for £1. Any further details can be had from me – **Rev Jill Bentall, 01264 351998**.

### Village/Community Hall

Thank you to those who completed the questionnaire either online or in Charlton News. It really helps to get your views so that the Village Hall Committee can engage with TVBC and others knowing what residents want. So far it would seem that a hall big enough (100-150) for the normal range of activities; gatherings both social and village business, birthday parties, events, perhaps even weddings and wakes. It would seem there is support for a smaller hall too. The Committee will continue to engage over the next few months to refine the requirement so if you have yet to give your views, please email [cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk) or ring 07538596344 or drop a note into the boxes on the village noticeboards.

### Notices

<b>Nov 2021</b>	
Parish Council	Parish Council meetings take place in Charlton Church Hall (not the Foxcotte Room) at <b>745pm</b> and no longer by zoom. Meetings will be every 3rd Tue of the month except August and December. Agendas will be posted to the website and notice boards but can also be obtained by contacting The Parish Clerk, Heather Bourner on 01264 773976 or by e-mail <a href="mailto:clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk">clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk</a>
St Thomas' Church	<p>On the first Sunday of each month there is a service for all churches in the Pastrow Family. This is currently held at Christchurch, Hatherden at 10am with children's activities held at the same time in the school next door. Why not come along and give it a try?</p> <p>There will be a village remembrance service on the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov starting at 1030.</p> <p>7 Nov – Pastrow Family Gathering, Christchurch, Hatherden @ 10am          14 Nov – Remembrance Service @ 1030am          21 Nov – Family Service @ 10am          28 Nov – Holy Communion @ 10am</p> <p>Live streaming of services from the Pastrow Family of Churches will continue. Details and links are on <a href="http://www.pastrowfamily.org.uk">www.pastrowfamily.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Christmas Fayre</b> – 27 NOV between 1 and 4pm.          The St Thomas' Christmas Fayre is back!! Please come along, Father Christmas, Christmas Gifts galore and a chance to meet over tea and cakes.</p> <p><b>Revd Alex Randle-Bissell</b>, Rector          01264 512161, <a href="mailto:Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk">Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Judith Appleby</b>, Benefice administrator          07999 352585 <a href="mailto:admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk">admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk</a></p>