



# Charlton Marshall Parish Council

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## News - Autumn 2018

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S WINDOW** We seem to have survived the amazing heat and entered a very busy period locally with the 50th Great Dorset Steam Fair, the Blandford Carnival and Ride and Stride around local churches, followed by our big event. The Parish Council had a break from most meetings in August, as farmers completed an early harvest and many of you enjoyed a well deserved holiday.

However, there has been activity from those with eyes on development. The field below Newlands Manor was granted outline planning permission in June and thus removed protection against building just outside the settlement boundary. That was bound to excite further activity and owners of other potential sites are throwing their hats into the ring. It will be an interesting next few months. It seems this country not only has a shortage of brickies, it has a shortage of bricks. It does not have a shortage of aspiration to build much needed housing, though. Smaller developments are feasible and help the local authorities, which are, in turn, under pressure from central government. However, our village should not be treated as a convenient dumping ground to tick boxes.

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> brings the annual Fun in the Field Day. Please see the reverse of this Newsletter. I hope as many as possible turn up to take part and enjoy what is on offer. Volunteers are always very welcome – gold dust, in fact. New colourful fencing, thanks largely to the generosity of one individual, has been erected around an expanded Play Area, which will allow for an extra piece of equipment. This continues as a major project because much in it is 20 years old and needs refurbishing, hence the removal of the gradually rotting wooden fence. All equipment in the field is monitored professionally monthly and is very safe. Parish councillors visit every week and produce a written report. Your ideas to help improve the Play Area are most welcome on the Fun Day – visit the gazebo.

In the meantime there is rapid progress on the new village hall. We should be very proud of those who worked so hard to make this venture possible. All households continue to make a small contribution via the precept towards funding the project.

Finally, I hope all of our GCSE, BTEC and A level students have done really well and can look forward to their next steps with confidence.

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**OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on **MONDAY**, October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Church Room. The November meeting will revert to the first Tuesday of the month.

**FLORAL DECORATIONS etc.** The Parish Council is under pressure to maintain national safety standards. So, please can anyone who wishes to decorate public areas with flowering baskets, or potted displays, firstly contact the Clerk to discuss ideas. This will avoid disappointing wonderful volunteers should the decorations have to be removed.



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### **FOLLOW UP TO RECYCLING FROM THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

From a village wildlife enthusiast: to prevent small creatures getting trapped or drowned, leave lids on jars and if there is no lid, lay the jar on its side.

From Dorset Waste Partnership: large amounts of shredded paper can be taken to your nearest home recycling centre (i.e. the tip), where it will be placed into the paper bin and recycled. Also, paper cups etc. can now be recycled with drinks cartons in the skip at Langton Road car park (by M&S Food).

**CHARLTON MARSHALL ART SOCIETY** starts back again on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm; we are a small group who meet to paint and draw together at the Church Room twice monthly. We do not have a structured programme. New members would be most welcome to join us; only enthusiasm required. For more information contact Sue Spillar on 07543555413 or email [suespilar@live.co.uk](mailto:suespilar@live.co.uk).



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