

*Charlton
Parish Chat*



*April and
May 2024*

Join us for our Special Rogation Sunday Service

Sunday 5th May

4pm

Charlton Church

D-DAY80

This year the UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6th June 1944 with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France.

To contribute to this event I would like to make the June/July issue of the Chat a special “D-Day80” edition, but it would really help if you could send me any memories/stories that you may have.

Please see what you can dig out!

See also the item in the Rec. Centre report on page 4

Your Editor

Next Chat “deadline”: Input would be appreciated by **10th May, but can probably be accepted a few days after this date - please contact the editor to check.**

Please email articles to the editor at charltonchat@yahoo.co.uk or by post/hand delivery to Peter Holland, 25 Park Street, Charlton, or phone 01666 823719.

Do you know anyone outside the village who would like to receive a copy of Charlton Parish Chat? Annual subscription - £5. Call Marion Adkins on 824684

Small ads . . .

Charlton Chat accepts adverts from local people, businesses and organisations.

Per issue, a small display box, approx. a twelfth of a page costs £1;

a quarter page £5;

a half-page £10 and

a full page £20.

Contact the editor, or Marion Adkins 824684

VACANCY...



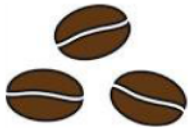
Charlton Village Playing Field Handy Man.

We need someone to help maintain the playing field. This is mostly during the spring and summer grass cutting months. If you are interested please get in touch with any member of the Recreation Centre committee or email charltonhall22@gmail.com.

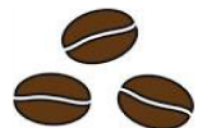
The job includes:

- Working with the local cricket team to look after the Cricket Square.
- Cutting the field. Will need to be able to operate both the 'Hayter' and smaller ride on lawn mower.
- Strimming. Those areas not reachable with either the Hayter or ride on mower.

Your local Playing Field Needs you!



Coffee Mornings @ Charlton Village Hall



10.30am Monday

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Funds raised support Charlton Recreational Centre 279819

Anne 823719

Annual Parish Meeting

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Sat 6 Apr 24** in the Village Hall.
- Doors open at 1030 for free coffee/tea and biscuits before an 11am start.
- A key item will be on Footpaths. The Team Leader of the Charlton Footpaths Group will describe what has been achieved so far. You will be impressed!
- There will be reports from the PC Chairman and from our Wiltshire Cllr and the opportunity to ask them any questions.
- Also reports from some of the activities that go on in the village – notably from the SpeedWatch team.
- Do come!

Best Kept Village Competition

- The Parish Council has agreed that the village should again enter the Wiltshire Best Kept Village competition.
- It's not a 'prettiest village' or a 'best hanging flower baskets' competition, simply looking for the best-kept village, the most cared for. The key is to leave no litter and pick up any you see. And for this reason entering the competition helps to keep the village a nice place to live for all of us.
- Reminder – 2 years ago we won the North Wilts Small Villages section, while in 2018 we won at county level and the following year we won the 'Winner of Winners' competition between all the different village size winners of the previous 2 years.
- Last year we were let down by the bus shelter which somehow managed to escape attention on the clean-up day. It didn't escape the judges' attention!
- Judging will take place on one day in the period mid-May to mid-June.
- Village Clean-up – the plan is to do it on Sat 27 Apr, 10am to 12pm. Some refreshments will be offered at (or outside) the Village Hall at the end of the morning for those taking part in the clean-up.
- After the clean-up day, the key is to leave no litter and pick up any you see.

Defibrillator Training

- It's a couple of years since we last offered defibrillator training in the village.
- Do you know how to use it?
- It's probably time we arranged another session of training – a couple of hours, probably on a Saturday morning – but subject to whether a sufficient number of residents would come.
- We'll be looking for expressions of interest at the APM – or indeed at any time.

Highway Improvements in the Village

- The new signage has now appeared in the centre of the village but the road painting is still awaited. We understand that it is simply the very wet weather that has caused this delay – but we will be keeping an eye on it.

Bus Shelter Repair

- A contract for the repair of the bus shelter by the Vicarage Lane junction with the B4040 has been issued as has a contract to clear much of the vegetation behind the shelter that must have contributed in a big way to the subsidence that caused the cracks in the walls.

CHARLTON RECREATIONAL CENTRE



Thankfully the hall is still being used on a near daily basis. The majority of the users are excellent at handing the hall back in the same condition that they received it. Of particular note the CRC committee would like to extend a special thanks to the Dog Club who are extremely thorough. The cost of hiring the hall has remained the same over the last 3 years. As such the committee are considering raising the cost, more to follow, however please rest assured, it will still be one of the cheapest venues in the area and will definitely remain a good value for money!

As previously mentioned the hall is starting to show some signs of wear and tear. Over the last few months, there have been repairs to the outside wooden cladding. Work on solving the damp problem in one of the toilets is progressing. Other areas of improvement planned in the short term include some improvements to the Air conditioning units. These changes are required to make them more efficient during the (hopefully) warmer summer months!

The CRC committee would also like to extend their thanks to the local parish council who have kindly agreed to pay for the hearing loop. This is due to be fitted by the middle of March and we look forward to offering a more inclusive hall to those with hearing difficulties.

Following a successful application for an energy survey the CRC committee will be working with Groundwork UK to ensure that all areas for a greener and more efficient building are identified. This will allow the CRC to identify fund raising targets to future proof your local hall. There will be more to follow in the next Chat update.

At the time of writing, we are expecting a full hall for the Spring quiz. The committee are also looking at other events over the summer months, including a musical festival and if some of you are willing to help organise it a summer fete!

The committee would also like to welcome a new member. Angela Collins has recently arrived in the village and has kindly offered to join the committee and will look to take over as the committees treasurer in due course. With Angela's arrival, the committee would also like to pass on their sincere thanks to Frenchy Tsabet who is stepping down from the committee as well as hanging up his sickle, after many years of service. He has been an absolute stalwart and will be sorely missed! This has however thrown up an opportunity for someone to help the local community in looking after the maintenance of the playing field. More details can be found in the Chat.

Another volunteer who has had to step down is Raj Verdi who was leading on the phase 2 improvements to the children's play park. The committee would like to thank her for all her work and wish her all the best in her new ventures. Anyone who wishes to take on the role, please get in touch with a CRC committee member.

The final piece of news from the committee is that we are supporting the D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace. This is a Government supported initiative, which is looking to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day on the 6 June this year. We are working with Kes at the Horse and Groom who is looking to support by hosting an event in the pub at which, along with many other villages and towns across the UK, there will be the lighting of a Lamp in the evening. More details will be publicised as plans mature. Current proposals include a possible Fish and Chips supper, readings on some of the events supporting the Operation and possibly having your photo in uniform.



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New Life, New Hope

Easter came early this year - in March (just), so by the time you read this you may be thinking it is all over.

But actually the Easter Season, the forty days in which we remember the Resurrected Jesus being with his disciples, eating with them, teaching them, restoring their hope and giving them the opportunity to say goodbye well, these forty days are with us for a month and a half. And at the end of that time we pause for another ten days before celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. God's Spirit can be with us all, today and always, if we choose to accept that gift.

In these forty days of Easter though, Jesus has a message for his closest followers. In teaching them to live without his bodily presence he lets them know that it's not really 'goodbye'. It's more like 'see you later'.

Through his Resurrection, Jesus has shown them that death is not the end.

Jesus, who has been horribly killed and laid to rest in a borrowed tomb, has defied all expectations. And what he has given us lasts far longer than even a mountain of chocolate eggs. In this Season of Easter, we discover that he is more alive and more fully himself than he has ever been. Death has been defeated. Nothing in earth or heaven, in time or beyond it, will ever be the same again.

We can have hope now. No matter how dark the world seems, good will triumph in the end. Life will spring from the tomb, morning will disperse even the darkest night.

Make no mistake, Easter isn't over. The season of New Life has only just begun!

Richenda Milton-Daws
Licensed Lay Minister

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at Charlton

Burial

7th March Mercedes Graham-Martin
preceded by a Requiem Mass at St Aldhelm's Church Malmesbury

Burial of Ashes

8th March Rita Winifred Smith - formerly Rita Winifred Poole

Charlton Recreational Centre 150 Club Prize Draw Winners

February

1st C.Brothwood
2nd T.Akers
3rd S.Williams

March

1st M.Langley
2nd J.Tsabet
3rd I.McMorrine



Our thanks to all current ticket holders for supporting the Charlton Recreational Centre.

The last draw for the 2023 tickets will be in April, so now is the time to please renew for 2024 and we would also like to welcome new subscribers.

An annual ticket is £20 and your number will be entered into each monthly draw for a chance to win a £20, £30 or a £50 prize.

So if you would like to support the upkeep and improvement of the village hall and its facilities then please email

150clubcharlton@gmail.com

or call Tracey on 07557 124628 to reserve tickets .

MALMESBURY & DISTRICT



The general meetings for April and May are:

Thursday 25th April - 100 Piers - Painting at the Water's Edge - Paul Tracey

Back in 2018 Paul started a project to make paintings of all the piers in the south of England. The project grew to include most UK piers then a few in Europe, which were often influenced by British design. After 5 yrs, all this is now published as a large format book 100 Piers, Painting at the Water's Edge.

Thursday 23rd May - Introducing the Amazon Honey Bee - Richard Rickitt

Beekeeper and author, Richard Rickitt, gives a fascinating and entertaining talk on bees and beekeeping. The talk will be of interest to those who garden, or are curious to know more of bees and bee keeping or simply enjoy a bit of honey on their porridge!

Regular general meetings with a speaker take place on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Town Hall. Malmesbury and District u3a also has around 40 different interest groups to tempt you.

April Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

All are welcome to attend any of the services taking place across the Benefice

Ashley St. James



Charlton
St. John the Baptist



All Saints
Crudwell



Hankerton
Holy Cross



Minety
St. Leonard



Oaksey
All Saints



Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 7th April	9.30am, Holy Communion with Baptism @ Hankerton	
	10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
	6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 14th April	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
Sunday 21st April	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton	6pm Evening Prayer
	11am, Holy Communion @ Minety	
	11am, Matins @ Oaksey	
	5pm, Family Songs of Praise @ Hankerton	
Sunday 28th April	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley	
	9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
	11am, Morning Praise @ Minety	
	10.15am Sunday School and 11am, Family Service @ Oaksey	

Mid-Week Services and Events

Monday	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	10 th April (2 nd Wed)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th April	2pm	Magdalen Moments @ 1 Days Court
Thursday	11 th April (2 nd Thursday)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Saturday	6 th April (1 st Saturday)	11am – 12.30pm	Café Church @ Hankerton

Please visit our website www.braydonbrook.co.uk and **Braydon Brook Churches Facebook Page** to find out more.



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Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 5th May	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
	10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
	4pm, Rogation Sunday Service @ Charlton	
	6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 12th May	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Ashley	
Sunday 19th May Pentecost	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton	6pm Evening Prayer
	11am, Holy Communion with Baptism @ Minety	
	11am, Matins @ Oaksey	
	5pm, Family Songs of Praise @ Hankerton	
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley	
	9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
	11am, Morning Praise @ Minety	
	10.15am Sunday School and 11am, Family Service @ Oaksey	

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	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer in Charlton
Wednesday	8 th May (2 nd Wed)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
Thursday	9 th May (2 nd Thursday)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety for Ascension Day
Friday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Saturday	4 th May (1 st Saturday)	11am – 12.30pm	Café Church @ Hankerton

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

**On 17th April we are having a demonstration:
"Barking mad" by Jenny York, South West area
demonstrator from Bristol.**

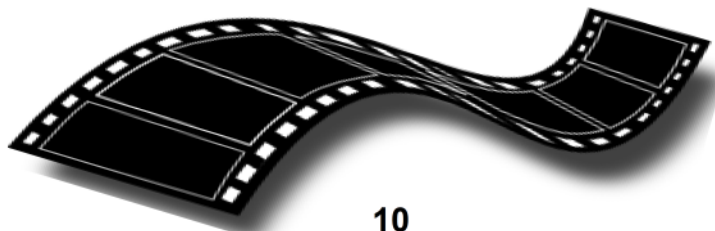


Please check the Club's website northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub for further information. If you have any queries you can contact us nwvflowerclub@gmail.com.

We are a thriving , enthusiastic group with plenty of fun and friendship thrown in. Our members and visitors come throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire with varying expertise some just wanting to relax and watch. There is a full 2024 programme already organised so why not join us! We normally meet every 3rd Wednesday at Crudwell Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start unless it is an outside trip. There is plenty of car park space available post code SN16 9HB.

MOVIES@MALMESBURY IN THE TOWN HALL

Argyle	Mon 08-Apr, 2024, 2:00 pm
Wicked Little Letters	Mon 08-Apr, 2024, 8:00 pm
The Royal Ballet: Macmillan Celebrated	Tue 09-Apr, 2024, 7:15 pm
Wicked Little Letters	Fri 12-Apr, 2024, 2:00 pm
Madame Web	Fri 12-Apr, 2024, 8:00 pm
Exhibition on Screen: John Singer Sargent	Tue 16-Apr, 2024, 7:30 pm
Madame Web	Mon 22-Apr, 2024, 2:00 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4	Mon 22-Apr, 2024, 5:30 pm
Dune Part 2	Mon 22-Apr, 2024, 8:00 pm
Exhibition on Screen: John Singer Sargent	Tue 23-Apr, 2024, 2:00 pm
The Royal Ballet: Swan Lake	Wed 24-Apr, 2024, 7:15 pm
Dune Part 2	Fri 26-Apr, 2024, 2:00 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4	Fri 26-Apr, 2024, 5:30 pm
Bob Marley: One Love	Fri 26-Apr, 2024, 8:00 pm
Bob Marley: One Love	Mon 29-Apr, 2024, 2:00 pm
The Royal Opera House: Carmen	Wed 01-May, 2024, 6:45 pm
The Royal Ballet: Winter's Tale	Wed 22-May, 2024, 7:15 pm
The Royal Ballet: Message in a Bottle	Thu 30-May, 2024, 7:20 pm



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Children's Party	£50	£35	£55
Friday or Saturday Evening	£100	£100	£150
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The Local rate is available to residents of Charlton, Hankerton & Garsdon

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See: www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/ for details of the current bookings and a copy of the booking form and terms and conditions.

Charlton Churchyard

It's time to remove all glass and pottery containers, Christmas wreaths or artificial flowers from the graves and memorials.

Spring is very nearly here and soon the churchyard grass will need to be cut regularly. To ensure that it is possible to mow the grass safely and with minimum inconvenience the PCC ask that all glass and pottery containers are removed from the graves, including those buried in the grass. If concealed containers are struck by the mower or scythe the resulting fragments could injure, not only, those working in the churchyard but also visitors when walking around the area.

Please also remove any remaining Christmas wreaths and artificial flowers.

We would ask that all non-compostable materials are taken away with you. Only compostable plant and flower debris should be added to the compost heap.

The PCC take their responsibility to provide a safe working environment seriously and any glass or pottery containers left on graves will be removed.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our beautiful churchyard is a safe place for all to enjoy.

The Churchwardens and PCC of Charlton Church

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The Club Meeting schedule runs from September through to April inclusive. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month starting at 7:30pm, unless holidays interrupt this schedule.

8 April 2024 : 7:30pm in the Charlton Village Hall : Spring Gardens : Catherine Williams

Another date to note:

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The Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre

Situated on the Lower Moor nature reserve overlooking Cottage Lake is the newly built but already becoming firmly established Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre. Since 2007 the reserve has been home to a plethora of wildlife from insects to otters and offers the opportunity to get lost in the nature we endeavour to protect.



Open all year round, the Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre is the perfect spot to sight otters, herons and (of course) the many species of dragonfly, ideal for professional and amateur wildlife photographers and passionate nature enthusiasts.



The Dragonfly and Nature Centre caters for those with a sweet or savoury tooth presenting delicious homemade scones baked fresh every morning, fresh homemade soups and a variety of heavenly cakes including vegan and gluten free options.

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Dragonfly Café & Nature Centre

Lower Moor Nature Reserve
Oaksey, SN16 9TW



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The Parish Office The Old Squash Court, Holloway, Malmesbury, SN16 9BA

Administrator: Alison Withers, 01666 825019, bbbbandgb@gmail.com . The Parish Office is open Monday 9-5.30pm, Wednesday and Friday 9-12.15pm and 3.30 - 5.30pm . Contact us for wedding or baptism inquiries and other matters regarding the Braydon Brook Group (Ashley, Charlton, Crudwell, Hankerton, Minety & Oaksey).

The Village Hall website can be found at: www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk

The Parish Council website can be found at: www.charltonpcnorthwilts.org.uk

Charlton Church website can be found at: www.braydonbrook.co.uk

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