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# Charlton Village News



Quarterly Edition | September 2024

## Hello Autumn

As the leaves begin to change and the crisp air signals the arrival of autumn, we warmly welcome you to the latest edition of our Charlton Village newsletter!

From local events to stories that highlight the spirit of Charlton Village, this edition is packed with opportunities to connect and celebrate our togetherness.

So, grab your favourite warm beverage, find a comfy spot, and join us in embracing the beauty and bounty of autumn.



## 2024 so far...



**Our Charlton Village Community Association (CVCA) takes great pride in encouraging a sense of community within Charlton Village.**

This year has been filled with many achievements! We hosted an engaging Quiz Night, a memorable D-Day Commemoration in June, and even though the weather was windy and we sadly had to postpone our Community Day, we swiftly relocated to the church and came together to run an impromptu event and had a good time. Two weeks later to 'finish off' the Community Day... we ran a delightful Dog Show and drew the Raffle at the church. Additionally, we've been connecting with you to ramp up our village communications and boost our community hub.

Throughout it all, we've been inspired by the hard work of our remarkable volunteers, who have come together to help make this all happen, and also dedicating their time and energy to keeping our village tidy and accessible for everyone—both residents and visitors alike.

**Together, we're making a difference and helping our community life thrive!**



**If you have some ideas for events to hold in 2025, we'd love to hear about them!** Scan the QR code or reach out to **Councillor Clive Ward** ([clivewardcvca@gmail.com](mailto:clivewardcvca@gmail.com)) ..... And if you're interested in helping to organise an event, that would be fantastic!

# Parish Council Updates

## First Aid Course Held at Charlton Village Church Hall

Charlton Village recently hosted a highly successful First Aid course in the church hall, providing those that joined us with essential life-saving skills.

The course, delivered by **Shona Wilkins**, from St John Ambulance <https://www.sja.org.uk/organised>, saw a great turnout, with participants eager to learn and enhance their ability to respond to emergencies.

The comprehensive training covered a range of crucial topics, including CPR and Defibrillation, Chest Pain, Unresponsive Breathing Casualties, Choking and how to deal with severe bleeds and common injuries. The hands-on approach allowed attendees to practice techniques under the guidance of experienced instructors, ensuring they left with confidence in their new skills.

Attendees were extremely grateful for this valuable opportunity...

*"I'm so thankful for this course. It's empowering to know I can help in an emergency" - One participant shared*

We're thrilled with the positive feedback and are already planning future sessions to continue supporting the well-being and safety of Charlton Village.



## Exciting Plans for a New Community Hub in Charlton Village

We're exploring the idea of building a new Community Hub, a vibrant, multi-purpose space that will serve as the heart of our village.

A 'Community Hub Scoping' document has been sent to three different architects with the aim of engaging an architect to act as lead consultant, and to provide a concept design for a new, low rise building, to serve the Charlton community as a hub, or meeting place.

**If all goes to plan we could get to a formal Planning Application next summer!**

The proposed community hub will offer a variety of services and activities, and will be a focus for the village. This will include an information exchange point, a café, a small meeting room, a book exchange and it may also host local drop-in services such as Citizens Advice or Unity. The hub will be a place where everyone can come together.

We believe that a community hub will significantly enhance the quality of life in Charlton Village, providing a central location for resources and support. The hub will also offer opportunities for volunteering, enabling you to contribute to the well-being of our village.



## LOCAL INFO

A list of useful telephone numbers

### Playgroup – Gov Funding from 3yrs

Mon, Wed, Fri | 9am – 12:20pm

Tues, Thurs | 9am – 3pm

**Contact:** Mrs S Hartley

**Telephone:** 07979 841318

### Brownie Guides (7 - 11yrs)

Tuesdays | 4pm – 5:30pm

**Contact:** Mrs K Ryder

**Telephone:** 01264 316907

### Rainbow Guides (5 - 7yrs)

Thursdays | 4pm – 5:30pm

**Contact:** Mrs E Taylor

**Telephone:** 01264 394322

### Keep Fit (all levels)

Thursdays | 7:30pm – 8:30pm

**Contact:** Mrs E Taylor

**Telephone:** 01264 394322

### Slimming World (Andover Rugby Club)

Tuesdays | 7pm – 8:30pm

**Contact:** Kate Evans

**Telephone:** 07568 622189

## Tribute to Barry Marshall

Many of you will remember Barry in his litter-picking gear. His dedication to our village was remarkable, walking countless miles to keep our streets clean.



Sadly, Barry passed away unexpectedly and to honour his contributions, Charlton has placed a memorial plaque on the bench by the church.

Barry also won our **Charlton Village Community Volunteer Award 2024**, which will be presented to his widow, Linda.







## Cherishing Our Heritage: Charlton Village Church Hosts Nostalgia Event

Recently our quaint village of Charlton came alive with memories and stories as residents gathered at the Charlton Village Church for a special Nostalgia Event, presented by Ray Sore.

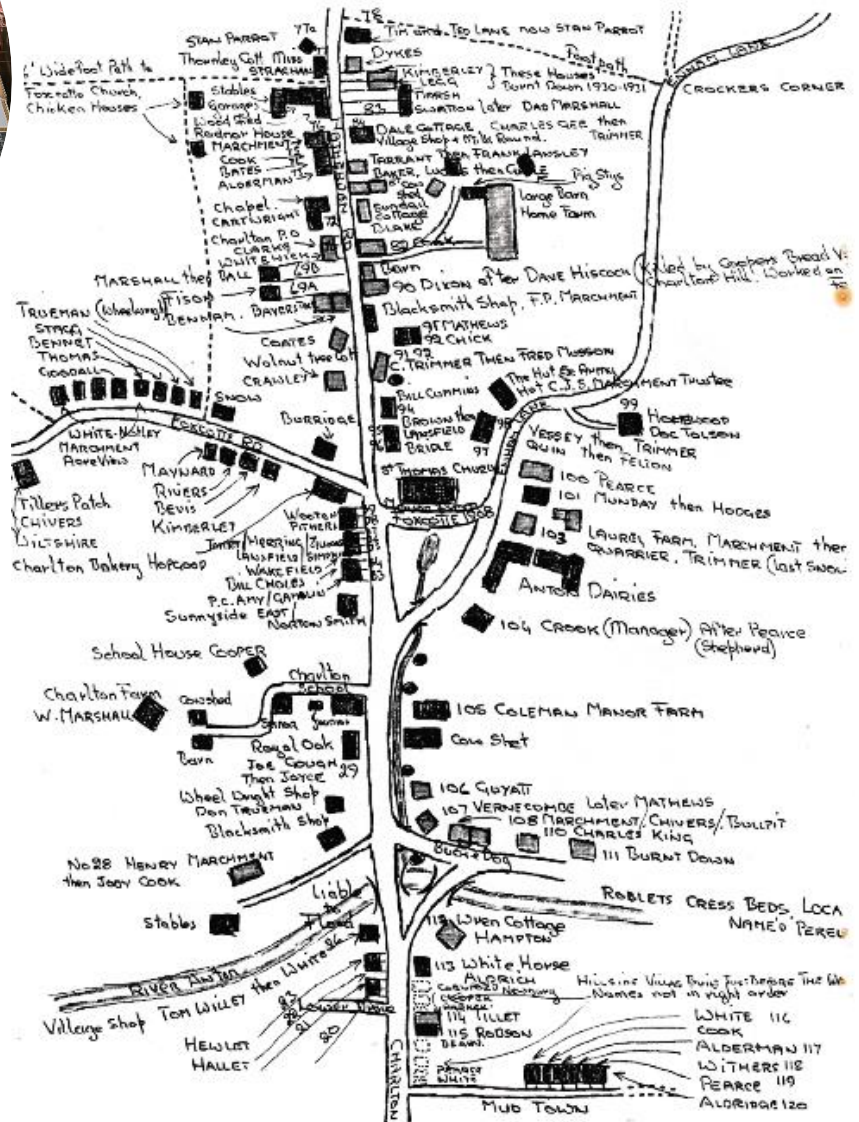
Ray gave a really fascinating talk about Charlton Church and Charlton School, celebrating the rich history of our community. Over 20 people came out to join the discussion! His 'script' will be available on the PC website soon.

There were at least three attendees who are former students, and they shared some great stories. We also learned about the inappropriate warehouse built for Twining's Tea—320 feet long! It used to sit where Sunnyside Close is now, and thanks to the Parish Council of the day it was demolished to make way for the Sunnyside Close estate. The removal of the warehouse was a major achievement and evidence of people power!

The event was a great opportunity to gather personal stories, photos, and scrapbooks to help create a comprehensive 'Charlton Archive'. As contributions poured in, it became clear that the Charlton Archive would be more than a repository of documents; it would be a living testament to the resilience, creativity, and camaraderie that define our village. Organisers expressed their excitement about the project, stating, "**Our goal is to create a lasting resource that reflects the heart and soul of Charlton. This archive will not only preserve our history for future generations but also celebrate the unique stories that bind us together.**"

It was suggested we should also start to interview individuals and capture a voice record of the past so things do not just get lost in the mist of time. It was a good start to what is hoped to be an ongoing activity to produce a 'popular' record of this, and the last century in Charlton Village.

For those wishing to participate, submissions can be made via [editor@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:editor@charltonvillage.org.uk) or during the next village gathering – watch out for future dates, via our Charlton Chat Facebook page or village notice boards.



Map of village and residents circa 1940. Mr Marchment's collection.



**Together, we can preserve the memories that make Charlton a beloved place to call home.**



## Get Involved: Help Maintain Our Village with Phil Wylde

The term "Lengthsman" originated in the 1800s, designating workers tasked with maintaining a specific stretch of road in a tidy condition.

Each financial year, Hampshire County

Council allocates a small grant to each participating parish to support the Lengthsman's work, which typically amounts to approximately 40-50 hours annually.

Our Lengthsman, **Phil Wylde**, goes above and beyond, regularly trimming and clearing pathways throughout the village, often contributing more than what the grant covers.



A big... **THANK YOU** ... to Phil for his dedication!

If you're interested in getting involved, whether in your local area or more broadly in Charlton, we encourage you to volunteer. Please reach out to Phil at [phil.wylde@icloud.com](mailto:phil.wylde@icloud.com) to discuss how you can 'bag a pitch' and lend a hand.



How about

## JOINING US...

at our next Parish  
Council Meeting?

We meet at Charlton Church Hall at 7:45 PM on the third Tuesday of each month, except in August and December.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Agendas will be posted on our website and notice boards. You can also get them by contacting the Parish Clerk.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**17th September 2024**

### LIST OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCILLORS:

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### FIRST POINT OF CONTACT:

Emergency Resilience Planning	Cllr Rawlingson & Cllr Ward	Planning	Cllrs Smale, Cllr Hodgson & Cllr Wylde
Speed Watch	Cllr Wilson & Cllr Ward	Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Ward & Cllr Rawlingson
Traffic	Cllr Wilson & Cllr Ward	Book Exchange	Cllr Smale & Cllr Woods
Communications	Cllr Wilson & Cllr Ward	Charlton Lakes	Cllr Ward & Cllr Rawlingson
Community Hub	Cllr Ward & Cllr Wylde	Climate Change	Cllr Ward & Cllr Wylde
Environment & Trees	Cllr Wylde & Cllr Wilson	Lengthsman	Clerk & Cllr Wylde
Footpaths & Rights of Way	Cllr Rawlingson & Cllr Wylde		



**X - Are you interested in joining the Parish Council...?**

Contact our Parish Clerk - Eveline Attwood | 07534 336 756 | [clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk).





# St Thomas, Charlton



## The Pastrow Family...

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**Facebook:** Family Matters In Our villages@pastrow

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## Pastrow Family

## SERVICES & EVENTS - ST THOMAS

All Services and events at St Thomas, unless stated otherwise.

Please check our website for the latest timings...

[www.pastrowfamily.org.uk](http://www.pastrowfamily.org.uk)

### Join us for prayers, light refreshments and a chat - All welcome!

\*Weekly 10 am Holy Communion – St Thomas Tangley

#### September

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** - 10am Pastrow Family Gathering (St Peter, Linkenholt), and 4pm Said Holy Communion (Penton)
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Julian Prayer Meeting (Hatherden)
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion and 3:30pm Messy Church
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** - **10am Harvest Family Service**
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion, 3:30pm Play and Praise, and 6:30pm Encounters with Jesus
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** - 3:30pm Re-dedication Service (Weyhill Church following the fire in Nov 2022)

#### October

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Julian Prayer Meeting (Hatherden)
- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Pastrow Family Gathering (Hatherden) and 4pm Said Holy Communion (Weyhill)
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café
- **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion and 3:30pm Messy Church
- **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Family Service
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café
- **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion, 3:30pm Play and Praise, and 6:30pm Encounters with Jesus

#### November

- **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 10am Julian Prayer Meeting (Hatherden)
- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 10am Pastrow Family Gathering inc. Communion (Hatherden) and 3:30pm All Souls Service. *Remembering those who have gone before us.*
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** - **10:30am Remembrance Service**
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Family Service
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion, 3:30pm Play and Praise, and 6:30pm Encounters with Jesus



#### December

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** - 10am Pastrow Family Gathering and 4 pm Said Holy Communion (Please see our website for exact locations)
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Julian Prayer Meeting (Hatherden)
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** - 1:30 to 3:30pm Cosy Café

Visit our website for all the Christmas events and services.



# Your Community Updates

Stories, pictures and updates shared by you...



## Mercia Avenue Summer BBQ

Hi there.

We held our annual summer BBQ on Saturday, August 3rd, with 50 of our wonderful neighbours joining us for this annual get together.

We have been holding this event since the Queens Platinum Jubilee party. It's always a great opportunity to catch up, featuring a music quiz and fun 'competitive' games between the guys and gals that add to the lively atmosphere! 🎉👍😎

Syd Kassim



## Introducing The 'Folly'

When I moved to Charlton I had a garage and no car so I turned two thirds into a studio, which my artist friends have nicknamed the Folly. It's brought me so much joy and friendship.

I'm a walk away from the lakes and count myself very lucky to live in such a beautiful area.

Jane Smith



## Charlton Caught On Camera...



## Match The Pub To The Village

Kindly shared by John Entwistle

**How to Play:** The goal of the game is to correctly match each pub to its corresponding village from a list of ten pubs and ten villages.

"Enjoy!"

**JUST FOR FUN**

Pub	Village
George and Dragon	Charlton
The Oak	Charlton Down
The Crook and Shears	Goodworth Clatford
The Hare and Hounds	Hatherden
The Royal Oak	Hurstbourne Tarrant
The Old Bell and Crown	Longparish
The Royal Oak	Lower Chute
The Hatchet	Smannell
The Plough	Tangley
The Fox Inn	Upper Clatford



## Remembering Aubrey Smith: A Beloved Community Figure

The streets of Charlton Village have been shaken by the unexpected passing of Aubrey Smith, Smiths Hearing Care, a cherished member of our community who touched the lives of many during his time with us. Known for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering support, Aubrey's sudden departure has left a profound void in the hearts of those who knew him.

Aubrey had built strong relationships with numerous clients in the village, earning respect as a dedicated professional and a trusted advisor. Beyond his professional contributions, Aubrey was a passionate supporter of community initiatives. As a generous and loyal sponsor of Charlton Village Community Days, he played a crucial role for events that celebrated local talent, culture, and spirit.

In a heartwarming continuation of his legacy, Aubrey's daughter, Jenny, has committed to carrying on the family business. With the values instilled in her by her father, Jenny hopes to honour Aubrey's dedication by providing the same level of service and support that made him so respected in the village. The community stands firmly behind her, ready to support and rally around her as she takes on this important role.



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### Have you got a story to share?

We believe that each of you holds a unique story, a cherished memory, or an exciting update waiting to be shared. That is why we invite you to be a part of our upcoming village newsletter. Whether you have a heartwarming tale, a fascinating experience, a new project, or any news you'd like to share, simply get in touch by emailing [editor@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:editor@charltonvillage.org.uk).

**\*Deadline for input - 14th of the month before the edition.** For example, the next date would be the 14th November, ready for the December edition.

**\*Acceptance of all advertisements, and articles are subject to availability of space and at the discretion of the Editor.**



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# September...



**September** is like the Monday of the seasons; it's back to school, back to work, and the holiday tan is fading fast. It's the month where the weather can't decide if it's still summer or already autumn, so it just throws a bit of both at you. You'll need sunglasses for the morning commute and an umbrella for the afternoon stroll. The trees start their annual fashion show, turning from green to gold, and the nation collectively sighs as they dig out their jumpers and raincoats.

**2024 Enham SUMMER Fete**

**SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**  
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Date: **SATURDAY 28th Sep 2024**

Time: **10 am / 11.30 am**

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*What kind of car do people drive in September? An autumn-atic*



## What else is on....?

**Whitchurch Silk Mill - Food Festival, 7th September, 10.30am to 4pm:** Local suppliers selling locally made honey, chutney, chocolates, cakes, spirits, and much more. The Mill's team of face painters and the Natural Cook Company will be there, putting even more fun into this food festival - Entry is free but a donation of £1 per adult is suggested.

**Guided Bat Walk @ Anton Lakes Nature Reserve - Saturday 21st September from 7pm onwards:** Enjoy a guided walk at dusk for the chance to get up close and personal with one of nature's most fascinating nocturnal mammals. Walks are run by the council's countryside officers. Everyone is welcome and the walks are free to attend, but participants will need to pre-register via Eventbrite. Book at: <https://bit.ly/batwalkanton>

## Back to School Woes

*Summer's gone, it's time to sway. Back to school... hip-hip-hooray!*

*The alarm goes off, what a scare! Did I really think I'd wake up with flair? In my pyjama's, I dash with glee. Looking like a wild thing, just wait and see!*

*Lunchbox packed with snacks galore. But what's this? I forgot the door! Rushing out, I trip and fall. Why didn't I check for shoes at all?*

*Dreams of summer fade away, as pencils, papers, books hold sway. But here's the truth, don't be a fool... **Back to school can still be cool!***





# October...



**October** is a whimsical time when the leaves turn into a crunchy carpet of oranges and browns, and the weather can't decide if it wants to be summer's encore or winter's proposal. It's also the only time of year when it's socially acceptable to carve faces into vegetables and celebrate the existence of ghosts, ghouls, and discounted sweets and chocolate. Truly, October is the quirky aunt of the calendar, full of character and a little bit spooky!

## 🍁 🎃 🧛 Embracing Halloween: A Spooktacular Celebration 🍁 🎃 🧛

Traditionally celebrated on October 31st, Halloween has become increasingly popular across Britain, transforming from a quaint holiday into a vibrant occasion filled with fun and fright – Local shops and supermarkets are already full to the brim with costumes, treats, decorations and even life-sized zombies and giant spiders.



Beyond the fun and festivities, Halloween also serves as a time for reflection and remembrance. The tradition of lighting candles in pumpkins can be traced back to ancient customs, symbolising the guiding of spirits home. Many families take the time to honour loved ones who have passed, incorporating personal touches to their celebrations.

As Halloween approaches, the excitement continues to grow. Whether you're dressing up for a night out, taking the children trick-or-treating, or simply enjoying a spooky movie night at home, there's something for everyone to enjoy. So gather your friends, carve some pumpkins, and embrace the magic and mystery of Halloween!



**As you gear up for a festive Halloween night, it's important to keep the spirit of the holiday alive by respecting a few simple guidelines...**

When out trick-or-treating, only approach houses that have a carved pumpkin displayed or are decorated in Halloween themes. These signals indicate that the homeowners are participating and welcoming little goblins and ghouls to stop by for treats. By following this friendly rule, and the times, etc which you might see via your local WhatsApp or Facebook groups... you'll help ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and joyous Halloween experience.

**So grab your costumes, head out into the crisp autumn air, and enjoy the delightful mix of spooky fun and community spirit that makes Halloween in Charlton Village truly magical!**

## 📅 What's on...?

### ❖ Whitchurch, Silk Mill

- **Darning Workshop, 12th October, 2-4pm** - In this beginners' workshop you'll learn how to rebuild a hole and be guided step-by-step to darn it. You'll also be given an overview of the different kinds of mending. All tools will be provided, including woven and knitted fabrics to practise on. Tickets £35 per person.
- **Two-day Weaving Course, 15 & 16 October, 10am-3.30pm** - This new weaving course for beginners will introduce you to the entire weaving process, with training provided by our silk weavers. You'll learn how to design and create a warp, thread up a loom, and get weaving. Tickets £150 per person. If you're interested in this course but the dates don't suit you, please contact the Mill and we'll arrange alternative dates for you.

**Tickets for our events are generally available from the Mill Shop or from our website via the 'What's on' page.**

### ❖ Gourd-geous Pumpkin Displays – Hinton Ampner – National Trust, from 12th October, 10am-5pm

- Discover over 200 pumpkins at Hinton Ampner! Jump into autumn with a splash of colour and marvel at our beautiful pumpkin displays around the grounds.

**Visit Hinton Ampner – National Trust to find out more and how to get tickets.**

### ❖ Andover Town Centre Trick or Treat Party – Hight Street, Andover – 31st October from 4:30pm

- This scarily free event will include a horrific fancy dress competition, a market filled with dark temptations, a spooky disco, ghastly faces carved into pumpkin flesh and more to make you scream in terror!!

# November...



**November**, it's dark when you wake up, dark when you leave work, and you're not quite sure what happened to the daylight. But it's not all gloom; November brings fireworks that light up the sky like a disco for stars, and the promise of Christmas just around the corner, making it the ultimate teaser trailer for the festive season. So, grab your wellies and your sense of humor – you'll need both!

## Gardening in November | Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Here's the top five gardening tasks to focus on during November:

### Plant Spring Bulbs:

This is the perfect time to plant tulip bulbs and other spring-flowering bulbs to ensure a vibrant display next year.

### Tidy Up the Garden:

Clear away fallen leaves, debris, and dead plants. This not only helps keep your garden looking neat but also prevents pests and diseases from overwintering in your garden.

### Mulching:

Apply a layer of mulch to garden beds and around perennials. This helps protect plant roots from frost, retains moisture, and suppresses weeds through the winter months.

### Pruning:

Consider pruning deciduous trees and shrubs, especially those that flower in the spring. Removing dead or damaged branches will promote healthy growth in the spring.

### Protecting Tender Plants:

Bring any tender plants indoors or provide protection for those left outside. Use fleece or bubble wrap to insulate plants that are not hardy enough to withstand winter frosts.



## Remember, Remember, the 5th of November...

Every year on the 5th of November, the skies across the UK light up with vibrant fireworks, and communities come together to celebrate Bonfire Night, or Guy Fawkes Night. This festive occasion not only entertains with dazzling displays but also serves as a reminder of an important historical event that shaped the nation.

Bonfire Night commemorates the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when a group of conspirators, including Guy Fawkes, attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and assassinate King James I. Their aim was to end Protestant rule and restore a Catholic monarch to the throne. However, Fawkes and his accomplices were foiled in their plan, leading to their capture and execution. Since then, the 5th of November has been marked by celebrations, where bonfires are lit, effigies of Guy Fawkes are burned, and fireworks are set off in jubilant remembrance of the plot's failure.



**More details of Nov events – coming soon!!**

(via Village Noticeboards & Facebook)

As you prepare for Fireworks Night, prioritise safety and community. Attend organised displays for better safety, or follow guidelines and local regulations if hosting your own.

**Enjoy the festivities responsibly!**

## Invitation

I would like to invite you on the "Switching On" ceremony of Christmas Lights at my residence, On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 5 pm  
**Rev. Fr. Austin blesses** the function and the honorable **Mayor Cllr. Ian Jeffrey and Mayoress Maura** switch on the lights and Councillors, Members of Andover Rotary club and SVP will adorn the function

The function focuses on charity fund raising for Charlton Village Community Association for Charlton Community Hub Project. through Andover Rotary Club

Your valuable presence will be highly appreciated.

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## Ride the Wave of BMX Excitement: Find out more about our local BMX Club!



As the dust settles on the exhilarating BMX competitions of the 2024 Olympics in Paris, it's clear that BMX racing has captured the hearts of millions around the world. The outstanding performances of UK riders, who displayed remarkable talent and determination, have ignited a newfound enthusiasm for the sport at home. Now, more than ever, is the perfect time to embrace the BMX culture right in our own community — and there's no better place to start than at our local BMX club!

Established in 1996 and located at the Charlton Leisure Park, [Andover BMX Club](#) operates one of the few tracks in the South of England that conforms to British Cycling standards for regional level racing. BMX racing is not just a sport; it's a lifestyle that promotes fitness, friendship, and fun for all ages. From youngsters just beginning their journey on two wheels to seasoned pros, everyone is welcome.

There is much to shout about for Andover BMX Club in the last year or so... so the club have kindly shared a few highlights...



### Andover BMX Highlights

**The track itself had a major upgrade with the installation of floodlights enabling coaching and racing throughout the winter season.** They were officially switched on by the deputy mayor on one of the coldest evenings of last year, when we also held the very first "Night race" ever held in our region.

Many riders from other clubs have been utilising the floodlights and coming to our track for practice as there are very few who have floodlights at present (*Gosport is the only other in our part of the world*).

**Just over 1 year ago, we had our first "World Plate" out of the club.** A world plate is given to any rider who reaches the final in their category at the UCI BMX Racing World Championships, and they are permitted to race the next season with that number on their bike until the next World Championships takes place. **Newton Hindley** became World No 6 in the Cruiser 9-12 Category, having raced well all day at the 2023 World Champs in Glasgow. If you fancy watching the semi-final, that secured his place in the final (He's in the yellow and blue helmet and the GBR Jersey) head to YouTube - (<https://www.youtube.com/clip/Ugkx8TXHL7ymDHOjamPwMrquWfuYBNzfK1U3>)

**A great deal of media attention has been given to another rider out of Andover in the last year... Sarah Jane Nichols.** Who is our eldest female rider at 54 years of age. She is a returning rider having been overall female world champion back in 1986 and she joined Andover a couple of years back with the intention of doing it for a bit of fun. Before long she was competing nationally again and began training for this year's world championships (in Rock Hill, USA). Her story is here: <https://olympics.com/en/news/godmother-british-bmx-racing-comeback-after-36-years>. And the American channel CBS filmed a piece with her at the track here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CL1kjFo1UaE>. We are pleased to say that she came 2nd overall and was able to bring home a W2 plate.

**Over the August bank holiday weekend, we attended the British Championships in Derby for the annual "BMX Festival."** The event was a tremendous success, with Andover BMX Club shining brightly. Among the 1400+ riders, 39 represented Andover, and we proudly had 12 finalists, including 4 podium finishes. An outstanding achievement for all our riders!

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