Welcome to Charlton.

Hello, welcome to Charlton. We hope that you will soon settle into your new surroundings and be able to enjoy some of the various activities that are on offer locally.

The **Charlton Parish Chat** is a bi-monthly magazine which is delivered free to all homes in the parish and contains much useful information and contact details for parish organisations, but to give you an overview here is a summary of what you will find in Charlton.

The Charlton Recreational Centre (CRC) committee is responsible for the **Village Hall and playing field**. The CRC has a website www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk and Facebook page Charlton Village Hall. The hall is the venue for a wide variety of regular meetings including a monthly coffee morning, various exercise classes, a children's dance class, Dog Training Club, U3A Bridge club and Gardening Club. The playing field has a slide and other play equipment for younger children along with a zip wire suitable for all. The field also has a cricket square and the cricket club run practice sessions and regular fixtures in season.

The CRC is a registered charity and the committee organise quizzes and other events during the year to aid fund raising. Fresh faces and new ideas will always be welcome. The hall can be booked for private events and full details for all activities with contacts are on the website. A ticket in the 150 Club gives an opportunity to support the hall and possibly win one of the three monthly prizes.

Tucked away at the end of Park Street is the 12th century **St John the Baptist Church**, one of six churches in the Braydon Brook Benefice. The Rector is Bob Molton and Bob's contact details along with those of all church services and activities are in the Chat or can be found on the benefice web site www.braydonbrook.co.uk . Regular services are held in Charlton on the third and fourth Sundays. The church has a ring of six bells and an enthusiastic band of ringers. Practice night is Thursday and you would be most welcome. The church is open for visitors daily during the summer and can be open at other times by arrangement.

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The **Horse and Groom is the village pub** and is a much-valued part of the village. Their web site is www.horseandgroomcharlton.co.uk and contains all the information needed to enjoy the hospitality of this 16th-century village landmark.

The **Charlton Parish Council** meet at the village hall for their bi-monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend and a list of the councillors and contacts is on the inside cover of the Chat. The Council's website is www.charltonnorthwilts-pc.gov.uk and includes meeting minutes, agendas and accounts. Also, an electronic copy of the Parish Chat. Council minutes are displayed on the bus shelter notice board.

There is a **Charlton Community Hub** Facebook page which is used by parishioners for sharing local news, found and lost items, traffic problems and reminders of forthcoming events including details of the Saturday Walking Group, Village Clean-Up and other community events. If you do enjoy walking – there is a map showing all the parish footpaths on the outside wall of the village hall and a booklet with details of seven walks available on request.

Finally, back to the Chat, there are a couple of pages with adverts for local services and details of how to submit articles or adverts. The Chat is sponsored jointly by the Parish Council and the Church so please enjoy browsing the latest edition and discovering what a vibrant, friendly parish you have come to live in.