

CHARLTON HORETHORNE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

NO. 27 – November 2026

Here is the November newsletter. The picture above shows poppies knitted and crocheted by the lady stitchers who donated them to Trinity Manor Care Home in Sherborne.

Don't forget the next issue (for December and January) will be out around 8 December.

As ever, with thanks to The Jokers.
Dorian and John
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VILLAGE NEWS

ALISON POULAKIS writes

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Monica Hackett - a long-standing resident of Charlton Horethorne for over 40 years. She is survived by her daughter Alison, grandsons Nick and Ilias and four great grandchildren.

A FAREWELL TO CAROLINE STARKS FROM CHARLTON HORETHORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



This term, we say a fond farewell to Caroline, who is retiring and hanging up her pinny after nearly 30 years as Midday Supervisor at Charlton Horethorne Primary School.
Caroline has a very special connection to the school. Her parents both attended here, she attended as a pupil herself, her children later came to the school, and more recently her grandchildren have followed in their footsteps. Over the years, she has supported and cared for generations of children, becoming a familiar and much-loved part of school life.

Caroline is also a long-standing member of our village community. Many residents will know her through CHAPS, the village pantomime group, of which she has been a committed member for many years, as well as through her involvement in village croquet. Her warmth, kindness and dedication have made a real difference to the lives of countless children and families. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to the school over the past three decades.

On behalf of pupils, parents, staff and governors, we would like to thank Caroline for her years of service and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Thank you, Caroline, for being such an important part of our school and village community.

<u>VILLAGE SHOP NEWS</u> – The shop is now an Evri collection and drop off point. Also, Payzone, where you can pay your utilities etc. There are also lots of new lines for Christmas, cards, paper, sweets, biscuits.

ALSO…don't forget to order your turkey and roast meats







<u>ANYTHING GOES</u> - It's not often that the Village Hall has a sell-out event but that's what happened on 17th October. *Anything Goes* was a variety show with two aims: to have a fantastic, feel-good evening and to raise funds for *Medecins sans Frontieres.* It succeeded on both counts. The performers (many of them from Charlton Horethorne) were great, the meal perfect (in spite of worrying electrical supply problems!) and the amount raised was an amazing £1,150. My grateful thanks to all who participated in any way - and to the wonderfully responsive audience!
Bill Closs

And our thanks to Bill and his team for the great organisation – Ed.

<u>HELP 4 HEDGEHOGS GROUP</u> – Our aim is to raise valuable funds to help support our Dorset Hedgehog Rescue. We make:

- **Hedgehog nesting boxes, dimensions in accordance with BHPS***
- **Hedgehog feeding stations**
- **Bird nesting boxes in various sizes**
- **Bug boxes in various sizes**
- **Large sacks of kindling wood (£10)**

All our products are made using recycled and untreated wood. Great ideas for Christmas and birthday gifts.
***British Hedgehogs Preservation Society Contact: Alan 07415 333095**

<u>KINGS ARMS LATEST NEWS</u>



THE KING'S ARMS
CHARLTON HORETHORNE

CHRISTMAS IS COMING
TO THE KING'S ARMS

There's something rather lovely about this time of year at The King's Arms.
Autumn is settling into the village, the pub is getting cosier, and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us.

In the meantime, our kitchen is very much in full swing. Our current menu brings together the sort of food we love to serve — proper pub favourites alongside some slightly more adventurous dishes. And then, of course, there's Christmas...

TODAY'S MENU

NIBBLES
Beef Jerky £5 | Sweet chilli bites £3 | KA Sourdough, Whipped salted butter £5

STARTERS
Smoked haddock ravioli, creamed leeks, parmesan, pangrattato £11
Montgomery Cheddar arancini, "chorizo style mayo" heritage tomato's £10 (V)
Honey & soy pulled pork, hash brown, fermented chilli, radish £10.50 (GF)
Cream of sweet corn soup, corn salsa, toasted sourdough £9 (V) (GF on request)
Tempura tiger prawns, Vietnamese chilli dip, pickled veg, sesame glaze £12 / £14 to share (GF, DF)

MAINS
8oz flat iron steak, tender stem broccoli, onion rings, chips, peppercorn sauce or garlic butter £32 (GF, DF on request)
Day-boat fish, cider-braised fennel, potato, fish cream sauce, watercress £27 (GF)
Ricotta dumplings, romesco, tempura tender stem broccoli £20
The King's Arms cheeseburger, homemade bun, bacon jam, pickles, chips, slaw £21
Falafel & oyster mushroom burger, cheese, homemade bun, pickles, chips, slaw £20 (V) (VG on request)
Warm chicken Caesar salad £19 (GF on request)
Fish and chips, mushy peas, tartar sauce £21.5 (DF) (GF on request)
Pork chop, crushed new potatoes, grilled mange tout, cherry tomato, pickled jalapeño & gherkin pork jus £25 (GF)

SIDES
Chips £5 | Rocket & parmesan salad £5 | Buttered greens £5

DESSERTS
Lime cheesecake, caramelised pineapple £9
Sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream £9 (GF on request)
Warm blackberry Bakewell tart, vanilla ice cream £9
Baked sourdough cookie, honeycomb ice cream £9
Homemade ice creams – Chocolate, Honeycomb, Vanilla, Salted Caramel £3.50 (GF, V)
Homemade sorbets – Mango, Raspberry £3.50 (GF, VG)
Affogato £6.5

Ask the team for any allergens present in our food.
Please note that a discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added onto your bill.

CHRISTMAS MENU

Join us for a festive celebration with family and friends and enjoy some delicious food and Christmas cheer.
We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

£35 two courses, including coffee & mince pies
£42 three courses, including coffee & mince pies

Sage, onion & cider soup, sourdough bread (GFO, DFO)
Baked brie, mulled wine pear chutney, chicory salad (GF, V)
Beetroot & dill, chalk stream trout gravlax, celeriac remoulade (GF, DF)
Pigs in blanket scotch egg, cranberry sauce (DF)

Turkey breast, pork stuffing rolled turkey leg, bread sauce (GFO, DFO)
Sticky beef short rib, crispy shallots (DFO)
Hake, mushroom, spinach en croute (DFO)
Potato, celeriac, Montgomery cheese pave (GF, V)
All of the above are served with seasonal vegetables & roast potatoes

Kings Arms Christmas pudding, brandy cream (V)
Apple and mincemeat crumble, custard (DFO, V)
Chocolate hot pot, vanilla & black current ripple ice cream (GF, V)
Lemon posset, homemade shortbread (GFO, V)

Menu available from 1st December until 24th December, for parties over 10 people, Via Pre Order only.
£10 deposit per person (non-refundable)
VEGETARIAN (V), GLUTEN FREE (G/F), GLUTEN FREE BY REQUEST (GFO), DAIRY FREE (D/F), DAIRY FREE BY REQUEST (DFO)
VEGAN MENU ONLY BY REQUEST.

CHRISTMAS ACCOMMODATION

If you're looking to stay over the festive period, we have rooms available for you, your family and friends.
Room rate: £155 per night.

To make a booking, please call us direct on **01963 220281**.
Please note that we will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, so breakfast will not be available or included with stays on those dates.

A biscuit maker from Sherborne
Boasted descendants historic and well born
The query... a Garibaldi by chance?
Received a withering glance
And the frosty reply... I'm a Bourbon

LOCAL EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

ROCK CHOIR CONCERT – FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Charlton Horethorne Village Hall Committee is delighted to be welcoming to the Village Hall members of the highly regarded Shaftesbury, Sherborne and Yeovil Rock Choir who will be entertaining you with a wide repertoire of contemporary music.
The Sherborne branch of the Rock Choir includes a number of Charlton Horethorne residents.
Doors open at 7.00 p.m. with the show starting at 7.30 p.m. - there will be a licensed bar.
Admission is FREE but is by ticket only due to limited capacity in the Hall. There will be a collection on the evening and generous donations are requested as all profits will be shared between the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance & Charlton Horethorne Millenium Green.
For tickets, please contact Tony Magson – 07976 714498, or Keith Gudgeon 01963 220249

COFFEE AND CAKE - Tony Magson is asking for contributions of cakes and bakes on the day for the coffee morning – shown below.



SHERBORNE LITERARY SOCIETY – UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2026

We have some fabulously interesting authors joining us for events in November:

3rd November – Stephen Sackur will be discussing his book "Hard Truth" Can the fight for the truth be won? Drawing on his long and distinguished reporting career, Stephen Sackur mounts a passionate case for truth telling in his book 'Hard Truth', out this Autumn. Sackur's compelling writing, clear arguments and meticulous research make this a must read for anyone who values the power of the press to hold the powerful to account.

16th November – Amy Jeffs will be in conversation with Lou Troup (Chair of SLS), discussing her latest book "Arthur". Join Sunday Times bestselling author Amy Jeffs for a tapestry of fascinating Arthurian tales, in conversation with Louise Troup. *'Arthur a New Life'* mines the seams of a story that we THINK we know - but do we? Join this wonderful Somerset based historian of stories for a truly fascinating evening.

ALL EVENTS will be held at Cheap Street Church. Doors open 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start
TICKETS are £12 members, £15 non-members, £8 for students and under 18s
Tickets available from Winstones or via the Sherborne Literary Society website www.sherborneliterarysociety.com where you can also become a member for a mere £10 annual subscription, and receive discounted tickets, priority booking and 10% off books at Winstone's bookshop in Sherborne.
About SLS: We exist to encourage creative expression in our community through reading and writing events and outreach. Over the last year we have hosted Booker Prize winners and nominees, debut novelists, historians and the only Annual Travel Writing Festival in the country.

The Dalai Lama was once asked what surprised him most about humanity. His reply was, 'Man who sacrifices his health to make money, then sacrifices his money to recover his health.'

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

The village coffee mornings will re-commence on Thursday, 19 November, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 o'clock. Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits will be available - £1 (children free). All ages welcome, (children to be supervised by an adult please).
We look forward to seeing you! Boo Powe, Village Hall Trustee

BINGO! Cash Bingo at the Hall, Thursday 19 November

Doors open 6.30…….Eyes Down 7pm
Any queries - Jenny at jb@classicmedia.co.uk



Old and new faces very welcome! - Look forward to seeing you!

LAST MONTH's quiz

WHAT CONNECTS THESE FOUR SIGNS?



No answers received and the Maltesers have been returned to Geoff!
Answer: Mornington Cres, Leicester Sq. Charing Cross. Oval (tube stations!)

VILLAGE BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAYTHURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

At the Millennium Green –	**Gates open**	**6 pm**
	Bonfire Lit	**6.45 pm**
	Fireworks	**7.30 pm**

BBQ – (vegetarian options available), Soup, Mulled Wine and Soft Drinks
Also, Glow Sticks available!
Admission by generous donations please.

HELPERS PLEASE FOR:

Tues 3 Nov	**Build Bonfire**	**12 noon**
Weds 4 Nov	**Set up site**	**10 am**
Thurs 5 Nov	**Set up site from**	**10 am**
	Helping at event	**Evening**
Friday 6 Nov	**Clear Up**	**9 am**

Please contact Catherine Mathew with whatever help you can offer – thank you!

07815 674175 or 01963 220595

Why are ghosts so terrible at lying? Because you can see right through him!



I've just been arrested for stealing a kitchen utensil, but it was a whisk I was willing to take

CHURCH NEWS

🍷🍷🍷Wine and Mince Pies Sunday 29 November 6pm🍷🍷🍷



Please do join us for our Darkness to Light/Advent Benefice Service, followed by wine and mince pies.

THANK YOU....
to all who assisted with the Autumn Churchyard Clear Up on 3 October. A huge amount was achieved that morning, making a massive difference. It was lovely to see the many regular helpers as well as some new faces. Thanks also go to May Closs for provision of refreshments. Thank you all of you!

Services in Charlton Horethorne:
As always, all are welcome to any service, whether regular churchgoers or not, and whatever age! Services last about an hour.
Sunday 8 November 6pm Remembrance Service
Sunday 15 November 6pm Holy Communion
Sunday 29 November 6pm Darkness to Light/Advent Benefice Service, followed by wine and mince pies

Services in Stowell:
Sunday 1 November 6pm Evensong

Other Church Services in the benefice
In addition to the services here in Charlton Horethorne, there are services every week at other churches in the benefice, to which all are very welcome. Sunday services this month are as follows:
Sunday 1 November 9am Holy Communion, Blackford
10.30am Holy Communion, Milborne Port
Sunday 8 November Remembrance Services as follows:
10.45am Milborne Port
10.50am Blackford
10.50am Maperton

Sunday 15 November 9am Morning Service, Blackford
9am Holy Communion, Milborne Wick
10.30am Holy Communion, Maperton
10.30am Matins, Milborne Port
Sunday 22 November 9am Holy Communion, Compton Pauncefoot
10.30am Holy Communion, Milborne Port
3pm Evensong or Holy Communion, Goathill
Sunday 29 November 10.30am Benefice Service, Blackford
Sunday 6 December 9am Holy Communion, Blackford
10.30am Holy Communion, Milborne Port
There is also a Holy Communion held every Wednesday at 10.30am in Milborne Port church.

Home Communion
Home communions are offered throughout the year by one of the retired clergy, to villagers who are unable to attend church. Please contact Amanda Hughes in the first instance, if interested.

Little Jays Mother and Toddler Group
Church House, Milborne Port 9.30-11.30am every Friday morning during term-time. All babies and toddlers, with their carers, are welcome. Singalong and story time, books and colouring materials, and two separate areas for free play. Snacks and drinks are provided for both children and adults. There is a small charge per family each week. Further info contact Louisa on 07980 141821

Advance Notice - Carol Services
Stowell - 6pm Sunday 13 December
Charlton Horethorne - 6pm Christmas Eve

COINS 2NUMBER 2: THE FROME HOARD

In 2010 Dave Crisp was out with his metal detector near Frome. He discovered a pot containing some Roman coins. To be precise, 52,503 coins, dating from 253 to 305 AD. The hoard was buried because this was a period of great upheaval in the Roman Empire. We'll never know why the owners didn't come back for it. A few coins are now on display in the museum in Taunton (the rest are still being cleaned and catalogued at the British Museum). The purchase cost was £320,000 (half to Dave, half to the farmer), so about £6 a coin.



In its heyday Rome minted silver coins, but as the Empire declined so did the coinage. The Frome hoard contains just 5 silver coins; the rest are copper. But the hoard still represents about 5 year's salary for a (very well paid) Roman legionary.
Here's a silver one and a small sample of the rest.





The rest might look a little dull in this uncleaned state, but Roman coins clean up well (use only de-ionised water, olive oil and a soft toothbrush!). Below are similar uncleaned (left) and cleaned (right) copper coins from my own very modest collection.



The silver coin shown above is a denarius of Emperor Carausius. Nearly 800 of his coins were in the pot. Never heard of him? Next month… the amazing story of Carausius:pirate and British rebel Emperor. Geoff McHugh

JOB VACANCY

Cleaner wanted for small cottage in Stowell, 2 hours per week negotiable. Could be more hours if wanted. Must be strong, willing and non-smoker. Car driver essential and refs required. £20 per hour. Call 07876 207784

FOR RENT

Cottage for rent - Quiet location in Charlton Horethorne
Small 2 Bedroom Cottage with Garage with small Courtyard Garden available for long term rental
Fitted kitchen with white goods but otherwise unfurnished
Newly decorated throughout, suit single person
This property would not be suitable for pets and is non-smoking.

Contact 07511 714779

AND ANOTHER:

We have news re our new holiday let – formerly Bapsy Gooding's lovely Lodge.
It has 2 bedrooms, sleeps 4 and also has a sofa bed. Fully disabled friendly and enclosed area for dogs.

At present our letting agency, Dorset Hideaways, are getting the entry on the website ready to go live this week.

We also have the Annexe sleeping 2 people.
Again with fully enclosed garden for a dog.

If local residents wish to book either property, we are now able to book them directly ourselves and offer a discount on the website rental rate.

This may be useful for visiting family and friends to our fellow villagers.

It has been a hard time after losing Bapsy, but we are so proud to be able to share Ashclose Farm's unique rural beauty with others via our luxury holiday lets.

We support the village shop for supplies, the pub for meal recommendations and local housekeepers for the properties.
Hopefully we can also help locals with accommodation for any visitor stays.
Best wishes
Bev Gooding

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? He didn't have the guts!

FREECYCLE

We have horse manure available to collect for no charge to anyone that might need some natural composting material for their garden. Please contact Karen Wood 07740 580 191

Pair of size 10 Wellington boots worn only a couple of times.
billcloss42@gmail.com, 01963 220640

Kitchen Scales
Pasta Tin
Flour Sifter
Biscuit Tin
Recipe Books





jillhanson123@outlook.com

DIARY DATES

Every Tuesday	**Mobile Post Office 1030 – 1230**
Mobile Library	**18 November**
Bingo	**19 November, 6.30m Village Hall**

CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA

NB: Jane Gear writes: Mary Roper and I clean the church brass every 2-3 months and will be doing so on 12 December. We thought it would be helpful for the church cleaners to know that we regularly do this so they don't have to!

CLEANING:

13 November	**Katie Gent** **Andrea Hulme**
20 November	**Sophia Harding-Rolls** **Kate Hill**
11 December	**Tracy Derrick** **Judy Eastwood**
23 December	**Christine Brown** **Peter Brown**
15 January	**Jenny Biggs**
22 January	**Gill Ratcliff** **Christine Brown**

Please let Christine Brown know if you are unable to clean the Church. 01963 220877
Thank you all for your valued support.

FLOWERS:

6 November	**Jenny Hunt Poppies for Remembrance Sunday** - **poppies to stay in church until Advent, then no further flowers until Christmas**

Jenny Hunt says thank you all those who put flowers in church for Harvest although she was very disappointed so few came forward with flowers or produce.

CONTACT LIST

Part time Parish Clerk	**clerk@charltonhorethorne.org.uk**
Ann Lee	
Village Hall Bookings	**chvhbookings@gmail.com or 01963 220021**
Jonathan Powe	

REGULAR ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Arts & Crafts	**Dorian Evered – 07740 183303**
Weds 10.30 – 12.30	
Fine Folk (English Folk Dance)	**May Closs – 01963 220640**
Tues am	
Short Mat Bowls	**Mick Johnson - 07738 130079**
Mon 2 – 4 pm	
Pneuma Pilates	**Ruth Green – 07818 543900**
Mon 10.20 am	**www.pneumapilates.co.uk**
Thu 10.20 am	

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

PCC Church Stewards	**Amanda Hughes - 07768 874818**
	Paul Springett - 07977 545968
Charlton Horethorne Primary School	**01963 220345**
	office@charltonhorethorne.somerset.sch.uk
CHAPS (Panto Society)	**Ross Lund – 07584 064233**
CH & District Gardening Club	**Jenny Peet – 01963 220333**
Village Variety	**Catherine Mathew 01963 220595**
Bell Ringers	**Catherine Mathew 01963 220595**
Charlton Croquet Club	**Jill Hanson 07796 086738**
	www.charltoncroquetclub.com
CHIFS (knitting)	**May Closs 01963 220640**
Arts & Crafts	**Dorian Evered 07740 183303**
Gentlemen's Lunch Club	**Stephen Hall 01963 220599**
Strollers (Just Strollin')	**Pamela Slater - 07772 894573**
	pslater321@btinternet.com
Church Cleaning	**Christine Brown - 01963 220877**
Church Flowers	**Jenny Hunt - 01963 220489**
Village Shop	**07300 832223**
Bingo - Jenny Biggs	**01935 814199**
Village Website	**www.charltonhorethorne.com**

Volunteers willing to drive to medical/dental appointments:
Sue Archer - 07710 268208; Roger Pipe - 07725 433385; Tony Magson - 07976 714498; Jo Slade - 07941 220533