

Dates for your diary

Sunday 18 June (please note this was previously advertised as 4 June)

The Big Lunch (Great-Get-Together),
Charlton Park, 12.30 – 4.00
(see this page)

Saturday 1 July

Community Day
CCRA's big cleaning and greening day
(See page 1)

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 September

CCRA's 10th Anniversary Weekend
Including photographic competition; flower and produce show; members' barbecue; open gardens and an evening with SE7.
Don't miss it (see p3)

Thursday 5 October

CCRA's AGM
St Richard's Hall 7.30 – 9.30 pm
Come along and hear about our greening initiative

Saturday 14 October

Quiz Night
St Richard's Hall 7.30 – 10.00 pm
Further details nearer the time.

Purple for polio

Did you see the swathe of purple crocuses at Fairfield Health Centre in the spring?

They were planted by volunteers from Charlton Community Gardens and the Fairfield Health Centre who joined together to plant 1000 purple crocuses in November last year as part of the awareness raising campaign to eliminate polio worldwide. This was part of a long standing venture by Rotary along with the Royal Horticultural Society's 'Greening Grey Britain' initiative. The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio with the colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child to indicate when they have received their vaccination.

The 1000 crocuses were part of almost 7 million planted across Great Britain and Ireland, and this national campaign continues with a target of 10 million more crocuses to be planted in autumn 2017. Charlton Community Gardens would welcome details of sites suitable for planting more crocuses in our area. Please get in touch with us if you have any suggestions for sites by contacting us at Charltoncommunitygardens@gmail.com

Great-Get-Together

Sunday, 18 June is the national date for the Big Lunch. Last year 7.3 million people across the country joined a Big Lunch happening near them. In the recent past the Big Lunch has been organised by the Eden Project but this year it is also being supported by the Jo Cox Foundation and is being re-named the Great-Get-Together. CCRA invites you to get-together with us for the afternoon, 12.30 to 4pm in Charlton Park. We'll be easy to spot near Charlton House – with a banner, gazebo and tables for any food you're willing to share. There'll be live music – and you can join in if you like. Games for children and adults and good company – great for the whole family.

Emails going astray?

CCRA sends occasional emails to our members with details about events or local issues. If you are not receiving these please check the junk/Spam folder in your email in case they have been filtered. If you are not receiving any CCRA emails please email membership@charltonresidents.org along with your name and address and we'll add you to our mailing list. If you have found emails from CCRA in your junk/Spam please follow your email provider's method to add charltonresidents.org to your safe senders' list and add info@charltonresidents.org to your contacts.

In memoriam

Sadly, we mark the passing of Liz Norris of Delafield Road. Many will have known Liz for her 30 years' service in Asda. Our thoughts are with John and family at this sad time.

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Comments, feedback, queries or material for the next edition of Grapevine should be emailed to: grapevine@charltonresidents.org by 17 July. Alternatively, phone Joy Ogden on 0208 293 3034 or Bob Smith on 0208 853 2697



A clean sweep

Community Day has arrived again. This year's date is Saturday, 1 July and this is your opportunity to make our area a nicer place to be. Just arrive at St Richard's Hall in Swallowfield Road around 10am: we'll have hi-viz jackets, litter pickers, bags and gloves (all supplied by Greenwich Council) ready and waiting – so in small groups you can set off and get rid of those eyesores to be found in too many of our streets.

We've been the lucky recipients of a Ward Budget Grant which we'll use, over the coming year, to smarten up and improve unloved but potentially green areas in central Charlton. So, this year in preparation for the work we've undertaken to tackle, we'd like to focus on tidying up some of our existing green areas. We want to spend time (and person power) giving some attention to: the plot at the Charlton Church Lane end of Nadine Street; the raised bed at the entrance to Wellington Mews; and the long flower bed in Inverine Road, at the junction with Fossdene Road. In addition, where possible we'll chop back tree growth and weeds in unwelcome places. If you're willing to help with greening it would be useful if you could bring a trowel or secateurs. A limited number of garden tools will be available but we'll get more done if we don't have to share too much.

All volunteers, whether cleaning or greening will be entitled to a delicious free lunch at St Richard's Hall between 12.30 and 1.30pm. We hope that some people will want to carry on with some greening after lunch but in any case there will be an opportunity to browse the freecycle event from 2 to 4pm. We'll even be able to offer you a very reasonably priced cup of tea or coffee. As in previous years if you'd like to bring along items that someone else might want, you can do so from 2pm. In order to ensure that we can deal with leftover items, please don't bring electrical items as charity shops won't take them. Unlike previous years, we're asking that if you take away items

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Don't forget the Big Lunch, our community picnic, being held this year on Sunday, 18 June. Full details of this Great Get-Together on page 4.



In the bag! Len Weir and Robert Clay clearly enjoying clearing up...

from the freecycle, you might consider making a small donation to CCRA.

Don't forget that you can report street cleaning issues such as littering, fly-tipping, graffiti or overflowing bins by going to fix.royalgreenwich.gov.uk or by phoning 020 8854 8888. There is also a link for reporting street problems such as potholes, blocked drains, faulty street lamps and cracks in the pavement. Over the summer period the council will be cleaning the drains. Now let's all do our bit. Come and join us on Saturday, 1 July 10am at St Richard's Hall in Swallowfield Road.



CCRA celebrates its 10th birthday this September. See page 3 for how you can get involved.

I heard it on the Grapevine

Knit and Natter

The group will meet on Tuesday, 27 June and 25 July at 2pm in St Richard's Hall, Swallowfield Road: All welcome, you don't have to be an experienced knitter.

Book group

The next meeting of the book group will be on Tuesday, 18 July when we will be reading Napoleon's Last Island by Tom Keneally. For further details please contact Zoe on zoe31well@hotmail.com.

Music Group ('SE7')

We're always interested in gaining new members – especially if you play a melody instrument – strings, woodwind or brass. Music reading is not essential and if you're interested in joining or would just like more information contact Chris on 020 8858 7377. The next two dates are Monday, 26 June and 10 July.

Singing

Singing sessions will be held on Monday, 19 June, 3 and 17 July. New members are welcome and there

is no auditioning process. If you're interested, please contact Chris on 020 8858 7377.

Walking group

The next walk will be on Sunday, 9 July. If you're interested in joining the group or for more details please contact Jill at jillmo@btinternet.com.

Playing out

Sessions take place every other week from 3.45pm in Sundorne Road. The forthcoming dates are 14 and 28 June and 12 July. In order to run the sessions we must have at least four stewards so we'd really value your help. If you are willing and able to help occasionally for an hour or two please contact us by emailing playingoutse7@gmail.com. You get to wear a hi-viz jacket and have the use of a whistle throughout the session – who could miss that chance! The sessions could also run during the summer holiday from 3pm on 26 July, 9 and 23 August if there's enough interest and sufficient volunteers to act as stewards. Let us know – get in touch.

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Happy birthday to us!

C CRA's 10th birthday celebrations coincide with our annual flower and produce show. The yellow insert in this edition of Grapevine gives details of how to take part. There are many other activities, including three ticketed events: a reception for invited guests, who have supported CCRA over the past ten years, on Friday, 15 September; a members' barbecue on Saturday, 16 September; and a birthday celebration at Cattleya on Sunday, 17 September. Please contact events@charltonresidents.org for more details of these.

As part of the celebrations, the local history group

has invited Grapevine readers to write about something memorable that has happened to them during the past ten years – creating a record of life in central Charlton. (See below for details.) Or why not enter the photographic competition (details below)?

During the same weekend, on Sunday, 17 September, there will be another Open Gardens – a very popular event. In May this year six CCRA members opened their gardens and celebrated the diversity of city greening. If you'd like to participate and celebrate you can join in the September Open Gardens event. Just contact events@charltonresidents.org.

Ten reasons to take out your camera

On our 10th birthday CCRA invites you to take part in our photographic competition on the theme of 'ten'.

The photo must be your own work and must not have been previously published; photos may be monochrome or colour; each photo should be 20x25 cms (8" x 10"); photos should be mounted on stiff card; your name and contact details should be written on the back of each mounted photograph; entries must be submitted to Peter Somerville, the organiser,

by 31 August. See contact details below.

The competition will be judged at the special reception on 15 September. Photos will be on display on Saturday, 16 September at the Flower and Produce Show from 2.00 – 3.30 pm at St Richard's Hall in Swallowfield Road. For further details please contact Peter on 020 8265 5454 or 0795236862. Alternatively you can email events@charltonresidents.org.

Down memory lane in Charlton

The past 10 years have been very important for CCRA but also for each one of us - history is all about our own lives as well as the great, the good and the not so good! Do you have a memory, event or achievement, whether great or small, that would mark this decade as special for you? Whether funny, embarrassing, joyous or sad will you share them with us as we celebrate 10 years of CCRA? A paragraph (not too much longer than this – around a hundred words) would be very gratefully received. You might even like to include a photograph. Send any contributions to grapevine@charltonresidents.org or drop it through the letterbox at 26 Wellington Gardens.

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