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An illustrated talk
By
FREDDIE HILLMANN

Monday 14th February at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall
details from Wendy Cone - 01295 811305



Newbottle and Charlton Primary School children take on a new challenge of scooting and skateboarding for their PE lessons this term and were featured in the Banbury Guardian! Find out more on Page 3.



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Nature Notes

We are now having a bit of cold weather with a frost or two but nothing much. Charlton even had a sprinkling of snow the other morning which was extremely localised – there was none round about. We need winter and cold weather to keep our ecosystem in balance. Our grass had got so long that it had to be mown at the beginning of January. We can remember the days when lawn mowers were put away after the last cut in October and weren't heard again until Easter. Grass needs the temperature to be at least 7°C (44°F) in order to grow so it is no wonder that it keeps growing all winter as we have had temperatures above that most of the days until now. Our most surprising sighting was that on the 28th December we had a hummingbird hawk moth in the veg garden visiting the flowers of the salad leaves and rocket. That was really extraordinary.

We have had a family or group of long-tailed tits visiting our bird feeders for only the second time. We usually see these along the hedges in the fields: they are always in gangs and with a particular swooping flight pattern. We've also had a nuthatch which is not one of usual birds. We shall be doing the Big Garden Bird Watch this coming weekend, the last in January, but we had a practice last weekend as we had muddled up the dates: our list included a thrush, which was lovely to see as it is an infrequent visitor, a cole tit and a greenfinch. We used to have lots of greenfinches visiting our feeders but they have been badly affected by a disease so we don't see them much now. The starlings of which we usually have lots were nowhere to be seen – or heard – they are very noisy in this garden: we think they didn't like the loud roadworks. But there were lots of jackdaws arguing amongst themselves in a rook-like way.

We met a muntjac deer in the garden recently. That is really bad news as muntjacs will graze happily along the flower beds nipping off the buds. Our dog is obviously not scary enough. We love seeing the deer – usually roe deer with their recognizable white bottoms as they bounce away – in the fields, but no gardener wants them in the garden as they are so destructive. They are not good news in woodlands either as they browse the young trees. In old managed woodlands where there was a coppicing rotation, the area most recently felled would be fenced off to protect the young growth from grazing. After seven years or so it was tall enough to survive until its next felling.

Deborah and Paul Hayter



Newbottle & Charlton School Update

It was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us for our Christmas Community Tea - we received some lovely feedback and we look forward to welcoming you again soon. It was also lovely to attend the Carol Service at St James Church on 23rd December. Children represented the school with a reading or by playing their musical instruments.

Since the Christmas Break we have begun a whole school topic about Pantomime - oh no we haven't! Oh yes we have! This has provided a fantastic tool for learning in many areas and has somehow led to staff putting on their own pantomime - Cinderella Rockerfella, taking all the staff out of their comfort zone! With excellent ticket sales, this will provide children with a fantastic memory for years to come!

We continue to promote healthy lifestyles - healthy mind, healthy body and have recently had some staff training on anxiety and developing children's coping skills. I also went to Sixfields Stadium to collect our Bronze TAHMS (Targeted Mental Health in Schools) Award which is a wonderful achievement.

We have introduced a new activity into our PE curriculum - scooting and skateboarding. The children are loving this opportunity and even the Banbury Guardian came along to write an article for the newspaper - extract below.

Mrs Smith, Head Teacher

Skateboarding skills honed at primary school

Each hour-long lesson is divided into three progressively more difficult segments as [instructor] Liam explains. "We do a very light induction, how to stand on the board using a partner, how to move your partner, how to obtain balance and how to turn. At the end when they have had a dabble in all of those things, which takes about 45 minutes, they learn a trick and challenge themselves."

All the equipment is provided by Team Rubicon including the all important safety essentials of knee and elbow pads and helmets, and despite the potential for a fall, the children love it. The lessons also act as a way of subtly imbuing the pupils with a notion of perseverance and the laws of physics, the basis of the trick they learn known as an ollie.



NEWBOTTLE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON

CHARLTON MEMORIAL HALL, MAIN STREET,
CHARLTON

7.30PM ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019

ALL WELCOME!!

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018 and matters arising
4. Report from the County and District Councillor, Rebecca Breese
5. Open Forum – for all village organisations to attend the meeting and submit verbal reports on their work and achievements in the last 12 months
6. Chairman's Report of the year to 31 March 2019
7. Presentation of Parish Council accounts 2018-2019

Theresa Goss (*Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council*)

Contact: newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

SERVICES AT NEWBOTTLE

3rd February	Epiphany 4 Sung Eucharist 9.30am
10th February	Epiphany 5 Matins 9.30am
17th February	Epiphany 6 Sung Eucharist 9.30am (celebrant: Rev Carolyn Oley)
24th February	Epiphany 7 Matins 9.30am
3 rd March	Transfiguration Sung Eucharist 9.30am

Thursday 14th February Communion at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton 9.30am

Two words: *If only* . . .
If only things were different . . .
If only I could change my world I'd be happy . . .
If only I had other friends, life could be so much easier . . .
If only . . .

We'd all like to change things, make life more comfortable, make it less of a problem.

There was once a religious man who'd lived all his life faithful to his beliefs. "When I was young," he said, "I prayed for the strength and courage to change the world. But however hard I tried, nothing much seemed to happen. As I got older I changed my prayer and asked just for the power to change the people around me, but even that seemed hard to do. Now I'm an old man I simply pray to God for the grace to change myself."

That's where change begins. Not in trying to shake the foundations of the world, but looking at ourselves with open eyes. Realising that if we want to change anything we have to begin with ourselves. It's no use criticising your neighbour, said Jesus because he's got a speck of dirt in his eye if your own eye's full of it.

Change begins with me and it can begin today. Change in the little things, in the way we see each other, the way we react to other people. And the amazing thing is that when we begin to change, so do other people.

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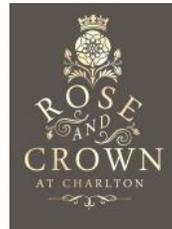
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Valentine's Dinner

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Thursday 14 February 2019

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Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.30pm. www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

Present – Councillors Linda Baker, Adrian Kelly, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby, Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Michael Loggin chaired the meeting.

Apologies – Councillors Richard Bland, Andrea Gladden and Andrew Woods.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Village Web Site/The Link – Lisa Scanlon, Editor of the village web site attended the meeting to discuss advertising on the village web site and in The Link. Following a discussion, it was agreed that a nominal fee would be charged for advertising and this would be finalised shortly. All payments would be made to the Parish Council and any surplus funds, once the domain name and hosting for the web site had been paid, would be donated to causes in the village, such as the pavilion project. However, it was not envisaged there would be much in the way of surplus funds. Lisa was thanked for all her hard work on the web site.

Parish Council Web Site – The Parish Council now had a new web site, which could be found at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

Playing Field Lease and Pavilion Project – Fundraising for the project was continuing. If anyone would like to make a donation, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

VAS/Speed Limit Change on Farthinghoe Road – The pole for the VAS had now been installed and the VAS could be erected. Advice on the siting of the VAS would be obtained from the County Council.

Annual Parish Meeting – This was being held on Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Village organisations were invited to attend and present a report on their activities during the last year.

Planning – S/2018/2427/FUL, Forceleap Farm Road to Hinton Airfield Newbottle - Proposed one cattle shed (108m²) to create 4 individual calving pens, build a roof only link (144m²) between the new shed and 4 bays of an existing cattle building, place 2 shipping containers (15m² each = 30m²) on the site for storage: Approved

Grass Cutting – Mr M Dempsey was again awarded the grass cutting contract for 2019/2020.

Dog Fouling – This continued to be an issue in the village and additional signage would be investigated.

Budget/Precept 2019/2020 – The budget for 2019/2020 was approved and precept was set at £12,000.

Meeting Dates - Future meetings, all starting at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Charlton were as follows:

18 February 2019
18 March 2019
15 April 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting)
20 May 2019
17 June 2019

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours

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Extract from the Banbury Guardian 5 September 1940

SUCCESSFUL VILLAGE EFFORT FOR "SPITFIRE FUND"

The inhabitants of Charlton reacted spontaneously to the suggestion made by Margaret Lady Birkenhead that a communal effort should be made to raise a subscription to the Northamptonshire County Spitfire Fund and, at a few days notice, a jumble sale and fete was organised.

It took place on Monday at The Cottage, Charlton and as a result over £50 was contributed to the fund -- an excellent result to a whole-hearted effort. Lady Birkenhead gleaned £17 by donations and the sale of jumble produced between £13 and £14, whilst various competitions added useful profits, one of the most popular being a shying board on which was painted Hitler's head with wide open mouth to receive the missiles which "hailed" upon it, whilst the rallying call "At him, boy!" was boldly printed above the target.

The domestic staff at The Cottage assisted Lady Birkenhead to provide teas and refreshments, and there were plenty of willing helpers in the sports and competitions, children's races and for the dancing in the evening, which was musically accompanied by a radiogram.

**Middleton Cheney Football Club &
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Last year we supported more than 800 people facing life-limiting illness in our community. Without your help we simply couldn't do that without your generosity. Thank you for everything you do for your local hospice.

CARE FOR A COCKTAIL?

Calling all cocktail connoisseurs! This new year please host a cocktail night to raise money for people facing life-limiting illness. Whether you hold it in your home or your favourite pub, pub or restaurant, there's no better time to get together with friends and help your local hospice. Find out how to get involved at www.khh.org.uk/cocktail

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE EVENTS

We're looking forward to a busy 2019 here at Katharine House, with plenty of fundraising and hospice events throughout the year. From Midnight Walks to mountain treks, open days to volunteer opportunities, you can find out more about what's happening at your local hospice at www.khh.org.uk.

Ash dieback on the Newbottle Estate

Ash is a very important tree in the English lowlands. It is the most populous hedgerow tree and the second most populous deciduous woodland tree, after Oak. But disaster struck with the first cases of Ash dieback or Chalara confirmed in the UK around 2012. Since then it has spread across the country and we started to notice infection here on the Newbottle Estate in 2014. Initially it seemed to mainly affect young trees under 20 years old. But, for the first time, we are seeing serious signs of infection in the older trees. eventually it will kill around 95% of the Ash currently growing in the UK, a x3 times worse impact on our landscape than the Dutch Elm disease of the 1970s. I thought I would bring this serious situation to your attention and update you on the action we are taking to fight this disease right here on the Newbottle Estate.

Before the emergence of Ash dieback, our normal planting mix was 50% Ash/50% mixture of other species. 50% of everything we have planted over the last 30+ years will have to be grubbed up and replanted, including clear felling 3.5 acres of trees in Newbottle Woods and replanting them with other species. There are



several areas of woodland that are over 90% ash so whole woods could be wiped out. We are aiming to aggressively selectively fell all the Ash in sections, to gradually reduce the proportion of Ash in our woodlands and plant other species to compensate.

Of more concern are the hedgerow trees. Nearly all the big hedgerow trees you see in this area are Ash. Luckily, on the Estate, we have actively planted a range of other species in our hedges over the last 20 years, but not nearly enough to compensate for the potential loss. Where the old ash trees on the roadside get infected, they must be felled on Health and Safety grounds so will notice that several have been delimbed ready for felling along the Brackley and Farthinghoe Roads. The rest will follow as infection is identified. In the hedgerows away from the highways and bridleways we will let the disease develop and allow them to fall over naturally in time. But, we are urgently trying to establish new hedgerow trees across the Estate to take their place.

Trying to get a tree growing amongst the root system of an established hedge is difficult. Added to this, individual trees often succumb to squirrels, deer damage and have no protection or shelter from surrounding trees. Last year, we planted 200 hedgerow trees but there are only 20 left, 180 died, mainly eaten by deer or succumbing to the dry summer.

We are working on this terrible situation, so if you hear the chainsaw going or see trees coming down, we are managing the transition to a landscape with no Ash!

Alice Townsend, Newbottle Estate

Christmas Eve Carol Singing

The total raised from the 2018 Carol Singing in Charlton was a fantastic £272 which will be donated to Katharine House Hospice.

Many thanks to all carol singers and to the warm and welcoming home owners!

Andrea Gladden



Newbottle and Charlton Pre-School update

The Pre-School has enjoyed a fantastic few months. At the end of last term our Nativity and Christmas Fayre, held at the school, were a huge success, and we raised more funds than ever before. These will be used for the ongoing improvement of our outdoor space and we thank everyone for their continued support.

December also saw our first open week where we invited parents to come and join us in the mornings, look through their children's folders and ask any questions. This worked really well and gave our parents more of an insight into what their children do here at Pre-School. We plan to schedule another open week before Easter.

Our Pre-Schoolers now have Wednesday mornings to themselves in our small room to help prepare them for the progression into school life, making the transition enjoyable and fun.

Finally, this term we are focusing on nature, so Pre-School is full of creepy crawlies and activities based on the world outside - lots of fun for all of the children.

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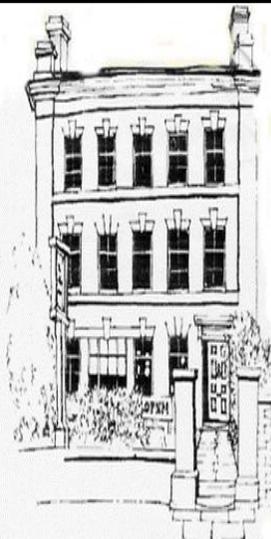
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