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Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight

St. James' Church, Newbottle, 6pm, Sunday 23rd December

The shopping is done, the food is prepared,
presents are wrapped and the tree is decorated.

Now it's time to remember

what Christmas is really all about

*Come to your parish church, hear the real Christmas
story and sing the carols, all by candlelight.*

Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.



Decorating the church for Christmas

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Saturday 22nd December**, beginning at 10am. If you'd like to help or to contribute we'd love to see you. Some people like to give some flowers in remembrance of a loved one. We like white flowers best for Christmas. No expertise required! There'll be coffee and biscuits to help us along.

**Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 19 November 2018
at 7.30pm. www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk**

Present – Councillors Adrian Kelly, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby and Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and two members of the public. Councillor Michael Loggin chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

Apologies – Councillors Linda Baker, Richard Bland and Andrew Woods.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 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 and Julia Rands, Editor of The Link both attended the meeting. There was a discussion about advertising in The Link and on the Village Web Site and it was agreed that they would put together some proposals and bring them back to a future Parish Council meeting. Lisa and Julia were thanked for all of their hard work on the web site and The Link.

Playing Field Lease and Pavilion Project – Fundraising for the project was continuing. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please contact the Clerk.

VAS/Speed Limit Change on Farthinghoe Road – The County Council was still being chased for a date for the installation of the pole.

Grit Bins/Snow Clearance – A quote from Neil Cobb was accepted. The Parish Councillors would monitor the grit bins during the winter and Mr Cobb would be asked to fill them as and when it was required, along with gritting of the roads and the use of the snow plough.

Street Lighting – A quote from Eon for a new street light outside 20A Farthinghoe Road was accepted and an order had been placed for the replacement light. At a future meeting of the Parish Council, there would be a discussion about street lighting in the whole of the village.

Planning – The Parish Council made no comments on an application from Forceleap Farm Road to Hinton Airfield, Newbottle, for a 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.

Budget/Precept 2019/2020 – The budget and precept would be agreed at the January 2019 meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting Dates - Future meetings, all starting at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Charlton:
No meeting in December 2018 18 March 2019
21 January 2019 15 April 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting)
18 February 2019

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the 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

SERVICES AT NEWBOTTLE

2nd December Advent 1 Sung Eucharist 9.30am

9th December Advent 2 Matins & Remembrance 9.30am

16th December Advent 3 Sung Eucharist 9.30am

23rd December Advent 4 **CAROL SERVICE 6.00pm** (no morning service)

24th December **Christmas Eve Communion 9.30pm** celebrant Rev Nick Legget

25th December **Christmas Day Sung Eucharist 9.30am** celebrant Rev Roger Burne

30th December Christmas 1 Matins 9.30am

6th January Epiphany Sung Eucharist 9.30am

As part of our preparation for Christmas there will be a series of four Bible Studies looking at the Gospel readings for the four Sundays in Advent. 9.30am, 7 Cartwright Road on Thursdays 6th, 13th & 20th December. Holy Communion will follow the one on 20th December.

The people present at the crib of Jesus:

MARY - She was chosen to be the mother of Jesus because she was pure. Later on Jesus himself said "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"

JOSEPH - He was there because he was chivalrous. He remained true and loyal to Mary. Never at any time did he leave her unprotected. Her welfare and comfort were his main concern

THE WISE MEN - They were there because they had used their intelligence. They had confidence in their observations and calculations and after a long and determined search, they found what they were looking for

THE SHEPHERDS - When they were told by the angels the Christ had been born, they were getting on with their job of shepherding. Just ordinary men doing an ordinary job. It is in the routine work of life where nothing exciting ever seems to happen that God often reveals himself

THE INNKEEPER - Many artists depict him as being present also. He was there because he was sorry for someone in difficulty and tried to do something to help. It is no good just feeling sorry. We have got to do something about it.

Every year Newbottle Church has a crib during the Christmas season. Why not come and have a look at it? We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

David Morgan

Extract from the Newbottle Parish Magazine, November 1912:

The Gate erected in memory of Mr Myers

Mrs Myers has asked me to thank, through the medium of our Parish Magazine, all who contributed to the funds for the gate to the Burial Ground, given in memory of the friend we miss so much, Mr F J Myers. She is especially pleased with the Gate as it is a copy of another Churchyard Gate which Mr Myers had himself mentioned in connection with our own Burial Ground. She appreciates very highly the kind thoughts of those who have helped to put such a suitable Memorial. We, in our parish, shall appreciate it as reminding us of one who, as Churchwarden and friend, did so much good for the Church, and those amongst whom he lived.

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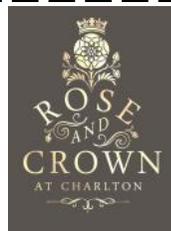
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Christmas at The Rose and Crown

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mince pies & mulled
wine for adults**

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catering purposes, on 01295 811317



Newbottle & Charlton School Update

It is a busy term at Newbottle & Charlton CEVA Primary School. At the beginning of November, the Choir sang at St Marys Church, Banbury for the annual **Children Singing for Children** concert. Despite just a small choir this year their singing was outstanding. After singing two songs as a school, they joined all the other schools present for three collaborative songs. A wonderful event led for our school by the very talented Mrs Williams.



We carried out a week of work on **Remembrance** marking the 100 year end of WW1. Children completed a range of tasks and some lovely art work was produced as a result.

It was **Anti Bullying Week** in November with the strapline - Choose Respect. This is a very important message and in school we want children to feel safe, accepted and valued which is key to children's success. We focused on what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like as well as reminding ourselves that each and every one of us is unique and special. We even all wore Odd Socks for one day as reminder of this!



We also supported the charity - **Children In Need**. On the day itself we all wore something spotty sparkly or stripy and we ran some fun games and stalls at break-time. After this we held our Community Country File Children In Need Ramble. There were a lot of families involved and I would like to thank David and Diane Morgan and Deborah Hayter for their help in starting and leading the walk.

We have already put in the diary our Christmas Community Tea, which will be on Tuesday 18th December from 2pm! Please let the office know if you can attend - (01295) 811480.

Mrs Smith, Head Teacher

Nature Notes

At the time of writing it is still very mild: we had one or two slight frosts a few weeks ago which finally stopped the dahlias flowering but since then we have had lovely weather with sunshine and blue skies. Naturally this affects how plants behave. We are distressed to see next year's crop of weeds sprouting all over the garden – particularly goose-grass or cleavers which is one of our worst weeds – and yesterday on a walk along the valley of the Evenlode we saw several hazel trees with catkins already over an inch long. They were not quite opening and shedding pollen yet but obviously not far off, although some of the leaves were still hanging on the trees. Hazel usually flowers in February before the leaves appear. The catkins are the male flowers and the female flowers, contained within the leaf buds, are little tiny clusters of bright red filaments – the stigmas.

We also saw some wallflowers already flowering in containers. This is really not right! We grow wallflowers from seed sown in the summer, and plant them out in the autumn where they furnish beds and containers with green growth over the winter and then give gorgeous colour in the spring as well as a delicious warm spicy scent. If they flower now, what will they do later?

Holly trees are covered in spectacular numbers of berries and the birds don't seem to have started on them yet. It was always said that a good crop of holly berries signified a hard winter to come: but of course this is nonsense as a holly tree can't foretell the future, it merely reacts to the weather conditions that it finds itself in. So the large number of berries is more likely to be a reaction to the warmth of the summer which enabled it to make more energy and put that into the production of berries.

Another result of the hot summer has been the exceptionally strong autumn colour that we have all been enjoying. In some years oak and ash leaves fall before changing colour at all: this year the oaks all seem to have kept their leaves longer than usual and their leaves are a lovely russet colour, gorgeous in the autumn sunshine. We always particularly enjoy the field maples in the hedge as you go down to Kings Sutton: the field maple is our only native maple tree (sycamores are an introduced species), and though they don't turn spectacular sunset colours like the maples of New England, field maples do always go a beautiful pure butter yellow colour.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

CHARLTON LINK DELIVERER REQUIRED!

Charlton Link is delivered to your home each month by a small team of village people. In the New Year, our dedicated deliverer Marie cannot continue with her route of Farthinghoe Road and Cartwright Road. So we are looking for a replacement. This important role takes **less than 30 minutes once a month** so is not a big task but is vital to get the Charlton news out to the village! Can you help? Please see Keith in the shop for further details.





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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

A practical workshop making a Christmas wreath

by

JOSIE NOTLEY

Ladies - bring some foliage and seasonal additions

Monday 10th December at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall

details from Wendy Cone - 01295 811305



This term we have been learning about various festivals including the story of Guy Fawkes and the children had a go at making their own sparklers.

To encourage number recognition, the pre-schoolers have been playing games with big dice as well as riding their bikes onto different numbers on the floor when that number is called out.



Each week the children have been given a different letter of the alphabet and encouraged to search around at home to find objects that begin with that letter. This helps with their letter recognition and has provided a great selection of objects to look at and talk about.

During our Halloween party morning the children played spooky games, exploring texture and their senses, this included placing their hands into bowls of rather gross and slimy things hidden under towels. Fun was had by all.

Our Christmas Nativity and Fayre is on Saturday 1st December so please come and support us.

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