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## **Newbottle Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting - Newbottle & Charlton**

**Monday 19 April 2021, 7.30pm**

Meeting to be held on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81138365108?pwd=M2Jsa2FVQ1BLbWNNSkdFdHRNY3kzdz09>

Meeting ID: 811 3836 5108 Passcode: 973770

All residents welcome to attend

### Agenda

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 20 April 2020 and matters arising
4. Report from the County & District Councillor, Rebecca Breese
5. Open Forum – for all village organisations to submit verbal reports on their work and achievements in the last 12 months
6. Chairman's Report of the year to 31 March 2021
7. Presentation of Parish Council Accounts 2020-2021

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## Happy Easter!

I hope that by the time you read this the weather will have improved. As I write, on a cold, clear day in March, Spring still feels a little way off. We have all had to do a lot of waiting this past year, as the pandemic has shaped our lives. Waiting with uncertainty, as has been our lot, is particularly hard. Yet it is the story of Holy Week, which we have just celebrated in Church.

For Jesus's disciples the trauma of his arrest and crucifixion robbed them of their hopes for the future, and replaced them with fear and uncertainty. In St John's Gospel we read that after the crucifixion the disciples were fearful and staying indoors, that sounds to our ears uncomfortably like a form of lockdown.

Into the room where they were locked-down Jesus appeared, and said "Peace be with you". In that moment hope displaced fear, and joy overcame sadness. That is the 'Easter effect'. By his death and resurrection Jesus overcomes the source of our greatest fears.

As we look ahead to Spring, and we hope for the easing of the current restrictions on our lives, I pray that we may see glimpses of this hope and joy.

Joy and hope in this life is, for Christians, a foretaste of the perfect joy and peace that Christ offers us in eternity, and which the events of the first Easter make available to us. There is much to celebrate in this great mystery, and you are welcome to join us for our regular Sunday service, every week at 9.30am.

I hope the coming weeks bring you much joy and hope.

Wishing you every blessing,

Father Matthew

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# Charlton Produce Swap



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
3 – 7 pm  
Village Hall Car park**



**Are you a gardener with spare seeds or too many tomato plants?**

**Have you been making cards, candles, cakes or jam?**

**Do you have hens and are there surplus eggs at the moment?**

**If you have bees, is there honey to spare?**

Come to the Charlton Produce Swap on 19th May for the opportunity to swap your surplus for someone else's.

We expect there'll be left-overs to buy. We hope lots of villagers will reveal their creative efforts and get together to see and share what Charlton can produce.

Put the date in your diaries and watch this space for more information.

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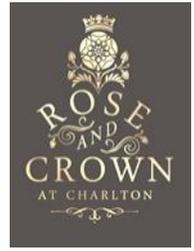
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Please Note our Hours for the Easter  
Weekend

2 April Good Friday – Closed  
3 April Saturday – Open 8am – 1pm  
4 April Sunday – Open 8am -12noon  
5 April Monday – Closed

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!



## **A letter about rights of way from local farmers**

Over lockdown there has been a big increase in people enjoying the great outdoors, and footpaths have taken a pounding in the wet weather! Quiet over the winter, now farms are gearing up for lambing, calving, spring turn-out, and the crop growing season. The airfield will soon get busy again as lockdown restrictions ease.

Spring is an important time for farmers and nature. Straying away from public rights of way inevitably puts you in the wrong place at the wrong time which may be dangerous. You might find yourself in the way of people shooting pests, around large farm machinery or, at the airfield at least, an airplane landing!

Many people believe it is fine to walk along the grass margins which surround many fields. These are spaces for nature, not a right of way. Regular disturbance damages the survival and breeding chances of ground-nesting birds, small mammals, wildflowers and insects.

We are not saying "Get off my land!", we are all genuinely happy to see people responsibly enjoying the countryside, but unfortunately, there has been a sharp rise in people not behaving well. We have faced animosity and threats from some people and none of us like a confrontation. We will never ask people legitimately using a right of way to stop but if we ask you to move to a path, there is probably a good reason.

Some of the problems encountered include: out-of-control dogs; threats to livestock from dogs, gates being left open or people feeding our animals; inconsiderate parking blocking access for tractors to get to work; a massive increase in littering and fly tipping; fences cut or damaged; people disturbing wildlife in quieter corners of farms.

This is an appeal to local people to set an example to others visiting from outside. Please get back to using the public rights of way system and check where they are. If you feel you have special permission to deviate from the paths, please check with the landowner that this is still the case, as situations change. Remember that if you see someone else do something, if you do not have permission, to not copy them.

The Countryside Code is clear:

- Be safe, plan ahead, follow any signs and bring a guide/map
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people in the countryside

We also wanted to say many thanks to the vast majority of you, who are responsibly using and enjoying the countryside. You are setting a good example for others and supporting farmers and their livestock by doing so.

Thankyou,

From the local farmers at Camp Farm, Charlton House Farm, Clock House Stables, Coleready Farm, Farthinghoe Lodge Farm, FH Loggin & Sons, Manor Farm, Newbottle Estate, Rockery Farm, Rowler Estate, The Astrop Estate, Wall Tree House Farm and Hinton-in-the-Hedges Airfield.

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## **Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 15 March 2021 at 7.30pm [www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Present** – Chairman, Councillor Andrew Woods: Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden and Diana Sheasby and Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Resignation/Vacancies** – There are Parish Council elections in May 2021 and a number of current Councillors would be stepping down, therefore new Councillors would be required. If you would like any information on the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or one of the current Parish Councillors. The Clerk can also provide an electronic copy of the nomination papers and the submission dates.

**Newbottle & Charlton Annual Parish Meeting 2021** – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 19 April 2021 at 730pm on Zoom. All residents are invited to attend and village organisations are invited to attend to provide a report on their work. The Zoom joining details are available on the agenda, published on the Parish Council web site.

**VAS Pole on Fathinghoe Road** – The pole which had been damaged would be replaced by the County Council. A new volunteer was also required to take responsibility for the VAS.

**Books in the Bus Shelter** - The books which are located in the bus shelter in Green Lane, were due to be removed. Please contact the Parish Council if you have any queries on this. [newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)

**Community Bus Service** – A community bus service was being run from the village to Brackley, Northampton, Banbury and Towcester. For more information, please call 'Ability' on 01327 604123.

**Village Litter Pick** – This year, the litter pick would be held in September 2021. An exact date would be confirmed nearer the time.

**Street Lighting** – The Parish Council is responsible for the street lighting in the village and has a maintenance contract with Eon. If any street lights are not working please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council who will forward the information to Eon. Please bear in mind that the street lighting contract is between the Parish Council and Eon so if residents contact Eon directly, they may not get a response.

## Planning

S/2021/0169/FUL

Forceleap Farm Estate Office Forceleap Farm Road to Hinton Airfield Newbottle  
Roofing one of the existing silage clamps  
No objections from the Parish Council

S/2021/0172/FUL

Ancillary Building Bell Cottage Farthinghoe Road Charlton  
Alteration and extension to ancillary garden building  
No objections from the Parish Council

S/2021/0067/MAF

Manor Farm Charlton

Variation of Condition 2 plans - S/2020/0468/MAF (Variation of condition 2 (plans) of S/2018/2627/MAF (New agricultural grain store) Reduce footprint of the building and elevation design) to further reduce footprint and amend elevation design  
No objections from the Parish Council

S/2020/2394/FUL

Hunters Hatch, Main Street, Charlton

Part demolition of existing single storey. Proposed two-storey and part single storey rear extension, and demolition of garage with erection of single storey oak framed carport with ancillary space above.

Observations from the Parish Council

S/2021/0296/TCA

Middle-earth Post Office Main Street Charlton

T1 - Macrocarpa – Fell

Approved by South Northants Council

S/2021/0288/TCA

Greystones Main Street Charlton

G1 group - Beech – fell

Approved by South Northants Council

Planning applications can be viewed on the South Northants Council web site.

<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/planappsrch.aspx>

**Free Food Boxes** – The delivery of the free food boxes in the village had started again for those who required support during the pandemic, due to them self-isolating, loss of income etc. Anyone who feels they are eligible, should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council with their address details.

**Meeting Dates** - Future meetings, all starting at 7.30pm would be held on Zoom until further notice. Please contact the Clerk for the joining details.

19 April 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting)

19 July 2021

20 September 2021

15 November 2021

**All welcome to attend!**

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

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**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

### **OPEN GARDENS FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – APRIL 2021 – SUMMER 2022**

As we move into spring and look forward to summer we hope that our annual Open Gardens for Katharine House can take place this year. If you are interested in opening your garden in support of Katharine House or for more information please email [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or contact our fundraising department on 01295 816 484 or visit [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

### **EASTER VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE – 4 APRIL 2021**

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## Newbottle & Charlton School Update



We welcomed back all the children into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and it was lovely to see all of them again with their class mates and teachers. Our focus has been supporting them to transition back into school with lessons on wellbeing, team work and resilience. They have been practising basic skills across the whole curriculum including Art and Science. Each class has continued with their spring topic which they will finish at the end of April.

Oak and Ash classes' topic is called 'Through the Keyhole'. Both classes have looked at the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears through drama; with some children taking a trip to Newbottle Woods.

Elm class learnt about the water cycle and Alice Townsend kindly offered to show the children some of the natural springs close by and explained how water was supplied the village in the past.

Birch class studied different Ancient Civilisations while also looking at Space in Science. They created a scaled model of the distance between the planets using toilet paper. Mercury was only one sheet from the sun, while Neptune was 150 sheets!

Before half term I set the children a 100-challenge in celebration of Sir Captain Tom Moore. Lots of children took up my challenge at home and at school. We had lots of activities completed including trying to run 100k in a month as a family and doing 100 laps around the playground. One class tried to do 100 kind things for friends and family. Miss Dooley and Oak class thought about sending 100 kindness messages to members of our community. We hope if you received one it brought a smile to your faces, as I know the children enjoyed drawing and sending out these messages to lots of you.

At the end of term we were able to go to Church for a short Easter service in our bubbles and each child took part in an Easter Egg Hunt in the playground. It has been lovely to carry out some of our traditional events here at school. We have our fingers crossed that lots of them can go ahead next term.

I hope you have a nice Easter.

*Mr Smith, Interim Headteacher*



# WANTED



Do you care about Newbottle and Charlton?

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on 6 May 2021\*

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\*Applications must be submitted to South Northants Council by 8 April 2021

## Nature Notes

We love having wildlife in the garden but sometimes it is exceedingly destructive. Almost every morning for the past month we have found that something like a small-scale battle of the Somme has been raging on a particular patch of grass – an area about 30 yards square. There are craters and remains of clumps of grass thrown around. It is badgers, and they are after cockchafers and leatherjackets. These are the larvae of Maybugs and craneflies (daddy-long-legs) and they overwinter in the top layers of soil, eating the roots of grass and anything else – which explains why the grass in that area wasn't very good even before the badgers' depredations.

Cockchafers – Maybugs – spend most of their lives, from three to four years, underground as larvae or grubs. They are white and C-shaped with six legs and reddish-brown heads. They can grow up to 4cm, and hatch out in May (sometimes in April in warm springs) and live for a few weeks, eventually laying eggs on the grass for the cycle to start again. Maybugs are large round flying beetles and can be a bit alarming when you meet one, but they are quite harmless. Leatherjackets similarly feed on the roots and bases of lawn grasses and hatch out from August to October, laying their eggs then for the next generation. Apparently there are lots this year because it has been so wet: in a dry season many of the larvae do not survive – which is enough to make one wish for a serious drought.

During the winter we had lots of Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock butterflies hibernating in an outbuilding but they all disappeared in the warm spell in February, though we didn't see any of them outside on the wing. In that same warm spell we spied our first butterfly of the year – a single Brimstone. We have a clump of Buckthorn in the garden, which is the food plant of the Brimstone caterpillar and on which it lays its eggs.

We did some tidying up of our pond – it is a small formal pool really – as it had a lot of grass and muckage in it. We fished out the rubbish and put it on the side, as one should, so that any wildlife could escape back into the water. We were delighted to see about 25 newts slithering back. Newts spend the winter on dry land, hiding under plants or stones, but they return back to the water in the mating season for the next part of the life-cycle. We love to see the newts, but it's a case of you win some, you lose some: the number of newts is why we don't have frog-spawn, as the newts would eat it, and certainly eat any tadpoles that managed to hatch.

It's been reported that this winter there has been an increase in the number of starling murmurations in various parts of the country. These are a remarkable sight, with thousands and thousands of starlings gathering at dusk and performing wonderful acrobatics across the sky before going to roost en masse. We saw a starling murmuration on the RSPB reserve on Othmoor in mid-winter a few years ago, which may be the nearest likely place to see one. Starling populations in this country are down by 80% overall from what they were: one of us can remember late winter afternoons in Banbury seeing every single roofline in the centre black with starlings. The same was true of most towns, but you never see that now. It's thought that the increased number of murmurations at the end of this winter is due to an influx of starlings from Scandinavia because of the very cold weather there. If that is the case, how do they know that if they set off across the North Sea there'll be richer pickings the other side?

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**

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