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Charlton Panto Needs You!



After a very successful run of many pantomimes, a few of our "old timers" can't do the next panto. If you are interested in getting involved in the village panto, this is a great opportunity to have fun and raise valuable funds for the Memorial Hall.

Performance Dates : 19th – 23rd February 2019 (Half Term)

AUDITIONS : Wednesday 12th September

Under 16's 6 p.m. Over 16's and grown-up helpers 7 p.m.

If you have any questions please email Russell Fowler (this year's director) at rfowler5@gmail.com.

Have you had a look at the new village website for Charlton and Newbottle?

Visit www.charltonandnewbottle.com for news, history, local amenities and useful links.

A really good source of information for visitors and locals.



SERVICES AT NEWBOTTLE:

2nd September Trinity 15 Sung Eucharist 9.30am

9th September Trinity 16 Matins 9.30am

16th September Trinity 17 Sung Eucharist 9.30am

23rd September Trinity 18 Matins 9.30am

30th September **Harvest Festival Tea & cakes at 5.00pm Service at 6.00pm**

7th October Trinity 20 Sung Eucharist 9.30am

Many years ago, we often went for a week's trip in a narrow boat on a canal. The weather was usually kind and the landscape on the canal banks was green and gentle. The pace of life was slow and undemanding apart from the locks which punctuated the journey with commas rather than full stops on the way.

One day while we were relaxing and watching the life around us, we noticed butterflies on the canal bank and realised they were travelling faster than we were. It gave us a new perspective.

Life is fast these days. There seems to be little time for anything but the immediate demands of work and daily living. The 'human' things are in danger of being squeezed out. The poet W.H. Davies wrote "What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stop and stare. . . ." He wasn't thinking of an aimless idleness where nothing registers, but of a long look which takes in the world around us. A look which wonders and delights in the intricate beauty of butterflies and all that nature offers. It may renew our perspective and help us understand that life is more than a mad rush from one commitment to another,

The gospel writer St. John links it to our spiritual awareness. "That which we have looked at" he says and the word he uses for "looked" means "gazed at" or taken time over. Whether it's the canal bank, butterflies, or the revealing of God's love by giving us Jesus Christ, we need to take time to consider it, absorb its beauty and reflect on how it can change our lives.

David Morgan

Memorial Hall Update

Many thanks to John and Lindsay Silver who, with very little support, spent a hot and tiring day sanding and treating the wooden play equipment in the park.

The next meeting of the Trustees of Charlton Memorial Hall will take place on **Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm**. If you would like to join the team that meets a few times a year to look after the Memorial Hall, please get in touch with the Chairperson Della Wolfe on della@thecurvegroup.co.uk



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There is a lively, thriving and well-established W.I. in the village. We meet regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month, usually in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

We aim to have a varied programme catering for all interests. In September we shall be visiting a local garden centre. To find out more, please contact - Wendy Cone - 01295 811305.



499 BUS SERVICE



As you may be aware, the 499 bus service stopped on 21 July 2018 due to the lack of funding. The Parish Council and PC's from surrounding villages are trying to form a working group to explore alternative options.

If anyone in the village who used this service would like to be a member of the group, please email the Clerk to the Parish Council, Theresa Goss on newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01295 710965.

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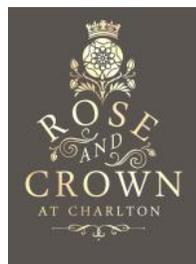
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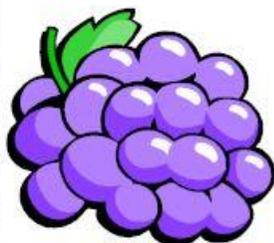
Wednesday 12 September
Curry and Quiz Night

Saturday 29 September
South African Food and Wine Evening

Saturday 13 October
Asian Fusion Evening

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from the Rose and Crown**

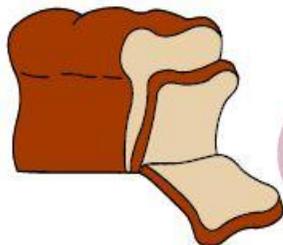
St James Church, Newbottle



HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 30th September
6.00pm**

Refreshments at 5.00pm



This year we are giving the produce to the Brackley Food Bank
PLEASE BRING LOTS OF TINS AND PACKETS
with a reasonable shelf life
to the Church on Saturday morning
or to the service on Sunday

Nature Notes

It has at last rained and the grass is beginning to green up again – but it is taking a long time. Since we have been in Charlton we have never had such a long period without any rain at all, and with consistently high temperatures. Some of the grass really does seem to be dead – and what is coming back is the coarser stuff which we don't necessarily want.

We have managed to eat our sweetcorn ourselves this year, instead of having the badgers come in and take every cob. We think perhaps they are gorging themselves in a field of maize not very far away. One of the effects of the hot weather is to make the sweetcorn exceptionally sweet and delicious, so it is obviously a plant that likes hot weather. It has been interesting to see what has liked it and what hasn't: others will have noticed that geraniums – properly zonal pelargoniums – have covered themselves with flowers and looked more spectacular than ever before, so the pots have been good. But apparently potatoes, which can cope with drought, don't like it very hot and at anything above 24° C the whole plant shuts down and stops doing anything. So potato farmers will be in trouble unless there is time for the plants to catch up with lost growth before harvest.

The grain harvest, especially on the thinner soils, was poor: some of the grains were tiny, though we were told they were not so bad on heavier soil. Again, it was not so much the drought which affected the plants, but the heat which dessicated the plants. They didn't need the grain dryers much though.

We should be at peak Red Admiral butterfly time at the moment, but so far have only seen one in the garden. Usually at this time of the year the buddleias should have lots of Peacocks and Red Admirals but they have been flowering away with few butterfly visitors. One of us does butterfly counts as part of the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey, which means doing two 1-kilometre transects in randomly chosen OS squares, at Forceleap and at Astwick Quarry, one in July and one in August. There were far larger numbers in July than in August, as this was when wild flowers were producing nectar before going to seed. At Forceleap in July there were 8 types of butterfly, including 66 Meadow Browns, 75 Small Whites, and 68 Ringlets, whereas in August there were 7 sorts, the largest numbers being 33 Small Whites and 6 Speckled Woods. The top score at Astwick Quarry in July was 153 Small Whites, but in August there were only 6. No Common Blues were seen there in July, but there were 6 in August.

The lack of rain has not inhibited the growth of trees: though many of them have been shedding leaves early to save on the transpiration of water, there has been phenomenal growth on many things and we shall have to do some really serious cutting back in the winter.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

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Saturday October 6th 2018 at 7.15 pm

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