

CHARLTON LINK

Village News for the People of Newbottle & Charlton



ISSUE 369 NOVEMBER 2019

*Funded by the Parochial Church Council, Newbottle & Charlton Parish Council
and our advertisers*



NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
★ FAYRE ★

SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
1pm to 4pm

AT NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL,
GREEN LANE, CHARLTON

RAFFLE 🌲 **FESTIVE CAFÉ** 🌲 **LOCAL**
CRAFTS 🌲 **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**
OPPORTUNITIES 🌲 **SANTA'S GROTTO**
🌲 **PERFORMANCE FROM THE SCHOOL**
CHOIR 🌲 **TOMBOLA** 🌲 **CHILDREN'S**
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & LOTS MORE!

ALL PROCEEDS TO NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON P.T.F.A.
ALL WELCOME. ENTRANCE FREE.

www.charltonandnewbottle.com

Charlton Link Editor: Julia Rands, juliarands@hotmail.com 01295 812446

Nature Notes

The rain has been rather a feature of the past few weeks. Charlton is on a hill so we are unlikely ever to suffer serious flooding, but no doubt there are other houses where bouts of prolonged heavy rain overload normally efficient soakaways. In our case we get a lake in the cellar and one day we had to bale out the paving outside the back door as the water couldn't get away fast enough and was escaping into the house. Twenty-five years ago climate scientists were warning that one of the effects of global man-made changes would be that the UK's climate would get wetter, and this is certainly the case. We find one of the manifestations of this is the way that ivy is now one of our most common weeds in the garden. Ivy is now appearing all over the place, including in grasslands where it never used to show up.

The wet has coincided with (we don't know if it has caused) a huge growth of fungi of various kinds. Just outside the cemetery this month there were a few horse mushrooms which were eight inches across, and we had a sudden eruption of toadstools in the grass in the garden. We're hoping that none of them are honey fungus which kills off certain plants, but as well as pathogenic fungi (the damaging ones) there are lots of what are called saprophytic fungi, which feed on dead plant and animal remains. Many of these are extremely beneficial, breaking down organic material into humus, minerals and nutrients which can then be taken up by plants. These fungi usually exist in a microscopic form so we don't notice them, or know they are there, until they produce fruiting bodies which are the mushrooms, toadstools, or brackets on trees and fallen wood. At the moment we have a collection of weird yellow fungi, looking a little like a series of sponges overlapping each other, between a grass path and the stone edging. We are assuming that these are harmless.

We have been eyeing our ash tree for signs of ash dieback disease. We were told a couple of years ago by a tree man that it would be dead within three years but so far it seems healthy enough – and still causing us to have to weed out several hundred ash seedlings every year. But this disease, caused by an air-borne fungus, is expected to kill 95% of all the ash trees in the UK in the next decade or so. It has turned out to be more widespread and more severe than anyone expected, and will have a huge impact on the wider landscape. Ash trees are one of the commonest components of British woodland (and make the best firewood) and dealing with such a large number of potentially dangerous trees is going to cost an enormous amount. Usually trees have been felled when there is about 50% dieback in the canopy but it is now thought that the trees have already become brittle by this later stage of the disease and are a risk to people and to property, so they may need to be felled when they are less obviously affected. It may take 10 years for diseased trees to die completely and to fall naturally. It is thought that it will cost the National Trust, for instance, something like £40m to deal with all the ash trees on their land, and nationally, the cost to the UK economy may be up to £4.8bn. All the local Wildlife Trusts will have to raise significant sums to deal with the nature reserves in their care in order to keep visitors safe.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

Services at Newbottle in November:

Every Thursday at 9.30am: Holy Communion at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton.

Sunday 3rd: 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10th: 9.30am Matins & Holy Communion

Monday 11th: 11am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 17th: 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24th: Matins & Holy Communion

November is a time of remembrance in the church. As usual we shall gather together at 11 o'clock on the 11th for our service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the village cemetery. Our school will participate in this service, and everyone is most welcome to attend. It is clear from the continued importance of these services, taking place every year up and down the land, that despite the passing of the generations that fought in both world wars, remembrance still matters greatly.



That we remember things, events or people, is a sign of their importance to us. For Christians remembrance plays a significant part in our faith. Every week we remember Christ, his sacrifice for us, and even his very words at the Last Supper, in the service of Holy Communion. This is more than merely ritual. As God exists outside time and space as we know it his actions are active and present now, even if in human terms they happened in the past. God sees all of human history all at once.

Therefore, this time of remembrance is so important. In our prayers we bring before God those that have gone before us. They may be our own loved ones, or they may be the names of those on our memorial of whom we know little. To God they are known, fully and completely at this moment, and so we can confidently remember them before God and commend them to his love.

Charlton Carpentry & Fencing

Doors
Cupboards
Shelving
Cladding
Guttering
Sheds



Closeboard, Panels, Arches,
Decking, Bin Enclosures, Gates,
Etc

For a free quote call
Mark Brown **01295 812761**
Email

markbrown333@btinternet.com

No Job Too Small
25 yrs experience

CHIROPRACTOR

James Love BSc MChiro

33-34 Parsons Street
Banbury, OX16 5NA



Tel: 01295 258872

www.LoveChiropractic.co.uk



General Chiropractic Council Registered

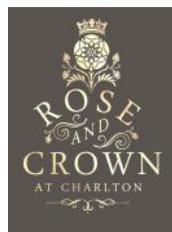
Proud sponsors of Charlton Chargers junior cricket

CHARLTON MEMORIAL HALL

For Hire

- ◆ Large hall
- ◆ Small hall/Meeting room
- ◆ Modern kitchen
- ◆ Toilets
- ◆ On-site car park
- ◆ Disabled access/facilities

To make a booking or find out
more, please contact Sarah, the
Bookings Clerk at:
bookings@charltonmemorialhall.co.uk



Christmas menus now available at
The Rose and Crown

Gifts for Christmas! Why not give a
voucher for the Rose and Crown?

Opening Hours on Christmas Day
12noon – 15h00

Come down and enjoy the festivities



JUSTICE 4 HARRY

In an inspiring demonstration of community spirit, the people of Charlton, our surrounding villages, towns and much further afield have come together to support the family of Harry Dunn since his tragic death in August.



There are lapel ribbons and wristbands available for a donation in the Charlton shop and at the Rose & Crown pub. Larger bows for homes and lamp posts are available in Brackley at The Courtyard Shops. Fundraising through raffles, coffee mornings and curry night at the pub has also boosted the support too. If you would like to make a donation to the Justice 4 Harry fund, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Justice4harry>.

The ribbons alone have already raised well over £600. If you'd like to help out by joining the team of ribbon makers, please contact Nicola Watson via Facebook or at nicolatoomey@live.co.uk.

Charlton Football

After last month's update we have had a busy month. The 1st team failed to keep the winning run going, losing the next two league games. The first one can be put down to our stand-in keeper, who didn't have the best of games. The second one was against Halse, and on the day they were by far the better team and deserved the win.

We got back on track for the next game with a hard fought 0-0 versus Bodicote. Sandwiched in between we had a county Cup match verses Silverstone. The match ended 2-2 but we lost 8-7 on penalties.

Our reserve team has remained winless in the same period. They just haven't had the rewards their performances have deserved. With a bit of luck that will change soon.





**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

“WE’RE RUNNING FOR NANA” A MESSAGE FROM MOLLY, AGE 9.

SANTA FUN RUN – SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019

Molly took part in the Santa Fun Run last year in memory of her nana, Ronnie. She wanted to share a special message with you about this year's event:

“Last year I ran the Santa Fun Run with my family and it was so much fun! It was hard and muddy but really exciting doing it with lots of Santas. Our legs got tired quickly, but we managed to do it with a little help from everyone cheering us on. We finally finished and celebrated with a nice chocolate bar from the coffee van.

We ran for our Nana Ronnie who was the best Nana in the world - she would have laughed so much seeing us doing the run all dressed up!

Nana Ronnie went to Katharine House for two weeks. It was a very sad time for us but it was also nice as all the nurses really looked after us as they knew we were upset.

One day one of the lovely nurses talked to us about Nana and what was happening and gave us some knitted toy cats to help us remember her. All the grandkids got one and we all love our 'nana cats'.

We hope to see lots of Santas this year :)”

Please will you sign up for this year's Santa Fun Run on Sunday 1 December and join more than 400 Santas to raise money for people like Ronnie? Sign up at www.khh.org.uk/santa





Newbottle & Charlton School Update

The term continues to go well and children have been working very hard in their new topics. Oak and Ash took a trip to Coventry Motor Museum where they had a fabulous time exploring the history of different modes of transport. They got to build different structures for cars as well as test out scooters!



In other news we welcomed the 'Voice in a Million' Creative Director into school who led the choir in a workshop, taught them some warming up techniques, listened to them sing new songs as well as some we had prepared. She will decide whether our school can sing on the stage at Wembley at the 2020 VIAM event!



The choir also recently joined two other schools to form a Junior Choir at the Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools at Peterborough Cathedral. 14 members came with Mrs Williams and I to the fantastic day.

The PTFA held its AGM and a new committee was formed. Lots of ideas in the pipeline but an altered event to the calendar is a **Community Christmas Fayre**. Along with the traditional Raffle, Tombola, Games, Café and of course Santa, there will also be variety of outside stall holders with gifts and crafts to sell. The Fayre is on Saturday 23rd November and we hope you can join us between 1-4pm.

We would like to invite you to our Christmas Community Tea on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm - hope you are able to join us.

Mrs Smith, Head Teacher

Charlton Installation Services



**Your
local
electrician**

- All types of electrical works undertaken
 - Over 20 years experience
 - High standard of workmanship
 - A local service you can trust
 - All associated building works carried out
- MCS approved PV Solar Panel Installer

**For your free quotation
call Keith Nash
01280 709830 - 07714 168471**



The Old Hall Bookshop



32 Market Place, Brackley, Northants NN13 5DP.
Tel: **01280 704146**

Books, old & new, maps and more



SMITHS NEWSAGENTS

**We deliver daily newspapers
and magazines to the village.**

**Any combination of
days per week catered for.**

**(Happy to deliver on Sundays
only when the shop is closed)**

**Ring us on 01295 268499
or e-mail**

info@smithsnewsagents.co.uk

DMJ Home Improvements

David Whitrow
66 Rochester Way, Adderbury,
Near Banbury, Oxon, OX17 3JK

**Bathrooms,
Plumbing & Tiling**
Interior & Exterior Maintenance

Tel: 01295 811331

Mobile: 07981 261115