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## VE Day Celebrations

Charlton residents rose to the challenge of a socially distanced VE Day in May. The village was beautifully decked out in bunting and tea parties were dotted about in front gardens and driveways. We even had our very own armoured vehicle drive-by, thanks to the Barrons.

See our centre page spread for more photos of the celebrations and if you'd like to see them in colour, don't forget that Charlton Link is available to view online at the village website (address below).



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## **The Rose and Crown Takeaway Menu**

(Chips can be substituted for rice, sweet potato fries or salad)

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# **Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 18 May 2020 at 7.30pm. [www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Present** – Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden, Michael Loggin, Diana Sheasby and Andrew Woods, Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and two members of the public.

**Apologies** – Councillors Richard Bland & Adrian Kelly.

**Chairman 2020/2021** – Andrew Woods was elected as Chairman for 2020/2021.

**Vice-Chairman 2020/2021** – Michael Loggin was elected as Vice-Chairman for 2020/2021.

**Parish Council Elections** – Elections had been due to be held in May 2020 but had been put back to May 2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. A number of Councillors who had intended to step down in May 2020, had agreed to continue for another 12 months, but will be stepping down in May 2021. Therefore new Councillors will be required to fill the vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like more details, please contact the Clerk or any of the current Parish Councillors.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Relocation of Speed Signs** - The work to relocate the poles and speed signs on Farthinghoe Road had been ordered and would be installed by the end of June 2020.

**Proposed Permissive Footpath from Cemetery to Newbottle Woods** – Astrop Estates had been asked whether they would introduce a permissive footpath running from the Cemetery to Newbottle Woods, however the request had been refused. No further action would be taken by the Parish Council.

**Grass Verge on Corner of Farthinghoe Road and Brackley Road** – Following a meeting with the County Council, further investigations would be made into how this area of grass verge can be protected from further damage by parked cars.

**Housing Needs Survey** – On an objective basis, the Parish Council supported the Housing Needs Survey.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – The Newbottle and Charlton Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 27 April 2020 on Zoom. Minutes are available on the Parish Council web site.

**Accounts 2019/2020** – The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2020 and the Receipts and Payments as at 31 March 2020 were approved.

**Planning** - The Parish Council had made no comments on the following planning applications:

S/2019/2268/FUL, Holly House, Drury Lane, Charlton, Single storey rear extension.

S/2019/2389/FUL, Manor Farm Road to Church, Newbottle, Change of use of agricultural workshop from Agricultural Use to B1 (c) Light Industrial Use.

S/2020/0227/FUL, 3 Green Lane, Charlton, replace roof to create habitable accommodation and single storey extensions to front and rear of property.

S/2020/0580/FUL, Ancillary Building, Bell Cottage, Farthinghoe Road, Charlton - Conversion and extending of outbuilding building into a one bedroom annexe.

(cont'd overleaf)

S/2019/2479/FUL, Church Cottage, Main Street, Charlton – The Parish Council considered an application for the demolition of an existing porch and replace with extension.

The following planning application had been determined by South Northamptonshire Council's Planning Committee/Planning Officers:

S/2019/1430/FUL, Felden House, Main Street, Charlton, replacement of single storey rear timber garden room/greenhouse with new glazed extension under slate tiled roof. Approved

S2019/2004/FUL, Farafield Hogg Lane Charlton, demolition of existing house and integral garage and erection of the new replacement house and carport. Approved

S/2019/2268/FUL & S/2019/2269/LBC, Holly House, Drury Lane, Charlton, single storey rear extension. Withdrawn

S/2019/2389/FUL, Manor Farm Road to Church, Newbottle, Change of use of agricultural workshop from Agricultural Use to B1 (c) Light Industrial Use. Approved

**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.

20 July 2020

21 September 2020

16 November 2020

**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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When I was studying for the priesthood I was required to spend a few days in a monastery. I remember thinking that it must be a strange but relatively easy life, secluded and sheltered from the world. How wrong I was! As one monk pointed out, when you are obliged to live a more simple life, with most of the world's distractions removed, you really get to know yourself and the people around you, and that doesn't always make for a happy outcome.

Perhaps lockdown has, at times, been a little bit like a taster session of the monastic life.

One particular monastic order, the Benedictines, have a rule of life, or way of living, which guides them. It's all about a balanced life, something that it is surprisingly hard to achieve. For the Benedictines that balance is between time spent in stillness and prayer, and time spent actively at work. Each day must contain time given over to work and to prayer.

As lockdown continues, or can only be slightly eased, perhaps the Benedictine idea of each day being balanced with activity and stillness, between 'doing' and just 'being', might provide a helpful structure and stability to our new lifestyles.

**Fr Matthew**

**PLANT SALE**

From Friday 15th May 2020

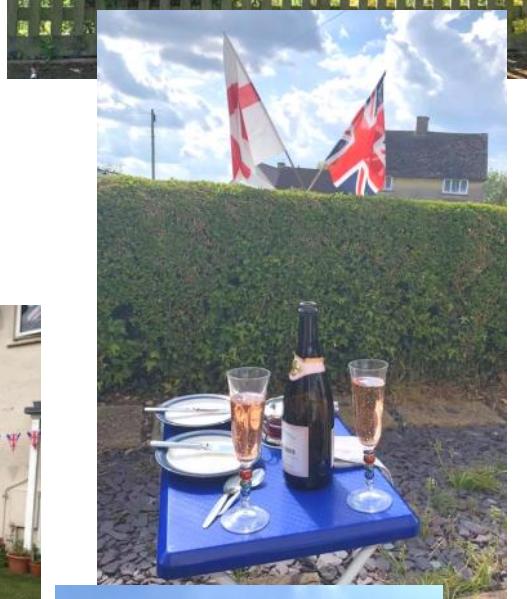
**Butler's Cottage**

**NEW RANGE OF PLANTS AVAILABLE**

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 Galliardias <b>£1</b> each	 Fuchsias Upright & Trailing <b>£2</b> each	 Pelagoniums <b>£2</b> each	I will leave an Honesty Box for people to put money into

# A taste of Charlton's VE Day Celebrations in pictures





## Nature Notes

Jackdaws have had quite a lot of coverage in these notes over the years. They are obviously rather intelligent birds. Last month we saw a pair of jackdaws standing on the back of the white pony in the field next door. They were pecking away with the pony entirely relaxed. They were presumably harvesting small insects, but were also gathering large beakfuls of white fluff which they were taking away as nesting material.

Then our bird feeders have been targeted by a crow – large, handsome and glossy. The first time we found the peanut feeder on the ground we thought it was the tiresome squirrels again: the feeders are supposedly squirrel-proof, but if they get them off their hooks they often spill the contents on the ground when dropped. But then we spied a crow who had got the peanut-feeder off the trellis and dragged it half way across the lawn, still trying to open it. We think we've foiled it by using wire to attach it to a cup-hook, rather than just hanging it on a nail.

We saw the first swallows on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, and the first swifts on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The swifts appeared to be investigating the site of a former' nest and we are hopeful that they may be going to nest there, but haven't seen them much since. When we were first here this house had several swifts' nests every summer and warm balmy evenings were always accompanied by the shrieking of the swifts as they circled overhead. There are fewer every year.

We have been making an effort to sort out the different bird songs which we hear around here. It is so difficult as when you hear the song you can hardly ever see the bird producing it. However we were lucky enough to hear a yellowhammer in the hedge along the church path recently, and it was visible at the time near the top of a tree. It is always written as 'A little bit of bread and no ...cheese', and it really does sound like that, with the 'cheese' on a slightly lower note. We also pinpointed a chiff-chaff's song, sounding like its name: 'chiff chaff, chiff chaff, chiff chaff' with the 'chaff' on a slightly lower note each time.

At the time of writing – the third week in May – the meadow saxifrage in the cemetery is going over, but there was a really good display of the starry white saxifrage flowers standing about a foot tall. This is a rare plant now, and Charlton cemetery is one of its few sites in Northamptonshire. It is a typical hay meadow wild flower and of course hay meadows are a habitat which has all but vanished. The plants that flourished in hay meadows were not the same as those found in grazing pastures: hay meadow plants had to flower and set seed before the hay was cut, and then had to survive being grazed. So they tended to have a basal rosette of leaves which stayed flat to the ground after the flowering stem had been cut.

There's been a succession of blue flowers in the Stone-pits field. There were some good patches of a vivid purple violet early on and then large swathes of blue ground ivy hugging the ground with clusters of small blue lipped flowers. Then just recently there has been masses of sky-blue speedwell colouring large areas of the grass. This is a really annoying weed in the garden but in the wild it is so pretty. At the same time there have been some good clusters of cowslips: we have some in the garden, and ours were flowering long before the Stonepits ones – we have no idea why that should be.

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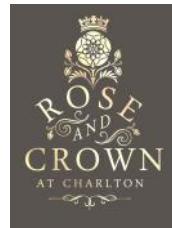
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## Newbottle & Charlton School Update

The school has been continuing to send home learning activities for children to complete as well as being open for key worker children. In the first week of May we focused on VE Day. Children made bunting, watched videos, learnt a WW2 song and completed many other activities. Father Matthew also focused his Collective Worship towards this key event in history. It was lovely to hear and see how everyone celebrated this with social distancing allowing for some community spirit to be felt.



We have been very busy since the Prime Minister announced the potential reopening of schools on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Both Mr Smith and I have been planning a safe way that this could be achieved for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Sadly, school will not reopen before I leave. I have some wonderful memories of the whole community feel of working at Newbottle and Charlton Primary School and connecting with the village.

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbyes so hard.

- Winnie the Pooh



Highlights include the Community Teas we introduced which involved all the children, the strong bond with Pre-school and the fantastic links forged, the Charlton Cherries with David and Diane Morgan, the Open Gardens using Lady Hayter's garden and kitchen to serve teas, the Village Summer Fete, the relationship with Forecleap Farm taking children annually to see the grain store with Alice and

also the link to the church - working with the late Father Roger and more recently Father Matthew but also with the church wardens and wider congregation.

Personally my family has embraced village life too and Josh my son played cricket for Charlton Chargers and my daughter Isabel enjoyed taking part in two pantomimes with all the fabulous Panto crew! I hope to attend many of these events and count lots of people who started as colleagues and parents as friends.

I am sure Mr Smith and the subsequent permanent Headteacher will continue to let you know the tales of Newbottle and Charlton Primary School but my era has come to an end. May God bless you with happiness each and every day,

*Mrs Smith, Head Teacher*



# Charlton Fete Postponed

With great regret we have decided that the Charlton fete and tennis tournament, which was due to take place on July 18<sup>th</sup>, cannot safely take place in the current circumstances.

We will hope to hold it in September.

Watch this space for further information.

## MINUTES OF THE NEWBOTTLE AND CHARLTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2020 AT 7.30PM

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor Andrew Woods; Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden, Adrian Kelly, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), County & District Councillor Rebecca Breese and one member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Richard Bland.

1. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
  2. **MATTERS ARISING** - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2019.  
The Chairman highlighted that there were ring fenced funds in the budget for the Pavilion project, although there had been minimal progress during the last year. It was hoped there would be more progress during the next 12 months.  
Although no sport was being played at the moment, the playing field grass had been cut and the mower was due for a service.
  3. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - County and District Councillor Rebecca Breese had circulated her reports prior to the meeting. They had been made available on the Parish Council's web site.  
Councillor Breese updated the meeting on the work of the County and District Councils, especially relating to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the financial impact on both authorities.
  4. **OPEN FORUM** - Village organisations had been invited to attend the meeting and submit verbal reports on their work and achievements in the last 12 months. However due to the Covid-19 Pandemic there were no reports from village organisations.
  5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – The Chairman of the Parish Council, Andrew Woods, reported on the work of the Parish Council during 2019/2020.  
Councillor Woods thanked the Councillors, the Clerk and Councillor Breese for their work over the last 12 months.  
The Chairman's full report had been made available on the Parish Council web site.
  6. **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2019/2020** - The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council accounts for 2019/2020. The figures had been subject to internal audit and gave an accurate picture of the activities of the year.  
It was noted by the meeting that the Parish Council gave an annual donation to the Memorial Hall of £350 to cover the cost of the grass cutting.
- The accounts had been made available on the Parish Council web site. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

(The meeting closed at 7.50pm)

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