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## **Newbottle and Charlton are lucky to have our very own OCTOBERFEST this month!**

OCTOBERFEST is a series of concerts and events taking place at St James Church, Newbottle, 9-17 October.

The idea behind the event is to bring the people of Charlton, Newbottle and the surrounding area back together again following difficult times, to enjoy some top-class music and entertainment. The event will also raise vital funds for St James Church.

Take a look at the leaflet enclosed to see which concert or event you'd like to attend, there is a diverse range of activities, entertainment and church events, using mainly local talent – there is something for everyone!



All tickets to the concerts are priced at just £10 and other events are FREE.

Check out the website for details of how to book your ticket and find out more about the performers:  
[www.octoberfest-newbottle.uk/](http://www.octoberfest-newbottle.uk/)

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## The Garage Boutique B&B

Belinda Archer, who some may know from Kings Sutton Tennis Club and who won the Charlton Tennis Tournament this summer, set up a boutique B&B at her home with her partner George Mortimer in Marston St Lawrence in 2016.

As a former travel journalist writing for The Times, the FT, Harper's Bazaar and Conde Nast Traveller, Belinda put her knowledge of gorgeous hotels to good use by converting their double garage into a beautifully decorated, self-contained space with a super-king bed and ensuite shower room.

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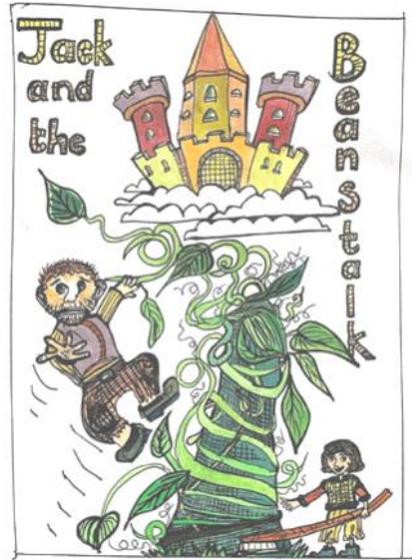
## Bumper year for Panto auditions!

WOW! We welcomed 30 children to our Panto Auditions in September, it was great to see so many happy and excitable children wanting to get involved in the panto.

We will be working with them all as our chorus alongside the key roles which have all now been cast. We are delighted that we have lots of previous panto players that will be appearing on stage in February too.

For now, we are focussing on the activities on the stage, and we know that we are short of a choreographer, also if anyone has any musical experience, we would all benefit from some support in this area!

Please either let us know via our Facebook page, Charlton Panto Players, or by emailing [vjbeadle@hotmail.com](mailto:vjbeadle@hotmail.com)



The Jack and the Beanstalk dates for your diary are 16-19 February 2022.

### Playing Field Update

At the end of August the working party came together to discuss the feedback received recently. After an exciting and positive 2.5 hours, we created an outline business plan to enable applications for funding and an overall plan for the playing field. We created several project ideas to enhance the facilities and hopefully the utilisation of the playing field. The projects are:

- ◆ Making holes in the tree line, laying the hedge potential, feasibility of expanding the entrance
- ◆ Wild flower area - where and how to do
- ◆ Size of the car park, and clearing it back to the fence
- ◆ Research replacement of pavilion based on current location
- ◆ Perimeter path with a wiggle - what does it look like/funding
- ◆ Benches and picnic benches - costs/locations
- ◆ Temporary noticeboard which could become a permanent fixture

We now need to do some investigative work for each of these areas to get to a position to share our proposals with the village and turn these into reality.

The Parish Council has also been awarded 60 saplings as part of the **Queen's Green Canopy Scheme** to celebrate her Jubilee in 2022. We are working through where best to locate these, whether in the playing field and/or in other locations in the village.

After our next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September, we will provide updates here and through our dedicated Facebook page – Charlton Playing Field Project.



## Newbottle & Charlton School Update

The start of this academic year has been a little more normal than last year. We have been able to meet together for our daily collective worship and all the children have been able to see each other at playtimes.

Over the summer we were busy expanding our outside areas for Oak (Yr R&1) and Ash (Yr 1&2) classes to learn and we have also set up a forest school area on our small field. Forest school is a learning process that gives opportunities for children to learn outside through exploration and problem solving and make connections to the world around them. Each class will take part in weekly sessions spread out over the year. Our first class to take part is Birch class (Yr 5 &6) and we'll update you next month with things they have been up to.



We started the year with a mini whole school topic called 'Our school: Our World'. Classes looked at how we can be stewards of the world and we all have a part to play to keep it looking beautiful. Children created art, poems and prayers as part of the topic. They also looked at the creation story from different religious perspectives and how the messages are similar in the need to care for our environment and think more deeply about our own impact.

Children have now started their class topics for the rest of the term which include 'On the Move', 'The Rainforest' and 'Angry Earth'.

My hope is that we are able to have our Open Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October but keep an eye on our website for more details on this.

*Mr Smith, Headteacher*

As the season turns, we will mark this autumn with our Harvest Festival. This year we would like to invite you to 're-discover' your parish church. A week of events have been arranged to suit almost all tastes and interests. We are calling it Octoberfest21, and you can read more about the concerts, exhibition, talk and activities elsewhere in this edition of the Link. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**At 9.30am on Sunday 10th October there will be a Harvest Festival service.** This will be a family service, uniting all generations as we give thanks to God for the harvest, as our ancestors have done in our church for centuries. The Festival will close with evensong at 6.30pm on the following Sunday, the 17th October. This beautiful and ancient service is often said to be one of the jewels of the Church of England. If you've never been to one do come along and find out why.

The 'great unlocking' has meant a relaxation of many of the Covid regulations, and this has prompted us to think of new ways to use the church, and we hope you will want to come along and find out more.

We are also restoring some of our regular services which have been in abeyance during the pandemic. In particular, from 23rd September our fortnightly Prayer Group has begun meeting again at 9.30am at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton. Everyone is welcome to the join this group, and this meeting usually includes a short, informal service of Holy Communion. If you'd like to know more about this, or any of our other services do contact me on the number or email address below.

Wishing you every blessing,

Father Matthew

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## **SERVICES IN OCTOBER**

**Every Sunday in Church at 9.30am**

**Harvest Festival Family Service in Church at 9.30am on 10th October**

**Festival Evensong in Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th October**

**7th and 21st October, 4th November: Prayer Group, with Holy Communion, at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton.**

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## Nature Notes

Sometimes we can have too much wildlife. The badgers are still digging up the grass here, though not quite as much as earlier in the year. They were obviously after the leatherjackets as these have all hatched out now – we have quite a lot of daddy-long-legs about – and the eggs that the adult daddy-long-legs are presumably laying now cannot already have grown big enough to tempt a badger.

We were visited by some young children recently, and they were thrilled to find lots of caterpillars in the veg garden. Needless to say we are not thrilled to find a mass of caterpillars chomping the leaves of the brussels sprouts down to bare skeletons, but I suppose we are doing our bit to support populations of Large White butterflies – popularly known for obvious reasons as Cabbage Whites. But the children also found an Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar elsewhere, and this was more exciting: it is a large caterpillar and has a trunk-like extension on its head which is how it acquired its name.

Late summer is the time when these caterpillars are most often seen, as when they have grown to full size they come down from the plants where they have been feeding and search for leaf litter to hide in, undulating across lawns and bare ground looking for a suitable spot. When they've found it, they bury themselves under dry leaves and develop their chrysalis, a hard casing, in which over winter they will turn from caterpillar to moth. The adult moths emerge at night from May to July; they can be up to 6 cm from wing-tip to wing-tip and are very beautiful, their patterning a mixture of bright pink and soft olive green. They feed on the nectar of night-scented flowers such as honeysuckle.

They are very strong fliers like all hawk-moths and get their 'hawk' name because they can beat their wings very quickly and hover in position when feeding. The *hummingbird* hawk-moth displays this ability best, as it hovers an inch away from valerian flowers, using its long proboscis to extract its food.

At risk of sounding like a gardening column, we have noticed this summer that our agapanthus in pots have produced more flower stems than ever before. We might have congratulated ourselves on our superior management/feeding/watering regime, but it seems that everyone we know who grows agapanthus has found the same. There must have been some particular combination of weather conditions this year? Last winter? Last summer? – which has enabled these plants to produce more flowers. If only we knew what it was we could try and do it again. (For non-gardeners, these are plants with strap-like leaves which produce large heads with many small florets generally of a stunning blue, but there are white and purplish forms too).

We had a very cold late spring and our tomatoes seemed to be very slow in getting round to fruiting and then very slow for the fruit to ripen, but they are catching up now with a terrific crop. The strawberries were pathetic, but we had excellent pickings of raspberries, and there have been lots of blackberries. We have some cultivated ones which have almost finished but we notice that there are lots coming in the hedgerows. Food for free!

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**

# Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting

## Monday 20 September 2021 at 7.30pm

[www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Present** – Parish Councillors Linda Baker, Mark Bracey, Michael Loggin (Chairman), Struan Kenton, Kevin Ridge and Wayne Rule. Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) County and District Councillor Rebecca Breese and District Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms. Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Phil Marshall.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meetings held on 19 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**County and District Councillors** - Councillors Rebecca Breese and Richard Solesbury-Timms attended the meeting and advised how they would be supporting the village, along with District Councillor Rosie Herring, from a County and District perspective. They also gave information on the planning policy at West Northants Councils and if there were any planning matters to discuss, Rebecca Breese should be the first point of contact.

**Playing Field and Pavilion** – Work was continuing with regard to improvements to the playing field and pavilion. Brackley Athletic FC were now using the playing field for their junior matches and were pleased to be in the village. Investigations would now be made into purchasing a defibrillator, which would be located in the pavilion and accessible on match days.

**Myers Close Play Area** – The Parish Council would like to hear the thoughts of the community on the Myers Close play area. Councillors are aware it requires some maintenance work, but would be interested to know how much the play area is used and whether residents believe it should be removed or the equipment be replaced. At this point, this is a tentative request for thoughts from the community as no costs have yet been obtained for maintenance or replacement and any future changes to the play area would be subject to identifying funding. Please email [newbottle-parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbottle-parishcouncil@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.

**'The Queen's Green Canopy'** – Trees had been ordered and would be delivered – in November 2021. They would be planted in the playing field, Primary School grounds and at Newbottle Estate to mark Her Majesty The Queen's, Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022.

**Book Swap** – The village book swap had been started up again in the bus shelter in Green Lane. Jenny Barker should be contacted with regard to donations.

**Street Lighting** – A review of the village street lighting was continuing and Councillors had been liaising with Eon, who currently supplied the electricity and maintained the street lights on behalf of the Parish Council.

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.

**Highways** – A meeting had been held with the County Council and signs asking driver to slow down, had been erected. The Parish Council would like to investigate traffic calming across the whole village, however, there was not the capacity within the Parish Council and volunteers from the community would be required to lead on such a project. If anyone was interested in this role, please contact the Clerk.

**Fly Tipping** – If residents are aware of any fly tipping, please report this to West Northamptonshire Council. <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/report> or call **0300 126 7000**. They will collect the rubbish and also gather evidence, which will then help them prosecute the offenders.

**Parking Issues** – The Parish Council kindly requests that drivers do not park their vehicles on the footpaths in the village. Parking on footpaths means that pedestrians and especially those with pushchairs or wheelchairs have to move into the road to get past the vehicle. This is clearly very dangerous and residents should not be putting other residents in this dangerous position, especially when everyone is so aware of the speeding issues through the village. **Please park considerably in the village.**

**Planning** – The Parish Council had no objections to the following application and it had been approved by West Northants Council:

WNS/2021/1071/TCA - 1 The Walnuts, Main Street, Charlton  
Walnut Tree in front garden - reduce height by 2.0-2.5m and shape. Carry out a 5% crown thin.  
Remove all arisings.

Planning applications can be viewed on the South Northants Council web site.  
<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/planappsrch.aspx>

**Meeting Dates** - Future meetings, all starting at 7.30pm would be held at the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Charlton.

15 November 2021

17 January 2022

**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 [newbottle-parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbottle-parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours

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# KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

## **What's coming up later this autumn and into winter?**

We may be most of the way through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness.

### **Make a Will Fortnight – 4-15 October**

Our Make a Will event is back and this time it's running for two weeks. Between 4-15 October, a number of local solicitors have very generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will, and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. Check our website for a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment.

### **Blenheim 7k Fun Run – 10 October**

On 10 October, why not run, jog or simply take in the spectacular scenery at Blenheim Palace and raise money for Katharine House at the same time? To find out more about the event and how you can get a 20% discount on entry fee when fundraising for us, visit our website.

### **Oxford Half Marathon – 17 October**

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon and represent Katharine House! Challenge yourself to complete the 13.1-mile route through the beautiful city of Oxford.

### **Care for a Curry**

From korma to keema, biryani to balti – whatever your favourite curry, there's never been a better time to get some friends together for a great cause. This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

### **Santa Fun Run – 5 December**

If you thought that Santa's elves worked hard, you should see our fundraising team in the run-up to Christmas. December may feel far away, but we're already planning how to make our next Santa Fun Run the best one yet. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Get the date in your diary and don't forget to let your friends and family know!

### **Keep up to date with your hospice**

Please sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter to keep you in touch with what's happening, including news of our fundraising events and developments at the hospice. For the most up-to-date stories, news and events, you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

### **Find out more**

Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

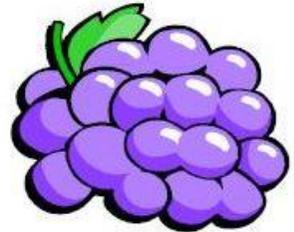
In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.



An extended bank holiday has been declared, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June. As part of the 4 days of celebrations there will be a **Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022.**

The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. We would love to host a community lunch in Charlton, for now please put the date in your diary and we can get planning in early 2022.

## St James Church, Newbottle



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