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## Bingo Night

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Recently, a Girlguiding member from our Brackley district was diagnosed with Leukaemia. She has been a Brownie, a Guide, a Ranger and was working on her Young Leaders qualification when she was diagnosed. We want to raise awareness and raise money.

All monies raised will be shared between Anthony Nolan Leukaemia Trust and Charlton Girlguiding Units. **Please come along and join us.**

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## Nature Notes

At the time of writing it really seems as if spring has arrived. The other day we were assailed by a great waft of honeyish scent in the garden. We have a lot of early species crocus (*crocus tomasianus*) which have spread themselves around and they were fully open in the sunshine and covered with honeybees working away. This was on the 14<sup>th</sup> February so it seemed really early to be finding bees out. We had never realised before that these crocuses have such a sweet scent, but then we read a piece in the Times about how this spring we are having the most fragrant February that anyone can remember. The chief horticultural adviser to the Royal Horticultural Society said that winter flowers are bigger and there are more of them than usual because of last summer's hot weather.

The recent mild weather has also increased the power of scented flowers as sometimes the fragrance is lessened by frost. And, of course, it means that people are out enjoying the sunshine and the scents. Apparently many plants that flower in winter do so in order to attract pollinators at a time when there is little else out for them. The flowers release their scent when it is warm and the pollinating bees and flies are also likely to be out.

On the same day we saw the first butterfly of the year, a tortoiseshell; this would be one of the overwintering sort-of hibernating ones, attracted out from its sheltered nook by the warmth and sunshine. We hoped that it found somewhere else to shelter before the temperature dropped rather dramatically when night fell.

Many of you will have seen the reports in the papers of a major survey of insect life all over the world, revealing catastrophic declines in insect populations of almost all kinds. There is a calculation that 80% of biomass of insects has disappeared in 25–30 years. Insects – including the very tiniest bugs – are the base of food chains and whole ecosystems depend on them. But they are not charismatic, and it is much harder to get worked up about the fate of creepy-crawlies, as opposed to whales, or polar bears, or gorillas. But we need to be worried as all life ultimately depends on them. I'm sure everyone (over a certain age!) will remember that a drive in the country at night time in the summer used to leave the car windscreen a mess of moths and various insects – we would be driving through a snowstorm of moths. And as children we would never have left a window open at night with a light on in the room – if you did you would return to a whirling mass of moths. Nowadays car windscreens hardly need cleaning and you don't need to worry about moths coming in to the light – there aren't enough to be bothered by.

The decline in insect life is partly driven by climate change, but is more to do with the loss of biodiversity, the intensification of agriculture and very wide pesticide use.

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd**

# **JUMBLE SALE**

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## SERVICES AT NEWBOTTLE

3rd March	Sunday before Lent	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
6th March	Ash Wednesday	Communion	10.00am
10th March	Lent 1	Matins	9.30am
17th March	Lent 2	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
24th March	Lent 3	Matins	9.30am
31st March	Lent 4	Matins	9.30am
7th April	Lent 5	Sung Eucharist	9.30am

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Mountains are beautiful, but they can be hard going. Walking uphill is hard work but going down is worse. Harder on the knees. When you reach the top of a high ridge you find a rock to sit on. You tell your companions it's to admire the view but really it's to get your breath back and ease your leg muscles. And away in front of you is a great panorama of ridge after ridge all stretching in different shades of blue into the distance.



Most of the time, though, your horizon's limited. You just walk with your eyes down concentrating on the rocky path ahead and your next step. When you do look ahead, all you see is the nearest rise and happiness is getting to the next bend without stumbling. There are consolations. A waterfall, a rushing stream, an ice cold drink from the glacier above.

Most of the time it's as well you can't see further. When you're getting tired you don't want to see too far. You're just content to keep on moving up the hill. But when you get there, when you hit the high point and look over the distant mountains, all the sweat and aching legs are worthwhile. Something's achieved, you've discovered a new viewpoint, won a little victory. It's something to treasure in your memory. And that's enough for the day.

**David Morgan**

# NEWBOTTLE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON

CHARLTON MEMORIAL HALL,  
MAIN STREET, CHARLTON

7.30PM ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019

ALL WELCOME!!

## AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018 and matters arising
4. Report from the County and District Councillor, Rebecca Breese
5. Open Forum – for all village organisations to attend the meeting and submit verbal reports on their work and achievements in the last 12 months
6. Chairman's Report of the year to 31 March 2019
7. Presentation of Parish Council accounts 2018-2019

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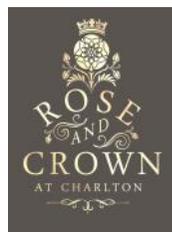
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**St. Patrick's Day**    **Mother's Day**

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# CHARLTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



## Tai Chi

A practical talk  
by  
MARTIN EDWARDS

**Monday 11th March at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall**  
*details from Wendy Cone - 01295 811305*



Dog fouling has become a big problem in Charlton again. Dog mess is one of the most unacceptable and offensive types of litter on our streets.

It is an offence for a dog owner to allow their animal to foul in a public place without clearing it up. Last year, a woman in Kings Sutton was caught and fined for not picking up her dog's mess from the pavement.

If a council officer or any other authorised officer witnesses you not cleaning up after your dog, you may be given a fixed penalty of £50. If you refuse to pay the fixed penalty you may be taken to court and be fined up to £1000 plus court costs.

If you witness someone letting their dog foul in a public place without cleaning it up afterwards, you can report this to South Northants Council.

Include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog (if known), a description of the dog, plus details of the date, time and place of the offence. The web address to report an offence is <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/288/dogs/223/report-dog-fouling>

**Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm**  
[www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Present** – Councillors Andrea Gladden, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby and Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Michael Loggin chaired the meeting.

**Apologies** – Councillors Linda Baker, Richard Bland, Adrian Kelly and Andrew Woods.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Litter Pick** – The village litter pick was being held on Friday 12 April 2019 at 6pm, starting at the Memorial Hall.

**Parish Council Web Site** – The Parish Council now had a new web site, which could be found at [www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Playing Field Lease and Pavilion Project** – Fundraising for the project was continuing. If anyone would like to make a donation, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**Speeding on Farthinghoe Road** – The village PCSO would be assisting the Parish Council to arrange monitoring of speeding vehicles on Farthinghoe Road and also the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – This was being held on Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Village organisations were invited to attend and present a report on their activities during the last year.

**Internal Audit 2018/2019** – The internal audit had been completed and there were no recommendations from the Auditor.

**Meeting Dates** - Future meetings, all starting at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Charlton were as follows:

18 March 2019  
15 April 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting)  
20 May 2019  
17 June 2019

**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

**You can also follow Newbottle Parish Council on Facebook**



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

## **CARE FOR A CUPPA**

This spring, we're inviting you to hold a Care for a Cuppa event to help raise funds for Katharine House Hospice.



Why not get your friends, family or colleagues together at home or in the community and invite them to enjoy an afternoon of tea and cake? Brush up on your baking skills and help offer comfort and support to over 800 patients and their families this year.

You'll be helping to raise the vital funds we need to provide our services and you're guaranteed a great afternoon too! For an information pack and more details, visit [www.khh.org.uk/Event/cuppa](http://www.khh.org.uk/Event/cuppa)

## **MORRISONS COLLECTION**

Can you join the fundraising team on Thursday 28 March to help raise funds for Katharine House Hospice. Our Banbury Morrisons store collection takes place from 10am - 4pm with collection slots available throughout the day.



Please email us at [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or call 01295 816484 if you can help.

## **KEEP UP TO DATE WITH KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE EVENTS**

We're looking forward to a busy 2019 here at Katharine House, with plenty of fundraising and hospice events throughout the year. From Midnight Walks to mountain treks, open days to volunteer opportunities, you can find out more about what's happening at your local hospice at [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).



What a fantastic start to the new year we've had. We have introduced a new system on Wednesday mornings specifically to help with the pre-schoolers' transition to school later in the year. Our new sandpit has also arrived for our outdoor area.

The children have enjoyed carrying out a number of activities from bug hunts to painting bird boxes as part of our topic, 'minibeasts and the environment'.

The topic for the second half of the spring term is Rhyming. The pre-schoolers will be taking a trip to the National Sea Life Centre in Birmingham and all the children will visit Greatworth Hall Farm Education Centre for the lambing season, as we move towards Easter.

## **Village Hall Works Underway**

As reported in the January Charlton Link, the Trustees of the Memorial Hall were awarded a £20,000 grant by Viridor to remove the old lighting and false ceiling, install better insulation and a new raised ceiling in the large hall. The upgrade will make the hall more energy efficient and look really smart for bookings later in 2019 and beyond!

Accommodating our term-time users, work began during the February half term and will continue across the Easter and Whitsun school holidays so you will notice a flurry of activity at certain times this spring.

Don't forget there is a special rate for Charlton villagers to use the hall and there is also table tennis equipment to hire as well. Contact [bookings@charltonmemorialhall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@charltonmemorialhall.co.uk) for more details.

The Trustees will be meeting on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** and are always looking for new members to give a little time to help maintain and improve our village Memorial Hall. Why not come along?



## Newbottle & Charlton School Update

Our Pantomime was a huge success and enjoyed by packed audiences. The staff, although very much out of their comfort zone, put on two fabulous performances of Cinderella Rockerfella and the children found it great to see the staff in this way - I think the parents were quite surprised too! It was such fun to do but not something we shall be repeating in a hurry - I hear the village are returning next year with their panto!



The snow was an unexpected extra to our timetable a few weeks ago and I took the decision to remain open. However, we had a fabulous day in the snow and children had snowmen competitions and enjoyed being all together playing in the fresh white snow on our field.

New learning has begun in classes now and children have started to look 'Through the keyhole' in Oak and Ash (our youngest children) where they are learning about Roald Dahl, the author and all his characters and books. In Elm the learning is all about water - Water of life - and this is very much a geographical and science-based topic. Finally, children in Birch (our oldest children) are looking at Early Civilizations. They are going to embark on a trip the British Museum very soon to help with their learning.

We have remained busy on the sporting and music front too. We have taken part in a Squash taster, Gymnastics competition and also our Basketball team won a competition in Northampton. In music, the choir has reached the final of Banbury Young Musician of the Year, along with Christiana, a talented violinist.

Finally, we have our Spring/Easter **Community Tea on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm** which you are all welcome to join us for - please let the office know if you can attend.

*Mrs Smith, Head Teacher*

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