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## Stall holders needed for Charlton Fete

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The Fete will be back, bigger and better than ever in 2021.

With lots of exciting stalls and games planned, we urgently need more volunteers to help out.

There will be a meeting to plan out the stalls on **Wednesday 16 June at 6pm** at The Cottage. Please come along or contact Deborah Hayter on [hayterdeborah@gmail.com](mailto:hayterdeborah@gmail.com) if you can spare some time on Fete day to be part of the 'event team'.

The Fete raises essential funds for the upkeep of our St James Church, Newbottle and as we missed out in 2020, this is a very important fundraising event.

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## Charlton Memorial Hall

The next meeting is the **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 7pm**, followed by a normal Trustees committee meeting.

The meeting will be on Zoom so everyone can attend and the Trustees would be delighted if anyone would like to join the team.

Join the Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89155002230pwd=N3g3WGRZSWVpU1o3ZDhuOVQrWEZpUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 5500 2230

Passcode: 131119

## Newbottle Parish Council

Many thanks to all the Charlton villagers who voted for me to continue as your Parish Councillor. It has been enjoyable over the many years working with the retiring councillors Andrew, Andrea, Diana, Richard and Ade who I'm sure will continue to support with their expertise. I am looking forward to joining with Michael Loggin to welcome the new councillors Mark, Struan, Phil, Kevin and Wayne, being efficiently led by Theresa Goss our Parish Clerk.

**Linda Baker**



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# CHURCH

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In church we have just celebrated Whitsunday, or Pentecost as it is also known. This feast marks the occasion when Jesus' disciples received the Holy Spirit. It's often regarded as the beginning of the Church. Christ, having returned to God the Father, assures his followers that they are not abandoned, and that they will be encouraged and sustained in their work by what you might almost call a supernatural presence. The fruits of their work are the countless millions of Christians who have lived since the first century.

In a scientific age its easy to dismiss this phenomena, but actually there's more to the Church than meets the eye. We Christians have to admit, with humility, that the human dimension of the Church has, and does, make mistakes. We are far from perfect, which is why we need God. Yet despite these human failings the Church continues to exist, and indeed thrive. Why might that be, when other organisations, be they nations, empires, or political movements have come and gone?

Christians believe that this is because God never gives up on us, or on His Church. Left to humanity the Church might well have disappeared long before now. However, we are not abandoned by God, but sustained by His Holy Spirit. I once heard this summed up by the thought that we worship a God of second chances.

Perhaps these days and weeks also feel a little like a second chance. A few people have said as much to me, as we have talked about the gradual unlocking of society after the worst of the pandemic. If so I hope that you will be blessed in all that you do.

In the coming months we hope to mark this change with the return of The Charlton Fete on the 17th July, and in the autumn with a festival of music and local history in the Church. This will coincide with our Harvest Thanksgiving from 9th to 17th October.

In the meantime do come along to any of our services, you will be most welcome.

Wishing you every blessing,

Father Matthew.

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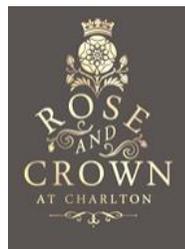
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## Newbottle & Charlton School Update

In May, the children started their topics for the summer term. Each class will hopefully be able to go on a school trip to enhance their learning.

Oak and Ash classes (Reception, Yr 1 & 2) launched their topic with a creative day of children working together to create a collage thinking about all things bright and beautiful in the world.

Elm class (Yr 3 & 4) launched their Roman topic by learning all about the myth of Romulus and Remus and created some artwork inspired by this story. Birch class (Yr 5 & 6) launched their UK topic by completing some orienteering and studying Ordnance Survey maps.



We had a cricket engagement day where Northamptonshire County cricket club came in to deliver some sessions to all classes. Children were really engaged in these sessions and I was impressed with how they worked together.

Recently we were awarded the Foundation Level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of the work we do to bring the world into the classroom. Thanks to Miss Smith for leading on this. We will be working for our Intermediate Award next year.

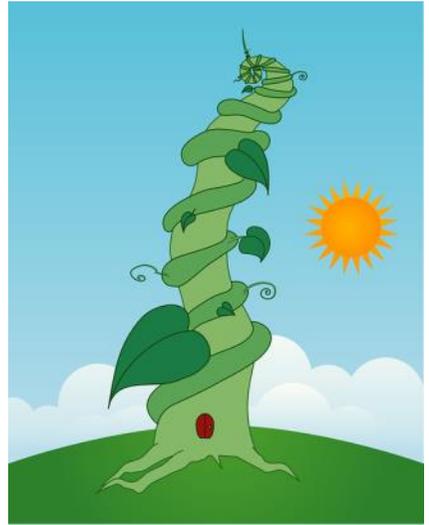
*Mr Smith, Headteacher*

## Charlton Panto 2022

The planning for the Charlton panto has begun! The all important dates for your diary are **16 – 19 February 2022**.

If you would like to join in, follow Charlton Panto Players on Facebook, there will also be monthly updates in the link too, ahead of the start of casting and rehearsals in September.

Our panto this year will be Jack and the Beanstalk.



## Charlton Growing Competition

Charlton Growing Competition is taking place from May to September. Get growing your pumpkin or sunflower now!

Pumpkins need to be HUGE, or the perfect shape or funny and sunflowers need to be tall or have the largest head or be the ugliest..!

Judging will take place at a family fun day in September (sunflower submission date and method to be advised!). Our judges will be representatives from our community groups. We'd love for as many people to get involved as possible, so why not give it a go?

Growing timetable, entry details and competition rules are available on Charlton Chat Facebook, on posters in Charlton Village Shop & Post Office, and on the noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall.



## Nature Notes

We have a number of low dry-stone walls a foot or so high in the garden which were built to retain soil where the levels change. There were several mornings when we were mystified to find chunks of wall had been dismantled with quite large and heavy stones having been displaced. We came to the conclusion that it had to be badgers, and that since we had removed their larder full of delicious juicy cockchafer grubs they were after the clusters of snails that tend to hide in the walls especially in dry periods. We don't mind them eating the snails but the destruction of the walls was irritating.

We seem to be having a really late, cold (and now wet) spring – so unlike last year. The only good thing about it is that flowers are lasting a long time. At the time of writing the cowslips are still flowering – along the M40 is a great site (and sight) for them – and indeed, the cowslips in the Stonepits seem only just to have opened. The meadow saxifrages in the cemetery are looking lovely at the moment – they may still be out when you read this. This is a very rare plant in Northamptonshire as it is one of the suite of hay meadow flowers that have lost the habitat that they developed for and flourished in. They have a flat rosette of leaves at ground level which is evergreen and hugs the ground, meaning that it can survive being mown for hay and thereafter being grazed by livestock. The flower spike is white, with typical saxifrage flowers, very pretty, and it does its thing and sets seed before it is cut with the hay in July. We are so grateful to Colin Boyles who looks after the cemetery for his care in strimming round the meadow saxifrages so that they can set seed and possibly increase.

The Stonepits field is about to have a really blue moment as the Ground Ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*) is just opening its little lipped bright blue flowers. This is a creeping plant (nothing to do with ivy), related to all the other lipped flowers (labiates), like thyme, mint, calamint and all the salvias; if you have this plant at all, there tends to be a lot of it. Another group of small creeping plants with paler blue flowers are the speedwells and there's quite a lot of that in the short grass in the Stonepits too: very pretty in the wild though a real nuisance as a weed in the garden.

A plant that comes back every year along the church path is Pyrenean Cranesbill, one of the wild (true) Geraniums (*Geranium pyrenaicum*), with half-inch pinky-mauve flowers. This flowers for months and is a multi-purpose plant: given a short sward it will not grow very tall but in a wilder verge and with a hedge to grow into it can haul itself aloft. It looks good alongside all the Cow Parsley in full froth at the same time. This plant is sometimes known as Kecks hereabouts, or more preciously as Queen Anne's Lace. We always call it Cow Parsley, and that relates it to the later appearing, more solid and less pretty Cow's Parsnips.

We came across a description of insects known as Burying Beetles, also known as Sexton beetles. These fulfil an important role as undertakers for dead animals such as small birds and mammals. They excavate the soil beneath a corpse so that it sinks and then the female lays her eggs on it. When the larvae emerge they then have a food source. Apparently a pair of beetles were seen burying a dead mouse – it took them an hour. Yuk! But amazing and efficient. We were astonished to see the first small tortoiseshell butterfly on a warm day feeding on dog poo. We had read that the Purple Emperor feeds on faeces but we had never seen this with other butterflies before.

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**

**Notes of the Newbottle Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 17 May at 7.30pm**  
**www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk**

**Present** – Councillors Linda Baker, Mark Bracey, Struan Kenton, Michael Loggin, Phil Marshall and Wayne Rule, and Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Apologies were received from Kevin Ridge.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meetings held on 15 March 2021 and 26 April 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Appointment of Chairman 2021/2022** – Michael Loggin was appointed as Chairman for 2021/2022.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman 2021/2022** – Phil Marshall was appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2021/2022.

**Playing Field and Pavilion** – Councillors Mark Bracey, Struan Kenton, Michael Loggin and Phil Marshall agreed to form a Working Group to investigate the future of the pavilion and playing field. The Trustees had instructed a contractor to carry out an assessment of the pavilion and the report was awaited.

However, there was a wider issue with regard to community involvement and any members of the community who would like to be involved with the Working Group, should register their interest with the Clerk, Theresa Goss. It was almost at a point of '*use it or lose it*' and the Parish Council could not solve the issue and run the facility on its own. Support from the community and sports clubs was essential to ensure this valuable facility was given the care and attention that it needed and was not ultimately lost. The current situation of a dilapidated building and little use of the playing field, could not continue. More information regarding community involvement will be included in The Link and on the village and Parish Council Facebook pages.

**VAS Pole on Farthinghoe Road** – The pole which had been damaged had been replaced by the County Council and Councillor Kevin Ridge would be taking responsibility for the sign.

**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.

**Village Litter Pick** – This year, the litter pick would be held in mid-September 2021. An exact date would be confirmed nearer the time. Councillors thanked Joanna Barrons and all of the 'Charlton Wombles' who have been litter picking and have made a noticeable difference to the village in recent weeks.

**Highways** – A meeting with the County Council Highway Officers would be arranged to discuss speeding issues in the village, especially around the stables.

**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](tel:03001267000). They will collect the rubbish and also gather evidence, which will then help them prosecute the offenders.

**Street Lighting** – The Parish Council is responsible for the street lighting in the village and has a maintenance contract with Eon. 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.

**Play Area Inspections** – Diana Sheasby, although no longer a Parish Councillor, had kindly agreed to continue to inspect the play areas on a monthly basis, on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors thanked Diana for her support.

**Planning** – The Parish Council had no objections to the following applications:

WNS/2021/0273/FUL

2 Farthinghoe Road Charlton

Ground floor extension to side and first floor extension to rear of property

S/2021/0525/FUL

Greystones Main Street Charlton

Replacement of existing single storey garage rear/side extension. Replacement of a 7m stretch of wrought iron railings with traditional stone built wall to match existing on street facing garden boundary.

WNS/2021/0071/FUL

Estate Office, Forceleap Farm Road To Hinton Airfield, Newbottle  
Cattle Shed

WNS/2021/0136/FUL

Greystones Main Street, Charlton

Replacement of existing single storey garage with new built extension providing entrance hall, storage and utility areas to side. Permission also requested for replacement of 7m stretch of wrought iron railings with traditional stone built wall to match existing on street facing garden boundary

The following applications had been approved by West Northamptonshire Council:

S/2020/2391/RES

Land off Hogg Lane Charlton

Variation of conditions 1 (Plans) 2 & 3 (materials) 4 (metre housings) 5 (driveway details) 6 (floor levels), 7 (Construction details) and 8 (water drainage) of S/2019/1210/RES (Application for the approval of reserved matters comprising of layout, scale, appearance, landscaping, and drainage, development approved under outline planning permission S/2018/0036/OUT Two detached dwellings (outline). Additional floorspace within the roof and roof lights on rear elevations

S/2021/0067/MAF

Manor Farm, Charlton

Variation of Condition 2 plans - S/2020/0468/MAF, Variation of condition 2 (plans) of S/2018/2627/MAF

Planning applications can be viewed on the South Northants Council web site.

<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/planappsrch.aspx>

(Cont'd overleaf)

**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.

19 July 2021

20 September 2021

15 November 2021

**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**

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**Charlton village playing field is underused, with a dilapidated pavilion. It could be so much more. Have you got ideas to make the best use of this great village asset? Could you help decide what we as a community can make of the area? Can you help make it happen?**

**The community needs to work together to look at options and decide how to take it forward positively for the village.**

**The Parish Council is forming a new Working Group of Parish Councillors and interested parties. If you want to see the playing fields being used to its full potential, for the benefit of all in the village, and if you can help, please get in touch with the Clerk to the Parish Council, Theresa Goss.**

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### **KATHARINE HOUSE NOT THE MIDNIGHT WALK SATURDAY 17 JULY 2021**

Dust off your glad rags, sprinkle on some sparkle and join our 6 or 10 mile walk. Get together with friends and family and join our summer celebration! We've made changes to keep you safe and promise the kind of fabulous and fun event we've all been waiting for. Find out more, and sign up today at [www.khh.org.uk/notmidnight](http://www.khh.org.uk/notmidnight)

### **OPEN GARDENS FOR KATHARINE HOUSE APRIL 2021 – SUMMER 2022**

We have some very generous supporters opening their gardens for us this summer, if you would like to be involved please head to our website to keep up to date with our Open Gardens events [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens). Alternatively you can get in touch via email: [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or Tel.: 01295 816 484

### **ADDERBURY GOLF DAY – FRIDAY 9 JULY 2021**

Our supporters are hosting their 16<sup>th</sup> Adderbury Charity Golf day in support of Katharine House. The event will take place as Rye Hill Golf Club in Milcombe, and entry is £40 per player for the two ball better ball competition. There are prizes to be won, and fun to be had! Book your place today by contacting 01295 811 059

### **FIRE WALK FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – SEPTEMBER 2021**

As the temperature drops, why not turn up the fundraising heat by taking part in our fire walk to help support people facing life-limiting illness in our community. You'll be walking over embers burning at a temperature that could melt aluminium - without any injury or pain. You'll receive all the training needed to take part on the night during a 1 hour motivational session. To find out more head to [www.khh.org.uk/firewalk](http://www.khh.org.uk/firewalk)

### **OXFORD HALF MARATHON – 10 OCTOBER 2021**

Do you want something to work towards this year? Sign up to the Oxford Half Marathon this October! #RunForCharity for Katharine House and support our patients and families at the same time! Secure your place on Team Katharine House by registering at [www.khh.org.uk/oxford-half-marathon](http://www.khh.org.uk/oxford-half-marathon)

### **KATHARINE HOUSE WEEKLY LOTTERY**

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