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Fabulous Fete Fun!

The weather for the 2019 Charlton Village Fete defied the forecast and stayed dry and fair all day! 340 adults and around 500 children attended the traditional Fete and Tennis Tournament on Saturday 20 July, creating a buzzing and pleasant atmosphere. Visitors enjoyed the stalls, tea & cakes, beer & cider, BBQ, pony rides, dog show, children's races – there was so much going on!

With many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a success, the total raised for Newbottle church was £3700, and £350 for the School's PTFA who provided the excellent teas.

Winners of prizes in the raffle were Anne Goad, Alistair Wilson, G. Smith, Janet Cooper, Dave Jobbins, Alex Thornton, Diane Morgan and the Lucky Programme winner was B. Harris.



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Notes of the Newbottle Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 15 July 2019 at 7.30pm www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Apologies – Councillors Richard Bland and Andrew Woods.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Web Site – The Parish Council now had a new web site, which could be found at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

VAS on Farthinghoe Road – Advice had been sought from the County Council and from the original supplier and it appeared that the VAS was working correctly.

Sponsor a PCSO – Surrounding Parish Councils had been asked for their thoughts on funding a joint PCSO, but there had been a mixed response. This would be discussed at the next meeting once all Parish Councils had replied.

Dog Waste Bin – A new bin would be installed in the Memorial Hall car park. The Parish Council thanked the Memorial Hall Committee for agreeing to this.

Planning - S/2019/1210/RES, Land off Hogg Lane, Charlton – The Parish Council would be objecting to the application for the approval of reserved matters comprising of layout, scale, appearance, landscaping, drainage and access, development approved under outline planning permission S/2018/0036/OUT Two detached dwellings (outline).

Playing Field Lease and Pavilion Project – Volunteers were needed to progress the grant applications and also organise fundraising events for the project. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council if you could assist with this. There had also been a suggestion that the Pre-School could be part of the project and discussions between them and the Football and Cricket Clubs would take place.

Internal Audit 2018/2019 – The Statement of Internal Control and the Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit for 2018/2019 were both approved by the Parish Council.

Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (2018 – 2028) – The Parish Council nor the Parish Footpath Warden, Sir Paul Hayter, had any comments on the Plan.

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

No meeting in August 2019
16 September 2019
No meeting in October 2019
18 November 2019
No meeting in December 2019

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours

You can also follow Newbottle Parish Council on Facebook

SERVICES AT NEWBOTTLE

4 th August	Trinity 7	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
11 th August	Trinity 8	Matins	9.30am
18 th August	Trinity 9	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
25 th August	Trinity 10	Martins	9.30am
1 st September	Trinity 11	Sung Eucharist	9.30am

Saturday 7th September Installation of Fr Matthew Robinson as Incumbent 3.00pm

Driving down a country lane, away from heavy traffic, I pulled into a lay-by. It was just a rough earth parking space, but in place of a van selling burgers it was bordered by a lovely old hawthorn hedge full of wild flowers. There was cow parsley, all cream and feminine, ranks of extrovert dandelions trying to take over everything and bright pink campion.

Then I saw the nettles. Just standing there waiting for me to put a hand out. “There’s always a nettle among the flowers”, I thought rather cynically. Always a catch.

But there’s another way of looking at it. After all, the colour and joy of the flowers was still the same. They weren’t affected. They hadn’t changed. So you could turn our thoughts around and say “Even in a bed of nettles there are beautiful flowers. There’s still colour and beauty there.” It’s the same situation but the way we look at it can lighten our day. As the lifestyle gurus say, “Think positive.”

It’s not always easy but it can change our day. Give it a try.

You will see from the calendar above that we shall be installing Rev Matthew Robinson as our new Vicar on Saturday 7th September at 3.00pm. There will be many people there to welcome him from both parishes as he is installed as Vicar of Newbottle and Kings Sutton by the Bishop of Peterborough, the Bishop off Richborough and the Archdeacon of Northampton. Anybody is welcome to attend the service and the refreshments afterwards.

Fr Matthew was brought up in Northamptonshire and is currently a curate in Sevenoaks, Kent. He is married with a young daughter who will be attending Newbottle & Charlton School. His first service with us will be a Eucharist on Sunday 8th September at 9.30am.

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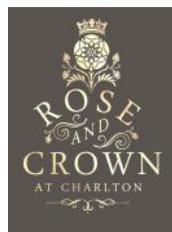
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Nature Notes

Along with many other butterfly enthusiasts we're having a bit of a Painted Lady moment. Britain is having its best 'Painted Lady Summer' since 2009, when it was thought that 11 million of them arrived here. Very large numbers of Painted Ladies have arrived in Britain in the last six weeks, and their offspring will be emerging from now on. The ones that arrive here, having migrated from Africa, tend to look rather faded (we feel that we might, too, if we had made such a journey), and we noticed that the ones we saw in the garden were definitely rather dimmer in colour than the Ladies that we remembered. The new ones that have pupated here we can expect to be much brighter and fresher in colour.

This butterfly is 'continuously migratory' and is now known to make a longer migration journey even than the Monarch butterfly, which was thought to be the longest insect migration measured at 4,500 km, up and down North America. Painted Ladies might be said to originate in Morocco in winter, but they then fly north, following the emergence of the thistles which their caterpillars eat in Britain and Ireland. In other places their caterpillars have been found on Mallows, nettles and viper's bugloss. In good butterfly years they reach the UK in huge numbers, and produce new generations here. When the weather turns cold again the offspring make the reverse journey back to warmer climes.

We'd like to encourage anyone interested in butterflies to join the Big Butterfly Count, run by Butterfly Conservation, from 19th July to 11th August. All the information (including a handy identification chart) is on the Butterfly Conservation website, and you are asked to spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot recording all the butterflies that you see. This could be in your garden – or someone else's – or the road verge, or wherever you like. They are particularly interested in seeing how far the Painted Ladies have travelled, but all records are worthwhile.

We have been taking part for some years in the nationwide Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey, run by Butterfly Conservation. Surveys take place in July and August in random squares across the country to monitor the well-being (or otherwise) of butterfly populations in open countryside. One of those squares includes Forceleap and Hinton airfield. Recording along two 1km stretches of public footpaths on July 8, we saw a total of 219 butterflies: 75 Ringlets, 93 Meadow Browns, 16 Small Whites, 2 Large Whites, 20 Marbled Whites (confusingly members of the Brown family), 2 Commas, 6 Large Skippers, 2 Small Tortoiseshells, 2 Gatekeepers and 1 Red Admiral. This was easily the best return for years.

The Stonepits field (behind the electric fence) is now awash with the yellow of Lady's Bedstraw, so-called because of its sweet hay-like scent. This has loose scrambling spikes of tiny bright yellow flowers and has managed to colonize the humps and bumps of the western half of the field. There are all sorts of other wild flowers as well, which means that it is a haven for insects, the most obvious of which are the Meadow Brown butterflies. These are quite dark brown, with a splash of orangey colour and an eye at the tips of the wings, and they tend to flutter about quite low to the herbage.

It hasn't all been about butterflies: two very handsome Pyramidal Orchids popped up in the cemetery this month. We hadn't seen these before there, and it is one of the characteristics of this genus that they appear and disappear in random places.

Deborah and Paul Hayter



Newbottle & Charlton School Update

We finished off the academic year in style with two weeks of Outdoor Learning where the children had an amazing time taking part in a huge number of activities from archery, pony riding and climbing walls to Harry Potter Quidditch, nature art and orienteering. Here are some photos of just a few of the events. The first week culminated in a camp night at school and the second week with our traditional Sports Day.



The children also sang and played their instruments beautifully for our Summer Concert on a very warm evening at the end of term.

Newbottle & Charlton Primary School is now a public drop off point for bread bag recycling. Details of what can be recycled are in this poster and on the website along with lots of useful clips and info:

www.terracycle.co.uk. The bread bag collection point will be by the old school front door.

Have a lovely summer!

Mrs Smith, Head Teacher

THE BREAD BAG RECYCLING PROGRAMME

ACCEPTED WASTE

Any bread packaging made of LDPE plastic



Waste that is NOT accepted:

Any other bread packaging which isn't LDPE plastic, including but not limited to; bread rolls, baguette, pretzel, crumpet, garlic bread & fruit loaf packaging.



Memorial Hall Update

Thank you to the villagers who visited the Charlton Memorial Hall 'Open Day' in June and helped us celebrate the new improved ceiling and lighting in the main hall. Cake and tea were shared and a plaque to commemorate the grant received from Viridor Credits Environmental Company was unveiled.

The Annual General Meeting for the Hall took place on Wednesday 12th June, thanks to everyone who attended. The trustees discussed the recent refurbishments and future maintenance of the hall. The checked accounts were presented and are in good order.

The very reasonable booking rate to hire the hall will not be increased again this year. A reminder that the Memorial Hall can offer support to groups wanting to start new activities in the village and that there is table tennis equipment available to use at no extra cost.

If you would like to join the team that meets a few times a year to look after the Memorial Hall, please get in touch with the Chairperson Della Wolfe on della@thecurvegroup.co.uk





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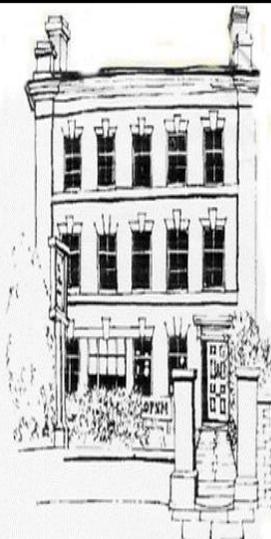
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