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Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Bunting, flags and fancy dress at the ready!! Let's turn Charlton red white and blue to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Best dressed house competition - Judging will take place on 4th June

Party in the Pub, 4th June – with beacon lit behind the pub at 9.45pm

Parade, picnic street party and games on the playing field on Sunday 5th June. All starts with the parade at 12 noon.



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It was good to meet some new faces at the recent 'Freshers Morning' held in the Village Hall. We had some interesting conversations about weddings and christenings, and more generally about the Christian faith. If you would like to know more about these matters or would just like the opportunity to talk about the place of faith and belief in the modern world, please feel free to contact me at the Vicarage. My phone number and email address are listed below.

This month we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. It is remarkable to think of all the momentous historical events that have taken place during the Queen's reign. We also know that she has had her share of joy and sorrow during a long life lived mostly in the public eye. Whilst giving thanks for her public service I am thankful too for her witness to her Christian faith. Often this faith is unreported, however, over the years she has articulated her personal belief during her Christmas broadcasts. It strikes me that these messages demonstrate that, whatever our position or status in society, we are all subject to the ups and downs of life, and we all have a spiritual life which ultimately cannot be satisfied by what the world offers us. This theme is addressed in one of the Church's prayers, often prayed at the end of the day, "*Be present, O merciful God....so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness.*" I don't know what it's like to have the cares of a whole nation on your mind, but I give thanks that our Queen has been sustained by her faith in a God who does, and who offers to accompany us in our sorrows and joys, and sustain us throughout our life.

However you spend the long Jubilee weekend I hope that you have a wonderful time. If you are in the parish why not come and join us for one of our services? We will have our usual service at 9.30am on Sunday 5th June, and at 6pm that day there will be a special service of Evensong to mark the Jubilee. All are welcome.

With my best wishes,

Father Matthew

Tel. 811364, email: fathermatthew.r@icloud.com

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9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION
6PM EVENSONG FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

ALL ARE WELCOME



Your Fete needs you

Charlton Fete is fast approaching - **Saturday 23rd July 2022.**

To match the success of last year's fete, we need more people to run the stalls on the day. Could you spare some time for this enjoyable task?

If you'd like to get involved, please come along to the next Fete meeting on **Tuesday 7th June at 6pm** at The Cottage on Main Street.

Or if you can't make it to the meeting, please get in touch with Deborah Hayter on hayterdeborahg@gmail.com to be part of the 'event team'.

Delivering your Link

A big 'thank you' to all those who bring you the Charlton Link each month (Eileen Graver, Arthur Milsom, Diane Morgan (who has now handed over to Anita Harris), Allan Hawkins and Paul Hayter).

Some of these have been doing their rounds for many years and some would like to step down, so we are looking for new volunteers. It doesn't take long and it's quite enjoyable! Please contact Deborah Hayter on hayterdeborahg@gmail.com or call 811176 if you can help.

Sunny Freshers Morning in May

The Parish Council hosted its first Freshers Morning – to highlight the activities going on in our village and give villagers the opportunity to get involved. The Annual Parish Meeting was also held and had record attendance. Free refreshments were provided by the Village Hall Committee and one of the 4 table tennis tables was out and well-used during the morning.



Offers of support were given to the Village Hall committee and the Playing Field working party, both of whom have ambitious development projects. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help, please email charltonplayingfields@yahoo.com. There are quite a few maintenance projects coming up and it would be good to have a bigger bank of people to call on. No skills required!

MINUTES OF THE NEWBOTTLE AND CHARLTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 7 MAY 2022 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, CHARLTON AT 10.30AM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor Michael Loggin; Councillors Linda Baker, Mark Bracey and Wayne Rule

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and ten members of the public

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors Struan Kenton and Kevin Ridge. District Councillor Rosie Herring.

- 1. MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2021 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 19 April 2021.
- 3. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – There were no reports on from the County and District Councillors. However, District Councillor Rose Herring had attended the Parish Council meeting on 4 May 2022 and had provided a verbal update which the Chairman reiterated to the APM.
- 4. OPEN FORUM** – The Chairman invited representatives from village organisations to provide a report on the work they had been undertaking in the village.
Lady Deborah Hayter reported that there were plans for a major refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. Currently everything was running smoothly at the Hall and an information stand had formed part of the ‘Freshers’ morning.
Della Wolfe reported that the Pantomime was going ahead during October 2022 half term and this year for the first time, tickets would be sold online. The target was to raise £3000.
Victoria Beadle gave an update on the playing field project. The Working Group had progressed a number of actions with support from Alice Townsend and her team. The Chairman thanked Alice for her support with the project. The car park had been upgraded and expanded to encourage people to park on site and not on the road. It was hoped the car park could be expanded further by removing some of the trees. The overall project would cost approximately £257,000 and more people were needed to organise fundraising events and complete grant applications.
The Chairman thanked Brackley Athletic FC for the care they had taken whilst renting the playing field this season and this arrangement would continue into next season. He was pleased to report that there would be a Charlton Mens team next season and it was hoped that funding from the FA could help with the pavilion project.
A number of village organisations had attended the ‘Freshers’ morning and there had been a good turnout from the community.
The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports.
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – The Chairman of the Parish Council, Michael Loggin, reported on the work of the Parish Council during 2021/2022.
Councillor Loggin thanked the Councillors and the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, for their work over the last 12 months.
There was a discussion about the issues with large vehicles travelling through the village and the Clerk agreed to contact the County Council about this matter.
The Chairman also thanked Della Wolfe for all her hard work organising the ‘Freshers’ morning and it had been a great success.
The Chairman's full report was available on the Parish Council web site.

6. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2021/2022 - The Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council accounts for 2021/2022. 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 then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

(The meeting closed at 11.25am)

Playing Field update

The playing field working party continues to make progress and enjoyed meeting villagers at the Freshers Morning. The group is pushing ahead with the perimeter path to initially connect the two new pedestrian entrances on the inside of the field. As more money becomes available, the path will grow to be the whole way round the field. This will improve accessibility and be a new way for users to enjoy the field.

We are keen to put benches in the field this summer – there are none currently. But they are expensive if we want quality ones that will last. We would love for any villagers interested in sponsoring a bench to email us. We will provide the plaque, which would of course be a lasting legacy for time spent in the village. We would like a combination of picnic and normal benches, we are seeking around £300 contribution per bench. Our email address is charltonplayingfields@yahoo.com if you'd like to help.

Open Farm Sunday

Newbottle Estate Farms is once again opening for Open Farm Sunday.

All the usual fun on the farm with trailer rides and lots of demonstrations and displays.

We will be raising money for the Playing Field Project and the butchers will be providing their legendary BBQ.

Please walk from the village if you are able to as parking can get quite busy.



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Newbottle & Charlton School Update

We were pleased that this year we could carry out our May Day Celebration (the first since 2019). Children across the school were busy rehearsing a country or a maypole dance. Parents and friends were invited to watch and all the children were amazing.

Afterwards we had a Family Enterprise event where children had the challenge of creating a business with their families. We had a range of amazing craft stalls, an ice-cream shop, plant sale, an origami making class and even a smoothie making stall using with the power of a bicycle. Well done to all involved!



At the end of May we learned all about the Queen and about what the Platinum Jubilee means. We are having a special lunch on the field at the beginning of next term to celebrate the Jubilee and all the children will receive a special commemorative medal.

We have finalised the date for our 150 Year celebration. All are invited - current members of the school community and past families, students, staff and the community of Charlton/surrounding villages. It would be lovely to see you there. (See the poster for more details).

And finally, we have some exciting news that Miss Hirst (Ash class teacher) and her partner are expecting a baby which is due in September. Miss Hirst is planning to work as long as she can, which should be until the end of the school academic year (July 2022).

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION

Newbottle & Charlton
C of E Primary School

150th anniversary
1872 2022

2.40pm to 5.15pm
on FRIDAY 8TH JULY
at Newbottle & Charlton School

BBQ **Face Painting** **Singing**
Bouncy Castle **Stalls** **Refreshments**

A chance to relax, reflect, have fun & enjoy our wonderful community!

Mr Smith, Headteacher

Notes of the Newbottle Annual Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 4 May 2022 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Charlton
www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

Present – Parish Councillors Linda Baker, Michael Loggin (Chairman), Phil Marshall, Kevin Ridge and Wayne Rule. Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and District Councillor Rosie Herring.

Chairman & Vice-Chairman 2022/2023 – Councillor Michael Loggin was appointed as Chairman for 2022/2023 and Wayne Rule was appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2022-23.

Minutes - The minutes of the meetings held on 27 January 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee - The cost of an oak tree to be planted in playing field to mark HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, will be covered by the Parish Council.

Playing Field and Pavilion – The car park had been extended, two new gaps in the hedges had been created and gates for these gaps had been purchased, but not yet installed. Tree planting had also been completed and a new noticeboard had been erected. There was a discussion about reforming the Playing Fields Association and this would be progressed in more detail in due course.

Post Office and Village Shop – Jenny Barker had been working hard on a project to keep the shop and post office open and had arranged a number of community meetings to try and address the issue. However, it was still planned that both would close in the near future.

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.

Library Bus Shelter – The Library in the Green Lane Bus Shelter is continuing. Thank you to Jenny Barker for organising this.

Street Lighting – A review of the village street lighting was continuing and Councillors Kevin Ridge and Wayne Rule 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.

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.

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.**

Myers Close Play Area – The Parish Council would like to hear the views of residents regarding the play area and whether it should stay and be refurbished or whether it should be removed and replaced with something different. Suggestions are very welcome. Please contact the Clerk if you have any comments on this proposal.

Defibrillator – A defibrillator had been purchased by the Parish Council and is located at the playing field pavilion. It would only be available when the pavilion was open and not at any other time. If any residents would be interested in attending a training session on how to use the defib, please contact the Clerk. In an emergency, an accessible defib was located at the Primary School, however the cabinet could only be opened once 999 has been dialled and the code had been given out by the operator. Always ring 999 in the first instance. The Parish Council had agreed to take responsibility for the maintenance of the defibrillator located at the Primary School.

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

WNS/2022/0197/FUL

6 Farthinghoe Road, Charlton

Proposed single storey rear extension to the garage and part conversion of the garage to a home office.

WNS/2022/0224/FUL

Hinton In The Hedges Airfield Road To Walltree Farm, Steane

The erection of a skydiving simulator training facility to support the existing Hinton Skydiving School

Concerns were raised.

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

WNS/2022/0530/T CA

Wheelwrights, Main Street, Charlton

Tree works

Approved

Finance – The Parish Council accounts and Internal Auditor's report for 2021/2022 were both approved.

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.

18 July 2022

19 September 2022

21 November 2022

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

Nature Notes

In previous years we have quoted the old saying 'If the oak comes out before the ash, we shall have a splash; if the ash comes out before the oak, we shall have a soak' – referring to the likelihood of rain in the summer to come. If the prediction holds good it looks as if we shall have a good summer this time, as the oaks were all in visible leaf while the ashes had hardly started to unfurl their buds.

This led us to think about the differing rates at which trees leaf up in the spring. By the end of the first week in May all the sycamores were in full heavy leaf while along the hedges the field maples had hardly started. One of the lovely things about spring in Britain is the gorgeous and varied colours in hedges and trees. Green is not just green: the young leaves of the sycamores come out with bronzy, reddish tinges, especially in the hedges; mature oak leaves have a bluish tinge, but their young growth is a fresh limey green. Even the new sprouts of ivy are a world away from the full grown dark leaves we know at Christmas. And we think of our native evergreens – yew and box – as being dark green all year round, but at this time of year a yew tree is covered with new small shoots which are positively golden, and box is the same.

At the time of writing the meadow saxifrage in the cemetery is going over: this is a rare plant in Northamptonshire, with Charlton cemetery being one of its two sites in the county. It has been a lovely sight, and Colin Boyles who looks after the cemetery, is careful to go round it until it has finished flowering, when it can be strimmed. As its name suggests, it is a haymeadow plant, which has a basal rosette of leaves close to the ground, which can survive being mown and grazed, and it throws up a flower spike which in an old-fashioned haymeadow would have flowered and set seed before being mown with the grass for hay. 97% of old haymeadows have disappeared in this country, which is why plants such as this are such rare survivals.

Cowslips however are doing very well in a modern habitat: the verges of the M40 have several stretches which have been awash with cowslips, and there have been a few again this year in the Stonepits field. There's plenty of cow parsley about – no hint of this becoming rare any time soon. We always call it Cow Parsley, but it is also known as Queen Anne's Lace, or locally Kecks or Keck. It has been good to see a long patch of comfrey along the hedge of the Playing Field in Farthinghoe Road. This has whiteish tubular flowers in clusters, and is *Symphytum officinale* (or possibly a hybrid introduced along roadsides). It was long used in herbal medicine and called Knitbone as it was used on wounds. It does apparently have a compound in its leaves which encourages new cell growth. Gardeners love it: it's very good for the compost heap and can be used to make plant food. A bucket full of leaves left to soak in water makes a very strong (it needs diluting) and very smelly plant feed to water onto your pots or dahlias.

We were thrilled to find a baby toad in the greenhouse – only about an inch and half long. We hope it is still there chomping on the slugs and snails before they chomp up our baby plants.

Our fortnightly butterfly survey in Ardley Quarry gave us two rare sightings: a Grizzled Skipper and a Green Hairstreak. We have never seen either of these in the garden; here we are still seeing Holly Blues, occasional Brimstones and rather too many white ones for our Brassicas.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

Charlton Village Shop and Post Office has now closed. We'd like to find out about its use and what you would like to see happen. If you haven't completed this survey online, please answer the questions and **drop the page in to Walnut House, Main Street** (opposite the shop).

1. Did you use the village Shop? (please circle) Yes No (skip to Q7)

2. What did you use the Shop for? (tick all that apply)
Regular shopping – lots of groceries
Occasional shopping – essentials or things you've run out of
Newsagents services (newspapers, magazines, sweets, cigarettes, lottery tickets)
Buying tickets for local events (e.g. panto, Easter egg hunt, fete raffle tickets)
Post Office services for personal use (please specify)
Post Office services for business use (please specify)
Banking Delivery/collection services

3. How often did you use the Shop/Post Office? (circle one) Daily Weekly Occasionally

4. Which day(s) of the week did you most usually visit the shop?

5. What time of day did you use the Shop/Post Office? (tick all that apply) Early morning (pre 9am) – Morning – Lunchtime – Afternoon – Early evening

6. What sort of things did you buy from the Shop/Post Office? If you don't mind saying, roughly how much did you spend per week?.....
(skip to Q8)

7. Why didn't you use the Shop/Post Office? And what, if anything, would encourage you to use it?

8. What would you like to see in the village by way of a Shop/Post Office in the future? What services might you use? (please add an extra sheet if needed)
.....

9. Would you support a community run facility by shopping or volunteering
(please circle)

10. Any other comments?

.....

This survey is completely anonymous but it'd be helpful to know a little about you and your household.

11. How many people live in your household? (circle one) 1 2-5 6+
12. How old are you? (circle one) Under 18 19-35 36-50 51-70 71+

Thank you for completing this survey.

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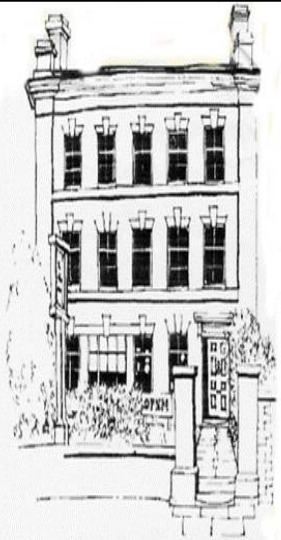
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