

CHARLTON LINK

Village News for the People of Newbottle & Charlton

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Big Charlton Clear-out: Sunday 15th October

Missed car boot season for another year? Want to get rid of some things before Christmas? Been inspired by the minimalist movement? If so - good news! We're running the Big Charlton Clear-out on Sunday 15th October from 10am to 1pm. Set up a stall on your drive or front garden and sell your surplus stuff.

To **register** please email charltonplayingfields@yahoo.com with your address by **Saturday 7th October**. Each stall costs £5 which we'll collect on the day - this goes towards the Playing Fields but you then keep whatever money you make.

A few days before, we'll publish a map of participating stalls on the Charlton Chat Facebook group, on other local sites and display route posters around the village.



No front garden or don't want to publicise your address? No problem - we have a limited number of tables available at the village hall also for £5, first come first served (though you will need to take away anything that you don't sell) and the **Guides will be running a cake stall** from here throughout the day.

And if you have nothing to sell, do mark the date in your diary and enjoy browsing for a bargain whilst having a walk around our lovely village.

Read the Link in colour at www.charltonandnewbottle.com

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As I write, summer is ending after a brief, and welcome, warm spell. The recent misty mornings have heralded the arrival of autumn. However, before the weather began to turn we were able to hold our postponed tennis tournament. Well done to the winners, and thank you to everyone who took part, and thereby helped us to raise funds.

Autumn is a beautiful season. Among its fruits will be the carpet of conkers in the lane outside the church, a delight and a distraction to the children from our parish school (and the vicar!) as they walk to church.

Living in the countryside certainly gives us a clear sense of the changing seasons. However, the seasons of life are not just the familiar cycle of autumn, winter, spring and summer. They include the ebb and flow of joy and sorrow, rest and work, celebration and reflection, and so the Church seeks to reflect these times in its calendar.

The season we are now entering is one of reflection, before moving into one of celebration at Christmas. The raw material for our reflection will often be our own experiences, and this will naturally include those we love. For that reason All Souls is an important part of this season. As in previous years we will gather in church for a short, informal, contemplative service as we remember our departed loved ones. If you would like us to pray for someone by name do let me know. My phone number and email address are printed below. Do come along to this service, which will take place at 4pm on Sunday 5th November. All are welcome.

At 9.30am on that same day we will also keep the feast of All Saints with a Family Service. These services on the 5th November are two sides of the same coin. At each one we will remember those whose memory we cherish. At All Saints it is those to whom we are 'related' by our common baptism. All Christians are made members of the same church family at our Christening, and so the Saints become our kin. Do come along to these or any of the other services we hold. Whether you are new to church, returning after months or years away, or just curious, and wish to find out more about Christianity, all are welcome at St James' Church.

With my best wishes,
Father Matthew
Tel. 811364, email: fathermatthew.r@icloud.com

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY IN CHURCH AT 9.30AM

(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE: 9.30AM SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER)

WEDNESDAY 4TH & 18TH OCTOBER AT 9.30AM

AN INFORMAL SERVICE OF PRAYER, OR HOLY COMMUNION, AT 7 CART-
WRIGHT ROAD, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

NB. NOTE CHANGE OF DAY TO WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 9.30AM: ALL SAINTS FAMILY SERVICE
4PM ALL SOULS SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME

Charlton Pumpkin Carving competition returns this October!



After some stunning entries last year we're excited to see what creative ideas you imagine this Autumn with a Pumpkin Trail around the village. There's no theme this year but pumpkins will be judged on your doorsteps after dusk on Sunday 29th October.

Each entry is £3, or £2 if you have your own pumpkin, with funds going towards the Playing Fields. To enter, email charltonplayingfields@yahoo.com with your name, address (or the address of where the finished pumpkin will be on show) and how many pumpkins you need by Wednesday 18th October. Pumpkins will be available for pick up during the half term week and exact timings sent after you've confirmed your place.

Village Hall maintenance

During the summer holidays, the halls, kitchen and bathrooms all received a fresh coat of paint and a new boiler was installed to ensure the heating is more reliable as the colder weather arrives. We also discovered some issues with the drainage and flooring in the main hall which will be sorted out this autumn. You may have seen, when passing, that the defibrillator is now in place at the front of the hall.

Trustees of the Village Hall meet regularly to manage bookings and make sure the hall is kept in good condition to accommodate village events. Thanks to our new handyman, small maintenance issues will be managed swiftly.

We have a good number of bookings and room for more! If you'd like to become a Trustee to help look after this great village asset, please get in touch with dellawolfe@thecurvegroup.co.uk

HARD TENNIS COURT NEEDS PLAYERS

Tennis players who would like to play through the winter on a decent hard tennis court (it drains well so is playable shortly after rain), are welcome to play on the court at Walnut House, for a £10 donation to the church each time.

Access is via the back gate at the bottom of Hogg Lane. Payment in an envelope through the front door of Walnut House on Main St, or via BACS to PCC Newbottle & Charlton, a/c no 00171155, sort code 30-11-08, with ref. Hayter Tennis.



To raise funds for the Community and Sports Centre on Milton Road, Adderbury, you are invited to bring your items along to an Antiques Roadshow event and have them valued. £3 per item or £5 for two items.

Professional experts in antique valuations will be there:

Frances Noble — Jewellery Expert (Noonens-Mayfair)

Michael Welsh — Ex-Phillips and Bonhams

Robert Bradlow — Oriental Ceramics at Sotheby's

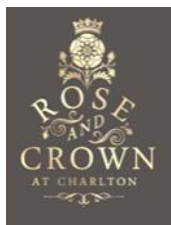
Others to be added.

Saturday 21 October 2023, 12 noon to 3pm

Adderbury Parish Institute

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A licensed bar will also be available.



Sunday 29 October 2023 4pm

Halloween Fun

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Nature Notes

We have a lot of starlings here. Nationally they are in serious decline but not in this garden. They particularly like our big beech hedge in the middle of our patch and when we pass by there is a great commotion as they all flock out at once. We have tried to count them but found it impossible as they move so fast and so confusingly. However they have a way of lining up along our roof and chimneys and then the numbers are at least 60.

The badgers have been in again digging up a different patch of grass this time. It makes the whole garden look messy. And it is particularly annoying as there are so many fallen apples in the orchard that you'd think they'd be happily munching those up instead of bothering our lawn.

We have been thinking about the common names of wild flowers. There is a shrub growing out of the stonework where the Forge meets the front wall of Little Garth which is called the Duke of Argyll's tea tree. We've researched the name, and it is named after Archibald Campbell, the 3rd Duke of Argyll, who introduced it into the country in the 1730s. Its Latin name is *Lycium barbarum*, which puts it into the Nightshade family, and it is native to China where it has been used as a food and medicine for thousands of years. It is also known as the 'wolfberry' or 'Goji berry', because of the small red berries that follow the flowers, which are a rich source of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

It is called a teaplant or tea tree because the leaves can be brewed into a tea which is low in caffeine and high in antioxidants, with a subtle flavour, so we are told, described as a cross between green tea and mint. We haven't tried it but having discovered this, we shall have to in future.

We can think of three wild plants which are called 'Jack' and there may well be more. Jack-by-the-hedge is one of the common names of *Alliaria petiolata*, also known as Garlic mustard, which grows along hedgerows, and has become one of our common weeds in the garden. We have to allow some of it, as it is one of the food plants of the larva of the Orange-tip butterfly. Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon grows all along the church path, with dandelion-like flowers but on a much taller plant with spiky sepals round the yellow petals. And it does close up at midday. Jack-in-the-pulpit is another name for what we usually call Lords and ladies (*Arum maculatum*), currently in evidence in woody places as a leafless spike of bright reddish-orange berries. Its actual flowers in spring are carried on the central spike (Jack) which is backed by a pale greenish-white spathe (the pulpit).

Cuckoo flowers (*Cardamine pratensis*) are presumably called that because they flower in April at the same time as one might expect to hear the first cuckoos. They are also called Ladysmocks, and are a pretty pinkish-lilac, growing in dampish fields.

The results of the Big Butterfly Count in July/August reveal worrying long-term trends though the numbers in this year's survey were the highest since 2019. Last year was an all-time low, and it was expected that last summer's heat and drought would have caused mass deaths among many caterpillars as their food plants shrivelled and died, but this year's capricious summer weather has been an unexpected boon for British butterflies, with plenty of green food plants for caterpillars, and lots of nectar-rich flowers for the adults. Red admirals were the winners this year, as they are increasing with global warming, followed by gatekeepers, large whites, small whites and holly blues. But over the last 13 years of the Butterfly Survey small tortoiseshells, once common everywhere, have fallen by 30%, speckled woods by 38%, ringlets by 41%, common blues by 44% and green-veined whites by 61%.

The head of Science at Butterfly Conservation says that butterflies and moths can generally cope with variable weather – some years good, some years bad. But they can't cope with habitat destruction. 'Butterflies need a place to live. If they can feed, breed and shelter, they can thrive'. We all need to create a bit of wild space if we can, with long grass somewhere and nectar-rich flowers.

Deborah and Paul Hayter



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Newbottle & Charlton School Update

You may have seen a lot of activity at school over the summer holiday as we had an upgrade of the school premises. We are really pleased with how it has turned out. Each classroom has been decorated and all year groups have swapped classrooms. It was a little busy in school the final two days of the holidays as this was the first time staff could get in and I was really proud how quickly staff got the environment ready for the children to start.

We now have a classroom for just Reception children (Oak), while the other three classes are a mixed Year 1 & 2 (Ash), Year 3 & 4 (Elm) and Year 5 & 6 (Birch). Each cloakroom has new pegs and new storage to help with decluttering. We have partially refurbished the toilets in school with new cubicles. Hope to see some of you for our **Open Days on Thursday 5th October and Monday 9th October.**

We welcome two new teachers to our team: Mrs Hetherington and Mr O'Sullivan. Mrs Hetherington is job sharing with Miss Rowe in Ash class while Mr O'Sullivan is working in Birch class. We welcome Miss Hirst back from maternity leave who is working in Birch class one day a week. Mrs Hogan one of our HLTAs is now training to be teacher and working alongside Mrs Lovesay-Bonham. We are really pleased with our new team and can't wait to get the year started.

The children have completed a whole school topic all about cultural diversity which was an area picked up through Ofsted for us to work on. Each class is looking at UK cultures, linking to areas in the world including the Caribbean, Africa and India. Oak class have started their topic 'Super Duper You!' Ash Class will be looking at different vehicles in 'On the Move'. Elm are studying how life has changed for children since Tudor/Victorian times and Birch class will look at what life was like for the Tudors.

Mr Smith, Headteacher



NEWBOTTLE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2023

Broken Street Lights — If any street lights are not working, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council with the lamp number/location and this information will be forwarded 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. They will collect the rubbish and also gather evidence, which will then help them prosecute the offenders.

Myers Close Play Area — Councillor Jordan Bolton will investigate the types of new playing equipment which are suitable for the play area.

Playing Field — A professional would be engaged to apply for grant applications and the recent fundraising cricket match had been a success. The height of the hedge will also be lowered to make the playing field more visible as people enter the village.

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.

Street Lighting Project — The first phase of the project for new lights had been completed and a quote will be received from Eon for the second phase, which includes Myers Way and Myers Close.

Defibrillator — The defib which was located at the Primary School has now been relocated to the Memorial Hall. In an emergency, please always call 999 in the first instance.

Speed Restrictions — The Parish Council will be arranging a meeting with West Northants Council to discuss measures, including 20mph speed restrictions, to slow down the traffic in the village, especially on Farthinghoe Road.

Parking on Footpaths — Residents are reminded that vehicles should not be parked on the footpaths, as this blocks the way for pedestrians and those with push-chairs and wheelchair users.

Parish Council Meetings at the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm: 20.11.23 & 16.01.24

Agendas and Minutes are available at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965 during normal office hours

All welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings!

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www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

Girlguiding in Charlton



Charlton Rainbows has met in the village since 1997. Rainbows is the youngest age group in Girlguiding, for girls aged 4 - 7. After many years' service, Fiona and Pippa stood down as leaders of Charlton Rainbows in July and we are still hopeful that someone in the village, or with village connections, would be interested in leading the unit.

So could you see yourself as the new Rainbows leader? If you are unable to help, do you know anyone who you think would love to get involved and help to support girls in the local community? Email ggbrackley@btinternet.com or message on the Girlguiding Brackley District Facebook page.

Charlton Guides restarted on Friday 15 September and there are spaces for more 10-14 year olds to join. The Guides will be offering yummy cakes at the **Charlton Big Clear Out on Sunday 15 October** at the Village Hall. Proceeds will go towards new equipment.

To register for Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, visit girlguiding.org.uk or come and see us on Friday evenings in the Village Hall. We're looking forward to welcoming new faces!

Charlton Cricket Update

The newly reformed Charlton Cricket Team were on tour for the first time over the August Bank Holiday weekend. A drizzly Sunday didn't put off the committed players, who made the journey to Fringford.

Although the opponents may have had more match practice this year... the game was enjoyed by both teams and spectators, although a first away win will have to wait for next year. Fringford have also kindly donated us their cricket covers to shield our playing area. This was a lovely gesture.



The Cricket Square at the playing field was rented out for the first time to host the annual Soulwell cup, where Fritwell play Souldern. Neither village have their own cricket pitch so were delighted to be able to use one so close. We also opened The Charlton Café. Thank you to Mike Loggin, Matt Walsh and Kevin Ridge for preparing the wicket.

We caught up with 'Nanny' Linda Baker to find out more about her exciting year!

"I'm embarrassed to put pen to paper, but I'm told that I should feel really proud, so here goes. On New Year's Eve 2022 I was informed that I was to receive a British Empire Medal in the 2023 New Year's Honours List. I was one of 300 Northamptonshire residents put forward to St James' Palace to be considered by the panel and only five were chosen to receive a BEM for work in the community.

I have lived in Charlton since 1972 and I've been a Parish Councillor for the village for the past 19 years along with helping at the Preschool. Previously, I served on the Memorial Hall Committee, volunteered with reading at Newbottle and Charlton Primary School and became a member of Magdalen College School PTA when our three children and two grandchildren attended there.



I helped run the Youth Club in Charlton, became a carer for my mother and attended Banbury Carers group where I was introduced to Princess Anne. I was a member of the Ladies Circle in Banbury and the Women's Institute in Charlton and I also worked with the Anne Jenkinson, John Haynes and Poor's Allotment charities in Kings Sutton.

I took great pleasure from all my volunteering whilst running our business with my husband Sid, bringing up our family and enjoying life in Charlton.



After hearing about my British Empire Medal, I was invited to a Choral Service in Northampton on 30 April and then to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with The Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Anne, Prince Edward, Sophie and the Duchess of Gloucester on 9 May. Then I went to the Guildhall in Northampton on 13 June to be presented with my medal and certificate by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, James Watson of Rockingham Castle.

He joked about my different names – Susan Carolyn (the name I was christened), Linda (my brother's favourite name for me) and Nanny Linda (as I'm known by all the children who've grown up in Charlton)! The next event I've been invited to attend is a service in Kettering celebrating 150 years of the British Footwear Association.

It's been quite a year!"

Thank you Linda for sharing your amazing story.

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