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CHRISTMAS SERVICES for 2021

Sunday 12th December (Memorial Hall Car Park)

6.00pm CAROL SINGING)

followed by refreshments



Wednesday 22nd December (Church)

6.00pm CAROL SERVICE



Friday 24th December (Church)

10.00pm CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION



Saturday 25th December (Church)

09.30 CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION



For God loved the world so much that
He gave his only son so that everyone
who believes in Him may not die but
have eternal life

come and join us



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Nature Notes

This was the first year that we can remember getting through to the beginning of November without having had a single frost – all the dahlias still flowering away, leaves still on the trees and roses coming out. It was ironic that it was just as COP26 was beginning, with all the doom and gloom about climate change, and the discussions about actions necessary in the future to prevent catastrophic global warming. There were then a couple of nights in the first week of November when we had a slight frost – enough to put paid to the dahlias – but since then it has been remarkably warm and the most recent weather forecast was expecting a high of 17° in Scotland in the coming week.

Leaf fall is very late this year and many trees and woods are still looking very green, though where they have turned, the autumn colours have been lovely. The trigger for these colours is a combination of day length and night temperature. As the days shorten, the leaves have less time to generate sugars via photosynthesis, and the hormones in the plants trigger the process that seals the base of the leaf, preventing water reaching the leaf and chemicals escaping them; the chemicals gradually break down, changing the colour of the leaves before they fall to the ground. It is not known exactly what those colouring compounds do for the tree, but it may be that they allow the tree to absorb other nutrients as it is shutting down for the winter.

It's generally when there has been a warm, dry 'Indian summer' followed by colder nights that the autumn colours are best and brightest, keeping the leaves working later and then shortening the leaf drop process. In a mild wet autumn the whole process is slower and leaves are often completely brown before they fall, providing less of a spectacle.

We have been given a copy of a book published in 1950, which consists of a series of letters written about the countryside, apparently from a base in Northamptonshire (though it never says where). The man writing it is describing the country round him and its wildlife for the benefit of his correspondent, a soldier posted abroad. The most noteworthy thing about the book is the sheer quantity of birdlife he sees all around him (we have only read the winter letters so far so haven't got on to the summer butterflies and flowers). The writer seems to spend a lot of time with a gun on his arm shooting quite a lot of it: no keen naturalist today would dream of shooting 15 rooks, or a number of ducks on a local pond, or a heron, but in the 1950s there was such an abundance of birdlife that it didn't seem to matter, and such depredations weren't seen as damaging the ecosystem at all. We are pathetically pleased to see what birds there are in our garden, visiting our bird feeders (a handsome greater spotted woodpecker this morning), but this is nothing compared to the abundance there used to be. Each year we get used to there being fewer birds than there were the year before so that it seems normal.

We weren't pleased to see two Muntjac deer in the garden early one morning last week: they are so destructive and it seems impossible to keep them out as they happily leap over our walls. Badgers are also still visiting us with an occasional scuffle at the grass, and we noticed that they had hoovered up all the fallen eating apples, which they obviously prefer to the cookers, as these were left for us.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH



Is there anyone out there who would like to have a go at 'doing the flowers' in a bigger way than just the jug on your kitchen table?

Some of us get together to decorate Newbottle Church for the festivals – Christmas, Easter and Harvest – and at other times take turns to keep the church looking good with fairly minimal input.

Enthusiasm is more important than previous experience or expertise as help and guidance are available. If you'd like to try your hand at flower arranging, come along to Newbottle Church on Wednesday 22 December at 10am and join us.

There'll be coffee and biscuits to cheer us along. For more information contact Deborah Hayter on 01295 811176 or hayterdeborah@gmail.com)

Christmas Last Posting Dates 2021

Inland

2 nd class	18 December
1 st class	21 December
Parcelforce Worldwide Express 48 services	22 December
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Abroad (airmail only, surface services all prior to 1 December)

Caribbean:	1 December	
Australia, New Zealand:	6 December	
Asia, Africa, Central America, Far East, Middle East & South America:	8 December	
Cyprus & Malta:	10 December	
Greece, Turkey & Eastern Europe:	11 December	
USA, Canada, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Italy & Czech Rep:	13 December	
Austria, Ireland, Germany, Slovakia, Switzerland, Denmark, Iceland, Holland, Norway,	Portugal & Spain:	16 December
France, Belgium & Luxembourg:	18 December	

NB. with fewer flights operating, we recommend posting early.



Village Christmas Tree

After the success of the gifted Christmas tree outside the Memorial Hall last year, we have bought one with the money left over from last year's donations. The lights will be switched on on Wednesday 1st December by the Panto Players. If you have any decorations that you'd like to put on the tree, please feel free to do so.

Playing Field Update

We have been allocated 50 trees as part of the **Queen's Green Canopy** project, which is a UK wide initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

We will be planting these in early 2022 and we would like to get village children involved too.

In other news, we continue to work on the Playing Field business plan, to be completed by the end of this year.



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The pandemic has changed many things, including the way that some of us work. At the Parish Church we began to conduct services online when required to close our building, and happily these services have enabled more people to 'give church a try'. Our Parish Reader David Morgan, and his wife Diane, have continued to post online short services of music, readings and reflections called 'Prayer & Praise'. If you'd like to listen to them you can find them on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Jamess-Church-Newbottle-Charlton-111784353840785>, a new one is posted there each week.

Another innovation last year was the service of Carols in the Car Park, at the Village Hall. This year it is back by popular demand at 6pm on Sunday 12th December.

Thankfully, this year we can also bring back our traditional Christmas services. We are looking forward to our Village School's Christingle Service at 6.30pm on 15th December and their end of term service at 10am on Friday 17th December, our service of Lessons and Carols at 6pm on 22nd December, a service of Holy Communion at 10pm on Christmas Eve and our service at 9.30am on Christmas Day. Do come along, all are welcome.

The birth of Christ signalled a new start for humanity. Rather than stand aloof from an anxious, suffering world, God chose to be part of it in the person of Jesus Christ. His presence remains with us now bringing healing, hope and peace. May you know His blessing this Advent and Christmas.



With all good wishes,
Father Matthew
Tel. 811364
fathermatthew.r@icloud.com

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Every Sunday in Church at 9.30am

2nd and 16th: A short, informal service of Holy Communion, at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton

12th: 6pm Carols in the Village Hall Car Park

15th: 6.30pm School Christingle Service

17th : 10am School Christmas Service

22nd: 6pm Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve: 10pm First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day: 9.30am Holy Communion

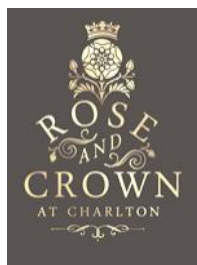
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Opening times for the Christmas Season

Christmas Eve:
12noon – 22h30
Christmas Day (Drinks
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Boxing Day 12noon -18h00
New Year's Eve 12noon -18h00
New Year's Day closed – 5 January 2022

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Newbottle & Charlton School Update



This term we arranged a trip for every class which has so many benefits. Oak and Ash Class (Year R, 1 & 2) went to Gaydon Motor Museum to see how cars and buses have changed over 100 years. The children created their own car and investigated how far it would travel on different surfaces.

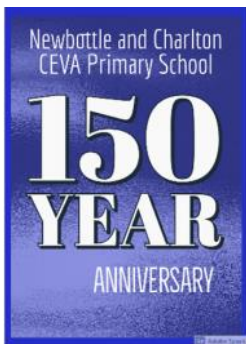


Birch class (Year 5 & 6) went to the Natural History Museum in London to explore and learn about Earthquakes as part of their Angry Earth topic. Elm class visited the Living Rainforest in Newbury to learn all about the animals and plants that live in Rainforest habitats. All the trips were enjoyed by the children and it was great to be able to visit these different places.

With Christmas upon us, we are looking forward to celebrating this important time of year in the Christian calendar. As well as our Oak and Ash Nativity and Elm and Birch Christingle Service, we would also like to hold a singing event outside with some food and drink. This will be on Thursday 16th December at 2:45pm. The community is most welcome to join us for this. Children will be singing songs along with some congregational carols for all.

We are also planning our topics for next year and will start 2022 by launching our year of celebrations as we turn 150 years old (see below).

Mr Smith, Headteacher



1872-2022

Next year, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary with planned events to mark this special occasion, including a 3-week topic in January, a special church service, a big party in the summer and a winter ball next December.

We would love to hear from you if you (or someone you know) are an ex-pupil or staff member, to tell us what school was like for you in the past. This could be 5, 10, or even 50 years ago. Would you share your experiences with us through a visit to school, a video or a letter to the children? We would also love to see old photos or any other memorabilia to help the children see how school has changed over the years.

Thank you in advance! More details and an invitation to join some of these events will follow soon.

Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting

Monday 15 November 2021 at 7.30pm

www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mark Bracey, Struan Kenton and Kevin Ridge.

Minutes - The minutes of the meetings held on 20 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

District Councillor – District Councillor Rosie Herring attended the meeting and introduced herself to the Parish Council as one of the new West Northants District Councillors for the village.

Playing Field and Pavilion – Work was continuing with regard to improvements to the playing field and pavilion and the Working Group had held a number of meetings. District Councillor Herring suggested a few possible grant funding streams for the project.

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.

Big Jubilee Lunch 2022 – The 'Big Jubilee Lunch' to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was being held on Sunday 5 June 2022 at the playing field.

'The Queen's Green Canopy' – Trees had been ordered and delivered and a number would be planted in the playing field, Primary School grounds and at Newbottle Estate to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Investigations would also be made into whether it would be suitable to plant some of the trees in the Myers Close play area.

Library Bus Shelter – The Library in the Green Lane Bus Shelter is continuing, but the books may be removed for a short time during the winter. Thank you to Jenny Rule for organising this.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new developments in their area. It is an important tool for local authorities to use to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support developments in their area. The Parish Council will be receiving a CIL payment from West Northants Council, following the development of two houses on Hogg Lane.

Internal Audit 2021/2022 – Auditing Solutions Ltd will be undertaking the Parish Council's internal audit for 2021/2022.

Budget and Precept 2022/2023 – The Budget was approved and the Precept for 2022/2023 was set at £13,500.

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.

It was hoped there would be a quote to consider at the next meeting with regard to replacing the lights.

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 considerately in the village.**

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the following application and it had been approved by West Northants Council:

WNS/2021/0625/MAF

Colready Farm Farthinghoe Road Charlton

Erection of 2 No. livestock buildings with associated Approval 06/10/2021 feed bins, hardstandings, manure midden, dirty water, tank and drainage attenuation pond.

Planning applications can be viewed on the South Northants Council website <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.

17 January 2022

21 March 2022

25 April 2022 (Annual Parish Meeting)

16 May 2022

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

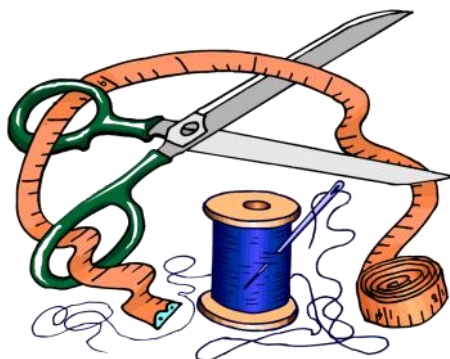
You can also follow Newbottle Parish Council on Facebook

Jack and the Beanstalk, 16-19 February 2022

HELP PLEASE! If you are handy with a sewing machine, and have a little time to spare before February, would you be able to help with the costumes for the Charlton panto?

The cast of thousands all needs to be clothed and at no great expense so a good deal of alteration and creation is required. Much of this is very simple sewing but there is a lot of it for one person so it would be good to share it.

If you could help please get in touch with Kate McKellar on
k.e.mckellar@googlemail.com



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Christmas Crossword

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Across

- 1 Jug thrower (7)
- 5 Moderate and appear in the main draw (7)
- 9 Worked, lost head, got drunk (5)
- 10 Angry promise leads to your current challenge (9)
- 11 Catch a short person on the bank counter trinket (9)
- 12 Switching side of loyal king, for example (5)
- 13 Pitch tent about unit of current (4)
- 15 Mongooses press on to sample coffee (8)
- 18 Village dance not east or south (8)
- 19 Counter to cultivate (4)
- 22 Bad jackdaw fully revealed (5)
- 24 Proselyte repaired clothing material (9)
- 26 St Rich's ma gives presents today (9)
- 27 Sounds like attempt to get publicity for Asian gangster (5)

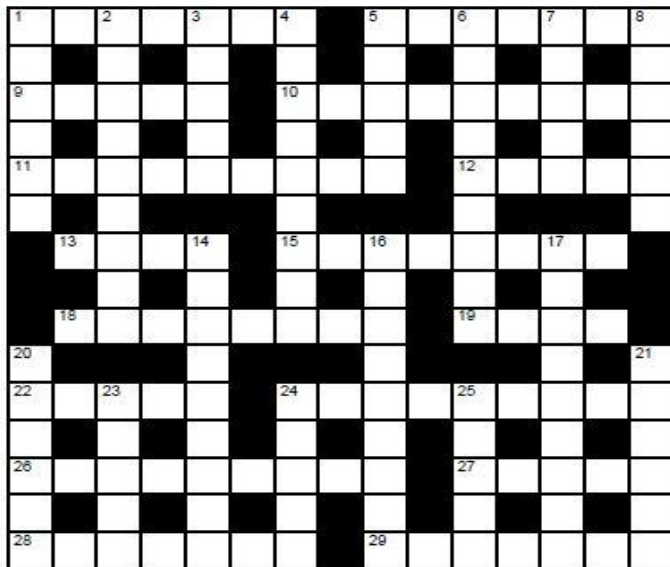
- 28 Rival cannot be beaten by Siemen's malfunction (7)
- 29 German deer first to reel (7)

Down

- 1 Artemis enjoys noodles with energy and beryllium (6)
- 2 Chart after box in daily paper (9)
- 3 Did not own intermittently cheap donuts (5)
- 4 Gather again and gather again (9)
- 5 Cite the share with energy not answer (5)

- 6 May soak up with muscles or tendency (9)
- 7 Intravenous or variable white (5)
- 8 Casual hello to short boy? Section sings in the mountains (6)
- 14 Ray's lap is broken and suffers a loss of motion (9)
- 16 Punishes writer disrupting aisles (9)
- 17 Raining a little bit surrounds litre breaking apart (9)
- 20 Bird of prey bothers no calf (6)

- 21 Dealmaker has been tarred badly (6)
- 23 Manner includes posh location (5)
- 24 Eat up around politician's footwear (5)
- 25 Tip and run (5)



A big festive thank you again to Arabella and Nick Grandage for donating the prizes and to Nick for designing the fiendish crossword

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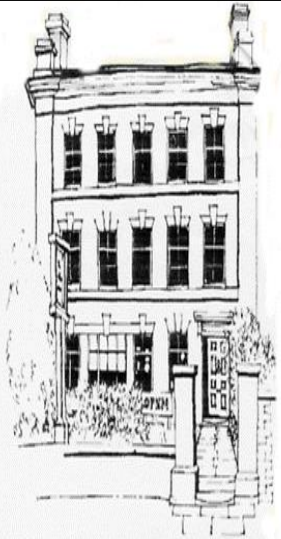
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