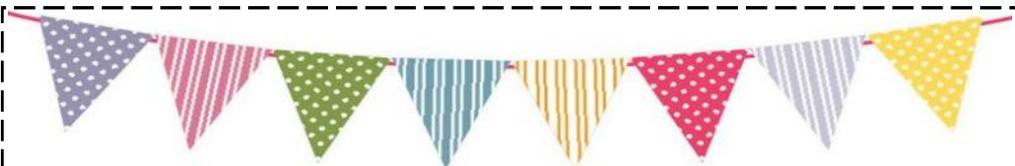


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CHARLTON VILLAGE FÊTE

The slightly damp weather didn't dampen spirits at the Charlton Fête last month and even though visitor numbers were a little down, everyone enjoyed the wide variety of attractions and around £4,000 was raised for St James' Church.

The Parochial Church Council would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the wonderful Fête – from tennis competitors to stall holders, cake bakers to dog owners, tea servers to donkey handlers!

A special presentation took place for the Charlton Rainbows and Brownies, receiving their Lady Juliet Challenge Badge from John Townsend. The Northants Girlguiding badge was created to celebrate Lady Juliet's Guiding life and interests.

Congratulations to Sara Hayhoe, winner of the Lucky Programme and all the raffle prize winners.



CHURCH Fr Roger Bellamy, The Vicarage, Kings Sutton

Services at 9.30 on Sundays at Newbottle Church

6 The Transfiguration Sung Eucharist

13 Trinity IX Matins

20 Trinity X Sung Eucharist

27 Trinity XI Matins

On Sunday 13 and 27 there is a Mass at 8am at King's Sutton

It is high summer and lots of folk are away enjoying a holiday - some in the UK, others in far parts of the world. And some are busy looking after those who are relaxing. I find late summer is a time to take stock as one prepares for the autumn. Perhaps it's the schoolmaster in me, but I still think in terms. Our school returns with its new intake of children and we shall soon be back in harness, so to speak, as teachers and governors. But before the busyness I thought I might write something about the saints we remember in August.

As ever they are a remarkably mixed group. On the 4th Jean-Baptist Vianney, better known as the Cure D'Ars. He was the parish priest of the village in France and noted for his wisdom and pastoral care: a patron of all parish clergy. The 5th has S Oswald, king of Northumbria and killed in battle in the long fight between the Faith and the Mercian pagans. His head is buried with S Cuthbert in Durham Cathedral. S Dominic was a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers, a new order in the 13th century. I discovered his shrine in Bologna and we recall that OP still flourishes, and you see sometimes the white-clad figures in Oxford, where they have a house in S Giles. S Laurence (10th) was one of the early martyrs, a deacon with the symbol of the gridiron on which he is said to have been tortured - but that may be a later legend. S Clare on the 11th was one of the early followers of S Francis in Assisi and founded the Poor Clares: they lived a life of prayer and poverty supporting the Franciscan missions. There are sisters of this order at Free-lands, just to the west of Oxford. Cardinal Newman died on her day, but having been beatified, he now has his own day. S Maximilian Kolbe (14th) was canonised by Pope Benedict. He was a Franciscan who died in a concentration camp, standing in the place of someone else. There is a church on the island in the Tiber in Rome which says, in Latin: Here lie the mortal remains of St Bartholomew. That may be so, but he was one of the Twelve Apostles, those heroic figures of faith who took the Gospel from Palestine to the edges of the known world. He's remembered on the 24th. S Augustine of Hippo was the great theologian and bishop of the early church. He died in 430. Hippo was in North Africa, in modern Algeria. Back to the bible for John Baptist on the 29th. He has two days: his birthday, June 24th and this commemoration of his death at the hands of Herod Antipas about the year 32.

I leave the most important till the end: The Blessed Virgin Mary. The 15th of August is her principal feast day. For Catholics it is the Assumption, for Orthodox the Dormition, for Anglicans - who knows. The calendar just has her name. She is, of course, the mother of Jesus, the chief of the saints, and as in her earthly life, so now, she always points way from herself and towards Jesus. This is the Christian vocation: all the saints were people of humility and love who lived for Jesus Christ and who wanted others to share their faith. May that be true for us too.

THE FETE The weather wasn't brilliant but it kept fine and people enjoyed themselves, and raised some £4000 for the Church. So a big thank you to all the workers and those who came.

Fr Roger

Nature Notes

We are used to seeing deer in the fields around Charlton and watching them bouncing away in alarm at high speed. So it was remarkable when a solitary roe deer began following us and the dog around the margin of a field of wheat, and then started lunging aggressively towards the dog and eventually towards us. Only one explanation for this strange behaviour was possible: there must have been a fawn hidden amongst the wheat. Sure enough, when we passed the same spot two days later, there were a doe and a fawn placidly standing together on the other side of the hedge.

A young oak tree in the hedge along the church path has a number of oak galls at eye level. These are greenish, round, marble-sized objects, often in pairs, attached to the twigs and looking as if they might be the fruits of the tree. But they are definitely not acorns. They are sometimes called 'oak apples' because of their appearance and they can reach a size of about 2 inches, though the ones we saw were not nearly as large as this, more the size of a small cherry. They are caused by chemicals injected by the larvae of certain kinds of gall wasp. The adult female wasp lays single eggs in developing leaf buds and the wasp larvae feed on the gall tissue resulting from their secretions.

Oak galls were, until the twentieth century, a very important harvest as they were the source of the standard writing and drawing ink in Europe. They produced a tannic acid to which iron salts were added, and this resulted in a purple-black or brown-black ink. A well-prepared ink would gradually darken to an intense purplish black, and writing with it would adhere firmly to parchment, and could not be erased by rubbing or washing. Corrections could only be made by actually scraping a thin layer off the writing surface. The oldest complete Bible currently known to exist is written in this ink, the Codex Sinaiticus, thought to have been written in the middle of the fourth century. By law royal and legal documents in this country had to be written in oak gall ink in order to ensure they were a permanent record. We have seen Exchequer records of the taxpayers in Charlton and Newbottle in 1301 where the names are still there so many centuries later, bearing witness to the permanence of this ink. It was only in the twentieth century when other waterproof formulae became available and were better suited to writing on paper, that the production of oak gall ink declined. Today it might be difficult to find enough to make any serious quantity as insect populations are so much smaller than they were and we assume that goes for gall wasps too.

Looking back over the subjects we've covered in the Nature Notes over the years, we realise that there is a lot about climate change and the differences in our seasons. There was yet another signifier in July. We have an area under some Sargent's cherry trees which is full of autumn-flowering cyclamen and we think of these as belonging to September: the first one popped up on the 3rd July and at the time of writing there are at least six flowers. Too early! Before we came to Charlton we had a garden with very heavy and retentive soil (very unlike the free-draining sandy stuff we have here) and the roses loved it. We remember thinking that the right week-end to have a party would be the first one in July when the roses would be at their best. But these days the roses are gone over by July and the phloxes are in full bloom: they used to be August flowers.

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Girlguiding News!

Brackley Carnival

Congratulations to Charlton Rainbows and Brownies who won 2nd place in the Brackley Carnival procession on Saturday 10th June. The theme was Magic and Mystery!

The leaders were proud of all the girls who 'sang' all the way from the Leisure Centre to the Market Place - the judges certainly knew we were there!

Memorial Hall Clocks

Next time you are in the Hall and need to check the time, have a good look at the new clocks!



The clocks were donated to the Memorial Hall by Rainbows and Brownies from money raised at the Community Bingo Night in March, one of the activities involved in the Lady Juliet Challenge.



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FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

Our Festival of Open Gardens continues in August and September with some truly beautiful gardens. Plus, don't miss the insightful evening talk and garden tour at Broughton Grange in September – for more information on upcoming open gardens, visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens, or call us on 01295 816 484.

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: www.khh.org.uk

Festival of Open Gardens Dates:

6 August - Heyford Park

5, 7 & 9 September - Broughton Grange

17 September – Bloxham

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**Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 17 July 2017
at 7.30pm. www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk**

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

Apologies – Councillors Richard Bland, Andrew Woods and Bob Whitrow.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Speeding Traffic in the Village – Information was still awaited from the Northants Highways with regard to the proposed speed reduction measures on Farthinghoe Road. Once the VAS was in place, Mr Adrian Kelly agreed to rotate the sign between the two posts and also change/charge the batteries.

Playing Field and Pavilion – There was no update on the project.

Public Footpaths – Newbottle Estates would be asked to cut back the trees overhanging the footpath between the village and Newbottle. This was along the section from Green Lane as far as the cemetery gate. The Parish Council would arrange for the nettles to be cut back along the footpath between Jellicle House and Chatterwell.

Works to Tree – The County Council would be asked to cut back the Cherry Tree on the green opposite the Memorial Hall, at the junction of Hogg Lane and Main Street.

Poors Allotment Charity - Only three people in village were entitled to the two bags of coal and a copy of the Poors Allotment Charity Annual Report was circulated.

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

18 September 2017

16 October 2017

20 November 2017

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

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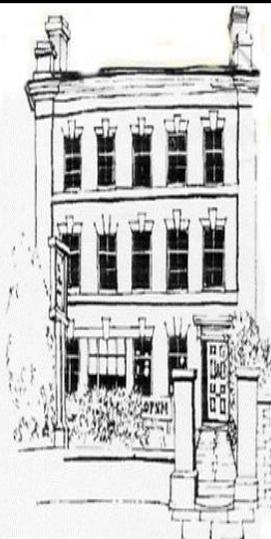
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