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## Anniversary Celebrations for Newbottle and Charlton Pre-school

With 2017 marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Pre-school, the current staff and volunteers, pupils, parents and carers have had cause to celebrate. Started by villagers Elaine Colville and Eileen Groser 50 years ago, our charity run pre-school (or play-group as it has been known) has stood the test of time, and holds a place in the hearts of most who've been associated with it.

Our Casino Night was a great success, raising nearly £600 and special guest Victoria Prentice MP, also an ex-pupil, stopped by to show her support.



Left to right: Victoria Prentice MP, Sam Axtell (manager), Rea Richardson, Jackie Scouse, Linda Baker and Kate Byrne

Following this a Family Fun Day was held at Charlton Playing Fields which also included Sports Day for the children. Many of our families and friends came to join the fun and another £400 was raised.

We were thrilled at the support we had for these events. We have had a commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Towel made, if you'd like to show your support, they will be available from Pre-school from 5<sup>th</sup> September (£4.50 for 1 or £8.00 for 2).

Having maintained our 'Good' grading from Ofsted after an inspection in May this year, we are now looking into how we can improve the outdoor space at the Village Hall. All funds raised will help a great deal toward this new goal.





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## Charlton & Newbottle

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### the Special Children's Prize

for services to their community and  
countryside in the fight against litter



## 2017 Charlton Litter Pick

There was a tremendous turnout for the 2017 litter pick, which took place on 21 April, including about 40 children from the Guiding Groups and Charlton school. Headteacher, Sarah Smith entered the school in the competition for Litter Awards sponsored by CPRE Northamptonshire (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and they won the special Children's Prize, worth £150 - see certificate opposite.

The award and certificate will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, David Laing, at CPRE Northamptonshire's AGM in Great Houghton on 25 September. The Campaign to Protect Rural England has fought nationally against the scourge of litter since Bill Bryson was its President, and CPRE Northamptonshire has been giving awards to litter heroes across the county in its Stop the Drop campaign for 10 years. Newbottle Parish Council has joined in the litter picks every year.

Let's do what we can to keep Charlton and Newbottle clean and litter-free.

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## Nature Notes

We wrote last month (again) about how the seasons have all advanced, with our autumn cyclamen popping up at the beginning of July: a neighbour commented that they had been eating mushrooms from their field for the last two weeks of July – and that after a long hot dry spell. Mushrooms traditionally appeared in September and through the autumn in the damp weather that often comes then.

We have recently spent a few days in south-west France and we saw the largest caterpillar we have ever seen. It was at least four inches long, yellow with green chevrons and narrow purple stripes diagonally round it. It was a truly startling sight and moving very fast, and we identified it as the caterpillar of the Death's Head Hawk-moth. This moth does come to England, and can be found usually in the south and east, and is the largest moth in the UK with a wing-span of 3½ to 5 inches. (We are hoping that we never meet one in the dark). It has a skull-like marking on its thorax – on its back just behind the head – and a yellow-banded abdomen and hind-wing. The adult squeaks when alarmed, making the noise by expelling air through its proboscis, which has a structure that vibrates like the reed of a wind instrument. They attack beehives in search of honey, and their caterpillars eat potato plants, Deadly Nightshade and other plants of the same Solanum family. They can be found in organic potato fields.

It is always lovely to see deer in the fields, especially the roe and the fallow, but they can become a problem if their numbers are uncontrolled. With too many deer about, woodland does not get a chance to regenerate, thus ruining the habitat for other species. As with badgers, we have got rid of all their natural predators (except for man) so there is no natural check on their populations. We've been told of occasions when poachers have been through this area and then they shoot all the animals they can find, which may include the babies, does, animals of all ages. A more careful culling of the older animals takes out the surplus and manages the population. Apparently a female roe deer has been found in this area with one antler – a real oddity.

A couple of years ago there were alarms about the progress of ash die-back disease which had been imported in 2012 from the Netherlands: we had a tree-man here who told us firmly that our ash tree would be dead within two years. But it is still there and apparently still healthy so either the disease has proved to be less virulent than at first thought, or there is something in the genetic make-up of British ash trees which makes them less susceptible than European ones. A few years ago it looked as if all the horse-chestnuts (conker trees) would eventually succumb to the leaf-miner moth which turned their leaves brown so early in the year and gradually weakened them, but again, the effects of this infestation seem to be less obvious this year than in previous years so perhaps there is hope that we shall go on having conkers for years to come.

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

## **FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS**

Our Festival of Open Gardens continues this September with the beautiful gardens open at Broughton Grange. With an impressive 25 acres of gardens and light woodland it is an opportunity not to be missed!

On 5 and 7 September (6-8pm) join head gardener Andrew Woodall for a glass of wine and a tour of the gardens and get an insight into the work that goes into the upkeep of such a magnificent garden. You can book your tickets for this fantastic evening by visiting [www.khh.org.uk/broughton-grange-tour](http://www.khh.org.uk/broughton-grange-tour)

On Saturday 9 September from 10am-4pm, the gardens will be open to explore, with tea and home-made cakes on offer too. Entrance fee is £7 and all money raised will be donated to Katharine House.

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](http://www.khh.org.uk)

## **JOIN THE BIG GET TOGETHER FOR KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**

Hospices across the South East have joined forces to invite you to be part of The Big Get Together during October; a series of events help by supporters to raise money for your local hospice. All you have to do is organise your event and ask your guests to make a donation that will go straight towards providing hospice care in your local community.

You could hold a Halloween themed get together in October; a bonfire party in November; a Christmas themed soiree in December or a New Year Get Together in January! You can be as sophisticated or as silly as you like!

Sign up today and start planning your event! Visit [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) for more information.



**CHURCH Fr Roger Bellamy, The Vicarage, Kings Sutton**  
**Tel: 01295 811364**

Services at 9.30 on Sundays at Newbottle Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity XII Sung Eucharist

10<sup>th</sup> Trinity XIII Matins

17<sup>th</sup> Trinity XIV Sung Eucharist

24<sup>th</sup> Trinity XV Matins

October 1<sup>st</sup> is Harvest Festival Service at 6pm preceded by Tea

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## **TALKING ABOUT GOD**

During Jesus' earthly life there was a wide range of reactions to him. Some thought him mad, or delusional, others that he was a law-breaker and therefore couldn't be from God. (He healed people on the Sabbath, for example). Others reacted with some degree of faith. Many of those who were healed were told that it was their faith that had made them well. Generally, those who came to believe in him, saw something of God in him. St Peter voiced the belief of others when he said You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And St Thomas, when he was invited to see and touch Jesus' wounds, declared that Jesus was his Lord and God.

The resurrection was the key event and the commission to go into all the world, and the empowerment by the gift of the Holy Spirit was caused by the belief that Jesus was the Son of God.

Then will come much thinking and writing about him. St Paul will say God was in Christ redeeming the world. The writer to the Ephesians also looks forward to a time when Christ will be all in all. And these theological writings about Jesus find their summit in St John's Gospel. Jesus is identified with the Word of God. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God, and then the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. In other words, in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth God had come to live among his people. This is what Christians call the Incarnation.

These writers also add to the rather prosaic accounts of Jesus' passion and death, with an understanding that it is through this humiliating death that forgiveness of sins is possible and that those who are joined with Christ in baptism, begin a journey through life and death into the divine life.

When we look into the face of Jesus Christ we are looking at God. This is what God is like, and looking back on the God of the Old Testament, discovered through the history of the Jewish people, and indeed the god of the philosophers, we look through the lens, as it were, of Jesus. Everything finds its meaning through him.

## **Fr Roger**

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