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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come and celebrate at 6pm, 1st
October at St. James' Church,
Newbottle.

Tea and cake from 5pm



We shall be decorating the church from 10am on Saturday 30th September: all contributions of help, fruit, vegetables, food and flowers will be gratefully received. (Contributions of food will be going to the Food Bank so non-perishable items will be particularly welcome).



The standard of entries for the Charlton & King's Sutton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides annual fund raising Quiz was very high this year. Thanks to all the people who entered and congratulations to the winners!

- 1st Doreen Pickering, Coventry 91%**
- 2nd Jennifer Chipping, Charlton 90.5%**
- 3rd Peter Gardiner, Banbury 90%**

Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting
Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30pm
www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

Present – Chairman, Councillor Andrew Woods; Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden and Diana Sheasby. Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public.

Apologies – Parish Councillors Michael Loggin and Richard Bland.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Speeding Traffic in the Village – It was agreed to purchase a solar powered VAS which would be located on Farthinghoe Road. A New Homes Bonus application would be submitted to South Northants Council which, if successful, would cover the majority of the cost of the project. The Clerk would also chase up Northants Highways about the new road markings for Farthinghoe Road.

Playing Field and Pavilion – A longer lease for the playing field was required to enable applications for grant funding to be submitted, therefore Alice Townsend would be contacted to progress this matter.

Street Lighting – Eon had written to the Parish Council highlighting that the bulbs for the street lights which would soon be obsolete. The Parish Council would again try to source a stock of bulbs for the street lights. Eon would also be contacted to ask for advice about staggering the installation of new street lights to spread out the financial burden on the Parish Council for such an expensive project.

Resignation – Bob Whitrow had recently resigned at the Parish Council. Bob was thanked for all of his hard work over many years as a Parish Councillor.

Vacancy - If any residents were interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and filling the vacancy, they should contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss.

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

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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Rose & Crown Kitchen News

We would like to notify our loyal customers and the Charlton community that The Rose and Crown will be carrying out kitchen renovations from 23 October - 1 November.

During this time, we will only be able to serve soup and a selection of sandwiches or baguettes. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and can assure you that we will be opening again on the 1st November with our new facilities. We know this will improve our offering to you all.

The Pub will be open for drinks and coffees throughout this time. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Alvin, Rhona, Struan and Rosie

After many years as a Parish Councillor, Bob Whitrow has decided to step down from the role. The Parish Council would like to send Bob its best wishes and thank him for his many years of hard work as a Parish Councillor.



There will be a **Bag2School collection from Newbottle & Charlton Primary School on Friday 20th October**. If you have any unwanted, good quality clothes or paired shoes, please bag them up and leave them near the old school front door before 9am.

Bag2School is a **free fundraising scheme** for Schools, Community Groups and Charities to help raise money from donations of clothing. Unwanted textiles are collected and sold to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia.

Accepted items: mens, ladies and childrens clothing; paired shoes; handbags; hats; bags; scarves/ties; jewellery; lingerie; belts; soft toys. Not accepted: duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats; curtains; towels; soiled, painted, ripped clothing; school uniforms; corporate clothing and workwear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

The school has raised hundreds of pounds through Bags2School over the years, money has been used for school trips and equipment.



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Newbottle & Charlton School Update

We have had a fabulous start to term after a great summer holiday and break. School was still a hive of activity over the 6 weeks with much work being carried out to the school building as well as holiday club running for 3 weeks in conjunction with the Pre School.

We always try to start the new school year with a whole school project and this year is no different. We are focusing on the BBC Ten Pieces which has allowed us to investigate and explore 10 pieces of music from many different eras ranging from some of the more well-known composers such as Haydn, Bach, Bizet and Bernstein to some more modern people such as Anna Clyne and Gabriel Prokofiev. Every day we have studied a different piece and have been thoroughly engaged in learning which has often been led by the children.

I was delighted to receive an email in the holidays informing us that the school, along with the Brownies, Rainbows and residents of Charlton, was successful in winning some money from the Village Litter Pick we did. The prize was collected by a team of children. We hope that all the children will then decide on an appropriate way to spend it to benefit the village.

We have our Harvest Community Tea on Wednesday 4th October and I hope many of you can join us.

Mrs Smith, Head Teacher



Nature Notes

We wrote before about the huge Death's Head Hawk Moth caterpillar which we saw in France, and now a neighbour has shown us photos of a very large caterpillar in her garden which proved to be that of the Elephant Hawk Moth. This is a rather beautiful moth with pink and olive-green markings, and it flies from May to early August, generally at night, as they tend to rest in the day among their food plants, honeysuckle and other tubular flowers. The caterpillars feed on Rosebay Willowherb and other willowherbs, the goosegrass family, Enchanter's Nightshade, fuchsias and Himalayan Balsam. This last is an alien which no-one is now allowed to sell or propagate as it is taking over large areas. It is not found much round here, but anyone going on a canal-boat holiday into the midlands will see it along the canals in abundance. It's rather tall and handsome with hooded flowers (sort of snapdragon shaped) in shades of pink and white and with a rather sickly scent. Apart from this, and fuchsias which we love, all the other food plants of this caterpillar are some of the very common weeds in this garden, so we are rather surprised not to have spied this ourselves.

The caterpillars are usually seen when they are looking for somewhere for the next stage of their life cycle, where they will spend the winter in their cocoons at the base of plants or just below the surface of the ground. The moth is called the 'Elephant Hawk' because of the unusual long snout on its caterpillar, which wiggles around like an elephant's trunk. The moth is very widely distributed – as are its food plants – and Butterfly Conservation call it 'Common'.

It has seemed distinctly autumnal in the last few days and one of the aspects of this time of year is the very heavy dew every morning and the huge number of spiders and their webs which become visible because of the droplets of dew. Some of us hate walking along a path and getting a faceful of spider's web. We don't know whether there are actually far more spiders at this time of year, or whether it is just that they become much more visible.

If you don't want lots of spiders in the house, apparently conkers are the thing. If you put plenty of conkers along window-sills and places where they might come in, they don't. We haven't yet tried this, but plan to.

Farmers are no longer allowed to burn off the straw and stubbles in harvest fields, which means the rest of us are no longer enveloped in bonfire smoke for days on end as used to be the case, and there are no more accidents where the fires got out of hand and burned hedges or even large trees on the edges of woods. But apparently this is one of the reasons that Black Grass has become such a pernicious weed for arable farmers – the seeds are no longer killed off after harvest as they used to be by burning.

One of us was given a ride in a combine harvester while it was harvesting near the Brackley Road. What an amazing machine! It is extraordinary that it can be programmed to steer itself so as to cover the ground efficiently while compacting minimum tracks on the soil.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

CHURCH Fr Roger Bellamy, The Vicarage, Kings Sutton

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Services at Newbottle Church at 9 30

October 1 Harvest 6pm with tea from 5pm

October 8 Trinity XVII Matins

October 15 Sung Eucharist

October 22 Matins

October 29 Matins and Holy Communion

The Four Elements

There was a time when people believed that everything that existed was made of the four elements: earth, water, air and fire. And symbols of these were used in works of art of all kinds. Some of you may know the Piper tapestry in Chichester Cathedral. The central panels are of the Holy Trinity, but the outer ones feature symbols of the four evangelists - again traditional images based on passages from Ezekiel and Revelation: winged, a man for Matthew, lion for Mark, ox for Luke and eagle for John. But Piper adds to these symbols of the elements: he depicts earth with suggestions of flowers, fruit and fertility above S Matthew. Then Air above S Mark - bubble and cloud-like motifs. Luke has Fire, represented by tongues of flame, and S John, water with fishy and marine references. I am still trying to see the connections between the elements and the Gospels.

In October we celebrate Harvest – a giving thanks to God for all the goodness of his creation, and for the work of farmers and all those others who work to produce the stuff for our tables. But it is also an opportunity to give thanks for our own work whatever that is and the many services that we so often take for granted. There is something elemental about harvest, and I end with a poem by J D C Pellow:

Bread
Earth bore me,
Water fed me,
Air bathed me,
Fire stirred me.

Earth my substance,
Water my fullness,
Air my strength,
Fire my joy.

I was lifted up,
I was cut down,
I was broken,
I was burned.

Earth I was,
Water bound me,
Air leavened me,
Fire formed me.

All four elements
Of the round world
Meet in me
For man's feeding.

For I am strength,
I am cleanness,
I am freedom,
I am light.

I am lifted up,
And draw men unto me,
The fair white body
Of God's Son.

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