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CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 25th November
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Nature Notes

We seem to have had a lot of jackdaws about recently, and were entertained to see a group of them mobbing a solitary raven not long ago. Since we managed to get the tops of our chimneys properly guarded against the jackdaws' wish to build nests in them, we have not considered them to be a menace, as they once were. They used to drop twigs and sticks down the chimney in the expectation that eventually one would stick and then they could build a messy sort of platform wedged across it. The trouble was that we ended up with a huge pile of kindling building up in the fireplace. Once we found the jackdaw itself which had fallen down the chimney and was trying to get out through the closed window.

We grow the yellow-leaved hop over a trellis arch in the garden: it grows extremely fast in the spring and early summer and on warm days in April we can almost see it growing upwards. We have marked where the top of the shoots were against the trellis and later in the same day we can see where they have shot up another rung. It looks very fresh and bright early in the year but there comes a moment usually in late September or October when we have to cut it right down to the ground as it suddenly looks tatty and scruffy and begins to drop dead grey leaves. The removal of the hop left a caterpillar of the Pale Tussock moth which was hairy, yellow with black ribs, and a red 'tail'. This used to be a pest called the 'hop dog' in hop-growing areas. We hadn't noticed any serious depredations and were glad to be hosting it. The caterpillars eat oak, birch and lime leaves as well as hops.

We were pleased to see a frog in the garden recently as we hadn't seen one for a long time. We have newts in our pond and we think they eat any tadpoles which arrive – or probably eat any frogspawn, as we've never noticed any.

It has been a wonderful summer for blackberries: they seemed to be more plentiful and more luscious than they have been for years. We guess that this is a result of the generally good summer we had. There has been rain, but it has also been warm and the blackberries have thrived on it. There have also been huge crops of apples and pears, and we had damsons too. I think everyone seemed to have good crops of apples given the number of places where boxes are being offered for people to help themselves. Pears, plums and damsons are all early to flower and in many years a late frost gets them, especially when the spring is warm and gets everything going early. It is so disappointing when a beautiful tree of blossom is frosted and bang goes the chance of a good crop.

We are writing this just after the aftermath of Hurricane Ophelia which brought amazingly warm weather for mid-October, and a day with an extraordinary red sun shining through a haze. Apparently the strong winds coming up from the south had brought sand from the Sahara, together with fine debris picked up from the forest fires raging in Portugal. The continuing good weather (at the moment) means that the garden is full of flowers which are having a good go at a second flowering, or are just keeping going. We feel we are on borrowed time with the dahlias as the average date for this area for the first frost of the autumn is about the 15th October.

Deborah and Paul Hayter



Newbottle & Charlton School Update

We have had a fabulous first term at school and we have all now begun our new topic areas - On the Move, Buried Treasure (Vikings) and Grand



Designs (Ancient Greeks). To complete our previous whole school project 'Ten Pieces' we invited an artist to work with the children and 10 panels of art work were created to depict each piece of music listened too. They are now hanging proudly in the school hall and we are delighted with the work achieved.

The oldest children visited the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to help with their learning of the Ancient Greeks as well as lead a class assembly on their learning so far.



Year 6 also went to the Saints ground for a Young citizen day where they learnt about different ways to stay safe.

The youngest children in Yr R, 1 and 2 visited the British Motor Museum in Gaydon to help with their learning as well as 'going on a train and bus ride' in school. They also did some work linked to Harvest

where they investigated transport that helps with the harvest. They visited the Newbottle Grain Store to see the wheat and barley.



Harvest week in school was fabulous and we discussed different gardens in the bible - apple garden, olive garden and grape garden. The children not only did a welly walk for Farm Africa but also, as discussed by the School Council, supported the homeless with deliveries to BYHP and Brackley Food Bank.

Children went along to the CPRE Awards and received our £150 cheque for the successful Litter Pick. This news featured in the Banbury Guardian and I received a letter

from Andrea Leadsom MP congratulating us on the work we did as a community.

Term 1 has flown by and already we are looking to Christmas - our Community Tea will be on Tuesday 19th December from 2pm, I do hope some of you will be able to join us.



Mrs Smith, Head Teacher

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5th Kingdom I Sung Eucharist

12th Kingdom II Remembrance Matins

19th Kingdom III Sung Eucharist

26th Kingdom IV Christ the King Matins

Sat 11 November 11am A short service at the War Memorial in the Cemetery on Green Lane.

November is a month of remembrance. The Armistice bringing the first World War to an end was signed on the 11th of November in 1918. It was S Martin's Day. He had lived in the 4th Century and was the first saint by popular acclaim who had not been martyred for his faith. He had been a Roman soldier, and there is the famous story of him sharing his cloak with a beggar and then in a dream realising that the beggar was Christ. In Oxford at Carfax, there used to be a church of S Martin and nearby you can still see an image of this, and it is on the lamp posts in the parish of S Martin in the Fields in central London. So almost a century on from 1918 we still remember and not just the victims and futility of that war, but the innumerable conflicts down the decades.

The first two days of November are also occasions for remembering our Christian forebears: on the 1st All Saints - the countless men and women of faith who have received the gift of eternal life and see God face to face in the glory of heaven. On the 2nd - All Souls' - we pray for the departed that God's will may be fulfilled in them and that they may rest in peace.

Remembrance somehow brings the past into the present, but for me the question is what do we do with it. Our life is now, this present moment. There was a 17th c French monk called Laurence who wrote about living in the present moment and said he was as much aware of God's presence when he was in the monastic kitchen as he was in church, and this thought is partially reflected in the modern movement of mindfulness. I think our memories of the past must have some impact on the present and turn us towards the future. Yes, we feel pain and sorrow and even anger for the things of the past of which remembrance reminds us, but surely those feelings should also make us stronger in our present activity of trying to alleviate suffering, to assuage suffering and to turn our anger into the joy of creating a better world.

The saints are great examples to us and they can inspire us to greater endeavour, and when we pray for the departed that prayer is an expression of love for our brothers and sisters, and we long for them, what we hope for for ourselves: peace and light.

Fr Roger

Memorial Hall Update

Visitors to the Memorial Hall will have noticed that it had a spruce up over the summer, with a new lick of paint, gleaming windows and cleaned curtains. Investigations are still underway to install a fully insulated new ceiling in the main hall.

The Trustees meet a few times a year to decide how best to care for the hall and manage the bookings by villagers and other groups. If you would like to join the team, please get in touch with Della Wolfe on della@thecurvegroup.co.uk

SANTA DASH AND CHRISTMAS TRAIL

**SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, PEOPLE'S PARK,
BANBURY**



Join us at People's Park in Banbury on Sunday 26 November for the festive fun and raise money for people facing life-limiting illness.

Get your free Santa suits and take part in a jolly jog or winter walk after a Rockin' Robin warm up! People's Park will be in full festive spirit with a brass band, music from Radio Horton, and hot drinks for all taking part. This year there's also the Christmas Trail - a children's treasure hunt for our younger supporters. Tickets are £15 for adults, £8 for children, and £40 for a family (2 adults & 2 children).

Plus: join our procession of Santas at 4pm in to the town for the Banbury Christmas lights switch on. Please sign up today to join the fun and help people in our community facing life-limiting illness.

Are the police and criminal justice service providing the right support for people with mental health issues?

That is the question being asked by Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner as he launches a Time2Listen mental health consultation.

The consultation is now live at www.time2listenorthants.co.uk - and is focussed on gaining a better understanding of the experience of people with mental illness, ADHD and Autism - and their interactions with the police and criminal justice service in Northamptonshire.

Northamptonshire Police spends more than 20% of its time supporting victims of crime and detainees with mental health needs. Over the next three months, the commissioner wants to hear from local people to get a true picture of how effective the police and the criminal justice services are in supporting people with mental illness and what can be done to improve those interactions.

The Time2Listen consultation will hear from people via face to face interviews, telephone conversations, focus groups, workshops and by an online survey. The consultation is also open to parents, carers and loved ones of those with mental illnesses, ADHD and Autism.

The outcomes and any recommendations from the consultation will be shared with the Northamptonshire Mental Health Criminal Justice Board.



Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting Monday 16 October 2017 at 7.30pm

Present – Chairman, Councillor Andrew Woods; Councillors Linda Baker, Richard Bland, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby. Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and four members of the public.

Apologies – Parish Councillor Andrea Gladden.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Co-option – Adrian Kelly was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Speeding Traffic in the Village – At the previous meeting it had been agreed to purchase a solar powered VAS to be located on Farthinghoe Road. However, information received advised that a solar powered VAS was not suitable as a mobile sign, therefore it was agreed to purchase a battery powered SWARO MVAS 3. Prior to placing the order, a site meeting would be held with Northants Highways to discuss the two locations for the VAS on Farthinghoe Road.

Playing Field and Pavilion – A number of grant applications had been completed by James Love, Sean Pankhurst and Victoria Beadle, however before they could be submitted, the issue of the requirement for a long term lease at the playing field needed to be addressed. Councillor Andrew Woods agreed to contact Alice Townsend to discuss this matter. There had also been some fundraising activities for the new pavilion and more events would be arranged in the near future. If anyone would like to make a donation to the fund, they should contact Theresa Goss, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Appointment of Memorial Hall Representative – Councillor Diana Sheasby had now stepped down from the Committee, however the Parish Council agreed not to appoint another representative.

Remembrance Sunday – Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 12 November 2017. Bob Whitrow would be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Internal Audit 2017/2018 – Arrow Accounting was appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2017/2018.

Tree at Hogg Lane/Main Street Junction – The County Council had pruned the tree which was located on the green at the junction of Hogg Lane and Main Street.

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

20 November 2017

15 January 2018

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the meeting are available at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk
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