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An update from Andrea Leadsom, MP for South Northamptonshire

During last year's General Election I updated my 'ambitions for South Northamptonshire', based on a number of key issues residents across South Northants have raised with me, and this serves as a focal point for my efforts on your behalf. One of the main concerns was the urgent need for the long overdue **A422 Farthinghoe Bypass** to be built. I thought it might be helpful to provide an update on where we are with this.



Last year I wrote to the Transport Secretary to seek his advice on funding mechanisms, and his response indicated that the new National Roads Fund for the Major Roads Network might be a possible solution. The Department for Transport has started a public consultation which includes the proposed bidding process and the potential criteria for how bypasses would be assessed. The Secretary of State has also indicated that any bid would have to be jointly made by NCC and the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

I have asked SEMLEP and NCC to consider the consultation documents, particularly in the context of how the proposed criteria might affect a bid for the Farthinghoe Bypass, and work to submit a joint bid for funding once the National Roads Fund has launched. They have agreed to work together and I have said I will do all that I can to assist. The Farthinghoe Bypass would significantly improve transport links in this part of the county, particularly between Banbury and Milton Keynes.

As mentioned previously, on **broadband**, all households in Charlton and Newbottle should now have access to superfast broadband, however if you have any specific concerns about your connection do let me know and I will look into it for you.

As ever, I can always be reached via my constituency office in Towcester (01327 353 124) or via email at andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk, if anyone has any issues they would like to raise with me. You can book yourself in to see me at one of my regular advice surgeries in the Forum, and also keep up-to-date on local news via my website at www.andrealeadsom.com.

CHURCH Fr Roger Bellamy, The Vicarage, Kings Sutton
Tel: 01295 811364 <https://newbottlechurch.weebly.com>

Services 9.30am at Newbottle Church

4th Second Sunday before Lent Sung Eucharist

11th Sunday before Lent Matins

18th Lent I Sung Eucharist

25th Lent II Matins

Ash Wednesday 14th February. Holy Communion

The Lent Course is on the Passion narrative in S Mark's Gospel and led by the Reverend Roger Burne. It will take place after the Tuesday Mass in the Church Room, King's Sutton about 10am and on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 at the Burne's home, 43 Glebe Rise. People from both parishes welcome!!

Fr Roger: My last course of chemotherapy didn't have much effect and so I have reached the stage where there is no more treatment, and we will deal with symptoms as they arise. I shall continue to work as long as I can - pacing myself and dependent on energy levels. I feel remarkably peaceful. I am in the Lord's hands whatever happens and I trust that all shall be well, as Julian of Norwich said. I am grateful for the prayers of people and I continue to pray for you.

LENT

The image of a ladder is a common one in Christian thinking. There was the one which Jacob saw rising to heaven which made him realise that although he was fleeing from the brother he had cheated, God was still present. And the idea of climbing a ladder as an image of spiritual growth was used by Benedict and several other writers. Lent is, of course, a time for reflection on how our lives are going – a time for deepening our penitence and faith through the traditional ways of fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

John Short (1911-91) is a little-known poet who spent his whole life in Westmoreland (part of Cumbria, these days!) and this poem is called Six Ladder-Steps for Lent. As you will see it moves from ash and ends with jonquils dancing:

From a furnace rake out ash
In those clinkers set thy feet

Spin they hope from cotton thread
And stretch prayer's weft upon that beam

For whips of scorn they breast to slash
Tear up a pauper's winding sheet

Macerations feed the soul
Vow a means-test rule and see

Next beside a pit-shaft tread
Rise by crawling down and seam

Seven Easter jonquils snow-bright and tall
Dance in passion's cemetery.

From an Anthology of Religious Verse edited by Norman Nicholson, Pelican Books 1842

Fr Roger

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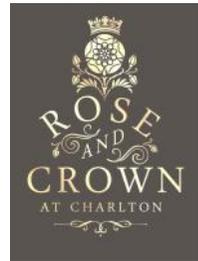
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Don't forget that special someone!

Valentine's Dinner



Wednesday 14 February 2018

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Menus Available from the pub**



Northamptonshire Police has relaunched a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help keep their communities safe.

The messaging service, called Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (formerly known as Community Connect), now has greater functionality than previously, allowing frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They will be able to do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

After signing up to the messaging system, people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping them up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – you will only receive messages about topics that you have selected.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.



Christmas Eve Carol Singing

The total raised from the 2017 Carol Singing in Charlton was a fantastic £225 which will be donated to Katharine House Hospice.

Many thanks to all carol singers and to the warm and welcoming home owners!

Andrea Gladden

Nature Notes

With any luck you might see this in time to take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, which takes place over the weekend of 27/28 January. Around 50,000 people took part last time which is a lot of records and a lot of birds seen. All you need to do is to spend one hour noting what birds you see and how many, either in your garden (or somebody else's) or a park and send the results to the RSPB. All the information is on their website. We always enjoy doing this and seeing whether the results are different from previous years. No doubt, if you feed the birds regularly you get more birds visiting, as they learn to rely on the food which magically replenishes in the feeders.

We have recently returned from New Zealand. Its enormous wealth of birdlife has developed in an environment which until the advent of western explorers had no animal predators: no foxes, badgers, squirrels, rats, stoats or ferrets. This meant that many species developed into flightless, ground-nesting birds which were then vulnerable to the alien pests brought in by the colonizers. In many of the national parks, efforts are being made to get rid of rats and stoats by trapping. We learnt that rats and stoats are excellent swimmers so that the islands just off shore which are now pest-free have to be continually monitored and traps kept baited along the shore to prevent the stoats swimming out to them.

Australian possums - originally introduced on purpose - are very destructive of the native forest trees and they are hunted and trapped. It is perfectly respectable - indeed politically correct - to wear possum fur in New Zealand and they have found a way to combine possum fur with merino wool to make beautifully warm and soft woollens.

We were entertained to meet the New Zealand fantail - a bird rather similar to our wagtail, all black and white, but instead of its tail going up and down the fantail's tail goes from side to side. This caused us to wonder why a wagtail wags, (and we haven't found an answer), but we suppose it is something to do with balance as they do it while walking.

Despite the really quite cold weather, the sparrows are still busily nesting above our back door and still festooning our doorstep with all the bits that they drop. We have the first snowdrops out with a few primroses and the early crocuses and aconites are showing colour. All good signs of spring.

We suspect that we have badgers visiting. The small crab apple tree that was laden with small bright red crabs is now suspiciously free of them on the lower branches where the fruit would be within badger-reaching distance. We noticed the same thing a year or so ago when all the medlars on the lower branches seemed to have disappeared. We mind them having the medlars less than the crabs which would otherwise remain so bright and cheerful through the worst of the winter.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

From Charlton to Langbensi, Ghana

A warm invitation to all villagers to come to an:

African evening hosted by Alice Townsend at Charlton Memorial Hall on Thursday 22nd February at 7pm

As you may know, I spent over two years living and working in a remote village, Langbensi, in Ghana. My Ghanaian friend James, came to stay in Charlton for a while in 2014.



Since then, James and I have been working to build various links between our two communities. Most recently, we have begun to set up a link between our village school here in Charlton and Great Stars, the primary school in Langbensi.



We have also developed a volunteering scheme so that people from Newbottle and Charlton could have the opportunity to go out to Africa and stay with James and his family, to work in the school, clinic or at the agricultural station.

To date we have offered the opportunity to young people and have sent two people to Langbensi and one more person is going in February.

So please come and join us for an evening to find out more about this unique project and how you, the people of Newbottle and Charlton, can get involved.

See you there!

Alice Townsend



Playing Field and Pavilion Meeting, Monday 16 January 2018, 8pm

Present: Parish Councillors Linda Baker, Michael Loggin, Diana Sheasby, Bob Whitrow and Andrew Woods. Theresa Goss (Clerk), James Love (Cricket Club) and Sean Pankhurst (Football Club). Apologies were received from Graham Knight.

There was a discussion about the type of building which was required, which would meet the needs of the users, without being too expensive. It was suggested that a pre-fabricated building on the current footprint of the pavilion would meet the needs of the users and James Love agreed to obtain information on this type of structure. Costs for this would start at around £25,000. Sean Pankhurst agreed to look into grant funding and Andrew Woods would assist him with this.

It was acknowledged that although grant funding could probably be obtained, fundraising would also be required and all the pavilion user groups would need to be involved with this.

Once the plans had been agreed and the project was moving forward, Alice Townsend advised that there shouldn't be an issue with obtaining a longer lease at the playing field.

It was hoped that the whole project could be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 24 April 2017.

The next meeting would be held on **Monday 20 February 2017 at 8pm** at the Memorial Hall. All those in the village who were involved with the Football Club, Cricket Club, School and other potential users were invited to attend, to give their thoughts on the new building.

NO DOG FOULING IN OUR VILLAGE

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that dog fouling is again an issue in Charlton. The main problem areas appear to be Myers Close and on Main Street.

The Parish Council requests that dog owners clean up after their dogs and they do not leave their pets' mess on the ground, in any areas of the village.

If the problem persists, a Dog Warden at South Northants Council will be asked to monitor the village and fines will be issued to dog owners accordingly. However, the Parish Council hopes that this course of action will not be necessary.





Charlton Pavilion Fundraising Update

It's been a busy month here at Charlton Pavilion Fundraising HQ with a number of exciting fundraising opportunities ahead of us.

On Saturday 27th January many of the community groups were **bag packing at Marks & Spencer** at Castle Quay in Banbury. Thank you to everyone who showed their support.

This month we've been chosen by Waitrose in Brackley as one of the three causes to receive a donation via their **Community Matters scheme**. We will feature on one of the three 'Community Matters' boxes in store. So if you shop in Waitrose don't forget to pick up your green token at the till and add it to our box! The more tokens we get the greater share of the £1,000 we'll receive.

The Pavilion Fundraising Committee is joining up with The Rose & Crown to bring you a **Charity Auction Night of Lots & Promises on Friday 23rd February**. We have some fantastic items to bid on: paintballing, gliding lessons, fish & chip supper, day trips, meals out and much more! We'll be sharing all our 'Lots and Promises' on our Facebook page throughout February.

The night will commence with a curry supper at 7.30pm. **Tickets are £8.50 per person** and are available from the village shop from 1st February. Doors open at 8.30pm to commence bidding on the silent auction with the main auction starting at 9.30pm.

- Do you have an item that you'd be prepared to donate to be auctioned?
- Do you have a Company or work for a Company that might be happy to donate a 'Lot' that can be auctioned?
- Do you have a skill, a trade or a hobby that you'd be willing to be auctioned?

If so, please contact us through the Charlton Pavilion Project Facebook page or email us at vjbeadle@hotmail.com.



NEWBOTTLE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON

CHARLTON MEMORIAL HALL
MAIN STREET, CHARLTON

7.30 PM, MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018

ALL WELCOME!!

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 and matters arising
4. Report from the County and District Councillor, Rebecca Breese
5. Open Forum – for all village organisations to attend the meeting and submit verbal reports on their work and achievements in the last 12 months
6. Chairman's Report on the year to 31 March 2018
7. Presentation of Parish Council accounts 2017-2018

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