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## SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTION



Ofsted finally visited our school in January. It was well overdue and was a very positive experience. All stakeholders linked to the school were hugely supportive and helped the inspection run smoothly. I am very pleased to announce that our school remains **'Good'**.

The inspector wrote the following comments which I have taken from the report:

- ◆ *The senior team has worked successfully to embed a culture of achievement and quality teaching across the school.*
- ◆ *You and your staff provide pupils with very high-quality care.*
- ◆ *Pupils behave exceptionally well, showing respect to each other and to adults.*
- ◆ *You have established a safe and stimulating environment in which pupils thrive and flourish.*

As a one-day inspection, it was a snapshot of the school in operation and focused on some key lines of enquiry. If you would like to read the full report, it can be found on our school website - [www.newbottleandcharlton.co.uk](http://www.newbottleandcharlton.co.uk) (more - page 7).

On **Friday 9th March**, the Girl Guides are bringing to Charlton our very first **Pop Up Restaurant**. They will be providing a three course meal at only £15 per head. You can bring your own bottle and there'll be a raffle and a quiz. They'll be raising money for a number of charities including the Pavilion. Please book in for a fantastic evening.



February was a busy fundraising month. Our **Charity Auction Night of Lots & Promises** at the Rose & Crown was a great success, we'll share how we got on soon! Thank you to all who voted for us using the green tokens in Waitrose. In January we packed bags at M&S with Charlton Guiding Groups, the Junior Cricket & Football Teams - we raised a HUGE £431.25. Thank you for your support!

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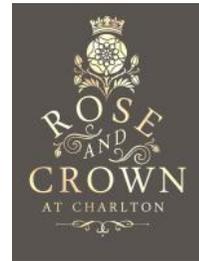
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**Join us in March:**

**Wednesday 7 March 2018  
Thai/Malaysian Fusion Evening**

**Sunday 11 March 2018  
Mother's Day**

**Saturday 17 March 2018  
St. Patrick's Day**

**Booking Advised. Menus available  
from The Rose and Crown**

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

**Services at Newbottle**

4<sup>th</sup> Lent III Sung Eucharist 9 30am  
11<sup>th</sup> Lent IV Mothering Sunday Matins 9 30am  
18<sup>th</sup> Lent V Sung Eucharist 9 30am  
25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Procession from Charlton Village Hall to Newbottle Church begins at 11am  
29<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 10am Holy Communion 10 45 End of term service for the school  
30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 2pm  
April 1 Easter Day 9 30am Sung Eucharist

**We can't be there but!!!**

S Francis was thinking that as Christmas approached in 1232, and so he created the first Crib at Greccio. Eric Milner-White in the Bidding for the Service of Readings and Carols for Christmas Eve, says 'let us go even in heart and mind to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass'. And this is what we also do in Holy Week and Easter. We cannot usually be in Jerusalem but we can make a Jerusalem here. On Palm Sunday we make a journey just as Jesus did: at Charlton this takes the form of a walk, usually with donkey, from the village to Church at Newbottle.

Jesus and his disciples gathered in the Upper Room on the Thursday: we shall gather in church - Newbottle at 10am and King's Sutton at 8pm. On Good Friday, obviously we go in heart and mind to the Cross, we hear the Passion story and sing hymns that recall to us the suffering of Christ which has brought about our redemption. Finally, like the women on the first Easter Day, we go to the empty tomb in the Easter Garden. We greet the Risen Lord, among us.

That sounds like a lot of services, and it is, but it is the high-point of the whole Christian year. To experience the whole sequence is deeply moving, from the crowds' cry of Hosanna on Palm Sunday, to the Crucify him! of Good Friday to the Alleluia. He is risen! Of Easter. But come to what you can.

Be there even when you can't be there!

**Fr Roger**

Congratulations to our own Superhero Phil Marshall from Myers Way who faced brutal conditions to complete The Spine Race, a 268 Mile Mountainous Ultra Marathon that runs along the entire Penine Way.

Phil has raised over £12,000 for Pulmonary Hypertension Association UK, the charity he supports as his wife Sarah suffers from the condition. If you'd like to make a donation to the fund, please visit Phil's Justgiving website (address in the image).

**268 MILES. MOUNTAINS. WINTER. FOR THE PHA UK.**



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## Nature Notes

We recently saw three red kites and two buzzards all wheeling round above the same field. The red kites gradually saw off the two buzzards – rather gently but inexorably. Buzzards are our commonest and most widespread bird of prey and we see them often above Charlton village and the fields round about. They have a rather plaintive mewing call which sounds a bit like a cat. They have broad rounded wings and a short rounded tail. Red kites are a much more recent arrival here, larger and redder and easily distinguished by their angled, more pointed wings and deeply forked tail.

Charlton's red kites show how successful the red kite conservation and re-introduction programme has been, as these birds had been locally extinct as the result of persecution and were only found in Wales. The first 'Kite Committee' was formed in 1903 and it initiated the first nest protection schemes, as red kites were being targeted by egg-collectors and bounty hunters, who robbed up to a quarter of all nests each year. The RSPB is thought to have been involved continuously since 1905 and helped with more sophisticated nest-protection schemes in the 1950s and 1960s, but even so, it became apparent that red kites were never likely to be able to spread out of Wales because of their own low productivity – not many chicks reared successfully each year. A re-introduction programme was thought to be feasible as red kites fulfilled all the criteria of the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature), and in 1989 six Swedish birds were released in the north of Scotland and four Swedish and one Welsh bird in the Chilterns; altogether 93 birds (either Swedish or Spanish) were released at each site up to 1993, and the first successful breeding was recorded in 1992.

Since then, those of us who travel regularly up and down the M40 to London will be aware of how the numbers have built up in the Chilterns, and kites seem to have spread up the M40 as far as here. In the late 1990s more birds were released in Rockingham Forest in the north of this county and in a few more sites, with the hope that eventually the red kite population would be able to colonize suitable habitats all over the country.

Buzzards eat small mammals, birds and carrion, but apparently they will also eat earthworms and large insects when other prey is in short supply. We have seen a buzzard with a freshly caught rabbit – with a surrounding chorus of crows waiting for the left-overs. Red kites mainly eat carrion, so they are not in competition with the buzzards, but they will also eat worms – surprisingly for so large a bird – and given the chance will sometimes take small mammals.

Our dog put up a hare the other day but like a good dog returned to the whistle and the hare disappeared into the nearest hedge. It's always good to see hares as like hedgehogs their numbers are declining. We blame the large badger population for the decline of the hedgehogs. In our large garden there is everything a hedgehog could want but we hardly ever see one. We don't often actually see a badger but we have plenty of evidence of their visits, and our last sightings of hedgehogs were of dead disembowelled ones. Badgers have learnt how to do this.

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**

**Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 19 February at 7.30pm**  
**[www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Present** – Chairman, Councillor Andrew Woods; Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden, Adrian Kelly and Michael Loggin. Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and three members of the public.

**Apologies** – Richard Bland and Diana Sheasby.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Planning** – A resident addressed the Parish Council with regard to the potential impact on the condition of the road in Hogg Lane, should planning permission be granted for two new houses. The road was currently in a poor state of repair and the Parish Council shared the concerns of the resident and would raise this matter with South Northants Council as part of the planning process.

**VAS/Speed Limit Changes on Farthinghoe Road** – There had been a meeting with the Northants Highways and the location of the poles for the VAS had been agreed. The start of the 30mph limit would be moved 50metres further out along Farthinghoe Road from the current location of the existing 30mph terminal signs. The recent accident on the bends on Brackley Road was also brought to the attention of the Highways Officer and additional signage would be provided, but not until at least the new financial year when it was hoped funds would be available.

**New Pavilion Project** – There were a number of fundraising activities being organised by Victoria Beadle, James Love and Sean Pankhurst. Councillor Andrew Woods would be speaking to the Charitable Trust who owned the playing field, about the lease. Once the extended lease had been agreed, it would open up a number of funding streams for the project.

**Litter Pick** – The litter pick would be held in April 2018, however a specific date was yet to be confirmed. Details would be advertised around the village shortly.

**Grass Cutting 2018/2019** – The grass cutting contract was awarded to Michael Dempsey for 2018/2019.

**Annual Parish Meeting** - The Charlton and Newbottle Annual Parish Meeting was being held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 7.30pm and all residents were invited to attend. Village organisations were also invited to attend and present reports on their work for the last 12 months.

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

19 March 2018	16 April 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting)
21 May 2018	18 June 2018
16 July 2018	<b>All welcome to attend!</b>

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available at [www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk) or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at [newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours

# **APOLOGIES - THE MINUTES PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY LINK WERE INCORRECT - THE CORRECT MINUTES ARE HERE:**

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**Apologies** – Parish Councillors Richard Bland and Michael Loggin submitted apologies because they were at work.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Speeding Traffic in the Village** – The VAS had been delivered and would be erected as soon as the proposal to move the 30mph speed limit out further along Farthinghoe Road had been resolved. A formal request would be made to Northants Highways for this proposal to be considered.

**New Pavilion Project** – A number of fundraising activities planned and the main event was an auction evening at the Rose and Crown on Friday 23 February 2018. Many prizes already donated and tickets would go on sale in the village shop very soon. The Football and Cricket Clubs and Brownies had been undertaking fundraising activities and they would also be joining in with a 'bag pack' at Marks & Spencer on 27 January 2018. The project had also been accepted by Waitrose for their in-store 'Community Matters' token scheme.

**Grass Cutting 2018/2019** – The contract would be awarded at the February meeting.

**Planning** – S/2017/0036/OUT, land at Hogg Lane application for two detached dwellings; The Parish Council made no comments on the application. S/2017/2851/FUL & S/2017/2856/FUL, Hinton in the Hedges Airfield; The Parish Council objected to these applications.

**Dog Fouling** – There was again an issue in the village with owners not clearing up after their dogs and a notice would be included in The Link. The Dog Warden at SNC would be contacted if the problem persisted.

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## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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



#### **Newbottle & Charlton School Update**

The term kicked off with a whole school topic called The Big Frieze - a piece of artwork created by the artist Emma Yarlet, depicting the main events of the bible from the story of Creation to the Kingdom of God. Children experienced a dance workshop and developed a deeper understanding of Christian events.



Classes have now moved on to their own units of learning - the eldest children in Birch are studying Fairtrade 'Chocolates and Bananas'; Elm are looking at Rainforests and will visit the Living Rainforest in Newbury. Children in Oak and Ash are focusing on toys past and present.

In February we welcomed a team from the Triathlon Trust who led us on an incredible adventure to space! We took part in a Duathlon (cycling and running) and reached a satellite 717km away! It was a fantastic experience with all the staff and children involved.



I would like to invite you all to our community tea, Easter/Spring themed on Tuesday 27th March from 2pm. Please let the office know if you can attend - 811480.

*Mrs Smith, Head Teacher*

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