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## Charlton and Newbottle Litter Pick

The annual village litter pick will take place on **Friday 27 April**, meeting outside the Memorial Hall at 6.00pm.

Do come and join in for an hour: litterpickers, gloves and bags provided.

If we cannot do much to reduce the pollution of the oceans by plastic, at least we can do our bit for the Blue Planet by removing the plastic bottles and other litter which deface the road verges around Charlton and Newbottle.



Last year children from the school and Brownies won a special prize of £150 given by CPRE Northamptonshire (the Campaign to Protect Rural England) for their successful litterpicking. The Brownies passed their £100 share to the Pavilion Project and the school has spent their £50 share on their outdoor classroom.

Well done them! Let's have a good turnout to follow their lead this year. Any questions: contact Paul Hayter (811176).

## Nature Notes

At the time of writing we are in the middle of another very cold spell with a biting north-east wind and snow. The poor daffodils! It seemed remarkable after the last cold weather that the snowdrops and crocuses reappeared, still flowering away. It doesn't seem possible that the daffodils will re-emerge unscathed this time.

At the beginning of March after several days of hard frost we had lots of birds on and underneath the bird feeders. We had a nuthatch, three robins, a greenfinch, a redwing, and a long-tailed tit. The RSPB's report on the Big Garden Birdwatch revealed that there had been a 52% rise in long-tailed tits between 2006 and 2016. Surprisingly, an average of 4 house sparrows were seen per garden, despite the fact that numbers of sparrows have fallen by 57% since 1979, the year of the first Big Garden Birdwatch. Since then there has been a 79% decline in starlings: we always seem to have plenty of starlings in the garden, but we can remember seeing every roofline in Banbury black with them at the end of a winter afternoon and you never see that now, though we did see a small murmuration of starlings over Brackley the other day – just two groups met together and made some wonderful swirling shapes against the early evening sky.

We find ourselves writing often about climate change in Nature Notes, and this is inevitable as it is having an effect on the whole of our natural world. There are winners as well as losers, of course: the increase of almost 1°C in the UK average temperature since the 1980s means that some bird species are taking refuge here, escaping difficulties elsewhere. Night herons took up residence on the Somerset Levels in 2017 and bred there for the first time, and cattle egrets and black-winged stilts had their most successful breeding season here, having been pushed north by drought in southern Europe. Dartford warblers, which were almost wiped out by very hard winters in the 1960s have now increased in numbers to over 3,000 breeding pairs mainly in southern England, but on the other hand numbers have declined drastically in Spain and France as the climate there becomes more hostile for them.

Our native species are breeding earlier and migratory birds, such as swallows, are arriving earlier and staying later. Garden warblers are recorded as spending an extra four weeks here, and many birds which usually migrate to southern Europe for the winter are now spending all year in Britain: blackcaps and chiff-chaffs have doubled in numbers since the 1970s. It is thought to be our warmer springs and autumns that keep them here: but perhaps they will change their minds after this spring.

Before this present cold spell and snow we did have a few warm spring days with lovely sunshine and we saw the first brimstone butterfly on the wing a couple of days ago, near St. Rumbold's Well on the edge of Kings Sutton. We hope it has found somewhere cosy to lie up until the sunshine returns.

**Deborah and Paul Hayter**

**NEWBOTTLE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**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

**Pavilion Update**

February was a record fundraising month and truly kicked off our fundraising campaign. We hosted our Charity Auction of Lots & Promises at the Rose & Crown on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you to everyone who supported us, whether it was buying or selling raffle tickets, coming along on the night for supper or for bidding away on our fabulous lots! The night raised £2714, which we were quite overwhelmed about. On the night we were also presented with a cheque for £250.00 from Howdens Joinery, which took our grand total to £2,964.



In February we were also selected for Waitrose's community matters scheme, which meant we were one of the three charities you could use your green tokens to vote for. Thank you to everyone who did as we raised £221.00.

We have also started to approach local companies for donations and we're please to confirm that Agrivert based in Chipping Norton has agreed to donate £250.00, which is amazing news. If you work for a Company that would be happy to support a local good cause, please get in contact with us through our Facebook Page or our email address [Charltonpavilion@gmail.com](mailto:Charltonpavilion@gmail.com).

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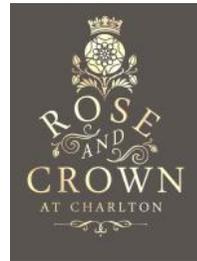
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## Newbottle & Charlton School Update

The school has had its SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools), judged by the Diocese of Peterborough in 4 key areas:

1. How well does the school, through its distinctive **Christian character**, meet the needs of all learners?
2. What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
3. How effective is religious education?
4. How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

Another intense day with all stakeholders involved in discussion and meetings. The inspector observed collective worship, RE lessons, books, paperwork and data. The report is yet to be published but the school has done very well.



Despite the inspections, school life continues to be busy. The choir went to Wembley to perform with 5,000 other children in the annual **Voice in A Million concert**. We go every other year and it is a fantastic opportunity for the children.

We celebrated **World Book Day**

with children and staff dressing up as a book character, completing a character treasure hunt and having a parent and staff story share.



We also embraced

**British Science Week** with science workshops where children carried out experiments including making their own slime. We also had a visit from **Zoolab** creatures including a snake, tarantula, frog, cockroaches and gerbils. Children visited Silverstone and the NEC Birmingham for **Big Bang Science Fayres** where they

were wowed with science information and phenomena and they got to watch live science shows and experiments!



Turning our attention to Easter, we explored Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy week. Children explored through Collective Worship and RE lessons and members of the Church and Governors led a Prayer Space activity where children visited different stations to explore key Easter messages.

*Mrs Smith, Headteacher*

**Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 19 March at 7.30pm**  
**www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk**

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

**Apologies** – Richard Bland and Andrea Gladden.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**VAS on Farthinghoe Road** – The VAS had been purchased and the Parish Council was waiting for Northants Highways to install the two poles. The Clerk would chase up the officers at Northants Highways about an installation date.

**New Pavilion Project** – There had been a number of fundraising activities in the village and anyone who wished to make a donation should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. The Parish Council felt that the Playing Field Association should be re-established and the Clerk would write to the Junior and Senior Cricket and Football Clubs asking for a representative from each to sit on the Committee. This did not have to be one of the coaches, it could be a parent of one of the players. Councillors Adrian Kelly, Michael Loggin and Andrew Woods would also be members of the Committee. Once the Committee was agreed, a separate bank account would be opened specifically for the fundraising for the new pavilion.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** – The Clerk advised on the obligations which had to be met and once a summary had been received from the County Association, she would ensure that the Parish Council was compliant by 25 May 2018. A Document Retention Policy was also approved.

**Parish Council Web Site** – Quotes for a new Parish Council web site were considered and the quote from Pixel Concepts was accepted.

**Village Web Site/Neighbourhood Watch** – Sid Baker was retiring from the role of Editor of the village website and also as Coordinator of Neighbourhood Watch. If anyone in the village wished to take over these roles, they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. If there were no volunteers, then the website and the Neighbourhood Watch would both have to close.

**Litter Pick** – The litter pick would be held on Friday 27 April 2018 at 6pm, starting at the Memorial Hall. All residents were invited to join in with the litter pick.

**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: 16 April 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting)

21 May 2018

18 June 2018

16 July 2018

**All welcome to attend!**

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. **You can also follow Newbottle Parish Council on Facebook**

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

29th March Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 10.00am

30th March Good Friday Service of The Cross 2.00pm

**At Newbottle, Sundays at 9 30am**

1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Day Sung Eucharist

8<sup>th</sup> April Easter II Matins

15<sup>th</sup> April Easter III Sung Eucharist followed by the Annual Parish Church Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> April Easter IV Matins

29<sup>th</sup> April Easter V Matins

There is a wedding on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Toby Zammit and Annabel Onslow

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**From Fr Roger**

As I write this the wind howls around the Vicarage, there is snow lying on the ground and the temperature with wind chill is -7 degrees, but spring is coming, I hope!!

April 1 is Easter Day, beginning a season of 50 days celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Here is a new poem.

The earth still cold  
Houses a burial place  
Borrowed from a rich man:  
Emerging from darkness  
Into brilliant light.  
Angels bring news of  
Something that has already  
Happened.  
The humble birth was hidden in a  
Cold, dark barn and this new  
Birth hidden too because  
Resurrection's glory can not be seen.

As light gathers in our lives  
We sing Alleluia! And  
proclaim the hidden things of God.



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