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The poster is a vibrant collage of farm-related images. At the top left, there are yellow and purple flowers. A magnifying glass is positioned over a green plant. A small bird is perched on a branch in the top right. A butterfly is shown in flight near the center. A stalk of wheat is on the right. A black and white cow's head is on the bottom left, and a red rooster is on the bottom right. The central text is in large, bold, orange letters. Above the title are logos for LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) and Open Farm Sunday (www.farmsunday.org). Below the title, it says 'VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING' in green. The date '9th JUNE 2019' is in large green letters. The location 'Newbottle Estate, Forceleap Farm, NN13 5PJ' and time 'Time: 12pm – 4:00pm' are listed. It also mentions 'Free Entry and Trailer Rides'. A line states 'All donations and proceeds from this event will go to' followed by a logo for 'Newbottle & Charlton C of E School' which depicts a church. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for various partners: AHDB, Arla Farmers Own, ASDA, B&B, Co-op, RFL (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs), FARMERS, ffrutter, JOHN DEERE, M&S, NFU, Sainsbury's, TESCO, and WAITROSE. Below these logos is the website 'www.farmsunday.org' and social media handles '@OpenFarmSunday' and 'LEAFopenfarmsunday'. A small tractor is visible in the bottom right corner.

LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

9th JUNE 2019

Newbottle Estate
Forceleap Farm, NN13 5PJ
Time: 12pm – 4:00pm
Free Entry and Trailer Rides

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**Newbottle & Charlton
C of E School**

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Nature Notes

On a recent short circuit round the village recently we counted five varieties of wild (hardy) geraniums. The most obvious is Pyrenean Cranesbill (*Geranium pyrenaicum*) which is the biggest of this particular group. There are lots of them along the side of the church path, with mauve flowers, up to half an inch across, with rounded and indented leaves. In the midst of low vegetation this makes lowish mound but it will scramble up quite high when it can. Then there was Soft Cranesbill (*G. molle*) with smaller pale pink flowers: this is a lower plant, tending to be prostrate and with less dissected leaves.

We then found Shining Cranesbill (*G. lucidum*) on a wall, and then in our garden: this has small pink flowers with more rounded and very glossy leaves, hence the name. There was masses of Cut-leaved Geranium (*G. dissectum*) along the edge of the rape field; this is typically an arable weed and is a bigger plant with pinky-mauve small flowers and very dissected leaves. The fifth geranium was Herb Robert (*G. robertianum*), a very familiar garden weed (too familiar) and found along hedgerows too: this has bright pink flowers on reddish stems and a very distinctive sharp scent.

We have two more wild geraniums which will come out in the next month or so: Meadow cranesbill (*G. pratense*) is the largest, with large bright blue flowers at about 18". This is the plant that has been hybridized by plant breeders for the garden. It grows along the verge of the Farthinghoe Road beyond the Forceleap crossroads. We also have Small-flowered Cranesbills (*G. pusillum*) with much smaller pale pink flowers.

Some of this family are called cranesbills because of the shape of the seed pods, which develop into long sharp points, many of them pointing upright. The plants were named at a time when cranes were seen in the countryside and everyone was familiar with their long beaks.

We wrote last month about the cabbage stem flea beetle and its effect on the rape crop, and we have since noticed that in some of the rape fields there are parts where are more weeds than rape. Shepherd's purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*) is doing particularly well: this is a plant with small clusters of tiny insignificant white flowers, but as the plant grows with successive flowers at the top of the growing stem the seed pods develop below into small heart-shaped packages, which presumably at some stage resembled the sort of small bag that a shepherd might have with him.

One of us does a regular fortnightly butterfly survey for BBOWT in Ardley quarry and on the last round was delighted to spot a Green Hairstreak butterfly. These are the only British butterflies with truly green colouration on their wings, which makes them difficult to find. The uppersides of their wings are a dull brown, but the undersides are bright green with a faint white streak parallel to the edges. They appear to like sheltered scrub with some open floriferous grassland, which makes railways cuttings ideal, and they lay their eggs on a wide variety of plants. We are unlikely to see these in the garden, but we have had a number of Holly Blues this spring, and a good number of Orange-Tips and Brimstones. We were delighted to see a swift or two returning, and surveying the scene, but we don't think any are nesting with us – yet. We live in hope.

Deborah and Paul Hayter

Thursday Bus Service from Charlton to Banbury



As there is no longer a bus service in the village, King's Sutton & Aynho Parish Councils have kindly agreed to extend their new Thursday service to Charlton.

**Passengers are collected at the bus stop in Green Lane at 9.25am en-route to King's Sutton for 9.30am.
Passengers will be dropped off at Banbury Bus Station, with a return time of 12.20pm.**



The return fare will be £4.00 per passenger, payable on board the bus and it is available for any age to use.

There is no need to book, please just turn up at the Green Lane bus stop at 9.25am on a Thursday.

2 nd June	Easter 7	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
9 th June	Pentecost	Matins & Communion	9.30am
16 th June	Trinity Sunday	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
23 rd June	Trinity 1	Matins	9.30am
30 th June	Trinity 2	Matins	9.30am
7 th July	Trinity 3	Sung Eucharist	9.30am

Thursday 13th June Communion at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton

Recently I overheard two little girls talking to each other. One of them said “When your Mum’s mad with your Dad, don’t let her brush your hair”. A bit of practical wisdom born from experience. You can just picture it, can’t you? Mum, still a bit uptight with something Dad’s done – or more likely not done, and brushing her small daughter’s hair a bit more vigorously than usual, and the victim ‘ouchin’ and ‘aahing’ with every brush stroke. Mum, upset, gets a bit aggressive, and daughter becomes the innocent victim.

And isn’t that the way much of the worlds works? One country’s leaders becomes angry and upset by the behaviour of another so they take strong action. And who suffers? The innocents caught up in the middle. They’ve done nothing wrong; they’re just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

And when we come down to a personal level, it might be wise to check our feelings when we are angry, and think about whom we’re aiming at when we let those feelings loose. Another child once said wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age come on its own.

It may be patience that we need, but sometimes it seems we have to wait for it.

David Morgan

There will be a Memorial Service for Rosamond Bennett in Newbottle Church on Friday 28th June at 11.00am.

Rosamond lived in the village for many years and belonged to many village organisations.



Newbottle & Charlton School Update

Term 5 is a short and busy one, with children in Year 2 & 6 taking statutory assessments. They did extremely well, showing a growth mind-set even when faced with challenging questions. We will get the results in July.

In June, Year 1 take a phonics test of words made up from small units called phonemes. English has 44 phonemes but 120 graphemes, or ways of writing them. Phonics teaches children to read and spell and in Year 1 (only their 2nd year at school) they are tested on reading the sounds in real and made up words!

We have been busy competing in cross country running this term. We took a team of 6 girls & 6 boys to Beachborough for a competition. Lottie won the whole girls race which was a fabulous achievement and both teams ran superbly. For the Brackley Schools competition, we had over 45 children run for us. They all ran well and supported each other, again Lottie was victorious in the race.

We held our own Maypole and Country Dance event recently. Children in Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 all performed a variety of maypole dances and children in Years R, 3 & 4 performed country dances. The Charlton Cherries then gave a super performance at the Maytime in the Square event in Aynho.



The PTFA has been busy with fundraising for school. At Easter we held a Child Enterprise Fayre - children are given £5 to set up their own business and make a profit selling their products that ranged from homemade noughts and crosses sets, canvas artworks and tomato plants to handmade jewellery and a variety of cakes. Overall the project made more than £1000 which will be used by school to purchase some new technology!

Mrs Smith, Head Teacher

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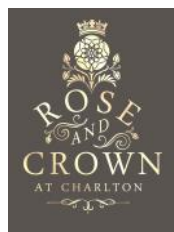
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Sunday 16 June 2019

 *happy*
Father's *day!*

**Bookings now open:
Phone 01295 811317**



CHARLTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



A Year in the Life of a Wood

An illustrated talk
by
Chris Bazeley

Monday 10th June at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall
details from Wendy Cone - 01295 811305

There will be a **Bag2School** collection from **Newbottle & Charlton Primary School on Wednesday 12th June**. 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. Please support us if you can.

Notes of the Newbottle Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.30pm

www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

Present – Chairman, Councillor Andrew Woods; Councillors Linda Baker, Andrea Gladden, Adrian Kelly, Michael Loggin and Diana Sheasby and Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

Apologies – Councillor Richard Bland.

Chairman/Vice-Chairman for 2019/2020 – Councillor Andrew Woods was appointed as Chairman and Michael Loggin was appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2019/2020.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Community Policing – It was agreed that a buddy scheme would be investigated to give reassurance to those residents in the village, who felt vulnerable and needed support. Investigations would also be made into whether it was possible to fund a PCSO with surrounding villages.

Parish Council Web Site – The Parish Council now had a new web site, which could be found at www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk

VAS – There were concerns that the VAS on Farthinghoe Road was not working properly, so advice would be sought from the County Council and from the original supplier.

Dog Waste Bin – The Memorial Hall Committee would be asked if a new dog waste bin could be sited in the car park, next to the bin store.

Planning - S/2019/0836/FUL – The Parish Council made no comments on an application at Woodend Grant Road to Hinton Airfield, Newbottle for a retrospective change of use from an annexe to a holiday let.

Bus Service to Banbury – Contact had been made with neighbouring Parish Councils and a service would be collecting passengers from the Green Lane bus stop at 9.25am on a Thursday morning. Cost was £4 and the return journey was at 12.20pm from Banbury Bus Station. There is no need to book, just turn up on the Thursday morning.

Playing Field Lease and Pavilion Project – Volunteers were needed to progress the grant applications and also organise fundraising events for the project. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council if you could assist with this.

Memorial Hall, Cinema Club – The Parish Council would discuss this further when more information had been received from the Memorial Hall Committee.

Accounts 2019/2020 - The Annual Governance and Accountability Return & Parish Council Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 were approved.

Cemetery/The Link Grant 2019/2020 - The Parish Council's annual grant to the PCC, for the maintenance of the Cemetery, would be increased from £500 to £650. A grant of £150 would also be paid to fund The Link.

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

No meeting in June 2019
15 July 2019
No meeting in August 2019
16 September 2019
No meeting in October 2019
18 November 2019
No meeting in December 2019

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

You can also follow Newbottle Parish Council on Facebook

Memorial Hall Grand Re-Opening

The work to improve the Charlton Memorial main hall ceiling and insulation is now complete and the Trustees are throwing open the doors to **celebrate the Grand Re-Opening on Saturday 22nd June, 1-3pm.**

Please come along to see the new improved hall and facilities on offer. There will be coffee and cake available!

Don't forget there is a special rate for Charlton villagers to use the hall and there is also table tennis equipment to hire as well. Contact bookings@charltonmemorialhall.co.uk for more details.

The Memorial Hall AGM and Trustees meeting is taking place on Wednesday 12th June at 7.00pm. Please attend if you can.



Charlton Village Fete

The village fete will take place on Saturday 20th July 2019.

With such a popular and busy event, there is much to organise and some stalls still need people to volunteer to run them.

The next planning meeting for the Fete will take place on Tuesday 4th June at 6.00pm at The Cottage, Main Street.

Please come along if you could spare a few hours to help plan and run this wonderful event.

Cows in the fields

Finally the cows have got out into the fields. It is so nice seeing them doing what they do best.

We hope you enjoy having them back but just the normal precautions please:

- Move quietly through the fields
- Keep dogs on the lead in their fields
- Try to walk around the cattle rather than through a group
- CLOSE THE GATES



Keep your eyes and ears open - If the cattle seem upset (mooring excessively or running around) keep clear. In the unlikely event that you are chased by the cows let go of your dog lead as often the cows are more interested in the dog who can easily run away, and get out of the field.

Feel free to let us know if you are worried that there is a problem with the cows or you have any concerns.



MIDNIGHT WALK SATURDAY 22 JUNE

There's still time to join the Flower Power Midnight Walk and help make a difference for your local hospice this summer. Embrace your inner free spirit, grab your flares, wear flowers in your hair, and get ready for a groovy time. On Saturday 22 June join hundreds of people on our Midnight Walk in Banbury, and raise funds to support people and their families living with a life-limiting illness.

Starting at Banbury Rugby Club, registration opens at 7.30pm with the walk setting off at 9.00 pm. Choose either a 10 or 6 mile circular route, finishing the walk in the dark! It's a great community event and also perfect to share with family and friends. This year's walk starts at an earlier time so more people will see you and support your amazing efforts. As a well-loved Banbury event, we also want to make sure younger family members can join too.

There'll be plenty of activities and entertainment pre and post event. The Rugby Club bar will also be open for post-walk refreshments, so family and friends can join you to cheer you on and help celebrate your achievement. Please sign up today at

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