



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

AUGUST 2017



## Repairs to High Street – change of dates

KCC Highways have rescheduled the work on the High Street as reported last month. **Newington High Street will be closed between 20.00-05.00 on Wednesday/Thursday 23/24, and Thursday/Friday 24/25 August.** They will be repairing and replacing the guard rails, repairing manhole covers, cleansing the footways and refreshing road markings. The junctions of the A2 with Bull Lane, Station Road, and Church Lane will be closed between these times. Callaways Lane (one-way access) and Playstool Road will remain open. Residents of Station Road needing access to/from the A2 during the hours of work are advised to park outside the High Street at the appropriate end of the Village. Rob has kindly offered The Bull Car Park for these nights. Further details, including diversion maps, can be seen on the Parish Council website <http://www.newingtonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>.

## Planning

### 99 High Street and Land north of the High Street

Swale Planning Committee on 20 July approved the proposal for 124 homes north of the High Street, despite opposition from many local residents, the Parish Council and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. The main concern is still that the poor air quality in the Village would be further polluted if there is more building in the Village (this is why the Pond Farm development was rejected at the planning inquiry last autumn). The Parish Council has written to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and to Gordon Henderson MP requesting this be ‘called-in’ for review and a final decision by a public planning inquiry; several local residents have already done so and others in the Village may also wish to give their support by writing or emailing. There are useful documents for your reference on the parish council website

### Former Workmen’s Club

A number of residents have asked questions and expressed concern about work on the site. A temporary ‘Stop notice’ is now in place and there should be no development work until the reports that were a condition of the planning approval have been received and agreed. When permitted work resumes, there are conditions on the building details and working hours. Please report any infringements to the Enforcement Team at Swale Borough Council. For reference all documents can be seen on the midkent planning site (reference 16/506166/FULL). The Decision notice is also available on the parish council website

## Vacancy For a Co-opted Parish Councillor

**Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community?**

**If so why not apply to become a Parish Councillor**

Expressions of interest must be received in writing by the Clerk. To find out what’s involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## Anti Social Behaviour

There are still problems with nuisance bikers. PCSO Cork has apprehended one nuisance biker. Please report any incident, contact details below

**Community Warden** Georgina Springall 07969 583921  
**Police Community Support Officer** John Cork 07772226217

**Call your Local Police**  **01622690690** IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL **999**

### Record-breaking festival has Newington rocking

Newington Village Festival marked another record-breaking year on July 15 with an estimated attendance of more than 2,500 people enjoying six-hours of live entertainment and attractions on the school field.

Five bands rocked through the afternoon, though early rain meant the opening act, Jamie and the Jets, were already into their set before the crowds arrived in large numbers. The Elton John tribute band were followed by Marylebone Jelly, The Stress Monkeys, Key Street and the KickBacks.

Sittingbourne RUFC defended their men's tug-of-war trophy while Newington took the first women's title. The trophies and medals were presented by the Mayor of Swale, Cllr Colin Prescott, who also opened the festival.

There was something for everyone with the entertainment also including: a children's fancy dress, magician, a chainsaw carver creating a magnificent owl, a group of classic cars and Royal Enfield motorbikes, a World War One living history group, displays by Kent School of Dance and a circus skills workshop and balloon modelling.

Craft, hobby and community stalls mixed with sideshows, fairground and food and drink.

Elaine Jackson, the festival chairman, said: "The festival grows each year. Many people are surprised just how big it is. We've had lots of favourable comments posted on social media, including the bands saying how much they enjoyed playing.

"My thanks to everyone who supported the event, the hard-working committee, all the volunteers and our sponsors, including Gallagher Group."

Winners of the festival draw were: Kelly Beaney (barrow of booze); Rosalind Taylor (£50 treasure chest); Mrs M Spicer (Kent Life Heritage Farm Park family ticket) and Mandy Taylor (Morrisons £20 voucher).



## Garden Competition

From a short list of 22 prepared by our Community Warden, Georgina, the small gardens took centre stage this year, winning all three prizes. 1st prize went to Terri Rubianes 5 Church Lane; 2nd place was won by 4 Vicarage Court (who came fourth with a special prize 2 years ago) and 3rd place went to 117 Church Lane.

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### **Newington Methodist Hall For Hire £10 per hour**

Contact Michael Read-Leah Tel: 01795 842112 [newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk)

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### **Allotment Gardening for the Residents of Newington**

The Allotments are situated off Orchard Drive, behind the Recreation Ground

For enquiries or information please ring

01795 844094 or email [matthews.wj@btinternet.com](mailto:matthews.wj@btinternet.com)

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### **Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington**

Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 12noon.

If you don't want to discuss the book just join us for lunch at 1pm

**Lady's Maid –Margaret Forster**

For more details please ring 01795 843172

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### **The Well**

Community Lunchtime Cafe for The Six, will meet in Newington Village Hall on Sunday 13th August from 1.00pm and on every second Sunday in the month.

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### **Neweton Scout Group**

Beavers, cubs and scouts meet Thursdays and Fridays at Newington's Scout Hut

For more information call: 01795 475114, 07716045209

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### **Your community information, articles here**

contact: Tony Mould 07590464700 email: [tonymould1@sky.com](mailto:tonymould1@sky.com)

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#### **The Cherries**

Children from 2–4 years

flexible sessions

Children from 3–4 years

Government funded sessions

Email : [thecherriespreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thecherriespreschool@yahoo.co.uk)

**Where learning is fun**

School Lane, Newington, ME9 7LB,

01795 841131

#### **NVH**

Registered Charity No 10202925

**Newington Village Hall**

Booking Secretary

**Mrs Kristin Julier**

For hall bookings and enquiries

M: 07985 711257 H: 01795 843262

e-mail [kcljulier@googlemail.com](mailto:kcljulier@googlemail.com)

### **Newington Pharmacy**

44 Newington High Street 01795 844131

**Opening Hours** Monday to Friday 9am–6pm Saturday 9am–1pm Sunday closed

## Report Village Lights

The person to report issues with village lighting is Wendy Licence e-mail  
*clerk2.npc@gmail.com* Tel: 01622 739324

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## Footpaths

If you are out and about around our village, please keep a look out for any footpaths and bridleways that have been blocked or are overgrown. We have had reports of such matters and it is really important to keep our historic pathways open. So please report any incidents to the KCC portal <http://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way> Thank you.

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**The Parish Council** wants to keep villagers in the loop via e-mail. to register your e-mail address and be added to our database. e-mail the Parish clerk *clerk.npc@gmail.com*

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## Are you looking for funding?

Are you part of a voluntary group or club? Are you based in or associated with Newington? If the answer to ALL the above questions is yes then contact The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity c/o Graham Dudley on 01795842711 or Email *nwt@delucy.plus.com*

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## Parish Council Website

*www.newingtonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk*

Visit the Parish Council website for Council information and latest reports from our PCSO and Community Warden as well as information on organisations within the village.

If you would like details of your group to be included please contact the Clerk.

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The Parish Council meets once a month and is open to the public. There is an opportunity for 15 minutes of public questions at the beginning of every meeting.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 29th August** at Newington Village Hall: 19:00

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## What's On

### The Cornerstone Cafe

**The Third Thursday in Every Month From 9am to 12.30 in the Church**  
St Mary the Virgin, Newington – Play area for children – **All welcome**

### Newington W.I.

**Meets every 3rd Wednesday** of the month at 7.30 pm in the  
**Newington Room at Newington Village Hall Alison Fagg 01795 843150**

### Newington Community Sports Club – Sports Pavilion Orchard Drive

Athletics: Mondays 4.30–5.30pm – 8–11yrs (From 5yrs if supervised by parent or guardian) 5.30–7.00pm – 11–17yrs. Children under 17yrs join free, Static Gym: Tuesdays 9.30–11.00am – Ladies only. Wednesdays 7.00–9.00pm – Mixed Adults £2 a session.

### Bingo and Social Club

*Every 1st Thursday of the month*

### Newington Village Hall

*Newington Room* from 2.00pm – 4.00pm Refreshments and raffle will be available  
*Entrance costs £2.00 All welcome to come along for a bit of fun, a cuppa and a chat*