



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2017



## Street Light Consultation

**Public Meeting** on Newington's Street lighting, Thursday 28th September at 7pm in the Newington Room Village Hall What are the options?

## Planning

### High Street

KCC Highways experienced set-backs and were unable to complete the work as planned. There will therefore be a further closure sometime in the future; we will let you know details when we have met with KCC.

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

(The Persimmon application for 124 dwellings, permission granted by Swale Planning Committee in July). Those who wrote to the Housing Minister recently will have now received the disappointing response that he will not intervene to call-in the application for review. Several wrote to Gordon Henderson MP; these letters were forwarded to the Minister but it appears that Mr Henderson did not actually request the secretary of state to call-in the application.



### Former Workmen's Club

Archaeological work on the site is nearing completion. Building work should commence only when Swale Planning Department have approved the reports that were a condition of the application. Please report any infringements to the Enforcement Team at Swale Borough Council.

## Door-to-Door Selling

Several residents have raised concerns about door-to-door sellers around the Village. Anyone offering products on a door-to-door basis should have appropriate photo identification and a valid pedlar's certificate (issued by the Police on behalf of Swale Borough Council). Our advice is to decline politely and then telephone the Community Warden (Georgina Springall 07969 583921). Georgina will investigate and call the Police if necessary.

Kent Probation wish to make it clear that they NEVER send young people to sell dusters etc. Where groups of Probation clients are engaged in community projects they are always under the direct supervision of a member of Probation staff.

Newington is a 'Cold Calling Controlled Zone'; in addition many residents display the yellow 'No Canvassers or Callers' stickers.

We are advised that it is potentially a criminal offence for anyone to disregard this; please report any infringements to Citizens Advice on 0345 4040506 who will pass on the information to Trading Standards.



Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

## Anti Social Behaviour

Please report any anti social behaviour and low level crime to the 101 number Newington is policed according to the level of crime reported.

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

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

## Heritage Open Day

### Newington Uncovered

The village is taking part in Heritage Open Days, a national event, on the weekend of September 9 and 10 (2pm-5pm) when the church will host 'Newington Uncovered', a free event giving visitors an opportunity to find out more about the village's rich heritage.

People will be invited to share their stories and reminisce about life in Newington in an informal discussion, Memory Moments, which will be held at 3.30pm each day.

Displays will include Newington's Roman occupation, its Australian pioneers, Royal connections and other unique stories. The church is the village's oldest building and historians will be on hand to show and describe its stunning Medieval graffiti and murals. In addition there will be history trails and children's activities.

The weekend is organised by The Newington History Group and teas will be available.

For more details contact 01795 842711 or  
thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk  
Follow the History Group @newingtonhg.



## Newington History Group

Helen Allinson, author of Farewell to Kent, will tell Newington History Group's September meeting about poor people from the county whose passage was paid to help them emigrate to the colonies.

The meeting is on Thursday, September 14, 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane ME9 7JT, and guests are welcome (£3).

History group members will visit Sheppey Little Theatre for a tour and talk on Thursday, October 12.

The group seeks to unearth, preserve and promote the history of the village and neighbouring areas. Annual subscription is £15.

For more details contact Thelma Dudley on 01795 842711 or thelma@newington-history.co.uk. Follow the group's activities @newingtonhg.

## **Newington Pavilion**

The Pavilion is available for hire for clubs and other community-based activities, and also for casual bookings for private children's parties, meetings and similar one-off events. To make a booking please contact the Clerk, Wendy  
Licence via email- clerk.npc@gmail.com or phone on 01622 739324.

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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 27th September 2017 at 12noon.**

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

### **The Pursuit of Love – Nancy Mitford**

**For more details please ring 01795 843172**

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## **The Well**

It is with great reluctance that a decision has been made to cancel The Well for September, October and November. This decision has been made with great difficulty and apologies are given to all the diners who will be disappointed. It is hoped The Well will to be back with a Christmas special on 10th December – and look forward to seeing everyone again then.

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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 26th September** at Newington Village Hall: 19:00  
Amenities Committee Meeting Tuesday September 22nd 7.00 Village Hall

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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 to 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*