



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 2017



## Community Safety

Kent Police have experienced a rapid and alarming increase in the number of telephone frauds across Swale. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to this type of fraud and in some cases the fraud is running into thousands of pounds in cash and jewellery. Make sure you or those that are dear to you don't become a victim. Banks; Building Societies or Insurance companies will never ring out of the blue requesting your details or ask you to transfer cash.

Despite Newington being a "NO COLD CALLING ZONE" in the last month roofers and double glazing sales people have been knocking on doors trying to drum up trade. Please be cautious, it MAY be a scam. If you can see its a legitimate company ring KCC Trading Standards because they shouldn't be doing that here. If you are suspicious ring the police on 101 if you are not in immediate danger. It could be what the police call

**Community Warden** Georgina Springall 07969 583921

**Police Community Support Officer** John Cork 07772226217

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

## Thomas Betts 7 Bn., East Surrey Regiment

In the book Newington Remembers its states that Thomas was missing from 17th November. During further research of his records, it shows the army officially posted him missing on 30th November. The war diary for that day states that 264 were missing.

This period of the war was the Cambrai Operation, this was the first major battle using tanks. This operation lasted from 20th November to 30th December 1917 .



Thomas was the youngest soldier to die from our village he was 19 yrs old.

Thomas has no known grave and is listed on the Cambrai memorial in France. The CWGC certificate was unveiled on 4th August 1930, by then his Mother had moved to Keycol Hill.

By 1930 his Mother has remarried, any possessions of Thomas's were to be sent to her including his medals .

It shows her address as 84 High Street, Newington, the house is still there, opposite the car wash /village hall , on the corner of Callaways lane .

Thomas's brother Horace also served in WW1, he survived, he enlisted on 18th November 1915 and served with the 8th Battalion Rifle brigade, he was discharged on 2nd October 1918 .

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

## The Village Sign

For the past year the Allotment Society has been tending the flowers around the village sign. This area acts as a village tribute to those from the village who lost their lives in past conflicts. Particularly poignant as this month we remember the fallen from the First World War. We would like to thank the Allotment Society for looking after our sign and village memorial.



## Newington History Group

Former church warden Tom Ledger, whose family is one of Newington's oldest having farmed at Wormdale for generations, will cover 100 years of farming at the meeting of Newington History Group on Thursday, November 9, at 7.30pm.

The group, which meets in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane ME9 7JT, seeks to unearth, preserve and promote the history of the village and neighbouring areas. Annual subscription is £15 and guests (£3) are welcome.

The Christmas social on Thursday, December 14, will include Dickensian living history group Voices from Victorian London.

For more details contact Thelma Dudley on 01795 842711 or [thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk](mailto:thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk). Follow the group's activities @newingtonhg.

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## Memorial Carols 3rd December at 4pm St Mary's Newington

As we approach the Christmas season, it can be a difficult time for many as they remember the loss of loved ones. This year St Mary's is putting on a special service of Memorial Carols on Sunday 3rd December @ 4pm, an opportunity to remember loved ones whilst singing much-loved carols, followed by refreshments. Do come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you. For more information contact.

Rev Julian Staniforth 227329.

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## Friends of St Mary's

The Friends, who support the maintenance of Newington's beautiful historic church invite people of all faiths and none to join them. Information from Malcolm Moulton, 01795 843172 [mmoulton01@aol.com](mailto:mmoulton01@aol.com)

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## Christmas Fayre

St Mary's Church, Christmas Fayre, Saturday 2nd December, in Newington Village Hall, Starting at 2pm. Come and visit Santa, see our stalls, enjoy homemade refreshments and listen to live music

## **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](mailto: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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## **Do You Enjoy Flower Arranging?**

Would you like to join a friendly group of volunteers who arrange flowers in St Mary's Church? We work in pairs on a rota basis. If you are interested and would like to discuss this further please call Sylvia on 01795 843286

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

**Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 12noon.**

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

### **The Secret Life of Bees – Sue Monk Kidd**

**For more details please ring 01795 843172**

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## **The Well**

St Mary's Church are very pleased to announce that **The Well** will be up and running on Sunday, 12th November 2017 and Sunday, 10th December 2017. The Well will be held at the Newington Village Hall at 1pm, as usual. £3.50 a head For special requirements, please contact Joan Jabbour at [joanjabbour@live.co.uk](mailto:joanjabbour@live.co.uk) (01795 843386)

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## **Report Village Lights**

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

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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

## **Neweton Scout Group**

Beavers, cubs and scouts meet Thursdays and Fridays at Newington's Scout Hut  
Explores 14 to 18 years Tuesdays 7.45 – 9.30pm  
For more information call: 01795 475114 0771 – 6045209

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### **Keep in the Loop**

**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](mailto: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 01795 842711 or Email [nwt@delucy.plus.com](mailto:nwt@delucy.plus.com)

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## **Parish Council Website**

*[www.newingtonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://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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### **Parish Council Meetings**

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 28th November at Newington Village Hall: 19:00  
Amenities Committee Meeting Tuesday 21st November 19.00 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*