



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2017



## Planning

Land at The Tracies: the Proposal for four houses was refused at the September Swale Planning Committee meeting.

**Former Workingmen's Club.** At time of writing the owner of the site is subject to an enforcement notice (served 25 September). Building work should commence only when Swale Planning Department have approved the reports that were a condition of the application. As before, please report any infringements to the Enforcement Team at Swale Borough Council.

As usual, current applications and an update on recent applications and appeals can be seen in the monthly Newington Parish Council Planning Committee Report on the Parish Council Website.



## Cold Calling

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. Window stickers are available from the Newington Pharmacy.

We are aware of two scams in the past month: a double-glazing salesman who had no link to the company he supposedly represented; and a collector for an unregistered charity for the deaf. The collector, who claimed to be deaf herself but clearly heard the verbal challenge from the Community Warden..

## Newington Festival

After a successful 2017 Newington Festival the parish council voted donations of £500.00 to Demelza House and Newington School. The 2018 Newington Festival will be on Saturday 7th July. We have already started to plan for the event and need help on the planning committee and on the day. Please contact Tony Mould 07590 464700 [tonymould1@sky.com](mailto:tonymould1@sky.com) if you can help.

## New Co-opted Parish Councillor

Ray Cuffley was co-opted at September's full council and will be joining the Amenities. Planning committees and the Anti Social Behaviour working party.

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

## Anti Social Behaviour

There have been a number of tool thefts from garden sheds and vehicles – make sure your sheds are locked, and if possible don't leave tools in vehicles over night.

Once again motorbikes have been causing problems in the village, please report any nuisance to John Cork (number 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**

## Open days uncover Newington's rich history

The 500-year-old parish chest, rarely displayed because of its fragile state, and the first public showing of film footage from the Princess Royal's visit to the village school in January 2000 were among a wide range of historic items on view in the church last month.

The two-day event, Newington Uncovered, was organised by Newington History Group (NHG) in St Mary's Church as part of the national Heritage Open Days.

Visitors were able to explore the village's rich heritage across the centuries. It included locally found Roman artifacts, the village's historic links with Australia and the history group's continuing WWI research.

The quirkiest item was a handwritten letter from actress Dawn French sent when the church's flower festival displayed an eccentric wedding dress that featured in the BBC TV sitcom, *The Vicar of Dibley*, in 1998.

Some visitors went along to share village or family stories with NHG members. Many interesting items, photographs and details were revealed which will add to the knowledge of the area. Among them were inscribed rare books and engraved silverware.

The visitors were able to view our historic church - which contains medieval graffiti and murals - and to climb the bell tower.

Dean Coles, NHG chairman, said: "This is the second year we've taken part in Heritage Open Days and people came from across Kent and even Essex. Many locals were amazed at the wealth of history on their doorstep.

"As a group we're delighted by the feedback and the amount of valuable information that came to light."

NHG seeks to unearth, preserve and promote the history of the village and neighbouring areas. It meets monthly and on Thursday, October 12, members will be visiting Sheppey Little Theatre. On November 9, Tom Ledger will talk about his family's 100 years of farming in the village.

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](https://twitter.com/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](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 25th October 2017 at 12noon.**

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

**The Crow Road – Iain Banks**

**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 be back with a Christmas special on 10th December – and look forward to seeing everyone again then.

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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

## **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. Subscriptions are £10.00 per annum (or more if you choose).

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## **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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**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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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 31st October** at Newington Village Hall: 19:00

Amenities Committee Meeting Tuesday 24th October 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*