



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2017



Planning

Pond Farm

Gladman Developments sought judicial review and took their claim to the High Court. The judgment on 6 November rejected their case and supported the decision made by the public inquiry planning inspector to reject Gladman's appeal, on the grounds of likely harm to air quality in Newington.

Our thanks to Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (Kent) for their defence of the original decision. Pond Farm should now be safe from development.

Former Workmen's Club

We have raised a formal complaint against Swale Council on their handling of the development and their decision not to prosecute the landowner despite him ignoring the conditions set and his own written undertakings.

Bus Services to be Slashed

Here's the facts as provided by KCC Cllr Mike Whiting but if you don't *Take Action Now*, this head line may come true.

The 326 and 327 are subsidised buses, that is KCC pays the bus operator to run these routes. KCC needs to save money so they will cut the subsidy and we will lose buses weekdays after 5pm and at weekends and this could be even more severe. **but** there is still time to influence this. KCC is drawing up a shortlist in December that will be put out to public consultation in January with the busses being effected from September 2018.

Tack Action Now

Lobby Cllr Mike Whiting, who has volunteered to help us, and protect our waning transport services, if not for yourself, then for the rest of the community. Mike will take our concerns to the KCC December meeting and the 326 and 327 may be saved. He can be contacted as follows: mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk or Cllr Mike Whiting, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ

Quotes for New Footpath at Cemetery

The Parish Council is seeking quotes for a new 9m x 1.5m footpath at the cemetery. The works will consist of excavating soil. Supply and lay membrane, road stone base and 20mm shingle. All waste to be removed from site. For further details contact Mel Harris at melvyn933@gmail.com or 07767 644660. Quotes to be sent to clerk.npc@gmail.com. the closing date for quotes is 5th January 2018.

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

Anti Social Behaviour

Crimes and anti social behaviour can now be reported on line. Before you start your online report make sure you have (if available): the date and time of the crime/incident details of any stolen or damaged items (ie IMEI number for your mobile, vehicle registration) the contact details of any witnesses information about any evidence that could help an investigation Once submitted, you'll receive a reference number and a copy of your report "Kent Police online reporting"

Cyclists you must have approved front and rear lights, lit, clean and working properly, when cycling between sunset and sunrise.

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

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

Hooray for Newington Pavilion

Wow, what a transformation, it still looks dowdy from the outside (for the time being) but inside is a different matter. Newington Parish Council has refurbished the Pavilion for the use of the whole community. A large separate area is dedicated for the use of the Newington Community Sports Club plus there's a redecorated "Parish Room" with dedicated kitchen which is now available for hire. There are significantly reduced rates for villagers.

Volunteer Pavilion Caretaker Required.

Newington Parish Council is seeking a non-paid volunteer to look after the Pavilion. The role includes opening and closing the facility; setting up the Parish Room (which may include lifting) cleaning and carrying out facilities management checks. This is the key point of contact for out of hours alarm responses and the call out attracts a small payment subject to conditions. Please contact the Clerk for details. All expressions of interest are required by 5th January 2018

If you would like to be on the out of hours alarm call out register (8pm to 8am) to cover holidays and receive payment for your trouble, if you are called out, then please contact the Clerk (training will be provided).

Newington History Group

Hear about the hardships of a Victorian Christmas through the eyes of 'Navy', a Trafalgar veteran and scoundrel 'Navy' at Newington History Group's Christmas social on Thursday, December 14 at 7.30pm.

Navy is part of Voices from Victorian London, a living history group that depicts the abject poor of Dickensian London during the 1840s.

Newington History 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. There will be no meeting in January.

For more details contact Thelma Dudley on 01795 842711 or thelma@newingtonhistory.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.

Newington Methodist Hall For Hire £10 per hour

Contact Michael Read-Leah Tel: 01795 842112 newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk

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

Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

Wednesday 31st January 2018 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

The Well

St Mary's Church are very pleased to announce that **The Well** will be up and running on 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 (01795 843386)

Report Village Lights

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

Your community information, articles here

contact: Tony Mould 07590464700 email: tonymould1@sky.com

The Cherries

Children from 2–4 years

flexible sessions

Children from 3–4 years

Government funded sessions

Email : thecherriespreschool@yahoo.co.uk

Where learning is fun

School Lane, Newington, ME9 7LB,

01795 841131

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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

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

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

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

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.

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 12th December at Newington Village Hall: 19:00
Amenities Committee Meeting Tuesday 23rd January 19.00 Village Hall

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