



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH 2018



## Street lighting

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about street lights not working. There are three groups of lights the ones owned by Kent County Council, Swale Borough Council, and Newington Parish Council. The ones owned by KCC and SBC are out of our control all we can do is report the problem to them. NPC is responsible for 91 any problem is reported to our contractor by our Parish Clerk. Over the past couple of months the response from our provider has been unsatisfactory, and the Council is looking urgently at other options.

## Planning Matters

**Application: 17/506569/FULL Breach Farm Paddocks, Land North-east Of Breach Farm Bungalow, Breach Lane.** This seems to be a proposal to relocate the caravans for which planning permission was granted in September 2015. We are seeking legal assurance that this will not result in additional caravans on the site.

**Application: 18/500590/PNP Commercial Storage Buildings, Rift Valley Farm, Boxted Lane,**  
A proposal to redevelop two storage buildings to four dwellings.

**Application: 17/506345/FULL Building at Keycol Farm, Keycol Hill,**  
We await the decision on the proposal for demolition of the pole barn in order to convert the former agricultural building into two dwellings, for which there was strong local opposition.

**Planning Inspectorate.** Following the Inquiry the Planning Inspector has refused the appeal against the Enforcement Order to demolish the conservatory at 43 Church Lane for which retrospective permission had been sought.

The Parish Council would advise anyone considering extensions or alterations to their home to seek the advice of the Planning Officers at Swale Borough Council and to obtain planning permission before starting work. This is particularly important within any of the three conservation areas in our village.

Outside the Village, we have been notified of two significant planning applications:

**Application 17/505711/HYBRID Land at Wises Lane, Borden** A proposal for up to 595 dwellings, a primary school, retain store, medical facility and rugby pitches and clubhouse.

**Application : 18/500258/FULL/ROMC : Land At Hill Farm Bobbing Hill**  
A proposal for an accommodation building for Demelza and 20 private dwellings off Rook Lane.

## Smiths Funfair

Newington Recreation Ground Evening Friday 11th May  
Day time and Evening Saturday 12th May Afternoon Sunday 13th May

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

## Anti Social Behaviour

Thieves have been targeting vans in the village stealing tools and other items left overnight, make sure that valuables are not left in vehicles.

Our old friends the nuisance motorcyclists have been at it again. Our PCSO warned and gave a section 59 warning to a biker on Monkey Island. A section 59 means that if he is caught again his motorcycle can be confiscated. Please report nuisance bikers to the police.

Fly tipping is on the increase, please report to Swale Borough Council – thank you.

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

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

## Village Festival Saturday July 7th

To book a stall (£15), contact Dean Coles e-mail: [deannewington@gmail.com](mailto:deannewington@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07702897479. Advertise in the programme, volunteer to help or for sponsorship opportunities contact Tony Mould on 07590 464700 or [tonymould1@sky.com](mailto:tonymould1@sky.com).  
For tug-of-war details and entries call 01795 842405.



@NewingtonFest



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## New art group is called: St. Mary's Art Group.

It will take place on the first Friday and third Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00am every month commencing on Friday, 6th April. Venue: St. Mary's Church, Newington. This is an informal art group for those interested in drawing, painting using any medium they want. Also, budding photographers and anyone with any other artistic interests. Everyone is welcome to just turn up with their own materials etc. There will just a charge £2 a session which will be donated to St. Mary's to cover teas/coffee and heating. Further information: Contact Georgina, community warden on 07969 583921

## Newington History Group March

What was the crime level in Swale during WWI and how did the police catch the criminals? Historian Alan Anstee gives the answers at Newington History Group's meeting on Thursday, March 8, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Newington ME9 7JT.

The group seeks to unearth, preserve and promote the history of the village and neighbouring areas.

Annual subscription is £15 and guests (£3) are welcome.

For more details contact Thelma Dudley on 01795 842711, [thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk](mailto:thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk) or follow Twitter @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 28th March 2018 at 12noon.**

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

### **Girl with a Pearl Earing – Tracey Chevalier**

**For more details please ring 01795 843172**

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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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## **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 next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 27 March at 19.00 in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public with an opportunity to raise questions at the beginning of every meeting. The Amenities Committee Meeting is on Tuesday 20 March at 19:00 in the Wickham Room, Newington 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*