



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

APRIL 2018



## Keycol Hill Crossing

It has been suggested that there is a need for a pedestrian crossing or pedestrian controlled traffic lights to be installed on the A2 near to Newington Court Residential home. Trying to cross this road at any time of day is virtually impossible. Fit and healthy people risk life and limb trying to cross and as we have a number of infirm and elderly people from the home who may wish to cross to the bus stop, we feel this is an accident waiting to happen. If you have any constructive ideas please contact Wendy Licence Email: [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## 20mph Speed Limit

20 is plenty – Parish Councillors will be canvassing the village during May and asking people to sign a petition for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit within Newington. <http://www.20splenty.org> for more information.

## Report Pot Holes

Please report any pot holes or other road/pavement issues direct to Kent County Council: 03000 418181 or online at [www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults) (you can send a photograph from a smartphone with GPS). The more people that report an issue the more likely there will be a prompt repair.

## Smiths Funfair

### Newington Recreation Ground

Friday 11th May evening Saturday 12th May afternoon and evening

Sunday 13th May afternoon

## Sing with the Six

Do you like singing? Come and join a new choir in Newington singing popular songs. You don't need to read music, just enjoy singing. Starting after Easter to prepare for 'Sing with the Six' event which is on Sunday 1st July at 5pm at St Mary's Church.

Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons starting on Sunday 15th April 2018 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at St Mary's Church, Newington.

If you're interested in joining please contact Andrea. Email: [amstaniforth@gmail.com](mailto:amstaniforth@gmail.com)



Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

## Report Parish Council Meeting 27th March 2018



Work on the refurbishment of the Pavilion is progressing well and bookings have already been taken for a weekly Weight Watchers group and also for a birthday party in the Parish Room. The Council is working with the Community Sports Club to support their activities.

Plans for the Newington Festival are going well.

The Council has reviewed its policies to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018.

There has been overwhelming support for a 20mph speed limit in the village and the Council will start a petition to present to the Swale Joint Transportation Board.

Two people have volunteered to help with Speed Watch and if anyone else would be willing to help, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council has expressed concern about the proposed changes in Stroke Services in Kent and Medway and has responded urging that the facility at Medway Hospital is retained.

**Planning** – Decisions by Swale Borough Council awaited on the

proposed building at Keycol Farm, the land at Breach Farm Paddocks and the proposal for a natural burial ground at Bog Farm. The Planning Inspectorate are dealing with an appeal regarding Cromac in Callaways Lane.

You can see our responses to these planning applications on the parish council website; full details are on the midkent planning site.

We are arranging to meet KCC soon to discuss the state of our high street: completing the work that was interrupted last summer (railings and road surface) as well as issues arising from the recent bad weather.

After the emergency work to fix a water leak there will be further road closures scheduled to provide services to the former workingmen's club. Hopefully everything will be straight in a couple of months.

**Dates** – The Next Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 24 April at 19.00** in the Newington Room, The next Amenities Committee Meeting is on **Tuesday 17 April at 19:00** in the Wickham Room, both at Newington Village Hall.

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### Street Lighting

In recent months the Parish Council has had a number of comments regarding the slow progress of repairing faulty street lamps. This matter is being actively investigated and we will keep you updated of the outcome. In the meantime continue reporting faulty street lighting to the Clerk, Wendy Licenece, e-mail clerk2.npc@gmail.com or tel 01622 739324.

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### Power Cut – Call 105

Many people don't know they should contact their local electricity network operator if they have a power cut. They often mistakenly call the electricity supplier they pay their bills to.

**Dog Poop** – Dogs have been fouling the childrens play areas in the village. Please make sure that you pick up after your dogs. Children and dog poop don't mix.– thankyou

## Anti Social Behaviour

Beware – bogus workman attempted to get £2000.00 for repairing drains from an elderly Newington resident. Suspected bogus workman calling at elderly resident's bungalow, wanting excessive amount of money for cleaning front garden drive/path. Report any incidents to the police.

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

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

## Newington Village Festival Saturday July 7th

To book a stall (£15), contact Dean Coles e-mail: deannewington@gmail.com Tel: 07702897479. Advertise in the programme, volunteer to help or for sponsorship opportunities contact Tony Mould on 07590 464700 or toymould1@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 be a charge of £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 April

Members will be telling stories linked to a personal item or photograph at Newington History Group's meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Newington ME9 7J.

If you're not a member but have an interesting story or item that you'd like to share, preferably with a local link, please contact the secretary, Thelma Dudley on 01795 842711 or thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk. 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. Follow Twitter @newingtonhg.

## Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 12noon.

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

**Silas Marner – George Eliot**

For more details please ring 01795 843172

## What's On

### Newington Methodist Hall

**For Hire £10 per hour**

Contact Michael Read-Leah Tel: 01795 842112  
[newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk)

### 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 01622 739324.

### Neweton Scout Group

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

### NVH

#### 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)

Registered Charity No 10202925

### Newington Pharmacy

44 Newington High Street 01795 844131

#### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am–6pm

Saturday 9am–1pm Sunday closed

### Bingo and Social Club

*Every 1st Thursday of the month*

**Newington Village Hall**

*Newington Room*

from 2.00pm – 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*

### 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

### 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)

### 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)

### 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

### Your community information, here

contact: Tony Mould 07590464700  
email: [tonymould1@sky.com](mailto:tonymould1@sky.com)

### 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.**  
**Contact: Alison Fagg 01795 843150**