



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MAY 2018



## Pavilion 'At Home'

Newington Pavilion is fifty years old. Since its opening in 1968 it has been well-used by a variety of organisations, but has been looking very tired of late. To prepare the building for its second half-century the Parish Council has re-modelled and decorated the interior and has now started work on the exterior and fencing. To mark this work and to give everyone an opportunity to see the Pavilion, we are hosting an 'At Home' 2.00-5.00 on Saturday 12 May (while the funfair is at the Rec). All are invited; please drop in for a cup of tea, have a look around and meet Parish Councillors.



## Newington's Most Attractive Front Garden Competition 2018

Sponsored by Newington Parish Council

**All gardens are eligible**



**Large or small, lawn or patio,  
all can be judged.  
Pull the weeds, trim the shrubs,  
mow the lawn, sow the seeds  
and plant up those containers.  
Judging Early July**

**1st prize Cup and £30 worth of Garden tokens  
Second prize £20 Third prize £10**

**Under 15's competition parents please e-mail the Parish Clerk  
clerk.npc@gmail.com to enter**

### **Smiths Funfair**

**Newington Recreation Ground**

**Friday 11th May evening Saturday 12th May afternoon and evening  
Sunday 13th May afternoon**

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

# Report Parish Council Meeting 24th April 2018



The Parish Council is concerned about lorries using the side roads in the Parish and will raise the matter with KCC Highways. This is a particular problem

when there are issues on the main routes.

There has been a request for a crossing at Boyces Hill as it is very difficult to cross the road safely. The Council is seeking residents' views on this.

Speed Watch training is being arranged in conjunction with Lower Halstow Parish Council, anyone willing to assist or who would like to find out what is involved should contact the Clerk.

It is anticipated that the new doctor's surgery will be open by the end of July.

The grass cutting contractor for the Recreation Ground has suddenly withdrawn its services from Kent. The Council has been swift in obtaining an emergency cut of the field and is negotiating a contract with another contractor.

## Local Plan:

### More Houses in Newington?

**Newington Parish Council Planning Committee meeting 7.00pm Thursday 24 May in the Pavilion (Recreation Ground off Orchard Drive)**

Please come to hear the detail of the consultation and to make your views known.

Swale BC are starting work on their next local plan for housing in the borough – anticipating a 35% increase from 2022 in the government's annual target for Swale.

The full documents and an online consultation can be found at (<https://swale-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/>)

Some of the options are:

- To continue the policy of 85% of new housing in Thames Gateway (ie Sittingbourne, Sheppey and the west of Swale – including Newington) and 15% in the Faversham area.

- To continue the policy of development centred on the 6 Rural Local Service Centres – Newington is one of these.

- 'New Garden Communities' (2,500 to 10,000 dwellings in each) and, if this option is popular: where should the new developments be sited?

The consultation period runs until 8 June. Please make individual responses.

The Parish Council will, of course be making a separate response on behalf of all residents. We will be discussing and agreeing this on 24 May.

(all Parish Council meetings are open to the public)

## Dates

**Amenities Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 22 May at 19:00** in the Pavilion Newington Recreation Ground.

**Planning Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 24 May at 19:00** in the Pavilion Newington Recreation Ground.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 29 May at 19.00** in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

## Street Lighting

As a consequence of the unsatisfactory repairing of street lamps, the contractor responsible has been given notice of termination. The Parish Council is currently in the process of securing an alternative contractor for lamp repairs. In the meantime continue reporting faulty street lighting to the Clerk, Wendy Licenece, e-mail [clerk2.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk2.npc@gmail.com) or tel 01622 739324.

## 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 tonymould1@sky.com. For tug-of-war details and entries call 01795 842405.



@NewingtonFest



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## Anti Social Behaviour

You can now report crimes and incidents as well as non-injury road traffic collisions ONLINE directly through the Kent Police website. Once a report is made online, the user will receive a unique reference number and a return email confirming receipt.

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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**  **IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999**

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## Allotment Association

Members of the Allotment Association worked hard over two weekends erecting a new palisade fence at the south end of the allotments. The association would like to thank Mike Whiting for the KCC grant of £500, John Wright for the SBC grant of £200, Wickham Trust for a donation of £200, Bunnings Warehouse Sittingbourne for a voucher of £50 and Newington Village Hall for the donation of 4 lengths of redundant fencing. This is a good example of a village community project led by volunteers.

## Newington History Group May

At the annual meeting and social evening on Thursday, May 10, Newington residents Valerie and Philip Jewess will give details about recent archaeological finds in their garden, which is believed to have been part of a Roman settlement alongside what is now the A2.

The group meets monthly on the second Thursday in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Newington ME9 7JT at 7.30pm. It 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@newingtonhstry.co.uk](mailto:thelma@newingtonhstry.co.uk) or follow Twitter @newingtonhg.

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## Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 12noon.

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

**Driving over Lemons – Chris Stewart**

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)

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### **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.

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### **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

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### **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)

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### **Newington Pharmacy**

44 Newington High Street 01795 844131

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am–6pm

Saturday 9am–1pm Sunday closed

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### **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*

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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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### **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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### **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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### **St. Mary's Art Group**

First Friday and third Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00am every month St. Mary's Church, Newington

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### **Your community information, here**

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

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### **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**

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### **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**

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