



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

AUGUST 2018



NEWINGTON FESTIVAL

Newington Village Festival proved to be a popular alternative to the football World Cup on Saturday, July 7, as people sought a fun-packed afternoon away from the television.

Although some people visited just for the first three hours until kick-off, there was plenty of entertainment to keep the crowds engaged for the rest of the afternoon. The popular annual tug-of-war was declared the most competitive ever with four-times winners The Three Tuns, Lower Halstow, taking back the title they last won in 2015.

They beat the holders, Sittingbourne Rugby Club, 2-1 in a pull-off after the teams had tied on points during the round robin match.

The Harrow, Stockbury, took third place. All the teams were equally matched during lengthy strength-sapping pulls in extremely hot weather on the school field.

Elaine Jackson, chair of the parish council's festival committee, said: "We had some of the best attractions ever with a particularly strong line-up of bands such as Marylebone Jelly, Mo and the Ferrets, Stoned, 2Che and Vocademy, and we offered fun entertainment that was a welcome alternative to the football.



"Despite the heat, there were top class performances from the children of Kent School of Dance, Rainham Rangerettes, and Sittingbourne and Milton Sea Cadets Band. "In addition, we had sheep and ducks from Romney Marsh Sheepdog Society, Mrs Dolly Mixture's magic show and Voices from Victorian London street theatre.

"Making the festival a football free zone was appreciated by lots of visitors. The event takes the best part of a year to organise, with acts being booked months in advance. "Even after the World Cup draw was made in December, the odds of England playing on the festival day were very low, so cancelling or delaying it was not an option. My thanks to all our hard working helpers, all the entertainers and to the JCB Group for their sponsorship."

The festival, which was officially opened by the Mayor of Swale, Cllr Samuel Koffie-Williams, is a community event organised by the parish council with many village organisations showcasing their activities. Also on display were hobby and working craft clubs, fairground attractions and vehicles from Kent Classic and Sports Car Club.

The winner of the Barrow of Booze main draw prize - a wheelbarrow filled with bottles of alcohol valued at more than £200 - was Tom Ledger, from Wormdale.

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

Vacancy Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community?

If so why not apply to become a Co-opted Parish Councillor

Expressions of interest must be received in writing to the Clerk by 10 September. To find out what's involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

20's Plenty for Newington

A petition to introduce a default 20 mph speed limit on all built up roads within the built-up area of Newington is in the Co-Op and the Chemist shop for people to sign. The petition will be presented to the next Swale Joint Transport Board on 10th September.

The Parish Council has started a petition to introduce a default 20 mph speed limit on all roads within the built-up area of Newington. The petition is in the Co-Op and the Chemist shop for people to sign and it will be presented to the next Swale Joint Transport Board on 10 September 2018. The Parish Council has arranged for this to be an agenda item, although no decision can be made at the meeting, it will be the start of the formal process to apply for a reduction in the speed limit.

The online version can be viewed on the Parish Council website

A map of the proposed/possible area for the 20 mph can be seen at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tul55z70aw9ywac/Newington%20Map.png?dl=0>

If you agree with the proposals please make sure you sign either online or on a paper copy.

Newington's Most Attractive Front Garden Competition 2018 Winners

We had a shortlist of 22 entries, that were shortlisted by the Village Communitywarden, Georgina Springhall. First place went to Mrs Krystina Hall of 1 the Tracies, second prize went to 15 Bramley Close with 21 Dennis Willcocks Close coming a close third.

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 village organisations

For details of your group to be included please contact the Parish Clerk.

Keep in the Loop The 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

Parish Council Meeting

will be held on **Tuesday 28 August at 19.00** in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall
(all Parish Council meetings are open to the public)

Report Village Lights

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

Friends of the Rec

We have some funds to renovate and add to the children's play equipment at the Recreation Ground in Orchard Drive and intend to apply for grants for new equipment to expand the area.

The Parish Council would like to establish a 'Friends of Newington Recreation Ground' group to advise on this – and for individuals to get as involved as they want to and have time for.

We are organising an initial meeting – Wednesday 29 August 2.00pm in the Pavilion. We would love to see parents of young children who use the facility – and any interested teenagers with ideas on how we should develop the play area.

As well as attending the meeting you can also request to be kept informed by a quick email to Wendy Licence the Parish Clerk clerk.npc@gmail.com

Heritage Day

The annual Newington Uncovered weekend is organised by Newington History Group (NHG), as part of the national Heritage Open Days event, on September 8 and 9 (2pm-5pm). It will be held in our church, the village's oldest building, which has stunning Medieval murals and graffiti.

One of the Heritage Open Days themes is Extraordinary Women, in recognition of the centenary of the Universal Suffrage Act, and Newington will include the remarkable lives of some villagers past and present. If you know of, or have a story about, a remarkable woman who has or had a link with the village, please contact NHG.

In addition, the weekend will enable you to find out about the village's rich heritage, including the Roman occupation, Australian pioneers, royal connections, World Wars and other unique stories. Advice is available about genealogical research and members are always interested to hear local memories and stories. Entry is free and refreshments are available.

NHG meets on the second Thursday of the month except August and January in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. Annual subscription is £15 and guests (£3) are welcome at the meetings.

For more details contact Thelma Dudley on 01795 842711, thelma@newingtonhistory.co.uk or follow [@newingtonhg](https://twitter.com/newingtonhg).

Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 12noon.

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

Amsterdam – Ian McEwan

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

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 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

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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

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.

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

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

St. Mary's Art Group

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

Your community information, here

contact: Tony Mould 07590464700
email: 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