



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2018



Air Quality in Newington Village Centre

Traffic pollution is a concern for many in the Village; this was the main reason for the Planning Inspector rejecting Gladman's application to build in Pond Farm. All are welcome to a meeting of the Air Quality Management Group (Swale Environmental Protection Team Leader and Borough and Parish Councillors) at 2pm on Wednesday 19 September in the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Orchard Drive. The Group has access to the air quality monitoring statistics and aims to find practical measures to prevent pollution increasing in the village centre – and hopefully to bring about improvements in air quality.

Resident participation is vital in giving the group greater weight in persuading policy makers to adopt measures to improve the air quality in Newington



Heritage Day

The rich heritage of our village will be displayed over the weekend of September 8 and 9 (2pm-5pm) in St Mary's Church, the village's oldest building, which has stunning Medieval murals and graffiti.

Newington Uncovered is organised annually by Newington History Group (NHG) as part of the national Heritage Open Days event.

Extraordinary Women is one of this year's themes in recognition of the centenary of the Universal Suffrage Act, and the remarkable lives of some female villagers past and present will be highlighted.

In addition, the weekend will enable visitors to hear unique stories about the village's Roman occupation, its Australian pioneers, royal connections and World War contributions.

The history group will give advice about genealogical research and members are always interested to hear local memories and stories. Entry is free and refreshments are available.

NHG explores the history of Newington and the surrounding villages. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month except January and August in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. Annual subscription is £15 and guests (£3) are welcome at the meetings. Members will be visiting the Great Lines in Chatham on September 13.



For more information contact 01795 842711 or Newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com. Visit the website Newingtonhistorygroup.btck.co.uk or follow [@newingtonhg](https://twitter.com/newingtonhg).

Report Parish Council Meeting August 2018



The Parish Council has upgraded the external lights at the Pavilion and has also replaced the soffits and fascias and repainted the front. A new fence has been erected at the front of the Pavilion and it is hoped the rest will also be renewed.

Work has started on replacing the bulbs in the street lights which are not working. Some of the lights need further repairs and the Parish Council is currently applying for borrowing approval from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, to take out an interest free loan to upgrade the lights to LEDs which will be more economical for the Parish.

Report Village Lights

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

Dates

Amenities Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18 September at 19:00** in the Pavilion Newington Recreation Ground. **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 25th September at 19.00** in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

(all Parish Council meetings are open to the public)

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 20 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

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

Friends of Newington Rec

The meeting held on the 29 August went very well and had some wonderful input from two young members (aged 4 and 6), it was decided to hold a self-help maintenance day to brighten up the play equipment. On Sunday 16th September @ 10 am we need your help to paint and improve the play equipment.

Anti Social Behaviour

Always report crime and anti-social behaviour to the police numbers below

Community Warden Georgina Springall 07969 583921

Police Community Support Officer John Cork 07772226217

Call your Local Police  **101** IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL **999**

Bredhurst Juniors Football Club.

You will know that Bredhurst Juniors have been leasing the football pitch at the Recreation Ground in Orchard Drive for training and Under 15s matches on an annual basis for the past few years. The rent paid by the club forms a large contribution toward grass cutting. A number of Newington young people play for their teams. There is an open invitation for young people to train with their relevant age group (under 7s to under 18s and Seniors) – please contact the Club in advance (all contact details are on their website – <http://bredhurstjuniorsfc.co.uk/>).

There is also a Soccer School at the Sittingbourne ground for pre-school to year 1 (<http://bredhurstjuniorsfc.co.uk/SoccerSchool.php>). Trials for all teams for the next season will be held in the summer.

VILLAGE BATTLE'S OVER

The village's Battle's Over end of World War One centenary commemoration on Sunday, November 11, is being organised by Newington History Group at St Mary's church between 5pm and 7.30pm

It's a community event that will include the lighting of a beacon overlooking the village at a unique location - the line of former WWI trenches, gun emplacements and pillboxes that formed the frontline of the country's inland defences in the event of a German invasion.

The commemoration will be a free event for all villagers with an outdoor light display in the churchyard and, inside, a WWI exhibition, music and contributions by the village primary school.

The beacon will be one of 1,000 WW1 Beacons of Light being lit across the country at 7pm



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

Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 12noon.

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

Small Island – Andrea Levy

For more details please ring 01795 843172

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

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

M: 07985 711257 H: 01795 843262

e-mail 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

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