



The Shantymen are Coming!

On the evening of Saturday 12th October, the Sheringham Shantymen, Norfolk's famous singing lifeboat men, will be visiting Tydd St Giles Community Centre to entertain us with an evening of songs and stories with a nautical theme in aid of Newton Village Hall.

In more than 20 years together they have travelled all round the world, clocking up over a thousand performances, including numerous appearances on TV and at major folk festivals, as well as recording seven CD's and a DVD, raising thousands of pounds for the RNLI and other charities in the process.

Call now to book your tickets for this exciting event. Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start. Tickets are £10 for adults, £7 for children and £30 for families (2 adults and up to 3 children) including a sausage supper. A licensed bar will be available. Interval entertainment and after hours Disco with Steve Tierney.

For further information, please ring Dee Markham on 871158.



Something For Everyone...

There's something for everyone at your Village Hall this Autumn. Take your pick from the menu below and overleaf or just bite the bullet and sign up for the whole lot! Contact Dee on 871158 for further details.

Line Dancing

Fancy a regular session of gentle exercise, lively music and convivial company? Why not give Line Dancing a try? We have classes on most Tuesday evenings for men and women of all ages, abilities and levels of fitness. No experience is required and it's a great way to meet people and get fit at the same time. With gentle guidance from our expert tutor Sue Lilley, even those with two left feet will soon be performing simple routines. The sessions last an hour, with Beginners at 7.00 and Improvers at 8.00 and cost just £4. Check the dates and just turn up, or phone for further details. Cowboy boots and hats optional!

Fitness For The Over 50's

Katie Hunt will be returning to the Village Hall with her *Fitness for the Over 50's* exercise classes. She has tailored some simple, low impact exercises and set them to music. The exercises will appeal to men and women who want to maintain a regular and healthy fitness regime as they grow older. Classes will begin with a taster class at 6.30 on Thursday 14th November. At only £4 for 1 hour, why not come along and see if it's for you. For more information, please ring Katie 07789 792089. *Cont...*

Forthcoming Events at your Village Hall

Coffee Mornings
Fridays September 6th
October 4th & November 1st
10.30 - 12.30

Newton Parish Council
Mondays Sept 9th & Nov 11th
7.00

Line Dancing
Tuesdays Sept 10th, 24th, Oct 1st,
8th, 22nd, 29th, Nov 5th, 12th, 26th
Beginners 7.00 - 8.00
Improvers 8.00 - 9.00

Street Pride Litter Pick
Saturday 21st September
10.30

Harvest Lunch
Sunday 13th October
12.00 for 12.30

Fitness for the Over 50's
Thursdays
Nov 14th, 21st, 28th
6.30 - 7.30

Bowls Club Quiz
Saturday 26th October
7.00 for 7.30

Village Hall AGM
Thursday 7th November
7.30

Family Quiz Night
Saturday 23rd November
7.00 for 7.30

Bowls Club Bingo
Friday 29th November
7.00 for 7.30

Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday 1st December
10.00 - 1.00

Children's Christmas Party
Saturday 7th December

The Ladies Club
Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday
each month at 7.00
Enquiries: Debra 870701

The Bowls Club
Regular Quiz and Bingo nights
Enquiries: Norris 870782

The Gardening Club
Meetings on the 4th Sunday
each month at 10am
Enquiries: Shirley 870060

Coffee Mornings

Drop in to a Coffee Morning on the first Friday of every month between 10.30 and 12.30. There's something for all ages. Whether you love to knit or sew, play cards or board games, read a book or just sit and chat with friends, the Coffee Mornings are for you. Mums and children are welcome too! We have tea, coffee and cakes a-plenty, all we need is you. If you can't get to the Hall under your own steam, we'll come and pick you up. Ring Margaret on 870083 to find out more.

Family Quiz Night

Our next Family Quiz Night takes place on Saturday 23rd November at 7.00 for 7.30. These popular light-hearted events provide an opportunity for everyone to show off their grasp of trivial facts. Tickets are available now at £5 for adults or £3 for children including a sausage supper. Bring your own drinks. Book now for an unforgettable evening.

Christmas Craft Fair

With Christmas approaching fast, why not give your loved ones a unique present hand crafted by a local craftsman? This year's Christmas Craft Fair will be on Sunday 1st December from 10.00 to 1.00. As always, admission is free and we have a fabulous range of unique locally-crafted gifts on display. Browse the stalls and pause for a while in café corner, where we're offering a tempting range of seasonal homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks. Make a note of the date and be sure to come along!

Children's Christmas Party

Following the success of last year's Children's Christmas Party, we just had to have another one! The date we've chosen is Saturday 7th December and further details will be announced shortly, but if you have children aged 12 or under and were not at last year's party, please contact us now to add your name to the list.

Are You Sitting Comfortably?

Following feedback from several users about the uncomfortable classroom chairs in the Hall, we decided to bite the bullet and replace all the plastic chairs with luxury padded banqueting chairs, at a cost of just over £1,200. We hope that you will find the new chairs to your liking and linger longer.

We will shortly be disposing of the majority of the old chairs, so if you know anybody who would be interested in purchasing them, please ask them to contact us.

Meet the Committee

Is it really a whole year? Well yes, almost, and the time has come for us to start planning our Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the Hall Management Committee and hear about our recent achievements and plans for the future.

If you like the sound of our list of events and would be interested in learning about the work that goes into planning them, this is your chance to find out more.

The date is Thursday 7th November at 7.30. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Do you have a hobby to share?

Have you ever thought about running your own activity at the Village Hall, but don't know where to start? Did you know that the Hall Management Committee can provide all the expertise, support and encouragement you need?

Call us now for an informal chat and to find out more about our special start-up rates for new activities.



Litter Pick

Help Tidy Up Your Village
Litter-pickers, gloves and hi-vis vests are provided, it's fun, healthy and all ages can take part (under 16's must have parental consent)

Meet outside the Village Hall on Saturday 21st September at 10.30

For more details contact Sam Clark 07887 485795

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING

First Friday of Every Month

6th September

4th October

1st November

10.30 - 12.30

In the Village Hall

All Welcome ~ Just Turn Up

Transport available

For further information

call Margaret on 870083

Do you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to this area? Contact Wendy on 871331 or wendy@talktalk.net and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No 274101

A perfect venue at an affordable price.

Facilities include:

Fully equipped kitchen

Secure grassed garden area

Accommodation for 100 standing or 80 seated

Easy access for disabled visitors

Hire charges:

Meetings from £20, all day rate £75

Private parties for children £30*

adults/evening £50*

Fundraising events £30*

(*Up to 4 hours duration, incl set-up)

To book the hall for your event call 871158
hallbookings@newtonintheisle.org.uk
www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

Newton Village Fete

What a wonderful day it was! The sun shone, the crowds flocked to the Playing Field and every organisation in the village pitched in to provide an activity, a display, a sideshow, and hopefully boost their coffers in the process. Who said community spirit was dead? The Fete was the culmination of just seventeen weeks' work by the new Village Fete Committee, made up of representatives of each of the constituent organisations, with a few independents thrown in for good measure. What they achieved in such a short timescale was little short of remarkable, with an array of stalls, sideshows, displays and competitions to appeal to all ages and interests and they should all be very proud of their endeavours.

Rows of stalls and sideshows offered items for sale, games of skill and chance. There were book stalls, cake stalls, raffles and tombolas, bowls and football, hoop-la and a rather noisy crockery smash. The tea tent was a hive of activity throughout the afternoon, facing a never-ending line of thirsty souls seeking refreshment.

The central arena hosted a children's sports day, with running races, sack races and egg and spoon races. The tug of war brought together a rather feisty bunch of ladies and an ill-prepared line-up of men and boys. Then it was time for Newton's first fun dog show, allowing our pampered pooches to strut their stuff for the judges.

The marquees housed a craft fair and the cake bake competition. We seem to have so many talented crafters around here and they put on a superb display. The cake bake attracted numerous entries from adults and children, although the event was marred by allegations of vote-rigging, when Di Arnold and her husband took the top prizes! Perhaps they do just make the best Victoria Sponges in Newton. If you want to knock them off their perch, you'll have to wait for next year's competition.

In front of the children's playground was an impressive array of vintage and classic cars and the New Horizons Bus and a fire engine completed the line-up.

All in all there really was something for everyone and we look forward to seeing what's on offer from this talented and enthusiastic bunch in 2014.

St James' Flower Festival

Our Parish Church came to life with the sight and scent of thousands of flowers for the Flower Festival weekend. Thirty arrangements around the theme of nursery rhymes adorned the porch, pews, windowsills, font, rood screen, choir stalls, pulpit, altar and every other available space. The talented ladies (and a couple of gents) who created the displays worked tirelessly for three days with flowers, foliage, wire, oasis, and some ingeniously placed props to transform the church in readiness for the opening. It looked magnificent.

The arrangements were sponsored by local businesses, community organisations and individuals, who must have been particularly proud of their involvement. Every arrangement was a credit to its sponsor, as well as its arranger and the level of interest and support for the Festival will undoubtedly lead to bigger and better things in the future.

The inspiration for the Flower Festival came from Debra Wright and Sam Clark and we are all indebted to them for their vision and perseverance in making it happen. This will be a biennial event, so we look forward to seeing what 2015 brings.

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH

GRAND SUMMER DRAW

The draw was made at Newton Village Fete and made a grand total of £760.

All the prize-winners are too numerous to mention but the first three were:-

1st prize - £100 - won by J. Godfrey.

2nd prize - A Food Hamper - won by The Woadmans 'B' Darts Team.

3rd Prize - A Deep Fat Fryer - won by Jon Wright.

Many thanks to the donors of the fabulous prizes and to all those who participated to make the draw such a success.

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH

TABLE TOP & CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

To be held on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Newton.

Church Lane gates open at 9.30am for participants with an 11am start.

£5 per table/pitch.

Refreshments available.

Please contact 870201 or 870775.

St James' Church

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 13th October, 12.00 for 12.30pm

You are invited to join our popular free Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall.

To book a place, please contact Debra Wright on 870701

Sunday 13th October, 3.00pm

Harvest Service for all the family.

Monday 14th October, 8pm start

Support our Harvest Auction in The Woadman's Arms, by kind permission of Neville and Wendy Johnson.

Come early and stay late!

All proceeds to the Church.

CHURCH HISTORY

Trevor Gray's new full-colour booklet on the 12th century Parish Church of St James, Newton-in-the-Isle, is now available. Covering the history, restoration and current status of our church, it gives a fascinating insight into this fine building. Copies are available at Newton Post Office or by contacting Chris Wright on 870701. Priced at just £3.50, all proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the church.

News from the Clubs...

Newton Bowls Club

The Bowls Club are enjoying a successful bowling season and also have a variety of social events planned for 2013, starting with a Fun Race Night for all the family at Tydd St Giles Community Centre on Saturday 14th September, 7.00 for 7.30.

Our regular Quiz Night takes place on Saturday 26th October, 7.00 for 7.30, with Bingo on Friday 29th November, 7.00 for 7.30, both at Newton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Please ring Norris Elliott on 870782 for more information and tickets. Also speak to Norris if you are interested in becoming a member of the Bowls Club.

Newton Ladies Club

The 2013 programme is well underway and members enjoyed visiting the Ely flower festival in June. We had a lovely day being inspired by the spectacle inside the cathedral and having a super pub lunch together as a bonus. The Home Produce stall at the Fete was a great success and we have welcomed new members to our ranks as well.

Our Beer & Barbecue evening went with a swing, when members and their families enjoyed a beautiful sunny evening with delicious food and Doug's home brew. Future events for members to look forward to this year include Belly Dancing.

As the autumn months approach we are looking forward to a talk on the Swinging Sixties from Sue Stephenson and a "Knit & Natter" evening.

New members are always welcome so if you would like to join us (or just come along for a taster evening) we meet on the third Tuesday evening of each month at the Village Hall for "fun, friendship and support." If you would like more details please contact *Debra Wright* (Secretary) 870701 or *Steph Sands* (Chairman) 870096

Newton Village Gardening Club

We must thank John and Barbara Hobart for their hospitality during our visit to their garden in May. The sun shone and the garden looked beautiful. We all enjoyed the compulsory tea and cakes, with a clever gardening quiz keeping us busy seeking clues in and around the garden.

Our buffet lunch at the Village Hall was very well attended with delicious contributions from members and included two fabulous joints of cooked meat provided and served by Honorary Member, John Hoyles.

The most original 'Gardening Themed Hat' competition was won by Sue Gomm for best ladies and Doug Fullbrook for best gents. A general knowledge quiz was won by Ken Sherry and Doug Fullbrook and Barbara Hobart won the 'guess the baby' competition.

In July, members paid a visit to Peggy Wadley's low maintenance garden, followed by a visit to the garden of Gerry and Cathie Aitken, who cultivated their bare plot into a garden bursting with colour and interest. Tea and cake was served along with a short quiz which was won by Peggy Wadley.

In August we enjoyed a visit to the fabulous gardens at Houghton Hall, where we were able to gather ideas for our own gardens.

Our autumn programme is equally diverse, offering the following assortment of subjects:-

September - Annual Produce Competition

October - Talk by Freya Trotman about Romany Remedies

November - Flower Arranging Demo by Sam Clark

December - Annual Christmas Dinner

For information about the club and membership, please contact Shirley de-Groome on 870060 or 07811 997721.

Parish Council News

After 10 years of loyal service, Councillor Debra Wright, who is also Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, has announced her intention to resign her seat from September, in order to pursue other interests. She will be a great loss to the Council and we all wish her well.

We shall shortly be inviting nominations to fill the vacancy as a Councillor. Details will be posted on the Parish Notice Board following our Council meeting in early September.

The next two regular meetings of the Parish Council are scheduled for Monday September 9th and Monday November 11th, both at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

Following a successful application by the Parish Council, the Playing Field was accepted into the Queen Elizabeth II Fields programme managed by Fields in Trust. The aim of the programme is to create a lasting legacy of open spaces and playing fields across the UK to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A commemorative plaque was unveiled at the Fete by Steve Tierney to mark the award and the playing field has been renamed the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Newton. In simple terms, this means that the playing field will be retained as an open space for community use in perpetuity, protecting it from any future development plans.

The plaque and the large sign detailing the completion of the playing field project will be installed in their permanent location near the children's playground in the coming months.

...and finally

A knife from a well known supermarket has been found in the Playing Field. If it belongs to you and you are over 18 and can describe it, we will happily return it to you. Ring 870083.

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on behalf of the many community groups in Newton.

For up-to-date details of events and activities in the Village

see the What's On page of the village website

www.newtonintheisle.org.uk