

Newton News

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Village Hall News

The Village Hall Management Committee has expanded to eleven members in recent months, including at least one representative of every organisation and club in the village. We are now working on an exciting programme of events and activities for the next six months, starting with a Pie Night in September, followed by Sunday Lunches, a Valentine's Quiz and Bingo. For Christmas, we're planning a Christmas Fair, Children's Party and a bigger and better Christmas Lights Switch-on. The Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas continue each month, so we now have 24 events between now and Easter - something for everyone!

Pie Night at Newton Village Hall

Calling all those residents of Newton-in-the-Isle looking for a night out that is local and promises to be great value for money. A pop up supper club is being set up for the night and the principle is quite simple. You book a table, bring along your own drink and for £12.50 you are served a three course meal that has been prepared by local village resident, food historian and catering expert, Alison Sloan. The menu promises an opportunity to celebrate that great culinary delight - the pie!

Doors open at 7.30 on Saturday 23rd September.

Booking is essential and all bookings should be made via events@newtonintheisle.org.uk or by phone to 07707 281545.

Come along and enjoy the food and atmosphere whilst helping to contribute funds to your Village Hall.

Sunday Lunch

Our first traditional roast Sunday Lunch will be served on 29th October. This is a new venture which we hope to repeat on a regular basis. Pre-booking is essential and numbers are strictly limited. For further details and to make your reservation, please contact Kay on kay@newtonvillagehall.org.uk or 07707 281545.

Parish Council Meetings

The next two meetings of the Parish Council take place on Monday 4th September and Monday 6th November, both at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings to raise issues or to find out more about the work of the Parish Council.

The agendas for these meetings will be posted on the noticeboard and the website a few days before the meeting.

What's On in Newton-in-the-Isle

If you're not receiving the monthly e-mail update of everything that happens in the Parish, please visit the website and enter your details at the bottom of the home page.

Busy Bees

The bees of Newton have had a busy summer visiting the fields, open spaces and gardens. If you would like to sample the product of their endeavours, visit local beekeeper Stephen Cobb at 7 Goodens Lane, where he is selling delicious Newton honey.

Have fun, make new friends and support your Village Hall...

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 14th September,
12th October, 9th November
10.30 to 12.30

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits
with freshly percolated coffee or tea

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 24th August,
28th September, 26th October
2.30 to 4.30

Freshly baked scones, homemade jam and
whipped cream with a selection of teas or coffee

Come and Join Us!

- ☀ Have you ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?
- ☀ Would you like to play a part in improving the quality of life for people in Newton-in-the-Isle?
- ☀ Are you ready for a new challenge?

Parish Councillors use their skills and experience to work together spending public money on projects for the benefit of the whole community. It's an interesting and enjoyable role that makes a difference to everybody living in the Parish. It's also an opportunity to learn new things and develop new skills, so no previous experience is required.

If you'd like to know more about what we do and how you could join our team, e-mail our Clerk, Pat Wilkinson, at parishclerk@newtonintheisle.org.uk for an information pack and details about the process for application. We hope to fill the current vacancies at our meeting on Monday 4th September.



Tydd Pumping Station - Open Day

Saturday 9th September 10.00 - 16.00

Tydd Pumping Station, Station Road, Tydd, Wisbech, PE13 5RE



Designed by R.B. Grantham, Son and Farran in 1936 and commissioned in 1937/39, Tydd Pumping Station serves an area of 15,380 hectares protecting agricultural land, industrial units and residential properties. The six pumps are capable of discharging a staggering 1,276 tons of water per minute from the North Level Main Drain into the River Nene.

The 1936 design incorporated four diesel-powered pumps, with additional pumps being installed in 1950 and 1986, to increase capacity following local flooding. The original engines were replaced in 2007.

Visitors will be able to explore the Pumping Station, learn about its role in the drainage of the area, view a static display of the work of the North Level District Internal Drainage Board, talk to the people who keep us safe from flooding and see the pumps in action.

Refreshments will be available and guided walks on the new permissive walkway along the North Level Main Drain.

For further information, contact the North Level District Internal Drainage Board on 01733 270333

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The Good Old Days

Life in Newton-in-the-Isle has changed beyond recognition in the last 70 years. Farming methods have altered, with different crops being grown. The village has increased in size as new homes have been built. We've lost our railway line, our school and two pubs.

There are many parishioners with interesting stories to share about the good old days and their lives in Newton-in-the-Isle and we have an opportunity to record some of this fascinating historical and social information for future generations.

If you enjoy chatting to people and would like to assist in this project by interviewing people and recording their memories, please contact Dave Gibbs on 870083.

Leverington Village Hall

On Thursday 21st September we are having our famous Afternoon Tea. Hopefully the Mayor will be attending.

There are new classes in Line Dancing on Thursday evenings suitable for beginners with some experience and intermediates 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

An intermediate class follows from 8.00pm to 9.00pm Each session is £4.00



A Fun New Sport for All Ages!

Come and join our friendly group of Kurlers for a relaxed afternoon of friendship and gentle exercise.

**Sundays 24th September
22nd October and
19th November
at 2.00 in the Village Hall**

St James' Church



Vandalism

I am sad to report that at the end of July, part of a stained glass window has been deliberately broken and pushed out of place. This has weakened the rest of the valuable 1872 Memorial window pane. The police have been informed and will investigate. Could we please ask villagers to be vigilant and if they see anything that seems suspicious contact the Churchwarden Jenni Stone on Tel. 588836 or the police directly on 101 if the incident is ongoing? Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteer Cleaners Required

If you feel that you have some spare time to occasionally clean our lovely ancient church it would be gratefully appreciated. We are very short of cleaners at present. Please contact our Churchwarden, as above, or any other church member.

Dates For Your Diary

The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 15th October 3.00pm. Please note that this time was incorrect in the last newsletter. With the ever popular Harvest Auction at The Woadman's Arms on Monday 16th October starting at 8pm.

Services at St James' are usually at 9.00am on the first three Sundays of each month, further details can be found in The Bridge magazine, in the church porch and on the village website.

You are welcome to join us in our worship.

Friends of St James' Church

In mid-July, David and Tina kindly hosted a Hog Roast in their beautiful grounds. Margaret had arranged for the Jeff Gallant Band to play and a few adventurous people gave us a demonstration of line dancing. Richard Whymark, comedian, ventriloquist and magician was hilarious and he was ably assisted by volunteers(?) Abbi and Vicki.

Around 200 people enjoyed the sumptuous roast, the weather was lovely and fortunately the rain forecast for later held off. David had it covered though with marquees to seat everyone.

Loads of prizes for the raffle were generously donated and the proceeds of £635 were shared with the Village Hall Management Committee. Thank you to all who supported us.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 25th November - Please keep this date free to participate in our Quiz at the Village Hall. Good food, good questions and a good time!

Fenland Villages Archery Club

Exciting things are happening at the new Fenland Villages Archery Club, which meets at Tydd St Giles Community Centre every Sunday morning from 10.00 to 12.00.

We are now into our second group of beginners, and of the first group, 5 have now joined as full members of the club, with a definite 3 from the current group. This means we now have an established Fenland Villages Archery Club that will hopefully continue to grow.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped this come about.

Roger Moore, Founder and Coach

Community Car Scheme

Wanted - Volunteer Drivers and Coordinators for the Leverington, Newton & Tydd St Giles Community Car Scheme.

The Community Car Scheme provides door-to-door transport for people who do not have the use of a car and are unable to use conventional public transport. Journeys are arranged through the co-ordinators and are provided by volunteers using their own cars. These drivers support the community by giving their time.

Typical journeys include appointments at the surgery or hospital, optician and dentist, or picking up prescriptions. Also visiting friends and relatives in hospital.

Passengers make a contribution towards the cost of their journey and the driver also receives a subsidy per mile from Cambridgeshire County Council.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week to help us, please contact Chris or Terry on 587004.



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 at the Village Hall
on Sunday 10th September at 10.30
Thursday 12th October at 10.30**

For more details contact
Dee Markham on 871158

Newton Village Gardening Club

Newton Village Gardening Club are enjoying a delightful, action packed year. The club continues to flourish as we continue to welcome new members at almost every meeting. Even the traditional English weather has been obliging for our programmed events.

Forty members visited Julia and Ray's beautiful cottage garden - where Julia's attention to detail and gardening expertise was evident in a stunning spectacle.

Members stepped back in time when they entered Val's cottage garden for a 1940's themed afternoon tea party. A number of members dressed in style for this fun filled event, with every table beautifully laid with matching china and 40's music filled the air. Fortunately the air raid sirens were for effect only!

The club's most successful, Summer Flower Show was a huge success. Every category included a vast collection of worthy winning entries.

A good turn out of members enjoyed an enlightening guided tour of Tamar Nurseries, with a chance to have a little shopping spree.

Members and guests packed the Village Hall for this year's summer extravaganza. Days of rain finally abated just in time for an enjoyable Hog Roast.

Following five organised events in the last three months, we still have much to look forward to, including an outing to Gooderstone Water Garden on 20th August. We see the return of popular speaker Geoff Hodge on 24th September, when he will talk about Life and Times of a Garden Editor. On 22nd October we have our increasingly popular annual Produce Competitions.

Further details are to be found on the village website.

Newton Bowls Club

Great News – we have been successful in our application for a National Lottery Award, and will be installing our irrigation system within the next few weeks.

Congratulations to our club competition winners:

Dillnutt Trophy (singles)
Winner: Henry Hawkins
Runner Up: Morris Arnold

George Jimson Cup (doubles)
Winners: Terry Livings and David Smith
Runners up: Eddie Robinson and Rod Hatton

Ted Hall Cup (men's singles)
Winner: Morris Arnold
Runner up: Terry Livings

Once the season has finished, we will be starting our fundraising once again.

Please support our events in the Village Hall:

Bingo Night - Friday 8th September.
Eyes down at 19.30.

Quiz Night - Friday 10th November at 19.30.

The league competitions are well underway. All matches can be found on the Village website. Spectators always welcome.

New members whether beginners or experienced are invited to come and have a try or join our teams.

Please contact: Jill Nursey 871033.

If you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to the parish of Newton-in-the-Isle, please contact Carol on 870445 or carolpeasey152@outlook.com and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

Newton Ladies Club

On Tuesday 19th September, the Ladies Club welcomes Wayne Bent, Search Manager and Team Leader with Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue, a member of the national search and rescue network. CAMSAR works with Cambridgeshire Police to provide an emergency specially-trained team in the search for vulnerable missing persons and Wayne will be explaining the importance of their work in the county.

On Tuesday 17th October, Dr Eric Somerville returns, this time talking about Opium Eating in the Fens in the 19th Century, when half of the opium imported into Britain for home use was consumed within 40 miles of Wisbech!

Both of these meetings are open to all, with an admission charge of £3 for non-members.

It's business as usual in November, as members explore their creative side with an evening of Christmas Crafts.

Membership of the Ladies Club is open to ladies of all ages living in and around the Parish. For further details, ring Kay on 07707 281545

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 Kay on 07707 281545 or e-mail
bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk
www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

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For up-to-date details of events and activities in the Village see the What's On page of the village website
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