



Editorial

As Spring turns to Summer, our thoughts turn to a season of outdoor events and celebrations, with outings, visits and barbeques on the agenda. Of course, the good old British weather may have other ideas! Much of this edition is devoted to the Village Fete and rightly so. This grand celebration is the culmination of months of hard work by every single village organisation, working together for the benefit of the whole community. Like all such events and activities, it relies on your support and generosity, so please come along, invite your family, your friends, your colleagues and join with us all in making it the success it deserves to be.

Participating in village events brings people together and creates a real feeling of community cohesion. It's the difference between a village and a community. Whether it's a fundraising event such as our Songs from the Shows (see below) or a regular activity like the Coffee Mornings or Line Dancing sessions, we rely on your support. If we're not providing the right activities, please let us know. We welcome your feedback.

Here's hoping for a long hot summer, good weather for all of our events and the right amount of rain at the right time to keep the farmers happy. If only life was that simple!

STOP PRESS - Congratulations to Sam Clark, Parish Councillor and Trustee of the Village Hall, on her election to Fenland District Council. The new voice of the village at Fenland Hall.

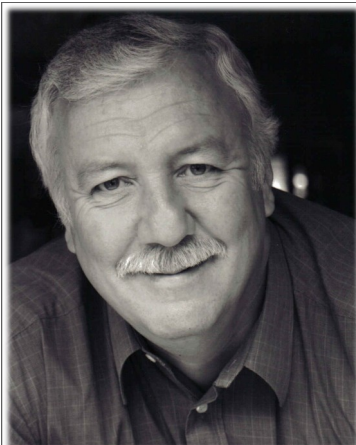
All the Fun of the Fete

Roll up Ladies, Gentlemen and Children! This year's Fete promises to be a real bobby-dazzler, with stalls, sideshows, competitions and displays to entertain you, challenge you and hopefully entice you to part with some hard-earned cash in favour of a good cause or two.

The big competition this year is **Newton's Got Talent!** Show us what you can do in under three minutes and win £100. In the arena, **Fens Falconry** will be attending for the first time, displaying some of their collection of owls and birds of prey.

Help us celebrate what makes Newton special by entering the **Photographic Competition** in the Church or voting for your favourite image. If you've got a bike, some tin foil and a vivid imagination, enter our Space-themed **Decorated Bike Competition**. We've increased the number of categories in the **Fun Dog Show**, giving you a chance to show off your handling skills too. The **Craft Fair** is bigger and better than last year, with more stalls and more variety. The **Classic Cars** are back, but with the addition of commercial and agricultural vehicles. The **Cake Bake Competition** now has two adult classes and one junior, so start rehearsing those recipes now. Finally, no village fete would be complete without stalls selling plants and produce, games of skill and chance and a well-stocked refreshment tent and we have it all.

Put the date of the Fete, **Saturday 28th June**, in your diary today and bring your family and friends to this fabulous festival of fun! For further details of all of these events, see the Fete page overleaf, pop into the Post Office or call Geoff & Pat on 870271.



Songs From The Shows

with

David Martin

Newton Village Hall

Registered Charity No 274101

Church Lane, Newton, Wisbech, PE13 5HF

Saturday 31st May

Doors open at 7.00

Tickets £8

including wine and nibbles

from Dee Markham 871158 or dee@newtonvillagehall.org.uk

Forthcoming Events at your Village Hall

Line Dancing

Tuesday evenings

May 13th 20th 27th

June 3rd 10th 24th

July 1st 8th 22nd 29th

Beginners 7.00 - 8.00

Improvers 8.00 - 9.00

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays

29th May, 26th June, 31st July

10.30 - 12.30

Songs from the Shows

with David Martin

Saturday 31st May

7.00 for 7.30

Clairvoyant Evening

with Stuart Bradley

Saturday 4th October

7.30 for 8.00

Race Night

Friday 24th October

7.00 for 7.30



The Ladies Club

Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday

each month at 7.00pm

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 10.00am

Enquiries: Shirley 870060

Do you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to this area?

Contact Wendy on 738521 or wendyful@talktalk.net and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

It's all going to happen at
Newton Village Fete

on

Saturday 28th June at 2pm
and you could be part of it.....

Dress up your bike!

Turn it into a rocket or anything else that fits in with our 'Space' theme. Prizes for up to and over 12 yrs.
FREE entry - call Debra on 01945 870701 or email debra.a.wright@gmail.com

***** NEWTON'S GOT TALENT *****

Can you tell jokes, perform magic, juggle, sing or dance - either on your own or as part of a group?
Entertain us and whatever your age, you could win

£100 !!!

Only £1 per entry* (forms available at Newton Post Office) or contact Geoff on 01945 870271 email pat.geoffwilkinson@yahoo.co.uk by 14th June

Guest Head Judge - Tony G

*We reserve the right to only accept suitable entries.

Cake Bake Competition

Open to everyone, this exciting competition is split into two classes:

Kids up to 14 (entry 50p)
'Gingerbread Men'

Adults 15 plus (entry £1)

4 Cheese Scones and/or a Lemon Drizzle Cake

For more info contact

Di on 01945 870857 or diarnold46@hotmail.com

FUN DOG SHOW

There are classes to suit all breeds and all owners(!), including handsomest dog, prettiest bitch, waggiest tail, dog most like its owner, veterans, best rescue and the dog our judges would most like to take home.

Prizes for each category - entry £1 per class (minimum 3) and forms are available from

Newton Post Office, or contact **Dee** on 01945 871158

dee@newtonvillagehall.org.uk

Classic Vehicles

Once more, we are inviting owners of interesting vehicles of all kinds - cars, commercials and agricultural - to display their pride and joy in our specially defined show area.

There will also be the opportunity to parade them around the central arena during the afternoon.

For more information, please contact Rick on 01945 870524 or smoogie@hotmail.co.uk

PLUS **Newton 'in Focus'**

Do you have a photograph which, in some way, reflects on life in Newton? It doesn't matter when, or by what means, you took the picture - just drop in a print (up to A4 in size) by June 26th, to either Newton Post Office or Pat at 24 Fen Road, or bring it into **St James Church** before 2pm on the day of the Fete and it will be put on display. Every visitor will be able to vote as to which one they like the most - and there will be prizes for the top three.

Newton-on-the-Web

Since its inception some eighteen months ago, the Village Website has developed into a comprehensive information resource about Newton and the activities that take place in the village. The Parish Council has adopted newtonintheisle.org.uk as its official website, so this is the place to go for information about the work of the Council and minutes of their meetings. Most of the clubs and activities in the village have up-to-date information on the site and their activities are included in the all-encompassing What's On calendar of village life. The History page includes a timeline of key dates and I guarantee every one of you will learn something new about the village from it. There is also an explanation of the village sign.

The Local Information page brings together information about services provided by the District and County Councils, the emergency services, utility companies, transport, health and education, so look there to find out which bins to put out and when, the time of the next bus, or the visit of the mobile library. We also have a Gallery of local photos, thanks to Lynn Wakefield, our ever-present recorder of village life.

There is so much more we can add to the website and we need your help. Firstly, if you spot any errors, please use the Contact page to let us know. If we have omitted anything you think warrants a mention, please tell us. Finally, if you are involved with an organisation or activity that has not provided up-to-date information, please get involved and help us to make this a website to be proud of.

Dave Gibbs

Webmaster - www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

Newton Parish Council

The Councillors have been active and with the help of a few residents, have been given training by the police to enable a Community Speedwatch Team to be formed. The Team will at differing times monitor the speed of traffic through the village, this has been a concern for some time. The Council is still looking into other means of restricting speeding.

The Community Payback Team has been helping Cllr Fullbrook locate the drainage pipe in the playing field to help the dyke to flow more freely during winter months, this has been a herculean task and is still ongoing. The new information display board has now been installed in the Playing Field and a number of trees have been pruned throughout the village.

Dog fouling within the field has been a problem and a Dog Awareness Campaign was held on the field on April 30th. It is hoped that this event will help all dog owners to understand the health implications and be more responsible in keeping both the playing field and the village clean.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, please contact Cllr Fullbrook for details.

We try to keep the Parish Notice board up to date and the Parish Council now has a section within the village website. If you have any concerns please contact the Clerk or the Councillors. Contact details on the website or the notice board.

Our next Parish Council meetings will be held on Mondays 12th May and 14th July at 7pm in the Village Hall.

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING

Last Thursday of Every Month
29th May, 26th June* and 31st July
(* Blooming Great Tea Party
for Marie Curie Cancer Care)

10.30 - 12.30

In the Village Hall

All Welcome ~ Just Turn Up

Transport available, please phone

For further information, call Margaret on 870083

Please come to our
Blooming Great Tea Party
in aid of
Marie Curie Cancer Care



Thursday 26th June

Newton Village Hall

10.30 - 12.30

Call Sam on 07887 485795 for details

All proceeds to Marie Curie Cancer Care

Registered Charity No 207994

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' CHURCH

TABLE TOP SALE

SUNDAY 25th MAY

To be held in St James' Church, Newton

Doors open at 9.30am

10.30am start

£5 per table/space

Refreshments available

Please contact 870201 or 870775

Leverington Village Hall

Registered Charity No 1143435

Beetle Drive & Cottage Pie Supper

Saturday 7th June

6.30 for 7.00

Bring a bottle

Tickets £5.00

from Carol or Ron 01945 588385

Newton Ladies Club

May marks the start of the new Ladies Club programme and so, as well as looking forward to a variety of speakers, we have several visits out and about planned.

Highlights for the forthcoming year include a pamper evening at Tydd St Giles, a beer & barbecue evening in August when we welcome friends and families and, for the more energetic amongst us, participating in the "Race for Life" in Peterborough.

In 2014 we celebrate our 20th anniversary and in the company of several founder members will be enjoying a celebratory meal together at The West End Inn.

Our "coppers for caring" monthly collection resulted in a donation of £100 to the Wisbech Talking Newspaper and we have also supported the Block Fen animal sanctuary with much needed knitted blankets started at our knit & natter evenings on a cold November evening and continued throughout the year by several members.

With the Newton Fête fast approaching members are busy preparing for our Home Produce stall. So please come along and sample our delights and have a friendly chat.

We always welcome new members so if you would like to join us just come along to Newton Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month for 7.30pm or contact Debra (870701) or Steph (870096) for more details.

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No 274101

A perfect venue at an affordable price.

Facilities include:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Secure grassed garden area
- 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, including set-up)

To book the hall for *your* event call 871158
bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk
www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

Newton Village Gardening Club

Our season this year began, as usual, in February with our AGM. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported to those present the latest news on Hilda Hassall. A get well card was passed around for everyone to sign, and he said that the card and a large bouquet of flowers would be sent to her in due course.

The rest of the meeting went smoothly and after the Chairman had declared the meeting closed, everyone sat down to watch a preview of the latest DVD of 2013 Gardening Club events, put together by Lynn Wakefield. The refreshments were run by Barbara Hobart, and names were also collected for the club's outings to Sheringham Park in May and Abbots Ripton Garden Show in June.

We had a very interesting talk by Susan Reid on Bonsai for Beginners in March, who brought many splendid examples to illustrate the art of bonsai gardening. John Hobart also distributed the marrow seeds for the annual produce competition. Refreshments were organised by Jean Marsh and Jean Eldred.

There was an extremely good turnout for the club's annual plant and seedling auction in April, with £170.85 being made. Refreshments were run by Ken and Marian Sherry.

At all our meetings in the Village Hall, Morris Arnold organises the raffles, and Shirley de-Groome organises a plant and vegetable bring and buy table.

Our future events include an outing to Sheringham Park in May, a visit to Ken and Marian Sherry's garden in June, the club barbecue in July, a visit to John Hoyles' garden in August, annual produce show in September, a speaker in October, a talk on Orchid growing for beginners in November and the club's annual Christmas Party in December.

For further details visit our page on the village website or call Shirley de-Groome on 870060.

Newton Church

St James, Newton was honoured to welcome Bishop Stephen David of Ely on Palm Sunday, 13th April.

He conducted a service that was well attended by a congregation from Newton and other local churches.



Following the service he consecrated the extension to the burial ground. This land had been purchased and donated by a local parishioner, many thanks to this generous benefactor and everyone involved in making this day a successful one.

Newton Bowls Club

In April we played a Charity Bowls Challenge match against Long Sutton Cricket Club at Long Sutton Indoor Bowls Centre, which was attended by around 55 players and guests. Thanks to the generosity of everybody who took part, we raised £410 for the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance and Meadowgate School.

The Club has a full list of league and cup fixtures for the coming season and will also be playing friendly matches on Sundays, the first of which is at North Walsham Bowls Club on Sunday 8th June. Spectators welcome. The return fixture will be played in July.

We're a friendly and welcoming club with excellent facilities and are always looking for new members. Bowls is an enjoyable sport for men and women of all ages. If you'd like to find out more, come and see us at the Village Fete or call Norrie on 870782.

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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