



Season's Greetings

On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, I would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout 2013, either by attending or assisting behind the scenes with the many activities we have organised, delivering this newsletter or by hiring the Hall for your own events and celebrations.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

James Hoyle

Chairman

Forthcoming Events at your Village Hall

NEW Keep Fit

Every Thursday
6.30 - 7.30

Line Dancing

Tuesdays December 3rd & 10th
January 7th, 14th, 28th
February 4th, 11th, 25th
Beginners 7.00 - 8.00
Improvers 8.00 - 9.00

Coffee Mornings

Friday December 6th
Thursdays January 2nd & 30th
February 27th
10.30 - 12.30

Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday December 1st
10.00 - 1.00

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 7th
3.30 - 5.30

Newton Parish Council

Monday January 6th
7.00

Newton Village Fete

Open Meeting & AGM
Wednesday February 26th
7.00

Street Pride Litter Picks

Call for Details
07887 485795

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 10.00
Enquiries: Shirley 870060

Village Hall News

As we move into the season of short days and long nights, there is still plenty going on at the Village Hall. Thank you to everybody who attended our AGM. We were overwhelmed with the support we received and look forward to continuing the dialogue regarding future activities at the Hall. The latest Quiz proved to be another enjoyable and successful evening, thanks to our Quizmaster Steve Peasey.

Start your New Year resolutions early with our new Keep Fit sessions every Thursday evening at 6.30. Katie Hunt has devised a programme of exercise suitable for people of all ages and abilities, so why not give it a try?

Our popular Line Dancing sessions continue on Tuesday evenings and newcomers are always welcome, so if you've been thinking about it, now's the time to take the plunge.

The monthly Coffee Mornings provide an opportunity for people to meet and chat over a nice hot cup of tea or coffee, with a selection of home-made cakes. We're changing back to Thursdays in the New Year, so check the dates and pop in.

Our Christmas Craft Fair opens its doors this Sunday, 1st December from 10.00 to 1.00, with the usual seasonal offerings of gifts and refreshments. A great way to start your Christmas shopping! The Children's Christmas Party takes place on Saturday 7th December from 3.30 to 5.30. If you haven't received an invitation for your children, please call us immediately.

The next newsletter will be published in February with details of an exciting programme of events and activities throughout 2014.

Caretaker Required

for Newton Village Hall

Duties include opening and closing the hall, regular cleaning and minor maintenance.

Flexible hours.

For details visit

www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

and click on the News link.



The Village Hall has a Facebook page, so if you're a Facebook user, find us at

[www.facebook.com/
newtonintheislevillagehall](http://www.facebook.com/newtonintheislevillagehall)

and like us to keep up to date with local events and activities.

The Birds and the Bees

Are you interested in wildlife and the environment? Would you like to take part in projects around the village to support wildlife and encourage bio-diversity? To find out more, contact Dave Gibbs on 870083 or by e-mail at dave@newtonvillagehall.org.uk

Welcome Packs

Help us to welcome newcomers to the village with our superb Welcome Packs, containing tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as a host of useful local information.

If you know of someone moving to Newton, contact Wendy on 738521 or wendy@talktalk.net and we'll do the rest.

Newton Ladies Club

As well as monthly meetings held in the Village Hall, the Newton Ladies have enjoyed several visits out and about; in October it was a visit to Burghley House for the "Books in Bloom" themed flower festival which celebrated classic literature. In early November we were invited by Leverington Ladies to join them for an evening with Hugh Davies, who gave a thought provoking talk on the work of Bletchley Park during World War II, with a lovely cheese and wine supper. This proved to be a thoroughly entertaining evening as the speaker was not only knowledgeable about his subject but spoke with passion and humour.

Several members had requested an evening when we could just enjoy each other's company so, wishing to make the most of every opportunity, a "knit & natter" session was arranged. In just two hours we managed to knit enough squares to create four blankets for use at Block Fen - a good start! Thanks must go to "village knitters" who contributed squares. We were also treated to a selection of members' homemade wines and liqueurs.

With Christmas just around the corner, we now have our party to look forward to...an evening with "Rapport" and songs from the shows swiftly followed in January with a Burns Night Supper.

2014 will be an interesting year for us, with a new and varied programme as we celebrate our 20th anniversary...watch this space! 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
- 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.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

Newton Bowls Club

The Bowls Club can congratulate themselves on another successful season which will conclude with a fund raising Bingo night at the Village Hall on Friday 29th November at 7pm and a Tombola stall at the Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 1st December.

2014 will commence with a members' dinner at Long Sutton Bowls Club on 6th February and our Annual General Meeting takes place in the last week of February. The date is to be decided and published early next year.

For more information about joining the club and their popular social events, please ring Norris Elliott on 870782.

Newton Parochial Church Council

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to make the Harvest Luncheon, Service and Auction so very enjoyable and successful.

A total of £808.45 was raised for the church.

Christmas Celebrations



Come and celebrate Christmas at St James, Newton, with a joyful

Carol Service,

Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm

A joint service for Leverington, Tydd St Giles and Newton will be held at St James, Newton on Sunday, 29th December at 10am

Newton Village Gardening Club

We were delighted to welcome Samantha Clark to the November meeting. Sam entertained us with a demonstration on seasonal flower arranging. In December, members will enjoy the annual Christmas Dinner at the Village Hall.

The popular Gardening Club has an ever expanding membership and everyone is welcome to join us at our Annual General Meeting at 10am on Sunday 23rd February. In addition to a Gardening Quiz we will discuss our exciting programme for 2014.

You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy our gardening inspired social events which take place on the 4th Sunday each month. If you would like further details about becoming a member, or information about our 2014 programme please contact Shirley de-Groome (Secretary) on 870060 or 07811 997721.

Newton Parish Council

The Parish Council has seen the resignation of Cllr Debra Wright and more recently of Cllrs Neville Johnson and Richard Scott. Dave Gibbs was welcomed as a newly co-opted Cllr to replace Cllr Wright and Alison Sloan and Jondy Kooreman have been co-opted to replace Neville and Richard. Neville has been a Councillor for over thirty years, during which time he has served as both Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. His input will be sadly missed.

Traffic speeding through the village remains a concern and is being monitored.

Some footpaths have been improved and it is hoped that further funding may be granted next year to enable the Parish Council to make further improvements.

The old school site remains a problem which again the Councillors are investigating.

The Parish Council notice board situated on the High Road is regularly updated with current information.

Date of the next Council meeting is Monday 6th January 2014 at 7pm.

Friends of St James Church

TABLE TOP SALE

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

To be held in St James Church, Newton

Doors open at 9.30am for a 10.30am start

£5 per table/space

Refreshments available

Please contact 870201 or 870775

Newton Village Fete

Work has started already on preparations for the 2014 Village Fete, with an initial meeting of the Fete Committee last week. The Fete will take place in glorious sunshine on Saturday 28th June.

An Open Meeting be held on Wednesday 26th February, at 7.00 in the Village Hall when we will be recruiting volunteers to help us set up and dismantle the Fete, so please put the date in your diary now. This will also be the first Annual General Meeting of the new Fete Committee and your chance to suggest ideas for the event.

In the meantime, if you would like to become involved in the preparations for the big day, please call Geoff Wilkinson on 870271.

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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

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