



Season's Greetings



On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee,
may I take this opportunity to thank everybody
who has supported us in any way throughout the year.
We really appreciate your contributions and as we reach
the season of goodwill, we hope that you will join us
for a traditional family celebration as we
switch on the lights on our Christmas tree.
**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

JAMES HOYLES

Chairman



Christmas Lights Switch-On

Start your Christmas at our traditional family celebration
as we gather round the tree to sing carols and switch on the lights

Carols, mince pies, mulled wine
and other seasonal goodies.

Under cover if wet.



Thursday 18th December from 5.30

Outside the Village Hall

Festive lights switch-on at 6.00

Village Hall Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party for children from across the Parish takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th December, from 4.00 to 6.00.

Invitations will be circulated shortly, but if your child has not attended before, please contact us immediately to ensure that they are on the list.

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 4th December at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We will be reporting on another successful year and outlining our plans for 2015. You will also have a chance to question us about every aspect of what we do.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Parish Plan - Have Your Say

What should Newton look like in 10 years' time? What can we do to improve the quality of life for people living in the Parish? If these issues matter to you, or if you would like your voice to be heard, talk to the Parish Plan Steering Group. Call Geoff on 870271 today.

Forthcoming Events at your Village Hall

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 2.30 - 4.30
Nov 20th Dec 11th
Jan 8th Feb 12th

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30
Nov 27th Jan 22nd Feb 26th

Line Dancing

Tuesday Evenings
November 25th
December 2nd 9th
January 6th 13th 27th
Beginners 7.00 - 8.00
Improvers 8.00 - 9.00

Cookery Demonstration with Alison Sloan

Friday 28th November
7.00

Village Hall AGM

Thursday 4th December
7.30

Bowls Club Bingo

Friday 5th December
7.00

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 6th December
4.00

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Thursday 18th December
5.30

Parish Council

Monday 12th January
7.00

Golden Age Fair

Tuesday 10th February
10.00 - 1.00

The Ladies Club

Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday
each month at 7.00pm
Enquiries: Steph 870096

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

Newton Village Hall

It has been a busy few months at the Village Hall. The **Clairvoyant Evening** proved to be a popular and enjoyable event with around 50 people attending. Our Medium, Stewart Bradley, passed on messages to a number of attendees, whilst entertaining the audience with his humorous explanations and anecdotes. We hope that this will be a regular feature in the Village Hall calendar.

The **Garage Sale** provided a dozen families with an opportunity to clear out their clutter and brought many bargain hunters to the village. The event was blessed with unseasonably warm weather, encouraging buyers to stroll around the village. We plan to repeat this event in 2015.

Our **Coffee Mornings** and **Afternoon Teas** bring a taste of café culture to the village, providing an opportunity for people to meet for a chat and catch up on all the local news. If you haven't joined us yet, put the dates in your diary today.

The money we raised from these events has been reinvested in new crockery, cutlery and kitchen equipment to support our events and for the benefit of all our other users.

These are exciting times for Newton Village Hall. Details of our **Annual General Meeting**, the **Children's Christmas Party** and our new **Christmas Lights Switch-On** are on the front of this newsletter. We have lots more in the pipeline for next year, but we need your help. We have several vacancies on our Management Committee for enthusiastic people willing to assist us in organising our events. No experience necessary and it's great fun. Why not give it a go?

Heating Oil

Are you paying too much?

Members of Cambridgeshire ACRE's Community Oil Buying Scheme save money on every order. For a membership fee of just £20 per year you can place as many orders as you wish.

The minimum order size is 500 litres.

For further information, contact Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 860850 or visit their website www.cambsacre.org.uk



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 29th November
Saturday 13th December
Saturday 17th January
at 10.30**

For more details contact Sam Clark 07887 485795

Newton Parish Council

Street Lighting in Newton

Cambridgeshire County Council has undertaken an audit of street lighting within the County. Newton Parish Council has been informed that a number of street lights will need replacing, or work carrying out to upgrade them over the next three years, with a number earmarked each year. The cost is to be met by the Parish Council. As a single street light can cost up to £1,200 to replace, this will put immense pressure on the Parish budget and may need an increase in the Precept to help cover the cost.

At present we are in negotiations to both ascertain whether any grants will be available and to obtain a breakdown of the street lighting affected. We may be able to apply for a grant, however this could either require repayment or possibly match funding. This in turn may necessitate an increase in the Precept to help with the extra cost. We will keep the residents informed as we progress.

We have also been informed that the Concurrent Grant, part of the Parish Council funding, has been reduced, thus reducing our total annual budget.

Bus Consultation

A big thank you to everybody who has participated in the consultation on the future of our village bus service. It is vital that we collect as many responses as possible to help us to demonstrate the need for the service.

The consultation period continues until Sunday 23rd November, so if you haven't completed your questionnaire, you still have time to do so. Spare copies are available in the Post Office and Village Hall. It is also available online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CambsFT3

Affordable Housing

The construction of the 12 affordable houses in Poppy Close has been completed and the lucky tenants will be moving in shortly.

The majority of these properties have been allocated to people with a personal or family connection to the Parish of Newton under the Local Lettings Plan.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group continues to monitor the speed of vehicles around the village. The purpose of this monitoring is to ascertain how serious the speeding problem is and to encourage all drivers to take responsibility for safe driving. Please assist them in their work by observing the speed limits at all times and by encouraging other motorists to do likewise.

If you would like to assist the Speedwatch team in this important work, please contact Councillor Clark.

Other Issues

Again Dog Fouling in the playing field is causing serious concerns; please clear up after your pet. If this does continue the Parish Council will have to implement further steps. If you see an incident, take a photo and report it to Fenland District Council.

Parking on a pavement in Goodens Lane is causing a problem; the police are monitoring this situation.

If you have any queries please contact a Councillor or the Clerk, telephone numbers are on the website or the Parish Noticeboard on the High Road.

St James, Newton



Harvest was successfully celebrated in Newton, with three events. The first was a free luncheon held in the Village Hall on Sunday 19th October. This was fully booked and everyone enjoyed not only an excellent roast dinner with apple crumble but also a friendly atmosphere with plenty of community spirit.

This was followed by a Harvest Service in the church, which looked beautiful, brimming with colourful flowers and a fine display of mainly local produce.

The third event was the very enjoyable Harvest Auction and Raffle, held in The Woodman's Arms on Monday 20th October, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs N. Johnson. This raised £859.35 for the church.

Well done and thank you to everyone concerned with all these events.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

You are invited to celebrate Christmas at any of these services

21st December ~ Carol Service
(followed by sherry & mince pies)
3pm ~ **Newton**

24th December ~ Christmas Eve Crib Service
6pm ~ **Leverington**

24th December ~ Midnight Communion Service
11.30pm ~ **Leverington**

25th December ~ Christmas Day Service
9.30am ~ **Tydd St. Giles**

28th December ~ Joint Parishes Service
10am ~ **Newton**

We wish you a joyful Festive period

LEVERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 19th November
Coffee Morning - 10.00am

Wednesday 3rd December
Christmas Coffee Morning - 10.00am

Saturday 13th December
Children's Christmas Disco - 3.00pm

Newton Village Fete Committee

November is the month when the Fete Committee starts planning next year's Village Fete. If you have ideas or suggestions for new attractions, or would like to be part of this fabulous event, call now to register your interest. New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary.

Following the success of our Chocolate Heaven cookery demonstration in April, Alison has kindly agreed to tickle our taste buds with a festive feast of seasonal goodies at our Taste of Christmas event later this month. Tickets are limited, so call now to reserve your place and pick up some useful tips.

To find out more about the work of the Fete Committee or to discuss ways of getting involved, ring Geoff and Pat on 870271.

NEWTON VILLAGE FETE COMMITTEE

A Taste of Christmas

demonstrations & tastings with Alison Sloan

Friday November 28th
at Newton Village Hall
7.00 for 7.30

Prize Draw

Pre-booked tickets £6.50

Di Arnold 870857

Pat Wilkinson 870271

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOON TEAS

Coffee Mornings, Thursdays, 10.30 - 12.30

27th November

22nd January, 26th February

Afternoon Teas, Thursdays, 2.30 - 4.30

20th November, 11th December

8th January, 12th February

In the Village Hall

*All Welcome ~ Just Turn Up
Transport available, please phone.*

*For further information,
please phone Margaret on 870083*

Newton Village Gardening Club

On Sunday the 16th August, 28 members enjoyed a guided tour around John Hoyles' large garden, with its variety of herbaceous borders, fruit trees and bushes, and Woodland. At the end of the tour, the group was then served with refreshments of hot dogs and Pimms. Finally Doug Fullbrook thanked the Hoyles for their hospitality.

The September meeting was our annual Produce Competition organised by Shirley de-Groome. There were more entries than last year. The Chairman welcomed everyone and handed out the competition voting forms. Lynn Wakefield collected names of anyone who was willing to make something for the Christmas Party in December. The Best Fruit Display, vegetable display and beverage was won by Mike Bedford, Best Jam was won by Lynn Wakefield, best chutney was won by Wendy Fullbrook, and the best flower arrangement was won by Barbara Hobart. Thanks to Wendy Fullbrook, Di Arnold and Barbara Hobart who organised the refreshments.

Barry Gayton gave a very interesting talk and slide show on Fungi for the club's October meeting at the village hall, describing which ones were edible and which ones were poisonous and their purpose in the natural world. He concluded his talk by covering several different fungus problems which are a constant nuisance to gardeners and how to alleviate their presence and prevent reoccurrence. Thanks to Nigel and Lynn Wakefield who organised the refreshments. Our future meetings include a talk on Orchid growing for beginners in November and the club's annual Christmas party in December. The new year sees our annual AGM in February, all the aforementioned meetings taking place in the village hall. 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 except for the Christmas bash. For more information regarding our future meetings and joining the our happy band of gardeners, please contact Shirley de-Groome.

Newton Bowls Club

Newton Bowls Club's Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening was held on 25th October at the Red Lion in Wisbech. The presentation was made by the Chairperson and Vice Chairman Mrs J Nursey and Mr T Cobb.

Mr & Mrs Dillnutt Shield

Winner – Mr J Waters
Runner-up – Mr T Horspool

George Jimson Doubles Cup

Winners – Mrs J Nursey / Mr T Horspool
Runners-up – Mrs S Pritchard / Mrs P Elliott

Ladies Singles Cup

Winner Mrs S Pritchard
Runner-up – Mrs J Nursey

Top Deck Mens Singles

Winner – Mr N Elliott
Runner-up – Mr J Hobart

The Harold Angood Cup

Winner – Mr T Horspool
Runner-up - Mrs P Elliott

Woadman's Shield

Winner – Mrs S Pritchard
Runner-up – Mr K Dennis

Trophy for Club Help

Mr R Booty

A very enjoyable evening was had by club members and guests.

Newton Bowls Club won one shield and came runners up in one shield and two cups this season 2014.

Our next fundraising event will be a Christmas Bingo Night on Friday 5th December in the Village Hall from 7.00, with eyes down at 7.30. Refreshments will be provided. Come along and have some fun and support your local bowls club at the same time.

To find out more, contact Norrie or Pat on 870782.

Newton Ladies Club

The Ladies Club continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30.

For details of their interesting and varied programme of activities, please contact Steph on 870096.

Newton Street Pride

Congratulations to everybody involved in Newton Street Pride. The group won the coveted **Best Clean Up** award at the annual Street Pride Awards ceremony last month for their work on dog fouling around the playing field and litter picking throughout the village.

The group undertakes important work keeping our village litter free and looking its best. Please come and join us and see for yourself what a difference we make.

Apart from collecting litter, Street Pride groups have access to funding for environmental improvements of all types, from planting schemes to benches, bins and signage. If you would like to help us deliver these improvements in Newton or have suggestions of your own about possible projects, please get in touch now.

Call Sam Clark on 07887 485795 for more information.

Newton Village Welcome Packs

Our ever-popular Welcome Packs provide essential information about life in Newton for newcomers to the Parish.

If you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving into the Parish, please contact Wendy on 738521 or wendyful@talktalk.net to ensure that they receive one.

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

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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

www.newtonintheisle.org.uk