

Newton News

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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, sing carols and enjoy some seasonal refreshments.

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

JAMES HOYLES

Chairman

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Start your Christmas at our traditional family celebration as we gather round the tree to switch on the lights then come inside to sing a mix of traditional and modern carols and music

**Friday 15th December from 5.30
Outside the Village Hall
Festive lights switch-on at 6.00**

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th November from 10.30

Stuck for gift ideas? Why not give a unique present
hand crafted by a local craftsperson?

Free admission ~ Seasonal refreshments

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

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 14th December,
11th January and 8th February
10.30 to 12.30

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

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays
25th January and 22nd February
2.30 to 4.30

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

Newton Parish Council

Police Update

Speed Enforcements have been taking place in the surrounding villages. If you know of anyone who is interested in getting involved with starting a Speed Watch Group locally which requires a minimum of 3 or 4 volunteers, please get in touch with Cllr Gibbs on 870083 or the website for more details. Hare Coursing and Fly Tipping have also occurred locally, please remain vigilant and report any incidents on 101.

There have also been several reports of heating oil thefts in the area. The police have issued some useful advice, a good quality lock, the close shackle padlocks are the best as they offer the most resistance to thieves. Along with remote electronic oil level gauges which sound an alarm if the oil level suddenly drops. Security lighting and CCTV cameras are also a good deterrent. For additional security advice, please visit the Cambridgeshire Police website, or contact the local Crime Prevention Officer on 101.

Poppy Planting

Next year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. To commemorate this event it has been proposed that we should take part by sowing poppy seeds in Newton, either in residents' gardens, an area of the field or any other suitable sites throughout the village. This is an interest shown by many people in the country who would like to show their mark of respect by sowing poppies. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Cllr Gibbs on 870083 for more details

Gritting

Cambridgeshire County Council provides gritting equipment to enable Parish Councils and community groups to keep pavements and pathways free from snow and ice during the winter months. To take advantage of this offer, we need a team of gritting volunteers willing to take to the streets to carry out any necessary gritting or snow clearance on footways. Volunteers are not allowed to work on the roadways, which remain the responsibility of the County Council and their approved contractors.

Could you volunteer to push a small wheeled grit spreader along a pre-determined route where you live? Full training is provided, but you will need to be fit and able enough to handle the spreader and small sacks of grit. Protective clothing is provided, apart from suitable footwear. As a trained volunteer, you will be fully covered by the County Council's insurance.

To find out more about the scheme, call Cllr Gibbs on 870083.

Newton in the Isle Parish Council meetings are held every two months. Details are available on the village website and the Parish noticeboard. Residents are welcome to attend with any queries, these may be raised during the Public Forum, a ten-minute slot at the commencement of a meeting. On occasions the concern may be held over for more detailed enquiries to be made. Our next meeting is to be held on Monday 5th January in the Village Hall at 7pm.

The Councillors would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Newton in the Isle a very Happy Christmas.

Children's Christmas Party

The Village Hall Management Committee's annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 10th December. This is open to all children aged 13 and under living in the parish of Newton-in-the-Isle.

The Village Hall's resident DJ and party games organiser (and Mayor of Wisbech!) Steve Tierney will be providing the entertainment. Auntie Sam's shopping list includes plenty of tasty party snacks and a few treats for the Mums and Dads too. Meanwhile, we've sent the postcode to the North Pole to be entered in Santa's SatNav, so if the wind is blowing in the right direction and the children of the parish have been good this year...

To book a place for your child, please call Sam Clark on 07887 485795 before Saturday 3rd December.

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 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 Geoff on 870271 or e-mail
bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk
www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

St James' Church



Many thanks to all concerned for a lovely Harvest Festival this year. The flowers in the church were outstanding and the Harvest Wheel looked colourful with the display of vegetables and fruit.

The auction in The Woadman's Arms was a success and we are so thankful for everyone's generosity, whether it was with donations, baking or bidding.

We missed Mrs Johnson this year and wish her a speedy recovery. We would like to extend a special thanks to all the bar staff who did a fantastic job in her absence.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 17th December 3pm Carol Service at Newton

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30pm at Leverington

Christmas Day Service 9.30am at Tydd St Giles

New Year's Eve Sunday Service 9.30am at Newton

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.

Fenland Villages Archery Club

Fenland Villages Archery Club is now firmly established and meets at Tydd St Giles Community Centre grounds each Sunday from 10am – noon, weather permitting. We are still a small, friendly and steadily growing club, and newcomers are always welcome.

Six week training courses are given to novices covering general field safety and the basics of archery. After this course you should be reasonably proficient at archery, and could then join the club. We supply equipment for you whilst training. The cost of this training is £20.00.

We are sponsored by Active Fenland, and affiliated to Archery GB.

For more information either come down to the field when we meet or contact Roger on 871375.

Valentine's Quiz

If you haven't purchased your 2018 diary yet, now is the time to do so, as you'll need to make a note of the date of our Valentine's Quiz. Join us on Saturday 10th February for an evening of general knowledge, fascinating facts and tantalising trivia, some or none of which may relate to affairs of the heart! With prizes for first and last place, anybody can be a winner, but of course, it's the taking part that counts, so come along and join in the fun.



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 14th January and 25th February
at 2.00 in the Village Hall**



Weather permitting, future Litter Picks will be on the following dates:

Thursday 14th December 2017

Thursday 11th January 2018

Thursday 8th February 2018

We will meet at the Village Hall Coffee Morning at 10.30am

New volunteers are always welcome, including children who must be accompanied by an adult if under 18.

All necessary equipment will be provided but please wear sensible footwear.

**For more information about Street Pride
please contact us on**

streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk

or visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

*A special thank you to all the dedicated volunteers
who regularly turn out for the litter picks.*

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year*

Newton Village Gardening Club

In September, Geoff Hodge - Botanist, Broadcaster, Presenter and Editor extraordinaire, made a return visit to Newton Village Gardening Club, to give a fascinating and amusing insight into "The Life and Times of a Garden Editor." Since his talk on Gardening in the Shade proved so popular last year, Geoff's presentation was anticipated enthusiastically and very much enjoyed by all.

The annual produce competitions were a month later than usual - in October, which made no difference at all when it came to calibre and variety of the fifty five entries. Categories included flower arrangement, beverages, preserves, fresh produce selection, still life arrangement and sunrise/sunset photograph. The high standard concluded in several ties for first place, so winners were a-plenty!

Our next meeting is on Sunday November 26th at 10am - when Zsuzsa Serer is returning to talk about Christmas History and Decorations with a Hungarian Theme. There will be a competition for a homemade table centrepiece so start practicing your festive creations!

This meeting is a great opportunity for non members to come along and see what we get up to - you might want to join our merry band of Gardeners for next year?

The Christmas Party on December 9th concludes our Gardening Club year.

Newton Bowls Club

Following our successful bid for National Lottery money, the irrigation system is now installed and fully working.

The annual presentation dinner took place on Saturday 30th September at Tydd St Giles Golf Club. Some of the trophy winners are below:



Work on the green continues over the winter, as does the fundraising.

Please support our Christmas Bingo on Friday 1st December, in the Village Hall, eyes down at 19.30.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd February 19.00 for 19.30 in the Village Hall. It would be lovely to see all existing members, and prospective new members.

Details about the club and events: Jill 871033

Newton Ladies Club

Newton Ladies Club have enjoyed a couple of interesting talks recently.

In September, they welcomed Wayne Bent from Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue to talk about their work tracing missing and vulnerable people.

In October, Dr Eric Somerville returned, to talk about Opium Eating in the Fens in the 19th Century.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Party.

Find us at the Craft Fair this Saturday and buy some tickets to win your first Christmas Hamper of the season!

Our first meeting of 2018 on 16th January is a Knit & Natter evening so we can all catch up on what's happened over the Festive Season.

If you would like to join us please call Margaret on 870083, you will be assured a warm welcome, lifts can be arranged.

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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