



## A Word from the Editor...

As the weather finally shows signs of warming up and everything in the garden springs to life, we look forward to a busy summer of events and activities in the village. The Village Fete on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June takes pride of place in the calendar, with a 1940's VE Day theme this year. Details are on the flier with this newsletter, so put the date in your diary and come along, or better still, come and help!

May I also draw your attention to the numerous events and activities, large and small, throughout this newsletter, that contribute in different ways to village life. The clubs, committees and individuals behind each of these events rely on your support. Show them how much you appreciate their efforts and have an eventful summer.

Whilst on the subject of events, you may have noticed that we had an election last week. As Kenneth Wolstenholme might have said, they think it's all over... and, thank goodness, it is now! After what felt like months of 24-hour media coverage, the people of Newton have placed their crosses in the boxes and the votes have been counted.

As expected, Steve Barclay retained the North East Cambridgeshire parliamentary constituency, but his increased majority was a surprise to many.

In the District Council election, experience seemed to count as Our Sam and her colleagues Michael Humphrey and Chris Seaton retained their seats in the Roman Bank - Wisbech ward of Fenland District Council. The three of them boast a combined 130 years experience of life in Roman Bank, whilst their main opponents had none.

Following Councillor Mary Youngs' decision not to stand for re-election to the Parish Council, the Councillors would like to express their sincere thanks to her for her loyal service over the last fifteen years as a Councillor to the Parish Council and the residents of Newton. We all offer her our very best wishes in her future endeavours.

David Smith was elected to replace Mary, so the seven members of Newton Parish Council for the next four year term of office will be Sam Clark, Doug Fullbrook, Dave Gibbs, John Hoyles, Jandy Kooreman, Alison Sloan and David Smith. The Annual Meeting of the new Council takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00.

## Clairvoyant Evening

with

### Stewart Bradley

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### 7.00 for 7.30

### Newton Village Hall

Church Lane, Newton, Wisbech, PE13 5HF

Light refreshments will be served

Tickets £5 available from  
Margaret and Dave Gibbs  
01945 870083

[dave@newtonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:dave@newtonvillagehall.org.uk)

Proceeds to Newton Village Hall  
Registered Charity 274101

## Leigh Orpheus MALE VOICE CHOIR



St James Church  
Church Lane, Newton, Wisbech  
PE13 5HF

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

### 6.00 for 6.30

### Tickets £10

from David Smith  
[davidsmith@croftgrange.co.uk](mailto:davidsmith@croftgrange.co.uk)  
01945 870909

In aid of the Friends of St James' Church, Newton

## Forthcoming Events at your Village Hall

### Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30

14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July

13<sup>th</sup> August

### Parish Council

### Annual Meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

7.00

### Afternoon Teas

2.30 - 4.30

### and Just Walk!

2.00 - 3.00

Thursdays

28<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Clairvoyant Evening

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

7.00 for 7.30

### Street Pride Litter Picks

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.30

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7.00

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 7.00

### New Age Kurling

### Taster Session

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

2.00

### Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie Cancer Care

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

10.30 - 12.30

### Leverington & Gorefield Conservative Association

### Beetle Drive

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

7.00

### Garage Sale

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 - 2.00

### The Ladies Club

Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

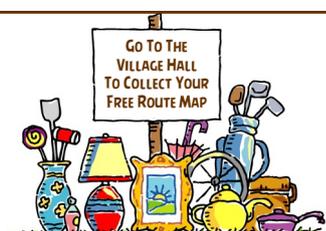
each month at 9.45am

Enquiries: Shirley 870060

## GARAGE SALE

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### 10.00 - 2.00



ADD YOUR ADDRESS TO THE  
ROUTE MAP FOR A DONATION OF £5  
TO NEWTON VILLAGE HALL.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
RING SAM ON 07887 485795

# DROP-IN COFFEE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOON TEAS

Coffee Mornings, Thursdays, 10.30 - 12.30

14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> August

Afternoon Teas, Thursdays, 2.30 - 4.30

28<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Newton Village Hall

All Welcome ~ Just Turn Up

Transport available, please call.

For further information,

please phone Margaret on 870083



A Fun New Sport  
for All Ages!

Come and Try! Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 2.00 in the Village Hall

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



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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



## JUST WALK!



**A Walking Group**

**for those with memory challenges**

**or breathing difficulties**

**and anyone who loves being outdoors**

**Gentle guided walks in peaceful locations**

**with optional refreshments afterwards**

**Newton Village Hall - 2.00pm**

**Thursdays 28th May, 25th June**

**23rd July, 27th August**

**Leverington Village Hall - 10.00am**

**Thursdays 21st May, 18th June**

**16th July, 20th August**

For further information contact

Sue Beel at Care Network on 01945 589953

or email [sue.b@care-network.org.uk](mailto:sue.b@care-network.org.uk)

## LEVERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity 1143435

### Coffee Mornings

21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> August

10.00 to 12.30

There is also a Coffee Morning being run by  
the COELIAC SOCIETY on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

9.30 to 12.00

Pastry demonstration with Chef from

The Ship Inn at Brandon Creek

Glutafin with a selection of products

Tombola and book stalls

### Beetle Drive

As our last Beetle Drive was so successful  
we are holding another one on

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August

6.30 for 7.00 with food

Ticket only in advance from 588385

At the Parish Assembly meeting 3 long-  
standing members retired and the

Village Hall Committee provided

refreshments to mark the occasion.

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## Newton Village Plan

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The Newton Village Plan questionnaire will be delivered to every home in the Parish in July or August. If you have an opinion on the name of the village, or future housing development, or wind turbines, we need to hear it. Your views matter, so please look out for your questionnaire and encourage every member of your household to complete it.

All completed questionnaires will be entered into a Prize Draw. To find out more, visit our stand at the Village Fete or call Geoff Wilkinson on 870271.

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## Newton Street Pride

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### Litter Picks

The work carried out by the volunteers who turn out for our monthly Litter Picks is invaluable, making a noticeable difference throughout the village. Unfortunately, it doesn't take long before inconsiderate litter louts spoil our hard work, casually discarding their drink cans, bottles, empty cigarette packets and takeaway wrappers on the paths and grass verges, most of which blows into the ditches and dykes that are currently strewn with rubbish.

If you are proud to live in Newton and care about your local environment perhaps you would consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers. We particularly want to encourage local youngsters to appreciate the consequences of irresponsible littering to come along, providing that under 18's are accompanied by a parent. All the necessary equipment is provided and if you have an hour to spare on any of the following dates, we would love to meet you outside Newton Village Hall.

**Sunday 7 June at 10.30am**

We are introducing a couple of evening Litter Picks throughout the summer months which will be followed with liquid refreshments, so please make a note of the dates.

**Wednesday 15 July at 7pm**

**Wednesday 19 August at 7pm**

### Dog Fouling Campaign

#### **PICK UP OR PAY UP!!**

The problem of dog fouling and the antisocial behaviour of some dog owners in Newton has reached epidemic proportions. With complete disregard for other users of the playing field, it is unforgivable that irresponsible and inconsiderate owners make no attempt to clear up after their dogs. This public area is used by children who can contract fatal diseases from contact with dog excrement.

**Be warned!** If the problem persists, Newton Parish Council will eventually impose their right to ban dog walkers from using this facility and will issue offenders with a fine if they do not bag it up and put it in one of the many bins provided. Our public footpaths and country walks should be enjoyed by everyone, you should not have to negotiate piles of dog poo. And, *IT STINKS!*

***Regular offenders who do not clear up after their dogs will be notified with a written warning from the Fenland Street Scene Team, which will be followed with a fine if they are seen to disregard the warning.***

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## Down Memory Lane

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The campaign to restore the railway line from March to Wisbech is gaining widespread support, but do you remember trains passing through the parish of Newton? Trains from Peterborough to Kings Lynn via Sutton Bridge stopped at Ferry Station until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1959. Produce from local farms was loaded onto trains there to be transported to markets in London and Birmingham. If you used the train service or took local produce to the station, please get in touch and share your memories.

Staying with the transport theme, Ferry station got its name from the ferry service across the river to Walton Dam. Do you remember the ferry? Did you use it? Please tell us about it.

If you can help, please call Dave Gibbs on 870083 or e-mail [dave.gibbs@newtonintheisle.org.uk](mailto:dave.gibbs@newtonintheisle.org.uk)

Do you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving into the Parish? Have you moved in recently? Contact Wendy on 738521 or [wendyful@talktalk.net](mailto:wendyful@talktalk.net) to arrange delivery of one of our special Welcome Packs



## **VOLUNTEERS' WEEK**

time to say thank you

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK - and it's taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Have you ever thought about getting involved in village life, but not taken that crucial first step? Were you unsure who to contact or how to go about it?

There are numerous opportunities to play your part in making Newton a better place for all of us to live. There's something for everyone, whether you want to be an organiser, an administrator, or just a casual helper. Experience isn't necessary and it needn't be a full time commitment either. Just a couple of hours each month would make a difference. The best part is that it's great fun and a good way to meet people.

Make Volunteers Week 2015 your call to action. Phone Sam Clark on 07887 485795 for an informal chat.



Need advice or help on safeguarding, benefits, home care, respite care, legal advice, housing, aids and adaptations, bereavement and much more? Call the Age UK Cambridgeshire helpline on **0300 666 9860** Monday to Friday between 9.00 and 3.00 or e-mail [informationsservices@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk](mailto:informationsservices@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk).

Our Information Officers can provide information or signpost on a range of issues.

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## Newton Village Gardening Club

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The first meeting of the year was the club's annual AGM in February. The meeting began with the chairman welcoming everyone and thanking all concerned for all their hard work. He must have had something on his mind because there was a few senior moments in his speech. Following this, a preview of the latest DVD of gardening club events was shown, once again put together by Lynn Wakefield. Unfortunately, it was announced that this would be her final DVD. After the film show, the chairman must have been in a hurry to get home, perhaps he had had a takeaway curry the previous night or there was a football match on TV that he wanted to watch, because he got straight on with the AGM proceedings without giving the secretary time to begin recording the minutes or the treasurer to get his paperwork out, and finished in record time, missing out several items. Barbara Hobart and Sue Gomm organised the refreshments.

Just over 30 members attended the March meeting for a talk and slide show on an introduction to begonia growing by David Staines, ably assisted by Alan Lay and Derek Callon. They went through from explaining the different types to growing each type, and propagating from them. David explained that this was just a start and that there was more to learn about them, and offered to come back another time for a second talk and also brought begonia plantlets for the members to purchase. Refreshments were organised by Wendy Fullbrook and Di Arnold. Morris Arnold organised the raffle, and Shirley de-Groome organised a plant and vegetable bring and buy table.

The club's annual seedling and plant auction in April went well, with John Hobart acting as auctioneer in Morris Arnold's absence, Nigel Wakefield acting as auctioneer's assistant and Shirley de-Groome collecting the money. The bidding was lively and fast. Nigel and Lynn Wakefield were also in charge of the refreshments, whilst Dee Markham ran the raffle. John Hobart also presented Graham Dugmore with a voucher for being the club's one hundredth member.

Future meetings will be outing to Elton Hall in May, Re-visit to Ken and Marian Sherry's garden in June, Hog Roast in July, Talk on Streptocarpus growing in August, Produce Competition in September, Speakers in October and November, and Christmas party in December. For more information regarding our future meetings and joining the club, please contact Shirley de-Groome 01945 870060.

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## Newton Bowls Club

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Bingo, over £300 was raised for our funds.

The Open Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April was a great success, everyone enjoyed the chance to try out the green, enjoy the lunch and have a chat. As a bonus, we increased our membership.



The season has now started, and the reaction of visiting clubs to the work that has been done over the winter is astounding. Norrie Elliott has to be thanked for his hard work, both physically and in the organisation of this project.

Sport England have recently awarded us £10,000 to continue our project and purchase much needed equipment to keep the Green in tip top condition, and to comply with Health and Safety regulations.

However, we have to contribute towards these, so our fundraising continues:

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

#### Hog Roast with entertainment by Ian Larkin

14.00 onwards at Phydlers Den – Rectory Road. Tickets £10 adults, children 5-12 £5. Bring chairs and drinks. Please contact a committee member below for tickets.

Members are selling MEAT raffle tickets, with a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £200 meat voucher for Gagens, and many other meat vouchers. Make sure you have purchased your ticket. Draw at Quiz Night in September.

New members are always welcome, just pop in on Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings, or if the gate is open. Have a go sessions can easily be arranged.

Looking forward to seeing you at our fund raising events, or on the green.

Jill Nursey - Chairperson - 01945 871 033

Norrie Elliott - Treasurer - 01945 870 782

Marilyn Hawkins – Fundraiser - 01945 870 133

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## Newton Ladies Club

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

In March, Eric Page entertained us with humorous anecdotes from his life as a secondary school teacher

Our Annual General Meeting took place in April, accompanied by the traditional Fish and Chip supper.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> we look forward to a talk on Bee Keeping, which is open to Ladies Club members and their partners.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> we have a Strawberries and Pimms Ladies Evening and on July 21<sup>st</sup> a guest speaker and four-legged pal from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Our regular Summer BBQ for members and guests takes place on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

For details of our interesting and varied programme of activities, please contact Sarah on 870413.

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## Neighbourhood Watch

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The recent spate of thefts from cars in the villages around Wisbech serves as a timely reminder to us all to take appropriate precautions to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Although the perpetrators have now been apprehended, others may follow in their footsteps.

Vehicles parked in driveways should be locked at all times and valuable items such as mobile phones and sat-navs should not be left on view and preferably not be left in cars at all. Car keys should be concealed in a safe place indoors, out of sight of visitors.

Let's not make it easy for the criminals.

## NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No 274101

### ***A perfect venue at an affordable price.***

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 420921  
bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk  
www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

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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

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
from 2.00pm

# NEWTON VILLAGE FETE 2015

on the Queen Elizabeth Playing Field

  
**NEWTON**  
*Celebrates*  
**VE DAY**  
70 YEARS ON

Travel back to 1945 with music from  
**Chatteris Town Band and The Two Dollies**

- ⊙ AVIATION MUSEUM DISPLAY
- ⊙ WARTIME COOKERY DEMONSTRATION
- ⊙ REMINISCENCE DISPLAY
- ⊙ CHILDREN'S STREET PARTY

*Also*

**BEST DECORATED  
BICYCLE, BEST DRESSED  
CHILD AND BEST  
DRESSED ADULT  
ON A 1940'S  
THEME.**



*Plus* all your favourite fete attractions

**Fun Dog Show • Craft Fair • Stalls and games  
Bouncy Castle • Veteran vehicles • Refreshments**

RESERVATION SLIP

**Children's Street Party for 4 to 11 year olds (up to 4 children per local family)**

Please provide ..... tickets for the following children:

1. .... 2. ....

3. .... 4. ....

Parent's name: .....

Address: .....

Email: ..... Phone no: .....

**Limited tickets allocated on first come, first served basis to addresses below  
Return to: 24 Fen Road, Newton or Newton Village Stores by 13th June 2015**