

It's All Happening in Newton in the Isle

As we approach the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, the village organisations are making their final preparations for a busy summer. The Bowls season is already under way, with matches and competitions taking place two or three times every week. Spectators are always welcome, so check the dates and times on the village website and give them your support.

The highlight of the summer calendar is undoubtedly the Village Fete, with Pendragon Circus providing both entertainment and a chance to have a go. Active Fenland are running a sports arena and we have agility dogs and birds of prey too. This year's Fete is our most child-friendly yet, so bring the whole family for a great day out.

David Smith will once again be opening up his garden to raise funds for the Friends of the Church and the Fete Committee, with a Hog Roast plus top quality entertainment from Sounds Familiar and Ian Larkin. Tickets are selling fast, so don't delay, call today!

With the regular Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas at the Village Hall and exciting programmes from the Ladies Club and the Gardening Club, Litter Picks and more from Street Pride, Table Top Sales and Kurling, there's no excuse for staying indoors this summer.

Newton in the Isle - Nearer To Reality

Now that your wishes have been realised and the initial publicity has abated we are nearing the time when the outcome will be evident to all who enter our village. As I write, new highway signs designed by Cambridgeshire County Council are being manufactured and will soon replace the existing; 'Newton' will be confirmed as 'Newton in the Isle'.

The date chosen for the change is Thursday 26th May 2016 and will be marked by a brief ritual unveiling ceremony at the Tydd St Giles end of the village to be performed at 2.00 by Audrey Frost, one of our oldest villagers and a much respected member of a family resident in the village for generations.

All are welcome to attend and witness the ceremony and thence to repair to the Village Hall for Afternoon Tea. Look forward to seeing you there.

Doug Fullbrook

Chairman,
Newton in the Isle Parish Council

Our Playing Field A Place for Wildlife

Newton Street Pride wants to hear your ideas for creating a wildlife haven in the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

The Parish Council has invited Street Pride to develop ideas for a wildflower meadow to enhance the bio-diversity of the site and to support the insect and mammal population to encourage birds, bats, hedgehogs and owls. The project could also include homes and feeding stations for wildlife and improved facilities for visitors, such as picnic tables and nature trails.

If you would like to help with this project, please come to a meeting in the Playing Field on Thursday 2nd June at 7.00pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting, or would like further information, please e-mail streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk or call Dee Markham on 871158.

Defibrillator Appeal

The Parish Council will be writing to you shortly to invite you to contribute to our Defibrillator Appeal. In the Village Plan survey, 70% of respondents expressed a willingness to contribute to a fund to purchase a defibrillator for our community. Details of the appeal are being finalised, so look out for the letter and please respond promptly if you are able to help us. Thank you.

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 9th June,

14th July, 11th August

10.30 to 12.30

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

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 26th May,

23rd June, 28th July, 25th August

2.30 to 4.30

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

Newton Street Pride

If you haven't noticed our newly refurbished and unique little bus shelter in Goodens Lane then come along and take a look.

Carol and Steve Peasey and the children of Kinderley Primary School carried out the project on behalf of Newton in the Isle Street Pride

Remember this?



We'll look at it now!



St James' Church



Mothers' Day was celebrated at St. James' with a service of thanks followed by a distribution of flowers for all the mothers and grandmothers in the congregation.

The Church looked beautifully decorated for Easter by our flower arrangers, many thanks to them for their work and for cleaning the church in preparation for the Easter service.

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 and on the village website.

You are welcome to join us in our worship

Friends of St James' Church

May I thank everyone who supported our Quiz night on 22nd April at which we had a full house in the Village Hall.

Rick and Maxine volunteered as quiz masters setting questions that were interesting and diverse and the Rev. Sandra kept score, appraising players of the current positions. (Nothing wrong with a bit of competitiveness.)

Debra arranged the raffle of excellent prizes and Chris acted as auctioneer of two beautiful fruit cakes made by our Chairman, David. (Watch out Paul Hollywood.)

Many thanks to all those who provided the food, quiz prizes and raffle prizes and to Dave for squeezing in as many tables as possible. Well done to everyone involved for a very pleasurable night's entertainment and for making this such a successful event.

See you at the next one!

The upkeep of our beautiful ancient Church is totally reliant on donations, regular giving by parishioners and our fund-raising. If you are willing to volunteer your assistance, would you please telephone our Chairman, David, on 01945 870909 or our secretary, Jenni, on 01945 588836.

Support for Carers

Do you care for somebody in their own home or in yours? What would happen to that person if you were suddenly unable to provide that care? Help is now available through the new "**What If**" scheme managed by Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, which replaces the old ICER scheme that has been withdrawn.

The "**What If**" scheme is a countywide service and open to all carers across Cambridgeshire irrespective of whether they are known to social care or not. It encourages family carers to think about several situations and what would happen if... They prepare a list of family and friends who have agreed to help out, their information is stored securely and registered with Carers Trust Cambridgeshire.

All carers who register a "**What If**" plan will be given a card displaying their unique reference number and the Carers Trust Cambridgeshire 24/7 phone number so that their plan can be activated if an emergency arises and they are unable to care because of a sudden illness or accident or other unplanned event.

You can check on behalf of a carer to see if their "**What If**" plan has been registered by calling 0345 241 0954 or 01480 499090. Full details of the scheme are on the Carers Trust Cambridgeshire website www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org or telephone the above numbers.

Staying Safe

The recent house fire in Colville Road serves as a timely reminder of the need to maintain working smoke alarms in our homes.

There are nearly 40,000 household fires each year in the UK killing over 250 people and injuring almost 10,000. Half of these properties have no working smoking alarm. Please check that you and your family and friends are protected.

For further advice and a free home check visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 0800 917 9994.

Street Pride - Litter Pick

Summer has arrived at last so why not get out into the sunshine and join our group of friendly volunteers for the monthly Litter Pick and help to keep Newton
LITTER FREE!

Children are welcome - accompanied by an adult if under 16.

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

Weather permitting we will meet outside the Village Hall at 10.30am

Sunday 29th May

Sunday 3rd July

Sunday 7th August

For more information about Street Pride visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk or contact Dee Markham 01945 871158 Sam Clark 07887 485795

Hog Roast

With Entertainment by Sounds Familiar & Ian Larkin

Sunday 17th July

**At Croft Grange, High Road, Newton in the Isle
Gates open from 5pm - Hog Roast from 6pm**

Hog Roast with Jacket Potatoes and Salads

Choice of Sweets

Bring your own drink

All undercover

Tables and chairs, plates and cutlery provided

In aid of the Friends of St James' Church, Newton-in-the-Isle

Tickets £15 in advance only. Children Free

Limited to 100 people

Raffle shared with Newton Village Fete

Contact davidsmith@croftgrange.co.uk

01945 870909

TABLE TOP SALE

in

St James' Church

and

CAR BOOT SALE

**on the grass at the front of the Church
(weather permitting)**

on

SATURDAY 18th JUNE

between 10am and Noon

Free entry to buyers

Sellers setting up from 9.15am.

Limited tables, so please bring your own, if possible. Tables/space £5.

If you would like a table, please ring 01945 870775

Sales to be held monthly, usually on 3rd Saturday in the month.

Future dates: 23rd July, 27th August, 17th September, 15th October, 19th November

Friends of St James' Church



**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 19th June, 17th July and 14th August
at 2.00 in the Village Hall**

Leverington Village Hall

Registered Charity 1143435

Come to Leverington Village Hall on the third Thursday of every month for a cup of coffee and a delicious homemade cake.

10.00 to 12.30

JUNE 16th

JULY 21st

AUGUST 18th

**We are having Afternoon Tea 7th June
All are welcome**

There are Yoga classes on Wednesdays 5.00 to 6.00. For more information ring Kath on 01945 410764

**Louise Stebbing is holding Art Classes 10.00 to 12.00 and 12.30 to 2.30 from September to December.
For more information ring 01945 420403**

Newton Village Gardening Club

There was a good turnout for the AGM. The meeting began with the chairman welcoming everyone and thanking all concerned for their hard work during the previous year. He announced that club founder Dee Markham had decided to stand down from the committee and so especial thanks and a round of applause went to her for all her hard work in making the club such a success.

John Hobart also announced that he had decided to stand down as chairman but was willing to remain on the committee. Morris Arnold was elected in as chairman for 2016, whilst John was elected as vice chairman, and the rest of the committee remained the same. Doug Fullbrook asked for a vote of thanks for all the hard work that John had put in as chairman during the past years.

Morris also announced that he had decided to stand down from organising the regular monthly raffles after the AGM meeting, and Barbara Hobart volunteered to take on the task.

The competition for the longest giant leek was won by Morris. Julia Hill announced that she had worked out a list of extra outings if anyone was interested.

Mary Larham of Manea School of Gardening returned for the March meeting, and gave a very interesting talk on companion planting, with a short questions and answers session at the end.

There was a slightly lower turnout than usual at the Seedling and Plant Auction on the 24th April, but everyone present bought at least one item. Morris Arnold acted as auctioneer, John Hobart acted as auctioneer's assistant and Shirley de-Groome collected the money. The bidding was lively and fast and the auction made £61.

Newton Bowls Club

The Open Day on 24th April was a great success, with members enjoying the good weather, and warming up for the season. We were pleased to see a number of new faces, and have increased our membership as a result of this.

The Green and surrounding area are almost finished. There are benches around the green now, so plenty of sunny spots for spectators.

The first club cup competition – The Wilson Cup – was played on Sunday 8th May, the hottest day of the year so far. Congratulations to the winners – Morris Arnold and Thomas Horspool, and runners up – Norrie Elliott and Alex Robinson.

We are opening the green on the next Cream Tea afternoon, on Thursday May 26th, so anyone can have a go. Please come along, try the games and admire the club's facilities.

We have teams from South Repps on June 12th and Haddenham on July 10th, coming to play. These are friendly matches, but the competition is fierce! Spectators are always welcome, and there is a lovely tea in the Village Hall afterwards. Play starts at 14.00.

Sunday club cup games will be played on 5th June, 3rd July, 17th July and 7th August. These games start at 11.00 and usually finish about 14.00, with a break for lunch. Spectators are always welcome.

Jill Nursey – 01945 871033

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 Ladies Club

In March, the Ladies Club enjoyed a fascinating evening with John Richardson, who made some amazing flower arrangements. Several ladies were lucky enough to win an arrangement in the raffle.

The AGM was held in April and we enjoyed a lovely Fish & Chip supper. Sadly, Steph Sands decided to step down as Chair, but has, happily, decided to stay on the committee.

In May we enjoyed a fascinating evening with a talk from a Forensic Scientist. This turned out to be a very popular meeting with a large audience.

We are celebrating the summer in June with a Strawberry Tea and a “not too difficult” Quiz.

July will see us on a guided tour of the Secrets of Wisbech and ending with “refreshments in one of our local hostelries!

If you have not yet joined the Ladies Club and would like more information on this or any of our events, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07707 281545.

Kay Illingworth, Club Secretary.

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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)

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www.newtonvillagehall.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
