

# Newton News

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## A New Charity for Newton-in-the-Isle

The Parish Council has resolved to establish a Parish Charity to invest in the future of our community. Parish charities play a vital role in most of our neighbouring parishes, providing funding for individuals, community organisations and village amenities. Many of these charities have been in existence for hundreds of years, gradually accumulating sizeable endowments, in some cases in excess of a million pounds. Newton-in-the-Isle is one of the few parishes not to have a dedicated charity - until now.

The new charity, once registered, will provide an opportunity for all of us to make a tax-efficient investment in supporting future generations of those who will live in Newton-in-the-Isle for years to come. A small group of Trustees will accumulate donations of money and property and, at some point in the future, determine how grants will be distributed.

Legacy giving (leaving money to charity in a will) is worth over £2.8bn each year in the UK, with the majority going to a relatively small number of high profile national charities. The top 0.6% of charities share over 75% of legacy receipts. It is hoped that the existence of a well-run local charity will encourage philanthropic residents to consider leaving a part of their estate closer to home.

In order to register the new charity, we need five people from the local community to serve as Trustees. Whilst there is no money in the kitty, the commitment will be no more than two short meetings each year, so if you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk, Pat Wilkinson on 870271. Further details of the charity will be announced shortly.

## The Old School Site

Thank you to everybody who participated in the public consultation events regarding the future use of the former Colville School site. The consensus was that the plan for retirement apartments and a village shop was too big for the location. The owner of the site is now considering further options and the Parish Council hopes to resume the dialogue in the coming months to find an appropriate solution for the site.

## Your Hall Needs You!

Many hands make light work. No, this isn't an advertising slogan for a firm of electricians! The Village Hall Management Committee is looking for new members to help with the delivery of our programme of events and activities and with the day-to-day running of the Hall. No experience is necessary and everybody is welcome. Meetings take place once a month, with refreshments provided.

Are you familiar with the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody?

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

You could be the person we're looking for, so don't sit on your hands. Make the call today and come and join us. Speak to Roger on 871375, Sam on 870923 or Dave on 870083.

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

### Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> July,  
9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September  
10.30 to 12.30

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

### Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 26<sup>th</sup> July,  
23<sup>rd</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> September  
2.30 to 4.30

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

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## Newton Parish Council

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**Ribbon of Poppies** - The Council has participated in a countrywide project *Ribbon of Poppies* to commemorate the centenary of the cessation of hostilities in the First World War. Poppies seeds have been sown in an area of the Playing Field and in a new planter around the village sign. Residents are also taking part.

**Vacancy of Councillor** - Due to the resignation of Cllr Rodney Sloan a vacancy has occurred, if you would like more information on becoming a Parish Councillor please contact either the Clerk or Chairman, Cllr Dave Gibbs. The Council would also like to take this opportunity to express their thanks to Rodney for all his support during his time on the Parish Council.

**Allotments** - The Parish Council provides a number of allotment plots of different sizes in various locations around the parish. Due to the retirement of several long-term tenants, an opportunity has arisen for new tenants at two locations from October of this year. Parish Council allotments lack all basic amenities and are situated in outlying areas, so tenants must be prepared to transport everything they need to and from their plot.

For further information and to view the available plots, please contact the Parish Clerk, Pat Wilkinson on 870271.

**Speedwatch** - Following a number of complaints about fast-moving traffic in the village, the Parish Council would like to re-launch a Community Speedwatch. Speedwatch volunteers are trained by the Police to monitor and record the speed of vehicles in specific locations and to report anybody seen driving in excess of the speed limit. No special skills or experience are required, so if you can spare an hour every month, please join us.

For further information or to volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk, Pat Wilkinson on 870271.

**Street Lighting** - The responsibility of Street Lighting maintenance has now been passed to Parish Councils this is likely to cost our Parish an additional £3,000 for the 43 street lights in the parish this year. This does not include any upgrades the council has been required to complete.

**Potholes** - These are monitored by Councillors and reported to the County Highways Department on a regular basis.

**Play Area** - Part of the surface in the play area has been repaired, unfortunately while the surface area was fenced off for the surface to harden the fencing was pulled up and the new surface has suffered slight damage.

**Fly Tipping** - Fly Tipping continues to be a major problem, a number of incidents have occurred over the last few months. If anyone sees an incident, please report it.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm commencing with a ten minutes Public Forum for residents to raise their concerns. We cannot guarantee that decisions can be made at the meeting, but the issues will be considered and dealt with in due course.

All Parish Council documentation is available on the village website, [www.newtonintheisle.org.uk](http://www.newtonintheisle.org.uk) and the minutes and meeting agendas are also posted on the Parish Council noticeboard on the High Road. The dates for the period for the Exercise of Public Rights commenced on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and ends on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018, again contact the Clerk for further information.

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## Village Craft Fair

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I know, it's not even August, we're enjoying some real sunshine, and here we are looking towards Christmas.

That said, I am taking bookings for our 2018 Craft Fair to be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Bookings are limited due to space, but last year was very successful and hopefully this year will be too, so if you want a stall to sell your wares, please contact Roger Moore on 871375 as soon as possible.

Put the date in your diary today!

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## Leverington Village Hall

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Coffee Mornings take place at Leverington Village Hall on the third Thursday of every month at 10.00. Join us on 19th July, 16th August and 20th September for delicious refreshments and a warm welcome.

The Moorhen Model Boat Club and West Essex Model Truck Club are hosting a Radio Controlled Model Show at Leverington Village Hall on Saturday 25th August from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission £2 for adults, children under 14 free but must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments available to purchase.

Ring Alan Argent on 870919 for more information.

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## Silver Cinema at The Light

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The Rotary Club of Wisbech has teamed up with The Light Cinema to offer a monthly Silver Monday screening especially for local residents over the age of 60.

These popular events have been taking place for nearly three years now, so if you haven't been yet, what are you waiting for?

For more information on Silver Mondays, call Valerie Smith on 860596 or email [valerie.j.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:valerie.j.smith@btinternet.com)

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## St James' Church

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Services take place in St James' Church on the first three Sundays of every month. The first and third Sundays offer a Holy Communion service at 9.00am. The second Sunday brings a Morning Prayer service, also at 9.00am.

Full details of all services at St James' and our neighbouring churches in Tydd St Giles and Leverington are included in The Bridge magazine.

*You are welcome to join us in our worship.*

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## Christmas is Coming!

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Sorry, we know that isn't what you want to hear in July, but this is not a reminder to put up your decorations or start your Christmas shopping now.

Whilst you're enjoying this lovely weather, the Parish Council is already preparing for winter by setting up a Community Gritting scheme to keep the pavements and paths around the village safe for pedestrians during inclement weather.

### We need your help!

We would like to recruit a team of five or six able-bodied individuals to undergo training in the use of portable gritting equipment provided by the County Council. Help us to be prepared when winter comes.

For further details or to volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk, Pat Wilkinson on 870271.

Thank you.

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## What's On in Newton-in-the-Isle...

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If you're not receiving the monthly e-mail update of everything that happens in the Parish, please visit the village website at [www.newtonintheisle.org.uk](http://www.newtonintheisle.org.uk) and enter your details in the Updates boxes at the bottom of the home page.

If you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to the parish of Newton-in-the-Isle, please contact Lynn on 871326 or [madeinyorkshire52@gmail.com](mailto:madeinyorkshire52@gmail.com) and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

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## Fenland Villages Archery Club

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A year ago the Fenland Villages Archery Club was formed, and 'Have a Go' sessions run over two weekends. As a result of this we now have a club that is thriving, with almost 20 members of all ages from 9 to 'getting on a bit'. The atmosphere is always pleasant and friendly and everyone helps everyone on the field.

We have shot outdoors right through the winter, and though we did get caught in a minor blizzard one Sunday morning, everyone continued to shoot. I am not sure whether to put this down to sheer enthusiasm or sheer lunacy, but everyone enjoyed themselves - and that's what it's all about. This won't occur again as we have just been informed that we were successful in our application for a grant to enable us to shoot indoors in the Community Centre this coming winter, so the thermals can stay in the draw this year.

Anyone of whatever age is welcome to come down and have a try and see if it is the sport for them. There is no limit on age or ability, but we do have a minimum age of 10 years. We have managed to reduce our fees this year by 25% so enjoying this ancient sport works out at less than a cup of coffee per week, and you (hopefully) are out in the sunshine, but certainly the fresh air, getting gentle exercise, and in very amiable company, so why not come along and see us at Tydd St Giles Community Centre on Sunday mornings from 10am - noon.

Roger Moore

Chairman FVAC.



## 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 18's must be accompanied by an adult)

**Meet at the Village Hall**

**Coffee Morning**

**at 10.30 on**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

For more details e-mail

[streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk](mailto:streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk)

## Newton Village Gardening Club

The Gardening Club had their annual Flower Show on 27<sup>th</sup> May there were 53 entries from 12 members in the 8 classes, with photography proving particularly popular.

The winners in each class will be awarded points and the points are aggregated for various competitions which take place throughout the year and the person with the most points is awarded the shield at the Christmas Party.

Members enjoyed a coach trip to Bressingham Gardens on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The main attraction is the seven acres of gardens and the steam engines but there is also a "Dad's Army" exhibit where shops owned by members of the Warmington-on-Sea brigade have been replicated and the vehicles used in the show are on display. The gardens were looking at their best and the entry fee included a trip through the gardens on one of the small trains.

The next outing on 25<sup>th</sup> July will be a visit to the ever popular Sandringham Flower Show and on 5<sup>th</sup> August members will be enjoying a visit to John Hoyles's garden which will include a barbecue. Later on 26<sup>th</sup> August there will be a talk by Mrs Lamorna Thomas on Indoor Flora at Newton Village Hall (10am for 10.30am).

New members are always welcome, just come along on the day. Annual subscription is £8 per annum per head.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the Annual Produce Show which will include a fun class and photography.

October and November events are both talks "Herbal Haven" by Zsuya Serer (28<sup>th</sup> Oct) and "Herbaceous Perennials" by Tim Fuller (25<sup>th</sup> Nov).

The year ends with a Christmas Party on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Newton Bowls Club

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events over the winter months.

We started the season with a glorious Open Afternoon. The weather was beautiful, the green played perfectly and the cream tea was delicious.

The league competitions started at the end of April. We play on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Matches can be found on the Village website. Spectators are always welcome.

The season finishes at the beginning of September, when we start fundraising again for next season.

Please come and support our Bingo Nights on 28<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> December and our Quiz on 26<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to seeing you.

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## 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 £100  
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](mailto:bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk)  
[www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk)

## Newton Ladies Club

A warm greeting is given to all members of the Newton Ladies Club when we meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall between 7.30 – 9 p.m. We are a friendly group of women who enjoy each other's company and welcome new members.

A varied programme of events are planned throughout the year including speakers (some of which are open to guests), craft nights, kurling and bingo.

This year we have enjoyed talks by Ludovic Potts on Antique Restoration and Leisa Nichols-Drew on Forensic Entomology. Last month there was a visit to the Vintage Tearooms in Long Sutton and, coming up, we have a talk on Looking to the Future, Flower Arranging (an open meeting) and Glass Craft.

If you would like to join us, please come along to one of our meetings, or, if you would like a lift or for more details, please call Margaret or Penny.

Chair - Margaret Gibbs - 870083

Secretary - Penny Moore - 871375



*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 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
19<sup>th</sup> August and  
16<sup>th</sup> September  
at 2.00 in the Village Hall**

Newton Village Hall  
Registered Charity No 274101

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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