

Newton News

WINTER
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Season's Greetings!

It seems too early to be wishing you a Happy Christmas, but as this is the last newsletter of 2016, it is the only opportunity we will have. The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank everybody who has supported us in any way during the year and wish you the very best for the festive season. Details of the Christmas activities from each of the village organisations are included below and overleaf, but there's plenty to look forward to in November too, starting with the **Soup & Sandwich Lunch** provided by the Bowls Club this Thursday.

Please join us at the Village Hall for our **AGM** on **Tuesday 8th November** at 7.00 and on **Friday 16th December** as we switch on the **Christmas Lights** at 6.00 and sing carols round the tree. Seasonal refreshments will be served as we mix traditional and modern elements of the celebration of Christmas. It's the perfect way to start your Christmas festivities. We hope to see you there and at our Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas listed below.



New Age Kurling
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 20th November, 15th January and 12th February at 2.00 in the Village Hall

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 26th November
from 10.30 in the Village Hall

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

Free admission
Seasonal refreshments
All proceeds to the East Anglian Air Ambulance



FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER
QUIZ NIGHT
In Village Hall Newton

TABLES of FOUR
£4 per head

Includes refreshments
But please bring own drinks

7pm for 7.30pm start

Raffle with good prizes

TO BE SURE OF A TABLE RING 01945 588836

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

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

Soup and Sandwich Lunches

Thursday 3rd November – Provided by Newton Bowls Club

Thursday 1st December – Provided by the Village Hall Management Committee
12.30 to 2.30

A choice of two delicious homemade soups and several sandwich fillings
To book your place, please telephone Margaret on 870083

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 10th November,
8th December, 12th January, 9th February
10.30 to 12.30

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

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 24th November,
26th January, 23rd February
2.30 to 4.30

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

Newton Parish Council

We would like to thank the residents of Newton in the Isle for their generous donations to the Defibrillator Appeal, which have enabled us to meet our target, raising £2,061. We have purchased the defibrillator and case and have organised for volunteers to undertake training during October. We hope to install the outer case which will contain the defibrillator shortly. It will be situated on the garage wall at the residence of Cllr J Kooreman at 225 High Road. This will be available to all residents if required.

Part of a new footpath on the High Road has been completed following a successful bid put forward to Cambridgeshire County Council to undertake the work at a cost of £11,500 including a contribution from the Parish Council of £1,500. Three further street lights have also been upgraded as part of the lighting scheme at a cost of £1,398. The Parish Council continues to assess and maintain tasks where appropriate and within the budget.

We have had a number of complaints regarding hedges overhanging the footpaths on the High Road, this is causing some safety issues. We ask any hedge owners whose hedge does overhang the footpath if they could trim it back please.

The date of our next Parish Council meeting is Monday 7th November at 7pm this will commence with a Public Forum (10 minutes) when residents can discuss their concerns. Some matters however may need further investigation so a result may be held over.

If anyone has not received a copy of the Annual Parish Council Report and would like a copy please either contact the Clerk by email to parishclerk@newtonintheisle.org.uk or collect a copy from the Village Hall.

When The Lights Go Out...

With winter just around the corner, it's time to think about how we would cope with a prolonged spell of bad weather. We've been lucky for several years now, but the experts tell us that extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

What would happen if we had a power cut lasting more than 24 hours? Would you and your family be able to cope? Can you heat your home without electricity? Could you make a hot drink or prepare a meal? Does anybody in your household rely on medical equipment that needs a power supply?

The Parish Council is working with Fenland District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, the emergency services and utility companies to prepare an Emergency Plan to help us all to cope with a range of emergencies, from bad weather to loss of basic utilities and problems in the home.

If you think you would struggle to cope, don't suffer in silence. Talk to us now and let us help to plan our support for you. If you would like to be involved in the creation or delivery of the Emergency Plan, please let us know. If you have skills or knowledge that would help us to help the community in an emergency, we'd like to hear from you. Contact Pat Wilkinson on 870271.

Remembrance Sunday Service - 13th November

Please join us in church at 9am for a Service of Remembrance to pay tribute to all those service men and women who lost their lives during the two World Wars.

A wreath will be laid at the War Memorial in the churchyard and the names of all those from the Parish who perished in order to protect our future will be read. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

St James' Church



We celebrated the Harvest in our usual manner on Sunday 9th October with a 3pm Service followed by a tea of homemade cakes and savouries. The Church looked splendid with the flowers and produce on display.

The following evening an Auction of the produce was held, courtesy of Wendy Johnson at The Woadman's Arms pub. This always proves to be a fun evening and the generous bidders raised over £800 for the Church. Very many thanks to all concerned.

Christmas Services

Newton Carol Service
18th December 3.00pm

Christmas Communion at Newton
24th December 6.00pm

Other Services in the Parish include:

Leverington Carol Service
18th December 6.00pm

Tydd St Giles Carol Service
22nd December 7.00pm

Crib Service Leverington
24th December 6.00pm

Midnight Communion Service
Leverington - 24th December 11.30pm

Christmas Communion Service
25th December 9.30am

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

Friends of St James' Church

On a Sunday in mid-July, David and Tina kindly allowed us to hold our Hog Roast in their lovely gardens.

The weather was beautiful and 200 people tucked in to the sumptuous Hog Roast. A most enjoyable evening of music and merriment was provided by 'Sounds Familiar' and Ian Larkin.

Prizes for the raffle were generously donated and the proceeds were shared with the Village Fete committee.

Thank you to all who supported us.

Newton Street Pride



In May we were delighted to open our beautifully refurbished bus shelter in Goodens Lane. It is the result of a joint project between the Newton-in-the-Isle Street Pride group and the children of Kinderley Primary School. Street Pride volunteers Carol and Steve Peasey worked hard to achieve this unique piece of artwork.

Several members of our group recently attended an FDC Celebration Evening when Carol and Steve were presented with the Best Youth Project award for their work with the pupils of Kinderley Primary School to brighten up the bus shelter. The Gorefield group also received the same award for their work with Gorefield Primary School.



We have several projects underway which include planting schemes throughout the village and some additional play schemes in the playing field. If you would like to be involved or have some ideas that would improve your environment please contact Dee or Sam 07522 668117.

Every little helps! Just half an hour of your time will make a difference so why not join our friendly group on **Sunday 20th November** and help to keep Newton **LITTER FREE!** Children are welcome - accompanied by an adult if under 18. Weather permitting we will meet outside the Village Hall at 10.30am. Join us in **2017 to walk off those Christmas indulgences and beat off the winter blues when we meet on January 15 and February 19.**

For more information about Street Pride please email:

streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk or visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

Newton Village Fete

Despite the our best efforts, the Village Fete seems unlikely to continue in 2017 and beyond. A fall in attendance year by year, lower profits for the participating organisations and a shortage of willing organisers, together with increasing costs makes the event look untenable for the future... unless, new volunteers are willing to take on the challenge.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday February 8th at 7.00 at the Village Hall... some time off but please make contact now if you can help make the Fete continue.

pat.geoffwilkinson@yahoo.co.uk
or phone 870271

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 07707 281545 or e-mail
bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk
www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk

Newton Ladies Club

Are you bored sitting at home with only the ironing for company? What are you going to do now The Great British Bake Off has ended? Well why not come and join us at the Ladies Club? We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Over the past few months we have had a really entertaining and varied programme. In August we had a hilarious talk from Angela Hepworth on using Natural Wool. In September we heard the gruesome facts of past medical care from Dr Eric Somerville and in October we had a crafty evening with Carol.

The next few months promise to be just as interesting, so come along and join us:

15th November - "Christmas Miscellany"

13th December - "Christmas Party"
(Members Only)

17th January – "An Alternative Burns Night"

If you would like to know more please contact us:

Margaret Gibbs – Chair – 870083 or

Kay Illingworth – Secretary – 07707 281545

Leverington Village Hall

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

Morning Coffee

November 17th from 10.00 a.m.

January 19th from 10.00 a.m.

February 16th from 10.00 a.m.

Afternoon Tea and Cakes

15th December from 2.30 p.m.

Soup Lunch

10th January at 12.30 p.m.

For details of all events at Leverington Village Hall, contact Ron & Carol Payne on 588385

Newton Village Gardening Club

Newton Village Gardening Club's highlights of the summer included a very popular Sunday morning meeting, to meander at leisure around Mike Bedford's lovely garden in the heart of Wisbech.

The biennial garden themed fancy dress barbecue was as popular as always. Although fancy dress was optional, there was an abundance of ladybirds, scarecrows, elves and fairies... along with Bill and Ben in attendance, and Kings Lynn Brass Band played themed music for the occasion. Wendy and her trusty workforce, Rachel and Catherine, provided a bountiful supply of food for 80 people. As is traditional on these occasions we also had blue skies and warm sunshine to compliment the day.

Guest Speaker, Geoff Hodge gave the most amusing and informative presentation we have witnessed in the club for some time. Gardening in the Shade has never been such fun! Geoff also kindly contributed a number of superb raffle prizes. Most enjoyable meeting!

As we progress into autumnal gardening - cutting back the dead wood, pulling up and burning the remaining weeds and getting rid of fungal growth! Plenty to do in the garden but meetings ensure a warm welcome to everyone including non-members - who pay a small fee of £3. Come along and give it a try... you might want to join our merry band of gardeners and become a member!

Zsuzsa Serer of Herbal Haven will be our next guest speaker on November 27th when she will be talking about propagation, preservation, and use of herbs.

For more information visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk (Clubs & Activities - Gardening Club) or contact Chairman - Morris 870857

Newton Bowls Club

The annual presentation evening was held on Saturday 22nd October at Tydd St Giles Golf Club. Congratulations to the following members who were presented with trophies:

Ted Hall (men's singles)

Winner: Eddie Robinson
Runner up: Morris Arnold



Top Deck (singles)

Winner: Morris Arnold
Runner up: Jill Nursey

Woadman's (singles)

Winner: Eddie Robinson
Runner up: Thomas Horspool

Dillnut (singles)

Winner: David Smith
Runner up: Eddie Robinson

George Jimson (doubles)

Winners: Thomas Horspool and Rod Hepworth
Runners up: Terry Living and Adam Horspool

Harold Angood (doubles)

Winners: Terry Living and Henry Hawkins
Runners up: Morris Arnold and Thomas Horspool

Wilson Cup (doubles)

Winners: Morris Arnold and Thomas Horspool
Runners up: Alex Robinson and Norrie Elliott

The playing season has finished, but the fundraising continues. We need to install a watering system before the next season. Please support us at the following events:

Thursday 3rd November – Soup and Sandwich Lunch – 12.30-14.30 in the Village Hall. Marilyn and Di will be serving up delicious home made food.

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Bingo – eyes down at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

Jill Nursey – 871033

Fenland Bonsai Club

Are you interested in Bonsai? Then why not come along to one of the Fenland Bonsai Club meetings held in the Village Hall on 3rd Friday of the month?

For further details visit our web site www.Fenland-Bonsai.co.uk or contact us at contact@Fenland-Bonsai.co.uk

Welcome Packs

Our ever-popular Welcome Packs provide essential information about life in Newton in the Isle 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.