

AUTUMN 2015

Delivered to every home in Newton



## As One Door Closes...

POST  
OFFICE

The front door of Newton Post Office was locked for the final time last week, as Mary Youngs retired after twenty-seven-and-a-half years as our Post Mistress. Mary and David hope to be moving shortly to be closer to their family, but hopefully we'll see them around the village from time to time. We wish them both all the best for a long and happy retirement.

## ...Another Opens

Following weeks of negotiations between the Village Hall Management Committee, the Parish Council, the Post Office and the owners of the neighbouring Post Offices, we are pleased to announce that a new Post Office counter will be opening shortly in the Village Hall. Details are still being finalised, but we hope to be open for business before the end of October. Full information will be included in the next newsletter, but in the meantime, look out for leaflets and posters announcing the opening date.

## Newton-in-the-Isle Village Plan Your Village, Your Views, Your Future



Accompanying this newsletter is a leaflet about the Newton-in-the-Isle Village Plan. The Steering Group has prepared a detailed survey about all aspects of life in Newton. You will shortly be receiving your copy. Please read it and fill it in.

We are often told that our views count, when actually, they don't. But on this occasion, you really do have an opportunity to make a difference. The survey allows every member of your household to respond individually and anonymously, if you wish, although we would prefer you to identify yourselves to enable personal feedback to be provided.

The information provided by you will be used by the Parish Council and the other participating organisations to improve the services they provide to you. It will also enable the Parish Council to represent you in negotiations with the District Council, the County Council, the utility companies and other bodies.

This is the first time the people of Newton have been given the opportunity to participate in the preparation of a Village Plan. Let's make the most of it!

## David Roy-Martin Sings Your Favourite Songs



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Doors open at 7.00

Tickets £8

including wine and nibbles

from Margaret & Dave 870083  
or dave@newtonvillagehall.org.uk

**The greatest songs from the greatest musicals!**

## Forthcoming Events at your Village Hall

### Afternoon Teas

2.30 - 4.30

### and Just Walk!

2.00 - 3.00

Thursdays

27<sup>th</sup> Aug, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

### Parish Council Meetings

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

7.00

### Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30

10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

12<sup>th</sup> November

### Bowls Club Quiz and Meat Raffle Draw

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

7.30

### New Age Kurling Taster Sessions

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

2.00

### David Roy-Martin Sings Your Favourite Songs

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

7.00

### Street Pride Litter Picks

Sundays 10.30

4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

### Village Hall AGM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

7.30



### 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

## Newton Parish Council

Following the elections in May, the elected Councillors for Newton Parish are:

Cllr Sam Clark  
Cllr Doug Fullbrook – Chairman  
Cllr Dave Gibbs – Vice Chairman  
Cllr John Hoyles  
Cllr Jandy Kooreman  
Cllr David Smith  
Cllr Alison Sloan  
Patricia Wilkinson – Clerk 01945 870271

Dates of our next Parish Council meetings are

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Village Hall  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Village Hall

Information can be found on the Parish Noticeboard on the High Road or by visiting the [newtonintheisle.org.uk](http://newtonintheisle.org.uk) website.

**New Age Kurling**  
**A Fun New Sport for All Ages!**  
**Come and Try!**  
**Sundays 13<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
**at 2.00 in the Village Hall**  
**Ring Carol on 870445 for details**

### Did You Know...?

Among the many activities in Newton village, tucked away at 18 Goodens Lane, is a pottery.

Classes are on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, 2 - 4pm but can be offered at other times. Any age 8 - 80, many techniques are taught, including glazing and antiquing, some items already made for you to paint/glaze. No experience is necessary.

Ring Carol on 870445 for a browse, no obligation.

### 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 an optional Cream Tea afterwards.

Thursday 27th August

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 22nd October

Starting at 2.00pm.

Meet at Newton Village Hall.

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)

## St James, Newton



Many thanks to everyone involved in supporting our refreshment tent and Hoop-La game at the Village Fete in June and congratulations to the organisers of the Fete it was a lovely day.

The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir had a successful evening in the Church on 4<sup>th</sup> July, many thanks to everyone who attended and The Friends of St. James for organising it.

### Dates for your diary

**Harvest Festival**... This will be held on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm followed by a Harvest Tea in the Church

**The Harvest Auction**... Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, to be held at The Woadman's at 8pm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Johnson

**Deanery Confirmation Service**... 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm. We are fortunate to be hosting this service this year, which will include the Deanery Choir. We have two parishioners who will be confirmed during the service.

You are welcome to join us in our worship.

## Leverington Village Hall

Our neighbours in Leverington are forging ahead with an ambitious programme of renovations to their hall, thanks to their own fundraising ventures and grants from the Grange Wind Farm Trust and Leverington Parish Council.

Please support them by attending some of their autumn events.

12th September - Bingo 6.30 for 7.00 eyes down

17th September - Coffee Morning 10.00 to 12.30

25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.00 to 12.30

26th September - Autumn Fair. Information from Kate on 463552

15th October - Golden Age Fair 10.00 to 1.00

24th October - Tony Gee 60's and 70's music 7.30 for 8.00  
£10 tickets in advance with buffet from Carol on 588385

19th November Coffee Morning 10.00 to 12.30

## 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 870289

or e-mail [bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk)

[www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.newtonvillagehall.org.uk)

# Village Hall News

The Village Hall Management Committee has had another busy summer, with our regular monthly **Coffee Mornings** and **Afternoon Teas** going from strength to strength. If you fancy a friendly social occasion with top quality refreshments, pop along to the Hall on the second Thursday morning or the fourth Thursday afternoon each month.

Our **Clairvoyant Evening** in May drew another good crowd and our Medium, Stewart Bradley, enjoys working in the Hall, so we will be repeating this event next year.

Sam's **Blooming Great Tea Party** in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care was another great success, raising over £200 for this worthy cause.

The **Garage Sale** proved to be profitable day for some of our sellers. We use the proceeds from this event to fund our free Christmas Party for local children, details of which will be included in the next newsletter.

Apart from these events, we've also supported the **Village Fete** and the **Leigh Orpheus Choir** concert organised by the Friends of the Church.

Our main event for the autumn will see the return of **David Martin**, who will entertain us with our favourite songs from some of Hollywood's greatest musicals. David's superb baritone voice is perfect for the works of Jerome Kern, Rogers & Hammerstein, George Gershwin and many others, so if this is your kind of music, be sure to join us. The date is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September and tickets are available now at £8 each.

Finally, our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30. This is your opportunity to find out about the work of the Management Committee and to discuss ideas for the future. Put the date in your diary now.

## Coffee Morning at Newton Village Hall

Thursdays 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov  
and the second Thursday of every month  
10.30 to 12.30

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

## Afternoon Tea at Newton Village Hall

Thursdays 27th Aug, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct  
and the fourth Thursday of every month  
2.30 to 4.30

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

## Village Fete 2015 - Newton Celebrates VE Day



Our VE Day themed Fete was a memorable occasion, for so many reasons. The Fete was opened, with great aplomb, by none other than our noble leader, Winston Wilkinson-Churchill, who inspired us to greater things with his well-chosen words. The sun shone, the crowds flocked to the Playing Field, some dressed in 1940's attire, the Kings Lynn Town Band and the Two Dollies provided a rousing soundtrack, children tucked into traditional grub at the Street Party, while thrifty wartime recipes were cooked and sampled next to an exhibition of wartime relics from the Fenland and West Norfolk Aviation Museum.

Alongside the VE Day commemoration were all the traditional features of our Village Fete, with stalls, sideshows, games of chance, a busy Craft Fair, the Fun Dog Show and a well-stocked refreshment tent.

A great time was had by all and we offer our heartfelt thanks to everybody who helped in any way to make the event such a success and to the many visitors who came to support us. We look forward to something even better next year!

The Rotary Club of Wisbech invites you to the **Silver Monday Over 60's Film Club**

Showing: **The Lady in the Van** with Maggie Smith

Venue: **The Light Cinema**, Wisbech

Date: **Monday 16th November**

Price: **£2.50**

Contact: Valerie Smith - 01945 860596

E-mail: valerie.j.smith@btinternet.com

## **Newton Village Gardening Club**

A total of 18 members went on the outing to Elton Hall on Sunday 17th May. Fortunately, the weather was fine and dry for the visit. We arrived in time for refreshments in the cafe section of the adjoining garden centre, before being taken on a very interesting guided tour of the house and gardens by four of the Elton Hall guides. Leaving plenty of time to have a look around the garden centre before departure back to Newton. A good day was had by all with everyone coming back with armfuls of new plants to add to their gardens.

The re-visit to Ken and Marian Sherry's garden in June was well attended and a great success with a quiz, raffle, and plant sales.

Due to rain, the scheduled hog roast was held in the hall in July. This was also well attended.

Future meetings will be a 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.

## **Newton Street Pride**

Our monthly Litter Picks really do make a difference to the appearance of the village and new volunteers are always welcome to join our dedicated and friendly team.

**We meet outside the Village Hall on Sunday mornings at 10.30am. Please make a note of the following dates: 4<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, and 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

If you have an hour or so to spare on any of these dates, please come along. Children are more than welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment is provided.

If you require more information about Street Pride and our future projects, please contact Sam Clark 07887 485795 or Dee Markham 01945 871158.

## **Newton Bowls Club**

What a year we are having. The Green is playing extremely well, under the watchful eye of Norrie, we have increased our membership to over 30 and we are ending the season playing in 3 cup finals.

We have been playing cup and league matches nearly every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and most Sundays we have played our own club competitions.

Every Monday we have been welcoming increasing numbers of residents from Capricorn Cottage, Fleet Hargate. We have all had lots of fun, and they have benefitted from the fresh air and interaction with our members.

The combined Cream Tea and Bowls session on 23<sup>rd</sup> July went down well, and we saw lots of people having a go... budding future bowlers, we hope!!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Hog Roast in July, the weather was good, the pig excellent, and Ian Larkin kept us entertained all afternoon.

Thank you also to everyone who supported our stalls at the village fete. We have had a successful fundraising year, so far, but the fundraising has to continue:

Please come and support our Quiz Night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30pm in the Village Hall. During this evening the MEAT Raffle will be drawn. First prize £200 meat vouchers for Gagen's, and many other Meat voucher prizes. Make sure you get your tickets ASAP from club members.

If you would like to join us, pop in if the gate is open or contact:

Jill - 01945 871033

Norrie - 01945 870782

Marilyn - 01945 870133

Do you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving into the Parish of Newton?

Contact Wendy on 738521 or  
[wendyful@talktalk.net](mailto:wendyful@talktalk.net)  
and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

## **Newton Ladies Club**

The Ladies Club members have enjoyed a talk on Beekeeping, a Strawberries and Pimms evening, a visit from the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and their annual Barbecue in recent months, as well as participating in the Village Fete.

In September they'll be tackling weightier issues under the heading of "Are Your Hormones Keeping You Fat?" John Richmond will be demonstrating Flower Arranging in October, whilst November's meeting is devoted to making Christmas Crackers with Donna Dicks.

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

## **Friends of St James**

Newton Church was filled on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to listen to The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir, supported by Something Else, a local trio playing Shadows numbers who gave up their time completely free.

Those who attended really enjoyed the evening especially the contrast between the Choir and the Trio. The Choir's varied repertoire included Llanfair, When the Saints Go Marching In, You Raise Me Up, New York New York, Softly as I Leave You, and my favourite the Song of the Jolly Roger where the Choir wore pirate hats and put parrots on their shoulders.

Grateful thanks go to the Committee of the Friends of St James, Rex Mallett for extra chairs, Dave and Margaret Gibbs for serving teas and making cakes etc for the Choir and Marilyn Hawkins for cakes.

A raffle was held helping to raise a total of £570 which will eventually go to helping maintain our lovely Church making the event a complete success.

The next edition of the newsletter will be published in early November.  
We welcome your feedback.  
Please address your comments to [newsletter@newtonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@newtonvillagehall.org.uk) or call Dave Gibbs on 870083

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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](http://www.newtonintheisle.org.uk)

# The following topics will be included in the survey

- Household information
- Personal and public transport
- Local facilities
- Community organisations
- Roads and footpaths
- Community safety
- Planning and development
- District Council services
- County Council Services
- Utilities

The survey will be hand delivered and collected by one of our resident volunteers during September 2015.

If you do not wish to be disturbed, please leave your completed survey by your front door or in your letterbox. If we are unable to collect the survey, we will leave a note telling you where it can be dropped off.

If you need help completing the survey contact Geoff Wilkinson on 01945 870271.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder to complete the survey when it arrives.



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[www.facebook.com/groups/425942004275448/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/425942004275448/)



Local contact phone/email

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# Your village Your views Your future



# Your village

Newton in the Isle has evolved over many centuries, originating around two churches and the Colvile estate.

The village developed to include a thriving school, two pubs, village shops, a Methodist chapel, even, a railway station and latterly a village hall – the original school – and a playing field. There have been several housing developments, particularly during the 1930's and the 1960's.



# Your views

A village, parish or community led plan aims to seek the views of everyone on a wide range of issues. The information will be collated and used to produce a definitive plan for the future. This is a recommended course of action which is widely undertaken throughout the country.

Our plan is totally independent; it is organised, produced and undertaken by local volunteers and is not led or influenced by Parish, District or County Councils. Production costs are financed by the Big Lottery Fund.

By participating in the Village Plan survey, which will be delivered to your door, you can make your views known anonymously – we don't require names and addresses.

The survey will be simple to complete with a series of boxes to tick and a section where you can offer further suggestions.

**It is a means by which you can actively and successfully shape the future of your community.**



# Your future

When complete, final results will be circulated back to you and a comprehensive report will be produced. This will be made available to everyone and forwarded to all relevant authorities as a definitive reference source, based on the views and wishes of the village population.

Ideas formulated in the Village Plan must be taken into account when our Parish, District and County Councils are making plans for the future. For this reason it is important that every household completes the survey. If we are able to claim a response from every village household, the results will be unquestionably representative of the whole village.

**Our Village Plan will help to increase the possibility of your voice being heard by the decision makers.**

