

Newton News

SPRING
2017

Published by Newton Village Hall Management Committee and delivered to every home in the Parish of Newton-in-the-Isle

Village Hall Update

After a hectic December, things have calmed down a bit at the Village Hall. January and February are usually quieter months, with fewer bookings, giving us time to undertake some minor repairs and improvements. It costs around £4,000 a year to run the Hall, which is far more than we receive from bookings, so we have to raise money through events to cover the shortfall. The Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas are an important part of this, so please come along and support us if you can. Top quality refreshments and a friendly welcome guaranteed! Our recent Quiz Night proved to be an enjoyable way of making money too, so we hope to repeat it later in the year.

The Parish Council has agreed to provide financial support to the Village Hall, in recognition of our important role in the life of the village. We are extremely grateful for this, as it will enable us to proceed with a number of improvements that have been on the back burner awaiting funding.

The next step in our development is to recruit a few more volunteers to assist us. No experience is necessary and we have roles to suit everyone. We're a friendly committee who all share the same objective, so why not bite the bullet and join our team? Your Village Hall needs you!

Newton Parish Council

All residents are welcome to attend our Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 6th March, commencing 7pm in the Village Hall. This meeting precedes the scheduled Parish Council meeting and is an opportunity for residents to discuss their concerns. Matters that cannot be resolved will be held over for further investigation.

Help us to reduce speeding in the village. The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our Speedwatch Group. Contact the Clerk for details.

Let's Get Ready to
Ramble!

Celebrate the arrival of Spring with a leisurely 4-mile walk using part of Fenland's newest public path.

Saturday 4th March. Meet on the corner of the High Road opposite Fen Road at 10.00.

Do you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to this area?
Contact Wendy on 738521 or
wendyful@talktalk.net and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

Do Something Amazing!

Community First Responders are volunteers who are trained by the Ambulance Service to attend certain types of emergency calls in the area where they live or work. Their aim is to reach a potential life threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew arrives.

Their role is to help stabilise the patient and provide the appropriate care until the more highly skilled ambulance crew arrives on scene to take over the treatment.

If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact Dave Gibbs on 870083 for further information.

FRIDAY 7th APRIL
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 or e-mail
jennistone@talktalk.net
Friends of St James' Church,
Newton-in-the-Isle

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

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 9th March,
13th April, 11th May
10.30 to 12.30

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

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 23rd March,
27th April, 25th May
2.30 to 4.30

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

Defibrillator Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of so many members of our community, the new Defibrillator has been installed and is ready for use. It is located at 225 High Road, adjacent to the village sign in the middle of the village.

Please look out for it and make a note of where it is in case you need it in an emergency.

Eleven volunteers have received resuscitation training from the East of England Ambulance Service and are available to assist if required, however anybody can operate the defibrillator without training, as the machine is fully automatic and does everything for you.

If you think somebody is having a heart attack, dial 999 to call the emergency services immediately. They will tell you what to do and give you the code for the defibrillator cabinet. The most common signs are:

- chest pain: tightness, heaviness, pain or a burning feeling in your chest
- pain in arms, neck, jaw, back or stomach: for some people, the pain or tightness is severe, while others just feel uncomfortable
- sweating
- feeling light-headed
- becoming short of breath
- feeling nauseous or vomiting

Don't delay. Your prompt response could save a life!

Thank you once again for your generous support for our appeal.

St James' Church



The Christmas celebrations at St. James' were very well supported and we would like to say thank you to all concerned. Over £200 was raised for The Stroke Association in Wisbech.

Along with our usual Carol Service we tried a new service at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Judging by the attendance, it seems to have been a success.

The Friends of St. James' held an entertaining Quiz in the Village Hall on 9th December, raising money towards the upkeep of our church. Our thanks to the committee for their continued support. The next Quiz is 7th April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Easter Service dates at St. James'

Palm Sunday 9th April.....9am

Easter Day 16th April.....9am

Services at St. James' are generally held at 9am on the first three Sundays of each month.

You are welcome to join us in our worship



**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 12th March, 23rd April and 21st May
at 2.00 in the Village Hall**

Friends of St James' Church

There was a full house in the Village Hall again for our Quiz on 9th December and the support of everyone who attended is really appreciated. Many thanks to Debra and Chris Wright who set the interesting questions and to all those who provided the delicious and plentiful food, quiz and festive raffle prizes.

The upkeep of our beautiful ancient Church is totally reliant on donations, regular giving by parishioners and our fund-raising so well done to everyone involved for making this such a successful event and for a very pleasurable night's entertainment.

We hope to see you at our next Quiz on Friday 7th April!

Leverington Village Hall

Louise Stebbing (Skylark Studio) 420403 has **Art Classes** on a Wednesday a.m and p.m

Coffee Mornings on February 16th, March 16th and April 20th, commencing at 10.00 a.m

Beetle Drive on Saturday 8th April. £4.00 with light refreshments, bring your own drinks.

For more information, call Carol on 588385.

LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFES

(Charity No: 232526)

Help for Widows in the
Parish of Newton who are in need,
hardship or distress

Thomas Criplin Trust

Applications for Grants from the
above Trust will be considered from
Widows of the Parish of Newton

For an application form please send
a stamped addressed envelope to

The Clerk:

Mrs R J Gagen 78 High Road
Gorefield Wisbech PE13 4NB
for return by 17th March 2017

Newton Fete Committee - a message from Rodney Sloan, Chairman

The Committee's AGM was held on the 8th of February when Geoff and Pat Wilkinson stood down from their respective positions of Chairman and Treasurer. It is fair to say that they have both given a great deal of effort and time over the last few years to make the Village Fete a success and we all owe them a large debt of gratitude.

The vacant positions however, provoked a discussion amongst the committee and the other villagers who had turned out to contribute to the meeting. In short, the consensus of opinion is that a fully fledged Fete on an annual basis is a big commitment and probably too big a commitment for a village the size of Newton.

This does not mean though that there is no desire for events that are community minded and help bring together those that live in our village. There was an appetite for those who attended to see some activities arranged, albeit on a smaller scale than the previous Fetes. It was therefore decided to run a further meeting open to everybody in the village when ideas for future events could be put forward and discussed.

Whilst I have already been approached with some exciting ideas, the committee really needs input from as many people as possible. It should also be emphasised, that any event requires volunteers. The more volunteers we have the better the event and the less each needs to do. If we don't get the help then in all probability we will not be able to do anything!

Everybody is therefore invited to a meeting at the Village Hall at 7pm on the 8th March to put forward any ideas or volunteer in any way, no matter how small, in an effort to ensure that we help to maintain that community feeling within our village.

If you are unable to attend but have an idea or wish to volunteer please do not hesitate to phone me prior to the 8th on 870062 or write to me at rodders68@outlook.com.

We all look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Newton Street Pride

Although our scheduled litter picks for November and January were foiled by wet weather the cleaning continued with impromptu litter picks carried out by several dedicated volunteers who went out whenever the weather improved and collected 25 bags of rubbish, consisting mainly of takeaway packaging, cans and bottles. A huge thank you to all those involved.

We have several projects currently underway which include planting schemes throughout the village and some ideas for additional games 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.

We conduct regular Litter Picks so why not join our friendly group of volunteers on Sunday 19th February and help to keep Newton *LITTER FREE!* Children are welcome - accompanied by an adult if under 18. All necessary equipment will be provided but please wear sensible footwear. Weather permitting we will meet outside the Village Hall at 10.30am.

Following on from the successful 'Clean for the Queen' campaign last year - this year's Keep Britain Tidy campaign is called 'The Great British Spring Clean' and we would love to welcome some new 'Heroes' for a major litter clear up on Sunday 5th March. We will also be cleaning street signs and clearing some unsightly areas throughout the village. Please come and join us.

<http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk>

For more information about Street Pride please email:
streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk
or visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Please spare a moment to read the leaflet delivered with your copy of the Village Newsletter.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has never been more relevant or more necessary than it is today. Our communities rely more than ever on a close relationship between the public and the police and this wonderful organisation does more than most to share the messages that keep us safe.

You can become part of this and make a difference by volunteering as a local NHW co-ordinator, representing a group of like minded neighbours, keeping them informed of any undesirable activity in your area and generally watching out for each other. Deterrence is the key.

At present Newton in the Isle is poorly represented. I am one of just a handful of co-ordinators in the village and cover a small grouping in Brewers Lane and along part of the High Road. Everywhere is important but there are natural groupings tailor made for NHW representation such as Poppy Close, Colville Road, Westfield Road, Harolds Bridge, St James Close and Elloe Bank.

This is not an arduous task and requires just a small amount of your time to be effective. If you are interested and need to know more then please feel free to make me your first point of contact. I'll be very happy to assist and point you in the right direction.

Doug Fullbrook (Clifton House, High Road)

01945 738521

dougf@talktalk.net

Newton Village Gardening Club

The Gardening Club's 2016 season came to successful conclusion with a particularly popular November guest speaker. Zsuzsa Serer, from the family run environment of Herbal Haven near Saffron Walden gave a fascinating insight into the world of herbs.

Our December Christmas Party had a particularly high level of festive spirit and enthusiastic audience participation this year. Over 40 members enjoyed the company of Irish singer Tom Kennedy, who entertained with a wide range of melodies. The evening flew swiftly by, with annual competition presentations, Christmas raffle, a quiz for fun and a seasonal buffet. The party was clearly a success as members stayed much later than ever before!

A January meeting was well attended, as the committee wanted the membership to be involved in choosing events, outings and competitions for the 2017 itinerary. Plenty of proposals were forthcoming, discussed and voted upon, in what was a light-hearted forum.

As a result of this entertaining gathering, we welcome an exciting new speaker to the March meeting. Tim Dent from the Woodland Trust will be joining us to talk about his work, accompanied by a competition for the best photograph of a woodland scene. The committee are busy - as we speak, in planning a Flower Show, Hog Roast, Produce Show, outings - and an invite to a member's garden for a 1940's themed Tea Party.... to name but a few! There are great plans afoot for the Gardening Club year.

The AGM is on February 26th, 10am for 10.30 in the Village Hall. New members are always warmly welcomed.

Newton Ladies Club

The long winter nights were outwitted by some warming nights in the Ladies Club. We kicked off in November with songs and Christmassy facts from Gary Frisby. In December the ladies let their hair down at their Christmas Party held in the Village Hall. A quiz followed by Fiona's present game caused a lot of hilarious rivalry and we very nearly managed to paint the village red.

The New Year saw us kick off with a fabulous talk from John Hewitt about his and Jean's adventures on a bicycle made for two.

Although we will be taking a break in February we will be continuing on March 21st with a Ladies Bingo Night so get your pens at the ready!! On April 18th we will be holding the AGM Supper and will announce the programme for the coming year. However as a sneak preview I can tell you we will be having a very interesting talk on the Falklands from Ryk Parkinson on May 16th.

If you would like to know more about the Ladies Club please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret Gibbs on 870083 or Kay Illingworth on 07707 281545.

District Councillor Surgeries

Meet your District Councillors Chris Seaton and Sam Clark at the Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of every month.

Come and talk about the issues that affect you and find out about future plans for Fenland. No appointment necessary.

Thursdays 9th March, 13th April and 11th May from 11am to 12 noon.

All welcome.

Newton Bowls Club

It is nearly time to get the bowls out again and give them a polish ready for the 2017 season.

We would like to invite new members to join us at the AGM. This is to be held on Thursday 23rd February at 19.00 for 19.30 in Newton Village Hall. It is an opportunity to find out about the club and to meet the members.

We appreciated the support of our fundraising events in 2016, and start 2017 with:

Easter Bingo on Friday 31st March. Eyes down 19.30 in the Village Hall.

The bowling season will begin with an Open Session on Saturday 22nd April, from 11.00 'til 14.00. Come along, borrow a set of bowls, play alongside our members, have a cup of tea and a bite to eat. Everyone welcome.

The league competitions start at the end of April. All matches can be found on the Village website. Spectators always welcome.

Jill Nursey 871033

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

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
www.newtonintheisle.org.uk
