

A new Village Shop for Newton-in-the-Isle?

The Parish Council has been invited to consider the possibility of opening a community-led Village Shop, but they need your help.

Would you use a small local shop for everyday groceries instead of visiting supermarkets in Wisbech?

Would you spare some time to assist them?

Do you have ideas that would help to make this a success?

To find out more, come to a public meeting in the Village Hall this Saturday, 17th February at 10.30am.

Don't wait and see. They need your input now. If you can't attend the meeting, e-mail dave.gibbs@newtonintheisle.org.uk or call 870083 to be added to the mailing list.

Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Council would like to invite residents to attend our Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 12th March commencing at 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.

New Art Class

Are you interested in learning to paint or improving your painting skills?

A 5 week W.E.A. course will be held at Newton Village Hall on Thursdays, 7 til 9 starting after Easter.

Experienced tutor all media. (Course fees waived if on certain benefits).

To register your interest and reserve your place, phone Andrea at 01945 420 644.

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

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 8th March,
12th April, 10th May
10.30 to 12.30

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

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 22nd February,
22nd March, 26th April
2.30 to 4.30

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

Village Hall News

Thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas events and those who have helped to make our Sunday Lunches such a huge success, both socially and financially. The final lunch of the season will take place on Sunday 4th March, but we'll be back again with further dates later in the year.

Meanwhile, it's eyes down for an evening of Bingo on Friday 13th April. Unlucky for some, but it could be your lucky day. There's only one way to find out!

A Plea from Street Pride

The majority of responsible dog walkers do clear up after their pets and dispose of the bags in one of the many bins provided. Unfortunately, there is an irresponsible and inconsiderate minority who do not! Consequently, Newton in the Isle is covered with piles of dog excrement. It is absolutely everywhere - at the entrance of private residences, along the High Road, footpaths, grass verges, our pretty country lanes and on the Playing Field; even inside the children's swing area, which is fenced and signposted NO DOGS ALLOWED. There is a marked increase of dogs fouling in our lovely orchards, most of which is not public thoroughfare but we are given the privilege of being allowed to walk through it with our dogs - please respect it!

It should be pleasurable for everyone to walk around the village, dog or no dog, and not have to negotiate piles of dog poo from one end to the other!

OFFENDERS PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEARING UP
AFTER YOUR PETS - *IT REALLY ISN'T DIFFICULT!*
BAG IT UP AND PUT IT IN A BIN.

Dog Poo bags only cost £1 for a pack of 200

Regular offenders who have already been identified will be notified with a written warning from the Fenland Street Scene Team. This will be followed up with a fine if they are seen to disregard the warning.

Coming Soon to a Shed Near You

Are you the sort of man (or woman!) who likes tinkering with stuff in your shed? Did you know there's an organisation that makes messing about in sheds an enjoyable social activity?

The UK Men's Sheds Association is the support body for Men's Sheds across the UK. Since 2013 they have worked hard to inspire and support the development of around 500 local Men's Sheds across the country for the benefit of men's health and wellbeing.

Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter.

Now there's a new Shed opening in Wisbech St Mary and the founding members are looking for others to join them. Known as the Shedders & Fixers, they'll be meeting regularly to drink tea and chat whilst making and mending things. Men and women of all ages are welcome. If you'd like to know more about the group and their plans, contact Andy Callaghan on 07789 222882 or email acallaghan65@btinternet.com.

First Aid

Tydd St Giles Parish Council will be installing a defibrillator at the Community Centre in Broad Drove East shortly. They will also be arranging First Aid training for volunteers from the local community. Priority will be given to parishioners from Tydd St Giles, however any spare places could be made available to Newton-in-the-Isle residents.

If you are interested in attending a half day First Aid course, including the use of a defibrillator, please e-mail tyddstgilesparishcouncil@gmail.com or telephone 870083 to add your name to the list.

Community Speedwatch

A group of volunteers from Tydd St Giles are setting up a Speedwatch team to monitor traffic speeds around the village and identify problem areas. It has been suggested that Newton-in-the-Isle residents might re-establish Speedwatch here to undertake training with Tydd and to share equipment and resources.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please e-mail dave.gibbs@newtonintheisle.org.uk or call 870083.



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 25th February
18th March and
22nd April
at 2.00 in the Village Hall**

St James' Church



Many thanks to everyone involved in preparing the Church for the Christmas Carol Service on the 17th December and of course for the help on the day to make it such a special occasion. Thanks also to everyone who attended.

The PCC are very grateful to The Friends of St James' for paying for new bell ropes, which enabled us to enjoy their peals for the Christmas and New Year services.

Anyone interested in learning to ring the bells please contact Alan on 870154.

The collection raised just over £200 and was donated to The Alan Hudson Day Treatment Centre.

The PCC would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

Join us to celebrate

Mothering Sunday

at St. James' Newton on 11th March 9.00am

Easter Service dates at St. James'

Ash Wednesday - 14th February - 7.30pm

Easter Day - 1st 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

Friends of St James' Church

We had a full house again in the Village Hall for our Quiz night on November 24th and the support of everyone who attended is really appreciated.

David, Lucille and Elaine compiled the questions which were both interesting and diverse and Tina was our very able question master. The food was good and plentiful and everyone had an enjoyable night.

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

Join us at our next Quiz on Saturday March 24th.

SATURDAY 24th MARCH

QUIZ NIGHT

in the

Village Hall, Newton

TABLES of FOUR

£4 per head

Includes refreshments
but please bring own drinks.

Raffle with good prizes.

7pm for 7.30pm start

TO BE SURE OF A TABLE RING

01945 588836

or e-mail

jennistone@talktalk.net

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



Litter Pick

Help Tidy Up Your Village

Our routine Litter Picks take place on the second Thursday of every month and volunteers who wish to take part can meet at 10.30 for the monthly Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall.

Please make a note of the dates for the next 3 months.

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

New volunteers are always welcome, including children, who must be accompanied by an adult if under 18. All the necessary equipment will be provided but please wear sensible footwear.

For more information about Street Pride please contact
Cllr Sam Clark 07887 485795

email: streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk

or visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

Newton Village Gardening Club

The Gardening Club's committee members are busy planning their programme for 2018. To find out more about their plans, come to the next meeting in the Village Hall on Sunday 25th February at 10.30.

The Gardening Club meets on the fourth Sunday of every month, usually in the Village Hall, at 10.00 for 10.30 and new members are always welcome.

For further details, contact the Chairman, Morris Arnold on 870857.

Fenland Villages Archery Club

The Fenland Villages Archery Club is now firmly established at Tydd St Giles Community Centre. Having run two Taster Sessions last year, and subsequently three six week teaching sessions, we now have fourteen members and continue to slowly grow in number. Anyone is still welcome to come along and have a taster, and I am still running the teaching sessions whenever required.

Our Archery Club is a fun, sociable club for all abilities, and equipment is provided for anyone whilst training. Most members are totally mad, having shot in the snow a couple of weeks ago for well over an hour - actually I'm not sure if they are all mad or just very enthusiastic, but you don't *have* to shoot in those conditions. We are currently trying to raise funds to enable us to shoot indoors in the Community Centre during the winter months, and are confident that if not this year, then next, this will come about.

In the meantime, we enjoy the fresh air outdoors. Don't forget, if you are interested, give me a ring and get more details. Roger Moore - 871375.

Newton Bowls Club

AGM - Thursday 22nd February in the Village Hall, 19.00 for 19.30. Existing and new members welcome. Come along and see what is planned for the 2018 season.

BINGO - Saturday 17th March. Eyes down at 19.30 in the Village Hall. A fun evening with excellent prizes, raffle and refreshments.

OPEN AFTERNOON - Sunday 22nd April from 14.00 to 16.00, on the bowls green, behind the Village Hall. If you are thinking of bowling this season, come along, borrow a set of bowls, play alongside our members, and join us for a cream tea. Everyone welcome. All you need is a pair of flat shoes. Children over 9 years of age are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent.

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

The Bowls Club is planning to start a junior section, possibly in May, for an hour on a weekday evening. This will be for children aged 9 – 11 years of age. The children will have to be accompanied by a parent. Watch out for more details.

Please contact Jill Nursey - 871033 or email nurseyjill@gmail.com for information about any of the above.

If you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to the parish of Newton-in-the-Isle, please contact Carol on 870445 or carolpeasey152@outlook.com and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs

Newton Ladies Club

We enjoy a varied programme of events during the year.

January saw a Knit & Natter evening with homemade soup provided by Carol Peasey. February brings us a talk by Ludovic Potts on Antique Restoration and in March we have Bingo which is an open meeting, all welcome, even those of the male species! April is our AGM meeting and the committee will be providing a delicious jacket potato supper. May sees the return of Forensic Scientist Leisa Nichols-Drew, to talk on the subject of Entomology. This will be an open meeting too, so all welcome.

Newton Ladies Club meets at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall.

If you would like to join us, please come along to one of our meetings. If you would like to meet a member beforehand or would like a lift please call Penny or Margaret to arrange.

Chairperson - Margaret Gibbs - 870083
Secretary - Penny Moore - 871375

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 Geoff on 870271 or e-mail
bookings@newtonvillagehall.org.uk
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
