

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, may I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported us in any way throughout the year.

We really appreciate your contributions and as we reach the season of goodwill, we hope that you will join us for a traditional family celebration as we switch on the lights on our Christmas tree, sing carols and enjoy some seasonal refreshments.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

JAMES HOYLES

Chairman

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Start your Christmas at our traditional family celebration as we gather round the tree to switch on the lights then come inside for carols and festive fun!

**Friday 21st December from 6.00
Newton Village Hall
Festive lights switch-on at 6.30**

Carols, mince pies, mulled wine
and other seasonal goodies

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 24th November from 10.30

Craft stalls, tombola, refreshments... and a warm welcome!

Let Christmas begin!

Entry is free!

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

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 13th December,
10th January, 14th February
10.30 to 12.30

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

Afternoon Teas

Thursdays 22nd November,
24th January, 28th February
2.30 to 4.30

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

Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council

Playing Field - The Parish Council will be applying for funding shortly to enhance the facilities in the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field for people and wildlife. We need your ideas for ways in which the playing field could be improved to encourage you to make greater use of it. Tell us what's wrong and what we can do to put it right. We're seeking a range of ideas that will appeal to people of all ages. It's an under-utilised space that has so much potential.

Would you like to help us to make the improvements?

Are you interested in wildlife and conservation?

Would you like to sponsor one of the new features?

We're seeking volunteers to roll up their sleeves and assist us in installing some of the new elements. Could this be you?

For further details of the exciting plans, contact Dave Gibbs on 870083.

Speeding - The Parish Council has submitted an application for funding to purchase a speed monitoring device to be used at different locations around the village. The application was prepared in response to complaints from a number of residents about dangerous driving in several areas, mainly along the High Road, but also in Church Lane and Goodens Lane.

If the application is successful, it will enable us to gather data about vehicle speeds throughout the village, which will assist us in planning enforcement action to address the problem. If you would like to be part of our speed monitoring group, please contact Pat Wilkinson on 870271.

In the meantime, please remember that the speed limits are limits, not targets.

Gritting - Our new Community Gritting Team will be receiving their equipment from the County Council shortly and will be ready to respond to the worst of the winter weather to make pavements and footpaths safer for pedestrians.

Watch out for them over the coming months and give them your support.

Village Hall Management Committee

Winter is the busiest time of year for the Village Hall Management Committee. We've included details of all of our activities on the front of this newsletter and above and we hope that you'll support these events and join in the fun!

November is the month in which we hold our Annual General Meeting, which this year takes place on Tuesday 27th at 7.30. Somebody once described a committee as *a group of the unwilling, chosen from the unfit, to do the unnecessary*. In the case of the Village Hall Management Committee, this couldn't be further from the truth. We're all here because we believe in what we do and in the difference it makes to village life, the individual members have different talents and experience that they bring to the role and collectively we enable so many people to enjoy a broad spectrum of events and activities. Have you ever paused to wonder what village life would be like without a Village Hall? Of course, we always have room for new faces, so if you're ready for a fresh challenge, why not join us? A New Year's resolution perhaps?

At the end of January, we'll be joining village halls and community centres across the country in a week-long celebration to mark the second National Village Halls Week, so look out for details of special events in our Hall. We'll also be working towards the Hallmark national quality award for the management of community buildings.

Finally, we have a Valentine's Quiz on Saturday 16th February, so get out the Trivial Pursuit over Christmas and watch plenty of quiz shows on TV to improve your chances!

Children's Christmas Party

The Village Hall Management Committee's annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 9th December. This is open to all children aged 13 and under living in the parish of Newton-in-the-Isle.

The Village Hall's resident DJ and party games organiser Steve Tierney will be providing the entertainment. Auntie Sam's shopping list includes plenty of tasty party snacks and a few treats for the Mums and Dads too. Meanwhile, we've sent the postcode to the North Pole to be entered in Santa's SatNav, so if the wind is blowing in the right direction and the children of the parish have been good this year...

To book a place for your child, please call Sam Clark on 07887 485795 before Saturday 1st December.

What's On...

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 and enter your details in the Updates boxes at the bottom of the home page.

St James' Church



The traditional celebration of the harvest took place last month, with a service on 14th October. This is a joyous celebration and the flowers and harvest wheel looked incredible. Many thanks to everyone involved.

The auction this year was held at The Crown and Mitre, Tydd St. Giles, by kind permission of Mr Sayer. This is due to The Woadman's now being closed.

Remembrance Day

The annual Remembrance Sunday service took place last weekend, marking the centenary of the armistice that ended the First World War. The service was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial in the churchyard.

Later that afternoon, the church bells were rung, ending with 100 strikes on the tenor bell.

Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas service will be at 3pm on 16th December, followed by sherry and mince pies.

There will also be a joint service of all the parishes at Newton on 30th December at 10am.

Services at St James' are usually at 9.00am on the first three Sundays of each month, further details can be found in The Bridge magazine, in the Church porch and on the village website.

You are welcome to join us in our worship

Fenland Villages Archery Club

If anyone in the village is interested in archery, we give a free taster session, and it's up to you from there. Full basic training lessons last approximately 12 hours spread over six weeks.

All this takes place in a very friendly atmosphere, training equipment is supplied, and under cover out of the wind and rain for the next few months, then back into the green for the rest of the year.

We have moved from the Community Centre at Tydd St Giles, and now shoot on the Secret Garden site between Wisbech and Wisbech St Mary.

So why not come along and join us, have a look and a try, it costs you nothing. All we ask is that children are accompanied by adults for the first few weeks, it's up to you after that.

For further details ring Roger on 871375.

SATURDAY 15th 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 or
E-mail jennistone@talktalk.net

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



Weather permitting, future Litter Picks
will be on the following dates:

Thursday 13th December
Thursday 10th January
Thursday 14th February

We will meet at the Village Hall Coffee Morning
at 10.30am

New volunteers are always welcome, including children
who must be accompanied by an adult if under 18.

All necessary equipment will be provided
but please wear sensible footwear.

**For more information about Street Pride
please contact us on**
streetpride@newtonintheisle.org.uk
or visit www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

*A special thank you to all the dedicated volunteers
who regularly turn out for the litter picks*

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year*

Newton Bowls Club

This has been an ideal bowling summer, with so many warm evenings, and so little rain.

Congratulations to our club competition winners:

Wilson Cup (doubles)

Winners: Morris Arnold and Eddie Robinson

Runners up: Terry Livings and Henry Hawkins

Dilnutt Trophy (singles)

Winner: Terry Livings

Runner up: David Smith

George Jimson Cup (doubles)

Winners: Morris Arnold and Alan Argent

Runners up: Adam Horspool and Jill Nursey

Ted Hall cup (singles)

Winner: Bryan Underwood

Runner up: Rod Hepworth

Harold Angood Trophy (doubles)

Winners: Morris Arnold and Edward Robinson

Woadman's Trophy (singles)

Winner: David Smith

Runner up: Rod Hepworth

Top Deck Trophy (singles)

Winner: Edward Robinson

Runner up: Morris Arnold

Now that the season has finished, maintenance on the Green has started, this means we will be starting our fundraising once again.

Please support our Christmas Bingo – Saturday 8th December.

Jill Nursey 871033

Newton Village Gardening Club

Newton Village Gardening Club has a thriving membership of gardening enthusiasts, some of whom are particularly accomplished with competition winning gardens, whilst others are complete novices.

Regardless of knowledge or experience we have a great mix of enthusiastic and encouraging likeminded people. Irrespective of expertise - we are an extremely friendly bunch with a common link of gardening.

We meet at 10.00 for a 10.30 start on the fourth Sunday of each month in Newton Village Hall, with the exception of various annual events, garden visits and outings, details of which are shown on the What's On page of the village website.

All meetings and events are open to new members. A small fee is charged for non members attending Village Hall meetings. Members costs for visits and outings are usually subsidised by the Club.

If you would like to know more about us, drop us a line either via the Contact page on the village website or phone the Chairman, Morris Arnold on 870857.

Do you have a new neighbour or know of someone moving to the parish of Newton-in-the-Isle?

If so, please contact Lynn on 871326 or madeinyorkshire52@gmail.com and they will receive one of our special Welcome Packs.

Thank you

Newton Ladies Club

Newton Ladies Club has enjoyed an interesting programme this year.

We've had a wonderful tea in Long Sutton, Kurling and a buffet supper, talks on Antique Restoration, Forensic Entomology, Will Making and Osteopathy, (not all at once!), together with an inspiring demonstration of Flower Arranging.

An evening of Christmas craft and then a party are coming up.

The New Year will bring Knit and Natter and a celebration of Newton Ladies Club's 25th Anniversary.

If you would like to join this friendly group of women who meet in the village hall on the third Tuesday of every month between 7.30 and 9 pm, please come along to one of our meetings. For more details or a lift, please contact Margaret or Penny.

Chair - Margaret Gibbs - 870083

Secretary & Acting Treasurer - 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
