



# NEWTON AND BIGGIN PARISH COUNCIL – MAY 2019

## MEETINGS

All Parish Council Meetings are public. The agendas are on our website and on the public notice board by the Stag and Pheasant Inn car park. Routine meetings are in the Newton Village Hall (check first though) and meetings start at 7.30pm. The dates and times of some of the next meetings are as follows:

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting of the Parish Council** (Business Meeting) 6.30pm start in the Good Shepherd Church and the

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Assembly**, (Community Activities) starts at 7.30pm in the Good Shepherd Church.

**June 20 7.30 Newton Village Hall**

## WELCOME

If you have recently moved into Ellis Gardens we welcome you to our village and hope you will be happy here.

We appreciate that there is always a lot to do and sort out when you move to a new area and hope we can help by directing you to our website that will give you useful information about village life.

Newton is a friendly and sociable community and there are activities that are available should you wish to participate. Please contact any of our councillors or clerk directly and they will do their best to help you. Parish Councils have legal responsibilities (like open spaces and street lighting) but they are also the voice of their community, so they need to keep in touch. All of your Councillors live in the community and are part of it. We will produce 3 or 4 Newsletters a year so if there's anything you'd like to see in future editions, let us know. Here are the names of your Councillors and Clerk:

**Ian Davis - Chair**

**Rick Crane - Vice Chair**

**Allyson Downes - Clerk**

**Frank Preston**

**Anne Davis**

**Vanessa Goulborn**

For individual contact details, a quick link to send comments or ask questions, visit our website at [www.newtonparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.newtonparishcouncil.org.uk/) or contact the clerk - details on the next page.

## Come to the Annual Parish Assembly

Lots of village activities will be represented at the Annual Parish Assembly, so come along and find out what various groups have done this year. In the meantime, here are a couple of Village Activities to Note:

**Yin Yang Yoga** - Every Wednesday, 10.00 - 11.00, Village Hall. Being super-bendy or even able to touch your toes isn't a requirement to benefit from these sessions. All are welcome. For further information contact [info@yogawithhannah.com](mailto:info@yogawithhannah.com) 07751 770203.

Ginny Dowe-Edwards and Looby Loo Ceramics (who run the **Pop-Up Pottery** in the Village Hall) will be opening Ginny's studio on Main Street in June as part of the Warwickshire Open Studios scheme.

For further information about dates, times and workshops or to request a brochure please email [puprugby@gmail.com](mailto:puprugby@gmail.com).

## Sign up Now - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2019

Back by popular demand, the Parish Council is organising Community First Aid and Defibrillator training for residents of Newton on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

Training will take about 4 hours and be undertaken by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service and we would encourage attendance.

Places are free but numbers are limited, so please contact the Clerk and book your place on a first come first come basis as soon as possible.



**INVITATION TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FIVE  
ARCHES WILDLIFE SITE BY THE MAYOR – SATURDAY 25 MAY  
at 11.45am**

Working with Butterfly Conservation the Parish Council has invested £10,000 in improvements to the Five Arches Wildlife Site at the northern end of the Great Central Way. Invasive species of plants have been removed,



hedges and trees planted, wildflower seeds sown, paths laid and bird boxes installed. Whilst work on maintenance and improvement will continue in the future the site will be officially opened by the Mayor of Rugby at 12.00 on Saturday 25th May. The ceremony will take place at the

Picnic Site and will be followed by guided walks. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **PLANS FOR 2019**

As well as our ongoing work and organising regular events we have two other important projects for the year ahead:

- Preparation for ownership of the public open space and play area at Ellis Garden continues. We will need to draw up and let contracts for maintenance for next year.
- The new roof for the Village Hall and progressing the planned upgrades to internal facilities, such as the toilets and kitchen areas.

### **Back and 4th Dial-a-Ride**

Rugby Borough Residents are benefiting from a new bus service called Back & 4th Dial-a-Ride to provide a vital link for people who struggle to access public transport. It's a door-to-door service, collecting passengers from home and delivering them to their chosen destination. Minibuses are wheelchair accessible and have low-floor steps for ease of access. A return fare is £5.00 and concessionary bus passes are accepted, meaning free travel for pass holders. Journeys must be pre-booked, call 01788 226000, Monday – Friday, 10.00am to 3.00pm.

## **VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Village Hall was built in the 1920's to commemorate villagers who died in the First World War. The shingle roof is thought to be original and after nearly 100 years is beginning to leak. Having considered repairs the Parish Council has decided that the best course of action is replacement. An application has been made to Rugby Borough Council's Rural Development Fund for grant aid and we'll know the results in June. If the application is successful then we will also be able to carry out internal improvements. If we don't get the grant then we may have to carry out those internal works over a longer period.

The Hall will need to be closed whilst the roof is replaced and we will work with users of the hall to minimise disruption.

## **COMPETITION TIME**

**Win Cinema Tickets for Two by answering the following question and emailing/contacting the Chair of the Parish Council, Ian Davis by June 31st. The winner will be randomly drawn from the correct answers.**

**Answer this Question - Who was the publisher of 'The Gentleman', born in Newton in 1691?**

**Clue – The Answer is on the Newton and Biggin Website at:**

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

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