



# NEWTON AND BIGGIN PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

March 2019

## MEETINGS

All Parish Council Meetings are public. Do come along. The agendas are on our website and on the public notice board by the Stag and Pheasant Inn car park.

All meetings are in the Newton Village Hall and meetings start at 7.30pm. The dates of the next three meetings are as follows:

March 21st

April 25th

May 23rd

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Parish Councils are the most local tier of local government. They 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. The Parish Council has a new and much improved website. Now, we have introduced this Newsletter. We will produce 3 or 4 a year and we hope you find it useful. If there's anything you'd like to see in future editions, let us know.

### Newton and Biggin Parish Councillors and Clerk



Here are your Parish Councillors and Clerk, from left to right -

**Rick Crane – Vice Chair**

**Ian Davis - Chair**

**Allyson Downes – Clerk**

**Frank Preston**

**Vanessa Goulborn**

**Anne Davis**

For individual contact details, please visit our website at (<http://www.newtonparishcouncil.org.uk>) where there is a quick link to send comments or ask questions. Alternatively, call the clerk on 07714 283310 or email her on [clerk@newtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@newtonparishcouncil.org.uk).



Ceramic Poppy Installation at the Village Hall in recognition of 100 years of the First World War where a number of villagers lost their lives.

All the ceramic poppies were made by villagers and sold to aid the British Legion.

## Defibrillator Training to be repeated

Defibrillators are in increasing use around the country. They give a high-energy electric shock to the heart of somebody in cardiac arrest. Fail-safe spoken advice is given so that they can be used by anybody. If you need to use the defibrillator it's in a bright yellow cabinet outside the Village Hall from where it can be taken to the patient.

Very well attended training sessions, which included basic First Aid, were held in 2017 and these will be repeated this summer. Further details to follow.



## Calling all Newton Litter Heroes



Be part of the Great British Spring Clean 2019 by becoming a Litter Hero for Newton Village.

Meet outside the Newton Village Hall at 10am on **SUNDAY 7 April 2019**

Help pick up litter and Show the Love for where you Live. Bring your protective gloves, Rugby Borough Council will provide litter pickers and bags. Your support will help improve the environment on your doorstep, eliminating litter, ending waste and creating great places for everyone.

## PLANS FOR 2019

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

- \* Works to the Village Hall. First up will be a new roof (the old one has been there for nearly 100 years and is failing) followed by internal improvements. We will be seeking grants towards the costs.
- \* Preparing for ownership of the public open space and play area at Ellis Gardens. We will need to draw up and let contracts for maintenance.

## NEW RESIDENTS INFORMATION PACK

We intend to re-launch this document for all new residents to the Parish in the coming months. Its purpose is not just to welcome new residents into our community, but to provide local information they may find useful.

We are open to suggestions from you, but our intention is to include information regarding:

- The Memorial Hall and the events held there (Brownies, Guides, Toddler Groups, Live and Local etc.).
- Services and weekly events held at the Good Shepherd Church.
- Names, addresses and contact details of Doctors, Hospitals, Chemists along with more 'day to day' information such as wheelie bin collection days
- Local restaurants and take away outlets and of course our local Public Houses!

We are also considering having a directory of local businesses for home improvements or household emergencies (Plumbers, Electricians, Computer Repairs and Decorators etc.).

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

Last year was a busy year for a small Parish Council. Here are some of the highlights.

- \* In partnership with Butterfly Conservation we funded the establishment of the Five Arches Wildlife Site. (You might like to volunteer to help with future work).
- \* We worked with the County Council to secure minor improvements to the St Thomas Cross junction. We will continue to pressure them to undertake survey work necessary to access funding for any more major works.
- \* We commissioned a War Memorial slate plaque for the Village Hall and organised a Remembrance Day Service attended by 150 people, including relatives of the fallen, to commemorate 100 years since WW1.
- \* In partnership with the Stag and Pheasant we provided a Christmas tree, lights and banner and arranged for the Deputy Mayor to do the switch on, accompanied by carol singing.
- \* We continued to stress the importance of public transport and have worked with 'Back and Forth' to secure the on-demand Wednesday service.
- \* We represented local concerns relating to drainage, new developments, trees, fly-tipping etc.

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