



Newton And Biggin Parish Council Village Newsletter - March 2020

Welcome To Our Latest Newsletter

A NOTE ON CORONAVIRUS

The Parish Council will continue to facilitate and support volunteers during the coronavirus outbreak. Unfortunately, many of the planned activities particularly around the VE Day Commemorations are postponed until further notice and the Village Hall is closed for events in line with Government and Public Health England

Firstly a BIG WELCOME from your Parish Councillors to all new residents in Ellis Gardens. You may know this already, but 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. If there's anything you'd like to see in future newsletters please let us know.



BIG NEWS -Village Hall Refurbishment Update

Phase two of the Village Hall refurbishment is now complete. The Parish Council in collaboration with the Village Memorial Hall Committee has organised and worked on the following:

- **Phase 1** - completion of a new weatherproof roof.
- **Phase 2** - refurbishment of the kitchen, including a new cooker, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, servery, flooring, storage, work surfaces, new tiles and tiling and decorated by your Councillors. Installation of a french window. Refurbished toilets, including disabled and baby changing facilities. Internet provision is currently being explored. Pictures of the finished kitchen and toilets are to the left!
- **Phase 3** - pointing to the front elevation and installation of an oak framed welcoming porch is dependent on a Rural Development Grant applied for from Rugby Borough Council.

Although the Hall is closed at the moment, enquiries can be made to Mrs Ruth Hughes on 01788 860725.



NEW PLANTERS AND SPRING BULBS

Residents and those passing through the village may have noticed two new planters. Here is one being planted by Councillors Anne Davis and Vanessa Goulborn, ably assisted by Ava Gould. Residents may also have noticed the 4,000 daffodils flowering throughout the village. These were planted in November by Councillors and residents, a big thank you. goes out to them.



A Fantastic Donation of Six Elm Trees for the five Arches Nature Reserve

Six Disease Resistant Elm Trees were donated from Mr Ram Singh a philanthropist and charity leader were planted in the Five Arches Nature Reserve and will ,amongst other things ,provide a potential habitat for rare butterflies. Many thanks to all of the volunteers of Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation and residents of Newton whose efforts led to a great, well attended event and the lovely welcome lunch on a cold and wet day. If you'd like to be involved with the future development of the site please contact: Mike Slater on mikeslater1956@outlook.com or the Newton Clerk, contact details below.



Winter and Spring Achievements

Your Parish Council has been busy during the winter and spring supporting the following initiatives:

- The Parish Council worked with the Good Shepherd Church to commemorate Remembrance Sunday on 10 November 2019
- Christmas celebrations with a well-attended Carol Service and Christmas tree light switch on. Santa Clause even attended
- As previously reported, the Children's play area at Ellis Gardens has been safety tested and is now open for use. The Parish Council takes legal ownership of this open space in future and is working with Lioncourt, the developers to ensure the site is completed and all planting takes place as per the plans and that ensure that the playground is fit for purpose
- The Five Arches Wildlife Reserve has been formally opened and seeded with natural butterfly friendly seeds, new Elm trees and the first of a series of rustic benches.



New Bench for the Five Arches Wildlife Reserve

The Parish Council has worked in collaboration with Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation and commissioned and sited the first of a series of rustic benches.



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