

Newington History Group

Hear how Kent features in song as Doug Hudson presents Newington History Group's monthly talk – A Kentish Songster - on Thursday, March 27, (7pm) in the Village Hall.

The event is open to all (£4 at the door, members free) and light refreshments are included.



Doug is a well-known figure in the county being not only a professional entertainer and author but also the stadium announcer at Gillingham football club.

Next month, on April 24, Imogen Corrigan will present Powers Behind the Thorne-Women of the First Millennium.

Newington History Group meets monthly (except Jan. and Aug.) and membership is available

By taking out a membership at £18pa you'll be supporting the group's community work plus its research and promotion of the village's heritage. In addition, it gives you free entry to the group's monthly talks.

Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com Website: newinghistory.uk
Call 07506 239970; Facebook: Newington History Group

Appeal

I still get regular complaints about off roads bikes, mainly travelling along Bull Lane and Church Lane, however I still don't have names of those involved. There have been some complaints of a male with a small girl sitting on the front of an off road bike riding along Church Lane and Denham Road. I really want to know who these people are so that I can stop a serious incident occurring. People can report anonymously if they are more comfortable doing this via crime stoppers or by getting in touch with me via My Community Voice (MCV). For further information on MCV please visit mycommunityvoice.co.uk



Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for February 2025

The February draw of the Restoration Draw 2024-2025, took place after the Service on the 23 February with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners. **Prize**

Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£25	90 J & K McLean
2nd	£20	228 E Stanley
3rd	£18	131 H Stock
4th	£15	142 R Lukehurst
5th	£10	25 I Kemsley

Thanks everyone and kind regards.

David Lane Acting Restoration
Fund Organiser

Prizes will be winging their way to the new winners within the next few days. This was our last draw for 2024-2025. We'll be sending our renewals over the next weeks for our new draw, 2025-2026, to begin in May. We thank all current draw members for your support and hope you will be able to continue for the coming year. Please spread the word to friends and family to see if they'd like to join. Tel: 01795 842478 or Email David Lane on laneatborden@btinternet.com.



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPRING 2025



A Date for your Diary Newington Summer Fete Saturday 12th July 2025



Fun Dog Show • Children's Entertainment • Stalls & Attractions
Food and Drink • Fun Fair

The Great British Spring Clean

Join the Great British Spring Clean 2025 in Newington on Saturday 29th March, meeting in the Village Hall car park at 9.30. Bags and litter picking tools provided, bring your own gloves.



The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. There will be a free breakfast for volunteers which will kindly be provided by Rapid Relief Team and the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church. Please bring your family and friends to help make a real difference in our community. Local organisations are also very welcome to take part.

Village Sign Repairs

The village sign suffered some damage when it was blown over during one of January's storms. The sign is being repaired and a new column has been ordered. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Nisa Local Newington for its generous donation of £500 towards the cost of repairs



Swale West Community Hub

Everyone feels lonely from time to time, but when people are always lonely, they are likely to suffer significant ill health and other negative consequences.

I am keen that this is recognised and I have initiated a strategy for starting to tracking loneliness and social isolation with a focus on preventing people from feeling lonely all or most of the time.

The strategy is for everyone, recognising that loneliness affects people of all ages and stages of their lives. There is no quick fix to tackling loneliness entirely, but there can be a continued momentum and focus on the reality of people's life experiences

Our website is <http://www.swalewestcommunityhub.org.uk> and we would love to here from you if you have an event. All we ask is that you provide contact details and guarantee that anyone who contacts you will be met at the event and introduced to some of the people there. Councillor Mike Baldock

Do you have green fingers and a desire to make our village brighter

The Parish Council is looking for some volunteers to look after some of our planters and to suggest locations for new ones!

Our wonderful Allotments Association has been looking after the plants around our village sign and is happy to continue, they have also very kindly offered to look after the two planters by the bus stop next door to the Bull. But we are looking for people who could “adopt” the other planters and also for ideas and volunteers for some more.



The Parish Council will pay for the planters, soil, plants and bulbs but we need people to keep the planters tidy, updated and of course watered when needed. In addition if any of our local businesses would like to sponsor a planter – do get in touch!

So, if you feel able to commit to this, to help our village and our environment, do please message our Clerk email: clerk.npc@gmail.com and we will come back to you.

Financial Wellness Group

Would you like to feel more in control of your finances?

There is support available including: Guidance on budget management; Signposting to services which can give support with financial concerns including food banks; Working in partnership with local debt advisors. If you are interested in attending the group book a session at <https://financial-wellnessgroup.eventbrite.co.uk> or email: sittingbournepcn.referrals@nhs.net



Choral Society Invites you to Come and Sing Choral Classics

Saturday 3rd May 2025, 10.30am to 4pm

St Mary's Church, Horsham Lane, Upchurch ME9 7AL

Try singing 'I Was Glad' by Parry, 'Ave Verum' by Mozart and other beautiful choral classics led by accomplished Music Director Francesca Massey and accompanist Janet Stone. Finish the day with a short concert open to the public.

Fees: £15 (includes music hire, tea, coffee) for day's singing, £2 admission to concert at 3.30.

Contact Liz Walters 01634 61897 or email kbl.walters@talk21.com for further details and application form (advance booking required).

Kent Police Your Local Police Officer is Jez Chittim
External 101 email 13369@kent.police.uk

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Receive alerts from your local officers
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Sign up today and make your voice count

MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police

My Community Voice
Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway
mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Newington Community Speedwatch

We need more people to help.

Please contact Richard Palmer email RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk or mobile 07702 674721

More information at <https://www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch>

Village Voice Publication Schedule:

Online

April 2025

May 2025

July 2025

Paper delivery

June 2025

September 2025

December 2025

To view the Village Voice on line go to: www.newington-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The next Amenities committee meeting is on **Tuesday 18th March** at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Rec. The next full Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 25th March** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our fifteen minute agenda slot.

email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Parish Council Website www.newington-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council website contains information about the Council and its meetings. There is a planning tracker which gives up to date information on planning applications in the village. The site is full of useful information and you can also sign up for email alerts. Details of village organisations are available and if you would like details of your group to be included please contact the Clerk

Need a Venue for Groups or Special Occasions?

The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion is an ideal location for group and club meetings as well as children's parties and small social gatherings, It is available for hire at a preferential rate of £5 per hour for residents and village groups or £10 per hour for non-resident or commercial hire. For bookings please contact the Clerk, Wendy Licence 01622 739324 Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community? If so why not apply to become a Parish Councillor. Written expressions of interest must be sent to the Clerk. To find out what's involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com. Come along to a meeting to see what we do

Bingo at Newington Village Hall

First Thursday of the Month, 2pm £5 for 5 games. Bring a raffle prize worth winning Tea, Coffee & Biscuits included. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship.

Twenty is Plenty Bin Stickers

The Parish Council has acquired a number of wheelie bin self adhesive stickers for bins within the 20 zone. If your bin can be seen by drivers when it is waiting for collection or permanently please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence, and we will get one delivered email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

TWENTY IS PLENTY



Deadline for articles 20th of each month, please contact Tony Mould e-mail clrtmould.npc@gmail.com