

THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - December 2018

Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

REMEMBRANCE – WW1 Centenary

Reflecting on the Remembrance weekend, I have experienced a mixture of emotions – sadness, joy, gratitude, pride. I attended the service at the Community School, watched the Festival from the Royal Albert Hall on TV, attended the service at St Mary's and enjoyed the delicious meal provided by the Memorial Hall Committee for the Royal British Legion, to which I was kindly invited.

Sadness – for the many people who lost their lives in both World Wars.

Joy – for those who returned to their families

Gratitude – for those who gave their lives for their country, the ultimate sacrifice, in the hope that we may live a better life

Pride – for the way the country comes together, and especially in our local community, to celebrate events of this nature; especially this year for the way our younger generations have been encouraged to 'remember' and the impeccable behaviour and respect shown by the students of Newent Community School at their service, and the young people of Newent who took part in the parade and service on Sunday; the very tasteful and respectful appearance of our town with the shop windows and the poppies.

"We will remember them".

Poppy Display

The Town Council decided that the Centenary of the end of WW1 should be commemorated with a repeated display of poppies attached to posts



and brackets through the centre of town. We are pleased that this has met with a very favourable response from local people and visitors alike.

Better Bus Service

Although the Town Council has no say in the provision of the Stagecoach bus timetables 32/132, we welcome news of the restoration of a later evening Mon - Sat bus service between Gloucester, Newent and Ross in the new timetable. These late buses were cut in September 2015 and affected people who relied on public transport to travel to and from work, those who wished to use the leisure facilities in the bigger towns and those who prefer to use public transport to travel to and from places further afield. Please consider using the bus if you can at any time of the day or evening.

Use it or lose it.



Enforcement Notice - Culver Street

The District Council is our planning authority but local town councillors have long been concerned about the neglected site at No 9 Culver St. An enforcement notice has been issued to stop further building as the boundary of the original planning application has been grossly breached and two further houses have been started in addition to the nine that the developer had permission to build.



The Town Council has been briefed by a District Planning Officer following strong action decided by the District Planning Committee.

Newent Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The Steering Group for the Newent Neighbourhood Development Plan met for the first time on November 29th. Terms of Reference and a proposed Budget for the NDP were among the main items on the agenda.

We are entitled to a government grant to cover the essential expenses but the plan will be made by people who have volunteered their time, experience, views and expertise. Get in touch if you want to be involved with the plan.

Representation is welcome from individuals and organisations in the Newent area. Wide public consultation will take place as the plan progresses.

For more details, please refer to the NDP section on this website at the end of the Council menu.

Contacting your Councillors

If you wish to speak to one of the councillors, please contact us through the clerk or from the individual details elsewhere on this website.

