

# THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - January 2019

## Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

Following on from the Remembrance Services, I was invited to the 'Welcome Home' concert, staged by the Newent Branch of the Royal British Legion. The concert celebrated the end of WW1 and what an enjoyable evening it turned out to be. We have so much talent in our town and surrounding districts and every act excelled in its own way. A lot of hard work went into the organisation of the evening and I am grateful to the RBL for its kind invitation and my sincere thanks to everyone who took part or helped in any way whatsoever.

The concert gave me the opportunity to meet the new Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, Edward Gillespie, who was also present. He has succeeded Dame Janet Trotter, a hard act to follow, and it was a pleasure to meet him on such a poignant occasion.

Grateful thanks to Cllr Mrs Karen Draper and the team for all the hard work in making the Christmas Lights Switch On a success; special mention of our maintenance staff, Neil and Steve, for erecting the Christmas lights – they looked great!



Thank you to all those who took part in our Civic Carol Service in St Mary's Church and to those who attended the service on such an awful night weather-wise. I was pleased to welcome the Mayors from Ross-on-Wye and Cinderford, as well as representatives from many local organisations. Special thanks to Rev Simon Mason who led the Service.

## Police Meetings

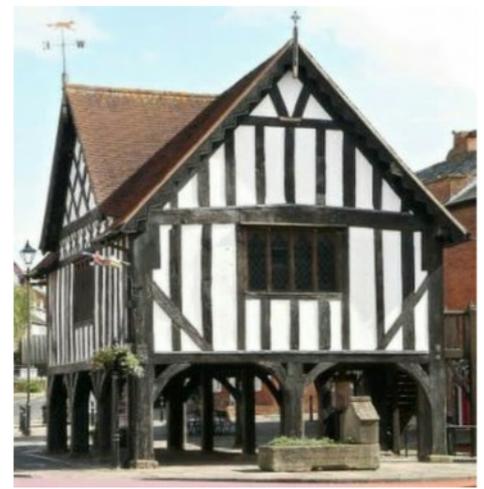
Our monthly meetings with the Police continue and this time we had the pleasure of the company of Chief Inspector Hodgetts, Sergeant Mark Burns and PC Dean Saunders, for a very interesting and positive discussion.

## Planning Matters

The Town Council has no veto over planning applications, but we scrutinise them and make recommendations. Importantly we can act as a first point of contact when residents have concerns about construction activity.

Recently we have been approached by a resident who had witnessed traffic hazards caused by tipper lorries, and a farmer whose ditches are being eroded by large volumes of water draining off a new housing development. Councillors and the Town Clerk can put people in touch with the appropriate agencies and make representations on their behalf.

We also encourage developers to present their ideas to us right at the outset, to reduce the chances of encountering objections later.



## The Market House

In 2018, a volunteer team of stewards welcomed well over 400 visitors to Newent's Market House to view the exhibition and artefacts at weekends during the tourist season. Most visitors were quite local but some came from as far as Singapore and Canada. New stewards are always welcome. Please get in touch if you would like to join the team.

Built in 1668 as a butter market, Newent's Market House replaced a previous market house which



A display to commemorate Newent's Town Crier, William.

occupied a location near to the site of the present library. Located at the town's original crossroad, it remains true to its original design, bar the addition of the rounded extension on the south east end, added in 1864 by Lord of the Manor, Richard Foley

## 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.

