

THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - July 2019

Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

On the evening of 5th June I was invited to attend a short service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church for D-Day 75, led by Rev Simon Mason, in which three local D-Day veterans were remembered, Pym Markey, Mel Jones and Victor Urch. Mr Urch is the only veteran still living and was in Normandy at the time of the service. Three roses were laid on the War Memorial, commemorating each of the veterans, followed by three fireworks being let off. The service, in the company of members of the Royal British Legion, was very poignant.



“Heroism, Courage and Sacrifice of those who lost their lives, must never be forgotten”. *Her Majesty the Queen at the Portsmouth Commemorations.*

Thank you to those Councillors who have planted up the summer flowers to support the Newent in Bloom team, and at the time of writing we await the arrival of the new tubs to enhance the appearance of our town even more. The pressure washing of the pavements has certainly made a difference and we hope the arrangements being made to encourage the pigeons to move to alternative habitats, will keep our pavements cleaner and healthier for all.

Newent turns pink

For a week in June, shop windows and window frames in the town centre were flushed pink to promote the National Breast Cancer Foundation's GoPink initiative. Newent Cricket Club led the project



locally and invited the Town Council to show support. We were pleased to do so by adorning the Market House with pink bows.

Pigeon Nuisance

Various methods of pigeon control have been tried out without lasting success in the past in the town centre. The Town Council is now seeking a tested solution by inviting a pest control expert to regularly visit the town over a period of time with various birds of prey. These should deter the pigeons from using their favourite haunts on our rooftops and ledges. The mess the pigeons leave is unsightly and a health hazard, and does nothing to enhance our town centre.



Planning

Newent Town Council sees all local planning applications. And is given the opportunity to comment on them.

However, the ultimate decisions are made by the FODDC Planners and the District Planning Committee.

Town Councillors are also invited to any site meetings if the application is contentious.

If members of the public have any concerns about a planning application, they can take the details from the green notice that will be displayed prominently on the proposed site or contact the Town Clerk who will ask the designated councillor to contact you to discuss any concerns.

Contacting your Councillors

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

