

# THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - November 2018

## Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

The local branch of Inner Wheel kindly invited me to cut a cake and plant a rose at their Jeans for Genes event at Newent Community School, a coffee morning - with lots of cake - was held at Newent Community School and although I would not normally wear jeans for my Mayoral duties, I felt on this occasion it was appropriate to do so. Thanks to Judith Taylor and all those who made me so welcome ... and, of course, to the ladies who made the delicious cakes!! The huge cake I cut was later donated to Sheppard House.

I understand that the various McMillan Coffee Mornings which were being held locally and to which I was invited, were successful - such a worthwhile cause. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend these as I was wearing my other hat as Secretary of the Midlands Branch of the National Vegetable Society at the Malvern Autumn Show.

St Michael and All Angels' Church in Ledbury was the venue for the Chairman of Ledbury Town Council's Civic Celebration which was a lovely occasion.

I am now looking forward to the Royal British Legion's centenary events for the end of WW1. our own Christmas Lights Switch-On and Civic Carol Service.



## Catching up on Social Media



A working group has been looking into creating a Facebook page for the Town

Council and a three month trial period has been given the go ahead. We hope that this will give more opportunity to reach the general public with news of events and other Town Council matters that affect the lives of Newent people.

## The Valegro Project

Newent boasts a gold post box celebrating the 2012 Olympic medal by local dressage rider Charlotte du Jardin.



A half-sized statue of Valegro, the famous dancing horse, is being proposed for Newent. The Town Council is making no financial contribution, the majority of the cost being met by private donation, but the project fits well with our vision to bring more visitors to the town.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.newentvalegrosculpture.co.uk/about>.

## Newent Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The Steering Group will meet for the first time later this month. Get in touch for more details.



## About the Town Council - some more FAQs.

See our August newsletter for the first set of Q & As.

**Q** - How often does the Town Council meet?

**A** - Meetings are usually held at 7.30pm every second and fourth Monday of the month at The Market House. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Q** - Is that all that councillors do?

**A** - Certainly not. They are active in working groups, sub-committees and as representatives of the council on outside bodies.

**Q** - Are Newent Town Councillors paid?

**A** - No. It is a voluntary position. Essential expenses can be claimed. At District and County level, Councillors can claim an allowance.

## 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.

