

THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - October 2018



Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

Once again the Onion Fayre saw many visitors and residents enjoy this annual event. As well as welcoming our regular visitor Mark Harper MP, making I believe his 18th consecutive appearance at the Fayre, and the Chair of the FODDC, Cllr Marilyn Smart, the Deputy Mayor and I were pleased to welcome Civic Guests from Ross-on-Wye, Coleford and Cinderford. Feedback from them was very positive. I wish to thank the Onion Fayre Committee for all the hard work they put in to make the event so successful.

Newent Town Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

This group has collated ideas for submission to Gloucestershire 2050, a project run by Leadership Gloucestershire whose aim is to create innovative proposals to prepare the county for the challenges of the future. In particular its aim is to encourage our young people to remain within the county, to enhance the towns, countryside and infrastructure of Gloucestershire as a county and to encourage visitors. YAG has put together a submission with ideas from the group and from individual councillors, which they believe will impact enormously on the future prosperity of Newent. One idea concerns making Newent a centre of farming excellence within the county, with Hartpury College being recognised as the key training provider of our farmers of the future.



CCTV Coverage

Whilst our CCTV cameras are maintained and serviced regularly to ensure that they are always working, the Town Council is pleased to say that it is currently in talks with the Police Headquarters at Waterwells to upgrade our systems.

Obviously all parts of the town cannot be covered by CCTV but the new proposed upgrades will give immediate communication with Waterwells, thus expediting any Police action which may be needed.



We have earmarked funds towards the cost of upgrading the system and are also applying for funding from other sources in order to assist with the expense that this upgrade will require. Further information will be published as and when it becomes available.

A Successful Season of Concerts

Organised by the Newent Initiative Trust (NIT), the free open-air Brass Band Concerts continued throughout the summer in Newent Park on the outdoor stage in front of the Lake. Every month they attracted a good sized audience who came prepared with their chairs and parasols. Held from 2.30 - 4.30 on Sunday afternoons, a variety of bands played a wide range of music including old favourites and new arrangements. Soloists had a chance to shine and then the whole band blasted out its

favourites. Delicious cakes were served in St Mary's Church during the interval along with drinks. The collection bucket was passed round and the amount raised helped towards the running of the Chill Out Youth Club. This year the Concerts were kindly sponsored by Naylor Powell Estate Agents in the High Street.



Details of future summer concerts are available at newent-online website and NIT's Facebook page. The Trust is supported by grants from Newent Town Council and other organisations.

Newent Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The application to designate the civil parish of Newent as the boundary of the NDP has been granted. Work is now starting on setting up the Steering group

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.

