



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

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Welcome

Dear reader, welcome to the latest edition of the Newent Town Council Newsletter.

Over the coming months we will aim to provide information that is useful and interesting.

If you have any relevant articles or information that could be of interest to Newent residents, please forward it to the Town Clerk.

townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk



Newent Town Council, with partners, are organising events and activities around the town, between Thursday 2nd June - Sunday 5th June.

Thursday 2 nd June	Reading of the Proclamation by the Rev. Simon Mason Mayor Councillor Mrs Christine Howley Raising of the Flag on behalf of Newent Town Council 10.00am Newent Town Centre
Friday 3 rd June	Memorial Hall Afternoon Cream Tea and nostalgic music 2.00pm-4.30pm: Booking in advance is required
Saturday 4 th June	Picnic by the Lake Family event – bring your own picnic: Bandstand music event 11.30am- 4.00pm: FREE PARKING AT THE MAIN TOWN CENTRE CAR PARK

Sunday 5 th June	Uniform Parade & Open-Air Queen's Jubilee Pentecost Service Assemble 10.00am: St Mary's Church Yard Step off 10.10am-10.15am: Arrive at the Lake Car Park by 10.25am Open Air Queen's Jubilee Pentecost Service starts 10.30am-11.30am Service Ends by 11.30am
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Queen's Platinum Jubilee

My memories of the Queen's Coronation: by June Davies (nee Webb)

I remember Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation very well; it was held on 2nd June 1953, the day before my 5th birthday and 3 months before I started school.

At that time, my mother, Milly Webb, worked for the Meek family at the local dairy (now Robert Jackson's).

The dairy in those days worked 7 days a week and my mother used to wash and sterilise the bottles, before filling and capping each one by hand. She would then put the bottles into crates for delivery.

Local legend, Joe Meek, did not work in the family business, he was a very keen electronics genius and worked for an electrical company.

Prior to the Coronation Joe had built what is thought to be, Newent's first television set, using a cathode ray tube and a polished wooden box.

In those days I used to go to work with my mother but spent a lot of time in the house with Mrs Meek.

It was very exciting when Joe first tested the television, black and white of course on a small screen, and the picture zoomed into the room. I watched the Coronation on that television.

Being a small child, I remember that the ceremony seemed very long. My Mum would pop in from the dairy every now and then to see what was happening, in between her milk duties.

All the children from the Watery Lane area were invited to a tea party in a big marquee on the recreation ground, where we were presented with a Coronation mug and plate. **I still have mine to this day.**

As far as I know, none of my friends actually saw the Coronation until it came to Newent Picture House on pathe news.



(Picture: My Mum and me in 1953)

I still feel very proud that I saw it as it happened on the TV built by Joe Meek.

Joe's ambition in those days was to take his skills to London to set up his own recording studio, which he quite soon achieved.

My connection with the Meek family remains to this day and I have very happy memories of the time I spent with them, and always looking forward, as a teenager, to Joe coming home, usually with new recordings which were about to be released.

Thank you, June Davies, for sharing such a wonderful memory with us.

We would be keen to include your information. Please contact us if you are organising an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Also do you, a family member or friend remember the Coronation of 1953? If 'YES', we may be keen to publish the story.

Please send all articles to the Town Clerk townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Market House Stewards - Volunteers Needed



DO YOU KNOW that Newent has a museum in the Market House?

We have hundreds of delighted visitors each year, some local and others visiting the Forest of Dean from other parts of the country or overseas.

Every year we also get a few people who are looking into their family history and it's fun to help them find a little more information from our collection of books.

So, if you like people, can give a few hours on the occasional summer weekend, and are interested in local history, join us as a Market House Steward.

Find out more from Ginny 01531 821904.

During the next two months, the Market House is scheduled to be open to visitors between 0930 and 1330 on:

Saturdays 16th, 23rd & 30th April

Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th May

Litterpick Event – Saturday 26th March



Brownies & their leaders, parents, grandparents, residents & councillors litter picked around the town on a sunny day in March, for an incredible 3 hours! The event was scheduled for just one hour, but the amazing volunteers went above and beyond.

Over 24 bags of rubbish were collected; separated along the way into recyclable & non-recyclable items. A total of 15 bags of rubbish was recycled and the other 9 bags or so were destined for the tip.

The event was undertaken with Newent in Bloom, as part of this year's Great British Spring Clean.

A huge thank you to all involved, who really did make the town a much cleaner and more pleasant environment for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

Get Involved with Local Climate Action

Forest of Dean Climate Action has been established to coordinate a district wide community-based response to the climate emergency. It will bring together communities, businesses, and organisations across the district to deliver community climate action through collaboration, empowerment, and knowledge sharing, with the imperative of driving the district to become carbon neutral by 2030.

The partnership recently launched a new website where members of the community can sign up to a newsletter and learn more about how they could get involved, and groups and organisations can sign up to be partners.

www.forestofdeanclimateaction.org.uk

Joe Meek Society

On Saturday 2nd April, at the Market House, Pete Rochford, Chairman of the Joe Meek Society, presented Newent Town Council with a bust of music pioneer Joe Meek. The gift was received by Mayor Councillor Mrs Christine Howley on behalf of Newent Town Council. The bust will be returned to the Market House once it has been finished in the kiln.



Born Robert George "Joe" Meek (5 April 1929 – 3 February 1967) he is considered one of the most influential sound engineers of all time.

His music topped the charts in the 1960's, with numerous popular hits. His reputation for

experiments in recording music was acknowledged by the Music Producers Guild who in 2009 created "The Joe Meek Award for Innovation in Production"

His commercial success as a producer was short-lived, and he gradually sank into debt and depression. On 3 February 1967, using a shotgun owned by a fellow musician, Meek killed his landlady, Violet Shenton, and then shot himself.

Robert George "Joe" Meek was buried at Newent Cemetery. His black granite tombstone can be found near the middle of the cemetery.

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED



Gloucestershire Young Women & Girls Mentoring Project is aimed at assisting those who are currently facing challenges in their lives, requiring support and encouragement to help set achievable goals as well as raising awareness of their mental and emotional well-being. We are therefore looking for local people to help support this work through providing mentoring on a one-to-one basis.

Would you consider applying for a fulfilling volunteer opportunity that benefits these young women and girls in your own community? The rewards of volunteering can be huge. Seeing your involvement making a tangible difference is the greatest job satisfaction and volunteering is also a fantastic opportunity to:

- *Meet new people*
- *Be part of a supportive and genuine staff team*
- *Make a real difference to someone*
- *Gain an invaluable insight into a world you may never have realised existed*
- *Build experience that can have a positive impact on your own life*

Aims and positive outcomes for Young Women and Girls:

- Achieve goals for the future
- Increase personal resilience
- Become more independent and self sufficient
- Increase self confidence

- Develop a positive outlook and feeling of wellbeing
- Build on strengths and reach potential

As a volunteer mentor we ask that you:

- Can commit to 12 months volunteering
- Have a non-judgemental approach
- Are a great listener
- Can maintain confidentiality
- Are able to empathize with others from different backgrounds, faiths, or ethnicities
- Are able to attend training and supervision sessions
- Are determined and not easily discouraged

We particularly encourage applications from females and those with 'lived experience' who have faced their own challenges.



All volunteering is subject to an Enhanced DBS check and references. Thames Valley Partnership will provide the necessary training and support to carry out the role. We reimburse expenses incurred whilst volunteering. **For more information about volunteering or to request an application form, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Emma via emma@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk or 07949455415**

This project is offered by Thames Valley Partnership, a registered charity of 28 years, (reg. charity no. 1031545) providing a range of support services. Visit our website for more information <https://thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk/>.

Meetings and Events

Royal British Legion Meetings

Newent & District Branch. Contact the Branch Chairman on newent.chairman@rbl.community

Come along to one of our meetings which takes place on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Memorial Hall, Newent, starting at 7pm.

Newent Town Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday of the month - Start time 7pm

May to December:

Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent (subject to change)

May: 9th (AGM) & 23rd

June: 13th & 27th

July: 11th & 25th

August: 8th

September: 12th & 26th

October: 10th & 24th

November: 14th & 28th

December: 12th

Visit the Council's website – www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk for up-dated information

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Deadline for articles to be included is Friday 20th May 2022

Email to Town Clerk marked 'Newsletter'.
townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

The Editor's decision is final.



JOB VACANCY DEPUTY CLERK & BURIALS OFFICER

**Salary SCP 19-24 £25,278 - £29,167 per annum
Dependent upon experience and qualifications
37 hours per week – flexible working hours**

Newent Town Council is a proactive Council in the Forest of Dean which provides a wide range of quality services.

The Town Council is seeking a highly motivated forward-thinking individual who has excellent organisational, leadership, IT and administrative abilities and a good knowledge of local government; as well as a proven track record in financial management.

Benefits include membership of the Local Government Pensions Scheme.

Further details including Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form are available by emailing townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk or visit the Council's website www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Friday 27th May 2022

No CVs will be accepted without completion of an application form.

Interviews will be held between Wednesday 15th June 2022 & Wednesday 22nd June 2022

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL & BURIAL AUTHORITY
COMMITTEE MEETING DATES From May 2022 – May 2023

Room G4 Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent

Planning & Environment – Starts 7.00pm

Full Council Meetings: Finance & Staffing Committee: Communities Committee: Regeneration Committee (Starts 7.30pm or soonest after Planning & Environment Committee)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	REGENERATION COMMITTEE	FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL
MAY 23rd	MAY -	MAY -	MAY -	MAY 23 rd
JUNE 13 th & 27 th	JUNE -	JUNE -	JUNE 13 th	JUNE 27 th
JULY 11 th & 25 th	JULY 11 th	JULY	JULY -	JULY 25 th
AUGUST 8 th	AUGUST -	AUGUST 8 th	AUGUST -	AUGUST -
SEPTEMBER 12 th & 26 th	SEPTEMBER -	SEPTEMBER -	SEPTEMBER 12 th	SEPTEMBER 26 th
OCTOBER 10 th & 24 th	OCTOBER 10 th	OCTOBER -	OCTOBER -	OCTOBER 24 th
NOVEMBER 14 th & 28 th	NOVEMBER -	NOVEMBER 14 th	NOVEMBER -	NOVEMBER 28 th
DECEMBER 12 th	DECEMBER -	DECEMBER	DECEMBER 12 th	DECEMBER 12 th
JANUARY 9 th & 23 rd	JANUARY 9 th	JANUARY -	JANUARY -	JANUARY 23 rd
FEBRUARY 13 th & 27 th	FEBRUARY -	FEBRUARY 13 th	FEBRUARY -	FEBRUARY 27 th
MARCH 13 th & 27 th	MARCH -	MARCH -	MARCH 13 th	MARCH 27 th
APRIL 24 th	APRIL -	APRIL -	APRIL -	APRIL 24 th
MAY 8 th & 22 nd	MAY -	MAY 8 th	MAY -	MAY 22 nd
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