



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

Gifted by the family of the Late Peter Harris (1925-1995)

Peter was brought up in Newent from the age of 10 years when he joined his aunty and uncle (Mr & Mrs Jack Jones), who ran the Cobblers Shop.



Peter started work for International Stores, Newent, as the bicycle delivery boy prior to joining the Coldstream Guards during World War II.

He returned to Newent, working for International Stores for over 46 years.

Peter's children John, Linda and Jenny had this picture commissioned by Mike Thurston for their father's 70th birthday.

They have kindly donated it to Newent Town Council through Councillor Mrs Julia Gooch, Chairman of Forest of Dean District Council, which was received by Mayor Councillor Mrs Christine Howley on behalf of Newent Town Council.

Newent Town Council would like to thank the family of Mr Harris for their generous and thoughtful gift.

Town Council Moving Location

Newent Town Council has moved to the Annexe building to the rear of Glebe Community Centre.





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

We would be keen to include your information, if you are organising an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, into the published programme.

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

Branch Secretary for Royal British Legion

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - June 2022

On the eve of the 70th anniversary of her Accession to the throne, The Queen wrote a message thanking everyone for their support.



SANDRINGHAM HOUSE

5th February, 2022.

Tomorrow, 6th February, marks the 70th anniversary of my Accession in 1952. It is a day that, even after 70 years, I still remember as much for the death of my father, King George VI, as for the start of my reign.

As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service.

As I look ahead with a sense of hope and optimism to the year of my Platinum Jubilee, I am reminded of how much we can be thankful for. These last seven decades have seen extraordinary progress socially, technologically and culturally that have benefitted us all; and I am confident that the future will offer similar opportunities to us and especially to the younger generations in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth.

I am fortunate to have had the steadfast and loving support of my family. I was blessed that in Prince Philip I had a partner willing to carry out the role of consort and unselfishly make the sacrifices that go with it. It is a role I saw my own mother perform during my father's reign.

This anniversary also affords me a time to reflect on the goodwill shown to me by people of all nationalities, faiths and ages in this country and around the world over these years. I would like to express my thanks to you all for your support. I remain eternally grateful for, and humbled by, the loyalty and affection that you continue to give me. And when, in the fullness of time, my son Charles becomes King, I know you will give him and his wife Camilla the same support that you have given me; and it is my sincere wish that, when that time comes, Camilla will be known as Queen Consort as she continues her own loyal service.

And so as I look forward to continuing to serve you with all my heart, I hope this Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities – after some difficult times for so many of us – in order to enjoy the celebrations and to reflect on the positive developments in our day-to-day lives that have so happily coincided with my reign.

Tom Servant

Elizabeth II



The Newent & District branch of the British Legion has a vacancy for the role of Branch Secretary. **This is a voluntary role.**

Duties are as follows:

1. To act as point of contact for receipt of correspondence issued by the County/District Committee/Staff, Membership Council and Board of Trustees, and to ensure all correspondence received is communicated to the Branch Committee for appropriate action.
2. To liaise with the Branch Chairman in the preparation of the Agenda for all Branch Meetings, ensuring that all the Branch Committee are furnished with relevant details.
3. To attend and record Minutes of all General and Committee Meetings and safeguard all papers and documents of the Branch.
4. The Branch Secretary has a very important task in that they are responsible to the Branch Chairman and Committee for the efficient management of the Branch administration.

If you are interested in taking on this role and contributing towards the Branch activities, playing an important part in the health, welfare & wellbeing of our veterans and servicemen in the local community **please contact** newent.chairman@rbl.community or call **Richie on 07879 291098.**

Market House Steward - 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.

Annual Assembly

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Monday 25th April, 6pm – 8.30pm
Newent Community School Main Hall

The annual assembly is the public's opportunity to find out about the Town Council's activities during the past year and ask the Councillors questions. The formal proceedings will commence at 7pm

During the hour prior to this, from 6pm, members of the public can visit exhibition stands by local service providers/organisations.

If your local organisation is interested in booking a space for a promotional stand, please contact:

admin@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

by Friday 11th March 2022

Forest Voluntary Action Forum

Become a member of FVAF today for FREE (<http://eepurl.com/gSofxi>) and join our movement in supporting volunteering and community action in the Forest of Dean.

Forest Voluntary Action Forum is a Disability Committed Employer, a member of the Dementia Action Alliance, the NcVO and the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs.

Forest Voluntary Action Forum is the volunteering and voluntary sector support and development agency for the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire and is a registered charity No. 1141126. Website www.fvaf.org.uk

NEW DATES FOR 2022



Newent Community Building Drop-in Hub

Pop in to chat face to face with your local community builder

Newent Hub Relaunch Date

Thursday 10th February 2021

2pm until 5pm
(Running Weekly)

Venue

Newent Chillout Zone
36 Broad St, Newent GL18 1AJ

We can offer help with:

- * Volunteering opportunities
- * Employability support
- * Local activity groups & clubs
- * IT & digital support
- * Local event information
- * Sign posting to local services

“ The drop-in hub provides support to create, inspire and build stronger communities together ”

Pop on in to a friendly environment to chat with your designated community builder who is passionate to support bringing YOUR ideas for the community to life! The Hub also provides a variety of support, advice and guidance for local residents.

For further details please contact us on:

fvaf.org.uk @ [community@fvaf.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/community@fvaf.org.uk) 01594 822073



“ Share your vision and ideas to build a stronger community ”

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?



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Walking in Gloucestershire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said *'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'*

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk
john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Meetings and Events

Newent Town Council Meetings

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

Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent. Start 7.00pm January – April Start 7.00pm

28th February: 14th & 28th March:

11th & 25th (Annual Parish Meeting) April:

May- December Venues TBC

9th (AGM) & 23rd May: 13th & 27th June: 11th & 25th

July: 8th August: 12th & 26th September:

10th & 24th October:

14th & 28th November: 12th December

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.

Visit the Council's Facebook page for more information

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Deadline for articles to be included is Friday 18th March 2022

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