



# Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

## NEWSLETTER

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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.

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### Christmas Home Decoration Competition Winners Announced

The Winners of the Home Decoration Competition were announced on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Residents who transform outside their homes for Christmas, were invited to enter the competition, for which there were 1st, 2nd & 3rd place vouchers for use in numerous local outlets.

The Council applauds the high standard of displays and great efforts made by so many households to bring sparkle & festive cheer across our neighbourhoods.

Taking first prize, was Aaron George & family, with their amazing display of lights, Christmas characters & handmade sleigh with gifts.

### Winning Christmas Display





Runner up was Kevin Brown & family with a wonderful show on the theme of the North Pole.

In third place was Emma Scott & family who created a colourful festive woodland display.

The Council thanks the householders and retailers who supported the event.

The Council would like to thank local residents for the colourful, cheery and festive scenes across the Town.

## Newent Town Council Civic Carol Service



On behalf of Newent Town Council, the Mayor held the Civic Carol Service at St Mary's Church Newent on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

Rev. Simon Mason opened the Service with a Bidding Prayer and there were Readings from invited guests.

Newent Dolphin Club performed "Away in a Manger", the Federation of Newent Schools performed "Child in a Manger Born", "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "I want to be Joseph" poem.

There were Readings from Councillors, dignitaries and local community representatives.



The Civic Ceremony culminated in a Blessing from Rev. Simon Mason.

After the Service mulled wine and minced pies were served at the Memorial Hall, with local violinist Ellie providing the music.

Thank you to the organisers and all those involved in this Civic event.

### **Newent & District Rotary Club**

A registered charity called Senior Citizens Liaison Team, based in Bristol, provides 'Chat Benches' to encourage people to sit and chat whilst out and about in town.

The Newent & District Rotary Club approached the Charity regarding having such a bench in Newent.

Thanks to the work of the local community and their fund-raising efforts, a grant was provided for a bench from the charity.

The bench has been installed by the Market House, with plaques attached recognising the hard work by the Charity Senior Citizens Liaison Team (SCLT) and the Rotary in having the bench in place.



### **Newent and District Branch of the Royal British Legion - New Traditions**

There has been a war memorial to the memory of the fallen of Newent at St Mary's Church since 1920 and later additional names were added to include those from Newent who sadly lost their lives in WWII.

However the names on the memorial did not match up with those records contained in the church or other parish records.

Newent History Society took on the challenge to painstakingly research and list over a 3-year period a much more comprehensive list of the fallen from WWI & WWII, all in all they recovered an extra 21 men whose names had been omitted from the war memorial.

The findings were so comprehensive the Newent History Society produced a book detailing the exploits of all 110 men who sadly did not return, the book is titled '*We Will Remember Them*'.

The Newent and District Branch of the Royal British Legion have therefore created a new tradition of naming the fallen from Newent for that particular month, during our meetings as part of the Act of Remembrance therefore ensuring the sacrifices these brave and courageous men gave in the service of King/Queen and Country will never be forgotten.

This new tradition has been ever present during the monthly meetings in our 'Act of Remembrance' since August 2017, included in that remembrance is a monthly changing poster of the fallen which is displayed in both St Mary's Church and the Memorial Hall.



## Meetings and Events

### Newent Town Council Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month - Start time 7pm

24<sup>th</sup> January

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting) April

9<sup>th</sup> (AGM) 23<sup>rd</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July

8<sup>th</sup> August

12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September

10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November

12<sup>th</sup> December

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

Start 7.00pm May- December Venues TBC

### Royal British Legion Meetings

Newent & District Branch. Contact the Branch Chairman on [newent.chairman@rbl.community](mailto:newent.chairman@rbl.community),

Come along to one of our meetings which takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## Keep Britain Tidy

We are pleased to announce that our seventh annual #GBSpringClean and #GBSchoolClean will take place from **25 March – 10 April 2022**.



For more information [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)

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