



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

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Newent Community Centre
Ross Road Newent
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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

Showing support to Ukraine and the Ukrainian community.



Town Council Moving Location

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



Newent Town - Litter-pick

Saturday 26th March



10.30am, meet at the seat by the Market House

All welcome to come and help for an hour, or less if you wish, every little helps! Accompanied children welcome.



Arranged by Newent in Bloom & Newent Town Council with help provided by Forest of Dean Street Wardens and Co-op staff



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.

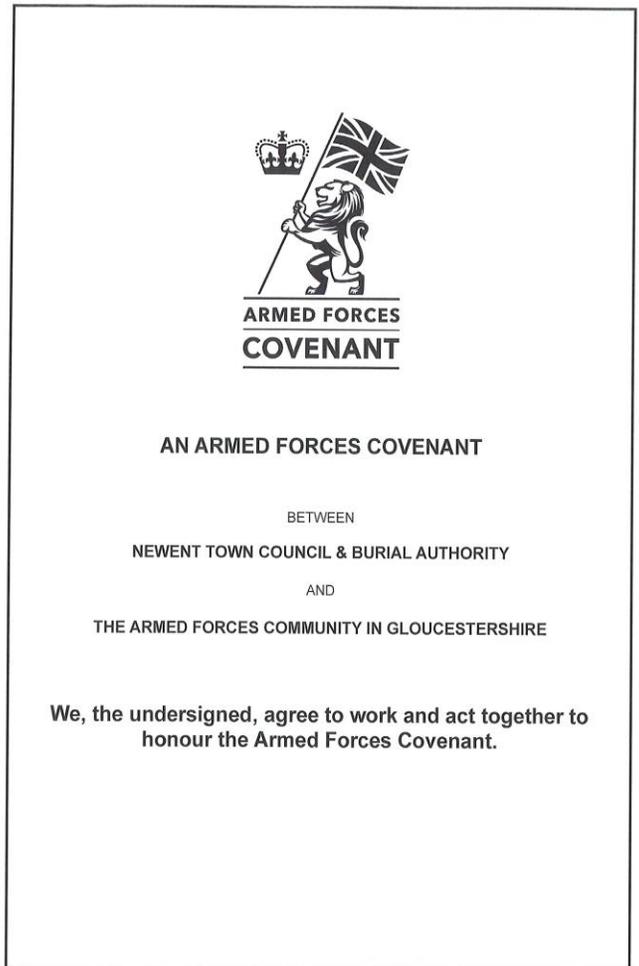
Also do you, a family member or friend remember the Coronation of 1953?

If 'YES', we may be keen to publish the story & your story could be part of the collection of 'Living Archive' information being collected by the Council.

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

Armed Forces Covenant

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Christine Howley, on behalf of Newent Town Council, has once again shown its commitment to the Armed Forces by re-signing the commitment to the serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Gloucestershire.



Branch Secretary for Royal British Legion



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.

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.

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.

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

Bring and Buy Sale for Ukraine

A Bring and Buy Sale was held on 12th March in the Memorial Hall, to raise much needed money for the people of Ukraine. Generous Residents & businesses from all over Newent donated their time, money & goodwill in support of this venture. There was a steady stream of customers and items for sale included cakes, plants, costume jewellery, lotions & potions, children's clothing & toys, adult clothing and bric-a-brac.

Refreshments included teas, coffees, hot chocolate, squash, biscuits & Welsh cakes. Everyone played their part in what was a brilliant effort by several committed volunteers Chris. The Newent & District Branch of the Royal British Legion oversaw the counting of the proceeds.

This worthwhile fundraising event could not have taken place without the excellent support and generosity of Newent & area residents, which resulted in a grand total of £1418 (including card payments). All the money raised will go to the Ukrainian fund of the British Red Cross, who will be putting the money to good use where it is most needed.



Joe Meek Society

Pete Rochford, Chairman of the Joe Meek Society, aims to bring more visitors to Joe's hometown of Newent. He is promoting Joe Meek projects & events similar to those that have proved popular before.



The Joe Meek bust is one such project and Pete is personally donating the bust to Newent Market House.

The unveiling of the Joe Meek bust is on Saturday 2nd April 2022, when there is also the society's AGM and live entertainment event at the George Hotel in Newent. The evening of live music will be for Joe Meek fans and local people to enjoy.

As part of the 50th anniversary event for Joe Meek, Pete raised £2280 for the Dolphin Club, who were presented with a cheque.



Reeds in Newent Lake

Over time the reed beds in the lake spread to an uncontrollable level. Previously, reeds have been pulled out by hand but this resulted in them somewhat spreading further out from the banks.



Following consultation with the Environment Agency, it was determined that the best way forward was to remove the reeds and the roots as this would give a longer period before the problem recurred.

Many pieces of hire equipment & plant were considered to undertake the works, scheduled for February- March. During these months, dissolved oxygen levels aren't an issue and fish haven't started spawning. The work took about 5 days, with the equipment minimising damage to the lake area.

Pictured below is a member of staff being trained to use the amphibious clamshell grab.



PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS
Holiday Activity and Food Play Session

**The Paddock at Newent Lake,
Newent
GL18 1AR**

///bolts.elevated.following
**Tuesday 12th April 2022
11am to 3pm**

NEWENT INITIATIVE TRUST
A FORWARD THINKING COMMUNITY

Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL

Department for Education

For more information including how to register for HAF and book activities this Easter visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/

Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

These play session may be affected by Covid-19 infections and restrictions. Check for up to date details on our social media.

Play Gloucestershire
Transforming lives through the power of play
www.playgloucestershire.org.uk
@play_glos @playgloucestershire

Meetings and Events

Newent Town Council Meetings

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

Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent. Start 7pm January – April Start 7pm

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

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Deadline for articles to be included is Friday 22nd April 2022

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