



Newent Town Council and Burial Authority

NEWSLETTER

May 2022

Issue 7

Annexe Building rear of
Newent Community Centre
Ross Road Newent
Gloucs. GL18 1BD

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

Tree Carving Project – Newent Lake



Work has started on carvings for the lake area
.....watch this space!

See also Jubilee carving below; part of the amazing sculpture being created at the far end of the lake.





Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Join Newent in celebrating

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thurs 2nd June
Reading of the Proclamation by the Rev. Simon Mason
Mayor Councillor Mrs Christine Howley
Raising the Flag on behalf of Newent Town Council
10.00am - Newent Library

Friday 3rd June
Memorial Hall
Afternoon Cream Tea and nostalgic music
2.00 - 4.30pm
Booking in advance required.
Call Mary on 01531 820264

Saturday 4th June
Picnic by the Lake
Bring your own picnic
Rotary Club Hog Roast
Scones, Jam & Cream
Children's Magician
Live Music & Entertainment
11.30am - 4.00pm
Free Parking at the main town car park

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

Come and enjoy this wonderful occasion

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE
WWW.NEWENTTOWNCOUNCIL.ORG.UK

Memories of the Queen- A Personal Story

Every year at Christmas time, many people watch the television or listen to the radio to hear the Queen's speech.

One stuck in my memory is the speech of December 2016, where she shared her personal experience and urged everyone to see *"the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe"*,

as inspired by her biblical inspiration and the example of Jesus Christ.

So many tributes from people of all walks of life are being paid to this remarkable and inspirational and historic figure that is Queen Elizabeth II.

As someone that grew up in one of the commonwealth nations, I'm adding a tribute to celebrate her contribution to making a huge difference to the world as we know it.

In 1952, on her accession to the throne, she poignantly stated that *"the Commonwealth bears no resemblance to the empires of the past. It is an entirely new conception built on the highest qualities of the spirit of man: friendship, loyalty, and the desire for freedom and peace."* I would like to believe that her leadership led to the gaining of independence of many of the Commonwealth nations, living true to her words.

By no means being perfect, the monarch has been a bridge of hope to many around the world.

In that 2016 Christmas speech she rallied for all people to work together, encouraging all that *"on our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine"*. What a mantra to live by!

Drawing from her Majesty's vast experiences, she also reminded us during the speech that, *"to be inspirational you don't have to save lives or win medals"*.

As a community in the town of Newent and as individuals too, what a huge difference it would make if we would continue to follow in these inspirational exhortations.

I believe it would be the highest honour to her as she marks 70 years since her coronation....her legacy would keep living on in generations to come!

Many congratulations on your Platinum Jubilee your Majesty!

Thank you for being such an inspiration.

By Mrs Wanja Odhiambo

2022 Annual Parish Assembly

A big thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the Annual Parish Assembly on 27th April. Special thanks go to all the stall holders for creating a community event before the official meeting commenced.

The ten local organisations with promotional stands/attended were:

Buses 4 Us, Citizens Advice Bureau, Newent Climate Group, Neighbourhood Development Plan, Newent in Bloom, Newent Initiative Trust, Sheppard House, The Newent Shed, The Recycling Shop and Newent Youth Action Group

Pictured below is Mayor of Newent, Christine Howley, with representatives of Newent Initiative Trust.



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:

Saturday 28th May

Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th,
Saturdays 11th, 18th, 25th June

Beware of RATs

Gloucestershire Police is warning people about RAT scams which are currently targeting our communities. A "RAT" is a Remote Access Tool - which a fraudster may try to install on your computer or smart device. This will allow them to steal your data - and your money.

Fraudsters are making telephone calls purporting to be from a technology or telecoms company such as Microsoft, Amazon, or Virgin Media. The victim is tricked into following the fraudster's instructions to install RAT software during the telephone call. Victims are also targeted via "pop-up" messages which appear on their screen whilst browsing the internet. The pop-up is designed to panic or frighten you into clicking a link, which will trigger installation of the RAT.

⚠ Never allow remote access to your computer following an unsolicited call, text message or browser pop-up.

Please help the police raise awareness of this scam by informing your elderly or vulnerable relatives, friends and neighbours.

Please note, the police are unable to accept reports of crime through Your Neighbourhood Alerts. You can report non-emergency crime online. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Dog Fouling

There are far too frequent incidents of people allowing dogs in their charge to foul in public places and failing to remove the dog mess.

These public places include roads, footpaths, verges, parks, playing fields and sports grounds.

Dog faeces is a very serious problem: The faeces carry many germs that can cause illness and in extreme cases results in blindness; the faeces is also offensive to smell & to look at and is extremely unpleasant to step in.

Ideally, dogs should be trained from an early age to go at home in their own garden before or after a walk, rather than during.



However, if dog fouling occurs away from home, it can be quickly and easily removed using any suitable plastic bag without your hands coming into contact with the faeces. The tied bag of faeces can be then placed in a dog waste bin or taken home for disposal. If this is not possible, as a last resort, double-wrap in two plastic bags and dispose of in a litter bin.

Bags of dog faeces, as with any waste, should not be strewn around on the ground, in hedges or elsewhere.

Dog fouling issues in Newent parish can be reported to the Forest of Dean District Council:

<https://www.fdean.gov.uk/environment/litter-street-cleaning-and-dog-fouling/>

VMCC Cotswold Section Regularity Road Trial

10th July 2022

The VMCC is an international club with well over 1000 members in the UK.



Membership is open to anyone with an interest in bikes over 25 years old. There are many local sections, including The Herefordshire & Mid-Wales, The Gwent and The Cotswold.

The Regularity Road Trial on July 10th is around 80 miles (with a shorter route available for particularly slow or elderly machines & riders). When they start the riders have no prior knowledge of the route and have to follow a set of instructions which they attach to their petrol tank or handlebars. They start at one-minute intervals and the aim (apart from not getting lost) is to maintain a steady average pace of 18, 20 or 24 miles per hour. Devices such as sat-navs, travel computers, electronic speedos etc. are not permitted, and milometers must be covered over so riders can't be sure how far they've ridden.

Entrants will be starting near Westbury-on-Severn from around 1000, and meander through Blaisdon, Aston Ingham, Gorsley, Dymock, Newent, Redmarley, Castlemorton, Tirley, Staunton, Tibberton and Huntley, amongst other places. There will be a lunch-halt at the Lower Lode in Forthampton between around 1200 and 1400.

Over 60 entries are expected, including bikes of all shapes and sizes from 25 to 100+ years old.

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 Meetings

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

May to December:

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

May: 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

Annual General Meeting

At the Council's AGM on 9th May, the following positions were filled:

Mayor

Cllr Mrs Christine Howley (re-elected)

Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mrs Mary Duffield (re-elected)

Finance & Staffing Committee

Cllr Mrs Karen Draper (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Sandra Marcovecchio (Vice-Chairman)

Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr Mrs Gill Moseley (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Kay Selwyn (Vice-Chairman)

Regeneration Committee

Cllr Roger Beard (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Ruth Wadley (Vice-Chairman)

Communities Committee

Cllr Mrs Wanja Odhiambo (Chairman)

Other Councillors were elected onto these Committees.

In addition, Councillors were appointed for specific roles and Council representatives on outside bodies.

The full list for all the positions can be found on the Council's website:

www.newenttowncouncil.org.uk

Council Contact Details

Newent Town Clerk

Michael Greenfield 01531 820638
townclerk@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Newent Town Councillors

Christine Howley (Mayor) 01531 820977
christine.howley@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Mary Duffield (Deputy Mayor) 01989 720809
mary.duffield@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Roger Beard 01531 820672
roger.beard@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Karen Draper 07910656159
karen.draper@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Julia Gooch 01531 821084
julia.gooch@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Sandra Marcovecchio 01531 820126
sandra.marcovecchio@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Gill Moseley 01531 820826
gill.moseley@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Wanja Odhiambo 07444 713552
wanja.odhiambo@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Alan Ralph 07512 554145
alan.ralph@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Kay Selwyn 07807 159980
kay.selwyn@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Ruth Wadley 01531 820653
ruth.wadley@newenttowncouncil.gov.uk

Forest of Dean District Councillors

Julia Gooch 01531 821084
Gill Moseley 01531 820826
Vilnis Vesma 07773 781427

Gloucestershire County Councillor

Gill Moseley 01531 820826

Disclaimer: Newent Town Council does its best to verify information published but does not take any responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of information provided by other contributors.

Newent Town Council is not responsible for the content of external sites nor is it an endorsement of any organisation or service – details provided for information only and correct at the time of publishing.

Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue (July) is Friday 22nd July 2022

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

The Editor's decision is final.

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
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	REGENERATION COMMITTEE	FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL