

The Cherries Pre-school

It is with great sadness that we announce the Cherries Pre-School Charity will close its doors for the last time on Friday 16th December, 2022.

The decision has been a difficult one, but the pressure of recruiting a new voluntary committee each year, the ever-changing government expectations, static funding, rising costs and the Covid Pandemic have all taken their toll and closure was the last resort.

The Pre-School was founded over 50 years ago! Set up by a small group of mothers who required pre-school care for their own children whilst recognising a wider need in the community. It has evolved in size, name and venue during the decades. Originally operating from the Methodist Hall, then the Village Hall (old & new) and eventually the nursery building at Newington School.

The staff and committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the Cherries in any way over the years.

However, the Pre-School **Will Continue** to provide care to the local young children.

From January 2023 it will be amalgamated into the Newington Primary School. Current staff, attending children and the waiting list will NOT be affected as the current management team work to ensure a seamless transition. However, it will mean after years of dedicated and tireless work, the current Manager's will be moving on to pastures new at the end of December, and we would like to thank and wish them well in all that they do.

Village Bowls

Newington Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club is currently welcoming new members. We meet at Newington Village Hall for two hour sessions starting at 2pm on Mondays and 7pm on Wednesdays. Tuition and club bowls are provided for beginners. Just turn up or phone Kate on 07759 626354 for further information.



Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for October 2022

The October 2022 Restoration Fund Draw has taken place, with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£25	135	Charlotte Davies
2nd	£20	162	Terence Neale
3rd	£18	196	Mrs M Stickle
4th	£15	4	Mrs M Hattie
5th	£10	232	Mrs Judy Baron

Prizes will be winging their way to the new winners within the next few days. Meanwhile, if anyone is interested in joining our Monthly Draw, I will be pleased to hear from you by phone or email: Tel: 01795 844002 or Email: j.hack126@talktalk.net.

Thank you everyone and kind regards. Joyce Hack Restoration Fund Organiser

Deadline for articles 20th of each month, please contact Tony Mould e-mail clirmouldnpc@gmail.com



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Swale CVS Transport Service

Swale Volunteer Centre runs a Volunteer Transport Scheme for local residents who would otherwise be unable to attend essential appointments such as doctor, dentist and hospital.

The transport scheme is delivered by volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles and give their time freely to take you to your essential medical appointments. For users of the service there is a small annual admin fee and a charge, payable directly to the driver, for each journey to help with petrol and vehicle running costs.

There may be a number of reasons why you may not be able to use public transport such as age, disability, accessibility, times, mobility and costs. Please contact SCVS to see if you are eligible to join the scheme.



Costs and How it Works

Available to all local residents who have difficulty in using public transport, there is a registration fee of £25 and thereafter an annual fee of £25 per person, payable to Swale CVS to help cover administration costs. Journeys are charged at a rate of 50p per mile (with a minimum charge of £5.00) with an additional £1 admin charge per journey.

When booking a driver please notify of any mobility aids to ensure these can be accommodated and the approximate length of time your appointment is likely to take. The person taking your booking is also a volunteer giving their time to help you. Your driver will be happy to wait with you for a reasonable time (up to 2 hours). All trips must be booked through the office to comply with insurance cover.

Contact

Telephone: 01795 426647 select option 1 Email: zoe.deveson@swalecvs.co.uk

This line is open Monday – Thursday between 09:30 and 14:30 (if urgent i.e. your driver is late or your appointment is cancelled select option 5)

Brickland Hedgerow

The hedgerow has been ripped out from the field running along the road with no name (Bricklands), this is where the School Lane planning application is. It has been reported to Kent Police and Swale Planning Enforcement. It is a live police investigation and if anyone has any further details or evidence please contact Kent Police on 101. KentPolice Reference number is Re: 46/198989/22



Planning

At the Swale Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on 13 October the Fernham Homes application for 25 homes and a permanent school car park in School Lane was rejected. The Parish Council, the two Borough Councillors and a local resident spoke against the application. The developer had announced in advance their intention to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. We now wait to hear the timescale for this and whether the appeal will be through written applications or a public planning inquiry.

There remain significant planning applications for Land South of London Road (135 dwellings) and 128 High Street (46 dwellings) which the Parish Council has opposed.

Newington Youth Club

Starting on September 6th and on every Tuesday 4pm to 5.30pm term time at Newington Pavilion (Ages 8 – 12) call 0790 437 8257 for full details

Memorial Tree

Several residents have asked about the tree situated on the Church Lane/School Lane verge which has died. This was a memorial tree and residents have asked about it being replaced. The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that the tree will be felled within the next 2 months. A new tree will be ordered next year, when all the tree replacement orders are submitted. So, a new tree is on its way but please be patient, it may take a while to arrive!

Newington History Group

Spend an evening looking at Fingerprints and Murder with Jack Deans, who was crime scene examiner at New Scotland Yard for 35 years and worked on such cases as the Great Train Robbery, and the Lockerbie and Marchioness disasters.

His talk at Newington History Group's (NHG) monthly meeting in the Village Hall, Newington, on Thursday, November 24, is open to the public (£3) and starts at 7pm.

Meanwhile, the history group will be erecting large poppies on lampposts along High Street and Church Lane on November 6 in its annual tribute to servicemen from the village who sacrificed their lives in the World Wars and other conflicts during the last century.

The line of poppies - one for each serviceman - will link the Memorial Garden at the village sign with the War Memorial in the churchyard.

At the Remembrance Sunday service on November 13, Graham Dudley, chair of NHG, will read the names of the Fallen and lay a wreath on behalf of the group.

NHG actively seeks to unearth, preserve and promote the history and heritage of the village and neighbouring areas. It meets monthly on the fourth Thursday (7pm). Annual subscription is available.

For more details contact the group at: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com; through its website: newingtonhistory.uk; or call: 01795 842711. Follow on Facebook: Newington History Group, and Twitter: [@newingtonhg](https://twitter.com/newingtonhg).

Village Voice

The Village Voice is Published every month, February, March, August and November will be paper versions delivered to every hold the other months on line.

To view the Village Voice on line go to: www.newington-pc.gov.uk

Commemorative Mugs

Newington Parish Council has presented Commemorative Platinum Jubilee mugs to every child at Newington School and the Cherries Playgroup. We have a small number remaining. If you are a Newington resident and would like a commemorative mug please email clerk.npc@gmail.com or call 07590464700. These will be allocated in order of application.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Amenities committee meeting is on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The next Full Council meeting is on Tuesday 29th November 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our fifteen minute agenda slot. To help keep loved ones safe, please do not attend meetings if you have COVID. Questions can be sent to the Clerk to raise at the meeting, email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community? If so why not apply to become a Parish Councillor. Expressions of interest must be received in writing to the Clerk by **28th November**. To find out what's involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com. Come along to a meeting to see what we do



Other numbers

Report on line – www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/

Community Warden – Georgina Springall 07969 585921

Police Community Support Officer – Kirsty-Anne Linge

Crimestoppers – Call 0800 555 111

Call your local Police 101 – in an emergency always call **999**

Parish Council Website www.newington-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council website contains information about the Council and its meetings.

There is a planning tracker which gives up to date information on planning applications in the village. The site is full of useful information and you can also sign up for email alerts. Details of village organisations are available and if you would like details of your group to be included please contact the Clerk

Need a Venue for Groups or Special Occasions

The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion is an ideal location for group and club meetings as well as children's parties and small social gatherings. It is available for hire at a preferential rate of £5 per hour for residents and village groups or \$10 per hour for non-resident or commercial hire. For bookings please contact the Clerk, Wendy Licence 01622 739324 Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com