



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 2019



## Planning Committee Meeting

### **Planning Committee Meeting – proposed extension to Eden Meadow Tuesday 14 January – 7.00pm, Newington Room of the Village Hall.**

Esquire Developments are planning Phase II of the Eden Meadow development; at this stage 48 houses in addition to the 9 houses built recently. (Eden Meadow is East of the village centre on land stretching back towards the footpath from Callaways Lane to Monkey Island, opposite the Watling Place Persimmon Development)  
Esquire Developments will present their proposal for local comment before they submit a formal planning application to Swale Borough Council – to which the Parish Council and residents will wish to make formal comments.  
Please put the date in your diary and attend if you would like to influence the future shape and size of our village

### **Stay Safe**

Two burglaries have been reported in Newington and one in Hartlip over the last month. John Cork our PCSO and the Crime prevention unit have given us the following advise.

Doors and windows should be locked at all times – it only takes 60 seconds for someone to reach through an open door or window.

Lock doors, take the key out, don't leave it on view or in reach of a letterbox or cat flap.

For further crime prevention advise contact your local Crime Prevention Officers on 101 and ask for your District Team

Don't leave bags, laptops, tablets or keys just inside the door.

Look after your valuables when out and about

Always know where the house key is in case you need to get out in an emergency.

Use locks and alarms to keep sheds secure, shut and lock garden gates.

Use timer light switches when your property is unattended for any length of time.

Make sure everyone in your home gets into the habit of being more secure.



**Father Christmas is coming to Newington**

On Thursday 19th December from 6pm  
Look out for him in your road and say hello

*Seasons Greetings*

## Parish Council November



There has been an increase in dogs mess at the Recreation Ground. Apart from being an unpleasant nuisance dog waste can also be a health hazard. Failing to clear up after your dog could result in a fine of up to £1,000.

The Parish Council urges dog owners to clean up after their dog and put the bagged waste in dog waste bins or litter bins.

Cllr Mould has liaised with PCSO Matthew Tennant, Crime Prevention Officer, and has obtained posters to help raise awareness of crime prevention. The culprit of a burglary in Brookes Place has been apprehended.

The Council has refused to have a private meeting with a developer regarding its proposals for land at the rear of Eden Meadows. A public Planning Committee meeting will be on 14 January for the developer to outline the proposals to the village.

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## New Parish Council Website

**<http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk>**

The Parish Council has a new website which 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.

*Get updates on the gas main roadworks on the A2 whenever the Parish Council receives new information*

**Keep in the Loop** The Council wants to keep villagers in the loop via e-mail. To register your e-mail address and be added to our database. e-mail the Parish Clerk [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## Newington History Group

While the Christmas social evening on Thursday, December 12, is restricted to members and their guests, there are many interesting talks lined up for the forthcoming year.

After a winter break next month, the programme starts on February 13 with Fred Clouter, a fossil hunter, author and retired teacher from Sheerness, talking about Sheppey Fossils. Other dates are:

March 12: Newington Nostalgia 1951-1965 with Dave Meredith

April 9: The Barber-Surgeon with Dave Lambertson

May 8: VE Day 75th Anniversary – details and venue tba (see website)

All meetings are on the second Thursday of the month in Newington Methodist Hall, Church Lane, ME9 7JT at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated.

Annual membership is £15. All meetings open to the public (£3) unless stated.

For more details contact the group through its website: [newingtonhistorygroup.btck.co.uk](http://newingtonhistorygroup.btck.co.uk); or call 01795 842711.

Follow on Facebook – Newington History Group, and Twitter: @newingtonhg

## Anti Social Behaviour

**Report on line** [www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/)  
**Community Warden** Georgina Springall 07969 583921  
**Police Community Support Officer** John Cork 07772226217  
**Crimestoppers** Call 0800 555 111

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**Call your Local Police**  **IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999**

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### Come and Play Short Mat Bowls

At Newington Village Hall Mondays 2pm – 4.30pm and Wednesdays 7– 9.30pm  
for more information contact Cleone Curtis (Sec.) Tel: 01795 485265  
Email: [bowls.cle@gmail.com](mailto:bowls.cle@gmail.com)

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## Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

Wednesday 29th January at 12noon.

If you don't want to discuss the book just join us for lunch at 1pm

### A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens

For more details please ring 01795 843172

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## Newington Peace Day Mugs

The last 70 mugs marking the centenary of the end of the First World War were distributed last week 40 to the Cherries and 30 to the new reception class at Newington school. The mugs have been donated by Newington History Group. Matching a similar gesture by Mrs A Stevens in July 1919.

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## The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion

An ideal location for group and club meetings as well as children's parties and 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](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

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## Report Village Lights

The person to report issues with village lighting is the Parish Clerk Wendy Licence e-mail; [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com) Tel: 01622 739324

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## Meeting Dates

**Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Newington Room Newington Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December at 19.00

**Amenities Committee Meeting** will be held in the Wickham Room Newington Village Hall on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 19.00

**Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Newington Room Newington Village Hall on Tuesday 28th January at 19.00

(all Parish Council meetings are open to the public)

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Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

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## What's On

### Newington Methodist Hall

**For Hire £10 per hour**

Contact Michael Read-Leah Tel: 01795 842112  
[newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk)

### Newington Surgery

is open to new patients from the  
following areas

**Newington, Stockbury, Hartlip,  
Upchurch, Lower Halstow, Danaway.**

general enquiries 01795 842964  
appointments 01795 424315

### Neweton Scout Group

Beavers, cubs and scouts meet Thursdays  
and Fridays at Newington's Scout Hut.  
Explorers 14 to 18 years Tuesdays 7.45  
– 9.30pm. For more information call:  
01795 475114 – 07716 045209

### NVH

**Newington Village Hall**  
Booking Secretary Mrs Kristin Julier

For hall bookings and enquiries  
M: 07985 711257 H: 01795 843262  
e-mail [kcljulier@googlemail.com](mailto:kcljulier@googlemail.com)

Registered Charity No 10202925

### Newington Pharmacy

44 Newington High Street 01795 844131

#### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am–6pm  
Saturday 9am–1pm Sunday closed

### Bingo and Social Club

*Every 1st Thursday of the month*

**Newington Village Hall**

*Newington Room*  
from 2.00pm – 4.00pm Refreshments and  
raffle will be available

*Entrance costs £3.50 All welcome to come  
along for a bit of fun, a cuppa and a chat*

### Power Cut – Call 105

Many people don't know they should  
contact their local electricity network  
operator if they have a power cut.  
They often mistakenly call the electricity  
supplier they pay their bills to.

### The Cherries Pre-school

Where learning is fun!,  
Limited spaces available  
Free Government funding for 3 & 4 year  
olds & eligible 2yr olds  
Email: [thecherriespreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thecherriespreschool@yahoo.co.uk)  
Newington School site, School Lane  
Newington, ME9 7LB  
Phone: 01795 841131

### Friends of St Mary's

The Friends, who support the maintenance  
of Newington's beautiful historic church invite  
people of all faiths and none to join them.  
Information from Malcolm Moulton,  
01795 843172 [mmoulton01@aol.com](mailto:mmoulton01@aol.com)

### St. Mary's Art Group

First Friday and third Friday mornings  
between 10.00 and 12.00am every month  
at the Church

### Your community information, here

contact: Tony Mould 07590464700  
email: [cllrmould.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmould.npc@gmail.com)

### The Cornerstone Cafe

**The Third Thursday in Every Month  
From 9am to 12.30 in the Church**

St Mary the Virgin, Newington –  
Play area for children – **All welcome**

### Newington W.I.

**Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the  
month at 7.30 pm in the Newington  
Room at Newington Village Hall.**  
Contact: Alison Fagg 01795 843150