

## Newington History Group

Hear the remarkable but true story of Ellen Blight, a 17-year-old Victorian lion tamer, at Newington History Group's monthly meeting on Thursday, February 22 (7pm).

Ellen gave her final performance in Chatham in 1850 and Medway writer and poet Pauline Holmes will tell her tale at Newington Village Hall, High Street, ME9 7JJ.

NHG meets on the 4th Thursday and everyone is welcome, £4 at door, inc. refreshments and free parking.



You can support Newington's heritage by taking out membership of the group for a mere £1.50 a month. Join now with an adult membership which expires at the end of May. Annual membership runs from June 1 and costs £18 for the 12 months.

If you're a young person with an interest in your community's heritage, ask about the group's free membership for under-18s and the special young member concession for 18-25-year-olds.

The group is here to research, promote and help protect the history and heritage of the village and neighbouring areas. It liaises with heritage and archaeological experts in recording the village for the future.

Visit the Romano-British temple at Watling Place and find out about the Roman industrial town that covered the estate or walk across the World War One defence line at Cranbrook and Wormdale, where you can read our on-site information boards.

And the group works closely with the village school enabling the children to learn about and appreciate their local history.

Follow the group on Facebook: Newington History Group, and X: @newingtonhg.



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### Other numbers

Report on line – [www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/)

Crimestoppers – Call 0800 555 111

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

## Planning

The most recent significant planning application, which was submitted before Christmas:

*Application: 23/505365/OUT Land To The Rear Of Eden Meadow, Newington ME9 7JH*

*Proposal: Outline planning application for up to 25no. residential dwellings (all matters reserved except for access)*

Esquire Developments who built the 9 original Eden Meadow houses already have permission for 10 homes to the rear of The Tracies with access by demolishing 77 High Street.

You can read the monthly planning reports on the Newington Parish Council website. <http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk/> and can, of course, attend any parish council meeting.

or see all the documents (application details and all the comments) and make your own comments on Swale's midkent planning portal. (<https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>) and then put the application number into the search box).



# VILLAGEVOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

WINTER 2024



## Newington Fete – a date for the Diary

Newington village fete will be held on Saturday 13th July we hope to have the dog show plenty of stalls and other attractions.

We will be focusing on childrens entertainment.

For more information please contact

Tony Mould e-mail [cllrmould.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmould.npc@gmail.com)

call on 07590464700



## Twenty is Plenty Bin Stickers

The Parish Council has acquired a number of wheelie bin self adhesive stickers for bins within the 20 zone. If your bin can be seen by drivers when it is waiting for collection or permanently please contact the Parish Clerk

Mrs Wendy Licence, and we will get one delivered  
email: [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)



## Invitation to Send Pictures Newington Calendar 2025

Have one of your photographs on the walls of hundreds of Newington homes next year.

A limited-edition calendar is being produced by Newington History Group to celebrate the village, its people and the surrounding countryside.

You may submit as many photographs as you want, ideally they will reflect a particular month or season. Photographs may be in colour or black and white. The selected pictures will be chosen by NHG and the photographers fully credited on the calendar.

Anyone who is identifiable in a photograph must give their written permission to the photographer and, thereby to NHG, for their image to be freely reproduced in the NHG calendar if that photograph is selected.

A parent or guardian must give written consent in the case of a minor being photographed and identifiable.

Please email your photographs to: [newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com](mailto:newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com).

Include your name, address, email and phone number along with the picture details (title, location and date taken). The deadline for submission is July 31, 2024.

If you'd like to reserve copies of the calendar, please email the history group. Prices will be available shortly. Make a date with Newington History Group.

## Facebook

Newington Parish Council does not monitor Facebook or any social media. If you have a comment to make or a concern to raise you are very welcome to attend a meeting and discuss matters with Councillors. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, on [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com).

Details of meetings, contact details and local news are published on the website: [newington-pc.gov.uk](http://newington-pc.gov.uk) where you can also read the latest edition of the 'Village Voice'



## Swale Foodbank

If you are in financial crisis, please call our free national helpline, Help through Hardship, on 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm, closed on public holidays) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser.

They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

### Are you looking for funding?

Are you part of a voluntary group or club? Are you based in or associated with Newington?

If the answer to ALL the above questions is yes then contact

The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity

c/o Graham Dudley on 01795 842711 or Email [nwt@delucy.plus.com](mailto:nwt@delucy.plus.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 **26th February**. 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](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com). Come along to a meeting to see what we do

## Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for January 2024

The January 2024 Restoration Fund Draw took place at Cornerstone in the Church on the 19th January with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name	Prizes will be winging their way to the new winners within the next few days. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in joining our Monthly Draw, I will be pleased to hear from you by phone or email as follows: Tel: 01795 842478 or Email David Lane on <a href="mailto:laneatborden@btinternet.com">laneatborden@btinternet.com</a> .
1st	£25	241	Derek Blease	
2nd	£20	95	Mrs C Curtis	
3rd	£18	129	Helen Stock	
4th	£15	233	Mrs J Baron	
5th	£10	36	Danny Child	

Thanks everyone and kind regards. David Lane Acting Restoration Fund Organiser

Deadline for articles 20th of each month, please contact Tony Mould e-mail [cllrmould.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmould.npc@gmail.com)

## Village Voice

### Publication schedule:

#### Online

March 2024

April 2024

June 2024

#### Paper delivery

May 2024

August 2024

November 2024

To view the Village Voice on line go to: [www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk)

## Parish Council Meetings

The next Amenities committee meeting is on **Tuesday 20th February** at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Rec. The next Full Council meeting is on **Tuesday 27th February** 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](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## Parish Council Website [www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## Newington Youth Club

Newington Youth Club meets every Tuesday 4pm to 5.30pm term time at Newington Pavilion (Ages 8 – 12) call 0790 437 8257 for full details

## Is your child 2 or 3 years old?

**Cherries pre-school is now part of Newington CEP School & Nursery as 'Cherry Class.'**

Places for September are filling up quickly but we still have a few sessions available. If you are looking for a funded nursery place for your 2 or 3 year old in the next 12 months please contact Jo or Rachel on 01795 842300 option 3 or email [nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk)

to register your interest or request a visit to see our recently refurbished space.

For further information please visit the Cherry Class Nursery page on

[www.newington.kent.sch.uk](http://www.newington.kent.sch.uk).

**We look forward to hearing from you!**