

# NEWPORT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

August 2009



## NEWPORT VILLAGE FETE CONGRATULATIONS!

The sun shone and the crowds turned up to celebrate the revival of the Village Fete on Saturday 4 July on the Common. This was an outstanding success and our congratulations to the organising committee, Neil, Mark, Elaine, Sharon, Alan and Andrew, for the enthusiasm and hard work that made the day a huge success.

As well as providing an excellent programme of events and entertainment for all the family, the event raised over £4,000. This will be given to five organisations that contributed to the event; the Village Hall, St Mary's Church, Jikes Youth Centre, Newport Primary School and the 1st Newport Scouts.

The Parish Council was delighted to add its support by providing the Common as the ideal venue.

Following on from the successful circus that was also allowed to use the Common a few weeks before, we would encourage any local organisation considering an event to contact the Parish Clerk and check out the availability and approval conditions for the Common.



## VILLAGE PLAN

Committee produced and distributed the questionnaire to all households in the village at the beginning of June. Over 200 responses have been received so far (that's 20% of households in the village), but if you didn't receive a copy this can be downloaded from the website at [www.newportvillage.co.uk](http://www.newportvillage.co.uk) or call Berenice Smith on **01799 541498**.

The Committee are now busy analysing the results and producing a report which will be available later in the year. More information on this in the next edition of the *PC News*.

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

We reported last time that we had secured funding from the Essex Highways Initiative Fund for traffic speed reduction measures near our village schools. Discussions are now underway with Essex Highways and the extent of these initial measures will include 20 mph zones on Frambury Lane from the junctions with Cambridge Road and Cherry Garden Lane, and on Bury Water Lane from the junctions with Cambridge Road and School Lane. Also covered will be Bridge End, Gaces Acre and the Elephant Green area. We were disappointed that Essex Police could not support our plan to include Cherry Garden Lane, though our Sub-Committee will continue to press for this element of our plan.

This work will only commence after a consultation period during which residents can comment. In the meantime, the Parish Council continues to progress the other parts of the traffic management proposals which were agreed last year.

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Working with the Playground Committee, the Parish Council is looking at improvements to the equipment and facilities in this popular playground located on Gaces Meadow. As well as freshening up the wooden equipment – thanks to the help of the firefighters from Newport station and all those who turned up for a 'wash and



## FIREWORKS EVENT

Over recent years the annual Fireworks Display on 5 November has grown in popularity and is attended by many thousands of people from Uttlesford and beyond. This has been great news for 1st Newport Scouts who have organised the event, but the ever growing numbers of people attending, most of whom travel to Newport in their cars, has caused traffic chaos and worried the emergency services over access problems in many parts of the village.

## JOB VACANCY - CAN YOU HELP?

The Sports Committee is urgently seeking the services of a volunteer Treasurer. The work entails providing:

- 1) a spreadsheet of accounts,

brush up' session on 16 July – we are looking into purchasing new equipment to replace the ageing metal ones, improving the safety features so that they meet current standards, and replacing the wooden fencing and gates.

The Council have made provision over the years into a reserve for such an eventuality and will also be applying for funding when the costs have been determined.



The Parish Council are keen to support the event, but have a duty of care along with the police and other emergency services to ensure all reasonable safety measures are in place. The display takes place on the Recreation Ground which is owned by the Parish Council and we need to be satisfied with the arrangements there, but we have concerns over the surrounding parts of the village. As a result, we have participated for the first time in the meetings of the organising committee to emphasise the importance of running a safe, trouble-free and enjoyable display.

- 2) sending out accounts to user clubs,
- 3) pay cheques into the bank,
- 4) control a small amount of petty cash,
- 5) present the accounts at two meetings a year. This should average out to about 30 minutes a month.

If you are interested, contact Tony Phillips on **01799 540720** for further details.

This equipment is for the younger children in the village, and we recognise that the older ones also need to be considered. The Committee are considering what these could be and where they might be located, and will take account of the Village Plan results to draw up ideas to meet these needs. If you have views on this or would like to be involved, please contact Lindsay Baillie on **01799 541188**.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are now receiving up to date reports from Essex Police on issues that are of interest to the village. These are sent by e-mail to Co-ordinators who cover all 1,000 properties and we are keen to ensure that these are passed on to as many people as possible. This is best achieved by passing on the e-mails to those who have a home computer, so that other neighbours can be advised by word of mouth with their neighbours.

In case you missed the recently delivered note inviting you to give your e-mail address to your Co-ordinator, let us know by e-mailing Derrick Giffin on **d.giffin@btinternet.com** or Alan Johnson on **acjohnson@waitrose.com** and we'll add you to the list.

Recently, there has been a spate of graffiti in a number of locations and some incidents have been recorded on CCTV or reliable evidence has been provided. On this subject, we welcome the decision to provide anti-graffiti kits to Parish Councils and NhW groups as a means of effectively dealing with this anti-social activity.

If you have concerns, please let your Co-ordinator know, or ring Essex Police on **0300 333 4444**. It really can make a difference.



# GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

The garden waste collection service provided by the District Council now operates in two parts of the village. Along with the station car park, on alternative weeks you can get rid of your garden waste off Frambury Lane near the entrance to the allotments.

Between 3.00 and 4.00pm the dates are:

**Frambury Lane** near the allotments 1st, 15th and 29th August

**Newport Station car park** 8th, 22nd August

## Your councillors

We have recently co-opted one new Councillor and welcome Lindsay Baillie to the Council.

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| <b>Peter Arcscott</b>  | 541646       |  |
| <b>Lindsay Baillie</b> | 541188       |  |
| <b>Margaret Bowker</b> | 540737       |  |
| <b>Ted Denyer</b>      | 542554       |  |
| <b>Charles Gilbank</b> | 543793       |  |
| <b>Alan Johnson</b>    | 543153       | (Vice-Chairman)                        |
| <b>Cherry Mitchell</b> | 540654       |  |
| <b>Jeremy Rose</b>     | 541114       |  |
| <b>Malcolm Sell</b>    | 541002       |  |
| <b>John Smith</b>      | 541498       |  |
| <b>Andrew Yarwood</b>  | 07714 708815 | (Chairman, and<br>District Councillor) |
| <b>Ray Gooding</b>     | 01279 813103 | (County Councillor)                    |
| <b>Peter Wilcock</b>   | 01279 850198 | (District Councillor)                  |

### Clerk:

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clerk@newportpc.org

*The Parish office is normally manned in the mornings, Monday to Thursday*

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## Profile: John Smith

### Position and interests:

Parish Councillor since 2007. Member of the Facilities Committee and responsible for footpaths, public transport, PC representative on Village Hall Committee, Eco-towns and bank reconciliations.

### Other posts:

A Director of the Thaxted Festival, assists with Newport News, and runs annual Red Cross collection in the village.

### Personal:

Born in Stafford and brought up in Huddersfield. Studied at University of Sussex and ran cross country. Career in Railway Operations (mainly planning) and Freight Marketing. Married Berenice in 1986 and moved to Newport. No children.

### Interests:

Walking, cycling, music (classical singing), transport, reading, global warming and solving difficult problems.

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 3rd August**  
Full Council Meeting

**Monday 17th August**  
Facilities meeting

**Monday 7th September**  
Full Council Meeting

**Monday 21st September**  
Planning meeting

**Monday 5th October**  
Full Council Meeting

**Monday 19th October**  
Facilities meeting

*All meetings are held in The Church House and commence at 7.30 p.m.*

*All meetings are open to the press and the public, and time is put aside for the public to address the Council.*

*Written questions should be sent to the Clerk at least five working days in advance of the meeting.*