

Town talk

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WHAT A WHOPPER!



A grandfather amongst shows, the Newport Pagnell Horticulture and Craft show has been around for 203 years. In the true spirit of a community gathering, this show brings together gardeners, craft experts, children, and lovers of art in an experience like no other.

Come along and see the longest carrots, the best photographs, the most wonderful cakes, and the craziest animal vegetables in the town. Wonder at the smallest gardens created by children, and the biggest onions grown by gardeners. There's something for everyone at this show—whatever your age! Get tips on growing vegetables and flowers from allot-

ment holders. Look no further for something for the children to do during school holidays. We'd love to see you there. The day ends with an auction, allowing you to take home vegetables, fruit, flowers, cakes and crafts.

The event takes place at 2 pm at the United Reformed Church on 1 September, 2012. The closing date for entries is the 29th August, 2012 so there is still time for you to get growing and showing, bragging about your baking, taking fabulous photographs, or making a miniature garden as a project with the children at home this summer.



Entry forms can be obtained on our website, or from Town Council Offices, and should be dropped off at the Town Council Offices, or emailed to us on towninfo@newport-pagnell.org.uk We are not asking for a fixed charge per entry this year. Instead donations for entries will be requested at the show.

AND THE RAIN CAME DOWN ...

Events or Not!

It was a great shame that our Town Council Gazebo was stolen sometime before Strawberry Fayre. It was only discovered when we went to collect it for the event.

However, we bought a new one just in time for the annual carnival—and it did keep us dry!

The Carnival, despite the awful weather was a success and many people braved the rain and the field of mud.

The collecting buckets for charities were soon filled thanks to the generosity of the crowds.

Incidentally, there are various Town Charities that can help in many different ways. If you know of someone in need, or would like to apply for some aid for a project please write or email the Town Council and we will forward your request to the relevant charity.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we are looking forward to giving the gazebo another airing - don't forget that we will have the usual mulled wine and hot mince pies just for you!



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

I was delighted to be elected as Mayor for a second year as, whilst I thoroughly enjoyed my first year, it was fraught with difficulties such as being without a permanent clerk for 7 months. This year the Town Council are working towards developing a cohesive vision for the Town, thinking about the long term future of Newport Pagnell. If you have a view on what you want Newport to become, share it with

us by emailing the clerk.

I was also engaged in collecting for the Macmillan Cancer fund charity, raising £861 over the year. My thanks to all who worked so hard to collect this amount and those who contributed. This year I have chosen as my charities 'A touch of pink' to raise funds for a new scanner for the oncology department at Milton Keynes Hospital and the Friends of Willen Hospice.

Cllr Wendy Egan



MIDDLETON POOL

TERM TIME PROGRAMME

1st Sept — 14th Dec 2012

SATURDAY

11.30 to 17.45 Public Swim

SUNDAY

11.00 to 17.30 Public Swim

19.00 to 20.00 Aqua Zumba

MONDAY

07.30 to 09.00 Early Riser

09.00 to 11.00 Parent/Toddler

11.00 to 12.00 Ladies Only

12.00 to 15.00 Public Swim*

15.30 to 16.30 Disabled Swim

18.30 to 19.30 Public Swim

TUESDAY

07.30 to 09.00 Early Riser

09.00 to 11.00 Adults Only

12.00 to 14.00 Public Swim*

21.30 to 22.30 Adults only (lanes)

WEDNESDAY

07.30 to 09.00 Early Riser

11.00 to 12.00 Adults Only

12.00 to 14.00 Public Swim*

14.00 to 15.00 Ladies only

15.00 to 16.00 Over 50's

18.00 to 20.00 Public Swim

20.00 to 21.00 Aqua Fit

21.00 to 22.00 Adults only

THURSDAY

07.30 to 09.00 Early Riser

09.00 to 10.00 Over 50's

10.00 to 11.00 Aqua Fit

11.00 to 12.00 Adults only

12.00 to 14.00 Public Swim*

18.00 to 20.00 Public Swim

20.00 to 21.00 Adult Lessons

FRIDAY

07.30 to 09.00 Early Riser

09.00 to 10.00 Adults Only (only

3/4 pool)

09.00 to 11.00 Parent/Toddler

11.00 to 12.00 Adults Only

12.00 to 14.00 Public Swim*

14.00 to 15.00 Over 50's

15.30 to 16.30 Disabled Swim

18.30 to 20.00 Public Swim

20.00 to 21.00 Lane Swim

21.00 to 22.00 Relaxation Swim

* Lanes Available 12.00 to 14.00

NATIONAL LIFEGUARD COURSE

Starts on Saturday 6th October 2012

Candidates must be 16 years old at the start of the course, be able to swim 100 metres on their front and back, be able to swim 50 metres in under a minute, tread water for 2 minutes, surface dive to the bottom of the pool and climb out unaided.

OCTOBER HALF TERM CRASH COURSES

Commencing Monday 29th October

Get your children swimming with our Half Term Crash Course Swimming Lessons! Why not enrol on our 5 day crash course and help teach your children an important life skill. Whether they are new to swimming or just need to improve, Middleton Pool has a course to suit any child.

AQUA ZUMBA

Sundays 7.00pm—8.00 pm

New for 2012 at Middleton Pool is Aqua Zumba on a Sunday evening 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Join us for a water exercise class like never before! Integrating the Zumba formula and philosophy with traditional aqua fitness disciplines, the Aqua Zumba class blends it all together into a safe, challenging, water based workout that's cardio-conditioning, body toning and most of all, exhilarating beyond belief.

TABLE TENNIS

Also new for 2012 at Middleton Pool is our fantastic table tennis facility with equipment for hire in our Multifunction room for everyone who wishes to have a game. Available to hire throughout the day, any day. For more information please contact us on 01908 610477 (option 4)

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TOWN TALK

ALLOTMENT HEAVEN



With so many people developing a desire to work an allotment site, Newport Pagnell is fortunate to be able to offer residents 5 allotment sites: London Road, Lakes Lane, Railway Meadow, Tickford Street and Willen Road. In total there are 248 plots, but our waiting list for sites is almost 400 people. So

what are we doing about this?

We're negotiating with Milton Keynes Council for land for allotments, and we're anxiously waiting on a decision to extend the site at Lakes Lane. We're asking plot holders who are working 10 pole allotments if they would consider reducing the size of their plots to 5 poles. If you are a 10 pole allotment holder and would like to do this, please contact Terry Perry or Sharon Grimes, our two dedicated allotment officers, on 01908 618756 or towncouncilinfo@newport-pagnell.org.uk

The Allotment Committee does its best to keep costs as low as possible, while trying to keep up the standard of the allotments. It also promotes other horticultural activities for leisure purposes within the Town. This isn't an easy task because allotments are neither self funding nor profit making. In fact they are a cost to residents of the Town, but the actual costs are quite low, including water, fencing, and ground maintenance. Water is supplied by taps, so we have to pay annual water rates. Fencing is replaced when required, and we are fortunate that for every penny we spend here we can usually get match funding from the Parish Partnership fund. Ground maintenance is covered as part of an overall maintenance contract.

We know that allotments mean a great deal to residents. Mick Merridan, an allotment holder for 25 years says

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

At the expense of being boring again, it is hats off to the hard-working and dedicated band of volunteers in the town.

Having spend the day with Britain in Bloom judges it has become very clear to me just what we owe all those who give their valuable time and money to improving our environment. I would love to have the room to write in details about all the super projects going on like to eco one at Ousedale School.

It took a long time for the judges to take in everything that is going on here. Partnership volunteers working throughout the year and in particular for 3 mornings a week for the last few weeks to make our town look its very best has taken a huge effort, but had great results. I hope you share the pride I have in the way our town looks to visitors as well as residents. We want people to come to our town for a whole range of reasons, including to shop and to see what we have to offer, which is plenty! The enormous effort put in by those involved in our Carnival shows that we can put on great events—even in the worst weather, so thanks to Sam Miller and her committee.

I want to say a big thank you to all volunteers who make our town a great place to live, whether it's the Partnership or all the other many hard-working groups. However, we need more volunteers. Can you help?
Richard Pearson

he first became intrigued by allotments when he moved into a house that had an allotment site at the bottom of his garden. People tell him his onions are the best, and he puts the secret down to his wife's horse, which gives him a good supply of manure. He is now an allotment representative, which means that he reports on the allotments on his site to the Council. Over the years he's found pheasants on the plots, discovered someone living in his allotment shed, and enjoyed observing the move towards family allotments, where the whole family joins in with growing produce.

Richard Dorrill had his first allotment when he was just a lad, and has managed a plot for 48 years, moving from Railway Meadow to Willen Road. "The soil across the allotments varies," he says, "ranging from sandy to clay." He grows vegetables and flowers, his favourites being dahlias, gladioli, asters, chrysanthemums and sweet williams. He started showing his produce at shows and is now a judge at many horticultural shows in the area. His biggest accomplishment to date was a marrow weighing 20 pounds. His tips for gardeners are to always net brassica to stop the birds getting to them, to use plenty of cow manure in a deep trench for runner beans, and to dig over your plot in late autumn. "Seasons are changing," he added, "bringing more extreme weather after a good early start, but allotments remain a great way to get me out, give me plenty of exercise, people to meet, wildlife to see, and peace and quiet."



POLICE PRESENCE

Metal theft—a hot topic

Thames Valley Crimestoppers is working hard to tackle metal theft crime head on in the South East, using operation Tornado to trace people who sell metal unlawfully or trade in stolen metal.

Theft of metal is a huge risk to the UK and whilst prices remain high and global demand rises, this crime is big business. Costs to the UK economy are estimated at £770m each year.

The summer holiday season will see many buildings, particularly schools and offices, left vulnerable. Thieves are not invisible unless we choose to ignore them. Many of us have felt the impact of metal theft on our day to day lives; train cancellations from cable and track theft, loss of phone and internet connection, school closures. We all need to be proactive. Crimestoppers offers the public a safe and totally **anonymous** way to stop the thieves. Call **0800 555 111** or use the secure online form direct at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Thames Valley Police Monthly Updates

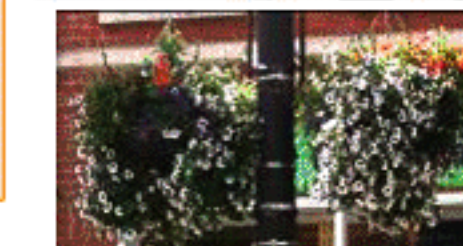
Keep in touch with what is going on in your neighbourhood by logging on to the home page of Thames Valley Police. Look for "Your local area" on the right hand side. Enter your post-code in the box and click on Show.

You should then be able to receive information about our local officers and PCSOs, details of local police priorities, dates and venues of "Have Your Say" meetings and most importantly monthly updates about policing in Newport Pagnell.



A TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

This year Newport Pagnell is looking a treat with the additional of the hanging baskets, tubs and flags. The Council is seeking funding to continue this floral tribute into the future. If you have any ideas to raise funds for the tubs and baskets, would like additional floral arrangements outside your shop, or would just like to put in a bit of work with any of the volunteer gardening groups that keep the town looking clean and tidy, please contact the clerk on Town-Clerk@newport-pagnell.org.uk or on 01908 618756.



BLOOMING MARVELOUS!



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After many years Bruce Hardwick has decided to stand down as Treasurer of Newport Pagnell Youth Club. The committee would like to record their collective sense of gratitude for the way Bruce has contributed to the benefit of the young people of the town. His careful and helpful management of the clubs finances has enabled the club to flourish, with user groups and all clubs members plus visitors, benefiting from his efforts.

We will miss his guidance and amid all his many other duties, including Mayor of Milton Keynes, Bruce has been a constant asset to the town and Newport Pagnell Youth Club.

We wish him all the best for the future.

Newport Pagnell Youth Club Management Committee

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Annual Town Meeting
Caravan Park
Citizen Advice Bureau (By appointment only for NP residents)
Cricket Club
Football Club
Green Park Community Centre
Middleton Swimming Pool
Notice Boards
Portfields Community Centre
Registrar (By appointment)
Skate Park
Tennis Club
Tourism Information
Tickford Community Centre
Willen Road Sports Ground

Useful Telephone Numbers



Births/Deaths/Marriages	372101
CAB Helpline Number	604475
Council Tax	253794
Environmental Services	252570
Electoral Registration	254706
Flood Line	0845 9881188
MK Hospital	660033
Middleton Pool	610477
Newport Pagnell TC	618756
Police non-emergency	101
Special/Household Collections	252570

Milton Keynes Borough Council



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Abandoned Vehicles
Benefits
Bus Passes / Disabled Badges
Car Parks
Council Tax Enquiries
Cemeteries & Burials
Dog Fouling
Education
Environmental Services
Families Information Service
Graffiti
Foster Care
Highways
Homelessness & Housing
Landscape / Parks / Open spaces
Noise
Nurseries
Parking
Pest & Animal Control
Planning Advice and Enforcement
Public Transport
Recycling
Rights of Way
Safer Communities
Social Services
Street Lighting
Street Cleansing
Trading Standards
Traffic Calming
Waste Disposal
Youth Information.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council

Monday 10th Sept
Monday 15th Oct
Monday 12th Nov

Town Planning

Wednesday 29th August
Wednesday 26th Sept.
Wednesday 31st Oct
Wednesday 28th Nov

Public Relations & Events

Wednesday 12th Sept
Wednesday 17th Oct
Wednesday 14th Nov

Property Mngment

Wednesday 5th Sept
Wednesday 7th Nov.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sports & Recreation

Tuesday 18th Sept
Tuesday 23rd Oct
Tuesday 20th Nov

Allotments

Tuesday 25th Sept

Policy & Finance

Monday 24th Sept
Monday 29th Oct
Monday 26th Nov

Business Development

Wednesday 19th Sept
Wednesday 17th Oct
Wednesday 14th Nov

Overview & Scrutiny

Wednesday 21st Nov

EVENTS

Farmers' Market

3rd Friday in
every month.

Horticultural Show

1st September

Newport Muster

8th September

Christmas Lights

24th November

