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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm
Monday 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13 Nov, 11th Dec

Public Relations and Event—8 pm
Wed. 13th Sept, 11th Oct, 15th Nov

Policy and Finance—8 pm
Monday 25th Sept, 23rd Oct, 27th Nov.

Property Management—8pm
Wed 6th Sept, 4th Oct, 8th Nov. 6th Dec.

Sports and Recreation—7.00 pm
Monday 23rd Sept, 17th Nov. (stakeholders)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Allotments—2.00 pm
Tues. 19th Sept, 21st Nov

Play Areas Sub Committee—7.00 pm
Monday 11th Sept, 13th Nov.

Town Planning—7.30 pm first date 8 pm second date in the month
6th Sept, 20th Sept, 4th Oct, 18th Oct, 8th Nov, 22nd Nov, 6th Dec. 20th Dec.

Business Development—1 pm
Thursday 14th Sept. 16th Nov.

Health and Safety—4 pm
Thursday—23rd Nov.

EVENTS

Saturday 2nd Sept. 2.00 pm URC Church Hall. Visit the Horticultural Show.

Tuesday 5th Sept. 7.30 pm URC Church Historical Society presents 'Sink the Bismark'

Tuesday 19th Sept. 7.30 pm URC Church 'Buckinghamshire in the Civil War'

Thursday 21st September 6.45 pm for 7 pm The Mayor's Choral Charity Event—Ousedale School. Free entry, charity collection, free glass of wine during interval.

Tuesday 3rd Oct. 7.30 pm URC Church Pictures of Old Newport Pagnell

Tuesday 17th Oct. 7.30 pm URC Church 'The Battle of Naseby'

Tuesday 7th Nov. 7.30 pm URC Church 'Amazing Frauds and Swindles'

Saturday 25th November Christmas Lights Switch on.

Open Days Chandos Hall museum
10th Sept, 24th Sept, 15th Oct, 29th Oct, 12th Nov, 26th Nov. between 2 and 4 pm.

Below: Volunteers from local houses adjacent to the green planting the display in Wolverton Rd. Assistance is always welcomed.



BELOW A LAST NOSTALGIC IMAGE OF THE NEWPORT PAGNELL 1940s VINTAGE WEEKEND—PATCHWORK WAS JUST ONE OF THE WARTIME CRAFTS ON DISPLAY IN THE LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM



LIKE OUR PURPLE COURTS?

Newport Pagnell Town Council has resurfaced the tennis courts in Willen Road. To join the tennis club email info@newportpagnelltennis.net or phone 01908 610477 to play a private game.

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

Town talk

Issue 84

Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group has been in close consultation with developers and landowners about putting the plan into practice.

We are still putting pressure on that all important cycle route at the Bellway Development, and we are making major efforts to ensure that the historic buildings on the Aston Martin site have an excellent future. There are some interesting options for these buildings that may help to enhance Aston Martin's history in the town, but we are not in a position as yet to confirm any of these.

The planned football academy to the north of Newport Pagnell has meant that the Town Council has had to rethink its aspirations for Willen Road Sports Ground, but we are nevertheless confident of achieving an excellent result in improving sporting facilities in the town, through the firm policies contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.

It will be several years before planning contributions from the Tickford Farm site start to make an impact on the ground, but we are hopeful of a suitable planning application coming forward this year.



1940s VINTAGE WEEKEND

The 17th June 2017 was the day the town went back in time to the early 1940s. Unlike that period in time, residents could and did celebrate, knowing that the war had indeed come to an end as can be seen from the host of images below and on the right. Tell us if we should put on another event?



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Newport Pagnell has experienced an excellent selection of events this summer. It kicked off with the Vintage Weekend and continued with the Strawberry Fayre, followed a few weeks later with the Carnival, continued with the Soapbox Derby and ended with the Civic Service at St. Peter and Paul on the 23rd July. Whilst I could not attend every event those I did were superb and those I could not were reported back to me as being superb. Good community events that would not take place without dedicated and

enthusiastic volunteers. The events continue into the Autumn with the Horticultural Show on the 2nd Sept. Get your application form from the Council Offices or website. A new event, the Mayor's Choral Evening, is at Ousedale School on 21st Sept.

During August Council business continues but it is free of Council Committee meetings. In a way this is useful as the Town Council office in High Street is undergoing much needed refurbishment. Please bear with us as it does produce lots of dust and noise. You will also note that some day soon it will change colour!

MAYOR'S CHARITY CHORAL EVENING

21st SEPTEMBER 2017

The Mayor, Cllr Derek Eastman, will be holding a Charity Choral Evening on 21st September 2017 at 6.45 for 7 pm, at Ousedale School. There are 3 magnificent choirs singing at this event, which promises to be a highlight of the events calendar in Newport.

The event is free to attend, and includes a free glass of wine or juice during interval, but the Mayor's charity bucket will be

passed around during the course of the evening, so please bring your spare change along. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

This year the Mayor is supporting the Newport Pagnell Educational Trust which aids people who are struggling to find finances for the education of young people in Newport—a very worthy cause indeed, as it might buy someone that much needed book or piece of equipment for college or university.



DEVOLUTION NEWS

The Town Council is still in discussion with Milton Keynes Council about the possibility of your Town Council taking on some additional services from Milton Keynes Council.

Of possible interest to us are the parks and play areas in the Town which are becoming somewhat run down, many having been created in the 1980s or considerably earlier. However, these land based assets are not cheap to maintain, as they include significant landscaping requirements ranging from grass cutting to tree and shrub maintenance for the many hectares of amenity land in the town. There is also a need to ensure that waste on these sites is well managed, and to both modernise the elderly equipment and regularly inspect it to keep it safe for use.

For these reasons the Town Council has told you it will consult with residents before making any decisions. We had hoped to hold consultation sessions in Autumn this year but a delay has occurred owing to Milton Keynes Council needing to establish land ownership of these assets. As soon as this is resolved we will commence our consultations, both through a paper/website survey and by means of open consultation events.

NEWPORT IN BLOOM

COMPETITION WINNERS

The winner of the best large front garden competition comes from the Poet's Estate and is shown below:



The runners up of the best large front garden competition below, 2nd place on the left, 3rd place on the right.



NEWPORT PAGNELL YOUTH CLUB

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE



Recently we reported to you that Newport Pagnell Town Council has taken on ownership of Newport Pagnell Youth Club in Wolverton Road, to allow this much-loved building to continue to provide all the remarkable children's services that it can. The Diamond School of Performing Arts and the Newport Pagnell Pre-School continue to offer their services at the Youth Club; there is a wonderful group of young carers who enjoy the facilities there; and a number of other groups use some or all of the rooms in the venue, including the Newport Pagnell Youth Football Club. The Friday night Youth Club takes children ages 8-11 in the junior group and 12 upwards in the senior group.

We are now delighted to tell you that as from 14th August 2017 our leisure partner, Places for People, will be offering sports programmes for children for 11 weeks per year during the school holidays at the Youth Club. See www.newport-pagnell.org.uk for details.

However, we want to know what it is you want from a Youth Club, so if you are age 8 or older but not yet an adult, please help us understand your needs by answering our survey questions. **Parents or guardians can help by encouraging your child to complete the relevant questions.**

Email your responses to the attached questionnaire to Shar Roselman on TownClerk@newport-pagnell.org.uk – a Word copy of the questionnaire or an electronic link to the survey can be found on our website www.newport-pagnell.org.uk or complete the attached questionnaire and return to 80 High Street, Newport Pagnell., MK16 8AQ, by 30th September.

Small gems. The winner of the best small front garden competition on the right:



The runners up of the small front garden competition 2nd place on the left below, 3rd place on the right below.



HELP FOR PARTIALLY SIGHTED OR BLIND PEOPLE



Registered Charity No. 1147814

BucksVision is a small local charity providing essential support services to blind and partially sighted people throughout Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

We offer social activities, home support services and our practical courses "Online Today" and "Understanding Sight Loss" which are available for people who have sight loss.

Within Milton Keynes we have three social clubs, two walking groups, a tandem club and a craft group all run by volunteers and all of which provide companionship and support thereby helping to reduce social isolation. From our resource centre at Peartree, Milton Keynes, we can also offer advice on technology and household equipment specifically designed to help those with sight loss.

BucksVision is always looking for volunteer drivers to transport our members to and from events. We cover expenses and ask you to donate your time. If you are interested in helping us call Samantha Lah, Community Engagement Coordinator and Volunteer Manager on 01296 487 556.

If you or a family member are interested in our services, please call us on 01296 487 556.

NEWPORT IN BLOOM

PUBLICAN COMPETITION WINNERS

The winner of the best publican floral display is shown below. Congratulations to the Cannon.



VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKING SUCCESS

Thirty-eight people turned up to litter pick on the morning of 5th July and more joined Green Park School at another litter pick that afternoon. Thirty-five bags of litter were collected.

7 year 8 young people from Ousedale School were amongst the litter pickers too, and it was wonderful to see these young people get involved because if you learn the value of living in a clean town whilst you are young it stays with you for life. The Town Council's grateful thanks go to the wonderful folk below and the two schools who all did more than their share on a very hot summer's day.



MANAGING DOG WASTE

As more and more people become pet owners, the level of dog waste increases exponentially. The Town Council has now taken on responsibility for all the dog waste bins in the town.

We've completed a study of dog bin use, and will be undertaking some rationalisation of bins by placing large bins in areas of high use and removing some from low use areas. Our bins will be clearly marked for dog waste only and will include contact details for the Town Council. Dog waste on pavements, sports grounds and play areas continues to be a high source of complaints.

Please be aware that the provision and emptying of ordinary litter bins is not the responsibility of the Town Council. However, we are working hard to address the issue of overflowing bins with Milton Keynes Council and the local MKC Ward Councillors.