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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm
9th Sept, 14th Oct, 11th Nov.

Public Relations and Events—8 pm
11th Sept, 16th Oct, 13th Nov

Policy and Finance—7.00 or 8.00 pm
24th Sept, 29th Oct, 26th Nov.

Property Management—8 pm
4th Sept, 2nd Oct, 6th Nov.

Sports and Recreation—7.00 pm
23rd Sept. and Stakeholders 25th Nov.

Devolution W/G meetings—7 pm
9th Sept, 11th Nov.

EVENTS

7th Sept. Horticultural Show—2 pm URC

3rd Oct 'Day's Musical Night'—7 pm. St. Peter & St. Paul's church.

5th Oct 'Laugh a night' with Paul Kerensa URC at 7.30 pm.

22nd Oct. Susan Whitfield on the Silk Road. Arts Society lecture. Coffee is at 10.15 am, lecture 11am Baptist Church

1st Nov Fireworks Riverside Meadows

30th Nov Christmas Lights Switch-on

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Allotments—2.00 pm
22nd Oct, 19th Nov.

Town Planning Interim—7.30 pm
4th Sept, 2nd Oct, 6th Nov.

Town Planning Full—8.00 pm
18th Sept, 23rd Oct, 20th Nov.

Business Development—1 pm
12th Sept, 14th Nov.

Vintage Event Meetings—7.00pm
None until next year.

MKE W/G 14th Oct.

Health and Safety—4 pm 24th Oct.

EVENTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3rd Sept. Presentation of Old Newport. At URC Church 7.30-9.15 pm (£2 non members)

14th & 15th Sept. Museum opening 1-4 pm.

15th Sept Historical walk at museum 2-3pm

21st & 22nd Sept. Museum opening 1-4 pm.

22nd Sept Historical walk at museum 2-3pm

There is no charge to join our historical walks or to enter the museum. The Chandos Hall Museum is in Silver Street, between numbers 52 and 54.

OUR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR OUT AND ABOUT



Cllr Paul Day visiting a local resident's much loved garden.



Cllr Wendy Egan, second left, opening the new mosaic and trimtrail at Portfields School

WHO DOES WHAT IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL 01908691691

- BENEFITS
- EDUCATION—LGA schools.
- ELECTIONS
- HIGHWAYS—Roads, footpaths, redways, pavements, bridleways—not national roads like A5 and M1.
- HOUSING
- LANDSCAPING
- PLANNING AUTHORITY
- RUBBISH COLLECTION
- SOCIAL NEEDS— Children, adults, elderly
- STREET & TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- TOWN CLOCK
- WASTE

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

- ALLOTMENTS
- CONSULTEE ON ALL PLANNING
- COMMUNITY CENTRES
- EVENTS—Mini-music festival, vintage event, help to other events.
- GRANTS
- INFORMATION SERVICE
- PARKS AND PLAY AREAS
- MIDDLETON POOL & LEISURE CENTRE
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- SPORTS and RECREATION
- TOWN CENTRE FLOWERS/FLAGS
- TOWN REJUVENATION—Ranger
- YOUTH CLUB

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

Town talk

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REFURBISHMENT OF THE YOUTH CLUB

Having taken ownership of the Newport Pagnell & District Youth Club in 2017, the Town Council took the decision to refurbish the building, which will include some minor restructuring on the top floor to introduce a fully fitted-out meeting room, small kitchenette and upstairs toilet, as well as new lighting and rewiring and a new floor for the main hall.

Refurbishment work started on 23rd July 2019 and will continue right through the summer holidays. Sadly this means that a few of the regular users have been inconvenienced, but this was the only feasible time that the works could take place.

The Youth Club is a very well used facility, with many hundreds of young people passing through its doors every year. Although it is costly to maintain, the Town Council feels that this building is worth every penny for the sake of our children. Check out the video showing the range of things that young people can do at the Youth Club on the front page of our website www.newport-pagnell.org.uk



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

There's always a good reason to be in Newport Pagnell and there are some great events coming up. Please see the back page for dates and details of forthcoming events and please come along.

One of those is my second "Day's Musical Night" on 3rd October, a short pun on my surname of "Day" and a "Night" to appreciate. We're anticipating the same fabulous standard of performance from several more choirs this year than we enjoyed last time. It really is a pleasure to hear such lovely singing.

BECOME A FRIEND OF NEWPORT'S PARKS AND PLAY AREAS



On 1st July 2019, the day finally arrived when the Town Council could take over the management of most of the parks and play areas in Newport Pagnell. The exceptions are Wordsworth (park behind Portfields) Friary Gardens, Sorrel Drive and Glenwoods play areas, because Milton Keynes Council has not yet been able to obtain ownership of these play areas, and so cannot pass them on to the Town Council.

Our new contractor, G. Burley and Sons, also works, by Royal Appointment for the Queen, so we are expecting the same excellent level of treatment that she gets. Already we have had positive comments about G. Burley & Sons' service quality from the Partnership Gardening Group who work hard in a volunteer capacity to plant up many of the public areas in Newport including Ousebank Gardens and the area behind the Catholic Church. This transfer means that we can at last go to tender on the Chicheley Street play area. If you've got concerns about any park/play area please let us know.

We know that parks and play areas are hugely important to the health and wellbeing of people. That's why we want you to be involved in the management of them.

We'd like each park that we own and manage to be supported by a 'Friends of your local park' group. Such friends groups play very valuable roles in supporting the parks and their activities may cover:

- ◇ Suggesting planting for your local park and helping to plant-up.
- ◇ Putting on regular resident events in your local park
- ◇ Reporting anti-social behaviour
- ◇ Becoming involved with the Town Council to suggest improvements for your local park
- ◇ Reporting back on how well the Town Council's contractor is doing
- ◇ Working with the Town Council towards Green Flag or in Bloom status.
- ◇ Helping to remove invasive species.
- ◇ Helping to manage litter.

We'll first attempt to get a 'Friends of Chicheley Street Park' going as soon as the play area refurbishment has been undertaken, so if you live near there watch out for an invitation to a local event at that park in your postbox and on social media.



VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKING – AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS



Town residents and employees turned out in force for the litter pick event this year— our thanks go to BI Worldwide and Rascal Systems for releasing their staff to participate. Students and teachers from Portfields, Green Park and Ousedale Schools (pictured left) also took part, with students learning early the value of keeping a clean environment. We also understand that the Fire Service, Sub Aqua Club and volunteers initiated a clearance of litter from the rivers so our grateful thanks go to all those people. It's all about the power of the local community.



NEWPORT PAGNELL FIREWORKS EVENT

Did you know that on 1st November we are holding the third annual Fireworks Event? The journey of putting on the event was an uphill struggle, from failed early fund raising events to negative feedback on social media. There were unhelpful comments about how the Fireworks Committee should organise an event and few offers of help. The Fireworks Committee wasn't officially allowed to occupy Riverside Meadows until MKC had sorted out a discrepancy with the paperwork which they failed to notify us about. However, the Town Council helped enormously, with an excellent start-out fund.

Like all events put on for the first time it was a huge concern. Gazebos were erected, areas marked off. Then the funfair started to arrive, followed by the toilets. Next came the company who were letting off the fireworks, and finally the food wagons. We checked with all the traders and the funfair that they were ready to open and yes they were all ready, so we were able to open an hour before the planned time. The event was a very successful night with an estimated attendance of approximately 7000 people. It proved that the people of Newport Pagnell definitely wanted the event to take place.

So how does the Fireworks Committee now raise funds to hold the event each year? We rely on sponsorship from companies and public donations. The sponsorship does not have to be a financial contribution, it could be a service to ensure the event goes ahead or it could be something to advertise the event. No matter what size the contribution is, we are always delighted to receive it. The other important side of the funding is public donation. We don't charge an entry fee because we believe that the community would prefer to make a donation, and other fireworks events around the area are also based on donations. Having said that we took less on the donations in the second year than we did the first year. We are also extremely grateful to the Street Food Friday people who make a contribution from the takings of their monthly event. The street food event runs from March to November every year, following the Farmer's Market. If you wish to get more involved then please get in touch. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 1st November at 7.30 pm for fireworks. Come earlier for the fairground and food.

Written by Mark Lombardo of the Fireworks Committee.



NEWPORT PAGNELL VINTAGE EVENT

WERE YOU THERE?



LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT

Milton Keynes Council (MKC) has had to pay out an extra £1.75m to its waste management contractor, Viridor, because of contamination of recycled waste. 25% of the council's recycling sacks have been contaminated with dirty nappies, pet waste and food, meaning that the contractor could not recycle the material as per its contract. Viridor processes its recycling waste at the Materials Recovery Facility, but contamination means the materials can't be recovered. If the high contamination levels continue it will cost MKC hundreds of thousands of pounds in yearly penalty fees which would be better spent on social services helping those most in need. So come on residents: please think about our environment by taking more care about what is put in recycling sacks. It is now possible to arrange to collect your recycling sacks from the Town Council offices.

HERITAGE DAYS COME TO NEWPORT

If you are not aware of this major event that happens every year in September this is the year to find out. It is the 25th year the Heritage Open Day event has taken place and this year it will be even better than usual. Events will be happening across Milton Keynes and places that usually charge for entry may well be free during the special days. This year's festival nationally will run for 10 consecutive days from 13th to 22nd September. Some organisations and societies will continue to focus on just one weekend or day. However generally in Milton Keynes there should be much more to enjoy and learn about. The overall theme is 'People and Power' in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Riots. The beauty of it is all the relevant visitor attractions will be open at the same time during this period. There will be booklets for you to take away free, showing the places and sites involved. Look out for them.

In Newport Pagnell one place to head for is the town's Chandos Museum. It is situated in Silver Street in Chandos Court. You will find this down a narrow alley between numbers 52 and 54 on the right hand side as you come down from St John Street.

Why would you make the effort? Well if you are at all interested in the people and sites/buildings of the town's history you can't go wrong. The museum is full of artefacts, documents and photographs going back in time, all relating to the town. Newport has a rich history extending back to before Norman times and once boasted a canal and a railway. It also has a very significant coach building heritage that later became its association with Aston Martin.

Chandos Hall itself is a unique building. The museum's display will feature a theme specific to the town and displays change regularly. There will be stewards on hand to help you find out more, so just ask. Entry will be free. The museum will be open on Sunday the 15th of September in the afternoon. All Newport's history is there and well worth investigating.



WINNER OF THE BEST FLORAL DISPLAY BY A PUBLICAN AWARD

This year's winner of the 'Best Floral Display by a Publican' is the Plough, who produced this lovely display. Congratulations to them and the other participants.



TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Would you like to talk to your local Town Councillor about issues that concern you about the town? We are holding our first Town Councillor Surgery on Saturday 26th October 2019 at the Town Council Offices, 80 High Street, from 9.30 am to 12 noon. There is no need to make an appointment, just pop in. The first one is at the Town Council offices, 80 High Street, and thereafter we will be holding them quarterly at the Library once its refurbishment is finished.



DAY'S MUSICAL NIGHT

3rd OCTOBER 2019



Six magnificent choirs will perform for you at the Mayor's mini-musical festival which takes place on 3rd October at St. Peter & St. Paul's church. Choirs are:

- ★ The Newport Pagnell Singers ★ Sing and Perform
- ★ Junction 14 ★ Sherwood Singers ★ MKU3A
- ★ The Diamond School of Performing Arts

The event is FREE to attend, and includes a glass of wine or orange juice and nibbles at interval. Please arrive prior to 7 pm to take your seats promptly for 7pm when the first act begins. The Mayor will be collecting for his charity, Dementia UK, at this event.

WHAT'S OUR RANGER BEEN UP TO?



Before ranger activity



After ranger activity



RETAILERS AT THE VINTAGE EVENT

The 2 staff and 30 volunteers at Age UK Milton Keynes' charity shop feel an enormous connection to the town. Not only do most of them live in Newport but they gain great satisfaction from knowing the money raised by their shop will be spent in the local community to improve later life for everyone.

Our window, which won third prize at the event, was dressed in a 1940s theme featuring knitted dolls in 1940s costumes including Winston Churchill, knitted vegetables and even knitted chickens. A very proud day.

