SOUTH NEWINGTON NEWSLETTER



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Parish Council News

Parish Councils are responsible for village clocks and you may have noticed that our church clock has been misbehaving itself recently. The chimes for the quarter, half and three quarters and hour have been out of synch with the correct time shown on the clock face. Time Assured, our clock repairers, have informed us that we need a new motor for the automatic winding unit. The total cost is £925 + VAT. We are however able to reclaim the VAT! I hope that we can set it going again soon.

Burford Town Council have been successful in obtaining a banning order for HGVs using their High Street but will be responsible for funding the cost of new signage and monitoring the traffic. According to Oxfordshire County Council's analysis 40% of the 600 HGVs that go through Burford each day also go through South Newington. When the weight limit is imposed, the number of HGVs going through South Newington should be considerably reduced. With this in mind, the PC have donated £750 to put towards their appeal to help with the £150,000 that is needed. Alan Hibden, from Holm Cottage, has also kindly donated £187.50.

The Village Noticeboard has now reached the end of its lifespan and needs replacing. I am in the process of getting a quote for a 'like-for-like' replacement but it will cost about £1500. The Flower Show Committee have generously offered to give a sum towards the expense and I hope to be in a position to provide further information in the near future.

The next Parish Council meetings is Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Peter Thomas,
Chairman

Church News

The services celebrating Christmas are listed below.

- Sunday 8 Dec 4.15pm Christmas Carols and Tree Lighting 5pm
- Sunday 15 Dec 6pm Christingle
- Sunday 25 Dec 11.15 Christmas Communion
- Sunday 29 Dec 11.15 Joint Service at Milcombe
- Sunday 5 Jan 6pm Epiphany Carol Service

There will be a carol concert on Sunday December 8th at 4.15pm, with South Newington Occasional Singers performing some lovely Christmas music, plus audience singing favourite carols. Mulled wine and nibbles will follow, leading out to the churchyard to sing three more carols and officially turn on the Christmas tree lights at 5pm.

The traditional Christingle service will be on Sunday 15th December at 6pm, and on Christmas Day itself the communion service starts at 11.15am.

Hazel Hewitson and her husband are again kindly organising the much loved Epiphany service of music wad readings on Sunday 5th January at 6pm.

Dale Gringrich, vicar

Welcome to South Newington!

A warm welcome to our new South Newington villagers:

- Roz Murie, Mike Rapp and Bertie and Felix who have moved into the new barn on the Wiggington Road called Wanborough Furlong.
- Alan Hebben and Annie Ropar who have moved into Holm Cottage in Moor Lane.
- Jo McCormac who has moved into moved into New Garth, Green Lane.

Flower Show report

The weather was not kind this year on August 10th and when Mudways, the Marquee supplier, arrived on the Friday before the Show, the first thing they said was did we really want to put it up!! Plenty of their customers had cancelled their orders and they were worried that their marquees would be damaged or be responsible for causing damage around the Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire countryside.



Undeterred, the Committee set up the inside of the tent for the entries to the Show and prayed for better weather on the Saturday, which did not transpire. On the day of the show, due to the persistent high winds and squally rain, it was decided not to put out the tables and chairs for the

teas and also not to put out the trestle tables for the stalls and games that had been planned. Claire Swan and her team decided to use the Village Hall for the teas and the stalls and the South Newington Singers were consigned to the inside of the church, having quickly contacted Dale Gingrich to get his permission for the last-minute change. The Accidentals band did not attend so there was no music but the Dog Show attracted its usual loyal following and there were some games for the children to enjoy in the pouring rain.

Despite the lower numbers that attended, we received some very positive feedback that the Show was the best it could be and that it would be remembered not only for the awful weather but also for the ingenuity of the Committee in making sure that it even went ahead at all! Many thanks to all the people who helped the Committee with all the last minute changes.



As a result of the money that was made it has been decided to contribute to a new village noticeboard, as the present one is a bit unsafe. In conjunction with the Parish Council options are being sought, which will be very similar to the look and feel of the one that is in place.

Here's hoping for the perfect conditions for the 2020 Show!

The Flower Show Committee.

In loving memory

This year we have lost several of our most beloved residents of the village. We remember with love and fond memories Dorothy Hands, Amba Brecknell and Vince Burns, and also those who had moved here more recently or lived here in the past including David Guard and Toby xxx.
If I have missed any individuals from this list please accept my apologies and let me know so that I can include them in the next issue.

South Newington history: mains water

Since water has been such a theme in South Newington this year, what with the pipes on the High Street being repaired in October, the burst water mains on the Barford Road and Green Lane earlier in the year, and now heavy rainfall, it seemed topical to write something about mains water in South Newington.

South Newington has always had a plentiful supply of fresh spring water. Before mains came to the village there were springs in several places in the village, including one on Green Lane just outside where the Gables, and one on Moore Lane by Applegarth. You can still hear the water gurgling through the drain just below the road even in dry weather when you walk down Moore Lane.

There were springs in several fields and many houses had their own wells. The old council houses on Barford Road had a central well in their front garden, and the Barn House on Green Lane didn't switch to mains water until the 1980's. Until then an electric pump took the water from a well by the back door up to a tank in the roof. The well rarely ran dry but you were always careful not to waste water, and it was someone's task to draw the water directly from the well into a jug (not via the roof tank) for meal times.

A gang of Irish workers moved to the village in xx to dig the trenches and fit the water pipes. Most of them lodged at the pub, then the Wykham Arms, now the Duck on the Pond. They dug the trenches with pick axes and shovels but also had a huge Holman compressor to run pneumatic drills to help break up the rocks and road surfaces.

There is a website called www.bsaotter.com/tales_of_the_fifties_south_newington_tapwater.html where you can read more about the Irish navvies and water coming to the village, and other stories about life in South Newington in the 50's. Or you can ask many of the residents who remember it quite clearly. Joan Gianassi for example remembers it well because the road was dug up outside the church when she and Pierro married here.

WHAT'S ON Diary Date for Villagers – regular events

What	When	Where	More info
Table tennis	Monday eves	Village hall	Gill Brounger
Art class	Tuesday morning	Village Hall	Bridget Reed or Lin Brecknell
Circle dancing	4th Weds evening of the month	Village hall	Stella Darke
Supper club	2nd or 3rd Weds eve of the month	Duck on the Pond	Gill Brounger
Coffee mornings	Thurs morning most months	Village hall	Gill Brounger
Yoga	Thursday eves	Village hall	Sue Robertson
Singing	Sat morning 10-12.30 am	Village hall	Nicky Smith
Parish Council Meeting	See village noticeboard	Village Hall	Peter Thomas
Flower Show Committee	Now and then	Committee members house	Sue Thomas
Church Services	Sunday morning 11.15 am or 6pm	Church	Tim Catton or Venetia Eliot

Supper club at our village pub, The Duck on the Pond

This monthly social supper is thriving. If you'd like to join please contact Gill Brounger or Penny at the Duck on the Pond.

49 Club Winners

The 49 Club welcomes new members! It pays out prizes based on the lottery numbers, with a list of the most recent winners below. You can join at anytime and pay online, by cheque or with cash. £52 a year, £26 half yearly, £13 quarterly.

Contributions go towards paying for the church insurance as well as covering prize money. You do not have to be a church goer to appreciate how fortunate we are to have such a magnificent building in our midst, which the 49 Club supports.

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
03/08/19	9	Peter Hudson	£35
10/08/19	49	Rollover	£20
17/08/19	45	Louise Hands	£40
24/08/19	38	Andrew Wells	£20
31/08/19	15	Lilian Clifton	£20
07/09/19	8	Peter Read	£35
14/09/19	28	Dee & Ron O'Connor	£20
21/09/19	54	free number	£20
28/09/19	26	Carole Brierley	£40
05/10/19	58	Rollover	£35
12/10/19	58	Rollover	£55
19/10/19	13	Colin Galloway	£75
26/10/19	32	John Braithwaite	£20
02/11/19	40	John Forster	£35

We have plenty of spare numbers if anyone would like to join - they can email me on judithdenby@hotmail.co.uk if they are interested.

Table Tennis

We all continue to enjoy our weekly table tennis, and the men are having the most exciting battles, which are well worth watching. The rallies go on and on with much shouts of laughter and sometimes a little swearing (not bad).
New members are welcome.
Gill Brounger 01295 721029 or email gillian.brounger@btinternet.com

Village email list

Don't forget, if you have any important or urgent news to communicate to the village, Sue Robertson kindly sends out messages to a village email list.

If would like to be on the receiving end of emails about events or useful village information please send your email contact details to Susan Robertson: susanrobertsonsnem@gmail.com.

Coffee mornings

The coffee mornings raise money for the village hall up-keep, but most of all, offer a lovely way to meet people, have a good natter and nice piece of cake with tea or coffee.

The last coffee mornings this year is :
Thursday 21st November, hosted by Bridget Read and Elizabeth Wheelden

The December coffee morning was going to be Thursday 12th December, hosted by Bridget Read and Elizabeth Wheeldon but that is now polling day, so will be re-arranged. Check your emails or post box for the new date.

Gill will soon be compiling the list for the 2020 Coffee Morning Hosts, and if there is anyone who is not already involved, and would be prepared to become a host (it only involves one morning in the year), please could you let Gill know on:

Tel: 01295 72102. Email: Gillian.brounger@btinternet.com

Colin Galloways Village Outing

On Wednesday 23rd October 16 of us climbed onto a mini-bus, probably far more suited to Hen Nights than a party of senior citizens which took us safely to Harvington Hall near Kidderminster.

The Hall is a Tudor Manor House with a moat and small but lovely gardens. We were met by our guide, who was suitably dressed in Tudor clothes. She gave us an excellent tour with gentleness and humour, and we learnt many things about the Tudors which we had never heard.

For instance on taking bread from the oven,t hey cut it horizontally, giving the crust to the Lady of the Manor, and from this we get the saying " upper crust." The person sitting furthest from the fire was " cold shouldered". There was a step down into each of the family rooms which were covered in thresh, a better and cleaner alternative to the poor whose rooms were shared with the animals and had straw on the floor, thus we get "threshold".

Lunch was good, plentiful and nothing was too much trouble for the staff.
On the journey home,. there were no pornographic films, but as usual Colin spoilt us by buying icec reams and chocolates.
I think we all agreed it was a good outing and that Harvington Hall was well worth a visit.

Quiz Night

A huge thank you to Sue and Steve for organising another well attended and much enjoyed quiz night in the village hall this month. Congratulations to the South Newington Swifts, the winning team.

Christmas charity instead of sending village Christmas cards

As in previous years some of us are planning to give to charity instead of sending Christmas cards within the village. This year our chosen charity is Action for Children.

Action for Children protect and support children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and help, ensuring their voices are heard and campaigning to bring lasting improvement to their lives.

If you wish to be included in this donation, would you please contact Gill Brounger by telephone on 721029, or by emailing gillian.brounger@btinternet.com

Christmas wishes from all contributors will be posted on the village notice board, emailed by using the parish email facility, and also placed in the village newsletter

Flowers in the church

People come from all over the world to see the famous murals in our church, and to actual services on Sunday. Every week there are beautiful fresh flowers on display. These do not appear by magic church elves but a group of volunteers, coordinated by Jean Tarver.



Ophelia and Ottlie Swan with some of Harvest Festival displays

New people have recently joined the rota but please do come forward if you could help too. It just requires buying fresh flowers twice a year (or once if they last well) and arranging them in the church which takes about an hour or two.

If you'd like to join the rota, please contact Jean Tarver.

Message from Emily Gale

I am trying to raise money to self publish a children's book and sell it locally. I have chosen to have it printed and bound by small English business and I really hope that some of you might consider donating, or know someone who might wish to help. ☺ As most of you will know, I've lived in this area my whole life, and would be happy to dedicate books to anyone who gives £35 or over to this cause. For more information, please look at the link below or send me an email. Emily.gale3@gmail.com. Thank you. ☺
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South Newington weather, summer 2019: June, July,

One of the reasons that I love England is that the weather is totally unpredictable. I would hate to live under constant hot, dry and sunny conditions, or cold and wet all the time. Changeable weather is a good description of this summer also. A wet June with a total of 147mm of rain, one of the wettest on any records was followed by a dry July with 36.4mm and August also dry at 45.6mm. The monthly average is around 65mm. So the various can easily be seen.

The wettest day and night was on 12th June when we had 34.4mm of rain, and the August totals are estimated because the Rain Guage at the station developed a blocked pipe from dust and blowing debris for a couple of days before someone came to clean it out. THey were not very wet days so the figures cannot be far out. The river guage showed positive readings in the early summer but have now dropped to negative with minus readings due to the dry July and August.

My own notes have not been to comprehensive this summer, but I noted the worst thunderstorm of the summer on 7th June when the storm sat over the village and some of the lightning was quite close to us. Being night time it could be described as quite spectacular, and maybe a bit too close for comfort. We had 27mm of rain that day/night as well.

We should consider the temperatures, it being summer, and also because records all over the country were broken. Each of the three months put us in the 30s C at some time, and many years we do not reach that temperature. On June 29th we reached 31.1 C, and on July 25th which as the "hot" Thursday we had 34.6C, the hottest I have ever recorded. August came up to 30.5C on Sunday 25th and that hot spell lasted about 4 days. Those of you who love the hot weather have had a good spell this year. In complete contrast during the host spell we were the coldest place in the British Isles on night of 23rd August when the temperature dropped to 9.0C and that also happened on 29th July going down to 8.0C.

The Flower Show weather could have been better this year, but we can remember far worse ones. Hope you all had a good summer. My favourite season is here now and I will report on that nearer Christmas!!

John Britten

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