

Newchurch Noticeboard

Newchurch Parish Council
No 1 - November 2022

Hello - from your Parish Council

We hope that this is the first of many opportunities to 'join up the dots' in our Parish, and to give Parishioners a 'go-to' place to advertise their events and find out what's happening in our area.

Newchurch has seven hamlets, plus main roads and outlying farms and properties - in total, over 1200 residences. There are many clubs and interest groups - lots going on - not everyone knows!

We have produced a new directory for the Parish - Newchurch Network. It's available in printed form and on the six parish notice boards, also on our website -

<https://www.newchurchparish.co.uk>

The website is operated by the Parish Council to provide Newchurch residents, organisations and communities with ready access to relevant information in and around the Parish.

Parish Council Meetings

Are you interested in finding out how your Parish Council functions? If so, come along to one of the meetings. These are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.00 pm. We would welcome your views and input at all levels.

Let the Parish Clerk know by the previous Monday what you would like to talk about and we will arrange an opportunity for you to have your say at the start of the meeting.

Gareth Hughes - Parish Clerk
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October Parish Meeting notes

The meeting followed the usual basic format - reports, planning and so on.

We received an answer on Highway Speed Checks and Enforcements - an issue that concerns several Parishioners - and we will continue to pursue this.

The Island Strategic Plan was on the agenda. It was rejected at the recent County Council meeting due to concerns on its impact on the Island.

We're working on ways to improve Parish communications and connectivity, including a directory - Newchurch Network, upgrade of the Parish website, and this - Newchurch Noticeboard.

Beating the Bounds



Two parish councillors and nine parishioners Beat the Parish Bounds on 22nd October. The weather was good, and new friends were made. We all had a great time, including the two dogs! We hope to repeat this again next June.

How to deal with Scams

TEXTS: Forward to 7726

EMAILS: Forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

CALL FROM YOUR BANK: Hang up, wait 10 minutes, call 159 then select the correct option for your bank. This is a secure way of verifying if it really was your bank that was contacting you.

Diary dates

November

21 Parish Council Meeting - 7pm.

December

3 Newchurch Drama Club Quiz
Church Hall 7pm

Contact:

Heather 07811 690462

10 Alverstone Christmas Supper

7pm - Old School Hall - Contact :

linda.mclennan@btinternet.com - 685175

19 Parish Council Meeting - 7pm.

Would you like this Newchurch Noticeboard on a regular basis? Let us know.

To add an event, contact the Parish Clerk.

Councillors

(See website for details or get in touch via the Parish Clerk)

Roy Bevan
Bob Blezzard
June Davison
John Earley
Rodney Harris
Rosey Messing
Clare Mosdell
Siobhan West

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HEATING TIPS

From Living Well & Early Help Partnership Contact them at lweh@aspireryde.org.uk - 240732	Possible savings
Turn your thermostat down one degree	£142 pa
Cut shower time by just one minute	£78 per person
Wash clothes at 30 degrees - modern detergents work well at low temperatures	£77pa
Check windows and doors for unwanted draughts - block with old clothes, towels, etc	£71pa
Cling film over windows can make a difference	
But don't block air bricks or window vents - this can cause damp and mould	
Turn off lights when rooms aren't used	£38pa
Use radiator thermostats (if any)	£213pa
Use the tumble dryer sparingly - it costs £166 a year on average. Dry clothes on airers or outside	Up to £166pa
Turn off pre-heat on combi-boilers - 50 for heating, 55 for hot water should be sufficient	Reduce bills
Fill up - washing machines, dishwashers, even the oven - all more efficient when fully utilised	Big savings
Consider batch oven cooking, and then reheating in the microwave to eat	

R.N.I.D NHS HEARING AID CLINICS

FREE clinics for Cleaning, Re-Tubing, Batteries, Information & Advice

Book an appointment or order batteries:

Tel: 07918 740936 email: iow@rnid.org.uk

1st Thursday each month: 10am-12pm (*Drop-in Clinic*) - Riverside Centre, **Newport** PO30 2QR

2nd Wednesday each month (*Appt. only*) - Youth & Community Centre, **Brading** PO36 0DH

1st Tuesday each month: 10am-12pm (*Drop-in Clinic*) - Methodist Church, Foreland Rd, **Bembridge** PO35 5UD

3rd Tuesday each month (*Appointment only*) - **Ryde** Methodist Church, Garfield Rd PO33 2PT

Last Tuesday each month: 10am-11:30am (*Drop-in Clinic*) - Green Room, Town Council Offices, 1 Salisbury Gardens, Dudley Rd, **Ventnor** PO38 1EJ

If you just require batteries, we can offer a FREE postal service.

WARM MATES

Ideas from The Footprint Trust

Buddy-up with neighbours for the day in each others homes. Take turns to cook. Tackle loneliness and isolation.

Energy Helpmate volunteers work alongside experts from Footprint Trust, giving guidance and practical help to those struggling this winter via their helpline and at outreach events throughout the Island.

Free training course 'Cooking on a Budget' - air-fryers, microwave ovens or slow cookers for those who attend.

To register for 'Cooking on a Budget' or to get help with your utility bills, contact Footprint Trust at:

info@footprint-trust.co.uk or call 822282

OTHER ODDS 'n' ENDS

Feeling chilly?

- ⇒ Put on an extra jumper, warm socks, gloves and a hat
- ⇒ Pull the curtains before nightfall to keep the warmth in
- ⇒ Keep doors closed (inside and out) to reduce draughts

Save water and reduce bills:

- ⇒ When cleaning teeth - use a cup of water - don't run tap continuously
- ⇒ Use a watering can, not a sprinkler or hose to water the garden - less water used - better for plants
- ⇒ Don't boil more water in the kettle than you need

AND - when you're planning a meal, how about sometimes offering some to a lonely neighbour?

TWINNING

Please let us know if you are interested in inviting villagers from Villainville, Normandy to Newchurch next spring.

In touch with our MP, Bob Seeley

Please contact Bob Seeley if you have examples of any additional costs or challenges we face because of our geographic location. He can then refer these to the Islands Forum - set up to feed back to ministers the challenges faced by islands like ours.

Provision is being made to adjust funds to St Mary's Hospital. Bob recently led a debate in Parliament regarding our Hospital Funding to address the additional costs we face as an island that should be factored into this adjustment.