

SPARKLING CHRISTMAS AWAITS NEWBALD

Thanks For Your Generosity



GAVIN - WE SALUTE YOU!

We are dedicating this newsletter to Gavin Steward, former Chairman of Newbald Parish Council. He left the council in September, due to ill health. Tragically, he has since passed away. We cannot begin to tell you how sad we are to lose him in this way. A full tribute to him is included in the centre pages of this specially extended newsletter. All the Christmas images in this newsletter were created by him. One of his many talents was his amazing artistic ability.

NEW COUNCILLOR

NPC is very happy to welcome Sam Wright on to the council. Sam, aged 24, has lived in Newbald for 16 years. He is a long-standing member of the team at The Tiger. Sam joined NPC as he is passionate about the village, improving what it has to offer for both residents, especially younger people, as well as visitors. He is also particularly keen to help find solutions to existing issues and to work alongside 3rd party organisations to make Newbald a better and safer place to live.

END OF SEWAGE NIGHTMARE?

Yorkshire Water has said that it will finally begin the £500,000 of work to line the sewer in Newbald on Mon 6th December. This is fantastic news as it should provide a great deal of protection against the sewage floods that Newbald experienced last winter. This comes after much campaigning by residents and NPC. Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work on this. Please be patient as there will be some disruption.

Newbald Parish Council would like to thank all residents of Newbald for your very generous contributions to the Christmas Lights Fund. An amazing £6,995 was raised, enabling us to organise a spectacular tree, which is even bigger than normal. We have no doubt that the difference between the lights this year compared to previous ones will be profound. We can't wait to see the lights switched on on 1st December 2021. If you are reading the paper version of this newsletter, they will already be switched on, but if not be sure to come down to the Green for **7pm on Wed 1st Dec** to be part of it. (Switch on at 7.15pm prompt.)

Particular thanks go to following people and organisations:



CHRISTMAS TREE
ON THE GREEN

- Leandro De Luca for the funds he raised doing a sponsored half marathon wearing only his speedos!
- Fiona Oakes and Beccy O'Sullivan for their hard work fundraising.
- Matthew Smith, Mick Smith and Terry Bowater for their voluntary work installing the lights.
- Robert B. Massey Trust for their amazing contribution.

- the Hibbs family for their very generous donation.
- Silvia and Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust for its fantastic contribution.
- The Parish Council, the Christmas Lights Committee, and Sober Hill Wind Farm Ltd for the large donation from the Sober Community Benefit Fund.

We also have some money left over for future years so we can be sure to keep the lights shining bright and maybe even add to the range of lights, if residents would like that.

The new mains electrical supply on the village green will serve us well for future Christmases but also for other events that might benefit from a power supply.

E-SCOOTERS DANGER

Young people have been spotted around the village on electric scooters. While these may seem to be a lot of fun, unfortunately they are dangerous, especially when the riders are all dressed in dark clothing. There have been some near misses and we would hate an actual accident to happen. Using private e-scooters is illegal on public roads, pavements and cycle lanes. It is illegal for a reason. Please, let's keep Newbald safe for all.

QUEEN'S CELEBRATION DAY

NPC has decided it would like to organise an event on **2 June 2022** to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Full details are yet to be decided, but it will certainly involve lighting a beacon in celebration as part of a national network of lights. We hope that this day will be a special occasion for Newbald and would welcome help and any suggestions for

how to make the day a memorable one.

NPC CHANGES

Cllr. Beccy O'Sullivan is the new Chair of Newbald Parish Council. Beccy is a long-standing member of the council and has a wealth of experience. Cllr. Sarah Milner has taken her place as Deputy Chair.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 6 th	Mon	St. Nicholas' Day Party for adults & children - Church - 6pm
Dec 12 th	Sun	Christmas Sunday School - Church - 2pm
Dec 19 th	Sun	Carol Service & Nativity - Church - 6.30pm
Dec 24 th	Fri	Christingle & Crib Service - Church - 5pm
Dec 24 th	Fri	NPFA- Carols on the Green - The Green - 6pm
Dec 24 th	Fri	Midnight Mass - Church - 11.30pm
Dec 25 th	Sat	Christmas Family & Communion Service - Church - 9.30am
Dec 26 th	Sun	Boxing Day Holy Communion Service - Church - 10.30am



TRIBUTE TO GAVIN STEWARD

Gavin joined Newbald Parish Council (NPC) in September 2010. He cited his reason as being his determination to protect the village from adverse change and his desire to nurture the village's community spirit. He was already a very active member of the village at that point, including being on the Village Hall Management Committee.



**GAVIN AND JOHN DANBY ON THE NEWLY BUILT
CENTENARY BENCH IN 2014**

Gavin quickly became a very key and vocal member of the council and was elected as Vice Chairman at the Annual Meeting of May 2012.

He had very strong opinions and was incredibly protective of the village. He was never afraid to voice his thoughts firmly and defiantly. Here is an extract from our March 2013 newsletter, in Gavin's own words, which he insisted on including and putting his name to personally. (This was unusual, as normally all articles in the newsletter are written by the Clerk on behalf of the whole council.)

"You Know Who You Are!!

As a responsible dog owner and resident of this wonderful village, I am unreservedly disgusted at the continual disregard for

other parishioners by the few unabashed dog owners who cannot be bothered to clear up after their animals.

Our pavements and grass verges are fast becoming an unacceptable 'dog dumping' ground, the products of which are often carried unsuspecting into homes via children and elders alike, many of whom do not even have a dog. We are also experiencing those who unbelievably make the effort to pick up after their dog, only to throw the bag and its contents into the hedge bottom how clever is that!

As a Parish Council we have provided more than adequate number of waste bins, strategically positioned around the village for easy disposal of the offending 'packets', but still people refuse to adhere to the wishes of the many, to the point where I have even seen piles within feet of the bins.

With the above in mind, I am personally of the opinion that people with this attitude to dog fouling should either not be allowed to have a dog or simply not be resident in our village with such a selfish attitude for others.

In Conclusion: To those like myself who love and respect our village, I sincerely thank you for all your efforts, and to those who continually ignore other Parishioners clean living wishes, I truly hope you find your conscience very quickly, for all of our sakes".
Gavin M Steward, Vice Chairman.

This was the first of other such articles by Gavin, which followed in subsequent newsletters.

In 2013, when the Parish Council wanted to create a stone memorial bench on the Green to commemorate 100 years since the start of the first world war and the opening of the new Newbald School, it was Gavin who designed it. The memorial bench, which went on to be built in 2014 and still graces the Green, is testament to his artistic and design skills. He also helped John Danby to build it in person.

Always a natural leader, Gavin was appointed as Chairman of NPC on 18 May 2015. True to his nature, he was quick to persuade other councillors to sweep away the bureaucracy of the existing committee structure and simplify the operation of the Parish Council.

As Gavin put it in 2016, "When I took the Chair in May 2015, we were having 30+ meetings per year. This year we have restricted our meetings to one per month, whilst still covering the same workload. This is in itself an achievement, demonstrating that your councillors are working diligently and efficiently on your behalf to resolve matters."

Gavin never liked red tape and bureaucracy, preferring to just get things done!

Gavin played a key part in securing the Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund on behalf of the village, which was by no means guaranteed. Sober Hill Wind Farm Ltd were not legally obligated to give money to Newbald, they had to be persuaded to do so. The fund has given good causes in the village an income of £26,000+ each year and is managed by NPC.

As the Newbald representative, Gavin also fought hard to make sure that Newbald received its fair share of the Sancton Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. It should be said that this was done in the face of considerable opposition from some other panel members, who felt that Newbald applicants should not receive anything due to having access to the Sober fund.

In his era, NPC became very environmentally conscious, planting trees throughout the village, creating a bee friendly zone and replacing old benches with environmentally friendly ones. This scheme is ongoing and will roll out in the future years, as our budget allows. Gavin worked with his colleague, Cllr. John Howard, and consultants to carry out a feasibility study to see if Newbald could benefit from a Community Renewable Energy Scheme, which would see the village owning its own wind turbine to meet its energy needs. While unfortunately this proved to currently not be viable, due to the upgrades needed to the national electricity grid, the groundwork has been done and a foundation laid for this in the future.



With Gavin at the helm, and after many years of campaigning and liaising with KCOM, NPC secured superfast broadband for residents who were previously stuck with incredibly slow broadband speeds.



GAVIN JOINS GRAHAM STUART MP, ERYC COUNCILLORS AND KCOM AS WORK BEGINS TO BRING SUPERFAST BROADBAND TO TOWNSIDE ROAD - AUGUST 2020

Gavin campaigned tirelessly for improved road safety and to protect the village from unwelcome planning developments. He was often incredibly frustrated by the UK planning system and ERYC's policies, which often made NPC feel that its requests, comments and appeals fell on deaf ears. However, this never curbed his enthusiasm, nor stopped him from working hard to find solutions. He provided practical help in many ways, including cemetery and churchyard safety inspections, beck inspections and meeting with contractors. He attended countless meetings on the parish's behalf. He was always happy to act as the intermediary between NPC, residents and other parties where necessary and was amazingly diplomatic, persuasive and capable of making all parties happy, whilst always keeping Newbald's needs front and centre.

He knew Newbald and its inhabitants so well. His wealth of knowledge of the local area and local inter-connections of people was amazing. He was perhaps the most qualified person to serve the village of Newbald on the Parish Council.



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He was like a walking encyclopaedia of Newbald. He could tell you the local history, who knew who, who owned what and what had happened previously. He could put any local happening quickly into a context, which made everything easier to understand.

He had an amazing ability to unite people, to make everyone feel valued, heard, and understood. That was true of councillors and parishioners alike. He was very influential, such that you had the feeling that without him things would just not be the same. Indeed, many Members of the Council threatened to leave if he left the Parish Council. As it is, losing him in this incredibly sad way, has made us all determined to carry on and serve the Parish Council in his memory.

If this reflection on Gavin has taken longer than the 2 minutes, he would restrict members' speeches to, we are sorry, but there are far too many positive things that we would not want to leave out!

In memory of Gavin, NPC intends to put a new environmentally friendly bench, complete with memorial plaque, under the lime trees next to the Green. We feel this will be a fitting tribute to our friend and colleague.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS BETTY'S HEADSTONE. THIS IS A VERY FITTING TRIBUTE TO THIS LOVELY LADY.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

The NPFA are pleased to announce that Carols on the Green will be returning on **24th December 6pm** onwards. There will be fairground rides, roast chestnuts, Mr Byass Gavioli Steam Organ, mulled wine and mince pies. Please come along and enjoy this small community celebration. Keep safe and have a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**.

NEED FINANCIAL HELP?

ERYC wants to tell you about help available to residents, which could ease some financial pressures many will be under with the rise in energy bills. Check you are not missing out at <https://eastriding.entitledto.co.uk>.

TUES COFFEE MORNINGS

Hot drinks and homemade scones and cakes are served in the church every Tuesday 10.30-12pm. All funds raised are helping towards the running costs and maintenance of our beautiful village church. Please support us if you can. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU TO PAULINE FOR HER BEAUTIFUL HARVEST FESTIVAL DISPLAYS



WI BACK TO NORMAL

At last we seem to be getting back to some sort of normality! We held our AGM in October. This was well attended and we had a Fun Quiz to finish off the evening. Two members enjoyed the Autumn Meeting of all East Yorkshire WI Clubs at Tickton Grange Hotel. As most villagers will be aware, our Craft Club ladies have created a stunning Remembrance Day Display in the Churchyard with knitted poppies. Book Club, Coffee Club and the Walking Club have continued to flourish, Coffee Morning this month will be at The Sails Cafe at Skidby. At our November meeting we made Christmas tree decorations in the shape of Felt Reindeers. They made a wonderful display and everyone was very proud of their handiwork. On December 1st we start our Christmas celebrations by holding our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Gnu. We continue in this vein by embarking on our first Coach trip since the Covid Outbreak. We are going to The Narnia Christmas Exhibition at Castle Howard. There will be stunning light displays and Christmas Fayre, not to mention enjoying the beautiful gardens. So 2021 is almost over. We look forward to a **healthy & rewarding 2022**.

ROOMS SEEK VOLUNTEERS AS SUCCESS GROWS

We have had a great start to the new term at The Rooms: Many new members joined our Tuesday Youth Club and our walking bus from the school has proved very popular. Our brand new toddler group got underway in September thanks to two new volunteers Debbie and Lucy who run it. The Friday Youth Club for secondary school ages continues to be popular and in October we welcomed Raveen as our new lead Youth Worker. So some great additions to the team this term. This year we had a bumper crop of apples and the Apple Festival was well attended. We raised over £500 toward running the Youth Clubs and maintaining The Rooms, so a big thank you to everyone who supported the event by either visiting or ordering our juice and crumbles.

We also want to take this opportunity to invite anyone who is interested to come to one of our monthly meetings to see if you would like to join our small but enthusiastic committee. We are particularly looking for someone who has the skills to develop some of the annual fundraising events that we hold. **Tuesdays 3.45pm onwards** - Youth Club for ages 4 -Year 6, **Fridays 7-9pm** - Youth Club for year 7+, **Thursday 1-3pm** - Toddler group.

FUN & INTERACTIVE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

A big thank you to Donna Garbett who themed the October Sunday School around Harvest time. The children enjoyed bread making, making a bird seed hanger, painting hedgehog pictures and decorating gingerbread! Christmas interactive Sunday School will take place on **Sunday 12th December** in the church from **2pm-4pm**. Please look out for more details from Donna.



SAFETY MEASURES AND RENOVATIONS AT HALL

The last few months have seen the Village Hall attracting a lot of party bookings as life has returned to a semblance of normality. However, some regular classes have been lost as numbers haven't been sufficient to support them... it seems there may still be a little bit of work to be done regarding people's confidence. For our part, we have applied for funding for high grade air purification for both the main hall and community room which will allow faster turnaround between bookings and largely eliminate the need to open windows and doors to ventilate the rooms, obviously a major factor at this time of year.

If you are interested in hiring the hall for a regular class or group, there is now weekly availability on at least one evening each week - please get in touch - call 07950 267913 or email Newbald.hall@gmail.com

At the time of writing this, there is uncertainty about changes to safety guidelines but be assured the Hall Trustees will continue to make every effort to ensure that the building is kept as safe as possible for all users.

If you've been to or passed the Hall, you will have noticed the work going on to renovate the exterior of the building. We are grateful to FCC and ACRE for the major funding for this work and acknowledge the ongoing support of Newbald Parish Council. By the time you read this, the village should have a hall which is a pleasure to be inside, and be safe in the knowledge that the outside is secure for the long term.

Plans for our live music programme as well as film nights and other events such as quiz nights and theatre shows are bubbling under the surface. **We wish everyone in the village a happy Christmas** and very much hope that we can make your village hall part of an enjoyable 2022.



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Please visit Newbald Parish Council's website for Newbald information and news. Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 6 Dec at Newbald Village Hall. All welcome.

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