

Pilot study to assess water quality in the Beck

Hull University are combining with West Wolds Slow the Flow to assess the quality of the water in the Beck and further along the river flowing through Newbald, North Cave and down to Ellerker. The work will involve identifying the invertebrates collected from various sites along the river and then using environmental data to produce various parameters giving a score of how good the water quality is based on the invertebrates in the river. They will also take into consideration other factors affecting the Beck such as road runoff, sedimentation and pollution and assess how these also affect the water quality.

This year will be a pilot study and it is hoped that this will be followed by a wider long term study monitoring the invertebrates for a number of years to see annual trends and assist in discussions with local landowners. Findings following this study will be shared next spring.

Commonwealth War Graves

As part of the centenary of the First World War the Commonwealth War Graves Commission decided to undertake a Signs Project. The aim of the project was to erect signs at as many churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds as possible that contain war graves. It is hoped that the initiative will increase



awareness of war graves in the UK and remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations. Newbald Cemetery contains 4 war graves, and a sign has now been affixed to the gate by the Commission who paid for the plaque and will maintain it on a permanent basis.

New Councillor

The Parish Council have welcomed a new councillor. Cllr. Meryl Bainbridge has lived in the village with her husband John for a little over 18 years and can often be seen out walking their 2 cocker spaniels. She has always enjoyed the fact that there are so many stunning walks on our doorstep with lots of interesting wildlife, etc to be spotted along the Wolds Way.

Speed Watch

In the autumn newsletter the Parish Council informed residents that we were seeking to establish a local speed watch campaign and asked volunteers to come forward. We are delighted to report that so far 10 people have put their names down; however, we would still like more. Clearly, the more volunteers we have the more often we can check speeds. Volunteers need only be available a couple of hours a month. All equipment and training will be provided free of charge by Humberside Police. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 80 who is interested in taking part should contact the Clerk.



DID YOU KNOW?

7 in 10 UK adults say that listening to audiobooks makes them feel less stressed and anxious

Source: Best, E. et al., National Literacy Trust, Audiobooks: A survey of UK adults in 2021 (2022)

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Newbald Village Hall

2023 has seen a period of consolidation for the Village Hall with hirings returning to pre-Covid levels. To celebrate this year's festive season sees the Village Hall lit up in all its glory for the first time.

The Village Hall continues to benefit from the excellent entertainment organised by Newbald Live. Check out their website for future events.

2024 will see further improvements in storage, bar facilities and to the main hall itself, which needs updating to make it more energy efficient in order to combat higher energy costs. This of course all depends on obtaining sufficient outside funding.

The Village Hall continues to provide excellent local facilities for the community so if you are thinking of organising an event or starting an activity please contact us via our new web page (www.newbaldvillagehall.com) where you can make a booking for the main hall or community room direct.

Newbald Live 2024 Programme



After a successful 2023, with large audiences enjoying live performances at Newbald Village Hall covering folk, country and blues music, plus theatre and comedy, we head into 2024 with an exciting line up. Tickets are on sale now for all of the events below... full details are at www.newbald.live, where you can also join our mailing list to save online booking fees.

Sat 10/2/24: Joshua Burnell trio (support: Elsie Franklin)

Sat 24/2/24: The Magic of Iain Shaw

Sat 23/3/24: Bella Gaffney (support: Emily Lawler)

Fri 12/4/24: Scott Doonican

Sat 20/4/24: The Dunwells

Many thanks to all who have supported Newbald Live over the last year – from all involved, can we wish you a **Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.**

Newbald Playing Fields Association

We had a brilliant time at our Race Night back in October, where we raised an incredible **£1540.55**. A huge thanks once again to all our fantastic race sponsors, to Newbald Village Hall, and to everyone who came along on the night, especially the incredibly generous owners of the horses in the auction race.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at our annual Carols on the Green, Christmas Eve, 6pm onwards. Enjoy the festive atmosphere with the Byass' Gavioli organ, children's rides, warming mulled wine, and traditional carols. Come along and join us at this wonderful community event.

And if you're looking for any resolutions for the New Year, why not join our committee to help raise much needed funds for the ongoing maintenance of the playing fields? Our friendly committee meets monthly, so message us on Facebook or email newbaldpfa@hotmail.com to get involved!



W.I. Newsletter

It has been quite a busy time for our members lately. In August some ladies joined Pocklington WI to visit RHS Harlow Carr at Harrogate then in October we made a trip to the Hemswell Antique Centre. It was very interesting but exhausting as it's HUGE!

We have just returned from Christmas trip to Chatsworth House which was beautifully decorated as "The Palace of Advent". Later this month we are looking behind the scenes of York Theatre then at the end of November we go to Hull New Theatre to see "Calendar Girls". We finish off the year with our Christmas Dinner at The Gnu.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended. In October Hull Visual Choir gave us a wonderful evening of entertainment. Most of the choir are totally deaf so it was by sign language and background music. They were so clever. Kevin Hara created some fantastic seasonal floral arrangements at our November Meeting. He is the lead floral artist at Beverley Minster. He was very amusing and he regaled us with many funny stories about his life and his work. This was an Open Meeting where many ladies from the Village attended.

All our subsidiary clubs are doing well. The Craft Club has just decorated the Churchyard with a poignant poppy display and they have continued to decorate the Village Green with topical themes. We will soon be erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree in the Village Hall. The Book Club has given us some interesting reading and The Walking Club and the Lunch/Coffee Club have continued to provide us with beautiful scenery and varied venues. We end the Year on a festive note with the hope that 2024 will be as fulfilling! **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**

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