

## ADVENTURE GOLF COURSE OPEN IN VICTORIA PARK!

Victoria Park has a new attraction just in time for the Spring weather! Newbury Adventure Golf opened in early April with an 18-hole wildlife themed adventure golf course full of obstacles and exciting features. The Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Billy Drummond tried out the course for himself on opening day. This is a great addition to the facilities we already have at Victoria Park right in heart of the town. The new Adventure Golf facility is located in the area between Queen Victoria and her Lions and the tennis courts, so there'll still be plenty of green open space to enjoy in the Park. The facility will be open on weekends as well as school and bank holidays and if all goes well, this will be extended to 7 days a week. You can book your place at the dedicated website: [www.newburyadventuregolf.co.uk](http://www.newburyadventuregolf.co.uk)



# NTC NEWS

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### DIARY DATES

**9th May 2022**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**11th May 2022**

Full Council Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**15th May 2022**

Annual Meeting & Mayor Making

**30th May 2022**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting (Council Chamber)

**Victoria Park Bandstand (3-5pm):**

15th May  
Tredegar Town Band  
21st May  
Oxford Cherwell  
22nd May  
Tadley Band  
29th May  
Blue Sky Big Band

### QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS COMMUNITY BEACON LIGHTING EVENT

Newbury Town Council will be hosting a Community Beacon Lighting on 2 June 2022, to celebrate The Queen's 70th year as Monarch.

There has been a long-standing tradition in the United Kingdom of celebrating royal occasions with the lighting of beacons.

It is predicted that more than 2,000 beacons will be lit for the Platinum Jubilee. The event in the pond area of Victoria Park will coincide with beacon lighting events due to take place across the country and we would like to invite everyone to come along and join in the celebrations.

Music and entertainment from local groups will take place from 7pm; including Sing for Fun, VoxFresh & VoxSonix and Newbury Rock Choir until 9:30pm when commemorations and the beacon lighting will take place.

Families are encouraged to bring picnic teas and their own seating to enjoy the entertainment and the Children's Funfair that will be in the park throughout the evening.

The last time the beacon was lit in Newbury was to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday in 2016.



### VICTORIA PARK FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022

Newbury Town Council will be holding a Family Day in Victoria Park on Sunday 12 June from 12 noon to 4pm.

There will be entertainment throughout the day, which will include traditional Punch & Judy shows, dancing and singing on the Bandstand with the Ragtime Theatre School, folk band 'Whoosya' and Watership Brass.

There will be a climbing wall for everyone to try throughout the afternoon and Kennet Radio will be there too broadcasting live from the event and we'll even have a Fire Engine and a Police car for you to explore!

The local branch of 'Rugby Tots' will be coming along so you can meet them. They run groups for 2-7 year olds to develop their social and physical skills, in a fun, positive environment.

The Bowls Club are happy to welcome new members and the Club will be open for everyone to look around and have a chat about membership and how you can get involved.

The tennis courts will be open too with the inaugural 'Newbury Town Council Tennis Championship' heats running throughout the day with the final trophy being presented by the Mayor of Newbury.

Watch out for more information soon!



### NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday in the Market Place.



### SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every Saturday 10am - 12 noon

### BLUE PLAQUE FOR DORIS PAGE MBE AT 39 ESSEX STREET

Newbury Town Council unveiled its 15th blue plaque on 5 May 2022. The plaque commemorates Doris Page (1925-1991), pioneer campaigner and journalist for disabled people on .

Doris contracted polio in 1955 and was confined to an iron lung for the rest of her life. She returned home to 39, Essex Street, where the plaque has been erected. Doris campaigned tirelessly for the necessary infrastructure to enable disabled people to lead a viable home life, as a founder member of the charity "Independence at Home".

She took a postal course in journalism and started to write on disabled issues for the local and national press, under the pen-name "Ann Armstrong", using specialist equipment which made writing possible. From 1963-88 she was editor of "The Responaut" magazine (the name may be a contraction of "respiratory" and "astronaut").

In 1968, Doris was awarded the MBE for her services. She wrote two books – "Patient's Prospect" and "Breath of Life" – which were serialised on BBC Woman's Hour. A detailed description of Doris Page's life will be included in the "Blue Plaque" pages of the Town Council website.

