

A DAY OUT IN THE PARK WITH THE MAYOR!



On Tuesday 31st August, the Mayor of Newbury invited families to come and take part in a Teddy Bears Picnic to raise money for the Mayor's Benevolent Fund and his chosen charity. The event was free for everyone and £56.75 was raised for the Mayor's Benevolent Fund which helps those in need within our local community and contribute towards the Mayor's chosen charity, Speakability. The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Billy Drummond said, "I was so pleased so many people came along to enjoy the day with their favourite teddy! We took great care to organise the event responsibly and with everyone's safety the priority and it went really well".



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DIARY DATES

6th September 2021

Civic Pride,
Arts & Culture
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

13th September 2021

Planning & Highways
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

20th September 2021

Community Services
Committee Meeting
(Council Chamber)

Victoria Park Bandstand

Sun 5th Sept 3-5pm

Cold Ash Brass

Sun 12th Sept 3-5pm

Beenham Wind

Orchestra

Sat 18th Sept 3-5pm

Newbury Jazz Platform

Sun 19th Sept

Hannington Silver Band

Sat 25th Sept 3-5pm

Watership Brass

Sun 26th Sept 3-5pm

Cholsey Silver Band

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday & Saturday
in the Market Place.



SATURDAY SURGERY

Town Hall Steps every
Saturday 10am - 12 noon

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP – SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Newbury Town Council's fourth Climate Change Workshop will be held on Saturday 25 September 2021 at St John's Church and Hall at 2pm. Everyone is welcome and no booking is required. The Workshop will have a number of guest speakers including Dr. Mike Morecroft. Dr Morecroft is an ecologist working for the nature conservation agency for England, specialising in climate change adaptation and mitigation. Kofi Adu-Gyamfi, Waste Manager at the Environment Department for Waste Management at West Berkshire Council will be talking all things plastic and waste. Kofi has substantial experience in advising major public and private sector organisations on resource efficiency strategies, waste management technological options and sustainability. Cllr Martin Colston, Leader of the Council, encourages members of the public to come along to the workshop saying, "We are lucky to be able to attract such distinguished guest speakers to our Climate Change Workshop and I am excited to hear what they have to say. He continued, "We are committed to take action to ensure that the activities of the Town Council are carbon neutral by 2030 or before. We also want to help residents and businesses in Newbury to tackle Climate Change in their daily lives. The workshop will give us valuable advice in how we can all help to improve our environment and reduce our carbon footprints"



TWO NEW DEFIBRILLATORS INSTALLED AT CITY AND WASH COMMON RECREATION GROUNDS

Defibrillators have been installed on the football changing room buildings at both Wash Common Recreation Ground and City Recreation Ground. The 'Public Access' defibrillators will be available to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We already have one at our Tennis Courts in Victoria Park and one at The Wharf Public Toilets, installed last year. Cllr Martin Colston, Leader of the Council, said, "We felt there was a definite need at our Recreation Grounds for a defibrillator that could be accessed by the public 24 hours a day. These two areas are very popular with regular football matches played each weekend throughout the season and with the new facilities at City Rec it has become even more used by residents for exercise and play". He continued, "You do not need any training to use the defibrillators – they are designed for public use. You cannot misuse them as they will deliver a shock to the casualty only if they need it; in other words, the device will not let you shock them unless they need a shock. The installations are part of an ongoing programme in the Council's Strategy, as we work to make Newbury a town we can all be proud of."



TOWN HALL CHAMBER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER



As part of the national 'Heritage Open Days' event, Newbury Town Hall is throwing open its doors to the public so that everyone can view the Council Chamber, The Civic Staircase, The Town Hall Portraits, the Council's maces and other civic regalia. This includes the Town Hall Honours Boards, which list the Mayors of Newbury, going back to 1596 and features many well-known local families. Heritage Open Days is the largest heritage festival in the country. Heritage Open Days operates as part of the National Trust with funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery. For 2021, there will be a special display which will focus on the history of Newbury Market, former Mayors who worked in the food industry and the Town Council's Allotments and Edible Crops initiative as part of Heritage Open Day's 'Edible England' theme for the year. The event will be part of a celebration of the whole of West Berkshire's market offerings. View the portraits located on the civic staircase, which leads to the Council Chamber. These include the portrait of "Jack of Newbury dated 1550, as well as King George and Queen Charlotte, and "The Newbury Coat". The Council Chamber, the Honours Board, the Mayor's Throne and the Council's maces will be on display. Everyone is welcome to come and have a look!

VOLUNTEER WILDFLOWER MEADOW CUT

Over the past 2 years, volunteers helped to plant beautiful wildflower meadows at City Recreation Ground and Victoria Park. In the Spring the flowers started growing and by June they were amass with colour for everyone to enjoy. To ensure the flowers come up again next year, a volunteer wildflower cutting day was held at City Recreation Ground on Sunday 5 September. A number of local residents came along and joined in to help cut the meadow, disperse the seed heads and prepare the area so that next summer it will look beautiful once again. If you missed out this time and would like to get involved, there will be another wildflower cut in Victoria Park on Sunday 19th September at 10am, meeting in the Bandstand. The regular cutting of the wildflower meadow area will ensure that they come up year after year and we should then see more butterflies, bumblebees and other insects. We would encourage anyone with an interest in bio-diversity and wildflower planting, or if you just want to have a go, to come along and help.

