

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HIRE THE TOWN HALL?

The cost of hiring the Town Hall has recently been reduced, so now is an ideal time to consider booking it as a venue for a family party/reception, a corporate social event/training or even for your wedding venue. This beautiful historic venue will add character to any event.

Find out more by phoning 01635 35486 or looking at our website www.newbury.gov.uk/town-hall-hire.php

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DIARY DATES

19th November - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

20th November

Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure
Town Hall

30th November - 5.00pm

Tennis Court Light Switch On
Victoria Park

3rd December - 9.00am

Farmers Market
Market Place

6th December

Planning & Highways
Town Hall

Unless stated all committee meetings start at 7.30pm. Open to the public & will be located at the Town Hall.

NEWBURY MARKET

Every Thursday and Saturday
in the Market Place.

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillors are available to answer your questions on the Town Hall steps between 10am-12noon every Saturday.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE AND SERVICE IN NEWBURY

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service was held in Newbury on Sunday 12 November 2017 with veterans, serving personnel, uniformed organisations and members of the public attending this year's event in Newbury to remember those who have served our country.

The Remembrance Sunday proceedings commenced with the main parade stepping off from Pelican Lane and marching the length

of Northbrook Street turning into Mansion House Street where the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Fenn, took the salute prior to continuing to the Market Place where the Remembrance Service took place.

For the first time this year, in response to a request from members of the public with hearing difficulties, there was a qualified British Sign Language expert for those people who need help hearing the service.

SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL



On Tuesday 17 October, the town's sixth form schools took part in our first Debating Competition during the Council's Local Democracy programme.

Park House, Trinity, St. Bartholomew's and St. Gabriel's schools entered teams and the topics for debate included "People should not eat meat", "Political parties are bad for democracy" and "Prisons are too soft". The debates took place in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, with first round heats and the 2 teams in the final, Park House and St Bartholomew's, went forward to the final debate with the topic, "should grades in schools be abolished?"

The standard of the competition was very high and the overall winners was St Bartholomew's School.

The prize, a perpetual shield, was generously sponsored by the Newbury Weekly News. The debates were chaired by the Mayor of Newbury, Cllr David Fenn.

NEW VICTORIA PARK TENNIS COURTS FLOODLIGHTING SWITCH ON

On Thursday November 30th at 5pm we will be switching on our new floodlighting system at the Victoria Park Tennis Courts. Anyone can come along and have a go for free and experience this new facility. Our coaches will be on hand to answer any questions about their coaching programs.

Once the floodlighting is switched on, players will be able to use the courts up until 9:30pm with the new floodlighting which has been installed as the final phase of the refurbishment.

The newly refurbished Victoria Park

tennis courts have been open since March 2017 and have proven to be very popular with over 300 annual memberships taken up and a successful coaching program. The total tennis courts refurbishment cost in excess of £100,000 and was funded from the legal settlement secured by the Council last year, together with a £39,893 grant from the Lawn Tennis Association and a £10,000 contribution from a West Berkshire Council Members Bid towards the new lighting.

The booking system, 'Clubspark' allows people to register and book online. The



MARKET TRADER RETIRES AFTER 60 YEARS AT NEWBURY

One of Newbury's longest standing Market traders has retired from his butcher's wagon after over 42 years trading at the Market. Malcolm Smith began Market trading when he was just 18 years old, following in the footsteps of his father Ron, who started working at Newbury Market in 1957.

Malcolm remembers his time at the Market fondly saying, "It has been a pleasure meeting so many different people and becoming part of their lives. I have made lots of friends along the way."

Malcolm, and his wife, Debbie will continue at the Market as our recently appointed Market Managers. Since taking over this role we have seen an increase in Market Traders and more of a variety of quality products.

If you are feeling inspired by Malcolm's story, you can find out about becoming a Market Trader at Newbury by calling Caroline on 01635 35486 or by email: towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk.

