

## GET FIT FOR FREE AT BLOSSOM'S FIELD WASH COMMON



Newbury Town Council has installed a range of outdoor gym equipment at Blossom's Field in Wash Common which is available for anyone to use for free.

The new gym equipment has been installed next to the children's play area, so parents can keep fit whilst their children play.

It is the latest innovation of gym equipment, with hydraulic pistons and top calibre features for a real gym-like feel. The power resistant 8 position pistons can be easily adjusted to increase/decrease tension to suit your workout routine. Clear and simple instructional videos are accessible via QR codes attached to the equipment, through your smart phone.

This installation, which cost £13,412 in total is part of a larger refurbishment, replacement and new equipment programme which will be funded from CIL monies (developer contributions). Further improvements are planned for next year, ensuring our play areas are maintained to a high standard as new and more challenging equipment becomes available.



*Newbury Town Council is committed to continuing to make Newbury a better place to live, work and visit.*

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CHILDRENS POETRY AND PROSE COMPETITION

Children are being encouraged to take a little time during the school summer holidays to compose a poem or write a piece on 'An inspirational woman in your life'. It is part of Newbury Town Council's way of marking the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage and there is still time to enter.

Entries of prose or poems, up to 500 words to be submitted to the Town Hall by post or email to [Mayor@newbury.gov.uk](mailto:Mayor@newbury.gov.uk) by 5 September 2018. There are two categories, 'up to 11 years' and '11 - 16 years of age'.

All entries will be on display at the Town Hall in the Market Place during our Heritage Open Day on Saturday 15 September from 10am where the winners will be announced.

### DIARY DATES

#### 20th August 2018

Planning and Highways  
Committee Meeting

#### 2nd September 2018

Camberley & District Silver Band  
Victoria Park - 3pm

#### 3rd September 2018

Civic Pride, Arts and Leisure  
Committee Meeting

#### 9th September 2018

Tadley Concert Band  
Victoria Park - 3pm

#### 10th September 2018

Planning and Highways  
Committee Meeting

#### 16th September 2018

Hannington Silver Band  
Victoria Park - 3pm

#### 19th September 2018



Presentation Evening  
Corn Exchange, Newbury

#### 23rd September 2018

Cholsey Silver Band  
Victoria Park - 3pm

#### 24th September 2018

Community Services  
Committee Meeting - 7pm

#### 1st October 2018

Planning and Highways  
Committee Meeting

Unless mentioned, committee meetings are at the Town Hall, start at 7.30pm and are open to members of the public.

## TOWN COUNCIL AGREE TO LEASE WASH COMMON LIBRARY BUILDING



It looks like the library in Wash Common will soon be re-opening, thanks to the work of the Friends of Wash Common Library and the support of Newbury Town Council. Following the closure of the library in 2017, a community group known as The Friends of Wash Common Library, was formed with the aim of re-opening the library and restoring this service for the people of Wash Common and surrounding area.

Newbury Town Council, after considering the responses from the recent public consultation, concluded at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to take a 5 year lease from West Berkshire Council on the Wash Common Library building.

The library is a valuable resource for residents and we are pleased that the Town Council have been able to work together with The Friends Group and West Berkshire Council to enable this to happen.

## NEWBURY & DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL TO BE ESTABLISHED



Newbury Town Council would like to invite all organisations and individuals involved in the arts in Newbury and the surrounding areas to help establish a Newbury & District Arts Council. The aim of the Council would be to support and encourage co-ordination and co-operation between the many different bodies promoting the arts in Newbury/West Berkshire.

The idea is that we will bring together the various bodies, who can then establish the Arts Council and take it on in order to achieve the aims stated above and we ask that representatives of arts organisations contact Newbury Town Council and advise us if they are interested in being involved. The greater the variety of arts organisations involved in the Newbury & District Arts Council, the more effective it can be.

## NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS DEMENTIA FRIENDLY INITIATIVE



The Dementia Friends programme, run by the Alzheimer's Society, is an initiative which helps to change people's perceptions and understanding of dementia.

Town Councillors recently took part in an hour long information session on how to become a Dementia Friend. The session forms part of the Town Council's wider strategy to promote dementia awareness and support dementia friendly community activities. It is understood that many people have been, and will be touched by dementia, with around 850,000 people living with the disease across the UK.

If you are interested in getting involved or holding a session at your community group or workplace, you can contact [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk).