

NEWBURY CIVIC AWARDS 2019

Newbury Town Council has launched its annual Civic Awards to recognise the huge contribution individuals and local businesses can make to the local community.

The award categories this year are:

- The Newbury Town Civic Award
- The Young Persons Civic Award
- The Newbury Town Business Civic Award

Nomination forms are available via the Newbury Town Council website (www.newbury.gov.uk), where forms can also now be electronically submitted. Paper copies are available for collection from The Town Hall, or by telephoning the Town Council on 01635 35486. The closing date for nominations is Friday 8 March and the Mayor will present winners with their awards at the Annual Town meeting on the evening of Monday 18 March.

The award winners for 2018 were Sandra Goodyear, Ellouise Greenall and Wendy Berkeley from Empire Café. Sandra received her award for her service to girlguiding, the pre-schools learning alliance and CRUSE. Ellouise received her award for being a good neighbour, helping a sick neighbour, looking after the young children of a neighbour and helping with shopping and other chores for elderly neighbours. Finally, Wendy received her award for her assistance, care and concern shown to members of the community.



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

TOWN COUNCIL TO THE RESCUE



Newbury Town Council has made arrangements for bus drivers using from the newly opened bus interchange to make use of the public toilets at The Wharf.

Working with Healthmatic, the contractors who maintain the toilets, a swipe card system has been provided to allow the drivers free access to the toilets. The installation costs and the running costs will be covered by Reading Buses and Newbury & District Bus companies.

Drivers and passengers will also be able to top-up their refillable bottles, following the installation of a drinking water tap in The Wharf last year. The Council hopes to reduce the use of single-use plastics across the town.

DIARY DATES

25th February 2019

Civic Pride, Arts and Leisure Committee Meeting

28th February 2019

City Rec Consultation Closes at Midnight

4th March 2019

Planning and Highways Committee Meeting

7th March 2019

Newbury Youth Council Town Hall - 7pm

11th March 2019

Community Services Committee Meeting

16th March 2019

Community Shrub Planting Victoria Park 10.30am

18th March 2019

Annual Town Meeting and Civic Awards - 7.00pm

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

BLUE PLAQUE COMMEMORATES THE DIDCOT, NEWBURY AND SOUTHAMPTON RAILWAY LINE AND D-DAY



Newbury Town Council has unveiled its ninth blue Heritage Plaque. This commemorates the central role that was performed by the former Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Railway in conveying service personnel and military materials from the Midlands and the North of England to the Port of Southampton in preparation for the D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe on 6th June 1944.

The plaque is located at Newbury Railway Station, by kind permission of Network Rail and Great Western Railway.

The DNS Railway constituted the heavy transport link for this vital supply. At its peak, it carried 120 train movements a day.

CLLr Anthony Pick, Chairman of the Newbury Town Council Heritage Working Group, said,

“D-Day was the largest seaborne invasion in history, and the planning and preparations for it were on a corresponding scale. It is right that the involvement of the Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Railway is recognised and commemorated. I am grateful to the late Mike James for originally bringing this to my attention, and to the railway historian Kevin Robertson for confirming its importance. The Town Council is grateful to the Newbury Society for its consistent support of the blue plaque programme.”

NTC SUPPORTS KENNET CENTRE BOWLING ALLEY



Newbury Town Councillors have supported a licence application from Superbowl UK for a bowling alley and entertainments at The Kennet Centre.

The Leader of the Council, CLLr Adrian Edwards, welcoming the proposal, said, “We wholeheartedly support this proposal from the Kennet Centre, which will bring much-needed leisure facilities to the Town Centre and also attract investment and employment for Newbury”.

It is understood that there will be 14 ‘state of the art’ Ten-Pin Bowling lanes, a Crazy Club Soft Play Centre, Ninja Tag Active Obstacle Assault Course, a SEGA Amusement Arcade area and a boutique lounge bar & food diner.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT RENTING AN ALLOTMENT?



Newbury has 6 allotments sites and over 500 existing tenants. Now is an ideal time to apply for an allotment, and there is some immediate availability.

It has been proven that working outside in a garden improves mental and physical well-being and an allotment gives you the benefit of joining a ‘growing’ community too.

If you would like to apply or would like some further information please call the Community Services Team on 01635 35486 or call into the Town Hall. Details can also be found on our website: www.newbury.gov.uk