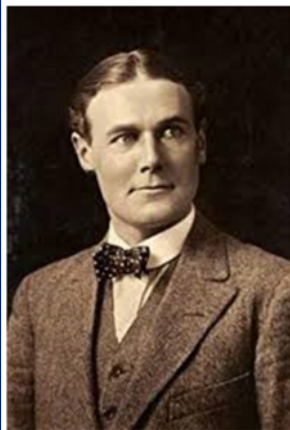


NEWBURY COMMEMORATES FAMOUS FILM ACTOR

The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Elizabeth O’Keeffe unveiled a blue plaque to commemorate Stewart Rome (1886-1965) on 11 February. The plaque is attached to the side wall of 58 Northbrook Street, which with 59 Northbrook Street from 1910-36 functioned as a cinema, called



Newbury Picture Palace. Stewart Rome was born in Newbury and achieved national fame as a film actor in the silent movie era of the 1910’s and 1920’s, being voted by filmgoers in 1915 as Britain’s most popular film star. He was credited with 150 films, including *The Ware Case* (1928), *My Sister and I* (1948) and *The White Unicorn* (1947). He continued acting until 1950, when he retired to live in Newbury. He was born Septimus Ryott, the son of an auctioneer and grandson of Robert Ryott, who was Mayor of Newbury in 1869 and 1870.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP!

NEW WILDFLOWER MEADOW TO BE PLANTED

Following successful community planting and pruning days in the town, Newbury Town Council’s Green Spaces Working Group are seeking volunteers to help plant a new wildflower meadow at City Recreation Ground on Saturday 21 March from 10am to 2pm.

Planting habitats such as wildflower meadows with wildflowers and flowering plants give a number of benefits including:

Plant diversity attracts insects and other invertebrates (including butterflies, bees, spiders and millipedes), birds and mammals

Flowering species add a changing palette of colour to the urban environment throughout the seasons



Cllr John Gage, Chair of the Green Spaces Working Group, said, “City Recreation Ground already has a community orchard, for everyone to enjoy and planting this wildflower meadow will bring another dimension to the space. We would like to 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.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

23 MARCH 2020

The Annual Town Meeting will take place in the Council Chamber from 7.00 pm on 23 March. It will comprise a presentation from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Colston, on the Council’s Strategy, 2019 to 2024, as well as Dr Samantha Cartwright, Senior Biodiversity & Planning Officer at the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, on ‘The Green Corridor Concept’ and how we as a Town Council might better use our green spaces to support this in the future and Berkshire Youth on their plans for the Waterside Centre.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

25 APRIL 2020



The Town Council will host a Climate Change Workshop on 25 April 2020 in St Johns Church in Newbury. Registration for this event is essential as we are expecting up to 100 delegates to take part. A similar event was held in 2019 and proved extremely popular. You can apply for a ticket through www.eventbrite.com/e/Newbury-town-council-climate-change-workshop-tickets-94148284043 or click on the QR code above.

Diary Dates

- Sunday 8 March** Apple Tree Pruning Barn Crescent
- Monday 9 March** Planning and Highways Committee 7.30pm at the Town Hall
- Monday 16 March** Community Services Committee 7.30pm at the Town Hall
- Saturday 21 March** Wildflower Planting City Recreation Ground
- Monday 23 March** Annual Town Meeting 7.30pm at the Town Hall
- Sunday 29 March**—Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend Open Day—Tennis Courts Victoria Park
- Monday 30 March** Planning and Highways 7.30pm at the Town Hall
- Wednesday 1 April** - Civic Awards 7pm Town Hall