

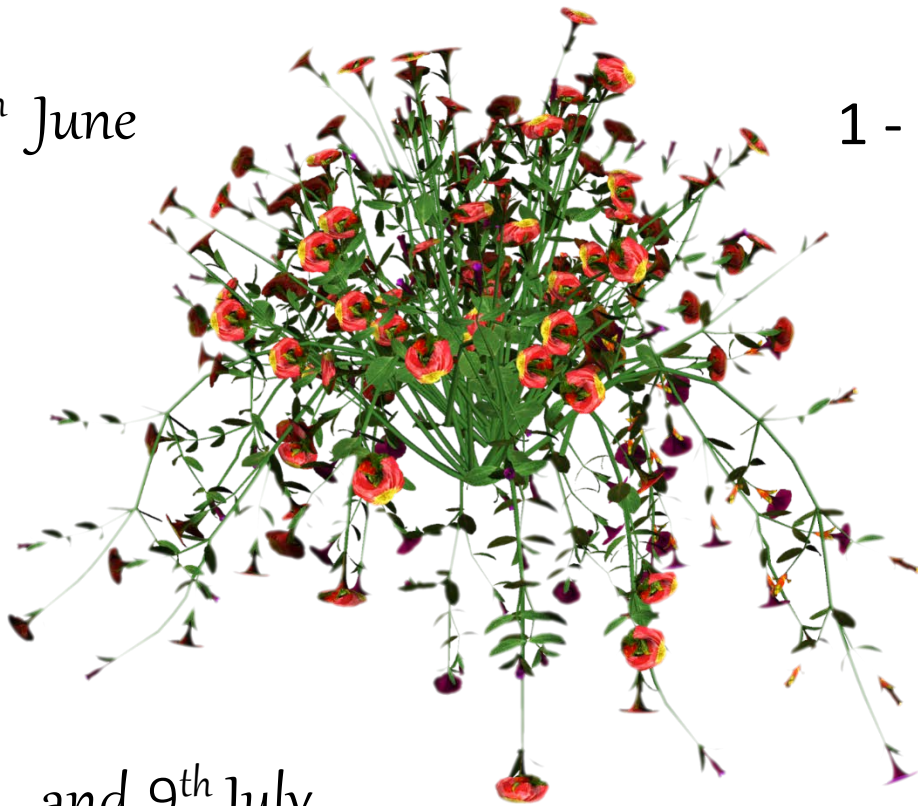
# Doddington, Newnham & Wychling Newsletter

June 2017

## Newnham Open Gardens

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and 9<sup>th</sup> July



## Newnham Fete

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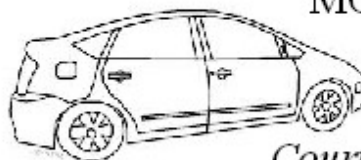
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See the back page for a list of events.

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## "I wanna be leader"

At the time of writing, we are in the midst of a general election campaign with a few weeks left to run. They say that religion and politics don't mix and certainly Alastair Campbell didn't think so when he interrupted Tony Blair talking about his faith saying 'We don't do God'. But I must say that I don't think there's anything that doesn't mix with religion, or an understanding of the way that belief and faith shape people's lives. Politics that doesn't engage with this fundamental element of what it is to be human, is politics that is only superficial. In today's multi-faith Britain, we will need our politicians to be willing to engage with the questions and concerns of faith communities of all varieties and to help discover that there is more that unites us than divides us.

As we honour the right to cast our vote on 8<sup>th</sup> June, and choose a party to lead our country there will be many issues, pledges and promises to consider. The personality and leadership style of our politicians seems to become increasingly prominent. Among the many counter-cultural things that attracts me to Christianity is the style of leadership that Jesus demonstrates. He not only led by example, but his leadership came in the form of serving others:

*"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

We talk about 'serving' a term of office, but I wonder what we really mean by 'serving' in this context? In many contexts the word 'serve' has a sense of enabling, assisting and putting the needs of others before your own.

A life lived 'in service' may sound restricted, but a life spent truly engaging with the joys, struggles and pain of others can lead us into adventures, situations and a growing wisdom we would never have dreamed of. Even the most ordinary life spent in the service of others can be spectacular. On 8<sup>th</sup> June I think I might like to vote for the candidate who says this.....

I wanna be the leader  
I wanna be the leader  
Can I be the leader?  
Can I? I can?  
Promise? Promise?  
Yippee I'm the leader  
I'm the leader

OK what shall we do?                      *Roger McGough*

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**From the Parish Registers** Nothing to report

**Forthcoming events:** 25<sup>th</sup> May, Doddington, Ascension Day service  
27<sup>th</sup> May, Wychling, Wild Church  
6<sup>th</sup> June, Wychling, Diocesan Eco seminar  
11<sup>th</sup> June, Newnham, Open Gardens  
17<sup>th</sup> June, Newnham Fete  
1<sup>st</sup> July, Doddington, 'Beyond the Sea' Cantiana Choir Summer Concert

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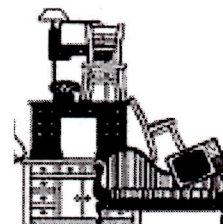
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## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH JUNE 2017

<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Wild Church</b>	<b>Wychling</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Oare
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Lynsted
	10.30am	Family Service	Teynham
	10.30am	Family Service	Norton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Doddington</b>
	3.30pm	Holy Communion	Teynham
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Wychling</b>
	6.00pm	Breakthrough	Lynsted
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Oare
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Norton
	10.30am	Family Holy Communion	Teynham
	10.30am	Family Service	Lynsted
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Newnham</b>
	3.30pm	Evensong	Teynham
	6.00pm	Breakthrough	Lynsted
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Newnham</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Oare
	10.30am	Family Service	Teynham
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Norton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Doddington</b>
	3.30pm	Holy Communion	Teynham
	6.00pm	Breakthrough	Lynsted
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Wild Church</b>	<b>Wychling</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Doddington</b>
	10.30am	Family Holy Communion	Teynham
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Newnham</b>
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Lynsted
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Oare
	3.30pm	Evensong	Teynham
	6.00pm	Breakthrough	Lynsted
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Oare
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Lynsted
	10.30am	Family Service	Teynham
	10.30am	Family Service	Norton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Doddington</b>
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Quiet time of Bible Reading and prayers ~ Newnham Church every Thursday at 2.30pm and Doddington Church every Friday at 9.15am. Once a month at each church at these times there will be a simple Holy Communion Service.

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*Monthly*

Doddington Parish Council 2nd Monday 7.30 pm. Local residents welcome to observe, and there is a section for questions and comments from the public.

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**Newnham Village Hall** (unless otherwise stated)

*Weekly*

Youth Club Currently, there is no youth club due to closure of the CKX organisation. If you are interested in helping start a group, please contact the Newnham Parish Clerk.

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 Wednesdays 9.45am-11.00am Norton Village Hall  
 Thursdays 9.30am-10.45am & 11.15am-12.30pm Tunstall Village Hall  
 Thursdays 1.45pm-3.00pm Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall  
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## **Report of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 May 2017**

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended by residents. Cllr Sarah Barker, Chair of the Kent Association of Local Councils, presented the KALC Community Award to Graham Cuthbert for his huge contribution to the local community over many years. Graham has played a diverse range of roles and is a long serving Parish Councillor, standing down as Chairman recently after ten accomplished years. He also sits on the Village Hall Committee and he was a Governor at Doddington School. Graham regularly helps with fund raising events and, assisted by his wife Liz, Graham hosts the annual Fireworks Display at Palace Farm which raises significant funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall.

Graham is a lifelong resident of Doddington; starting as a farmer, now runs a local tourism business which brings visitors to the area and benefits other Village businesses like the pub, the butchers and the garage. Cllr Barker said that Graham encapsulated everything that is good about supporting Village life with his selfless commitment and hard work. He is passionate about keeping rural communities alive for young and old, and is a very worthy recipient of the Award.

## **Report of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2017**

Cllr Attwood was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Haynes was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

### **COMMUNITY WARDEN**

Dave Osborne, the Community Warden, reported an attempted theft of a wooden gate which was removed from the entrance to a field in Old Lenham Road opposite the allotments and was subsequently found further along the road. Sheds at the allotments in Old Lenham Road were broken into. A lawn mower, strimmer and other gardening tools were stolen. On the same evening/night, a garage in Dully Hill was broken into and a quantity of lead was stolen. All incidents have been reported to Kent Police.

Mr Osborne asked for everyone to be vigilant for any suspicious activity in the village and to report any concerns to Kent Police on 101

### **WAR MEMORIAL**

It has been difficult to secure quotes to amend the names on the War Memorial, one quotation has been received and another stone mason has indicated he is unable to carry out the work on site. Further research is being undertaken to establish a definitive list of names.

### **SPEED WATCH**

Four members of the Speed Watch team have attended the Speed Watch Conference. Further Speed Watch sessions have been implemented: twenty-seven motorists were recorded speeding in Wychling in one evening session; a morning session in Doddington recorded eight vehicles speeding and nothing was recorded on a third session. All details are reported to the Police and there will be a specialist team sent to the area.

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 12 June 2017 at 7.30pm  
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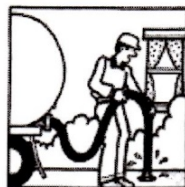
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# NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Summary of matters discussed at the Annual Meeting of Newnham Parish Council on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs. S. Gunner, C. Woods, S. Elworthy, D. Cozens, A. Dye, J. Crampton and Clerk L. Bareham.  
SBC Cllr C Prescott and 1 resident also present.

## ***Chairman's Annual Report***

The Chairman reported that the weekly youth club had folded due to KCC allocating the contract to a different company. The new group only supplies training to volunteers and does not provide the staff, as previously. A taster session had been held at the Sharsted Cricket Club and some parents had come forward as volunteers. As yet, nothing further has been heard from Brogdale CIC with respect to their training.

The Community Bus Club had been running down due to lack of passengers. The bus was no longer full on its weekly trips to Faversham. It was becoming uneconomical to pay for a bus that benefited so few in the village. A decision had been made to review the service at the end of May. Other options such as a car share scheme will be considered during the forthcoming year.

The idea of providing some outdoor gym equipment, which could be used by all residents will also be pursued.

## ***Financial Report***

Opening Balance 1st April 2016	£2,867.36
Receipts to date	£10,658.99
Payments to date	£8,088.36
Closing balance 31st March 2017	£5,437.99

## ***Election of Officers and Appointments***

Cllr. Colin Woods was elected as Chairman, with Cllr. Sue Gunner as Vice Chairman. Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 year will be Mr Roger Tuckey. A vote of thanks was passed to Cllr Gunner for her work on the Parish Council.

## ***Other Matters***

**Village Hall** - Cllrs Gunner and Elworthy met with the chair and secretary of the Newnham Village Hall Committee who will be advertising for new trustees and will contact ARCK for advice and assistance. The hall lights were being changed to LEDs and quotes had been received. The electrician would also be asked to quote for the installation of the defibrillator.

**Noxious smells** - Concern was raised regarding the regular burning of horse manure in Seed Road and it was noted that there was plastics being burnt at Straight Hill. A resident had contacted the clerk regarding the smell in Frith Road, she had contacted the EA and asked if the parish council would do the same. It was noted that the smell was no longer present, but it was felt that there was little the EA could do when it returned.

**Planning** - Councillors could see no reason for objection to the outbuilding application at Foxenden Manor.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8pm at Farthing Cottage, 50 The Street, Newnham (due to the Village Hall being used for the General Election).

All residents are welcome to attend.

## **NEWNHAM COUNCILLORS**

Colin Woods (Chairman) 890621, Sue Gunner (Vice Chairman) 890627, Sue Elworthy 886821,  
Angela Dye 890135 David Cozens 890592, Jane Crampton and Clare Miller

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Village Hall 9.45 – 12.00

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at The George

*Singing at Newnham Fete in the afternoon of  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June*

Saturdays: 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> July at Newnham

Village Hall 9.45 – 12.00

*Singing at Cantiana Concert 1<sup>st</sup> July Doddington  
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A small group from Doddington Church is planning to walk the stage from Doddington to Faversham (7.5 miles) on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July and we would be very happy if people would like to join us. We will leave the church at 10 am and the route follows tracks and footpaths through Newnham and Painters Forstal, ending at the Shrine of St Jude in Faversham. Walkers should bring a snack and drink with them.

We anticipate that walkers will make their own way home – some may want to walk back or arrange their own transport.

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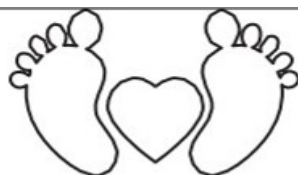
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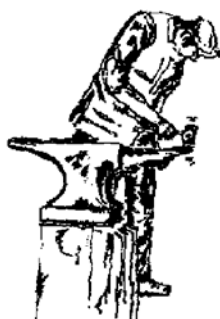
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## Brownie Diary – May 2017

The Baker girls & Molly, ably supported by Jasmin, represented the Newnham pack as they proudly paraded through Faversham to the St George's Day service at St Mary of Charity. We were the 19<sup>th</sup> out of 25 colours being paraded, so it was quite a big occasion for those carrying the pack flag. Our four meetings following this event saw the Brownies doing activities towards two badges – Friend to Animals & Out & About. For the former, they found out about either an endangered animal or one which had already become extinct & put together a little fact sheet as to why & what could be done to reduce the likelihood: we also visited Pets at Home in Sittingbourne where the girls had the chance to handle guinea pigs, rabbits & a rat & learn about their needs, followed by doing a quiz with loads of questions about animal related things in the shop. They enjoyed being out of the village hall, which leads seamlessly onto their Out & About badge. For this, they spent one week in their sixes, each learning about the Water Safety Code, the Countryside Code & Green Cross Code (road safety), and performing little sketches in their groups to illustrate what they had learnt. At this meeting, we were joined by two new Brownies, sisters Gracie & Amalie: we would like to welcome them & hope they enjoy their Brownie adventure with the pack. This code knowledge was put into practice a couple of weeks later, when the pack went out for a short hike up through Wineycock, turning left into some beautiful wild open meadows with wonderful views across the village & coming back down through the woods, close to the playing fields. As part of the badge the girls had to kit themselves out properly for a walk & for once, were carrying their own bottles of drink which were much appreciated on what was a wonderful warm spring evening. Completion of the clauses to gain these badges will be done in succeeding weeks after which they can all be awarded their well-earned badges.

Barn Owl (890240)

## EASTLING SCHOOL

### JUNE 2017

We love the summer season at the school when the weather is fine and a whole range of community opportunities can be provided for our pupils without the worry of National Testing rearing its head (although the Phonics testing for Year 1 does take place at the start of the month).

We say a sad farewell to Canon Lawton as he returns to Canada on the 7th but welcome all our new parents to the school on the 6th for an informal Q&A meeting. [We still have a couple of places left for entry into Reception in September 2017, so please let friends and acquaintances know as we find that often parents fail to apply here because of the reputation that they 'won't get in!'].

Our social and sporting events for the children start straight away with a Drama for all session (Tue 6th) and Archery Session (8th, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22nd) in the first week, as well as the recommencement of the very popular Mathematics club on Thursday evening. We also prepare parents for 'moving on' as Year 5's have the start of their 'Pupil entry to secondary education' (PESE) registration on June 1st and a Parents' information evening on Monday 12th. We even have a Magistrate visit at the end of the month to let the children learn about our justice system.

Hoping that it's properly Summer we have invited the Lifeguard service to talk about their work (13th) and are due to attend the Otterden open day of countryside life on Wednesday 14th. There's a whole host of sporting opportunities going on as well as a range of fieldtrips to enhance our curriculum - we even have a series of induction days for our new pupils to come and try out their new school.

Although we had a hiccup on the Leopards' Residential this year, we still do intend to push in a range of activity days for them to make up for the sad cancellation of their annual overnight stay.

During the month our FOES (Friends of Eastling School) group are rapidly organising the Eastling School Fete due to take place on Sunday 2nd July from 12.00pm. This includes a couple of dress-down days in June on Friday the 16th and the 30th when students are invited to donate goods such as unwanted gifts and bottles to the fete stalls.

Showcases of the school work and achievements are undertaken during our class assemblies with Tigers leading on the 16th and Lions on the 30th (but don't forget that Leopards' full musical production is at the beginning of July when they show their dramatic, artistic and musical flair).

It's going to be a great month!

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## Ode to Cantiana



Dear Lis, we're still very glad  
You came to live nearby,  
You said let's start a singing group,  
We said that we would try.  
We used to meet on Mondays  
In Nicky's music room.  
There were only eight or nine of us  
But we seemed to sing in tune.



We started out in unison,  
Which soon became a bore.  
Then some of us have never  
Sung in harmony before.  
But Lis was very patient,  
She never seemed to tire  
And before we knew what happened,  
We had turned into a choir.



We sang in church on Sundays  
While communion was taken.  
Sometimes only four of us  
When we could be stirred not shaken.  
We did a summer concert  
And a Christmas one as well.  
With the carols and the candles  
We cast a magic spell.



Then as a few more months went by,  
Our numbers seemed to grow.  
We soon outgrew the music room  
As we had a second row.  
There's far less men than women,  
Then that's choirs everywhere.  
The men may be outnumbered  
But we always know they're there.



We go to sing at weddings,  
Which is always nice to do.  
And sitting in the choir stalls  
We get a lovely view,  
Of the hats and of the dresses  
And the bride and bridegroom's faces  
And their friends and their relations,  
Who only know hymns in places.



Well over ten years later,  
We're still going strong.  
Our numbers are now thirty,  
Yet we all feel we belong.  
And as from little acorns,  
Sturdy oak trees grow,  
And long may it continue . . . . .  
Please come and see our show.



Doddington Church 7.30pm July 1st  
See you there - Pam Hawkins - June 2017

## For Life's Journey

### JUNE HISTORY NOTES

This month Newnham's Summer Fete takes place. There is a long history of summer fairs in Newnham. John de Campania (Champayne, Champion), a knight, was present in July 1300 when King Edward the First besieged Caerlaverock in the wars of Scottish Independence. Two years afterwards he was granted a Weekly Market on a Thursday, and an Annual Fair on June 29<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St Peter and Paul, at his Manor Champion Court. Edward Hasted in his Historical and Topographical account of Kent in 1798 described the fair as linen and pedlary, which means the business of pedlars, small wares for sale.

Compiled by Sarah Parks

More to follow in future months

### NEWNHAM VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Thanks to The George and their customers for adding £18 to the Copper Mile.

We would also like to thank the members of the NVH 100 Club for their support again this year.

Over £1000 has been raised for funds and over £1200 has been won in monthly prizes. We hope to be able to continue to improve facilities by bringing the lighting system into the 21st century soon.

Renewals of 100 Club are due in time for the July Draw, by 19th July please.

The cost remains £2 for each number per month. Your cheques, made payable to Newnham Village Hall 100 Club or cash would be very gratefully received by Julie Dixon at Calico Orchard, The Street (890205/julied103@hotmail.com) or Jeff Kirby at May Cottage 91 The Street (890095). Alternatively you can pay by electronic banking – contact Julie for bank details.

New members are always very welcome of course.

### Results for April 100 Club Draw

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# NEWNHAM

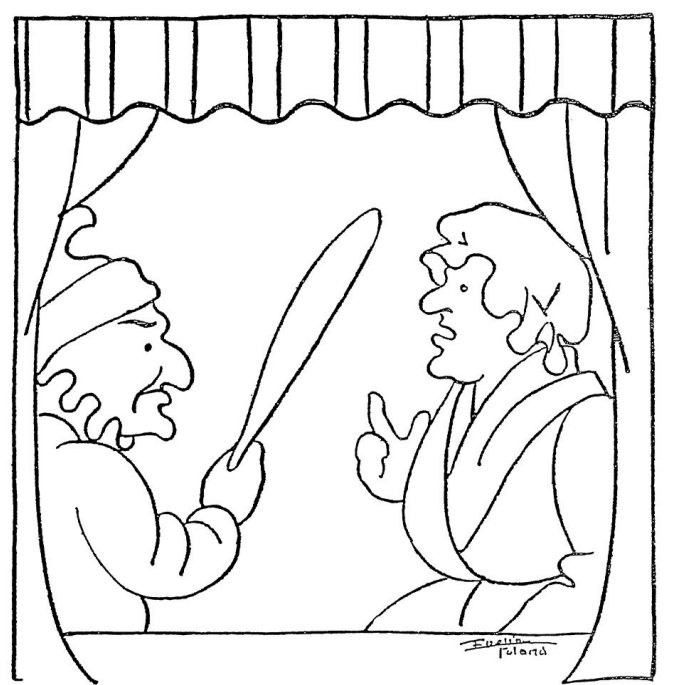
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## ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Is there anybody reading this Newsletter who would be interested in joining our "Local Cricket Club"

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Our Club is a very friendly and family oriented club, so we would like to hear from anybody, regardless of age or ability, who would like to enjoy a afternoon of cricket in a most beautiful ground.

We would also like the services of an umpire, if you fancy that instead.

Please give Phil Kennard a call on 01795 886809 or leave a message on the answer phone.



### Doddington & District Village Show Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Show schedules which include the entry form, should be available in the community round about now. There's a new style to the schedule this year, giving more room to spread out the information and including more recipes. We hope you like it. Look out for them in these places:-

Doddington & Newnham Village Halls | The Allotments at Doddington | Doddington Service Station  
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It will also be on the Doddington and Newnham villages' websites and their Facebook pages, with an entry form that you can print off.

If you are new to the villages or have never entered, why not pick up a copy and consider having a go. To be eligible to enter you need to either live in Doddington, Newnham or Wychling or belong to a group that is based there. There's a range of classes for everyone: horticultural, floral and flower arranging, preserves and cookery, crafts and photography.

### Newnham Quiz – April & November

Chris & I would like to thank all the people who supported our fundraising quiz at the end of April. With our interval game & generous support for the raffle, we were able after expenses, to raise £415. A donation from raffle proceeds has been sent off to Cancer Research UK & the remainder will go towards the church fabric fund to contribute towards the many works detailed in last month's newsletter. Planning ahead, we intend to bring our winter quiz forward & hopefully run it on Saturday 18th November. If you are interested in reserving a table for what we hope is always an entertaining evening, please give me an early call. Thank you once more.

Val 890240.

### NEWNHAM & DODDINGTON COMMUNITY BUS CLUB

The **bad news** is that after 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the weekly run to Faversham will cease for the time being.\*\* The **good news** is that all current members of the club will still be able to take advantage of the day trips regularly organised by Wealden Wheels.

\*\* This is due to a decrease in passenger numbers over the last year but, if numbers increase through new membership, the service can be reinstated. Any new members from now on will also be eligible for the trips mentioned above and information of these will be posted on the village notice boards and in this newsletter. Please ring 890627 for further information regarding membership.

The next trips are:

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Missouri Gutts	The George, Newnham
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Jazz Night ( <i>and 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month</i> )	The Chequers, Doddington
10 <sup>th</sup> June	DUM Ukulele Festival	The George, Newnham
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Gardens	Newnham
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Mic	The George, Newnham
13 <sup>th</sup> June 8pm	Morris Dancing	The Chequers, Doddington
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day	The George, Newnham
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Newnham Fete	The George Garden, Newnham
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Cat's Pyjamas ( <i>and last Sunday each month</i> )	The Chequers, Doddington
1 <sup>st</sup> July 7.30pm	Cantiana Choir Summer Concert	Doddington Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 12 noon	Eastling School Fete	Eastling School Field
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Porridge, Country Band	The George Inn
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Gardens	Newnham
16 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm	Hymns & Pimm's	Newnham Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Cinema in the Garden	The George Inn
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Cheese & Wine Evening	The George Inn
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Goosebumps	The George Inn
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Sister Suzie Blues Band	The George Inn
31 <sup>st</sup> August	CLOSED for private occasion	The George Inn
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Great British Fun Day & Motor Show	Doddington Playing Field
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Soozuns	The George Inn
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Doddington & District Show	Doddington Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Boot Fair	The George Inn
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Mic	The George Inn
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Gourmet Dinner	The George Inn
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Chillibillies	The George Inn
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Diawli Indian Dinner	The George Inn
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	The Unknown	The George Inn
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night & Halloween Disco	The George Inn
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Race/Casino Night	The George Inn
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Cheese & Wine Evening	The George Inn
24 <sup>th</sup> November	George Guitar Concert	The George Inn

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