

## Precept

The precept for the financial year 2011/12 has been set at £495,740. This means that, based on a Band D property, this is a rise of 7.45% over last year's precept, which is equivalent to an increase of 0.12 pence per week.

## Residents Corner 'Town Crier'

The 'Town Crier' newsletter will now be issued annually in the Autumn/Winter and will include a **Residents Corner**, which will allow residents to submit and exchange comments, ideas, concerns or stories with the rest of Newmarket's residents. The Annual Review will still be issued in May.

Our first **Residents Corner** will be included in the Autumn/Winter edition of the Town Crier, due for distribution in November 2011. If you wish to enter into this forum, please send written entries to the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Newmarket Town Council, King Edward VII Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket CB8 8JP or email vicky.bright@newmarket.gov.uk. Submissions are due no later than Friday 21st October 2011.

We look forward to hearing more from our residents!

## 'Horse about Newmarket'

There are now 13 sponsored life size horses. The last horse to be sponsored was a syndicate of local businesses; David Jarvis Cars, Ian Button cars and Lettergold, and local artist Emily Jarvis will paint their horse. Other sponsors include: Darley Stud, Cheveley Park Stud, The National Stud, The Jockey Club, Tattersalls, John Gosden Racing LLP, The Bedford Lodge Hotel, Newmarket Town Council, Forest Heath District Council, Tesco Stores Ltd and Godolphin, The Guineas Shopping Centre/Ashdown Phillips & Partners Ltd. Tindalls

stationers donated all the paint and paintbrushes etc for the artists to paint their horses.

The chosen artists are:

Rachel Drury – Sea the Stars, Stella Frangleton – Mystiko, Kevin Yarrow – Nectar, Chris Winch – Cockney Rebel, Stuart Roy – Sea the Stars, Frances Wray – Sea the Stars, Esther Albone – Wizard, Kirsty Sharman – Shadeed, Jac Butt – Only for Life, Jilly Cunningham – Ten Winners in Blue, Anne Ward – Sun Star, Emily Jarvis – Interpreter & Jacquie Jones – Atlantic.

Before the July Festival we will invite all sponsors, artists and the Press to view all the horses together to choose a winner. The winning artist will receive a prize of £200. Following this, the horses will be placed around the Town at various sites for the July Festival. In the autumn the horses will be auctioned off; 80% of all profits will be shared between the Racing Welfare and St Nicholas Hospice Charities and 20% of the auction value of each horse will go to the artist who painted it.

The school's small painted horses, will join the Carnival parade in June. The schools horses have been kindly sponsored by Suffolk County Councillor Bill Sadler.

Shadwell Stud has very generously offered to fund the prize money, for the winning school's painted small horse to be judged at the Carnival. They are

also funding one extra small horse. Further small horses are also being funded by Newmarket Town Council, which is being painted by St Nicholas Hospice patients and staff and Racing Welfare also has a small horse funded by FHDC, which is being painted by a retired stable man.



## Important Dates for your Diary

### Newmarket Carnival

**Saturday 11th June 2011 1:00pm – 6:00pm**

The Carnival procession will leave the Severals at 1pm and will travel down the High Street, down Birdcage Walk to the Rowley Mile Racecourse Family Enclosure. Look out for the float with the school's entries of the painted small horses, part of the 'Horse about Newmarket' Event. The afternoon's family events will be held at the Rowley Mile Racecourse and will include a variety of stalls, rides and displays, including the Tug of War Competition; with prizes for the winning teams.

For further details, please contact Kay Dawson 01638

667227 or email: kay.dawson@newmarket.gov.uk.



### Tea Dances - Slip on Your dancing shoes!

Come along to our monthly Tea Dances at The Exning Road Working Man's Club (parking opposite) on Exning Road, Newmarket 2pm – 4pm.

**Next date: 13th May.** Dance the afternoon away to the sounds of the Big Band classics. Attracting over 40 people some months, these afternoon dance sessions are a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a selection of ballroom music courtesy of Trevor Blaber. Whether you're single, a couple or a group - everyone is welcome. So come and join in the fun with Resident organist Trevor on the following dates:

### 2011 Dates

• Friday 13th May • Friday 17th June • Friday 8th July  
£2.00 per ticket – Raffle - FREE Tea, Coffee and cake included

### Memorial Gardens - Children's Summer Entertainment **FREE**

Children's Summer Entertainment 2011, Every Thursday between 1:30pm to 4.00pm, throughout the School Summer Holidays in the Memorial Gardens, Newmarket (behind the King Edward VII Memorial Hall, High Street)

Starting 28th July to 1st September. Come and enjoy the pleasant surroundings of the Memorial Gardens, whilst you watch your children being entertained!

Further information on all events available from Kay Dawson, Events Manager Newmarket Town Council, King Edward VII Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket CB8 8JP 01638 667227 or email kay.dawson@newmarket.gov.uk

### Useful Phone Numbers

**Forest Heath District Council:** Council Tax, Housing, Planning Permissions, Licensing, Taxi Complaints, Car Parks, Leisure Centres, Bus Passes, Bin Collection, and more **01638 719000.** **Suffolk County Council:** Highways, Schools, Street Lights, Public Transport, Road Works, Elderly and Children's Services and more **0845 606 6067.**

**Bury St Edmunds Registry Office:** Births, Deaths & Marriages **01284 352373.** **Newmarket Police: For all emergencies dial 999,** otherwise ring **01473 613500.** **NHS Direct: 0845 4647.** **Traveline:** Bus, coach, and train times **0871 200 22 33.** **Dial-a-Ride:** Door-to-Door accessible mini-bus service **01638 608022.**

**Foley House Childrens/LEAP Centre: 01638 565520**

**Citizens Advice Bureau: 01638 665999.**

**Newmarket Leisure Centre: 01638 782500.**

Once again this has been a busy year for Newmarket Town Council. We moved out of the Memorial Hall at the end of September, for the start of the major refurbishment. Our current home is the Coach House in Palace Street, but we have to hold our full council meetings in the Sports Pavilion on the Severals. We expect the refurbishment to be completed in August and it is intended to hold a series of open days when the residents of Newmarket can view the "new" Memorial Hall. We expect the Hall to become a busy centre of activities for all the people of Newmarket.



*Cllr Mick Jeffereys  
Newmarket Town Mayor*

The Sports Pavilion on the Severals is now established as an attractive addition to the facilities of the Town. It is available for all sports and recreational activities, but I was particularly pleased to see the first game of cricket last summer, which heralded a successful season for Newmarket Cricket Club.

We also have an established Youth Council. They meet on the 1st day of each month during the school terms. All the schools in Newmarket have the opportunity to contribute their views and we have invited a wide range of visiting speakers, including the Police, the Town Centre Manager and representatives from the Newmarket Retailers Association and officers from Forest Heath District and Suffolk County Council's. The young people have discussed their priorities for Newmarket and they are busy applying for grants to support their intended projects. The Chairperson of the Youth Council has regularly given a report about their activities at the full Town Council meetings.

A major initiative this year has been the "Horse about Newmarket" project. Councillor Joy Uney has masterminded this exciting development. It is hoped that there will be 11 ponies (painted by local schools) and 13 full sized horses. There was a competition to select the artists for the full sized horses, which was keenly contested. The painted horses will be strategically placed around the town during the July Festival and will then be subsequently auctioned, with all proceeds going to charity. It should prove to be a spectacular display, which will enhance the tourist potential of the Town.

This month will see your new councillors being elected for a four year term. I have always been impressed by the hard work and considerable amount of their time that previous councillors have given to the Town Council (without any remuneration I may add). One of the last acts of the council was to present a document called "A Vision for Newmarket". The Town Council, lead by Cllr. Glenn Edge, have spent a year researching the views of the residents of Newmarket and subsequently writing the report. We hope it will be a valuable document for the new council when they set their priorities for improving and developing the town of Newmarket.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped us in our various endeavours, but especially I would like to express my thanks to the hard working officers of Newmarket Town Council who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that all our events and initiatives are successfully brought to fruition.

*Cllr. Mick Jeffereys – Newmarket Town Mayor*

### **Newmarket Town Council Staff and Councillor's at the Mayors Civic Reception 2011**



(From left to right) Cllr. Andy Crummond, Cllr. Bill Sadler, Cllr. Janet Clarke, Cllr. Glenn Edge, Cllr. Cheryl Brightly, Kay Dawson, Events Manager, Cllr. Bill Burch, Cllr. Mick Jeffereys, Town Mayor, Cllr. Robin Millar, Cllr. Joy Uney, Vicky Bright, Assistant to the Town Clerk, Cllr. Keith Bovill, Isabelle Barrett, Town Clerk, Cllr. Richard Fletcher, Cllr. Chris Turner, Cllr. Warwick Hirst, Cllr. Geoffrey Jaggard & Cllr. Michael Anderson.

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### **VENUES FOR HIRE**

**The Memorial Hall will be available for hire from 1st September 2011. Concessions are available for community groups and charity organisations. Recently refurbished and modern facilities, including kitchen and bar and disabled access and facilities.**

**For further details, telephone 01638 667227 (24hr answerphone).**

**Are you a business or organisation looking for a place to meet? Look no further, Meeting Rooms available at the Severals Sports Pavilion and the Memorial Hall. Competitive hourly rates, with good facilities. For further details, telephone 01638 667227 or Email kay.dawson@newmarket.gov.uk**



# Newmarket

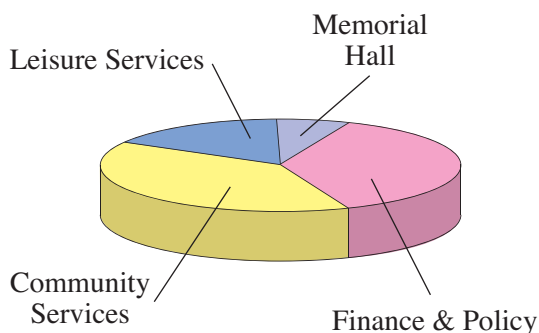
TOWN COUNCIL

## Annual Review 2011



1999-2011  
A Progressive Town

# Net Expenditure of Newmarket Town Council 2010-11 Precept = £461,340



## Management & Administration

36.90%

## Memorial Hall

16.05%

## General Town Maintenance & Planting

16.92%

## Cemetery & Disused Churchyards

8.70%

## Memorials

1.80%

## Clocks

0.47%

## Bus Shelters/Footpaths/Street Lighting

2.78%

## Allotments

0.62%

## Arts

0.60%

## Tourism

3.07%

## Memorial Gardens

5.28%

## Twining

0.54%

## Community Grants

0.44%

## Severals

5.83%



We have had a very busy year in Community Services, getting the appearance of the Town improved has been a key activity. Coming into Newmarket from Cambridge, visitors see the Cooper

Memorial on Birdcage Walk. We have had the Memorial completely renovated and restored to its original state. To mark this and the Memorials 100th Anniversary, we had a ceremony attended by Lady Caroline Simmonds and her daughter Rose, who represented the Cooper family, who had a major role in the development of Horse Racing in Newmarket. The large Victorian cast iron 'Stench Pipes' are another feature of Newmarket and these have also been cleaned and refurbished back to their original condition. The summer saw the Town's Flower beds and roundabout plantings in excellent condition and our Hanging Baskets, in partnership with Newmarket in Bloom, were judged as the equal of any in Suffolk by the Anglia in Bloom judges.

We have worked very closely with the Retailers Association, which the Council and the Retailers set up in 2010. One result of this has been the removal of many of the A-Boards which blocked the High Street pavements and gave them a very untidy look. There are now four new stylish sign boards, which give the details of the shops in Wellington Street, Sun Lane, Old Station Road, and Rous Road. The Town Council, the Retailers, and Forest Heath District and Suffolk County Councils all contributed towards the costs of these signs. Staying on the theme of improving the appearance of the Town, we have taken over the control of litter on all the land owned by the Town Council, and from April this year we will also be responsible for cutting the grass of many of these areas. This is all part of our determination to take responsibility for more activities in the Town on behalf of our residents.

We have made progress, if much slower than we had hoped for, in providing a Community Garden behind the Social Club at Studlands Park. Next to it is the site where we plan to have Allotments and the Studlands Park Allotments Society and ourselves are getting a legal agreement together to enable this to happen.

We led the Campaign to keep our Hospital open and residents can be assured that we are keeping a careful watch on all these recent N H S announcements and how these could affect us. At present we believe that the Hospital has a good and sound future.

There are many other projects and concerns which we are focusing on; the A14 Diversion route through Newmarket is a problem, and we are discussing this with Suffolk Highways, the future of our Market is a concern, we are supporting the residents fighting to get a Zebra Crossing on Exning Road and to get more cleaning work done on the No1 Drain.

Finally we have a project to have trees in the High Street and the work on this is ongoing.

**Cllr. Warwick Hirst - Chairman of  
Community Services Committee**



I am very pleased to have been associated with the Memorial Hall over the past 8 years and am really looking forward to

the completion of its refurbishment.

Councillors have always believed that the King Edward VII is a community town hall and should be fit for use by residents of Newmarket. We made the decision to go ahead with the £1.2M project and we are looking forward to its opening in the summer. As I write this, poor weather has meant that completion has been put back a few weeks and with fixtures and fittings to be installed, we would hope for an official opening at the end of August.

Building work will continue even if a completely new set of councillors are elected in May. It will be the job of the new councillors to ensure that residents get the very best out of the new Memorial Hall. A marketing group has already been set up with our events manager, keen to make best use of the Hall and Severals Sports Pavilion.

With town council offices on the ground floor, it will give greater access to our town council staff for Newmarket residents. The hall will have a better sound and visual system, improved kitchen facilities and toilets. Upstairs will have a spacious council chamber, where residents can sit in more comfort for important discussions. A meeting room will also be available for hire.

I do hope that you will take the opportunity to look around the refurbished building when it is opened and share with others in this much improved community hall.

**Cllr. Chris Turner - Chairman of  
the Memorial Hall Regeneration  
Committee**



In June 2010 the FHDC Planning Committee followed the example of Newmarket Town Council and voted to reject Lord Derby's application to build 1,200 houses on green field land off Fordham Road. The Town Council believes that

number of houses is not necessary to meet Newmarket's housing needs and that any advantages to the town would be greatly outweighed by the serious damage that would be done to the environment and the likely adverse impact on the local equine industry on which the town depends. Lord Derby is appealing against the rejection of his plans. Meanwhile, associated legal action has prevented further work on FHDC's core planning strategy.

The Development & Planning Committee is acutely aware of the widespread concern about the increasing number of empty retail units in the town centre and about the proliferation of non-retail establishments, such as betting shops and estate agents. We have sought advice from FHDC on the appropriate planning policy and will now seek to adjust the balance of retail and non-retail units to a more reasonable level. However, we must recognise that in this, as in many other aspects of life in the town, market forces tend to prevail.

Members of the Development & Planning Committee have worked throughout the year on producing a Vision for the future of the town centre. This document, published in April, addresses such topics as the presentation of the town, transport, the market, tourism and promotion, the horseracing industry, trade and commerce, entertainment, and the night-time economy, and has identified a number of Action Points for consideration by the Town Council; indeed, a number of actions are already in hand. The Council will now work with FHDC to have the Vision adopted as evidence to support a supplementary planning document, which will be taken into account in the consideration of future planning applications. Our sincere thanks go out to the many individuals and organisations that contributed to the Vision and so helped to ensure that the town will continue to develop in a way that meets the wishes of the majority of the population.

It has been an honour and pleasure to represent the people of Newmarket as Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee for the last three years. I am convinced that the actions we have taken or set in train will ensure that Newmarket remains a pleasant place in which to work and live while preserving its unique character and rich heritage. Our guiding principle has been, and remains, a recognition that sensitive development is both necessary and inevitable if the town is to prosper but that the town's rich heritage must be preserved for future generations.

***Cllr. Richard Fletcher - Chairman of Development & Planning Committee***



Once again it has been a busy and rewarding year for the Leisure Services Committee, with the younger generation enjoying and reaping the rewards of all the new play

equipment installed last year in the Memorial Gardens, and I feel sure, it makes this one of the most pleasant play facilities in this area. The children's Summer Entertainment in the Memorial Gardens was once again a great success, with Punch & Judy and Magic shows, Circus Skills Workshops and the Teddy Bear's Picnic was enjoyed by all (even the grown up's).

Once again we have been able to provide various activities for the community, the Newmarket Annual Carnival, the children's Easter and Christmas parties, a Family Fun Day held in June in partnership with the Safer Neighbourhood Team, to name but a few, and our very welcomed Adult Christmas party, held in a marquee on the Severals, which proved to be a wonderful event enjoyed by all those who attended. We also organised an Arts & Crafts Fayre in the marquee on the Severals this Christmas, which was held over a weekend and had stalls with lots of local produce and crafts by local artists.

The Town's Christmas lights this year were truly magnificent, with the Christmas Tree in its new location at the Clock Tower Plaza and the introduction of small trees in planters, along the High Street.

I am very grateful to our staff for all of their hard work in organising the Christmas events, in spite of the very cold weather, including a severe snow fall, at the time making me feel apprehensive about the events going ahead, but the staff worked their magic.

The Pavilion is proving to be a real asset to the town, being used for various functions, and of course it has been very useful to the Council whilst the Memorial Hall is undergoing its refurbishment programme, which it is hoped to be completed quite soon.

Once again "our staff" has managed to organise various functions, despite the lack of our usual venue, the Memorial Hall; including tea dances at differing locations, with much gratitude from our more advanced residents, who have found these to be very enjoyable.

We are also excited about our 'Horse about Newmarket' event, the 13 painted horses will be displayed throughout the town during the July Festival, with the smaller horses, being painted by the local schools, having their own float at this year's Carnival. The horses will be auctioned off in the Autumn, with the proceeds going to the St Luke's Hospice and Racing Welfare Charities.

***Chairman of Leisure Services Committee- Cllr. Bill Burch***



The Finance and Policy committee is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Council operates within its budget and that robust policies and procedures are in place. In addition,

they advise the Town Council in the formulation of its objectives and priorities and review the effectiveness of the whole of the Council's organisation, its standards and levels of service.

The committee works extremely hard to ensure that the Town Council's share of the council tax, (its precept) is used wisely and efficiently and that we continue to provide value-for-money services and facilities for the people of Newmarket. As part of this process we have carried out an extensive review of our horticultural contracts and have identified that, if we were to take some of this work 'in house', significant savings are achievable.

The Town Council has a successful track record of delivering major projects on time and within budget and this was clearly demonstrated with the installation of a new playground at the Memorial Gardens and construction of the Severals Sports Pavilion. We have now embarked on a major refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, that will not only reduce the running costs, but will also provide excellent meeting and social facilities for our community. We have also worked closely with Forest Heath District Council to secure the long term future of the public conveniences within the Memorial Gardens. Works to refurbish these facilities will begin shortly with the intention that they will be ready to use in late spring.

We recognise that we are entering a period of uncertainty as we face significant financial cuts at both District and County levels. This is likely to have a serious impact on the services that are funded in Newmarket. We have already had the announcement from Suffolk County Council that our Household Waste Recycling Site will be closing and the future of our library and youth services are under threat. We need to be innovative in finding ways to retain the services that are important to our community and will be looking to take advantage of any opportunities that come along in the governments Big Society Agenda. This promises to:

Give communities more powers (localism and devolution)

Encourage people to take an active role in their communities (volunteerism)

Transfer power from central to local government

Support co-ops, mutuals, charities and social enterprises

Publish government data (open and transparent government)

The Town Council will use its best endeavours to safeguard the services that the people of Newmarket tell us that they want; whilst continuing to be prudent with its finances. Our vision is to ensure a sustainable and vibrant Newmarket, which meets with the expectations and aspirations of our community both now and into the future.

***Cllr. Keith Bovil - Chairman of Finance & Policy Committee***

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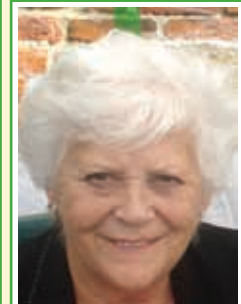
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