

Newmarket Town Crier



Winter 07/08 Newsletter of Newmarket Town Council

YOU ASK AND WE ANSWER: OUR FINDINGS ON THE QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TOWN HELD 21ST MAY 2007.

Next Annual General Meeting of the Town

In an effort to make sure that your questions are answered, this year's AGM will be attended by representatives of FHDC and SCC in addition to Newmarket Town Council. The AGM will be held 27th May 2008 at 6:00 pm.

Q: How can we get a waiting room at the bus station?

A: Newmarket Town Council does not have the authority or the budget to build a waiting room for the bus station. The bus station is run by Suffolk County Council (SCC), but is on Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) land. SCC have confirmed that they have allocated funds to put in a large shelter area and four loading and unloading bus bays at the Newmarket Bus Station. Works will begin pending permission from Forest Heath District Council for use of the land. Newmarket Town Council staff will be receiving regular updates on this.

Q: There is need for a layby at the bus station as the current situation causes chaos when buses are waiting. How can this be done?

A: There are improvements planned to the Newmarket bus station that will be carried out by SCC (please see answer to first question). There is no provision of a layby in these plans. However, there will be four loading bays. At any time, there are typically only two buses loading or unloading at the bus station and so the two extra bays would alleviate any problems caused by parked buses.

Q: Who is responsible for the £4 million overspend on the swimming pool?

A: Forest Heath District Council are responsible for this project. FHDC have advised that they would prefer to answer public enquiries regarding the Leisure Centre directly. All enquiries should be addressed to the Attention of Mr. Andrew Claydon, Forest Heath District Council, College

Heath Road, Mildenhall, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 7EY. Alternatively, if you have internet access you can view updates and statements issued by FHDC on the progress at www.forest-heath.gov.uk under the Leisure and Culture section.

Q: Who is responsible for the pavements in town? The increasing number of advertising boards on the pavements are a hazard and dangerous when blown down.

A: Advertising boards are illegal on pedestrian pathways, such as along the High Street. Suffolk County Council is responsible for the enforcement of advertising boards on pedestrian pathways. After this meeting, we contacted SCC, who agreed to inspect the Newmarket High Street to assess our advertising board situation. All public complaints regarding advertising boards should be made to Suffolk County Council's Environment and Transport public enquiry line on 0845 606 6067.

DIARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Children's Easter Party 27th March 2008 from 2 pm to 4 pm at King Edward VII Memorial Hall. Easter Bonnet Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, Visit with the Easter Bunny. Ages 4 to 9. Please book a place for your child now. 01638 667227.

Plastic-Bag-Free Days in Newmarket 1st April, 1st May, 1st June. For more information see the news update on the reverse of this newsletter.

Newmarket Carnival 5th July 2008. For more information please see the reverse of the newsletter.

Cinema at Newmarket Atonement 16th and 17th March at 7:30 pm. Other films coming soon are *Once*, *Hallum Foe*, and *When Did You Last See Your Father*. Visit www.cinematnewmarket.org.uk for more information.

Events in the Memorial Hall:

Indoor Market Held every Tuesday until 3 pm.

Cookery Class Most Wednesday and Friday daytimes. Call 01638 660703 and ask for Shirley Horne.

Martial Arts Monday and Friday evenings. Call 01284 789398.

Irish Dancing Tuesday evenings, 01480 469230.

For full diary, please visit www.newmarket.gov.uk

**Essential Information About Newmarket Town Council -
Who, What, Where, When and How!**

IN THE FUTURE

WE WANT YOUR EDITORIALS

In the future, we would like to dedicate the back page of our newsletter to the thoughts and opinions of the public. We will accept editorials from individuals or community groups. We will select as many of the editorials received as will fit on this page. Please mail all editorials to Newmarket Town Council, King Edward VII Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 8JP. Alternatively, you may email your editorials to erika.jensen@newmarket.gov.uk with "EDITORIAL" in the subject line.

**MEETINGS OF YOUR
NEWMARKET TOWN COUNCIL**

Newmarket Town Council
meets on the fourth Monday
of the month at 7:00 pm

Community Services Committee
meets on the first Monday
of the month at 7:15 pm

Development and Planning Committee
meets twice a month on the first and third Mondays
of the month at 6:00 pm

Finance and Policy Committee
meets on the third Monday
of the month at 7:15 pm

Leisure Services Committee
meets on the second Monday
of the month at 7:15 pm

Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee
meets on the second Tuesday
of the month at 6:30 pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings. Meetings are held monthly with the exception of August and December. Call for further details during these months or in case of a bank holiday.

Planning applications made to FHDC can be viewed in the Memorial Hall by appointment.

NEWS

NEWMARKET PLASTIC-BAG-FREE DAYS

ReNew, a group established to take forward the plastic bag free campaign, has been meeting to discuss funding and organise plastic bag free days. Funding has been received from Newmarket Town Council, Suffolk County Councillor Bill Sadler's Locality Grant, Viridor Waste Management, the O₂ It's Your Community fund, and one local resident. Members of the group represent different parts of the community including three different levels of government, Waitrose, Tesco, Viridor, and others. Plastic-Bag-Free days will be held 1st April, 1st May, and 1st June. Members of ReNew have been visiting local businesses to get them on board to remove plastic bags from their tills on the plastic-bag-free day. For more information or to offer support or sponsorship call 01638 667227 and ask for Erika. Visit our discussion forum online at <http://groups.google.com/group/newmarketbags>

NEWMARKET CARNIVAL 2008

Newmarket Carnival 2008 will be 5th July 2008! Every year the Carnival provides a day of fun for the whole family. Watch the parade in the High Street at 1:00 pm then catch a free bus ride to the Rowley Mile Racecourse to join in the fun. Last year's Carnival had a record-breaking attendance of 3,800! If you would like to book a charity stall, enter a float, or tender for a commercial stall or rides contact Erika on 01638 667227 or email erika.jensen@newmarket.gov.uk.

CRICKET ON THE SEVERALS

Newmarket Town Council is pleased to announce that financing has now been secured for the cricket pitch and sports pavilion on the Severals. Works on this will commence February 2009.

If you wish to be involved in any Town Council organised events, such as the Carnival or the Battle of the Bands, or to sponsor an event please contact our friendly staff at the Newmarket Town Council offices.

Newmarket Town Council—working in partnership with the community.

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Offices are open to the public 10 am to 2 pm Monday to Friday, other times by appointment.

Town Clerk- Isabelle Barrett, Assistant to the Town Clerk- Erika Jensen,
Cemetery Custodian- Tim Robinson, Administrative Assistant- Linda Pooley