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	10.30am	Morning Worship	Teynham
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Norton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Doddington
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Eastling
10th August <i>Trinity 8</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
	10.30am	All Together Now	Lynsted
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Newnham
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Oare
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Throwley
17th August <i>Trinity 9</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Teynham
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Norton
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Doddington
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Eastling
20th August	11.00am	Holy Communion	Wychling
24th August <i>Trinity 10</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Lynsted
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Newnham
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Oare
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Throwley
	4.00pm	Evensong	Teynham
31st August <i>Trinity 11</i>	10.30am	Benefice Holy Comm	Wychling

Together in Boots – Friday 29th August Doddington Church 2.00pm

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August is a time of change in the lives of our young people this month - the very young preparing to start school, many preparing for new classes and new teachers, some changing schools, some recently left school waiting for their exam grades to plan what they do next, some considering starting college, others just left college and planning their next moves, perhaps preparing to leave home for university or a new job and then there are those who have left university and considering what they do next. So much change. Some find change daunting and frightening, the fear of the unknown whilst there are some who embrace change and like the challenge of the unknown. I wonder where you are; do you fear change or embrace it.

We live in a world where change is inevitable, we cannot ignore it, we can't be like the ostrich who sticks his head in the sand waiting until the change has gone.



If you fear change or it causes you anxiety, what can you do or how can you help someone who fears change, how can we support our children in facing change? The Bible gives us examples of how we can deal with the anxieties that change can bring, Philippians 4 says "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" and 1 Peter 5 says "Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you". We don't have to go through change alone, God walks with us, he can guide us and give us the skills and courage to face change and the challenges change can bring. If you feel that you are alone, you feel that God isn't there then just read the Footprints poem:

One night a man had a dream.
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He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.
"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you would leave me?"



The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried You"

"So when you are facing change and you feel that God isn't there, relax, stay calm because he doesn't leave you it is then that he is carrying you".

I hope that this month as our children and young people prepare for the changes that are about to happen that they grow in courage and strength and face these challenges with confidence and that us parents encourage them and can look at them with a sense of pride.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31

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Buddies Parent and Toddler Group: Friday morning (term-time) 9 to 10.30am. All children aged 0-4 and their carers are most welcome. New **Contact**: Amy – email: amykemp788@gmail.com

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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.

Historical Research Group: 4th Monday 7.30pm. Exploring local history and archaeology in the three parishes. Now back meeting regularly. Contact: Karen Potts karenpotts@gmail.com

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U3A Art Group: Every Monday afternoon 1-4pm. Contact: Sue 01795 890627.

Newnham Brownies: 5.30pm - 7.00pm every Tuesday (term-time only). To join & find out more about Brownies, please go to WWW.girlguiding.org.uk to register your child's interest on the GO Membership system. You will be contacted within a few days about local packs and contacts.

Outdoor Gym Club- Start time changed from 11.15 am to 9.30 am every Wednesday

Monthly

Newnham Parish Council Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month at 8pm



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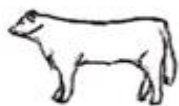
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This is a brief summary of the meeting held on 14 July 2025

PROPOSED HIGHSTED PARK UPDATE

Ref: 21/503914/EIOUT Location: Land South And East Of Sittingbourne Kent

Ref: 21/503906/EIOUT Location: Land To The West Of Teynham London Road Teynham

The public inquiry, which commenced in March is now likely to continue to November. Proceedings are being streamed live on Swale Borough Council's YouTube channel- <https://news.swale.gov.uk/campaigns/highsted-park-planning-inquiry/watching-the-inquiry>. Recordings are also available to view shortly after each session has finished. The Council continues to work with other Parish Councils to support our legal representatives and subject experts as they represent our views to the Inspector. There is still time to donate to the "fighting fund" or to find out more go to <https://teynham-highsted.org/> The site also has regular updates.

LOOK OUT for details of local meetings to find out how the campaign is proceeding.

PLANNING

25/502600/FULL Amber Lodge Lady Margaret Manor Road Doddington Kent ME9 0NT

Proposal: Demolition and removal of the existing first floor bedroom flat roof extension and erection of a two-storey chalet style side extension to form a bedroom and living room area below, a single storey rear bedroom extension, and an infill extension to the rear court yard to form a kitchen.

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

25/500835/FULL The Granary The Street Doddington Kent ME9 0BH

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension to boot room and installation of roof light

This application has been permitted.

24/503017/FULL Solomons Temple Frangbury Doddington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0NX

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension, erection of a new replacement double garage with garden/log store, shower and home office above Loft conversion with roof lights including replacement windows and changes to fenestration. Erection of a boundary wall with pedestrian gate a vehicle entrance gate including widening of existing driveway and creation of a courtyard garden.

Revised details - Amended plans and change of description

This application has been refused.

HIGHWAYS

Parking on pavements is becoming an issue in the village and creates a hazard for pedestrians. The Parish Council would like to remind residents to park considerately and if you have visitors, please ask them not to park on the pavement.

Thank you for helping to keep pedestrians safe.

SPEED WATCH

Speed Watch sessions continue to have a positive effect on reducing speeding within the village.

The Council is grateful to the Speed Watch Team which is helping to make the village a safer place.

The team needs new volunteers, anyone able to help should contact Cllr Fraser. Training is provided.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 8 September 2025 at 7.30pm

at Doddington Village Hall

You are welcome to attend the meetings which include a public participation section where residents can, at the Chairman's discretion, address the Council for up to three minutes on any topic of concern.

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Minutes for the meeting 12th July 2025

Present: Cllrs Turner, Fray, Gunner and Cockrill

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Crampton, Dye and Pawlik

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Approved

Approved Cllr Fray, Seconded Cllr Gunner

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Sharstead Hill – Following the felling and clearing up of broken branches from wind damaged trees (by Highways) earlier this year, it has been confirmed that the remaining trees exceed the distance from the road to be the responsibility of Highways, who will now contact the landowner regarding upkeep and responsibility of the remaining trees and bushes.

4. Open Session - none

5. Highsted Park

An update was provided regarding the ongoing enquiry. (**See page 13 of this newsletter.**) Regular updates are posted on The Action Group web page <https://teynham-highsted.org/>

6. Parish Council Meeting Time

To remain at 7.30pm for the September meeting when it will be reviewed with all the councillors.

7. KALC Local Government Survey

To be reviewed for a response.

8. Kent Police Report

No reports have been made from within Newnham.

9. Consideration of Future Projects

This Item to be added to the September meeting agenda.

Next meeting 11th September 2025 @ 7.30pm

(No meeting in August 2025)

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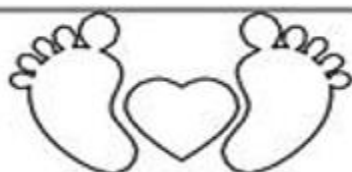
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Highsted Park Outline Planning Applications – Public Inquiry

By way of a reminder, these applications include 8400 new houses, a new junction off the M2 Motorway, a relief road, new schools and medical facilities. In all but name, a new town between Sittingbourne, Rodmersham and Teynham. Numerous local parish councils, including Doddington and Newnham, have objected to the proposals over a number of years, with these being the latest versions.

As a result of our objections and the unanimous objections of Swale Borough Councillors, the Secretary of State (SoS) has “called in” the applications and so the final decision on the proposals is now out of local hands. The next step in the process was to initiate a public inquiry, led by a Planning Inspector, who will make recommendations to the SoS.

The applications and the progress of the Inquiry, which began in March, are regularly discussed at Newnham and Doddington Parish Council Meetings with updates provided in the newsletter and on our websites. Two public meetings have been held in Doddington to brief residents about the proposals. Following the notification of the Public Inquiry, an Action Group comprised of Doddington, Newnham, Teynham, Lynsted with Kingsdown, and Tonge PCs was formed to fight the applications. As our group needed professional representation at the Inquiry, a “fighting fund” was set up so that we could employ the services of a barrister and subject experts, e.g. a transport planning consultant. All five PCs have made financial contributions to the fund but we needed your help, by way of donations, to supplement these. Many of you have already contributed to our crowdfunding campaign and in addition to this, the Parish Councils concerned are holding events to raise money. These have included quiz nights and an auction which is due to be held on 13/14 September in Doddington Village Hall.

The Inquiry was due to conclude in July with the Planning Inspector submitting her report to the SoS sometime after. For a variety of reasons, the Inquiry is not now due to conclude until November and this delay has caused us further expense in terms of additional legal and professional fees. The result is that we have had to raise our funding target to £40,000. The good news is that we are already at 78% of target.

If these plans go ahead in their current form they will have a catastrophic impact on the area forever. Please help us to fight the proposals and represent the views of the majority of residents.

You can donate here: <https://teynham-highsted.org/> and find out more information.

Emma Turner
Newnham Parish Council

Steve Coates
Doddington Parish Council

July 2025

The u3a Art Group meet regularly each Monday afternoon in the Newnham Village Hall and are currently looking for models for the life drawing section - no stripping required!.

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For more details, please ring Sue on 890627 or email gunnersue564@gmail.com



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NEWNHAM FETE

Have some fun and enjoy a challenge at the

Quiz Night

Doddington Village Hall

7.30pm Friday 17th October

Bring your own drinks and nibbles
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Teams of 6-8
£5 per person



To book your place call Elaine on 01795 886378
or email: elaine.p.coates@hotmail.co.uk

Raising money to maintain Doddington Village Hall

On behalf of everyone involved in organizing this year's fete, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us. Your presence, support, and enthusiasm made the event a truly memorable day for our village. So many villagers – old and new residents - with your extended Families, helping out on stalls, helping to set up and clear away or just joining in the fun and filling the garden with happy smiling faces. It was a wonderful community event which raised funds for the Church, the hall, the youth club and Buddies playgroup.

There have been a few suggestions as to how we can improve the fete next year and we are always open to hearing more.

We are also grateful for volunteers to build the team; there is a lot of work to do but many hands make the load lighter.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with us or express your interest in volunteering. You are always welcome to come along to our committee meetings or chat over a glass or two – the more the merrier!

Keep your eyes on the newsletter for the next meeting date.

Thank you again from all of us.

Newnham Church Clock Update

As reported previously, the latter stages of the clock restoration works in March revealed the need to fabricate a replacement part and to remove the escapement mechanism to a specialist precision engineering workshop for remedial works. These works have proved more challenging than expected and we recently received the following update from the director of the Cumbria Clock Company:

"The laser welding wasn't successful I'm sorry to say. I have now drawn out the pallets and we are going to machine a set. This will take a bit longer and is slightly more complex but very achievable. However, we will stick to the cost we have already quoted. I do apologise for these delays. In the 44 years I have been in the turret clock industry, your set of pallets are the most testing I have had to deal with."

Alas, there will be further delay until the work can be completed.

Bruce Leckie

Sad news to pass on to those who knew Mike Meakins whilst he lived in Newnham. Mike passed away on the 12th July at Canterbury House in Faversham.

He and his late wife Pat were involved in many activities on behalf of the village during the time they lived in Newnham.

The funeral is at 2.30pm at Faversham Crematorium on 6th August.

DODDINGTON and DISTRICT VILLAGE SHOW Saturday 6th September 2025

Please read your schedule very carefully, especially the Rules & Hints for each Section. If you have a query, ask a Show Committee Member. Phone numbers are on the back page of the Schedule.

Entry forms and fees should be handed in to Pump Cottage, The Street, Doddington by Thursday 4th September 2025 – the deadline is 6pm or earlier if possible – please don't leave it until the day of the Show!

Exhibitors to stage their entries on Show Day from 8.30am to 10.00am.

Craft Items should be clean and undamaged.

We hate to see entries disqualified as “not to Schedule – oversize”, so wherever measurements area stated in a Class, particularly for Flower arranging and the Tray of Vegetables but also for paintings and pencil drawing, **please measure your entry**. For Flower Arranging and the Tray of Vegetables, measure your entry when staged – there will be tape measures available in the hall for you to use.

If your won a Cup last year, could you please return your polished trophy to Barbara Roberts in the week before the Show – Thank you.

We know this year may see a drop in horticulture entries due to the weather conditions we have been experiencing. However, we hope this means that many more of you might enter the cookery and craft, painting and photography classes.

If you have any surplus produce that you would like to donate for the Sales Table or a Raffle Prize, we would be very pleased to received it. Please bring to the village Hall on Show Day.

Show Schedules still available at the various village outlets, if you are struggling to find one, please contact Barbara on 07971 07 527 or email barbara7roberts@gmail.com

SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!

MOBILE LIBRARY

Sunnyside, Doddington.

Wednesday mornings 9.45am to 10.15am

(fortnightly excluding bank holidays).

6th Aug 20th Aug & 3rd Sept



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN READING?

WHICH BOOK? – THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE THUNDERBOLT KID by Bill Bryson (2006)

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? – It's a travel book (as many of the author's are) but time travel back to the 1950s and 60s. A joyous and very funny memoir of Bill's childhood growing up in Des Moines, Iowa. The stories will be familiar to anyone of similar age wherever you grew up.

Bill's family were a tad more eccentric than most, and the mischief he got up to might surprise you considering his unassuming nature and 'national treasure' status here in the UK! A book that you can read and enjoy over and over again.

WAS IT ON THE MOBILE LIBRARY? – No, but can be reserved from the KCC library catalogue.

Reading about 'Saturday Children's Cinema Matinees' in Des Moines took me back in a flash to the totally enjoyable but utterly chaotic and anarchic world of 1960s and 1970s 'Saturday Morning Pictures' here in the UK. I'm sure we've all got stories about this; those cinema staff deserve medals for what they had to put up with!

Nature Notes

In July, I was able to join Kent Botanical Recording Group on their visit to Wichling Wood. During their few hours in the wood, the group found 150 different plant species and hybrids. This was in part an indication of the status of the wood as Ancient Woodland, as indicated by the presence of plants like **Corn Mint**, **Midland Hawthorn**, **Pignut**, **Woodruff**, **Wood-sorrel**, and the grass **Wood Melick**. The presence of open, recently coppiced areas also meant it was possible to find plants like **Black Knapweed**, **Common Centaury**, **Sticky Mouse-ear** and **Trailing St-John's-wort**. The soil in much of the woodland is acidic, being derived from clay-with-flints deposits that lie over the chalk, and surprisingly sandy. This meant that plants like **Heath Groundsel** and **Heath Wood-rush** were present. Both the acid-loving **Downy Birch** and less fussy **Silver Birch** were amongst the trees, together with the hybrid between these two closely-related species. A number of the plants found are on the Kent Rare Plants Register, most notably **Heath Cudweed**, which is considered Endangered in the UK.

Butterflies seem to be doing notably better this summer than last year. However, 2024 was one of the worst years for butterflies ever recorded in the fifty years that the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme has been running. According to the charity, Butterfly Conservation, nine species, including **Small Tortoiseshell** and **Small Copper** had their worst ever year. Data now also show that more than half of the country's butterfly species are now in long-term decline. Habitat loss is a major driver of butterfly declines, but when depleted populations are faced with the current, human-induced climate chaos, the impact becomes much worse. You can help monitor changes in butterfly populations by taking part in the Big Butterfly Count, which runs till the 10th August. More info here: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>.

Another feature of current climate chaos is that hot, dry periods, such as we have recently experienced in Kent, deprive wild animals of drinking water. I recently heard that bird-watchers in south Kent have been taking containers of water into some woodlands to top up ponds and hollows so that the birds have something to drink. Our garden pond has attracted lots of birds to drink and bathe, most surprisingly a small group of **Crossbills**. Crossbills are large finches which (as their name suggests) have bills which cross at the tip, an adaptation which allows them to remove seeds from pine-cones. Males are red, or sometime yellow, in colour, and females green. They are by no means garden birds, and by no means common in Kent: the latest Kent Breeding Bird Atlas suggests up to 100 pairs in the county, though numbers fluctuate – it was estimated that there may have been more than 500 pairs in the county in 2012. Birds have been known to breed locally to Doddington, Newnham and Wichling in the past, so perhaps the birds at our pond were from local woodland.

Richard Moyse

Newnham Open Gardens

On behalf of Newnham Church Steering Group, I would like to express again our gratitude to all those who opened gardens, helped with hospitality, flowers, plant donations and all the other things that made the event happen, or simply came on the day as a paying visitor.

The final headline figures were as follows:

	2025	2023	Change
Programmes sold 1 st Sunday	214	338	-37%
Programmes sold 2 nd Sunday	137	177	-23%
Total programmes sold	351	515	-32%
Net takings 1 st Sunday	£2979	£3772	-21%
Net takings 2 nd Sunday	£1868	£1677	11%
Total net takings	£4847	£5449	-11%
Net takings per visitor	£13.81	£10.58	31%

Visitor numbers were significantly down on 2023. This did not appear to be a failing of publicity as there were visitors from all over Kent plus a smattering of foreign tourists. The first Sunday suffered from a lot of competing events but I don't think this was a significant factor for the second. The weather conditions prevailing on the day also have a big influence on footfall. On the plus side, although visitor numbers were down, the spend per visitor was significantly up to compensate.

The money raised is a vital source of church funds.

Many thanks

Bruce Leckie

*Sunday 3rd August 7.30pm
Doddington Village Hall*

TOGETHERING

*is a musical performance by
Christine Adams and her daughter
Rae Graff celebrating the album
Virtual Creations recorded in 2020.*

*Weekly improvisations over a
distance were created with videos -
an important way of keeping each
other well during that first
lockdown. This 60-minute
performance revisits these pieces
with additional music added "in the
room". Free entry. Donations to
Doddington Village Hall*

NEWNHAM VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

The winning numbers of the July
draw were –

1st Prize No 103

2nd Prize No 46

3rd Prize No 109

The Hall Committee would like to
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DODDINGTON VILLAGE



AUCTION

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Booking in items: Saturday 13th September - 8am-12 midday @ Doddington Village Hall, ME9 0BH

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DIARY OF EVENTS - 2025

2 nd August 12.30-5.30pm	Ukulele Festival – free entry	The Chequers Inn
3 rd August 7pm	“Togetherring” – a musical performance see page 18 for more details	Doddington Village Hall
24 th August 1 – 4pm	Doddington Fete see front cover for more information	Village Playing Field
6 th September	Doddington and District Village Shiw (See page 17 for more information)	Doddington Village Hall
14 th September 9/10am (viewing 9am Auction 10am)	Doddington Village Auction (see page 19)	Doddington Village Hall
17 th October 7.30 pm	Quiz Night (see page 15 for more details)	Doddington Village Hall

Reminder – Doddington V H unavailable from 4th August for 2-3 weeks (for decorating)

See page 7 for details of other regular activities

Together in Boots

Join us for a monthly mindful walk through woodland - leaving Doddington Church at 2pm and returning for tea & cake at 2.45pm. Humans and well-behaved dogs all welcome – Friday, 27th August Enquiries: 07790 287878 or lissie1710@gmail.com



Did you know Newnham has a village WhatsApp group? - where we share news, advice and information or ask for help when needed.

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