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2nd November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
<i>All Saints</i>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Teynham
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Norton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Doddington
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Eastling
	4.00pm	All Souls	Stalisfield
	4.00pm	Thanksgiving	Teynham
9th November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
<i>Remembrance</i>	10.30am	Remembrance	Lynsted
	10.30am	Remembrance	Oare
	10.30am	Remembrance	Throwley
	3.00pm	Remembrance War Memorial	Doddington & Newnham
16th November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
<i>2 before Advent</i>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Teynham
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Norton
	10.30am	De Laune Service	Newnham
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Doddington
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Eastling
23rd November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	via website & FB
<i>Christ the King</i>	10.30am	Family Holy Communion	Lynsted
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Newnham
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Oare
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Throwley
	4.00pm	Evensong	Teynham
30th November	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Norton
<i>Advent 1</i>			

Together in Boots – Friday 28th November from Doddington Church 2.00pm

Mindful walk – return to church for tea and cake.

Please check church notices and online for any potential change in services to those published above.

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November is one of those odd months where we start to think about Christmas, but we are also very much in the moment of Remembrance. The clocks have changed, and the dark evenings are with us once again reminding us that the seasons have changed and we will be getting into colder weather.

When we look at the world around us, that is changing too, with wild weather around the world, war and conflict, people displaced from their homeland and a general feeling of uncertainty.

It is amid this, that we gather to remember the ones that served their country as part of the armed services; those whose lives were given so that we could have freedom. It is at these times that we pause and take a breath. We have a time of silence as a mark of respect, but also a time to consider who they were and what they did for us. It is also at these times of uncertainty that we too need a time of reflection; a time to stand back from the busyness of life and consider where we are in life and where we are heading.

Service for and with others is something that is a strong element with our church family but is also reflected in the wider community. People serve others. We come together and come alongside those who need a bit of help either with the practical everyday tasks or aspects of their wellbeing or something more spiritual or faith based.

At this time of year, we perhaps give more thought to those who are stuck in their houses or perhaps have no shelter at all, we consider how we might be able to help, or conversely, we might be the ones who are in need of assistance.

So I leave you with the suggestion of pausing, taking a breath, remembering those who served us, but also to consider where you currently are in your life. Are you able to serve others by volunteering or by helping a neighbour, or are you the one that needs help?

You may remember the song 'When I needed a neighbour' by Sydney Bertram Carter. Our life of faith points us to the comforting fact revealed in the final verse. It reminds us that Jesus accompanies us on our life journey, but also that we should strive to be like him, by serving others here on earth.

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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

Newnham Village Hall (unless otherwise stated)

Weekly

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

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Monthly

Newnham Parish Council Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm

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This is a brief summary of the meeting held on 13 November 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 is now in recess and the final sessions are scheduled for w/c 27 October. At this time, closing submissions will be made by the applicant and the organisations (including The Action Group) which oppose the developments. The Inquiry should conclude on the 29th October. Parties will then await the Inspector's report. The Chairman was thanked for the time he has given to the Action Group and attending the Public Inquiry.

HIGHWAYS

Renewed concern was raised about local road closures with no indication as to which road is shut, poorly routed diversions and signs being left behind. The council contacted KCCH some time ago about this and will now raise our concerns with County Councillor Rich Lehmann. Following several incidents of damage to a property in the Old Lenham Road, the council has arranged with KCCH for additional "Unsuitable for HGV" signage to be installed by the junction of The Street and the Old Lenham Road..

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The application to renew the Asset of Community Value listing for the pub has been submitted. Swale Borough Council has eight weeks to consider the application.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

This continues to be 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.

DOG FOULING

Please clean up after your dog; consider our environment and use the bins provided or take the waste home.

**Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 10 November 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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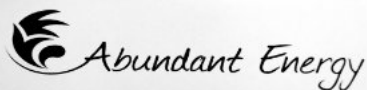


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This is a brief summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2025
Full minutes can be found at www.newnham-pc.gov.uk

Open Session

Cllr Cockrill raised concerns regarding the discharge of water into the chalk pit up past Wineycock and will continue investigating the source.

A resident has asked if the parish council can promote wildlife friendly gardening and has provided some information. It was agreed to put this on next month's agenda.

Concerns were raised regarding 2 ash trees near footpaths, which Cllr Thompson will investigate. He also asked which was the nearest primary school and how people travelled there. It was generally agreed that it was not viable for families to walk to Eastling School from Newnham, but car sharing did take place.

Highsted Park

The action group has nearly raised sufficient funds. Two additional days are taking place, but the group's barrister will not be present. It was noted that our second donation was still outstanding due to banking issues.

Banking

It was agreed to add Cllrs Cockrill and Dye as bank signatories on the Unity Trust account. The clerk had tried to open a Lloyds account but was not able to provide some of the information requested to get to the next stage.

Social Media

Cllr Cockrill noted that there are a Facebook page and group both called Newnham Village, despite the page clearly being run by the parish council. It was agreed to change the name to Newnham Parish Council and remove any past councillors and add current councillors as admins. Cllr Cockrill will be added as admin to the website.

Wineycock

Concerns had been raised regarding flytipping on the recreational area and SORN vehicles preventing access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Thompson will investigate.

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WAS IT ON THE MOBILE LIBRARY? – No,
ordered from the KCC library catalogue. In fact,
noticed in the catalogue when searching for
something else.

*One of my favourites, showing that 'wild
swimming' is nothing new, was 'The Art of
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FREE

Large Gazebo with sides.

Contact Sue Kirby
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Augustine Camino

Talk on the Augustine Camino

Andrew Kelly — joint founder of the Augustine Camino pilgrimage route — will give an introduction to this beautiful long-distance path which passes through Kingsdown, Doddington and Newnham. The Augustine Camino celebrates the mission of St Augustine to convert the English to Christianity in 597 AD. It is 65 miles long and usually takes a week to walk. It visits the two oldest cathedrals in the English-speaking world — Rochester and Canterbury — both founded by St Augustine, passes two working monasteries, four shrines and many beautiful village churches. Most days there is a café or pub for lunch and always a cosy place to stay the night. This now includes “Sanctuary,” where pilgrims can sleep on a church floor, including in Doddington. There are currently 43 pilgrim stamps to collect in the guidebook/pilgrim's passport. Pilgrims completing the route are issued with a Compostela at St Augustine's. Hundreds of pilgrims are already walking the route — many from the US — drawn by our heritage, churches, pubs and friendly people. The talk will showcase the beauty of the Camino and the pilgrim experience.

Doddington Church

Sunday 16th November at 2pm

Free entry with tea and biscuits

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Doddington Village Hall

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22nd November 2025

11am - 2pm
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Christmas trees are available again this year. The arrangement, unchanged over the last 35 years, is for you to contact us by email, phone or text to book a time for a visit here to inspect and select your tree. - then to return and collect it from late November or nearer Christmas.

Trees vary in size between 5ft and 16 ft in different shapes, colours and aroma with the larger sizes suitable for schools, churches, village halls and outside spaces.

The arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree. This year 70% will be returned to your nominated Parish Church or charity of your choice, with the balance being divided between the listed 25 charities.

Last year, a total of £14,035 was donated to 50 local Parish Churches and all the charities.

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Nature Notes

After the prolonged dry weather, the wetter conditions have prompted autumn fungi to start appearing. Of course, fungi are around us all the time, and it's only when they start producing mushrooms, toadstools, brackets and other growths that we really start to notice them (unless you have Athlete's Foot, which is caused by a fungus, which is very noticeable if you have it!).

Fungi have all sorts of lifestyles. Some are disease-causing and parasitic species: not just Athlete's Foot, but preying on a wide range of species, from rusts and mildews on plants to species which attack insects (actually altering the insect's behaviour in some cases, in order to benefit the fungus), and even some which lasso soil-living nematode worms. Some rot dead animal and plant material and, in the process, return nutrients into the soil. Many species, as is now widely understood, form associations with trees and other plants in which both parties benefit.

Fungi are neither plants nor animals, but a separate Kingdom. Though they behave in many ways like plants, their cells walls are made of chitin – the same material that forms the exoskeletons of insects.

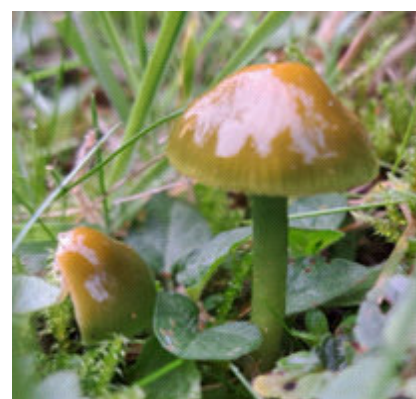
Some species I've noticed in the last week or so include the False Death-cap (top picture), a whitish woodland toadstool with a bulbous base to the stem. This is one of the species that form a mycorrhizal association with trees, where the trees get nutrients from the fungus and the fungus gets carbohydrates from the trees.

Fly Agaric (second picture) is the familiar red-and-white toadstool of fairy-tale books. It's another poisonous species (it has been used as a way of killing flies in the house), and another which has a mycorrhizal association with trees - this case, birch trees. The white spots on the cap are the remains of a kind of veil which covers and protects the developing toadstool, and are not firmly attached to the cap - they can sometimes be washed off, leaving an entirely spotless red cap.

In Doddington Churchyard, Parrot Waxcaps (third picture) are showing. These small mushrooms are named for their green and yellow colouring and are one of a number of grassland fungi found on short, mown or grazed grass which has not been treated with fertilizer, moss-killers or other chemicals.

Trooping Funnel (bottom picture) is a woodland species which is a saprotroph – that is, it lives by breaking down dead plant material in the soil. It is one of the species that can form fairy-rings. These form as the body of the fungus – a mass of fine underground threads called the mycelium – grows outwards in all directions from the spot where it initially germinated. The threads in the centre die off as they exhaust the available food, leaving an outer ring which suddenly becomes visible when the mushrooms appear.

Richard Moyse





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DIARY OF EVENTS - 2025

10 th November 7.30pm	Doddington Parish Council	Doddington Village Hall
12 th November 9.45-10.15am	Mobile library	Sunnyside, Doddington
13 th November 7pm	Newnham Parish Council	Newnham Village Hall
16 th November 2pm	Augustine Camino talk (see page 15 for details)	Doddington Church
22 nd November 11am-2pm	Christmas Jingle Mingle (see page 16 for details)	Newnham Village Hall
22 nd November 2-6pm	Christmas Bazaar (see page 17 for details)	Doddington Village Hall
26 th November 9.45-10.15am	Mobile library	Sunnyside, Doddington
28 th November 2pm	Together in Boots mindful walk (See page 19 For details)	Doddington Church
29 th November 2-5pm	Christmas Singing Workshop (see page 17 for details)	Norton Village Hall
5 th December 7.30pm	The Valley Players - Cinderella (see page 16 for details)	Doddington Village Hall
6 th December 2pm & 7.30pm		
7 th December 2pm & 7.30pm		
19 th December 7.30pm	Cantiana Christmas Concert (See page 17 for details)	Newnham Church



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