

**YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL TAX - SUMMARY OF BUDGETS**

We have set out here a summary of where your local council tax is planned to be spent

2011/12	INCOME	2012/13
158,000	Precept (your local Council Tax)	160,000
9,215	Income from letting Recreation Ground and Lavare Park	8,900
4,000	Income from Cemetery	5,500
2,900	From Broadland District Council for checking road sweeping etc.	
2,600	From Norfolk County Council for cutting grass verges	2,650
100	Bank interest	1,500
<b>176,815</b>		<b>178,550</b>

2011/12	EXPENDITURE	2012/13
48,570	Administration, (wages, insurance, meeting costs, newsletter, website, audit fees, etc.)	51,480
5,000	Repayment of loan for new street lights	4,100
55,635	Maintenance of Church Street Recreation Ground	57,250
10,500	Maintenance of Lavare Park	10,650
11,560	Maintenance of the Cemetery, Churchyard and War Memorial	13,100
300	Maintenance of Woodham Leas amenity land	500
9,100	Running costs of machinery and plant	8,000
18,500	Power and repairs for street lighting	18,500
2,900	Cutting Norfolk County Council's grass verges	2,800
7,000	Grant to Catton Park	5,000
500	Other grants	500
1,750	Miscellaneous (bus shelters, bins, etc.)	2,100
5,500	Contingency fund	4,570
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**Broadly Active way of life**

*Broadland residents are being encouraged to get fit!*

Broadly Active is a GP physical activity referral scheme run by Broadland District Council. The scheme offers a 12 week programme that specifically addresses your health wants and needs. Highly trained instructors give advice on physical activity, diet and general well-being. They also teach classes locally and provide information on activities not offered directly by the scheme. Each individual is asked their health targets at the start of the course and these goals are then structured by the scheme's staff into bite-size mini targets that are specific, measurable and, most importantly, help you stay motivated to achieve your long-term aims. Prices are reasonable (around £2 per session) and the atmosphere is always warm and friendly.

To be eligible to attend Broadly Active, you must have either an existing, controlled medical condition or be an inactive person.

Broadly Active is supported by NHS Norfolk and is part of the Broadland Life Initiative, with the council supporting and developing culture, leisure, children's play and youth engagement throughout the district.

If you are serious about getting healthier and require some further information on Broadly Active please contact Dan Goodwin, Physical Activity Referral Officer on (01603) 430487 or e-mail: broadlyactive@broadland.gov.uk

**Old Catton Twinning Association - Visit by Lavaré**

The Mayor of Lavaré has confirmed that the people of Lavaré will visit Old Catton 16th to 20th May 2012 and we're currently planning a program of events to welcome our French guests. If you would like to join in or simply enquire more about the Old Catton Twinning Association, please contact the Chairman, Richard Moore (01603) 469133/400690 or e-mail: oldcattontwinning@gmail.com or from website: www.FunTimesInFrance.com  
Membership costs remain at £5 adult membership and £10 family.

**Parish Council**

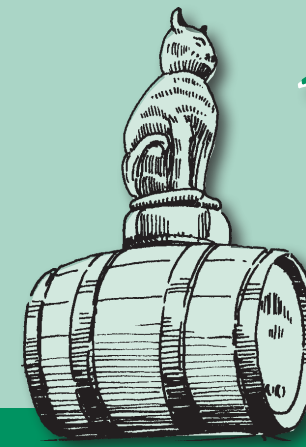
Parish Council meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Church Street. Residents are welcome to attend, and speak while the meeting is adjourned. The dates are 22 March, 26 April, 24 May, 28 June, 26 July, 27 September, 25 October and 22 November 2012.

**Parish Councillors**

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62 Garrick Green  
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- Mr B Palmer**  
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- Mr B Leggett**  
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# Your newsletter

for the residents of old catton

Spring  
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Your local **Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers** will be available to meet you for a chat, or to discuss particular Village problems, on **Sunday 1st April 2012**, from 2.30pm to 4pm at the Pavilion at Church Street Recreation Ground.

**PLEASE HELP...**

**Overhanging hedges and trees**  
If your garden is extending out on to the pavement, please cut it back to your own premises. It is important that people can get along the paths without having to avoid bushes or plants.

**Gravel drives**  
If your gravel is getting on the public path or road please sweep it up. Elderly or infirm residents might trip and suffer serious injury on loose gravel.

**Parking and driving on grass verges**  
This continues to make an awful mess in parts of the Village. The area outside Sewell Court at the Paddocks is one particular area. The verge opposite the Church has also become rutted where drivers have mounted the verge rather than wait for traffic to clear.

**Please don't drive or park on grass verges.**

**This edition of Your Newsletter** will update you on interesting and fun things in the Village. The fun things include the event planned to celebrate the wonderful occasion of our Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th June 2012 at the Recreation Ground, the visit by our friends from Lavare in May, great news from our local sports groups and happy events in Catton Park.

We shall update you on the development taking place or planned for the Village.

**Invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting**

This will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th May 2012 at the Village Hall, all parishioners are welcome to come and talk about Village matters.

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fun Day**

Old Catton Parish Council has formed a committee chaired by Brian Honess to organise a 'Fun day' in the park on Monday 4 June 2012. The event will be held at the Recreation Ground, Church Street, Old Catton from 12 noon - 4pm and entry is free.



There will be all kinds of refreshments for you to enjoy while you are entertained by the attractions and the company of your neighbours and friends.

The final programme of events is still being worked on but the day will include sporting events such as penalty shoot outs and introduction to cricket as well as some of the old fashioned events like tug of war, sack race and throwing the welly. We would like to hear from pubs or local organisations if you would like to enter a team for the 'Tug of War' contest.

During the day there will be a programme of events running in an arena where the public can watch various displays. Other attractions will take place including a Star Wars battle. There will be local stalls, tombola, children's entertainments as well as the barbecue and beer tent and a picnic area for those who wish to bring their own food.

The organisers are looking to support local organisations who wish to have a stall and would also be grateful for the support of local retailers for tombola and raffle prizes.

Make a note in your diaries for what we hope will be a fun day for all the family.

• **If you would like to be involved or could help with a tombola prize please e-mail: [brianhoness@talktalk.net](mailto:brianhoness@talktalk.net) or tel: (01603) 419943.**

Details will be publicised in the Village

Tel/Fax: (01603) 423880 E-mail: [oldcattonpc@btconnect.com](mailto:oldcattonpc@btconnect.com)

## Sport in Catton

### Old Catton Junior Football Club



Old Catton Junior Football Club has had a very busy 2011/2012 season so far with approximately 360 players aged 5 to 16 continuing to enjoy our national game making us the largest club in the area. The Club is rightly proud of its FA Charter status and is planning to take the next grade up to Development Club status.

The Club has entered into a very exciting partnership with Ridgeons Premier side Wroxham FC which will benefit both clubs immensely.

Wroxham, who are actively seeking to progress through the FA's non-league pyramid will be able to offer some of our players opportunities within their youth set up and also provide some excellent coach education to our management and

coaching team. We have already seen Old Catton players act as ball boys at Wroxham's home fixtures and our clubs hope to join forces in a number of ventures in the near future. Old Catton Junior Football Club has also seen our current under 8s teams coached by Norwich City Legend Craig Fleming.

Old Catton Junior Football Club will once again be hosting our fantastic awards weekend in the Big Top at Lavare Park on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th May and one of Norfolk's finest 5-a-side tournaments at the Recreation Ground on Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd June. Should anyone like to consider sponsoring our Club then please contact the Chairman Kevin Brown on (01603) 410558.

### Old Catton Tennis Club – Anyone for Tennis?

Our Wednesday afternoon leisure group is thriving through the winter, with an average attendance of 9 or 190 hardy souls. We play between 1 and 4pm but in January and February we 'pack up' around 3pm. We can always welcome new members and you don't have to be experienced players. If you are unsure about it, why not come along to the Recreation Ground and watch one afternoon before committing yourself? We shall commence our Tuesday and Friday evening sessions the first week in May. We can accommodate new players on both evenings and our fees are probably much lower than you'll find anywhere else. You don't need to contact us, just turn up from 6pm onwards with your gear – you'll be made very welcome.

**Maire Booty, Secretary, Old Catton Tennis Club**

### BOWLS

Why not try bowls for leisure every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4pm at a friendly relaxed club? We are having a free taster session on Thursday 26th April at 2pm for beginners or experienced players. No equipment is needed, just flat soled shoes or trainers. This taster session is also for players who may be interested in playing in evening league games.

If you would like more information about the bowls clubs or taster afternoon, don't delay, phone Tony (01603) 478789. We look forward to seeing you at Old Catton Recreation Ground.

### Old Catton Cricket Club



2011 was a landmark year for OCCC as it saw the 1st Team finish second in Division 1 of the Norfolk Cricket League and it also saw the Club launch a junior section for the first time in its 144 year history.

This means that the 1st Team have qualified for and will be playing in the Norfolk Cricket Alliance (also for the first time in

the Club's history) in 2012, a great achievement that sits so well alongside what is hoped will be the basis of the Club's long-term sustainability through the foundation of the junior section.

Open to all boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 the junior section practices at Old Catton Recreation Ground on Sunday mornings from 10.30 – 12 noon, and all equipment is provided, including a mobile batting cage for the older children. All of the equipment was bought following a £4,000 grant from Sport England, and our qualified coaches are happy to welcome players of all abilities, including those who have never played before. The emphasis is on fun while the skills coaching is serious, and in 2012 we will be entering an Under 13s team in the Broadland Youth Cricket League for our first taste of competitive youth cricket. Anybody who is interested in joining us should contact Jonathan Cooke (Club Captain) on 07885 958768 or by email: [jcphotocooke@gmail.com](mailto:jcphotocooke@gmail.com)

As well as the 1st Team playing in the Norfolk Alliance, the 2nd and 3rd Teams will again be competing in Divisions 4 and 7 of the Norfolk Cricket League and we also run a full calendar of friendly Sunday fixtures throughout the Summer. If any adults are interested in joining the club and playing cricket this year please also contact Jonathan using the contact details above.

**The phot shows some of the junior section members after being presented with prizes by Chloe Smith MP on our President's Day in September. Also pictured (back row, 2nd from the right) is Club President Mike Lorenz along with some of the Club's coaching staff.**

## PLANNING IN & AROUND OLD CATTON

### Spixworth Road

As you may remember planning permission was given for 40 new homes on the land between Desmond Drive and Lavare Park and, at the same time the Parish Council gained additional land to provide more football pitches. After the building land was sold a fresh planning application was made, for the same number of houses but with a slightly different layout, by Taylor Wimpey. This application was approved by Broadland District Council on 2nd February and building will probably commence in the summer, after the archeological exploration has been completed. There will be a new entrance to both the park and the housing and the old park entrance closed. Taylor Wimpey will provide an additional car park for the Council as there will be more football matches played on the two additional new pitches.

As well as the new pitches there will be other changes made. As part of the planning conditions a 'buffer zone' has to be created between the houses and the pitches. Discussions about the use of this land have included the creation of a tree belt where dogs could be walked. Depending on discussions with the Old Catton Junior Football Club the pavilion may be extended, floodlights provided for evening training and the existing play area moved to another part of the park and updated. Residents views on this or any other ideas will receive serious consideration by the Council.

### Dowding Road

The development taking place at Dowding Road is actually in the City of Norwich and does not come within Old Catton. However, we are mindful that the children, and adults, who live in the new homes, are likely to come and play here at the Recreation Ground. We are trying hard to convince the City Council that it should share the funds it will receive from the developers for provision of play equipment. We thank the pupils and staff of the Church Street School for their help in demonstrating the need for this to happen.

### Beyond Green

Beyond Green Developments have been very open and informative about their plans to develop the land between Old Catton, Sprowston, Beeston St Andrew and Spixworth with over 3,000 homes along with parks, pubs, schools, shops and places to work. Because they are looking at the area as a whole it means that the development can be holistic with each part relating to an overall plan. The plan is for a significant part of the 'Growth Triangle' and will be considered for outline planning permission in the near future. However, the actual building will take place over the next twenty to thirty years. The part of the Beyond Green Development in Old Catton is the land owned by the Norman Foundation to the North of The Paddocks, Edgefield Close and West Acre Drive. The land to the East will provide housing and the larger area to the West, towards St Faiths Road, is planned to provide a new cricket field.

Google 'Beyond Green in Broadland' to see details of the consultation events that have taken place.

### The Northern Distributor Road - Exhibition

There will be a small exhibition on this and the chance to talk to the officers involved at 6.30pm on 24th May 2012 at the Village Hall, before the Annual Parish Meeting.

## In Catton Park

Friends' activities in the Park on Saturday 7th April (Easter weekend) the Easter Bunny will be hiding eggs in the woods at Catton Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt will start in the picnic area at 10am. Tickets, which must be bought in advance please, are £2 per child. The tickets are available from The Little House Dental Surgery during practice hours (8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 7pm on Thursday) at 75 Spixworth Road, telephone 415760. Tickets are also available from Karen on 423125 or Liz on 409905. After the hunt why not join us for a drink and a bake – included in the children's ticket price, £1 per adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please leave your dogs at home – thank you!

All are invited to join the Friends for an Early Morning Bird Walk in the Park on Sunday 30th April 2012. Meet in the Picnic area at 6.30am, and why not join us after the walk for a hot drink and a snack at £2.50 per person. The walk is free to members of the Friends and children, £2 for adult non members. Please leave your dogs at home as this gives us a better chance of seeing the birds – many thanks.

The Friends will be having a display at the Village Jubilee Fun Day on Monday 4th June 2012. To mark the occasion we are holding a photographic competition. The competition is open to all (except members of the Friends Committee) and is free. There will be a prize for under 16s and for 16 and over. Photos must be of some aspect of the Park but may have been taken at any time. To enter your photo please post or hand deliver a print to Friends of Catton Park (Photo Competition), 81 Spixworth Road, Old Catton, Norwich, NR6 7NQ to arrive by Saturday 19th May. Please enclose your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and whether you are under 16 or 16+ with your entry. The print does not have to be high quality – if your photo is shortlisted we will contact you and ask for an electronic version (or a high quality print if you use film). The best photos will be displayed on our stand at the Jubilee celebrations. We may also post them to the website or use them in future newsletters.

In early summer the Friends will be holding an evening bat walk – a great opportunity to learn about and watch these fascinating creatures.

Check out the website at [www.cattonpark.com](http://www.cattonpark.com) for information about these and other events happening in the Park.