

Sports activities

Bowls

The Anglia Bowls Club invites you to come and play for leisure every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. No equipment is needed, just flat soled shoes or trainers. If you would like more information about the bowls club, contact Tony on (01603) 478789.

Old Catton Tennis Club

Old Catton Tennis Club will continue to play at the Recreation Ground on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm, weather permitting, and always welcomes new members. The Tuesday group will commence again in the spring from 6pm. If you are unsure about it, why not come along to the Recreation Ground one afternoon and watch before committing yourself-you'll be made very welcome.

Time to raid the attic and old photo albums

Old Catton has a treasure-trove website and a Facebook page. But we REALLY need your input to keep it interesting and relevant.

Our Facebook page only has 146 friends – out of a community population of over 6,000. Can we not tempt you to be a friend and get involved?

Just search 'Old Catton Community Website' and click on 'Like'.

The website at www.oldcatton.com has been running for well over ten years now. The site is intended to be a source of local and useful information. There is an online Forum to allow ideas and opinions to be shared – but it is hardly used. In addition there is an ever-growing archive of memories and pictures for you to enjoy. Can we tempt you to raid your attic and photo albums for old and current memories of life in Old Catton?

If we're not doing the right things or there is something else you would rather be seeing, please let us know! You can contact us at website@oldcatton.com

Your Parish Council

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street.

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Your newsletter

Mobile libraries

Norfolk County Council boast an impressive fleet of 11 public mobile libraries, all equipped with facilities for those with mobility problems and wheelchair users. As well as calling at 200 stops across Norfolk, mobile libraries can also visit sheltered/residential homes and home visits can also be arranged.

Norfolk mobile libraries offer a wide range of items to borrow including, fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, large print books, DVDs, audio books and CDs, many of which can be requested from another library for a small charge.

Old Catton is visited by the mobile library every eight weeks, with stops located across the village and throughout the day.

For more information visit www.libraries.norfolk.gov.uk or call (01603) 222267.

Alternatively, a copy of the timetable is held in the Parish Council offices.

On 1 July 2014 Old Catton Parish Council became Sole Trustees of Catton Park Trust - see inside for details.

What is a Parish Council?

Parish Councils are the smallest area of civil administration in England, providing local people access to a wide range of information and services, as well as contact with local government and beyond. The 'Parish Council' originated from the Local Government Act 1894. This piece of legislation was created to ensure civil duties were performed in rural towns and villages, while eliminating any oversight. Today over 8,500 Parish Councils exist across England.

Being the sector of government closest to those on the electoral register, Parish Councils are designed to serve and support the local community. The roles and responsibilities of a Parish Council are vast and diverse, covering areas such as recreational facilities, street lights and war memorials, to name a few.

Other responsibilities of a Parish Council include the requirement to hold meetings at least four times a year, with many councils meeting on a more regular basis. These meetings allow the public to contribute and make suggestions, illustrating the role of the wider community in Parish Councils as a whole.

Season's Greetings

from the Chairman of the Council

Bradley Sabberton-Coe would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year



Broadland Recycling Services

We are improving your kerbside household recycling service.

As well as paper, cardboard, food and drink cans, plastic bottles and aerosol cans, you are also now able to recycle the following:

- Plastic food pots, tubs and trays including: yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and meat/fruit/vegetable trays.
- Glass bottles and jars.
- Food and drink cartons including: juice, soup, milk and smoothie containers.
- Aluminium foils and trays.
- Shredded paper and envelopes including those with windows.

These changes came into effect on 1 October 2014. What to do next:

- Look out for a leaflet detailing the changes to your collection which will have been delivered under your bin lid.
- Also, look out for further information in the Winter edition of the Broadland News magazine.
- Telephone (01603) 430534 or email: environ.protection@broadland.gov.uk if you need any further help or advice about recycling in Broadland.



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The Parish Council office opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12 noon. You can contact the Clerk on (01603) 423880, email: oldcattonpc@btconnect.com or via the Parish Council's website, Facebook or Twitter (details on page 1).

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Old Catton Parish Council is now on Facebook and Twitter. You can keep up-to-date with the latest news and also contact the Clerk via these pages.

Please follow us on <http://www.facebook.com/OldCattonParishCouncil>

or find us on Twitter @OldCattonPC

Please help us spread the word of the Council.

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Catton Park Trust Ltd

On Tuesday 1 July 2014 Old Catton Parish Council became Sole Trustees of Catton Park Trust, which means that all Councillors became Trustees of the Park. This is a move that was generated by an options paper which was produced by Oakmere Solutions, a consultancy firm employed by the previous Trust. Oakmere Solutions were employed to look at the long term sustainability of the Park after the Trust received a transitional grant of approximately £99,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.



At the first meeting of the new Trust in July it was agreed that Mr Bradley Sabberton-Coe be elected as Chairman and Mrs Ann Chandler be elected as Vice-Chairman. It was also agreed that full trust meetings would take place on a quarterly basis on a Monday evening. At this meeting it was also agreed that a working group should be set up to deal with the day to day running of the Park, the production and implementation of a ten year plan and to look at the long term sustainability of the Park. The working group meets every 5 to 6 weeks on a Monday evening. The Trustees sitting on the working group are: Mr Bradley Sabberton-Coe, Mr Malcolm Vincent, Mr Glenn Tingle, Mr Brian Honess, Miss Pat Wilkin, Ms Wendy Atkinson and Mr Barry Leggett. The Warden also sits on the working group to keep the Trust up to date.

The working group has now met on three occasions to mainly discuss how the remainder of the transitional grant from Heritage Lottery Fund will be spent to secure the long term sustainability of the Park. A draft proposal was put before Heritage Lottery Fund at the end of September when the Clerk, Mr Bradley Sabberton-Coe, Mrs Ann Chandler and Mr Ken Leggett met with Sylvia Collier from the Heritage Lottery Fund. At this meeting we discussed in great detail the new Trusts proposals and although Sylvia was fairly happy she made some suggestions/amendments. The proposal was reconfigured following discussions with Sylvia and agreed by the working group on 6 October.

The proposals for the use of the remaining grant coincide with Oakmere Solutions options paper report and therefore the Trust must look at the following points to ensure that the Park is viable to all users and that it can be self-financing in the future:

- Re-design the current website page to include social media. The idea of this is to make the web page much more user friendly and to allow for users to interact with the Trust and possibly donate to the Trust.
- Create a ten year business plan which will include a communication strategy and a management and maintenance plan of the Park.
- Build on some child and family friendly activities. In particular to engage further with local schools and produce teachers' packs on the Park for key stages 1 & 2.
- Look at the publicity and promotion of both the Park and Hayman Lodge as a way to building income.
- Concentrate on recruiting, training and supporting volunteers.
- Develop a large scale events programme to try and raise not only awareness of the Park but also income to make the Park much more self-financing.
- Develop the park to a heritage audience.
- Develop a plan to make the Park user friendly for both dog owners and non-dog owners.

“ This is part of a ten year agreement and will produce an income of approximately £4,500 per annum.

As part of these points of action a Volunteer and Events Officer will be employed on a 12 month fixed term contract using funding from the transitional grant to implement the action plan, with the support and resources of the working group and current staff.

The new Trust agreed to continue with the application to Natural England with regard to the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme and Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. This is part of a ten year agreement and will produce an income of approximately £4,500.00 per annum. There are various conditions which the Trust needs to adhere too as this agreement is a legal document. The Trust agreed to vote Mr Ken Leggett onto the working group as a non-voting member to deal with this application and act as the Trusts agent with Natural England.

As the previous Trust had already started work on a dog survey of the Park and that a public meeting had already been promised it was agreed that this public meeting should go ahead but that it should only be used to gain

ideas of how to ensure the park is in future user friendly to non-dog owners as well as dog owners. Unfortunately, this meeting was not managed well but in hindsight a lot of good and reasonable ideas were made by the audience and the profile of the Park has been raised. Over £160.00 was also raised on the night as a contribution towards the emptying of the dog waste bins of which the Trust is extremely grateful for.

When the Parish Council became the new Trustees the relationship between the previous Trust and the Friends of Catton Park was at an all-time low. The new Trust is well aware that this relationship needs to be revived and the Chairman has been in regular contact with the Chairman of the Friends. There have been a few stumbling blocks with regard to the newly revived relationship but it is hoped that this can go from strength to strength for the future of the Park. The Trust would like to thank the Friends for all its help and support over the last few months.

Friends of Catton Park

The Friends of Catton Park have put on some very exciting events this year. The Fun Day in September was amazing in so many ways - the sun shone all day and we were astounded by the number of visitors, stalls and other attractions. We had a BBQ run by the Scouts, beer tent from Lucy Tipple and tea and cakes from the Friends of Garrick Green School, so everyone benefitted. We have had many requests for another fun day next year.

In October and November we had the Race Night in Hayman Lodge and Pumpkins in the Park for the children with a pumpkin and fancy dress competition. There was also a craft table for children making animals from fir cones and other natural things found in the woods. The helpers all dressed up as witches and we had three story tellers for the children as well as hot dogs and hot drinks to keep out the cold.

Our next event is the Quiz and Chips night on 15 November and then a Members' social evening on 3 January 2015 with a few nibbles and drinks for our members to get to know the Committee and as a thank you for their continued support

We continue to work closely with the Trust and as agreed will be handing over a cheque to help towards the future success of the park. None of this could happen without the generosity of the Committee and the volunteers, so if you have a bit of spare time and would like to do something worthwhile please contact us on the Catton Park website.

Karen Tanner, Chairman

Have you always dreamed about starting your own business but not sure where to start?

Maybe you want to turn your hobby into a business or just want to be your own boss?

A free programme is offered by Broadland District Council for all Broadland residents who want to find out more about self-employment.

The three hour Business Start-Up Workshop is designed to introduce you to the basic principles of starting a business, where you are also provided with a Business Start-Up Toolkit.

After attending, the follow-on Business Essentials Programme delves deeper into what to expect in starting and running your own business. The course shares knowledge and signposts you to additional resources. This is a three day course, with a gap between the second and third day to allow you to explore your ideas before attending the last day. Throughout and after each course, you will receive on-going support and advice from the Council's Business Advisors as you decide whether running a business is right for you.

After completing the programme, you may have the option to take a series of further free courses as discussed with the Business Advisor.

A new programme begins every month and courses take place at the Council's training facility; the EcoCube, located at Rackheath, Norfolk. To view course dates and our range of other courses, please visit www.broadland.gov.uk/training

Before you embark on the programme, we would welcome you to speak to a Broadland Business Adviser to discuss your ideas and find out what stage you are at with starting a business.

Please call (01603) 430449 to speak to Jane Bagley or Jo Kerrison from the Economic Development Team at Broadland District Council. Through this conversation, we can help tailor-make the best programme specifically for you.

Allotments

We are lucky to have over 100 allotments at Spixworth Road in Old Catton. They are well maintained and there is water and parking on site. The cost is £15 a year.

The allotments belong to the Parish Charities. If you are resident within Old Catton and would like an allotment please call John Aldridge on (01603) 413258 or Ann Chandler on (01508) 470388.