Your newsletter

Old Catton Twinning Association - Visit by Lavare
The Mayor of Lavare has confirmed that the people of Lavare 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.

Brandy Active way of life
Broadland residents are being encouraged to get fit! Brandy Active is a GP Commissioned 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 Brandy Active, you must have either an existing, controlled medical condition or be an inactive person.

Brandy 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 Brandy Active please contact Dan Goodwin, Physical Activity Referral Officer on (01603) 430487 or e-mail: broadlyactive@broadland.gov.uk

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 12 November 2012.

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404747
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28 Catton Chase
408177
Mr B Palmer
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Details

For the Residents of Old Catton

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

**INCOME**

2011/12

158,000 Precept (your local Council Tax)
9,215 Income from Letting Recreation Ground and Lavare Park
4,000 Income from Cemetery
2,900 From Broadland District Council for checking road sweeping etc.
2,600 From Norfolk County Council for cutting grass verges
100 Bank interest

Total: £176,815

2011/12 EXPENDITURE

48,570 Administration, (wages, insurance, meeting costs, newsletter, website, audit fees, etc.)
5,000 Repayment of loan for new street lights
55,635 Maintenance of Church Street Recreation Ground
10,500 Maintenance of Lavare Park
11,560 Maintenance of the Cemetery, Churchyard and War Memorial
300 Maintenance of Woodham Leas amenity land
9,100 Running costs of machinery and plant
18,500 Power and repairs for street lighting
2,900 Cutting Norfolk County Council’s grass verges
7,000 Grant to Catton Park
500 Other grants
1,750 Miscellaneous (bus shelters, bins, etc.)
5,500 Contingency fund

Total: £176,815

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL TAX - SUMMARY OF BUDGETS

Spring 2012

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 shot out and introductions 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 area 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.

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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 contributing to enjoying our national game and 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 step 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 7s team 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 know more about 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 hardly 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, why not come along to the Recreation Ground next Monday evening 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’d find anywhere else. You don’t need to contact us, just turn up from 4pm 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 and 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 its 50 year history), a very significant achievement which will enable 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 are between the houses and the pitches. Discussions about the use of this land have included the creation of a tree belt where dogs can be exercised. The Development taking place at Dowding Road is actually in the City of Norwich and does not come within Old Catton.

Beyond Green

Beyond Green Developments have been very open and informative about their plans to develop the land between Old Catton, Sproston, 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 and part of the 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. 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.catonpark.com for information about these and other events happening in the Park.