



Winter Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the Old Catton Parish Council winter newsletter.

There have been staffing changes since the last newsletter, Malcolm Wilkins has retired after many years service as a Recreation Ground Supervisor. We all wish Malcolm a happy retirement. We have also said goodbye to Annette Palmer and welcomed Gail Howes as Administration Officer.

Thank you to the residents who responded to the request in the previous newsletter to join a working group to start early planning for a community centre. There is still an opportunity to join this group and meetings will commence in the New Year.

As Chair of the Sprowston and Old Catton Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) I would like to encourage residents to attend these meetings, as SNAP gives you the opportunity to raise concerns directly with your local policing team. One of the most recent priorities is monitoring speeding on St Faiths Road. Please see the message from our local beat officer on page 2.

The Parish Council always welcomes suggestions from residents for improvements in the parish. Please send your ideas to the Parish Clerk. Unfortunately, the suggestion for the asphalt path across the grass at Priors Drive was too costly (in excess of £22,000) to build at this time. Thank you to all residents who help to make our village such a pleasant place to live.

I would like to thank Parish Council staff and my fellow Councillors for their contribution to the smooth running of the Parish over the past year.

With Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Judy Leggett

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OLD CATTON WAR MEMORIAL

With the help of two grants obtained from Broadland District Council, Old Catton Parish Council are pleased to have been able to install two new memorial benches and bins at the War Memorial. These show the silhouettes of soldiers together with red poppies, they are specifically designed to mark the World War I Centenary and are part of a series that have been installed by Parish Councils, the Royal British Legion, the National Arboretum and many other groups across the world. Residents have commented that these new additions are a fitting memorial to those remembered and never forgotten.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A handful of residents arrived at the War Memorial at dawn on Remembrance Sunday to mark the Centenary of Armistice Day. The piper played at 6am to mark the signing of the Agreement and a reading was given in recognition of those who had given their lives. It was a beautiful and fitting tribute that was co-ordinated worldwide. The Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church and the parade to the War Memorial were very well attended. There was a lovely community spirit and it was wonderful to see so many people of all ages coming together in remembrance and friendship.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are very pleased to welcome Gail Howes as the new Administration Officer to the Council. Gail will support the Clerk to carry out all the functions of a local authority's Proper Officer and, amongst other roles, will be your point of contact when reporting Parish issues such as street lights not working, pot holes, overgrown hedges, damaged trees, missing road signs, etc.

Please report these issues via email assistant@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone 01603 423880.

MESSAGE FROM PC ROBERTS

Dear Residents of Sprowston and Old Catton

Following the departure of our PCSO's our new neighbourhood team is up and running. I would like to hear from any local residents who think there is a problem in their area which Police should be aware of/taking action on. I have a new pool of Police Officers ready to assist with appropriate issues in our area and am keen to use this resource.

Current neighbourhood priorities are speeding on Church Lane and Pioneer Road Sprowston, and anti-social behaviour on Barkers Lane Playing Field Sprowston and Taylors Lane Old Catton. Some good work has recently been done on these issues with numerous speed checks conducted on the roads in question, 14 formal anti-social behaviour letters and warnings issued to people creating issues in the area, and 4 arrests/court summons for more serious offences.

If you have any ideas please e-mail me at SNTSprowston@norfolk.pnn.police.uk or write to me: Nick Roberts, Sprowston Police Station, Wroxham Road, Sprowston, NR7 8TU.



NORFOLK DAY—FRIDAY 27TH JULY

Thank you to all who supported Norfolk Day at the Recreation Ground on 27th July 2018. It turned out to be a very hot day but despite the heat, those who attended enjoyed the beautiful setting of the Recreation Ground as well as the stalls, cakes, face painting, children's entertainer, races and BBQ. We hope you had an opportunity to meet some of your Parish Councillors who were manning stalls and to speak to Councillor Karen Vincent regarding the proposed developments planned for the area. Arguably we are hopeful that Norfolk Day will become an annual event – would you like the Parish Council to host another event next year? Please contact the Clerk's Office if you have any suggestions of the type of event you would like to see.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING EVENT



Residents attended the Community Wellbeing Event at the Church Hall on Tuesday 24th September. Representatives from Broadland Energy Team, Age UK Norfolk, Carers Matter, Norfolk Trading Standards, Troubled Families Employment Advisors, Home Instead Care, Adult Social Services, Joy of Food, Norfolk Police and Broadland Benefits Team were available to provide advice and information and discuss issues and concerns with residents. There was also the opportunity to take part in the slow cooker demonstration. The event provided an informative morning and the Parish Council will consider hosting similar events for the community in the future.

THE FRIENDS OF CATTON PARK

The Friends are a small, friendly, local voluntary group who put on events at and around Catton Park. We aim for a mix of events in the Park to appeal to a broad range of people. We also host other events such as quiz nights to raise funds for Catton Park Trust to help with the costs of running the park.

The Friends have had a successful 2018. Highlights have included a record number of children at the Easter Egg Hunt, events to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Humphry Repton, a quiz night and a very popular walk led by Professor Tom Williamson from the UEA.

The programme for 2019 includes the Easter Egg Hunt, quiz nights, a family picnic and an early morning bird walk. We are organising the second Open Gardens event, to be held on Sunday 26 May 2019. We have chosen this date as it is around the time the wildflowers are at their best in the Park. If you would like to open your garden, however large or small, we would love to hear from you! We are also looking for people to 'garden sit' the open gardens so that their owners will get a chance to visit other gardens.

Did you know that recycling your glass bottles and jars at the recycling banks in the village raises money for the Park? Just take your empty bottles to the bottle banks at Morrisons or the Maids Head or Woodman public houses. You can also recycle glass at the Old Rectory in Crostwick. This is not an initiative organised by the Friends but we take any opportunity we can to advertise it. Thanks so much!

To find out more about the Friends please call Gill on 01603 484073 or visit www.cattonpark.com

POLITE NOTICE

The Parish Council politely requests that residents avoid parking on the pavements around the village. Please consider pushchair and wheelchair users who may not have enough room to use the footpath and may have to venture onto the highway to continue their journey.

By taking the time to consider your parking you may be preventing an accident.

We thank you for your consideration

NORWICH WESTERN LINK CONSULTATION

(FORMERLY THE NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD)

Norfolk County Council have published four potential route options for a Norwich Western Link to connect the Western end of Broadland Northway (NDR) to the A47.

A public consultation will be open until Friday 18th January; people are asked for their views on the options to help the Council identify a preferred option for a Norwich Western Link in Spring 2019. To find out more about the options www.norfolk.gov.uk

S106 FUNDING

Under S106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, contributions are sought from developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure. This funding as known as Section 106. Recent development in Old Catton has provided funds for play provision, formal recreation (sport) and allotments. Whilst some of the funds have already been allocated (allotments and some new fitness equipment), the Parish Council welcomes residents' ideas for new equipment and facilities at Council properties for use by the community. You may like to see a trim trail, or new climbing frame, or a trampoline or zip wire. Please contact the Clerk's Office with any ideas you may have.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Would you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? Do you have spare time and a strong interest in the ongoing running of Old Catton? The next planned election is in May 2019 and provided you meet the legal requirements below you are eligible to stand.

Requirements to become a Councillor are –

- You must be aged 18 or over;
- You must have lived, or worked, in the parish or within 3 miles, for at least 12 months;
- You must be a qualifying Commonwealth Citizen.

You would be disqualified from being a councillor if –

- You work for the Council;
- You are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- You were convicted of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment of at least 3 months;
- You had been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices.

If you are elected you will be required to sign up to a code of conduct and to declare your interests, such as owning property in the Parish or belonging to bodies of influence like political parties, Masonic lodges or charities. These declarations will be published on the District and Parish Councils' websites.

You might like to come to Parish Council meetings to see what goes on, held at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street at 7.00 pm on the second Monday of the month. Why not join us at our February and March meetings at 6.45pm to ask Councillors what is involved. For more information see www.beacouncillor.co.uk or www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Don't be put off. It is very satisfying to walk around your village, and to be able to think that you were involved in making it such a good place to live.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL DOES?

Old Catton Parish Council serves a population of 6,100 people. There are 13 Councillors who represent the entire Parish. The Parish Council is responsible for setting the annual precept and these funds are used to provide Parish services, including street lighting (some), the cemetery, maintenance of the closed churchyard and the village sign, the maintenance of Lavaré Park and the Recreation Ground including the hire of the Pavilion meeting room. Additionally the Council undertakes via an Agency Agreement with Norfolk County Council the highway verge cutting. The Parish Council office is located at the Pavilion and is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground, Church Street. All Old Catton residents are welcome to attend these meetings to hear about the Council's plans and activities. Every meeting has an adjournment which provides the opportunity for members of the public to speak. A copy of the monthly Agenda is posted on our website and on the noticeboards throughout the village.

SYEP OLD CATTON YOUTH GROUP

We have been running our youth group in Old Catton for two years which is continuing to go well. We had a great summer at the recreation ground and delivered lots of fun activities. Each week a different coach visited from the UEA and we held a number of taster sessions including football, volleyball, rugby and netball, thanks to funding from Active Norfolk. We also played lots of rounders, one of our volunteers Scott taught us how to play American football and everyone enjoyed our BBQ's. We went on a joint trip with our Sprowston Youth Group and took 43 young people to Thorpe Park and everyone had an amazing time. We have had an influx of new young people and we get between 20 and 25 young people each week, which is great. We also went on a trip to Wales, where we camped, went caving and climbed a mountain. We have now moved back to our winter home at St Margaret's Church Hall on Blacksmiths Way and have some great sessions planned leading up to Christmas including a DJ workshop. We will be holding a Christmas party on the 20th of December and there will be lots of games and fab prizes to be won. We will be closed the following two weeks and will be returning on the 10th of January. Apart from these two weeks we are open every Thursday 7pm until 9pm, 50 weeks of the year and it's FREE!! And we have lots of activities and trips planned for next year. We have also lowered our age range to year 7 plus. If you would like any more information contact Clare on 07823321480 or clare.lincoln@syep.co.uk.



CATTON PARK TRUST



It has been a full summer of events at Catton Park - Theatre in the Park in July, Pop Up Pictures presented four days of films in August, the Catton Park Fun Day and Heritage Open Day in September, and a very wet Spooks and Sparks in the Park in October. Thank you to all who supported and attended these events and in particular thanks to those volunteers who helped with the planning and preparation and for being there on the night!

We were honoured to be part of the Humphry Repton bicentenary celebrations that took place throughout Norfolk this year and the events have really helped to put Catton Park "on the map" as an historic landscape.

We have been awarded a Green Flag Community Award for the 2nd year running as one of the very best green spaces in the country! This Award recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces and Catton Park was the only park located in Norfolk to win this award. We are proud to win this award as recognition of the hard work carried out to maintain our beautiful park.

OLD CATTON CRICKET CLUB

Old Catton Cricket Club celebrated its 150th year in style on 13th October 2018 with a Dinner Party held at The Holiday Inn. 124 players, ex-players and their partners turned up for the festivities. Thanks were given to everyone involved in supporting Old Catton Cricket Club and organising the event. A cheque was presented for The Lord Taverners Charity. Here's to the next 150 years!

SPEED AWARENESS MONITOR

You may have noticed our speed awareness monitor (SAM2) around the village over the last year or two. The Parish Council continues collecting data from the SAM2 which shows that some very high speeds have been registered at all locations and these details have been forwarded onto the Police. The Council are now beginning to correlate data of traffic volume and speed around the village before and after the NDR as a useful tool to see how the NDR has impacted on Old Catton. If you have any locations you would like the Council to consider placing the SAM2 please contact the Clerk's Office.

**Norfolk
Against
Scams
Partnership**

WHAT ARE SCAMS?



Scams affect the lives of millions of people across the UK and come in many forms; uninvited contact is received by email, letter, and telephone or in person making false promises to con victims out of money. There are various types of scams but some of the most common include fake lotteries, fake prize draws, computer scams and romance scams. The criminals usually trick individuals with official looking documents, convincing websites, pushy telephone sales patter all with the aim of persuading an individual to send them money, be it for an admin fee, insurance cost or inflated purchase price. Doorstep Scams are crimes carried out by bogus callers, rogue traders and unscrupulous sales people who call, often uninvited, at people's home under the guise of legitimate business or trade.

The elderly are particularly vulnerable to scams with the most likely victim of financial fraud to be men over the age of 70 years (Forbes 2018). However scams affect the lives of millions of people across the UK, with many experiencing shame and social isolation as a result.

Local Authority social services and Trading Standards teams working together with local police forces, Police and Crime Commissioners and the voluntary sector and have a key role in protecting and supporting people in vulnerable circumstances. Norfolk County Council supports Norfolk Against Scam Partnership (NASP) a partnership of organisations committed to taking a stand against scams. NASP partners work together to support residents and businesses in Norfolk to help protect them from scams, doorstep crime and fraud. For more information see [https:// www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/norfolk-against-scams-partnership](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/norfolk-against-scams-partnership)

Friends Against Scams is a National Trading Standards (NTS) Scam Team initiative, which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams. It provides information about scams and those to fall victim to them to enable communities and organisations understand scams and raise awareness. For more information see <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>

WORK WITH US

Old Catton Parish Council are forming a Working Group to design, develop and deliver proposals for a Community Centre in Old Catton. Residents highlighted a Community Centre as one of the 'wish list' projects for the community as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Period.

The Council wants the Centre to be designed by the residents for the residents. We need you to help form proposals that will provide facilities for all the community. Planning for a project of this size will take time and will include identifying a site, planning the layout of the building and surrounding grounds and project costings.

If you are interested in shaping and developing your community and would like to be involved in this project please contact the Clerk's office.

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