



Your Newsletter

FROM THE CHAIRMAN— JUDY LEGGETT

Following the resignation of Bradley Sabberton-Coe as Old Catton Parish Council Chairman, I was very honoured to be elected Chairman at the August Council meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Bradley for his substantial contribution as Chairman for the last 5 years. Bradley remains a dedicated Parish Councillor.

As some residents may know I have had a long association with Old Catton. I have lived in the village for the past 30 years and have been involved in many aspects of village life. I am very interested in the historical aspects of our village but also have experience of working as a school governor, District and County Councillor. Old Catton is growing and changing and it is important that the Parish Council is an integral part of ensuring the best for Old Catton in the 21st Century; especially with the challenges, changes and opportunities that the planned development will bring.

New development brings more money to the parish and the opportunity to implement large projects. These take time to fund and develop which is why your Parish Council is currently compiling a list of projects both large and small. Many residents have already given the Parish Council ideas for the parish as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. One action was to extend the asphalt path on Oakfield Gardens, behind Swansgate; this has been completed and the replacement bench in this area has also been installed. Another is the path from Woodham Leas to Lodge Lane; the original surface has proven to be impractical and an asphalt surface will be laid shortly; the funding for this is being provided by the local County Councillor's budget for the area. Our thanks to Cllr Karen Vincent for her support with this project.

Now is the time that the Parish Council begins project planning and budget setting for 2018/19 and your Parish Council would like to hear what you think could benefit the village. The Parish Council is already taking into account larger projects suggested as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, such as community centre, medical centre, skate park, cricket ground. Do you think something is missing from your area? Should there be another litter bin near your road? Should a dog bin be installed at an alley near your house to stop dog foulers? Perhaps a park bench near a green area would be nice.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to Peter Crisp and John Arnott for their hard work and commitment whilst Parish Councillors, particularly in the areas of the Wildflower Meadow, Airport Committee, Remembrance Sunday, Tree Warden, SAM2, Finance and researching of the Recreation Ground Boundary.

If you have any suggestions please contact the Clerk's Office

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CATTON PARK TRUST LTD

We are pleased to announce that Catton Park has been awarded a Green Flag Community Award for 2017. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the UK and around the world. We are proud to be one of five parks in Norwich to receive the Green Flag Award this year.

During the summer the Trust has hosted a number of events at the Park. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed these event, helping contribute much needed funds towards the running of the Park.

Our final event this year will be Spooks & Sparks in the Park on 28th October – family funfair, stalls, food/drink and fireworks display. All for only £5.00p/person (under 5s free).

www.cattonpark.com



Please remember Parish Council meetings are public and we welcome residents to attend to speak if you wish or just to listen.

We look forward to seeing you.

PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY—OAK LANE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Oak Lane Survey. The greatest proportion of responses were against making Oak Lane one-way. Many alternative suggestions to the traffic/speed issues were received including installation of speed bumps and reducing the road speed limit to 20mph. The Parish Council is very grateful for all the suggestions that were given.

The Parish Council is currently considering the best option and way forward to tackle the traffic/speed issue. Any solution would be costly to the Parish and therefore the Parish Council wishes to take time to consider the best option and will update you further.

The Parish Council has discussed the possibility of implementing a no-right turn into and from Oak Lane with Highways at Norfolk County Council. The road implications on the ring-road for such a scheme would be of a considerable cost to the Parish. At present neither Norfolk County Council nor the Parish Council are considering this scheme and the Parish Council intends to carry out a review of traffic after the NDR has been completed.

HANDYPERSON+

Broadland District Council offers a service for people over 65 living in the Broadland district called the Handyperson+ Service. The handyperson can carry out a range of small household repairs and minor adaptations. This could be anything from fixing door handles or a leaky tap to putting up shelving. All work is carried out by a fully trained and insured handyperson.

The handyperson can also provide information about things like community activities, home help and companionship services, advocacy, benefit claims, health and legal services or financial management. The service is specifically aimed at older people with long-term health conditions including those diagnosed with dementia.

Cost: £15 per hour, up to a maximum of £30 per visit (free for anyone on means tested benefits). Materials will be charged

IS THERE SOMETHING NOT WORKING IN YOUR AREA?

Have you noticed that a street light is not working, or that a litter bin is vandalised? Maybe there is a tree branch blocking a street speed sign or the kerb is broken on your road. Why not report it to the Parish Council? If it is not the Parish Council's responsibility they will report it to the appropriate authority.

The Parish Council remains vigilant in making sure that all the amenities within Old Catton are in good working order but sometimes we miss things. Help us to ensure that our village maintains its beautiful standard by reporting maintenance issues, however small, to the Clerk's Office.



Grow Your Community is a project, developed and run by Broadland District Council, aimed at improving the health, wellbeing and lifestyles of local people by getting people more active in their communities.

The Parish Council are looking to host a Grow Your Community event but we want to ensure that it is tailored to our community's needs and not just a small percentage.

We have produced a survey to canvass public opinion on what you feel is missing from our community. Do you need more information about keeping warm this winter? Do you want to be put in touch with local clubs and societies? Do you need a handyman to carry out some work at your home? Do you need advice on healthy eating? Are you worried about cyber bullying and internet security? Is cold calling an issue where you live?

The Parish Council plans to host an event that appeals to the community as a whole but we can't get that right without your input.

Please following the survey link from our website or facebook and tell us what it is that you want to know. Hard copy surveys are available from the Clerk's Office

POLITE NOTICE

The Parish Council politely request that residents think before parking on the pavement around the village. Whilst it may be necessary to park two wheels on the pavement 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.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors and the Council Staff for their continued hard work during the year"

Judy Leggett, Chairman,
Old Catton Parish Council

Fun times in France... with Old Catton Twinning...

Are you interested in France and all things French? If so, please visit www.OldCattonTwinning.co.uk for details about the 2018 visit of our French friends to Old Catton. It's their turn next year to visit and we are planning a full programme of visits and entertainment in May 2018. So do come and take part.

Here's what some of our members have said about the Twinning:

- " An enjoyable time with our French hosts"
- " It was brilliant, very well organised and we had fun!"
- " My first visit and I felt very much at home..."

New members are always welcome - please phone Richard/Ann Moore on 01603 400690 or Judy Leggett on 01603 429986 or email oldcattontwinning@gmail.com



MEMORIAL WREATHS

All wreaths will now remain at the War Memorial until 1st October of each year whereupon they will be removed in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. Any wreaths in such a deteriorated condition as considered disrespectful will be removed earlier. If you would like to lay a wreath in remembrance of the fallen please contact the Clerk's Office.

WHAT DOES YOUR PARISH COUNCIL DO FOR YOU?

Parish Councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), highways, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street. All Old Catton residents are welcome; a copy of the Agenda is posted on the Old Catton website: www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

For more information contact the Clerk's Office



The Parish Council asks that all residents maintain your boundaries to ensure that any hedges/trees do not encroach onto the public footpaths

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS— SPROWSTON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)

Are you looking for a new opportunity? Have you ever been interested in youth work? We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our busy teen cafes. They run in Sprowston every Tuesday night 6.30pm until 9.30pm and in Old Catton on a Thursday evening 7pm until 9pm. All volunteer posts are subject to an interview, DBS checks and a minimum of two references. All volunteers will gain training, a Level One youth work qualification and will be required to attend safeguarding training. We will also help support further training and there is the opportunity for paid work in the future. You not have to commit to every week. If you are interested please get in touch – Claire Lincoln on 07917 517405.

BROADLAND TOP DOG

Broadland District Council are calling on all responsible dog owners to lead the way and help us to encourage every dog owner to clear up after their pet.

Top Dog packs are available from the Parish Council Office, Recreation Ground, Church Street and at Hayman Lodge, Catton Park.

For more information please visit www.broadland.gov.uk/topdog



With the festive period fast approaching PLEASE continue to remember to recycle your glass bottles at bottle banks at Morrisons, The Woodman PH or the Maid's Head PH. Catton Park continues to need the vital extra funds this generates for its upkeep. Why not add recycling to your weekly shopping routine and continue to generate income for a good cause

ALLOTMENTS

Old Catton is lucky to have over 100 allotments at Spixworth Road. They are well maintained, with water and on site parking.

If you are a resident of Old Catton and would like an allotment please contact John Aldridge (01603 413258) or Ann Chandler (01508 470388) for more information. Allotments are £15 per/year

GOT SOME FREE TIME?

Catton Park Trust are always looking for new volunteers who can help at Catton Park, whether it's with litter picking, maintenance or helping with events. Any time that you may be able to give is gratefully appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer please email office@cattonpark.com

REQUEST FOR GRANTS Are you a member of or do you attend any of the following: Nursery, Mum&Tots Group, Sports Club, Pensioner Club, Art Club, Charitable Organisation, Voluntary Group, etc?

Does your group need extra funding? If you do then Old Catton Parish Council could help!

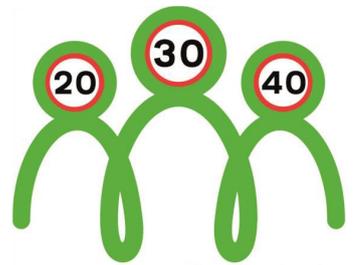
Old Catton Parish Council is able to financially assist non-profit making organisations within Old Catton where, in the Council's opinion, the money granted would actively benefit residents of Old Catton as a whole. It's not difficult to apply and you could receive the funding boost your organisation desperately needs.

If you would like some more information or just want to ask a question about grants please contact the Clerk's Office.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RECREATION GROUND

You may have noticed that the tennis courts have been resurfaced and new lines for tennis and netball have been marked. This was necessary to ensure that the netball courts were of regulatory size but the original surface had also become worn and slippery. We hope that many of you have had opportunity to use the courts over the summer and, weather permitting, will continue to do so.

Children will be pleased to know that the basket swing has now been replaced at the top of the Recreation Ground for all over 9s to use. The replacement has taken longer than we anticipated but the playground is now fully functioning.



*Old Catton Community
Speed Watch*

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A big thank you to those of you who volunteered for the Community Speed Watch. We now have enough people to move this forward!

Speed assessment sites have been agreed with the Police; the volunteers are now awaiting training.

Keep a lookout for your Community Speed Watch Team over the coming months.

If you have any streets which you feel the Community Speed Watch Team should monitor (these must be 30mph or over), or if you would like to join the Community Speed Watch Team please contact the Clerk's Office.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Did you know that the mobile library runs a service to Old Catton? In fact, did you know that there were two services to Old Catton?

Norfolk County Council libraries are free to join. Once a member you can use any Norfolk library including mobile libraries. Items can be chosen from the vehicle or reserved via the online catalogue for collection from a mobile library. All items can be returned to any branch library or mobile library in Norfolk. All mobile libraries are equipped with a lift for people with mobility problems and wheelchair users.

The mobile services to Old Catton are on a Monday every x2 weeks (route CEN120) from 11th September and every x4 weeks (route CEN1410) from 18th September.

For more information see www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/routes-and-timetables and choose Old Catton from the list.

OLD CATTON TEEN CAFÉ (SYEP)

Old Catton Teen Café is a drop in youth group for children aged 13-18 years. It is held at St Margaret's Church Hall on Blacksmiths Way and meets every Thursday evening 7pm-9pm.

For more information see facebook/twitter: @SYEP TeenCafé or contact Claire Lincoln on 07917 517405.





OLD CATTON CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Have you checked out our new website?

www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

The website now contains details of the clubs and societies in and around Old Catton with contact details should you wish to try something new.

If you feel like getting involved why not check out the list.

The website also includes details of halls available to hire in Old Catton: the Pavilion, Village Hall, Hayman Lodge and Church Hall.

If there are any clubs or societies who would like to be included on the website please contact the Clerk's Office.



SPROWSTON LIBRARY OPEN ACCESS

During times when the library is available but not staffed, you can now access the library using the Open Library system. This gives self-service access to library materials, public computers and quiet, creative spaces even while the building is unstaffed. You must register to use this service.

For more information see <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/open-libraries>

FRIENDS OF CATTON PARK

Do you walk in Catton Park? If so, are you aware of the Friends? We are a local voluntary group who support and promote the Park through a variety of events. In the past three years we have given over £11,000 to Catton Park Trust and also purchased a defibrillator for Hayman Lodge. If you would like to find out more please visit the website at www.cattonpark.com

2017 highlights include the annual Easter Egg Hunt - this year over 140 children took part in searching for cardboard eggs in the woodlands which were exchanged for a chocolate bunny. In the autumn 140 children explored the Elf and Fairy Trail in the picnic area. We've also held a couple of very popular Quiz and Chips events.

Our next event is Christmas Crafts for Children on the afternoon of Saturday 9th December in Hayman Lodge. Children will be able to make a variety of Christmas themed crafts. Adult refreshments will be on sale. Look out for more information in the parish magazine, on the Catton Park website or Facebook page.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANEL

The Sprowston and Old Catton Safer Neighbourhood Panel meets quarterly with representatives of the Sprowston and Old Catton Safer Neighbourhood policing team, Councillors and residents to gauge an understanding of the issues which are causing concern within the neighbourhood.

The panel will prioritise concerns raised into three main areas and then task the Safer Neighbourhood Team to address these priority areas over the coming quarter leading to the next SNAP meeting where progress against each priority will be reported back.

Residents are encouraged to attend as this is an opportunity to raise issues of concern and improve the quality of life in the neighbourhood www.norfolk.police.uk/node/476

Details of meetings can be found on the village noticeboards and on the Parish Council website www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

As part of the Parish Partnership Scheme 2017/18 the Parish Council successfully bid for and installed a new bus shelter on White Woman Lane and seating in the bus shelters on Lodge Lane and St Faith's Road.

Bids for the Parish Partnership 2018/19 need to be submitted shortly and the Parish Council are considering new projects for highway improvement within the parish which include another bus shelter on White Woman Lane and potential speed calming measures on Oak Lane. The Scheme also considers bike racks, village gateways, school clear markings, flashing warning lights outside schools and pathways.

If you have any highway improvement ideas for consideration within the Parish Partnership Scheme please contact the Clerk's Office.

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