

Your newsletter

For the residents of Old Catton

WINTER 2016

Parish News

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Mr Daniel Elmer as our newest Parish Council member. We are sure that he will fit comfortably into our enthusiastic team of Councillors who are keen to push forward Parish interests.

Parish improvements have been ongoing. We are pleased to report that the new bus shelters on Lodge Lane and The Paddocks have been installed. We are currently awaiting confirmation from Broadland District Council of a start date for the Trod pathway installations at Woodham Leas and Swansgate. These are pathways made from "unbound material" (such as crushed concrete). They are more sympathetic to rural settings. Bids for the Parish Partnership 2017/18 are currently being considered: these will include a permanent bus shelter at White Woman Lane (adjacent to the Junior School) and installing seating on our existing bus shelters. Work on the installation of handrails at the War Memorial has been completed and we hope these handrails will make it easier for all to access the memorial and view the names of those who have fallen.

Following on from the recent resident consultation the Parish Council decided to install new fencing at the children's U9 playground at Lavaré Park and work was carried out at the beginning of November. We hope that this will make this area more secure and a better environment for residents and users. Could we politely request that parents ensure children do not wear football boots when using the playground as it is causing damage to the safety flooring located around the equipment.

Improvements have recently been carried out at the Cemetery (including fresh tarmac and flowers around the roundabout) and there is an ongoing programme for improvements to be carried out during the rest of the year.

The Council continues to look at grant applications to upgrade the play and fitness equipment at the Recreation Ground and is considering submitting a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) application to Broadland District Council for major works and improvements to the Parish.

- If there are any areas you feel are in need of improvement please contact the Parish Council Office on (01603) 423880.



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.



Please help us spread the work of the Council.

Don't forget the Old Catton Parish Council is on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us on <http://www.facebook.com/OldCattonParishCouncil> or find us on Twitter @OldCattonPC to keep up to date with the latest news or contact the Clerk via these pages.

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Friends of Catton Park



The Friends of Catton Park is a voluntary group which supports the conservation, improvement and use of the physical and natural environment of Catton Park. We do this by putting on events to encourage visitors to the park or to raise funds - sometimes both!

Our next event is Christmas Crafts for Children on Saturday 3 December from 2 - 4pm in Hayman Lodge in the Park. There will be a range of crafts for children to try out - in previous years we have decorated biscuits, made baubles for the tree and made table decorations. The cost is £3 per child, which includes all materials for the crafts, a drink and either a biscuit or small cake. Adult refreshments will be on sale. Advance booking is not necessary but it would be helpful if you would let us know if you are thinking of coming along - please call Gill on (01603) 484073.

This year we have put on two events for children which have been very popular. In the spring 135 children took part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year, for the first time, we held a Fairy Trail in the park. To our delight over 260 children came to find the fairies and elves in the woods near Hayman Lodge and to make their own fairy and elf to take home. Our events are not complete without homemade cake and drinks and these were no exception!

For the adults we were fortunate to have a local bird expert lead our early morning bird walk. Highlights were seeing woodpeckers and nuthatches busy gathering food for their young followed by bacon butties in the Lodge. We also hosted a summer Garden Party for members and their guests on one of the loveliest days in August. You will have guessed that tea and cake was involved! We've organised two Quiz and Chips evenings this year, both fully sold out and a regular feature in our programme.

The Friends also help out each Saturday morning with selling refreshments at the ParkRun, raising much needed money for the Park. Do drop in for a cuppa if you are out and about in the Park. Running first is optional.

As you may know the Park is managed by Catton Park Trust, a local charity which depends on grants and donations to pay for the upkeep of this beautiful space in Old Catton. The profits from our events are donated to the Trust at the end of each year. The Friends appreciate the support from all who help out at or come to our events - thank you! If you are interested in joining the Friends please visit: www.cattonpark.com for more information.

Speed Watch

You may have noticed the addition of a SAM2 (speed awareness monitor) camera around the village over the summer. So far the camera has been located on Spixworth Road (near Oak Lane), St Faiths Road (near Garrick Green), Church Street (near the Recreation Ground) and Oak Lane. The data results collected have been very interesting with some very high speeds registered.

We have been asked to pass the data to the local Police force. The SAM2 will be placed in various locations around the Parish.

- If you have a suggested location for the SAM2 please contact the Parish Council Office on (01603) 423880.

Catton Park Trust

Catton Park Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who uses the Park or who attended an event in the Park for their continued support. The Swing in the Park and Shakespeare in the Park events over the summer proved to be very popular and we hope to repeat these events, in addition to some new ones, in 2017.

You may have seen (or taken part in) the Friends of Catton Park carrying out a Park Survey on the Trusts behalf. The survey produced some very interesting results and ideas for the improvement of the Park and the Trust are considering a course of action to use this data effectively.

For those of you who missed the survey we have issued an online survey – please see our website (www.cattonpark.com) for details.

PokemonGo arrived at Catton Park over the summer and this greatly increased the Park's appeal to our younger residents – it has been lovely to see some many families on the Park hunting Pokemon during the lovely summer days.

Requests for Grants

Are you a member of or do you attend any of the following:

Nursery, Mum and 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 the 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 on (01603) 423880 or email: clerk@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

Old Catton Twinning Association

A marvellous time was had during the Lavaré visit in early May. The Fun Casino was just that and en route to the Blakeney Seal Trip we stopped at Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Cley Marsh Visitor Centre.

The weather was beautiful for the entire visit making the day trip to Great Yarmouth a real pleasure. Guests were taken to the Sealife Centre and Merrivale Model Village with some free time to enjoy lunch along the sea front. Tresal Catering provided a wonderful buffet at our Party Night and the music for dancing was superb if a little loud for most!

The Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 1 July 2016. The Chairman gave a report on the activities during the year – copy on the website as well as minutes of the meeting. The Committee was re-elected and there were discussions about the recent visit by French and our next visit to Lavaré in 2017.

Check out the Twinning web site for history, information on past visits and the exciting plans for 2017. New members are always welcome - phone Richard/Ann Moore on (01603) 400690 or Judy Leggett on (01603) 429986 or email: oldcattontwinning@gmail.com

Parish Recycling

Thank you to everyone who has support Catton Park by recycling your glass bottles in the bottle banks at Morrisons, The Woodman PH and the Maid's Head PH. Since October 2015 your efforts have raised £2,758.27 – this significantly contributes towards the running of Catton Park.

The festive period will soon be upon us and we really hope that you'll continue to recycle your bottles at the bottle banks rather than in your grey bins. 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.

Is 2017 the year to start your own business?

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.

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 in Hellesdon.

For further information please contact the Council's Business Support team
tel: (01603) 430449
e-mail: business@broadland.gov.uk
or visit: www.broadland.gov.uk/training
to find out course dates and the range of other courses available.



Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan

Following the 21st July Referendum Vote Old Catton residents voted 93% 'yes' in support of the Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan.



A big thank you to all those residents who braved the awful weather and rain on the day to vote.

The Plan, which has been developed over the last year, is based on the views of the local community and will now be used to help shape the community for many years to come. The Plan allows communities to have a say in the developments that take place in their area. It generally relates to the use of land and development. It will also be used when deciding on local planning applications.

The Neighbourhood Plan will make a significant difference to Old Catton by:

- Protecting our open green spaces.
- Making developers improve housing designs and reduce the impact on traffic.
- Bring extra funds into Old Catton to be spent on Old Catton.

The Neighbourhood Plan ensure that developers must follow the guidance and requirements within the policies of the Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan. These policies will protect our open green spaces and improve the design and impact of new developments that come to our area.

The Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan was formerly adopted by Broadland District Council on Tuesday 26th July 2016 and now forms part of the Local Plan and will have to be taken into account when planning decisions are made in Old Catton.

The Neighbourhood Plan is available to view on our website: www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

Honorary Villageperson Award

Do you know of a person in our community who has given voluntary services of a diverse and outstanding nature to the community and has made a beneficial contribution to the life of the community?

Old Catton Parish Council want to honour these outstanding residents of Old Catton with an Honorary Villageperson Award.

- If you know of any individual who deserves recognition for their selfless volunteering please contact the Parish Council Office on (01603) 423880 for more details.

All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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

Want to meet new people?

Bowls

Anglia TV Bowling Club at Recreation Ground. The Club has now come to the end of another very successful afternoon summer of bowling for fun and leisure. The next season starts on Thursday 21st April (2pm-4pm) when we start again with our Open Day. This is a chance to come along, meet new people and have a try. No experience or equipment necessary, just flat shoes or trainers.

The Club also plays in two afternoon leagues and welcome players who would like to play league bowls.

- If you are interested in leisure or league bowls and would like more information please contact Tony Jones on (01603) 478789.

Tennis

Come and join our friendly group.

We play throughout Winter every Wednesday afternoon (1pm-3pm). New members are always welcome – some playing experience is preferred. Please come dressed to play.

- For more information please contact Joan (01603) 426493 for details.

New Website

Old Catton Parish Council are pleased to announce the launch of their new website: www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk We hope that the site will become a useful point of reference to all queries you may have regarding your community.



St Margaret's Church Christmas Fair Saturday 26th November 2016

In the Church Hall,
Blacksmiths Way

Crafts, Plants, Books, Handmade cards,
Tombola, Stocking fillers, Plants,
Refreshments and much, much more...

10am - 12pm



Polite Notice

With the installation of a baby changing unit and bin in the disabled toilets at The Pavilion may we respectfully request that parents refrain from putting soiled nappies into the public bins within the Under 9s play area. These bins are for the disposal of domestic waste (such as drinks bottles, confectionery wrappers, paper, etc) only.

We would be most grateful if you would use the nappy disposal bin provided in the disabled toilets for the clean and hygienic disposal of nappies. We thank you for your consideration.

Catton Park

Hall available for hire
www.cattonpark.com

HAYMAN LODGE, CATTON PARK

Hayman Lodge is situated amongst 70 acres of Country Park and offers an excellent venue for:

- ~ Conferences ~
- ~ Meetings and training ~
- ~ School visits ~
- ~ Birthday parties ~

With superb panoramic views, a large picnic area, wildflower meadows and woodlands, Catton Park is just 2 miles from Norwich city centre.



Bookings and information
(01603) 423880
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Got some time to spare?

Do you have some free time on your hands?
Feel like meeting new people and embracing new experiences?

Catton Park Trust are looking for new volunteers who can help with the running of Catton Park. Do you have a spare hour to help with organising car parking, or distributing leaflets? Maybe you have time to take tickets on the door, or perhaps you can assist with the litter picking.

Any time to spare would be gratefully appreciated.

Please contact office@cattonpark.com if you would like to offer your services as a volunteer.

What does your Parish Council do for you?

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Pavillion, Recreation Ground, Church Street. All Old Catton residents are welcome; a copy of the Agenda is posted on the Old Catton website. Please contact the Clerk of the Council for further information on (01603) 423880.

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