

Friends of Catton Park



Catton Park is a beautiful green space in Old Catton, open to all to enjoy the woodland paths and meadowlands. The Park is managed and maintained by Catton Park Trust.

The Friends of Catton Park organise events to raise awareness of the Park and to raise funds for specific projects. Our programme is a mix of regular events and new activities. These events are open to all. Some events are aimed at children, some for families and others for adults. This April, despite the pouring rain, over 80 children joined in our annual Easter Egg Hunt, looking for cardboard eggs in the woodland which were traded in for a chocolate bunny. Other activities planned for 2010 include a dawn chorus bird walk, a wildflower identification event, a summer barbeque, and a walk to introduce Catton Park. We produce regular newsletters for our members which include information about our events and updates from Catton Park Trust.

We have used the funds raised to purchase young trees; two picnic tables with seats in the picnic area and tools for Matt Caley, Park Warden, for use by his volunteer groups.

If you would like more information about joining the Friends or our event programme please visit our website at www.cattonpark.com or contact Gill Renouf on (01603) 484073. We look forward to seeing you in the Park!



Pictured - a recent orienteering event in the Park

The Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday 27 May 2010 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

You are all invited to come to this meeting! It is not a Parish Council meeting, it is a meeting for the 'electors' of the Parish. You can hear what the Parish Council and other Village organisations have been doing and say what YOU would like to have done.

There will be some light refreshment after the meeting so you can chat with councillors and representatives as well your neighbours and friends.

If there is a particular question you would like answered please let us know in advance so we can try to get an answer for you.

Dates of Council Meetings for 2010

June 24th, July 22nd, September 23rd, October 28th
November 25th.

You are very welcome to come to these meetings which are held at the Village Hall in Church Street, starting at 7.30 pm.

SNAP (Safer Neighbourhoods Action Panel for Old Catton, Spixworth and Sprowston)

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm at Spixworth at the Church Hall in Godfrey Road on Monday 17 May 2010. This is your chance to play a part in prioritising the work of the Safer Neighbourhood Team for the next three months. There will be officers there to answer your questions and give advice. All residents of the three villages are warmly invited.

Your Parish Councillors

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210 St Faiths Road, NR6 7AG
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Mrs A Chandler
60 Spixworth Road, NR6 7NF
408012

Mr C Green
59 The Warren, NR6 7NN
429626

Mr B Leggett
30 Garrick Green, NR6 7AL
429986

Mr A Lovett
13 Fifers Lane, NR6 7AE
425726

Mrs G Masdin
21 Spixworth Road, NR6 7NE
486005

Mr B Palmer
45 Catton Chase, NR6 7AS
465514

Mrs A Riches
28 Catton Chase, NR6 7AS
408177

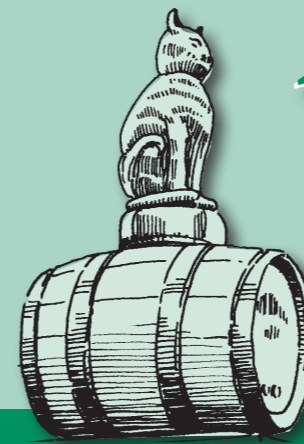
Mr B Sabberton-Coe
62 Garrick Green, NR6 7AN
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Mr D Thompson
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Your newsletter

for the residents of old catton

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This newsletter invites you to the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 May, an open afternoon for Bowls on 13 May and a fete on 27 June as well as regular village or sporting events. It includes the Chairman's report of the Parish Council's work during the last year and a summary of how your money was spent.

Unfortunately we have had to include a plea to residents NOT to park on the roadside grass verges as we really do want our village to look at its best. We would also appreciate you keeping your hedges and trees clear of the footpaths so people are able to walk without going on the road.



Parish Council Election May 2011

There will be an election for the Parish Council next year and YOU might like to think about standing for election. It is very interesting work and gives you a chance to improve the quality of life in YOUR community. It is unpaid and you would need to allow two evenings a month to attend meetings.

There are various opportunities to meet up with councillors from other areas and to attend training events and conferences. The Council is a 'Quality' parish council, works to a high standard and cares deeply about the Village community.

If you think you might be interested, do contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors listed on the back page to find out more.

Village Fete Sunday 27 June 2010

St Margaret's Early Birds invite you to their fete on Sunday 27 June 2010 at the Recreation Ground at Church Street - from 10am to 4pm.

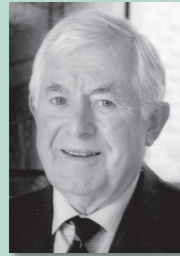
There will be plenty of refreshments on sale all day. You can enjoy lots of stalls and activities, including bouncy castles. The Police and Fire and Rescue Service will be also be there. (Sorry - as usual dogs will not be allowed on the Recreation Ground.)

Do come and enjoy the day!



Old Catton Parish Council

Chairman's report 2009/10



I have enjoyed another good year as Chairman of your Council. It is good to know that the Parish Council is safe from change at present and that Broadland District Council will continue, now that the Government has granted 'unitary status' to Norwich City Council on their existing boundary. Old Catton Parish Council has always supported retention of the status quo and wanted Broadland District Council to continue its good work with us.

Although we and other people have suffered recently from vandalism I am pleased and proud to say that our local safer neighbourhoods team has identified and been dealing with all the culprits. It is good to be able to say that serious vandalism has not been a feature of Village life before this.

We have been concerned about the state of roads in the Village and have been in contact with Norfolk County Council about problem areas and with the Police about speeding.

The Council has continued to provide facilities for football, cricket, tennis, bowls and netball as well as informal recreation. The Multi Use Games Area had to be resurfaced due to some breakdown in the materials used and is now fully operational again at no cost to us.

It was hoped to replace the bowls pavilion this year but it could not be afforded. The Council has decided to use the next Section 106 funding that becomes available for this project. A design has been agreed and planning permission is being applied for.

I am pleased to report that the additional land at Lavare Park now belongs to the Council and is being prepared for use, hopefully in the autumn of 2011 if the grass grows well. The new land will be used to provide two large football pitches and the existing park will be used for mini soccer pitches. There will be a new floodlit training area when funds are available.

The Parish Council will be maintaining the new extension to the Churchyard this year and is also renovating the lychgate with the help of a grant from Broadland District Council. The Cemetery looks especially nice now that the 'extra' items have been removed from graves. It will be necessary to begin to use the next section of the Cemetery this year and some new rules about memorials will apply. In order to make sure memorials are safe and lasting only masons approved or trained by NAMM or BRAMM who guarantee their work for ten years will be able to carry out work there.

The Council decided to only increase its requirement for Council Tax by the rate of inflation at budget time which was 1.3%. As there are some additional properties in the Village this has actually meant a zero increase.

I was pleased to be presented with re-accreditation for Quality Parish Status by Mr Tony Nash, the chairman of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils. Your Council strives to be a 'Quality' council and to look after your Village well!

My thanks to the Council members and staff for all their work during the year.

David Thompson, Chairman, Old Catton Parish Council

Type of expense	Details	Expenditure £	Income £
Running costs	Church Street Recreation Ground	50,145	9,516
	Lavare Park Cemetery and Churchyard	8,438	
	Plant and machinery	8,042	4,069
	Street Lighting	2,700	
	Miscellaneous inc. bus shelters, notice boards, Members' expenses	14,305	
		3,686	538
Capital expense	New toilet and garage extension	40,172	
Capital income	For new land at Lavare Park		24,908
Administration		46,595	
Bank interest			93
Loan repayments		9,500	
Delegated functions	Cutting grass verges, checking road sweeping	2,570	5,355
Grants		500	
Precept from Broadland DC			154,000
TOTAL		186,653	198,479

Come and have a go!

Bowls open afternoon
Tony Jones, the ATV and Wensum Bowls clubs invite you to an open afternoon on Thursday 13 May 2010 at the Recreation Ground in Church Street at 2pm. You will have the chance to try your hand, bowls will be provided, but you must wear flat shoes.

There will be a cup of tea and a chance to have a chat with members of the clubs. Please do not be put off if you have no experience or do not want to be competitive. The idea is to create an afternoon social bowls group that is not involved in competitions.

Tennis new members
The Old Catton Tennis Club always welcomes new members, especially on a Wednesday afternoon when they play all year round, weather permitting. The other times are Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Trees

Many thanks to Broadland District Council for the fine new trees at the Woodham Leas amenity land - see photograph.

The Village still needs a new Parish Tree Warden or Wardens. You do not need to be an expert, just to care about trees and have an interest. There is support from the experts at Broadland District Council and regular Tree Warden meetings if you wish to attend. Please contact Sally at the Council office if you are interested.



Parking on verges

Dear residents,
Please do not park your vehicles on the grass verges outside your homes. This practice is damaging the verges as you can see from this photograph. It makes your road look untidy and spoils the street scene. We do understand that parking space is at a premium but do not think that spoiling the grass is the best answer!

