

## Important changes to concessionary travel in Norfolk:



**From 1 April 2011** there will be changes to how and when you can use concessionary travel passes. This is because of reduced funding given to us from central government. Responsibility for the scheme will also transfer from the district councils to Norfolk County Council, and as part of this all data on passholders will transfer to Norfolk County Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act. If you already have a bus pass, you don't need to change it – you can continue to use it under the new arrangements.

### Travel before 0930

From Monday to Friday, free bus travel will start from **0930 and end at 2300**. However on some rural services, for example where the only service of the day starts before 0930, concessionary passes may be accepted. A full list of these services will be available from 21 March 2011.

Travel will continue to be free all day at weekends and bank holidays.

### Park & Ride services

Holders of English national concessionary travel passes will pay normal fare up to 0930 on Monday to Friday. A fare of £1 return per person will apply after 0930 and at all times on Saturdays.

### Companion passes

Some passes (marked with '+C') show that a companion can travel for free. However from **1 April** the companion will have to pay the normal fare. We will not re-issue your pass, but the driver will ask for the normal fare from your companion.

### Passholders who are registered blind

Free travel will no longer be available all day every day – passholders who are registered blind will receive free travel according to the same criteria as other passholders.

### Applying for new or replacement passes

Until 31 March applications for new or replacement passes should be made to your district council. From **1 April 2011** applications should be to Norfolk County Council.

To find out more visit the concessionary travel web page of the travel and transport section of [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk), or call **0344 800 8020**.

## Grounds Person/ Handy Person Wanted at Hall School

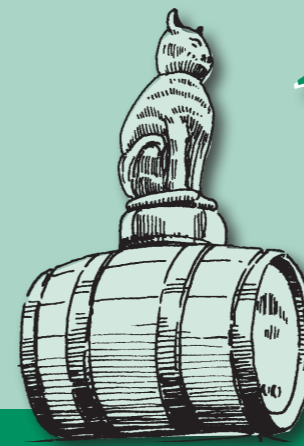
We require a grounds person/handy person to assist our caretaker for two afternoons a week (6 hours) 3pm to 6pm as from 26 April 2011. Duties to include gardening, general maintenance jobs and occasional portering, lifting/moving of furniture and goods.

This will be paid on a scale A point 4 - £6.29 per hour. This is a temporary position at present and will be offered on an enhanced CRB clearance form being received. **If interested please contact Elaine Hooper (01603) 466467 as soon as possible.**

*Please note - we do not include advertisements in the newsletter, but this is a 'one off' exception!*

Local elections and referendum will take place on 5 May 2011. The referendum will seek the public's views on whether the system for electing MPs should change.

**Don't forget to vote - 5 May 2011**



# Your newsletter

for the residents of old catton

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## Damaged bus shelter - Spixworth Road, near the Deer Park

The Council is awaiting the outcome of a court case against the car driver who crashed into the bus shelter and who has already pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle when his alcohol level was above the limit and using a motor vehicle without third party insurance. The sentencing will have taken place by the time you read this. The bus shelter was demolished in the accident and will be replaced in early April.



## ~ INVITATION ~

**To all residents & organisations of Old Catton**

**You are warmly invited to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 April 2011 at the Village Hall in Church Street.**

This is NOT a Council meeting. It is a meeting for the residents of Old Catton to discuss parish affairs; whether or not they are related to parish council functions.

We hope that representatives of Village organisations will either be able to come and tell us what their organisations are doing or send in a written report.

The Council's Chairman will give a brief account of the Council's activities during the last year and answer questions.

There will be a Parish Council meeting after the Parish Meeting. This will be the last meeting of the present Council as there will be elections for the Parish Council on 5 May, at the same time as the Broadland District Council election and the national referendum of the alternative voting system.

## Planning

The Council agreed, provisionally, to join with Sprowston and Spixworth Parish Councils in applying to form a Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard. This is something the government is promoting as part of its localism agenda. The idea is that local people can be involved with deciding how their neighbourhood develops. There would be overriding restrictions, including the inability to go against anything that Broadland District Council had planned. But, as existing forward plans already include additional housing in the Village, the neighbourhood plan could influence the siting and style of any development.

An organisation called Beyond Green Developments has formed a consortium with most of the owners of the land between Old Catton, Sprowston, Spixworth and Beeston St Andrew with a view to developing the land there in an innovative and green way with housing, employment and recreation, including allotments. The three Councils (Beeston does not have a council) are in discussion with Beyond Green and have the opportunity to be involved in planning what will happen, possibly using the Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard concept.

This is an exciting and very busy time for planning in our area and will present challenges and opportunities for the communities of Old Catton, Sprowston and Spixworth.

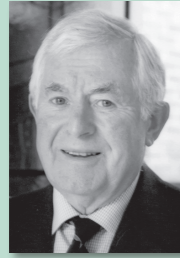
## MOBILE LIBRARY ROUTE & TIMES

Visiting Old Catton Mondays - normally every 2 weeks

| Stop Number | VILLAGE    | ARRIVAL TIME | DEPARTURE TIME | STOP NAME   |
|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| 2           | OLD CATTON | 09:45        | 10:05          | PEMBREY CLOSE                                       |
| 4           | OLD CATTON | 10:15        | 10:30          | IVES ROAD (NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE)                   |
| 6           | OLD CATTON | 10:35        | 10:45          | GARRICK GREEN (OPP. SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD)           |
| 8           | OLD CATTON | 10:50        | 11:20          | WOODLAND DRIVE (NEAR NO.12 - OPPOSITE NO.5)         |
| 10          | OLD CATTON | 11:25        | 11:40          | TAYLORS LANE  |
| 12          | OLD CATTON | 11:45        | 12:25          | NORMAN DRIVE  |
| 14          | OLD CATTON | 12:30        | 12:45          | DESMOND DRIVE (NEAR NO.90)                          |
| 16          | OLD CATTON | 13:55        | 14:05          | EDGEFIELDS CLOSE (1)                                |
| 18          | OLD CATTON | 14:05        | 14:15          | EDGEFIELDS CLOSE (2) - OUTSIDE NO.42                |
| 20          | OLD CATTON | 14:20        | 14:40          | THE PADDOCKS (NEAR THREE CORNER DRIVE)              |
| 22          | OLD CATTON | 14:45        | 15:05          | PIONEER ROAD (NEAR NO.11)                           |
| 24          | OLD CATTON | 15:10        | 15:30          | PROCTOR ROAD (NEAR NO. 129) (LAY-BY)                |
| 26          | OLD CATTON | 15:35        | 15:50          | BURMA ROAD  |
| 28          | OLD CATTON | 15:55        | 16:10          | THE WARREN (NEAR NO.27) (OPP. ALLY TO WARREN CLOSE) |
| 30          | OLD CATTON | 16:15        | 16:30          | COLKETT DRIVE (OPP. NO.1)                           |

# Old Catton Parish Council

## Chairman's report 2010/11



Once again I can report how much I have enjoyed another year as Chairman of your Council. I am pleased to tell you that the Council has worked hard to keep the Village such a fine place to live and to make some improvements. This is the last year of the present Council as we are all up for re-election in May. This year, however, one of our longest serving members has decided to retire! I want to thank Gillian Masdin. Gillian has served the Council well and has taken charge of the Finance and Policy Committee for many years.

This report will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 April 2011; the meeting is being held a month earlier than usual, before the elections. The details of income and expenditure (opposite) are provisional as the accounts have not been finalised yet. The final accounts will be published in May.

The long awaited new land at Lavare Park has been prepared and talks are taking place with the officers of the Old Catton Junior Football Club about how it will be used.

The housing site next to Lavare Park is currently being marketed. An archaeological survey has to take place before any building is started. The new car park will be provided by the builders.

The new building at Catton Park will soon be complete and will provide a wonderful asset to the Village. It has been decided to name it 'Hayman Lodge' after David Hayman who has been a tower of strength with the development of the Park and now the building.

Regretfully, I have to say there appears to be no reduction in the number of accidents on Spixworth Road, the latest, I have to say, was more unusual - a fox was about to kill a cat but failed due to being discouraged by a kind lady riding a motor bike and was then hit by a car!

In conclusion I would like to express our thanks to the local constabulary who have been represented by their officers at almost every meeting during the last year and have kept the peace in the Village so well.

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

*David Thompson, Chairman, Old Catton Parish Council*

### BROADLAND HOMEWATCH ASSOCIATION

Since the reorganisation of HomeWatch by Norfolk Constabulary last year, it would appear that in Broadland, out of over 500 HomeWatch co-ordinators registered on the old Ringmaster system, only just over 200 have re-registered on the new Police Direct Messaging system. This is a very worrying situation, for while Broadland is one of the safest places to live in the UK we must not be complacent, HomeWatch is one of the most effective methods of reducing crime and the fear of crime.

While we realise that some co-ordinators will have moved away, passed on or given up we cannot believe that this applies to over half of co-ordinators, this pattern is common over the whole of Norfolk. Please contact me...

- If you are a co-ordinator who has not re-registered or have tried to re-register without success.
- If you are in a road with HomeWatch signs up and do not appear to have a local co-ordinator and feel you would like to restart a scheme.
- If you would like information in how to set up and run a new scheme.

HomeWatch schemes are not difficult to set up and run and plenty of help and advice is available.

I may be contacted via your Parish or Town Council, e-mail: roy-robson@tiscali.co.uk or 01603 435502.

*Roy Robson, Chairman of Broadland HomeWatch Association.*

| Type of expense           | Details  | Expenditure<br>£ | Income<br>£    |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| Running costs             | Church Street Recreation Ground                                      | 55,030           | 8,963          |
|                           | Lavare Park  | 8,494            |                |
|                           | Cemetery & churchyard  | 12,497           | 6,565          |
|                           | Plant & machinery  | 4,267            |                |
|                           | Street Lighting  | 18,300           |                |
|                           | Miscellaneous, including bus shelters                                | 4,707            | 796            |
| Capital expense           | Lavare Park, preparation of new land                                 | 16,170           |                |
|                           | New bowls hut  | 5,085            |                |
| Administration            | Wages, printing & stationery, newsletter, insurance, legal fees etc. | 44,539           |                |
| Bank interest             |  |                  | 100            |
| Loan repayments           |  | 9,166            |                |
| Delegated functions       | Cutting grass verges, checking road sweeping                         | 2,624            | 5,481          |
| Grants                    | To Catton Park & other charities                                     | 2,800            |                |
| Precept from Broadland DC |  |                  | 156,000        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |  | <b>183,679</b>   | <b>177,905</b> |

### Bowls

By the time you read this the new bowls and cricket building will be well on the way to completion. So far it is looking fine and will be a great improvement on the old hut which was, literally, falling to pieces. Broadland District Council has agreed that the new building may be funded by the Section 106 contribution from the conversion of St Christopher's School to flats when it has been received.

### Open bowls afternoon

**You are invited to come to the Recreation Ground at Church Street at 2pm on Thursday 28 April to try your hand at bowls. No experience is required, just come and have a try. All are welcome, young or old. We will provide bowls and give you a short lesson on how to bowl. All we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes or trainers when on the bowling green.**

**For more information phone Tony Jones on (01603) 478789 or Sally on (01603) 423880.**

### Catton Park News

The new education building will be completed during April. It will enable school or other educational groups to work indoors as well as outside. The Warden's office will be in the building along with some facilities for volunteers working in the Park. The building does not have any public toilets.

The building has been completely funded by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership, the grant was £250,000; the Trustees are very grateful for this grant and to Mr David Hayman who managed to procure the grant. The Trustees have decided to name the building 'Hayman Lodge' in recognition of all David's hard work in getting the funding and organising the building. David has now had to relinquish his role as Trustee and General Manager as his work commitments at Norfolk County Council have changed. Mrs Barbara Hornbrook, of Broadland District Council, has taken over, assisted by Mr David Yates of Norfolk County Council.

Other work in the Park has included a Health and Safety tree survey and some tree work. Additional tree planting has taken place in the picnic area to make it more interesting and to provide some shade. The Trustees have decided to extend the dog free area to include Hayman Lodge. The Trustees are concerned that some people are deterred from visiting the Park with children because of the dogs that are running loose - what do you think about this? - please let us know.

