



# Your newsletter

for the residents of old catton

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## Recreation Ground

We shall be closing the parks early now that evenings are dark. Parents please note that the parks are officially shut in the evening and that your children should not be there! Sometimes the gates are open for football training or meetings at the Pavilion but that does not mean the Recreation Ground is open for any other uses.

May we ask parents of pupils at Church Street Junior School, who use the Recreation Ground car park, not to park, or stop, in the driveway between the road and the Recreation Ground gates? We are keen that YOUR children get into school safely.

This newsletter has been produced earlier than planned so we can share with you the opportunities for community groups to get some money for projects from two participatory budgeting schemes. Do not be put off by their formal sounding name – it is a real chance to get real funds. The details of the two schemes are a major part of the newsletter.

We are also including some news of our resident sports groups and a plea to find a new Parish Tree Warden - John Arnott has performed this role very successfully for several years but is now standing down due to other commitments. Many thanks to John for his all hard work that included surveying and recording all the veteran trees in the Village!

## Your Voice - Your Decision

Your Voice - Your Decision will see residents in the parishes of Sprowston, Spixworth, Old Catton and Beeston St Andrew deciding how to distribute £25,000 of public money in their area. Your Voice - Your Decision is one of a number of participatory budgeting projects taking place across Norfolk.

A steering group of local young people have discussed and selected issues which they think are critical for young people today. These are:

- Preventing youth homelessness and supporting families to stay together.
- More safe places to go and things to do.
- Working to tackle to negative perception of young people.

Your Voice - Your Decision is being supported by the Broadland Community Safety Partnership, Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council. It is hoped that projects aimed at tackling these issues will also lead to safer and stronger communities.

Different agencies, organisations, voluntary and community groups, and schools are being encouraged to put forward bids for a share of the cash for projects that could contribute to one or more of these issues.

- If you would like to know more about applying for these funding opportunities please contact, Nancy Small telephone (01603) 430457 or e-mail: [nancy.small@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:nancy.small@broadland.gov.uk)

There will be a 'Decision Making' meeting in the last week of November where shortlisted projects will make five minute presentations to the public to plead their case. All residents of the four parishes are welcome and everyone who attends will have the opportunity to listen, ask questions and cast their vote. The £25,000 will be split between those projects that get the most public votes.

Details of this event are still being finalised but please keep your eyes open for more information as it is your chance to have a direct say and influence what happens in your community.

# Your Parish - Your Decision

## GUIDANCE NOTES

### What is Your Parish Your Decision?

Norfolk Association of Local Councils has £36,000 to give to parishes for projects that aim to bring communities together, through a variety of actions. Schemes can range for any amount up to a maximum of £5,000. No matched funding is required, however if any other funding is needed this grant must make up the final amount. In particular the projects should aim to include everyone in the town or parish, and should make a real difference to the local community. Whether projects are one-off events or the kick start of a project or idea that can become self financing, the main thing is that the money will help fund schemes not available elsewhere at parish level.

### Where can projects be delivered?

Anywhere within the parished areas of Norfolk (Not King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Norwich City).

### Who can apply?

Any group or organisation can apply through their parish council, but requests from individuals cannot be considered. The parish council is responsible for approving and forwarding the application form and will process any grants given. They will also have to report back on the progress of the scheme and will be accountable for any unspent money. So you will need to be able to account for any unspent money which may have to be paid back.

### How much can be applied for?

Project proposals are invited for schemes up to £5,000. No lower limit will be imposed, although it is expected that smaller schemes will usually be around £500. Only one bid per Parish Council will be accepted, however parishes are eligible to combine several associated schemes under one project. If the amount requested is less than the total amount required this needs to be made clear on the application form. Ideally projects that can be fully delivered for the sum requested are being looked for.

### When is the closing date?

All applications must be received from parish councils by 31st December 2009. You should bear in mind that if you are asking your local parish council to submit an application for your scheme you must give them sufficient time to consider and agree your proposal. Please contact the Parish Clerk to ascertain the date by which they would need to receive your application.

### How much detail is required regarding the project?

The application form is designed to be simple to complete. However that is only the first stage and you will be required to present your project to a public audience (see below).

### Once the application form has been submitted what happens next?

The applications will be considered by a small panel comprising parish council clerks, councillors, and members of the public. A shortlist of applications will be compiled. All shortlisted applicants will then be invited to the voting event - the 'Decision Day'. This will take place on Saturday 20th February at the Memorial Hall, East Dereham - where applicants will be asked to make a short (up to 3 minutes) presentation to members of the public. Presentations can be by groups of up to a maximum of 5 people, and you can use any visual aids, although PowerPoint and computer presentations are not allowed. All shortlisted applicants will be sent further details. If you do not make a presentation at the decision day your application cannot be considered. The projects with the most public votes will receive funding and monies will be paid via your parish councils as soon as possible with a view to beginning spending before the end of March 2010. Grants must be fully spent by 31st March 2011.

### Can I talk to anyone for further help and advice?

You can contact someone at the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, by e-mail: [enquiries@norfolkalc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@norfolkalc.gov.uk) or phone (01603) 664869. Further information on Your Parish - Your Decision can be found on our website - [www.norfolkalc.gov.uk](http://www.norfolkalc.gov.uk) together with application forms.

## Cemetery

The Council is very appreciative of families' help and consideration in removing all the 'extra' items from the graves of their loved ones. The Cemetery is now looking very neat. *Thank you to all concerned.*

## Parish Plan - questionnaire

You may remember the questionnaire reviewing the matters raised in the parish plan that was featured as part of a recent newsletter. Only 31 of these questionnaires were returned, which was disappointing. The greatest interest was in a potential multi-use sports hall - 23 respondents supported the idea, of whom 15 said they would use it! People wanted to use a hall for a wide variety of activities, both sporting and social. There were various suggestions for new notice boards and bus shelters. The Council will now be considering how to deal with the suggestions.

# Old Catton Cricket Club

Old Catton Cricket Club had a fantastic season in 2009 with the First Team winning Division 2 of the Norfolk Cricket League, winning all six of their last league games and only losing four matches all season. We are looking to strengthen the squad ahead of the new challenge of Division 1 in 2010, and any potential new members – of all abilities – should email Jon Cooke (Club Captain) to register their interest at [jcphotocooke@googlemail.com](mailto:jcphotocooke@googlemail.com)

The Club runs three league teams on Saturdays (in 2010 these will be playing in Divisions 1, 5 and 7 of the Norfolk Cricket League) and we also run a Sunday friendly team (occasionally two when numbers allow!) and is a vibrant and forward-looking club.

We are very keen to encourage younger members to join the club, and in 2009 we very successfully introduced several 13 and 14 year olds into 'senior' cricket through the Sunday Friendly Team and also, on occasion, the Saturday 3rd team. The Club has a fully qualified Child Welfare Officer and a very comprehensive Child Protection policy has been in place for the last three years. In 2010 we are also hoping to run, for the first time, junior training sessions throughout the summer (principally for children aged between 8 and 16 of all abilities). Apart from hoping to find future senior playing members for the Club, we are also hoping to set up these junior training sessions in response to recent research (conducted by the Institute of Youth Sport) that has highlighted the following:

*"There is evidence that cricket is improving the behaviour of young people both on and off the field, particularly in deprived areas; while the so-called 'gentleman's game' is helping girls to 'overcome restrictive gender beliefs' and gain confidence in playing sport."*

It is to be hoped that through organising the junior training sessions the Club can have a genuinely positive influence upon the youngsters of Old Catton – boys and girls alike, irrespective of current ability. Should you know of any child who may want to participate in these sessions, please email Jon Cooke [jcphotocooke@googlemail.com](mailto:jcphotocooke@googlemail.com)



## Lavare Park

The additional land to extend Lavare Park is about to be prepared by clearing and seeding to make it ready for use informally and for football pitches. The trust which has given the land has provided funding for this work. It will take a long time, up to two years, to make the new land fit for pitches but it is hoped that it will satisfy the great need for additional outdoor space and sports pitches in the Village.

We do not know when the site that is allocated for housing will be developed. An archaeological survey has to be carried out before any building can begin. When the building does take place an additional car park for Lavare Park will be provided near the new entrance and the old entrance to the Park will be closed.

## Your Parish Councillors

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## News from Old Catton Tennis Club

We have enjoyed the very fine weather this summer and attendances have been very good, particularly on the Tuesday and Friday evenings. As usual we are continuing to play on Wednesday afternoons throughout the winter and will welcome new members – come and give it a FREE TRY before deciding to commit yourself; we start at 1pm, are easy going and not really competitive.

*Maire Booty - Secretary Old Catton Tennis Club*

## Old Catton Junior Football Club

Very many congratulations to Old Catton Junior Football Club who were recently named as FA Charter Standard Club of the year 2009 for the eastern region. The club's chairman, Walter Lloyd-Smith, said "The Club has been judged as a very good pro-active Charter Standard club demonstrating best practice at all times, continuing to meet the criteria and demonstrating good commitment to in-service events. This is a high status award to receive and reflects all the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment given by all those involved in running our club". The picture below shows Walter and Secretary Peter Fyans receiving the award.



## Dates of Council Meetings in 2010

The last Council meeting of 2009 will be held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall in Church Street on 26 November.

Meetings in 2010 will be held on the fourth Thursday of most months – the dates are:

28 January,  
25 February,  
25 March,  
22 April,  
27 May,  
24 June,  
22 July,  
23 September,  
28 October,  
25 November.

Residents are welcome to attend and raise any issues during the time set aside for public discussion. If you wish to raise a matter in confidence please come at 7pm, before the meeting when councillors are available for a private 'surgery'.

## Parish Tree Warden

- Do you love trees?
- Would you like to take on this valuable position?
- You do not have to be an expert; this will come with time in the post!



You would connect with the local community about local tree issues, take an interest in tree preservation order matters including tree work applications, conservation areas, planning applications that affect trees, new tree planting opportunities and schemes, tree surveying and updating. There is a regular monthly meeting of tree wardens on the first Wednesday of each month with training and workshops. There is an annual regional Tree Warden Forum. *The wardens are a friendly bunch!*

- To find out more visit the Tree Council's website ([www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk)) and check out the Tree Warden pages or contact Stephen Chesney-Beales at Broadland District Council - tel: (01603) 430568. e-mail: [stephen.chesney-beales@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.chesney-beales@broadland.gov.uk)