



Season's
GREETINGS



December 2024



Dear Residents

As we approach the Christmas season and reflect on the year gone by, I want to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. This is a time for family, friends, and neighbours to come together, to celebrate our blessings, and to support one another with kindness and compassion.

2024 has brought both challenges and triumphs to our community and I am grateful for the way our Parish has responded. From our dedicated Clubs, Groups and Societies, our volunteers and local businesses that make our Parish a vibrant and welcoming place; your contributions have been invaluable. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in fostering a sense of unity and belonging in our village.

The Christmas season is also a time for reflection and for renewing our commitment to our shared goals for the Parish. Looking to the year ahead, the Council remains dedicated to enhancing the wellbeing of our residents, preserving our unique environment and ensuring that our community remains a place we are all proud to call home.

We have prepared this booklet to highlight the wealth of Clubs, Groups and Societies within our Parish. Some you may already be aware of, others may be new and of interest. Whether you are looking to try a new challenge or make some new friends we hope you will find this booklet informative.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. May the holiday season bring you peace, warmth and many cherished moments.

Merry Christmas!

Bradley Sabberton-Coe

Chairman, Old Catton Parish Council

CATTON BOWLS CLUB

As the Club prepares to celebrate its centenary in 2028, it is keen to recruit new playing members (the club can help with equipment). We hope to stage some welcome "have-a-go" sessions for prospective bowlers next Spring when the Recreation Ground green re-opens. Play is usually Tuesday and Friday evenings.

For a friendly evening of bowling, why not give us a call.

Contact Michael Pollitt on 01603 486997

OLD CATTON SOCIETY

Old Catton Society is very active. Meeting on the 3rd Thursday every month in the Village Hall. No restrictions membership. Interesting speakers each month. Trips out organised. More members would be nice but those that are enjoy the companionship.

Contact Barry Leggett: 01603 429986 or email barryleggett30@gmail.com



GROUPS THAT MEET AT BUXTON LODGE

Contact office@cattonpark.com

for more details:

- Yoga
- Pilates
- Home Education
- Creative Space Art Group
- Fossils and Fireworks
- Age UK Art & Craft Club

OLD CATTON EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



We are a friendly and welcoming bunch, with a range of interests between us.

Here is a list of OCEWI regular activities:

- Darts:- every Tuesday afternoon
- Monthly Meetings, including guest speaker:- third Wednesday evening of each month
- Strolls (usually 3.5 miles):- fourth Wednesday morning of each month
- Craft Club:- first Thursday afternoon of each month
- Book Group:- second Thursday afternoon of each month

For more information: Lorna Brigden 07794714621 or email lorna.kate@live.co.uk

1ST OLD CATTON BROWNIES, RAINBOWS, GUIDES AND RANGERS

Brownies welcome girls aged 7-10 for fun, learning, friendship and adventures!

Meet Wednesday's 6pm-7.30pm at Buxton Lodge. Termly subscription fees apply.

To register interest, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/

Please be advised the group is currently full and there is a significant waiting list to join.

Additionally (all in Old Catton):

- Rainbows meet Monday and Thursday 5.45pm-7pm
- Guides meet Monday and Tuesday 7pm-8.30pm
- Rangers meet twice a month on Thursday 7pm-9pm

Adult leaders and volunteers always welcome for all units. To volunteer go to:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/



THOROUGHBREDS NETBALL

All ages and abilities are welcomed at Thoroughbreds Netball (both juniors and seniors). We have several different training venues and times, throughout the year.

During the Spring/Summer many of our juniors enjoy Saturday morning training sessions at Old Catton Recreation Ground. We also offer "Purple Thursday" netball camps for juniors which run for 5 weeks over the Summer holidays.

Senior matches being held in the evenings, including a "Come and Play" sessions (Thursday) for adults. For more details, please email info@thoroughbredsnetball.co.uk



44TH NORWICH (1ST OLD CATTON) SCOUT GROUP

We offer young people a chance to learn skills for life and have fun whilst they learn. All Sections are open to boys and girls and meet at the Scout Hut in the grounds of Lodge Lane School at the following times:

- Beavers (age 6-8): Monday 6pm-7.15pm / Thursday 5.45pm-7pm
- Cubs (age 8-10): Tuesdays 7pm-8.30pm / Thursday 7pm-8.30pm
- Scouts (age 10-14): Wednesdays 7pm-9pm

Termly subscription fees apply.

If your child would like to join us, or you would like to become a volunteer helper, please contact Kieran, the Group Scout Leader, at gsl@oldcattonscouts.org.uk for more information.



OLD CATTON CRICKET CLUB



OCCC currently run two Saturday league cricket adult teams and occasional week end friendly matches during the summer months.

We run the Dynamo (England Cricket Board) training sessions during the Summer, starting at the end of May. These are aimed at children aged between 8-11 years old and are held midweek at Old Catton Recreation Ground.

We are always looking for further players to join our sociable club, so if you are interested in playing cricket for us, please contact Giles Pickett on 07968071399 or email gtp38@hotmail.com for more information.

OTHER POPULAR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

1. Mother's Union Evening Branch: contact Elizabeth Fletcher on 07380960743 or email e.a.fletcher6@gmail.com
2. Old Catton Horticultural Club: contact Liz on 01603 409905 or email ochcsec@btinternet.com
3. Royal British Legion: contact Lindsay on 07909224620 or email oldcatton.chairman@rbl.community
4. Wensum Bowls: contact J Dickerson on j.dickerson@ntlworld.com

GROUPS THAT MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact the Village Hall for more details:

- Busy Beavers
- Yoga
- Pregnancy Yoga
- Egyptian Dance

GROUPS THAT MEET AT THE CHURCH HALL

Contact OCChurchHall@gmail.com

for more details:

- Broadland Shukokai Karate Association
- Norfolk Retirees Social Club
- Wayward Arrows Ladies Darts Club
- Sound Healing—James Holmes
- Seasons Art Studio Norwich (art lessons)
- Men's Breakfast

SPROWSTON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (SYEP)

Thursday Youth Group at Recreation Ground runs 6.30pm-9.30pm all year round, other than Christmas, and is open to Year 7 and above.

SYEP Football Club train on a Tuesday evening from 5pm-7pm. We currently have 3 boys teams and are in the process of setting up a girls U16s team who will train on a Thursday.

We also run sports outreach during school holidays and a number of activities in Sprowston that are open to young people from Old Catton. ASDAN accredited sports and fitness courses run as and when.

For more information contact Clare Lincoln on 07907803621 or email admin@syep.co.uk



KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

Meet on the first and third Wednesday every month, in St Margaret's Church.

Group runs from 2pm to 4pm.

All are welcome, not just those interested in sewing, knitting or crochet.

No need to book, just come along.

ST MARGARET'S WOMEN'S GROUP

Meet on the third Monday of each month in the Church Hall, Blacksmiths Way. We have interesting and varied speakers and are always pleased to welcome new people to our friendly Group.

Over the years we have been pleased to have helped a considerable number of charities and hope to continue to do so. We vote for two charities to support each year.

Each Friday, during school term time, we hold a coffee morning in the Church Hall, 9am to 1.30am.

All donations go towards fundraising for our chosen charities.

All are welcome.

For further information and subscription fees please get in touch:-

Loraine: 01603 506142 or Linda: 01603 483462.

ALLOTMENTS

There are 100 allotment available on Spixworth Road. All are full or half plot please email assistant@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk to join the waiting list

OLD CATTON WALKING GROUP

Walks are held monthly at different locations in Norfolk, some within a few miles of Old Catton, most are further afield. Two walks each year are on Wednesday evenings, two are on Sunday afternoons and eight are morning walks on different days.

An optional lunch at a pub follows the morning walks. You can walk as frequently infrequently as you like. There is no charge to come on the walks which are normally about four miles long, sometimes with a shorter option. A list of dates for 2025 can be obtained from Roger Campling, Walk Coordinator: 01603 426585 or reandjrcampling@gmail.com

OLD CATTON BOWLS CLUB

Thinking of trying a new hobby / pastime in '25? Why not join us at the Recreation Ground in the Spring playing on Thursday afternoons. We have club bowls available for newcomers to the game.

All are welcome. For further information, please e-mail :

oldcattonbowlsclub@gmail.com

OLD CATTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



The Club is now represented by 26 teams (from U7s to U18s, including 3 girls teams). The Club is based at Lavare Park.

All ages and abilities are welcome. If you wish to volunteer or you have a child that wishes to play, please contact us via oldcattonjfc@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Old Catton JFC.

Even if you fancy coming along to watch (and maybe partake in a coffee and bacon roll) you will be very welcome.

FRIENDS OF CATTON PARK



The Friends of Catton Park are a group of local people who love Catton Park and wish to support it.

We host a variety of events to raise funds.

Membership includes newsletter (three or four times a year). Regular events include the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Lantern Parade. Next year we are hosting the Sheringham Shantymen on Saturday 19th July 2025.

For more information please email us at friends@cattonpark.com or see Catton Park's website .

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, OLD CATTON

1st December

2:30pm – Bereavement Service

15th December

2:00pm – Simply Carols (service of some readings and carols)

6:00pm – Candlelight Carol Service

24th December – Christmas Eve

3:00pm – Crib Service

6:00pm – Crib Service

11:30pm – Midnight Mass

25th December – Christmas Day

8:00am – Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

10:00am – Family Christmas Communion

Did you know our website contains information about Local Services including clubs and societies? Go to: www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

There is also a dedicated Facebook page for local clubs and societies. Search for: Old Catton Community Groups and Clubs

Contact Your Council Office

Telephone: 01603 423880

Enquiries:
assistant@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

Clerk:
clerk@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

Council Office Opening Hours

Offices will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from

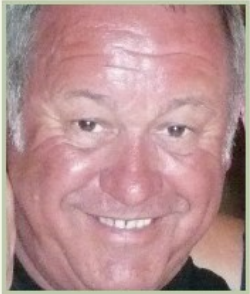
Friday 20th December 2024 reopening on
Thursday 2nd January 2025



MR B SABBERTON-COE
Chairman



MR G TINGLE
Vice-Chairman



MR G CROUCH



MR J ARNOTT



MR M CALLAM



MR M VINCENT



MR B LEGGETT



MR TIM COOKE



MISS P WILKIN



PHOTO
COMING SOON

MR M WINHALL

Your Councillors wish you and yours and happy and healthy Festive Season

Your Community needs YOU

Parish Council has a number of vacancies for Councillors and are looking to co-opt new members. If you are interested in what happens in Old Catton and would like to get involved with issues that make a difference to your Community, provided you are aged 18 or over and meet certain legal requirements, you are eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor. For more information, please see our website or contact the Council Office.



Need practical help? Visit <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/help-hub>

Help Hub; South Norfolk and Broadland District Council

Everybody needs a bit of extra support from time to time and the Help Hub makes sure people get that help as soon as possible.

Getting help early can stop problems from getting worse. It might be only a small problem but if it's difficult to find a solution straightaway a small problem can grow and lead to more worries.

The Help Hub is a partnership between organisations that support people in Broadland and South Norfolk. It can offer practical support, suggest community groups, and offer advice and guidance to get you back on track.