



Issue 232

CATFIELD NEWS

Your village magazine

March 2023



Articles and pictures for the Catfield News

If you have an article for the magazine we would love to receive it, but please remember to include your name as we do not print articles if we do not know who the author is. We don't have to print your name, but we need to know who you are.

Do you have a picture that you think would look good on the cover? We are always on the lookout for cover pictures. Articles and pictures can either be e-mailed to one of the team or dropped into the Catfield News box in the Catfield Stores.

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YOU CAN drop your competitions entries and /or ***ANY*** correspondence into the ***CATFIELD NEWS BOX*** inside the Post Office, Special thanks to Vish & Karthi.

All submissions to be posted no later than the 10th of the month.

Please address your envelope to Catfield News

**If you would like to view the Catfield News online
it can be found on the
Parish Council website**

<https://catfieldparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

and the Waterside Group website

www.watersidegroup.org.uk

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Helpful Information

Staithe Surgery Stalham

www.staithesurgery.co.uk 01692 582000

Surgery Hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm

Dispensary Hours

Monday to Friday 8.45am - 5.30pm

Ludham Surgery

www.ludhamsurgery.nhs.uk 01692 678611

Surgery Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Wednesday 8.30am - 1.00pm

Dispensary Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Stalham Green Surgery

www.ludhamsurgery.nhs.uk 01692 580880

Surgery Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Thursday 8.30am - 1.00pm

Dispensary Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm

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March events

Indoor Cycling

Join us for an invigorating workout in Catfield village hall,
Monday and Thursday evenings 6.45pm to 7.30pm.
Bring a bottle of water and a small towel. You remain in control of your bike so you can set the resistance to the level that's right for you. Then just cycle along to the music as the instructor guides you through the session.

Class costs £6 and pre booking is required.

Contact Jane Turner to book a bike.

M: 079 078 44433 Email: mailjaneturner@yahoo.com

Coffee & Chat Club

Friday 3rd - 10.00 - 12.00 in the Village Hall

Come along to the Village Hall and have a drink, a piece of cake and either just sit and chat or join others playing games.

All welcome.

For more information contact Judith on 01692 580391

BINGO - Friday 3rd 7.00pm

Catfield Village Hall.

See page 14 for more info

Ceilidh - Saturday 4th 7.30pm

Catfield Village Hall.

See page 10 for more info

Parkinson's Group

Tuesday 7th March - 12.00 - 2.30pm in the Catfield Crown

This group is for anyone who has, or is living with Parkinson's Disease and is open to family and friends. We meet on a monthly basis and hope that through the group we can provide a place to meet and generally find out what help is available if so required.

A warm welcome awaits so please do come along and join us.

Contact Dave on 07484173099 for more info

Litter Pick - Saturday 11th

Meet 10.00 am at Catfield Village Hall.

Catfield Stitching Group - Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28th 2pm to 4pm in Catfield Village Hall

We are a friendly group of like-minded people, all at different levels of experience. If you, like us, enjoy stitching and sharing creative ideas, we would love you to join us. Please bring your own project (Embroidery, knitting, crochet, patchwork or creative sewing). We have occasional, optional group projects and workshops.

Please contact Pat Reid 01692 582978 or Brenda Hackney 01692 678128 for more information. £3.00 per session.

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits included.
Free first/taster session.

Catfield Crafters - Wednesday 22nd 1pm to 3pm in Catfield Village Hall

At each meeting members share new ideas and techniques as well as making two card projects. All tools and materials are supplied. The subs for each session are £3.00 which includes refreshments. New members are always welcome.

Contact Jennifer Banham on 01493 740560 for more information

**Environmental Group Meeting
Wednesday 22nd March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Horning Ladies Club

Hello,

For anyone who has not yet heard about us, we would like to introduce ourselves.

We are Horning Ladies Lunch Club. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (between October and June) at the Old Rectory Hotel in Crostwick.

We enjoy a delicious 2 course meal, followed by Tea or Coffee, and, to complete the afternoon, we have a different guest speaker each month.

You do NOT have to live in Horning, in order to join us, all are welcome.

Already this year, we have welcomed several new members, but, we still have spaces available, so, why not come along to our next get together.

It is essential that lunch is booked in advance, to do this or, if you require any further information.

Please contact Tricia Elson on 07931 301606 or, email ladieslunchclub@btinternet.com

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If you would like a copy of the full P C Minutes please contact the Parish Clerk.
The minutes can also be viewed on the Parish Council website
<https://catfieldparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> and are
displayed on the notice board outside the Village Hall.

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Opening hours

Monday to Friday 7.00am - 8.00pm

Saturday & Sunday 8.00am - 8.00pm

Bank Holidays 8.00am - 8.00pm

Tel: 01692 583489

Mobile Library

Visits Wednesday 15th March

10.05 - 10.20 Thorn Road

10.25 - 10.40 Village Hall

News and happenings – Catfield Environmental Group, March 2023



It was lovely to see all the snowdrops in the churchyard in January and February – and we're delighted to see some of our newly-planted daffodils are now coming up!

We have a mixture of fundraising and project activity to tell you about this month.

Anyone for Bingo?

First up is our bingo evening on Friday 3rd March, 7pm at the Village Hall. Bingo is £6, and there'll be a raffle and refreshments available too! Please come along and help us raise funds for more environmental projects in the village.

Litter pick

Shortly after that, on Saturday 11th March, we'll be running another litter pick, between 10 am and 12 pm starting at the Village Hall. You don't have to do the whole two hours, just half an hour of your time will help us remove plastic and other waste from around our village. We'll have all the equipment you need, just bring a pair of gloves.

Jubilee Corner

We have had permission from North Norfolk District Council to place perennial planters and a bench on the grassed area at the corner of The Street and New Road. By the time you read this, we will have submitted our application for funding and will be keeping our fingers crossed. If you would like to sponsor one of the items, please do get in touch!

Sandholes

On Saturday 4th February, we spent an hour and a half collecting litter at Sandholes, and also removed all the old plastic tree guards from sycamore saplings that were planted a little while ago. One of our members has separately also started the process of identifying species. At the time of writing, we were up to 60, mainly plants, insects and fungi, and are certain that there will be many more! If you would like to help with this process, please do get in touch, and perhaps have a look at the iNaturalist.org website.

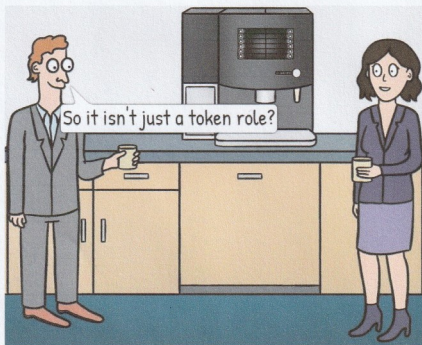
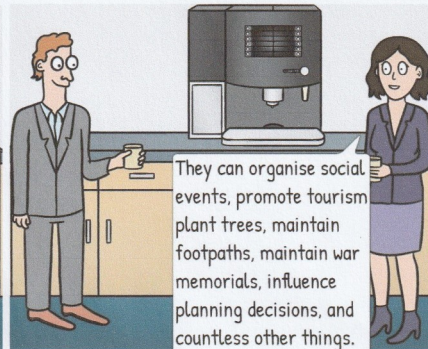
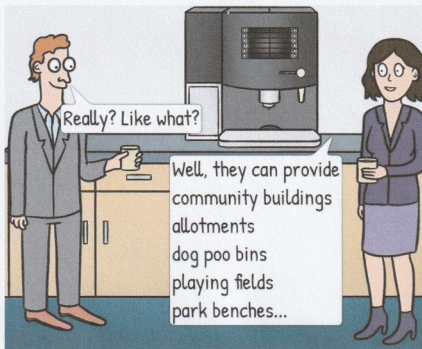
Looking further ahead ... a group of us are starting to plan a Village Fete, to take place on Sunday 25th June. Hopefully this will be a fun day that brings together residents and local groups to enjoy games, stalls and refreshments. We're looking for helpers and entertainers. If you'd like to help organise or entertain or can offer your help on the day, please do get in touch by emailing catfieldenvironmentalgroup@gmail.com (write Village Fete in the subject line) or call 07932 191558.

Catfield Parish Council meeting highlights

Wednesday 1st February 2023

- **Public** – Requested the subject of Dark Skies to be put on the agenda as light pollution around Catfield was becoming worse.
- **Cllr Grove-Jones update:**
 - Work has restarted on Sands site.
 - No news on development sites.
 - Batteries can now be collected. Place in clear self-sealing bag and place on top of waste collection bins.
 - Passports, driving licences or voter authority certificates (available to apply for online) will now be required to vote in elections.
- **Cllr Price update:**
 - North Norfolk unsuccessful in their levelling up bid for a 4th time.
- **Cllr Taylor update:**
 - ‘Warm Bank’ has been a success with Catfield residents contributing clothes.
- **Mushroom Site verge** – Cllr Price agreed to take this issue forward to gain enforcement for the landowners to move the fencing back to reclaim the verge.
- **Speed restrictions request for Catfield Staithe** – PC to write to Highways with the request.
- **PA/22/2301 Land off Long Lane, Catfield** – A request for Gypsy/Traveller residential planning. PC to object to the planning.
- **PF/22/1830 24 St Catherines Avenue, Catfield** – A re application for lesser development. No objections by PC.
- **CEG Update:**
 - Permission received for bench and planters and application will be made to NNDC Sustainable Communities Fund for funding.
 - Bingo evening in Village Hall 03 March to raise funds for the group.
- **Mud on roads around Fenside** – Further discussed and awaiting responses from Highways.
- **Bus Shelters** – PC to investigate costs and funding of shelters and update next meeting.
- **Allotments** – Agreement between PC and Poors Trust and PC and Tenants approved by PC.
- **Flo Gas light pollution** – PC will monitor the lights as they potentially mimic car lights.
- **Village Hall bench** – Delivered and will be put in place in due course.
- **Village Hall Recreation Ground** – Most of the work is complete, some further work still to be carried out.
- **May PC meeting** – Date moved to 17th May due to elections.

Please refer to the website and noticeboards for full details of meeting minutes.
Next Meeting Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall



To find out more, contact your local council. Or why not attend a council meeting?

Or speak to Sarah, Norfolk ALC County Officer, on 07904 043911, or e-mail her at countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk

“The Catfield Ceilidh”

with

The Occasional Ceilidh Band
and caller, Rod Purdy

4th March 7.30-10.30 pm

Catfield Village Hall



Tickets £10 to include ploughman's supper
and legendary puddings!

Raising funds for All Saints Church, Catfield

For catering purposes, please pre-book
tickets from Monica/Barry

Tel: 01692 581587

March Notice Board

Come and join the Catfield News Team

Would you like to be part of the team that produces the village magazine? If you fancy a new challenge and have some spare time we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested please email secretarycatnews1@btinternet.com or drop a note in the Catfield News box in the village shop.

Catfield Church needs your help

Like many churches, Catfield Church is struggling to raise money for the actual running of the church, the annual insurance, for repairs and making improvements to the building facilities.

If you would be interested in becoming part of a Friends of Catfield Church Group, with the aim of raising money to preserve our beautiful church, please email judithgardiner5@aol.com or drop a note in the Catfield News box in the village shop.

MOORING TO LET IN CATFIELD

Catfield United Charities are offering a 30ft (approximately) mooring at Catfield Dyke, which connects with Hickling Broad.

The mooring is let on an annual basis and written tenders in excess of £640.00 are invited.

The mooring is available from the 1st April 2023 for a 12 month term and then renewable annually subject to inflationary review.

The tenders will be opened on the 20th March and the successful bidder will be informed on the 21st March.

Tenders need to be received by first post on the 20th March and need to include

- Your tender offer.
- Your name, address and telephone number
- An email address if you have one

Please send your written tender to: Catfield United Charities, Woodcroft, Wood Street, Catfield, NR29 5DF.

If you would like more information or to see the mooring contact: Keith Bacon on 07833446962.



All Saints' Church Catfield March Services

- Sunday 5th March 10am Benefice Holy Communion Service at **Potter Heigham**
Rev'd Gary Noyes
- Sunday 12th March 10am Joint Morning Payer at **Catfield** Judith Gardiner LLMT
- Sunday 19th March 10am **Mothering Sunday** Holy Communion at **Catfield**
Rev'd Gary Noyes
- Sunday 19th March 10am **Mothering Sunday** Family Service at **Potter Heigham**
Judith Gardiner LLMT
- Sunday 26th March 10am Joint Holy Communion at **Potter Heigham**
Rev'd Gary Noyes

According to our calendars, March is here again but the month of March isn't just about celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the start of spring. In fact in 2020, did it ever stop being March? That year, according to our emotions, March never left. Yes, March 2023 marks 3 years since the COVID-19 pandemic sent the fortunate among us inside to work from home, bake sourdough, and socialize via Zoom while the less fortunate were forced to continue to work at great risk to their own health. It was a long, hard time, but the end is in sight—daylight saving gives us more light on March 26th, and the nation-wide vaccine rollout has given us hope of a more normal life. There is hope to be found, too, in the difference between March 2020 and March 2023. Then, we were fearful and confused, unsure of the safest way to conduct ourselves as events were cancelled right and left. Now, we know so much more about the virus. We know what to do to limit the risk. We think there are plenty of reasons for hope this March 2023, but still all is not well with the world with wars, famines and natural disasters affecting many peoples.

So to return to St Patrick.... St Patrick's Breastplate is a protective prayer ascribed to St Patrick with which Celtic monks used to start their day. The hymn is several verses long; the last two are especially memorable and moving:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Christine Wall, AWA

FARMING NEWS

Three weeks ago, the weather suddenly dried up after 7-8 weeks of intermittent rain and off we went, flat out, burning diesel, winter ploughing is up to date but I still have sugar beet to harvest. Winter cereals look very good and I'm starting to think about applying Poly Sulphate soon, you may have seen it being mined 50km off shore from Cleveland, well under the sea, on Countryfile last week. Lambs are beginning to be born, all singles until the twins this morning. I have to say twins are lovely but difficult to fatten on the grass they get to eat plus the ewes lose a lot of weight, which they then put back on later in the Summer. I prefer singles which are fatten quickly and go straight off to market and give the ewes less stress. Hedge planting is finished for the time being but it has sparked a lot of interest from fellow farmers eager to improve their farms. I have provided Catfield Environmental Group with information on RPA Capital Grants available to farmers that could be used to improve areas of the village for the benefit of all. We now need a village plan to maximize the environmental benefits these grants can provide.

HLS and Mid Tier Stewardship agreements have all been renewed for 5 years with some new applications to be made by May.

Sustainable Farming Incentive is exactly what it says it is. How we improve our soils is the first brick in this new incentive wall. Adding manures and having over wintered cover are the first bricks soon to be followed by six more standards this Summer which include hedges- glad I've been busy planting. There are also incentives in animal health to sign up for vet's visits. My vet recently visited to fix a ewe and commented that he assumed sheep farming was not my main income. That could have been taken two ways, either I'm a useless shepherd or he noticed some other income streams. I told him that the lambing field was the most profitable on the farm and I could see him thinking that I was probably a better shepherd than he thought but then he realised I was talking about the turbine and solar panels in the field.

2023 is the last claim of BPS, from 2024 it is being converted into a de-linked payment and slowly reduced to nothing in 2027. By then the building blocks of SFI will all be in place and our sustainable farming will be thriving. I somehow think it won't be.

I saw a great cartoon last week. Two cavemen were sitting in the cave discussing what a great environment they lived in but something was not right, they had pure water, clean air, plenty of exercise, free range meat everywhere, organic food yet nobody lived past thirty. I wonder if that's where we are heading with SFI? Don't worry Clarkson's Farm is back, he'll have some good ideas on how to move forward sustainably.

World food commodity prices seem more volatile than normal and its difficult to predict what is a good price because next week its sure to have risen or decreased by £10/t. What is starting to occur is empty shelves in shops and customers are being able to see that paying the correct price for good food is the way forward to ensure there is food along with cutting waste. That should give farmers the confidence to invest in their farms to produce the quality produce our customers expect to buy. Over the last year the percentage of imported food rose again, that is worrying and will lead to shortages as global shipping comes under all sorts of pressures. To be fair to RPA they are trying to help with grants for certain equipment we need but it is expensive and not proven yet.

AWA 10.2.2023

An event organised by



Catfield
Environmental Group

Anyone for

BINGO



**Come and join us
for a night of Bingo fun
Catfield Village Hall**

Friday 3rd March @ 7pm

Money raised from this event will support Catfield Environmental Group and will help fund projects within Catfield Parish

- **FUN**
- **PRIZES**
- **RAFFLE**

Any enquiries call
07932
191558

£6
raffle and refreshments
available during Interval

Come and join us - it's sure to be a Full House!

If you've ever considered moving house before and read blogs about where to start, there is almost always information about decluttering.

Why? Because cluttered homes are harder to sell.

And, if you appear to not have enough room for your belongings, your house must not be big enough, right?

You might not want to get rid of all of your stuff. What if you genuinely want to keep everything that you own? And in many cases, this is the very reason you are looking to sell your home because you've outgrown your current one.

This is where storage solutions come in handy.

Why?

Having a decluttered home is a way to simplify your life. You know where everything is, and there is no more rummaging or tearing the house apart trying to find something.

Particularly after the festive period, you will undoubtedly add more items to your home. Gifts, toys, and clothes are all brought into your home. So, you either need to have enough space in your home for everything to go, or you will need to get rid of something else to make room for the new things. This is often why parents will have a big clear out of kids' toys, getting rid of anything that is broken or that the children have grown out of to make room for the new influx of toys Santa brings.

How?

Boxes and baskets - things for putting things into. If everything is stored in containers of some sort in a cupboard, you will minimise the likelihood that everything will fall out onto your viewers' heads when they open the door. Tidying away messy items into baskets or boxes will make your cupboards seem neat and clear.

Start small - we all have a junk drawer. Imagine if you had a totally organised junk drawer! This is a great place to start. It is small and inconsequential, it's only a drawer, and it is just 'junk'. It can be easy to get carried away, and once you've started clearing out every cupboard in your home, it can begin to feel overwhelming. Before you know it, you will look around, and really all you will have done is make more mess. When this happens, it's easy to give up and stuff everything back in the cupboards that you emptied and go and get a cup of tea instead.

Buy stacking boxes for bigger cupboards: they don't have to be expensive, but stacking boxes can be really helpful to stack and store lots of irregularly shaped items neatly. Particularly good for the loft and the back of the garage. But don't forget to label the boxes with what you have inside; otherwise, you'll probably never find anything again. And this will mean that some of your belongings are already packed for your move.

Use drawer dividers: These will provide separate compartments within your drawers and will keep things neat and organised and stop the 'rummage' effect.

Use the space that you have: Perhaps you can hang items inside the doors in cupboards. Or use shelf dividers to use the height inside your cupboards, effectively adding another shelf.

Storage solutions are the perfect way to make your home feel organised and tidy and ultimately easier to keep clean. We have all seen those mesmerising videos of people stacking their food cupboards, items decanted into matching glass jars and baskets that fit things in perfectly. In a busy family household, it's more likely that your cupboards are stuffed and overflowing than neatly stacked and stored.

But there is a connection to selling a property here. Clear, uncluttered homes appear more spacious, and viewers will look inside cupboards! If you are planning a house move, the easiest solution is to use stacking boxes to store items you won't need in the immediate future. This keeps superfluous things tidy and organised and gives you a head start on packing!

Daniel Trett of Trett Phillips Residential 01692 531400

OUR PRIORITIES

your safer neighbourhood team



Stalham Safer Neighbourhood Team

- Anti-social behaviour and reassurance patrols across the area

Next Priority Setting meeting:

6:30pm on Monday 17 April 2023

The Poppy Centre, Recreation Road, Stalham, NR12 9BH

If you can't make the meeting but would still like to raise a concern, email your Beat Manager at SNTStalham@norfolk.police.uk



Insp Sarah Knights
Local Policing Commander



Sarah.Knights@norfolk.police.uk



101 Ext 1059



PC Matt Pritty
Beat Manager



Matthew.Pritty@norfolk.police.uk



101 Ext 1153



PC Pete Davison
Engagement Officer



Peter.Davison@norfolk.police.uk



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NORTH NORFOLK



Chef's Specials



Here is a recipe which is easy to make with children or perfect for serving with a drink when they visit.

Put the biscuits in a plastic bag and let them crumb them with a rolling pin.

Marshmallow slices

Ingredients

100g butter
3tbsp golden syrup
25g drinking chocolate
225g crumbled digestive biscuits
50g mini marshmallows

For the topping

125g melted chocolate

Method

1. Wet a 17.5cm (7 inch) square cake tin and then line with cling film.
2. Measure the syrup, butter and drinking chocolate into a large pan and stir gently over a low heat until the butter melts.
3. Take off the heat and allow to cool slightly. stir in the crumbled biscuit and marshmallows. Mix until thoroughly blended.
4. Turn the mixture into the tin and level the top, press down firmly with the back of a spoon and put in the fridge to become firm or overnight.
5. Remove from the fridge and cover with the melted chocolate, leave for about 1 hour to set.
6. Peel off the cling film and cut into squares.

Tip: Cheese is too expensive to throw away because it had a touch of mould. Prevent it from getting mouldy in the first place by wrapping the cheese in a napkin soaked in salt water before storing it in the fridge.

The way you vote at your polling station is changing...

From **May 2023** new UK government legislation contained within the Elections Act 2022 means all voters voting in person at the polling station will need to provide photographic identification before being issued with your ballot paper.

Please see overleaf for accepted forms of identification

If you do not have one of the accepted forms of identification you may apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

Please visit our website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/voterID for more information or email us at electoralservices@north-norfolk.gov.uk or call 01263 513811

Postal Votes

You DO NOT need to provide photographic ID if you have a POSTAL VOTE.

For more information and if you wish to apply for a postal vote please visit our website to download an application form or request one by emailing us at postalvotes@north-norfolk.co.uk or call **01263 513811** or collect a form from our Cromer or Fakenham offices

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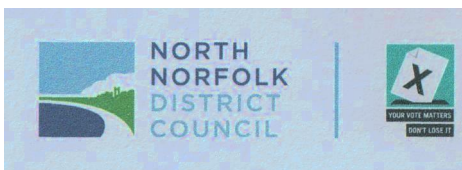
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OR

YOU APPLY FOR A POSTAL VOTE BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF 5PM ON TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023



The accepted forms of photographic identification are:

- a passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state, or a Commonwealth country
- a driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state
- a biometric immigration document
- an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- a Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- a Blue Badge
- a national identity card issued by an EEA state
- an Older Person's Bus Pass
- a Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- an Oyster 60+ Card
- a Freedom Pass
- a Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
- a 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- a Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- a Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- a Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- an Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland

EXPIRED DOCUMENTS ARE SUITABLE PROVIDING
THE PHOTOGRAPH IS A TRUE LIKENESS

Please visit our website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/voterID for more information or email us at electoralservices@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Lecture entitled - "Chrysanthemums in an Ideal World" by Simon White
from the Chelsea Gold Medal winning nursery - Peter Beales.
Friday 17th March 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.
to be held in the "The Poppy Centre"
off Recreation Road
in Stalham (NR12 9BH)

Raffle and refreshments.

Please note Simon normally brings gardening items for sale,
so bring your cash and cards.

One Liner: Let the shipwrecks of others be your seamarks.

ThinkWilt on Tyranny

Declaration of interest. *About a year ago, a member of ThinkWilt's family announced an intention of peaceful protest against new fossil fuel exploration, and has served two prison sentences as a direct result, ThinkWilt supports these protests, some (but not all) spoken to in this community have agreed, and most (though not all) respect that individual's right to protest.*

"Civil Disobedience" encompasses all forms of (usually) peaceful protest against what activists perceive to be injustice or moral wrong. The protests are generally mildly to seriously disruptive, as a means of drawing attention to the issue in question. Examples, excluding specific industrial action through strikes, include the Peasants' Revolt of 1381, the Suffragette Movement in the early 1900s, protests against nuclear weapons during and after the Cold War, and ongoing opposition to transport schemes that activists believe to be environmentally damaging.

The Suffragette Movement succeeded in its immediate aims, though true equality for women and freedom from abuse are still far away. Most of the other movements were suppressed, violently or otherwise, or ignored by those in power who could rely on military might, and later on legitimate parliamentary majorities. Examples of activists whose apparent failure was turned to success by divine intervention, such as the Prophet Daniel, and Jesus of Nazareth, are acknowledged with respect.

The Just Stop Oil (JSO) protesters are in the same mould as their predecessors. They believe that continuing fossil fuel exploration can only accelerate the climate change that will seriously disrupt human lives in the foreseeable future. One protester wrote from prison in a letter published in *The Mail*, *'I felt I had no choice but to step away from everything I love and accept the fear and uncertainty that brings. That is because stopping new fossil fuel licences matters more than anything else. Doing nothing is a deliberate choice that I can no longer justify.'* Her statement has the respectable precedent, *"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing,"* commonly but falsely attributed to the political thinker Edmund Burke (1730–97), but closely paraphrased in a longer passage in a speech by the philosopher John Stuart Mill in 1867. The *Church Times* cartoonist Dave Walker seems to agree. Known to many for his cartoons poking gentle fun at the eccentricities of the Anglican Church and its members. Mr Walker is devoting his new series to "The Planet" including a succinct statement of the JSO protesters' arguments.

There is a legitimate debate to be had about how to make best use of existing fossil fuel stocks while transitioning to renewables, but the Government will not engage with the protesters' arguments. Its reaction is to pass laws to suppress successively more harshly the means of protest. That is its democratic right under our respected parliamentary system. Some refer to this exercise of power as a "tyranny of the majority".

ThinkWilt is the pen name of Richard Reid. The views expressed are his own.

A Mystery Bible

My wife's mother, Helen Watson was descended from the Riches family from Catfield. Helen lived at Ludham as did my wife in her early years. After Helen died, we were clearing out her house and we found an old family bible. It belonged to the Gammie family who lived in Marnock in Scotland. Ann had no idea why Helen had it, so I started to investigate this mystery.



Charlotte Gammie must have moved to Catfield and married Charles Eagle in 1888. Charlotte was the headmistress at Catfield school and Charles went on to own a cycle shop in Catfield. Charles died in 1926 and Charlotte died in 1937.

Charlotte and Charles are buried in Catfield Churchyard along with Amy Page who died in 1886, Rachael Page who died in 1910 and John Page who died in 1914. So, what is the connection between the Eagle family and the Page family? The 1881 Census shows Charles living with the Page family and his occupation was then a carpenter likely working for John Page, a Wheelwright.



Charlotte moved to Ludham when she retired, and she lived in School Road. That is where my wife's grandmother lived.

My wife's grandmother, Helen Skillern, was known to be a very caring person. She and her husband, Fred, had suffered significant hardship during their marriage. Times must have been hard for them. They had met when Fred was serving in the Army in Norfolk during WW1. They returned to south Wales where he was a miner. They returned to Ludham during the miners' strike because he was offered a job by one the Riches family who had a building business. Fred suffered a serious accident which prevented him from working.

Whilst researching all this I discovered was that Charlotte Eagle left her estate to Frank Riches and Helen Skillern. The estate was worth £575, which is £41500 today. We can only assume Charlotte was so grateful for the care and support in the last few years of her life. That inheritance must have made all the difference to the Skillerns.

It is amazing my wife's mother held on to the bible. Our quest is to find a member of the Gammie family and return it. I wonder if a reader has a photo of Charlotte.

I am grateful to Dr Bacon for his help and in sending me some pictures.

Adrian Whyntie adrian211whyntie@googlemail.com

NWT Hickling Broad



On Saturday 4th February, six young people aged between 10 -16 planted a hedge next to the reserves living shelter, a space we use for education and events... this was in fact our first ever NWT 'Wilder Wardens' session – a monthly practical conservation group for young people. The purpose of the group is to provide young people with an opportunity to get a taste of what it's like to be part of the teams who manage our reserves, caring for Norfolk's special habitats and wildlife. The young people got stuck in straight away, planting the saplings with great gusto; they all said they really enjoyed it. In fact, it was hard to get them to stop for a tea break! Depending on the time of year, tasks carried out in the sessions, may include scrub clearance, visitor infrastructure maintenance, and wildlife surveying.

Places on the monthly sessions at Hickling are limited to 10, but the plan is to set up similar groups in other places in Norfolk. This is part of a wider youth engagement programme, currently being developed to create a robust, relevant and sustainable plan for our youth engagement offer in the future.



Photo Credit -Poppy Bye



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Upcoming events at NWT Hickling Broad.

Guided walks:

Boom of the Bittern, Sunday 26 March & 2 April, 3pm – 5pm

Birds of Hickling Friday 14 April, 10am – 12:30pm

To book events and for more information about the reserve visit our website.

www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

Rachel Frain – Senior Visitor Centre Coordinator Hickling Broad.

WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB

The nights are drawing out and Spring is nearly here.

At the end of February, members and guests attended the Club's 47th annual Charter dinner at the Hotel Wroxham. Only 3 years to go until we reach the milestone of our half century of serving the community, by helping deserving causes and those less fortunate. We are so grateful for all the support from the residents in our area, so a big thank you to all those who have donated to our fundraising activities.

Our first fund raising event for 2023 is a CRAFT FAIR being held on Sunday 12th March at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre Stalham Road Hoveton. From 10am to 3pm. Admission is free and refreshments are available. So why not come along and see the wide variety of local crafts available, all at reasonable prices, with something for everyone.

The Club has recently purchased 3 generators, which are being sent to Ukraine to help families who have no power. In total 110 generators are being taken there by a party of volunteers. Additionally, we have also sent a donation to our International Foundation to help with supporting the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the horrendous earthquake there.

A date for your diaries - Our annual summer CHARITY VILLAGE FETE this year, is being held on Sunday August 6th at Hoveton Village Hall and Playing Field. 10am to 4pm. Bookings for all pitches (including Craft pitches both inside the hall and outside), as well as Classic vehicles, are now being taken. However, availability of inside pitches is now very limited. Forms can be downloaded by going to our website www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org and clicking on the link "Fundraising Events" or alternatively by telephoning Lion Mike Clipston on 07767810027

Our charity shop continues to be busy and we still need your donations of good, clean items, especially bric-a-brac., so If you are having a sort out, or down-sizing, please bear us in mind. You can drop items in at the shop, or alternatively ring them on 01603 783737 or myself on 07850091570 and we can arrange collection. We would respectfully ask anyone donating clothing to our charity shop, to please make sure that they are clean and in a saleable condition

We always welcome new members, so if you have any spare time and feel you would like to put it to good use and give something back into your community, why not think about joining us. If you are interested, please give me a call 07850091570 or contact our membership chair-person, Lion Lydia Spight, via our "Learn More" link on web site www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org

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The Museum of the Broads opens for 2023!

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Our special exhibition is on Broadland artist, Philippa Miller. The exhibition shows her personal response to the landscape she knew and loved and is complemented by her own words from the diaries and journals she left behind. Don't miss this tribute to a true artist of the Broads.

Other displays have changed, there are new family activities, and our old favourites, our trip boats, will be running again too. We welcome groups, are introducing new combined Museum and boat tickets, and for 2023, all 12s and under come to the Museum for free.

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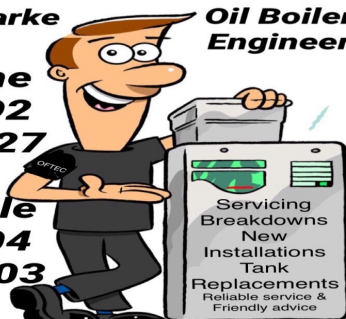
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