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CATFIELD NEWS

Your village magazine

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A busy bee on weigela in the garden.....the sign of summer!
Photo by Kim Easton

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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

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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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June 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 2nd June - 10.00 - 12.00 in the Village Hall

Come along to the Village Hall and have a drink,
piece of cake and either just sit and chat or join
others playing Scrabble and Rummy etc.
All welcome.

For more information contact Judith on 01692 580391

MORRIS DANCING

Kemp's Men of Norwich

Wednesday 14th June

7.45 pm

**The Crown Inn,
Catfield, NR29 5AA**

There will also be a BBQ

**Catfield Stitching Group - Tuesday 13th and
Tuesday 27th 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 28th 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

Mobile Library

Visits **Wednesday 7th**

10.05 - 10.20 Thorn Road

10.25 - 10.40 Village Hall

*From July the library will visit on a Tuesday afternoon.
Details in next month's magazine*

**Catfield Village Fete
Sunday 25th June, 11am to 4pm
The Old Rectory**

**Environmental Group Meeting
Wednesday 28th June at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

ThinkWilt is Thankful To Be Here

Other people's medical stories are essentially boring, so suffice it to say that a convalescent ThinkWilt has been Quite Ill, has been treated as A Bit Of An Emergency, and is Thankful To Be Here, due to the actions of family and friends, paramedics and our two hospitals. Normal service will be resumed in due course. Meanwhile, greetings to all.

ThinkWilt is the pen name of Richard Reid.

CATFIELD VILLAGE FETE SUNDAY 25th June 2023 BOTTLE TOMBOLA STALL

Dianne and Jenny are looking for **donations of bottles** for the BOTTLE TOMBOLA stall.
If you have a bottle to donate please call 01692 581409 or leave your donation at 2 Lea Rd.

We looking forward to seeing you all at the fete and having a great time.

Thanks for your support
Dianne and Jenny

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Lecture entitled - "All you Want to Know about Bees"
by Lynda Hunt
to be held in the Poppy Centre off Recreation Road
in Stalham (NR12 9BH)
on Friday 16th June,
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Raffle and refreshments.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

North Norfolk

Election of Councillors for

Catfield
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Steve Blatch, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BACON Keith Philip		172 Elected
BRISCOE Janet		123 Elected
EDWARDS Graham Charles		116 Elected
HARRIS Jennifer Sharon	Catfield Resident	160 Elected
HARRIS Timothy Charles	Catfield Resident	150 Elected
HILL Sam Gresham		80
JEFFREYS Nicolette Michelle		87 Elected
JOHNSON Angela Winifred		127 Elected
JORDAN Neil John		127 Elected
PLOWMAN Pauline commonly known as PLOWMAN Polly	Catfield Resident	103 Elected
ROBERSON Ian James		135 Elected
SNELLING Scott Stephen		135 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	10
E rejected in part	0
Total	10

Vacant Seats: 11

Electorate: 795

Ballot Papers Issued: 294

Turnout: 36.98%

And I do hereby declare that, Keith Philip Bacon, Janet Briscoe, Graham Charles Edwards, Jennifer Sharon Harris, Timothy Charles Harris, Nicolette Michelle Jeffreys, Angela Winifred Johnson, Neil John Jordan, Pauline Plowman, Ian James Roberson, Scott Stephen Snelling are duly elected.

Dated Friday 5 May 2023

Steve Blatch
Returning Officer

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Election of District Councillors for

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on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Steve Blatch, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BAYES Kevin Terence	Local Conservatives	650 Elected
CROSS Jacqueline Ann commonly known as CROSS Jacqui	Labour Party	206
GROVE-JONES Pauline Millicent	Liberal Democrat	515
LENNANE Stephen HJ	Liberal Democrat	295
MACARTNEY-FILGATE Michael Graham	Green Party	205
TAYLOR Matthew Patrick	Local Conservatives	693 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	11
E rejected in part	0
Total	11

Vacant Seats: 2 Electorate: 4446 Ballot Papers Issued: 1433 Turnout: 32.23%

And I do hereby declare that, Kevin Terence Bayes, Matthew Patrick Taylor are duly elected.

Dated Friday 5 May 2023

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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.

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Parish Council Meeting and Minuters

Due to the P C election the May Parish Council Meeting was not held until 17th May so the minutes highlights were not available at the time of going to print.

The minutes should be available on the Parish Council website
<https://catfieldparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

The results of the Parish Council and District Council elections can be found on page 7 and 8.

The June Parish Council Meeting will be held on June 7th.

Re recent election of Catfield Parish Councillors.

I am wondering how many other residents of this Parish, who like me felt very ill informed when it came to casting my vote ? As electors we were asked to vote for up to eleven people, (out of a possible 12) by placing our cross in the appropriate place on the ballot paper.

Having been a resident of Catfield for less than 5 years, very few of the names were familiar, in fact I only know 2 of the candidates to speak to and one other candidate whose name I had heard of. Only one Candidate took the time and energy to canvas/ place an information flyer through my door.

I would have thought that candidates owed it to parishioners to publish, either by a flyer, personal contact or via this magazine, their reason for standing for election, a little about their background, their goals and aims for the parish, and if successful what special skills or attributes they would bring to the council. Surely if someone wants election they should canvas for votes, (or do they rely on friends and neighbours to choose them). I do not think political persuasions come into this, its more to do with the benefit of the local community.

As a voter I would like to know who is my prospective local councillor why they are standing, and their aims for the coming term of office, which would enable me to make an informed choice, not blindly place crosses against names that have no meaning.

I wonder how many other village members have a similar opinion to me ?

YOUR COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Your safer neighbourhood team

You said, we did - Stalham

Beat Manager for Stalham, PC Matt Pritty has conducted regular visits to local schools, presenting at assemblies with Safer Schools colleagues, taking part in classroom activities, and patrolling at pick-up /drop off times to deal with parking-related issues.

He also visited Stalham youth club, Stalham Scout group, and Sutton Brownies to give talks on 'stranger danger'; as well as a scam awareness presentation at Ludham ladies' group.

Regular foot patrols have taken place across the parishes, with a focus on areas that have been reported as having issues with antisocial behaviour. Visits have been made to vulnerable members of the community, with crime prevention surveys conducted, and any relevant referrals submitted for assessment and possible intervention by police and partner agencies.

Pop-up surgeries were held in Stalham and Sutton, and Hoveton police station opened its doors briefly for public enquiries and a chance for the public to speak to an officer face-to-face.

Speed checks were held across the parishes, along with reassurance patrols made over the easter weekend, and patrols along the waterways on the police boat with the 'Broads Beat' team.

We've had a good number of detections in relation to shoplifting, and held meetings with local campsites, speaking to North Norfolk District Council ahead of the summer.

Horsey was visited regularly during the busy seal pupping season to address any issues raised by site staff, volunteers, or visitors.

PC Pritty has also been in attendance at parish council meetings to discuss any potential problems raised.



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GET WELL SOON

We would like to send get well messages to Anne who writes our No Planet B article and Richard who writes as Thinkwilt. We wish you both a speedy recovery and hope you will be back writing soon.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Toby from Westover Vets who has been writing articles for us for a number of years and is now taking a break. We have loved reading Toby's articles which have always been informative with some heart warming stories about our pets' treatment and recoveries.

A very kind lady stopped to help me on Saturday 20th May when I fell down in Church Rd. I had never met her before and am very grateful.

Janet Smith

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.

Tip: To make frozen fish taste fresh place the frozen fish in a bath of milk until it thaws. The milk will make it taste fresher.



Our first half term at Catfield has been a busy one. Our children have enjoyed getting back to their learning after the May half term.

We have had a great time celebrating the King's Coronation. All of the children came dressed in red, white and blue and we had a wonderful tea party. During our celebrations, we held a parent assembly where children shared facts about the King, a poem, sang a special song and our Early Years children shared their paintings of the King. It was a lovely day and we would like to thank the parish council for providing each child with a commemorative coin.

Our Year 6 and Year 2 children have been working their socks off with their SATs papers. They have tried so hard and we are all super proud of them!

We have lots to look forward to in the upcoming half term. All of our children will be heading out on a trip which is very exciting. Our Early Years children will be visiting the Sea Life Centre in Great Yarmouth, our KS1 children will be heading to How Hill and our KS2 children will be visiting Kingswood.

We are also looking forward to our Sports Day, Father's day activities and our special leavers assemblies coming up. We have our fingers crossed for lots of lovely weather to enjoy too!

Lucy Amis

Senior Teacher



Please Please Please stop feeding the Seagulls



We are experiencing an increased number of Seagulls in our village, predominately in (New Road, Birch End and the Cedars). The mess from droppings falling on to our homes, gardens and cars is horrendous but the more serious problem is that these gulls are becoming aggressive and swooping on people and our pets!!

Stopping feeding them will encourage them to remain in their natural habitat and have a natural diet which will make life more pleasant for both people and gulls.

More birds mean more mess and the bird poo can attract vermin and spread disease.

All in all, it is better for both people and seagulls if we refrain from feeding these seabirds. They do not prosper on a diet of bread, chips and other scraps and quickly become a serious nuisance when they start pestering people for their next meal.

Johnny Crowes Staithe

The Parish Council are looking into the idea of opening Johnny Crowes Staithe, near Sharp Street, to the Parishioners in the future. The Staithe is currently overgrown with a great deal of work required to reinstate it. We would like to know if the Parish would be interested in using the Staithe if it was reinstated. Please could you email your thoughts to nixsjeffreys@gmail.com or scan the QR code with your phone camera to fill out a short 5 question form.



FARMING NEWS

I think it has now been 2 months without any noticeable rain and the forecast is for no rain for another 10 days. That was what I wrote exactly a year ago, the current weather is quite the opposite to last year. It seems to have rained most days since the end of February escalating to heavy rain in the last few days. Congratulations and thanks must go to the workers, farmers and contractors who have grabbed opportunities to establish crops during brief openings in the weather. The wet weather has given me ample opportunity to get all the BPS, stewardship claims and applications to RPA by the various deadlines. This will be the last application for BPS (Basic Payment Scheme), this will now be converted into a “de-linked” payment which reduces over time to nothing in 2028. BPS will morph into SFI (Sustainable Farming Incentive) over time but seems to be paying less than BPS. The drivers behind SFI are to produce better water quality, better soil, cleaner air and less waste. Farmers will be able to sign up for various elements of SFI that encourage better farm management and result in an improved environment. Only time will tell if its successful, in the meantime we will do our best to conform.

You might have read that 18,000 cows died in a barn fire at South Fork dairy farm in Texas when there was an explosion in the cows’ barn. So, what caused this? It seems that the automatic manure management system over heated and ignited the methane from the cows. That sounds a bit far fetched but I can remember whilst at University seeing experiments in the faculty on cows with changed diets to improve animal growth and reduce waste, the only problem was that the cows became explosive. One does wonder what these dairy cows in Texas were fed (hormones?) to increase milk production and whether that is the direction of travel for SFI on dairy farms in England and Wales? Unforeseen consequences of change. The wet weather coupled with temperatures approaching 20 degrees has let cereal crops grow very quickly, it has also been ideal weather for cereal fungus of all descriptions. Combatting this is a combination of advice from the agronomist and spraying fungicides during the windows of opportunity. Although expensive, it has worked extremely well but I fear we’ll have to do it again soon as there is no let up in the wet weather.

I’m quite pleased we didn’t drill the maize just before the heavy rain the night before the Coronation. I’ve picked varieties that are early maturing this year, this might prove to be an inspired decision as the maize cannot be harvested until the dry matter reaches 32% and to get to that moisture content, we need about 175 days growth. Its quite possible that later maturing varieties might not reach the magic moisture content later on in the Autumn if we get poor weather conditions.

Sugar beet are all drilled, some look excellent in early drilled sandy fields and some on wet fields are sitting in water. It seems that those farmers who waited for the right soil conditions have been rewarded with good plant counts. Now we have every pest trying to eat them as they emerge from wet sticky soil.

I see Sands Agricultural Machinery Ltd new factory opposite the industrial estate is starting to take shape. As a village we are so lucky to have this high-tech engineering business on our doorstep providing a boost to the village and jobs to go alongside other manufacturing businesses in and around the village. Who would have thought Catfield would boast such businesses?

AWA 10.5.2023.



All Saints' Church Catfield June Services

- Sunday 4th June 10am Benefice Holy Communion at **Potter Heigham** Rev'd Gary Noyes
- Sunday 11th June 10am Joint Morning Prayer at **Catfield**
- Sunday 18th June 10am Benefice Service and special service at **Catfield**
for Judith Gardiner followed by a picnic. See page 17.
- Sunday 25th June 10am Joint Holy Communion at **Potter Heigham** Rev'd Gary Noyes

LAWNMOWER OR MOTORBIKE

A few years ago, Sean, an undercover worker for a child welfare charity found out about a 13year old girl, forced into prostitution. As a result the brothel in which she was captive was raided. She was found, locked in a damp and dank dormitory. Her words on being rescued were, "I knew you'd come."

How had she known? Sean noticed writing scrawled on the wall behind her bed which read, "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear", a quote from Psalm 27. This young girl was a Christian and, against all odds had been praying that God would free her.

A young priest, who was a 'petrol head' was admiring a shining new Honda 1300 motor cycle in a showroom. The salesman approached and went into his pitch - how fast it was, the head-turning noise of the engine, its acceleration and how it would attract the ladies. He asked the priest his occupation, (he was not wearing his dog-collar). On being told, his manner changed; he then emphasised its reliability, safety and economy.

Reflecting, the priest observed, "Lawnmower salesmen are not surprised to find clergymen looking at their wares but motorcycle salesmen are. Does this tell us something about the church community?'

Indeed, lawnmowers are safe, slow, practical; motorcycles are fast, dangerous, thrilling. I often feel that the common image of the church is pure lawnmower. Surely our task and that of all good folk is to occasionally take the church onto the open road, give it some gas and see what happens. That was the attitude of Sean, the child welfare worker. Should it also be ours?

John Savage
Worship Assistant



Daisy and Mark Farmer-Wright
got married at
All Saints' Church Catfield
on 5th April 2023
and would like to thank everyone
from the village
and the church
who helped make their day
so special.

A SPECIAL INVITE TO YOU ALL

On Sunday, June 18th at 10am, the Norwich Diocese Training team will be coming to Catfield to observe my taking a Service. I shall be expected to robe, preach from the pulpit and then help Rev'd Gary with Holy Communion. This will conclude my two years of Licenced Lay Ministry training and for the other trainees an opportunity to visit a rural church. It has been a hard two years of study with many assignments and I invite you to come and support me and offer our visitors a warm welcome.

There will be drinks after the service followed by a picnic in the Old Rectory garden if you are able to stay. Please bring a chair and your picnic and enjoy Penny's garden. (Weather permitting or in the church).

I shall be licenced in the Cathedral on September 16th and again you are welcome to join for the service, more details in the September magazine.

Judith Gardiner

News and happenings – Catfield Environmental Group, June 2023

Village Fete

It is now only a few weeks until the village fete takes place, on Sunday 25th June at The Old Rectory on School Road. It's all going to be happening between 11 am and 4 pm, and here's a bit about what will be on offer.

Fun Dog Show – bring along your dog, or borrow a friend's, and enter one of our fun classes - waggiest tail, young handler, dog most like its owner, best trick, golden oldies (7+), best male, best female, best puppy, scruffiest dog and best in class. Rosettes will be awarded to those placed 1st to 5th in each class, and there will be a prize for the dog judged 'best in show'.

Music – four very different performances to keep you entertained during the day - our local Waterside Scratch Band, folk duo Two's Company, the Ludham Ukulele Band and country music artist Jeff Gallant.

Archery – we're delighted to be hosting the Broadland Bowmen, who will be providing archery activities for all. Join in and see if you can hit a bullseye!

Welly throwing – the old favourite - show us what you're made of! Three sizes of welly – under 12s, women and men – and prizes for each.

Stalls – a variety of traders, selling goods such as crafts, dog products, food and plants, interest stalls and stalls run by local groups.

Children's area – with games to play and an animal enclosure. Catfield Primary School pupils are taking part in poster and model-making competitions that you can help judge on the day. We'll also have a photo booth, Stalham fire engine and a raffle with top prizes. And no need to go hungry or thirsty as there will be a barbecue, refreshments and a licensed bar!

Huge thanks to all who have helped us with this event with their donations or support in kind, including Catfield Hall Estate, Haines, Trett Phillips, All Saints Church and Catfield Village Hall Committee.

Get the date in your diary and look out for more information on social media and posters nearer the time!

Our projects

We have now ordered the bench and two planters to put on the grassed area on the corner of The Street and New Road. Lead times for these are 4 and 10 weeks respectively, so there will be a delay before we will have anything growing in the planters but the bench should be in place before too long!

The record of species at Sandholes was up to 6 pages at the last count, and we hope to have a return visit from Norfolk Wildlife Trust in the next few weeks to help us develop plans to help manage the site. We are also hoping to visit the Common Road Smee nature reserve site in Martham, which is managed by a small group of volunteers, to get ideas and inspiration.

Our footpath walk was rained off at the end of April and a new date is being found. The hedge on the playing field is doing well, so far all the plants are showing signs of life. And we've been deadheading the daffodils, to ensure the bulbs develop well for future years.

Would you like to know more about our group? Email us on catfieldenvironmental-group@gmail.com or ring 07932 191558, or just come along to one of our monthly meetings – our June meeting will be on Wednesday 28th June, 7pm at the Village Hall.

An event organised by


Catfield
Environmental Group

**buzz
along to**

Catfield Village Fete

For a fun day out!

Sunday

25th

JUNE

11-4PM

@The Old Rectory

NR29 5DA



BBQ • Beer Tent

Cake & Refreshments

Children's Play Area • Archery

Fun Dog Show • Photo Booth

Welly Throwing • Live Music

Craft Stalls **and lots more...**

Come along and join the fun at the Old Rectory, School Road,
Catfield NR29 5DA. Parking available on site

**Free
Entry**

EVERYONE WELCOME AT WHERRY CHARITY'S FREE SUMMER EVENTS AT HOW HILL

This summer Wherry Yacht Charter, the charity that restores, maintains and operates five of the eight remaining wherries sailing on the Norfolk Broads, is staging the following free events at How Hill near Ludham.

One of the elegant vessels will be the backdrop for:

- *A concert of easy-listening music by Jeff Thomas on JUNE 23RD at 5.30pm.*
- *An exhibition of artwork inspired by Broadland wildlife and scenery by artist Su Haywood from AUGUST 14TH TO 15TH 10am to 4pm.*
- *A concert by the Norfolk Wherry Brass Band on AUGUST 20TH at 5pm.*

Charity spokesperson Judith Keogh says:

"The volunteers at Wherry Yacht Charter are looking forward to welcoming new visitors (and to seeing our frequent ones!) to view our beautiful wherry and enjoy the events we have organised for our 2023 summer programme."

"Everything planned is dependent on volunteer availability and the Broadland weather so I encourage people to check our social media or email me before making a special trip to How Hill."

Email address: jk@wherryyachtcharter.org

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YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY AT YOUR DOORSTEP

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Over-50s Wealth Hits Record High as Generational Property Gulf Grows

The property market is proving increasingly difficult for some younger buyers, but mature homeowners have benefitted immensely from rising house prices in the last few decades.

How wealth is spread across the generations will always be a controversial issue, significantly as the Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) and the older Gen X's (born in the late 1960s / very early 1970s) wealth has grown exponentially over the last two decades, compared to the wealth of the younger generation.

The over-50s in the Broadland area have a record £8,781,686,720 in mortgage-free equity, twice as much as the total in 2011, underlining the generational gap in the housing market.

Rocketing property prices have helped mature homeowners more than ever, while high house values and expensive mortgages are pricing out some first-time buyers. Compared to those younger, the gap is quite stark.

Broadland under-50's own £541m of mortgage-free property outright.

So, how exactly are properties split in the local area of Broadland, how do they compare to the national figures and more importantly - what can be done about it?

For under-50's in Broadland:

- 7.9% own their own home outright, *i.e., no mortgage*, compared to 6.4% nationally
- 57.2% own their own home with a mortgage, compared to 41.6% nationally
- 13.6% live in social housing, *i.e., council house or housing association*, compared to 17.8% nationally
- 21.3% live in private rented accommodation, compared to 34.2% nationally

For over-50's in Broadland:

- 64.8% own their own home outright, *i.e., no mortgage*, compared to 52.1% nationally
- 19.6% own their own home with a mortgage compared to 21.1% nationally
- 7.8% live in social housing, *i.e., council house or housing association*, compared to 16.5% nationally
- 7.8% live in private rented accommodation compared to 10.3% nationally

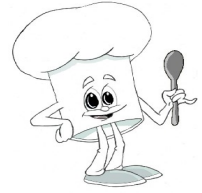
The stats that jump out at me in the over-50 age range is over 1 in 10 people nationally are in privately rented accommodation, and over 1 in 5 of over-50s still have a mortgage (although that reduces to 1 in 16 by the time they reach the age of 65).

Campaigners have said the younger generation has been priced out of the property market and the goal of getting on the housing ladder has become an impossible dream for many. The wealth gap of the generations shows the older generations have been aided by increasing house prices, leaving their sons and daughters with few options.

(Part 2 of this article next month)

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Chef's Specials



Gluten Free Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

125g soy flour
110g maize cornflour
1 ¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda
50g cocoa powder
275g caster sugar
150g butter, melted
1 tbsp white vinegar
250ml evaporated milk
2 eggs
½ cup mashed banana
2 tbsp raspberry jam
300ml whipping cream

Method

1. Preheat oven to 170C. Grease two 22cm round sandwich cake tins: line bases with baking parchment.
2. Sift flours, bicarbonate of soda, cocoa and sugar into a large bowl. Add the butter, vinegar and milk. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Add eggs, banana and jam, beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour mixture into prepared tins.
3. Bake for about 30 minutes or until cooked. Leave cakes to cool for 5 minutes before turning onto wire racks to cool.
4. Beat the cream in a small bowl with an electric mixer until firm peaks form. Sandwich cakes with whipped cream, lightly dust with sifted icing sugar or sifted cocoa, if desired. D.S.

One Liner: What use is logic when faced with the power of truth.

NWT Hickling Broad

We had some migratory birds pass by in May but none of them chose to stay for more than a day or two this year, the highlights included black winged stilt, temminck's stint, glossy ibis, ring ouzel and osprey. The osprey treated some of the visitors to fabulous views as it fished over Brendan's Marsh. You may have seen some of the coverage on the local news and in the press regarding the male osprey that had been seen at Ranworth in the hope that a female was going to join him. At the time of writing this newsletter he was still waiting, we all have our fingers crossed for him.



Osprey at Ranworth by Lynne Warner



Black Winged Stilt at Hickling by Lynne Warner

This year we'll be celebrating World Swallowtail day on the 11th June 10am – 4pm. It's a "free entry for all" day at the reserve, there will be fun activities extra boat rides and guided walks. Butterfly enthusiast, author and President of Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Patrick Barkham will join us to lead two of the guided walks in search of this iconic species. Please book onto these activities (chargeable) in advance via the NWT website. www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

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Rachel Frain – Senior Visitor Centre Coordinator Hickling Broad

WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB—Extract from June Report

Firstly, this is the last report of my Lionistic year and I hope that you have found them informative. I will be handing over the reins to incoming President Lion Mick Holden at the end of June and wish him all the best for his year in office. I am certain that he will keep everyone fully updated with events that will be happening in his year.

We had a successful Craft Fair in May and our next one, for diaries, is October 8th.

On Sunday 7th May, along with several of our members, I joined Councillor Peter Howe and other members of Hoveton Parish Council to plant a tree donated by our Club to commemorate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.



Planning continues apace for our **CHARITY VILLAGE FETE** which is being held on **AUGUST 6th at Hoveton Village Hall and Playing Field.10am to 4pm.**

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 our website www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org.

Lion Terry Vout, President

June at the Museum of the Broads

Our popular Boat and Fishing Jumble Sale returns on Sunday 04 June 0930 to 1230. Entry is £1 and stall holders can pre-book online or by phone. The Museum will open to visitors at 1300.

June is a perfect time to bring family and friends to the Museum at the historic Stalham Staithe. The weather’s good and it’s generally a bit quieter. Take a boat trip, bring a picnic, and make a day of it by the river.

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As we are rapidly coming up to the last meeting of the year, why not take the opportunity to come along and see what we are all about.

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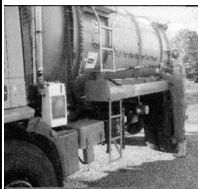
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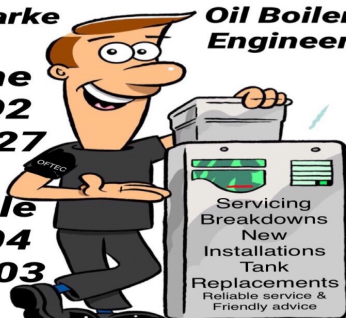
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