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# CATFIELD NEWS

Your village magazine

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## Helpful Information

### **Staithe Surgery Stalham**

[www.staithesurgery.co.uk](http://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](http://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

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#### **Surgery Hours**

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

Thursday 8.30am - 1.00pm

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Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm

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Hoveton Police Stn

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## What's on in Catfield

### 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

### Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2nd August 7.00pm

### Coffee & Chat Club Friday 4th August - 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 Rummikub etc.

All welcome.

For more information contact Judith on 01692 615807

### Norfolk County Council Mobile Library

#### New day and time

Route Number **CEN 210**

Calls on **Tuesday**

Next Visit **Tuesday 8th August**

**Thorn Road 14:45 - 15:05**

**Village Hall 15:10 - 15:30**



**Catfield Stitching Group - Tuesday 8th and  
Tuesday 22nd 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 23rd 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 23rd August at 7.00pm  
in the Village Hall

contact details ([catfieldenvironmentalgroup@gmail.com](mailto:catfieldenvironmentalgroup@gmail.com)

/ 07932 191558)

**Future date for your diary**

BINGO will be back on Friday 15th September  
In Catfield Village Hall

## **THANK YOU**

I would just like to say a big thank you to the Environmental Group for a lovely day on Sunday. There was a tremendous amount of hard work done to make the day, so thanks to all those hard workers and to Penny for allowing us all to take over her beautiful garden.

## **CATFIELD FETE NEWS FLASH**

Jenny and Dianne would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated bottles for the tombola stall and everybody at the fete who supported us. We raised the amazing sum of £350 for Catfield Church.

Thank you.

Looking for new players for LADIES BADMINTON

Friday Morning 9.00am to 10.00am

at Hoveton Village Hall.

For beginners to intermediates.

We play for fun, for £8.00 per month. (1<sup>st</sup> week free).

Contact Debbie 07900664917

## **CATFIELD AND HICKLING FISHING CLUB**

If anyone wishes to become a member of Catfield and Hickling fishing club - membership is available to all residents of Catfield and Hickling at a cost of £5 for the 2023/ 2024 season.

To apply please contact Keith Bacon: 01692581314 keithbacon@keme.co.uk

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Parish Council website

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

All current Catfield Parish Councillors reside in Catfield and have been democratically elected. All Cllrs are happy for you to contact them at the above details.

**NNDC - Missed Bin Collections can be reported using the contact details below**

Sercro: **0330 109 9220**

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-services/report-a-missed-bin-collection/>

**Tip:** To make short work of cleaning up after you have rolled out dough or kneaded bread, sprinkle the floured worktop with salt and you can wipe everything away with a sponge or cloth.

# Catfield Parish Council meeting highlights

Wednesday 07th June 2023

- **Public update:**
  - Parishioner advised of continuous bin collection issues. PC to write to NNDC.
- **Cllr Taylor and Cllr Bayes update:**
  - Cllrs will be alternating meeting.
  - Planning training to be organised for Parish Cllrs.
- **Cllr Price update:**
  - Discussion and dispute over PC and Highways correspondence and other items relating to the ongoing verges issue.
- **Planning**
  - **PF/23/0861 - Malthouse Corner, Malthouse Lane, Catfield - Change of use of the land to a caravan site for single caravan for Gypsy and Traveller residential use; hard standing, portacabin and installation of cess tank (part retrospective)** – After lengthy discussion for reasoning, PC to send objection letter to planning department.
- **Pedestrian verge on mushroom site** - Enforcement letter sent expired 31st March - Cllr Price advised the landowners are unresponsive and the Council are continuing with the legal process.
- **Playing field car parking** – Sign to be agreed and erected.
- **Fenside Verges** – Highways recommended a meeting. PC to select a team to attend.
- **Lea Road hedge/gate** – Dispute of hedge cutting discussed. PC to write to landowner.
- **Bus Shelter outside Village Hall** – Awaiting advice from planning and conservation.
- **Noticeboard on New Road** – Request for an upgrade
- **CEG Update:**
  - Meeting with Norfolk wildlife trust to advise on species found in Sandholes.
  - Visited Common Road Smee nature reserve for ideas for Catfield.
  - Spring plant sale a great success
- **Councillor Training** – Training sessions agreed.

Please refer to the website for full details of meeting minutes.



# Catfield Parish Council meeting highlights

Wednesday 05th July 2023

- **Public update:**
  - Query over whether the residents of Canon Wake Court had been consulted properly over the name change of the road. PC to be consulted in future.
- **Cllr Taylor and Cllr Bayes update:**
  - Planning training booked.
  - Wayford Bridge repairs scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> October for 4-5 weeks.
  - Stalham High Street Taskforce – Representative from PC requested.
- **Cllr Price update:**
  - Apology given over a previous inappropriate comment made to a Parish Cllr.
- **Refuse Collection Issues** – NNDC strongly advised residents to report bin collections anomalies <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-services/report-a-missed-bin-collection/> or call SERCO 0330 109 9220.
- **Planning**
  - **PF/23/0861 - Malthouse Corner, Malthouse Lane, Catfield - Change of use of the land to a caravan site for single caravan for Gypsy and Traveller residential use; hard standing, portacabin and installation of cess tank (part retrospective)** – Objection letter sent to planning, awaiting decision.
- **Playing field car parking** – Sign wording agreed. Litter bin to also be installed.
- **Hedge opposite shop** – Causing a safety issue. PC to send letter to resident.
- **Standards hearing committee** – Parish Cllr found in breach of PC Code of Conduct July 2021. PC to decide if NNDC sanction recommendations to be carried out.
- **Fenside Verges** – Highways requested a change to the meeting format. PC to request previous agreed format to discuss farm traffic transiting Fenside.
- **Lea Road hedge/gate** – Landowner responded answering all questions asked. A Parishioner disputed the age of the hedge.
- **Bus Shelter outside Village Hall** – awaiting advice from planning and conservation. Potential for grants and donations to cover some of the cost.
- **Noticeboard on New Road** – Quotes to be obtained prior to decision.
- **PC complaints** – Regarding articles published in the village magazine. All current Parish Cllrs reside in Catfield and have been democratically elected being one of 13 out of 100 that had an election. All Cllrs are accessible by email, phone and at Parish Council meetings, where the public are encouraged to attend.
- **CEG Update:**
  - Now 350 species at Sandholes
  - Thankful to all who attended Village Fete
  - Bingo starts again in September



Please refer to the website for full details of meeting minutes.

## MUSICAL EVENING STARTS WHERRY CHARITY'S SUMMER PROGRAMME OF FREE EVENTS

The bank of the River Ant at How Hill was the location for the first in a series of free events to raise funds for the charity that restores, maintains and operates five of the eight remaining wherries sailing on the Norfolk Broads.

Singer Jeff Thomas from Mundesley performed for over two hours for Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust.



He is pictured onboard Ardea, the largest pleasure wherry in the charity's fleet which was moored at How Hill.

Ardea will soon be replaced by Hathor, the pleasure wherry that is usually moored at How Hill during the sailing season for public viewing (subject to volunteer availability).

The next free event at the same location will be

An exhibition of artwork inspired by Broadland wildlife and scenery by artist Su Haywood from AUGUST 14TH TO 15TH 10am to 4pm.

and

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!) at How Hill 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](mailto:jk@wherryyachtcharter.org)



## Summer Holidays at the Museum of the Broads

It's that time of the year! School's out and there's plenty to keep the family happy at the Museum of the Broads. Remember, all 12s and under go free, and young people up to 18 are only £3 entry.

We have special events on holiday Thursdays. On 27 July (Norfolk Day) and 03 August are our ever popular Steam and Sail days. Take a steamboat trip, have a sail on a wherry yacht, and return by steam. Booking is via [www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org). The Wherry Albion is open to view on 17 August and we have a Families' Art and Craft day on 24 August with artist, Jo Couldrey.

One of our boats runs each day we are open (Sun, Tues, Wed and Thurs) and you can take a special Kingfisher Cruise on selected summer evenings too to spot wildlife and those elusive birds! We have kept our prices the same this year and our boat trips are unique!

Make a day of it and enjoy a picnic by the river. Have a panini – sweet or savoury – from Rooby's, our onsite caterers.

Full details and links to book on our website.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681

[www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk) @MuseumBroads on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram



### Farming News - August 2023

The Environment Agency thinks that around 18% of all waste is not being disposed of correctly. In arable farming we are audited every year to check that we are complying with every regulation, including waste management and we have to have relevant transfer notes to prove compliance. So tomorrow morning all my waste is being collected. It comprises of mostly fertilizer and seed bags plus some chemical cans. It's all been segregated into reusable plastic and non-renewable plastic and bagged up. Other waste includes bits of rubble from various jobs/dumped on the farm, tyres which I paid to be disposed of, used metal parts and metal collected from fields. It's all disposed of correctly and I get the waste transfer note. The big "waste" volumes are crop residues which are not sold eg straw, leaves etc, these are recycled on the farm and used by the next crop. Arable farmers really are very good at waste management. Problems do occur in animal farming when the waste products (mostly s\*\*t) are not disposed of correctly. So, most Farm Yard Manures are spread on arable land for the next crop to take up as nutrients. But the volumes of this spreading are closely monitored to ensure that only what the next crop requires is spread and that the nutrients do not get into the groundwater or surface waters. Sustainable Farming Incentive now has options on manure management and spreading. To be compliant, records will have to be kept and animal farmers are a bit vague on this point and will have to get better over time. The results should be better water quality.

I normally start harvest around 25<sup>th</sup> July but had a shock yesterday, on the way back from the livestock market, that a field of winter barley was almost dry enough to harvest and I wasn't ready at the store. So next week I'll be out with the brush and clean the stores.

Since the rain came around 20<sup>th</sup> June crops of maize and sugar beet have grown rapidly, irrigated potatoes look excellent but barleys seem to have a few blind grain sites which will limit yields. Spring beans look OK with plenty of pods, that's down to the bees pollinating the flowers back in the Spring. Its worth looking after bees, which is why I have small pollen and nectar plots dotted around the farm. The downside of good bean crops is that red deer love eating the pods.

As we get closer to harvest, I keep reflecting on just how expensive this year has been, fertilizer at three times the normal price, energy at twice the normal price, chemicals are up 25%. Having said that its vital that prices of crops stay up to cover the excessive costs of production. S Beet, maize and barley are all on contract with the prices fixed 10 months ago, so all I have to do is concentrate on achieving the correct quality. Wheat is a bit of an unknown at present, currently there are very limited World stocks and the market place doesn't want to commit to paying too much. So, farmers are holding off from selling forward in the hope of better prices in the future. This might be the year to put the whole crop in the store and sell it next Easter- or not.

I have spoken to a few farmers who have started harvest and all have said the same thing, the grain looks small-so that does not sound good.

Defra are currently consulting on hedgerows and hedgehogs moving forward. The reasoning behind this is that there will be no agreed management prescriptions in place once the current BPS cross compliance ends in 2028. Should we keep the current 2m cross compliance strip next to hedges and ban mowing that strip to ensure hedgehogs are not caught in the mower? All sounds well thought through and should continue. There is just one problem- badgers look to dig setts under hedges and the current 2m strip, which has now not been ploughed for 15 years gives them the ideal environment to build huge setts. Both badgers and hedgehogs are protected species, but badgers like nothing better than to eat hedgehogs. So, if we want to protect hedgehogs, perhaps we ought to get rid of 2m strips where badgers are known to live. Badgers love digging in light sandy soil which doesn't flood, which is exactly what we have in Catfield. Anyone seen a hedgehog recently?

The birds of prey have had a field day this Spring. Their prey have had a perfect Spring to breed and multiply and there is food for them everywhere. Seeing them in large numbers is proof that farming can live side by side with the top predators.

AWA 9.7.2023

## **Stalham & District Horticultural Society**

Lecture entitled - "Drought Tolerant Planting" by  
Rosemary Ward

in the Poppy Centre off Recreation Road  
in Stalham (NR12 9BH ) on

**Friday 18th August, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.**  
Raffle, refreshments.

For further information call Susan Carter on  
01692 250660 (after 7.00pm) or visit the Society  
website at: [www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk)

### **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](mailto:secretarycatnews1@btinternet.com)  
or drop a note in the Catfield News box in the village shop.

### **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.



## All Saints' Church Catfield August Services

|                      |  |                  |
|----------------------|--|------------------|
| Sunday 6th August    | Benefice Holy Communion at <b>Catfield</b>       | Rev'd Gary Noyes |
| Sunday 13th August   | Joint Morning Prayer at <b>Potter Heigham</b>    | Judith Gardiner  |
| Sunday 20th August   | Joint Holy Communion at <b>Catfield</b>          | Rev'd Gary Noyes |
| Sunday 27th August   | Joint Holy Communion at <b>Potter Heigham</b>    | TBA              |
| Sunday 3rd September | Benefice Holy Communion at <b>Potter Heigham</b> | TBA              |

All services are at 10am and are followed by refreshments, please do come and join us. Transport can also be provided.

### Don't Judge Me.

Someone said to me recently, 'don't judge me', as they explained a reason for doing something. It is interesting how we as humans instinctively judge people all of the time. Do they look right? Do they talk right? Do they live right? According to us! The arena of social media is a hot bed for people dishing out 'judgements' on others. There is a very interesting quote by Jesus Christ recorded in Matthew's account of his life. He said; "*Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*"

What an interesting statement. If we profess to be Christians we should take these words seriously. I am told that Mother Teresa had a piece of paper on her wall with these handwritten words on it;

*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centred; forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; be successful anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.*

What wise words concerning many aspects of life. I am aiming to be non-judgemental for 51% of the time (don't judge me!).

Stephen Pitkethly AWA.

**WOMACK STAITHE OPEN AIR SERVICE SUNDAY 13 AUGUST,3pm.**

*We are delighted to be reinstating this service which in previous years was popular with both local villagers and holidaymakers.*

*Do come along to the staithe at 3pm on Sunday 13 August and enjoy this short service and join in with some popular hymns and songs, your favourite may be among them.*

**SWALLOWTAIL FINE ARTISTS ANNOUNCE AUGUST FINE ART  
LUDHAM SHOW WITH GUEST ARTISTS  
St Catherine's Church, Ludham from 26th to 28th August.**

Following a successful first year exhibiting together as Swallowtail Fine Artists, three Broads-based artists will be hosting their biggest exhibition to date over August Bank Holiday weekend. To be held at the beautiful St Catherine's Church, Ludham from 26th to 28th August, the Fine Art show will feature works by Swallowtail Fine Artists Lorraine Auton, Tony Colledge and Amanda Springall-Rogers and, for the first time, will also showcase paintings, lino prints, cards and jewellery by Norfolk-based guest artists Tom Cringle, Kate Gabriel, Julie Hodgson, Ben Kendall, Ann Lamb, Ruth Mann, Bruce Rushin and Elaine Vincent.

All work featured will be for sale, offering visitors an opportunity to both support St Catherine's Church and local artists. The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 26th, 11am to 5pm on Sunday 27th and 10am to 5pm on Monday 28th August 2023. Admission free. Refreshments available.

You are invited

to Norwich Cathedral on Saturday, September 16th at 10.30am when the Bishop will licence Mrs Judith Gardiner as a Licenced Lay Minister for the Benefice of Catfield, Ludham and Potter Heigham.

Please ring 01692 615807 if you would like a lift to the Cathedral.



Wow what a busy Summer term we had have at Catfield! We have been fortunate enough to enjoy lots of sunshine and lots of exciting trips.

Our KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to How Hill, learning all about thatching and pond creatures. Our KS2 children loved their trip to Kingswood! They took part in activities such as abseiling, archery and zip lining. Our EYFS children joined with Hickling and Sutton for their trip to Sea Life centre. They enjoyed looking at lots of sea animals and watching the penguins get fed. They then enjoyed an ice cream and play on the beach!

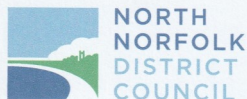
We held our annual Sports day this half term. This is an event that so many of our children look forward to, taking part in races and cheering on their team. We are proud to say that Sapphire team won the trophy this year!

We would like to say a big thank you to the Catfield Environmental group for putting on such a fantastic summer fete and allowing us to be a part of it. Our winners of the poster competition were Huxley, Stuart, Ety and Isabel and they were so so pleased with their prizes. Our dancers also had a wonderful time performing for you.

It is the time in the year where we say goodbye to our Year 6's who will be moving onto High School in September. I have taught almost all of the Year 6's from when they began their school journey with us in Reception/Year 1. It has been a pleasure to have had them be such a big part of our school and I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them all the best in their next adventure! It is now time for us to enjoy a Summer break to rest and recharge ready to start again in September.

Lucy Amis  
(Senior Teacher)

# Community Connectors



North Norfolk  
Health & Wellbeing  
Partnership

## What do the Community Connectors do?

We specialise in promoting and supporting groups and organisations across our local communities. We strive to build links between services and people, connecting them to improve health, wellbeing and community spirit for the residents of North Norfolk.



## How can the Community Connectors help?

COVID lockdowns have left many of us feeling worried and isolated. We can give you information about community groups where you'll receive a warm welcome and support.

The cost of living crisis is affecting us all. We can tell you where your local food hubs and warm spaces are. We can signpost you to organisations who can provide financial and emotional assistance.

Maybe you're new to the area and would like to meet likeminded people. Perhaps you would like to start a new hobby or volunteer.

We're also here to support you if you run a community or voluntary group. Whether you require support to recruit volunteers, find funding streams or encourage more people to participate, we're here to help.

## Contact the Community Connectors

### Visit

[www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/communityconnectors](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/communityconnectors)

### Email

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### Phone

01263 513811

### Address

North Norfolk District Council, Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9EN

Visit <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/ccmap>  
to access the online map of local community groups

**News and happenings – Catfield Environmental Group,  
July 2023 Village fete, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**



It was wonderful to see so many people at The Old Rectory for the fete on a day of glorious weather. All the attractions and entertainments proved popular, our musicians and the dancers from Catfield Primary did us proud, the variety of food and drink seemed to be appreciated and our stallholders were pleased with the turnout and delighted with the location. We can't say thank you enough to our sponsors and supporters – Trett Phillips Residential, Haines Marine and Catfield Hall Estates – and to Catfield Village Hall Committee and All Saints Church for the loan of equipment.

The day would not have been possible without you.

Prizes were provided by generous donors Janet Briscoe, the Factory Shop, Jeckells, Tesco, the Museum of the Broads, Catfield Stores, The Crown, Zooplus.com and others remaining anonymous. Our thanks to all, and to everyone who volunteered their time before, on or after the day.

We had planned this as a fundraising event, and the grand total raised was £2,378.85. However, we would like to think that the important outcome was not the financial one but an event that could be enjoyed by the community. The money raised will all be put to good use in environmental projects benefitting the village.

**Projects**

The bench for the corner of New Road and The Street has been delivered and we hope to have it in place shortly. Our thanks to Greenoaks Residents Association for their contribution to the cost. We are expecting the planters at the end of July.

We have been at the playing field recently giving the new hedge some attention, to ensure it can thrive amongst the encroaching brambles and bracken.

In our meeting with Norfolk Wildlife Trust at Sandholes at the end of June, we agreed on a policy of non-intervention while we continue to investigate species there through the seasons. We learned that a new member of staff is being recruited at NWT this autumn to assist and advise community groups.

**Fundraising**

**Bingo**

Our bingo sessions have been very well supported, and we will be running another four Friday bingo evenings this autumn – please put the following dates in your diary: 15<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> December.



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## Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat



I'm sure you will have noticed that we've been in the media recently with the Marine and Coastguard Agency (MCA), delisting us from the emergency 999 service for a short while whilst they investigate some anonymous complaints. We'd like to say a big thank you for all your positive comments and support during this time, it means a lot to the crew.

We held a meeting with the MCA and are back on service with our smaller boat, the Arancia, and they will carry out a routine audit in the next few weeks. Our larger boat Cannon Portal can be launched on a self-launch basis. Unfortunately, this does mean that we are cancelling our annual Lifeboat Day on 13 August so that the crew can concentrate on the audit. I'm sure you are as disappointed as we are, but we hope to see you next year.

Our beach stall is set up most Sundays mornings, tides and weather permitting, and we will also be attending Worstead Festival on 29 and 30 July, and Wroxham and Hoveton Lions on 6 August. Please keep an eye open on our social media pages to see what events we are attending.

Got a few hours spare? Looking to support the local community? We are looking to recruit volunteer members for various roles, including, boat and shore crew, fundraising and maintenance. For further information please email [info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk](mailto:info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk) or pop in and see us for a chat.

If you see anyone in difficulty in the water, dial 999 and ask for the coastguard. Please do not put yourself at risk.

## Will our children ever be able to buy a home of their own?

In generations gone by, a home would often be purchased shortly after a couple got married, a little home to raise a family. Working diligently for 25 years to pay off the mortgage would result in total property ownership and peace of mind that we're set for life with a solid roof over our heads.

But as years have passed, this ideal path to property ownership eludes many of us. Dubbed 'Generation Rent', the average age of a first-time buyer in the UK is now around 33. Resigned to living in a rented property for the long term, many younger people feel that the dream of owning their own home may never be possible for them.

Historically, a purchase of a first home used mortgage funds, possibly without any deposit needed. This mortgage would be three times the household income, which, although much lower than today, would be sufficient to buy a nice little starter home for you and your family.

It's a very different picture for first-time buyers today. In almost all cases, a deposit is required of at least 5% of the purchase price of a property. And whilst mortgage lenders would like to keep the multiples at less than five times the annual household income, this still falls well short of the average house purchase price in the UK, which is currently reported as £285,000 (as of March 2023).

A 5% deposit of this price is £14,250, meaning the remainder would need to be a mortgage, meaning that the required household income to purchase a property would need to be a whopping £90,250!

With a current minimum wage of £10.42 per hour in this country and an average salary of £21,673, it is clear that owning your own home could be nothing more than a pipe dream for most young adults in the UK.

Sadly, house prices continue to rise year on year, and salaries are not following suit. With an increased cost of living and rising property rental costs, saving up the deposit funds required to buy a home could be virtually impossible, even if you had a salary high enough to support the mortgage, no matter how frugal your lifestyle.

Does it seem that the current and emerging generations of young adults in the UK, the Millennials and the GenZ's, are destined to live in rented property forever?

In most of mainland Europe, property ownership is not so coveted, and a far higher percentage of people of all ages choose to live in rented properties. In Sweden, there are ultra-long-term mortgages of up to 105 years, so the mortgage passes to the family. This keeps the monthly premiums very low and makes property ownership much more affordable.

But this has not been adopted in the UK, despite Downing Street looking into offering 50-year mortgage terms last summer. So what can first-time buyers do to get that highly coveted first foot on the property ladder?

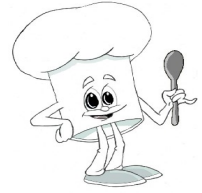
1. **The side hustle** - Many people are looking to take on extra jobs, in addition to their 9-5, to make a little extra cash in the hope of saving enough to make up a deposit. This could be an online venture or selling artisan products they make on platforms like Etsy.
2. **Living rent-free** - If you are expected to pay for rent and household bills, which usually make up most of your monthly spending, saving a substantial amount towards the illusive deposit can be almost impossible. This can mean that young adults continue to live with family for a monthly contribution to allow more saving potential.
3. **Bank of Mum & Dad** - Perhaps the most widely reported option is for the parents to gift the deposit funds to their children to enable a property purchase. It is the fastest way to get on the ladder, but not everyone has savings to gift to their offspring.

So, it could be the case that a large proportion of Millennials and GenZ population in the UK may be unable to buy a home of their own. But, if you are a parent, you could be expected to make a withdrawal from your life savings to help your children.

If you have children considering buying their first property, contact our team of property experts to ensure they are registered for suitable properties so they don't miss out. Our Heads Up alerts system means they will be the first to hear about new instructions, so they won't miss out on the perfect property.

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# Chef's Specials



## Parmesan and Chive Brunch Scones

### Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- ½ cup (packed) grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp thinly sliced chives
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup cold sour cream
- ¼ cup plus 1 tbsp cold milk
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted, for brushing on tops

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl, whisk together flour, Parmesan, chives, baking powder, salt, baking soda and pepper.
3. Stir in sour cream until the mixture resembles coarse grains. Add milk and fold until it just comes together. Scoop the batter by the ¼ cup (by using an ice-cream scoop) onto the prepared baking sheet, 1 inch apart.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Remove and brush with melted butter. Bake until golden brown, 5-7 minutes more.

D.S.

## NWT Hickling Broad

August can often be a month of unbroken sunshine, interspersed by sudden thunderstorms. Grasshoppers thrive in the hot weather, and they can be found leaping about in the dry, yellowing grass. Younger ears than my own will hear the male grasshoppers' high-pitched singing. This performance is to attract a partner, and the scratchy sound is made by them rubbing their hind legs against their forewings. It is known as stridulation. We have several species of Grasshopper and Cricket on site at Hickling, come along and see which species you can find.  
(Bob Morgan – NWT Hickling Reserve Warden)

### **A rare sighting at NWT Hickling Broad in July.**

A black-winged kite arrived at the reserve late one evening in July and by the following morning, once the news had got out amongst the birding community people were rushing to the reserve to catch a glimpse of this non-migratory bird whose habitat is primarily of open land and semi-desert in North Africa and Asia. It's only the second or third ever UK sighting of this species.

Senior Nature Recovery Manager Helen Baczkowska said "We are seeing an increasing number of bird species arriving in the country that have previously been unusual to Norfolk. In recent years, great white egrets and bee-eaters have raised chicks for the first time in Norfolk and now this incredible, second-only sighting of a black-winged kite seen in the UK"



Photograph of black-winged kite by Marcus Nash - @norfolkbirdtour

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Rachel Frain – Senior Visitor Centre Coordinator Hickling Broad

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A lion died and went to heaven. When he got to the pearly gate Saint Peter told him that new rules were in effect due to the advances in education. In order to gain admittance a prospective heavenly soul must answer two questions:

1. Name two days of the week beginning with "T".
2. How many seconds are there in a year?

The lion thought for a few minutes and answered...

1. The two days of the week that begin with "T" are Today and Tomorrow.
2. There are twelve seconds in a year.

Saint Peter said, "OK, I'll buy the Today and Tomorrow answer, even though it's not the answer I expected. But how did you get twelve seconds in a year?" The lion replied, "Well, January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd, etc..." Saint Peter opened the gate without another word.

Hope you enjoyed the light hearted start to this report. As you can see we enjoy a laugh and although our club has a serious side, raising funds and supporting our local community, we do so in a friendly, fun and rewarding manner. We are always looking for new members or helpers, so if you'd like to join in the fun, we'll be happy to see you at one of our Social meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month, or our Business meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, in the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Stalham Rd, Hoveton. For more information please visit our website and click on the contact us/learn more link

You will also see our *Hoveton Lions Charity Village Fete* poster signs out and about in Hoveton and there's information on our Website. Come along and enjoy a great day out for all the family on *Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Aug from 10am until 4pm*.

If you want your good quality Bric a Brac or clean clothing sold to benefit worthy local charities and good causes, bring them along to the Lions shop in the precinct, or we can collect – just ring 01603 783737. This month our £100.00 shop draw goes to Hoveton St Peters Church nominated by RH from Hoveton. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the shop, so if you would like more information, drop into the shop and talk to a member of staff.

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*Lion Mick Holden,  
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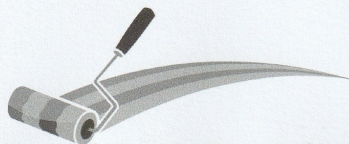
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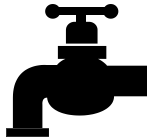
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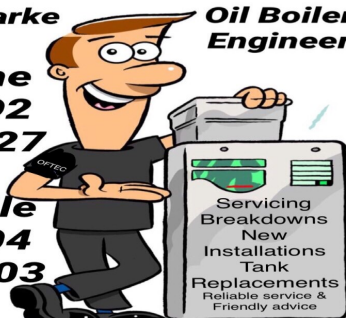
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