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Your village magazine

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The new bench and planter on Jubilee Corner

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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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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 4th October 7.00pm

Coffee & Chat Club

Friday 6th October - 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

Route Number **CEN 210**

Calls on **Tuesday**

Next Visit **Tuesday 3rd October**

Thorn Road 14:45 - 15:05

Village Hall 15:10 - 15:30

**Catfield Stitching Group - Tuesday 10th and
Tuesday 24th 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 25th 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

BULB PLANTING

The Catfield Environmental Group will be planting bulbs around the village on 7th and 14th October.

If you would like to help contact

catfieldenvironmentalgroup@gmail.com

07932191558

Ceilidh

Saturday 14th October

7.30pm

Catfield Village Hall

(see page 19 for more information)

BINGO

BINGO will be back on **Friday 20th October**
in Catfield Village Hall

Ambulia,
Bungalow next to Chapel

I came home in my car to find two lots of dog poo across the back of the front garden. I wonder if this is the same person as previously mentioned in the magazine. Not nice when you have not got a dog yourself.

Val Gibson

Please clear up after your dog

There are four dog poo bins in the village, one of them on the corner by the chapel, so please be a responsible dog owner and clear up after your dog and put it in one of the bins provided.

For sale

Hi, I am thinning out my craft dies, (card making, scrap booking etc.) and will be selling them for £3.00 each. Mostly Tattered Lace, Sue Wilson and Tonic.

If anyone is interested in having a look at them please ring Joan 07366139044.

I live in Catfield.

Ladies Swimming Group

Hi, I am Sylvia and I run a ladies Swimming Group

on a Thursday night 6 pm till 7 pm.

I am looking for some ladies to join us.

For more information call Sylvia

on 01692 583151 or 07470655799

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.

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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.

How to report a highways problem!

- Roads, pavements and cycleways problem types
- Public right of way or trail problem types

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

Following the website link above scroll down and select the picture that most applies to the problem you are reporting.

You will be asked to sign in by logging on or as a guest. You can do either, but if you log on as a guest, you will not get the updates.

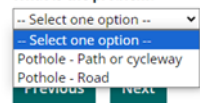
A dropdown menu will appear which will be related to the above picture that you clicked on such as the pothole option I clicked on earlier as an example.

You will be asked to put in an address and place a pin on the map. Use your cursor to click on the location.

Next you will be asked for further information relating to the issue, such as dimensions of a pothole if that is your issue.

This is the preferred method of reporting, however if you are unable to use the system or a computer, then please contact the Catfield Parish Council with as much details as possible. Their details can be found in this magazine.

What is the problem?



Catfield Parish Council meeting highlights

Wednesday 06th September 2023

- **Public update:**
 - Complaint that grass cutting on the football field had not been done properly. PC to confirm with contractor that grass must be cut up to boundaries, where safe to do so.
 - Ludham Road/old Potter Higham Road grass cutting safety issues. Cllr Price to follow up as PC have already addressed this with Highways.
- **Cllr Taylor and Cllr Bayes update:**
 - Stalham High Street task force meeting end Sept/early Oct
 - Malthouse Lane planning will be called in to planning committee.
- **Cllr Price update:**
 - 3 speed roundels have been requested for Catfield.
- **Standards committee hearing** – Cllr Bacon refused to carry out one of 2 sanctions of apologising to the Snellings for his misconduct but agreed to attend the recommended Equality and Diversity training. As the PC has no further powers to enforce sanctions not carried out, it was agreed to close the matter.
- **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)** – Awaiting decision.
 - **Siting of Mobile Home on land off School Road/Ludham Road** – NNDC enforcement officer not inviting retrospective planning permission but advised to move the static to the rear of the property of Catefelda.
 - **Store Galore Containers (retrospective planning)** – 6-week retrospective planning extension to be queried by Cllr Bayes.
- **Mushroom site verge** – PC to contact highways regarding a public footway.
- **Playing field car parking** – Sign and Litter bin installed.
- **Highways** – Potholes to be reported through the highway's website.
- **Fenside** – Suggested meeting dates in October from Highways to be agreed.
- **Canon Wake Court** – PC discussed whether compensation given to the residents was adequate and in line with national figures. PC to contact residents to ensure they have all the resource and support needed to make changes following the road name change.
- **Allotments** – Plots still available to Parishioners.
- **Village Hall** – Changes to the Village Hall may take months to years. Funding will need to be assessed at that time and should not compromise the maintenance and safety of the current village hall by not using funds they currently have.
- Please refer to the website for full details of meeting minutes.



The Three Reasons Your House Isn't Selling And What To Do About It!

Are you trying to sell your home? Perhaps after the market in recent years, you were hoping for a quick sale, maybe even a stampede of viewers with offers flying in and the price rising, but instead, you've just had tumbleweeds? Read this article to find out why your home might not be getting the interest you were expecting and how to fix it.

As you put your property on the market for sale, your mind is swimming with anticipation. How long will it take to sell? Which property will become your next family home? The possibilities and excitement build until, eventually, your launch day to the market arrives, and you see your home on the websites. You wait patiently for the phone to ring with viewing requests as you read through the comments on the agent's social media pages. But, by the end of the day, nothing. It feels like an anticlimax.

Maybe the buyers just haven't had time to arrange viewings yet; they could need to get childcare or arrange time off work, so you keep the hope that tomorrow is a new day and the viewing appointments are bound to come flooding in.

This build-up of anticipation and resulting anticlimax is a rollercoaster; before long, you will feel dejected. You won't wake up daily to excitedly check your emails and see if there are viewings. You will simply get on with your day. You will walk down your path at the front of your home, and the for sale board will stand there proudly as a constant reminder that you are trying very hard to sell your house but, so far, without success.

So, what can you do to turn this around? How can you make your property appeal to potential buyers when the market is a little tricky, and there are not as many buyers to go around?

1. **Presentation** - How your property is presented is crucial in a buyer's decision to come and view. If your photography puts them off, then they will simply skip it. Ensure your home is presented well, clutter is cleared, and everything is clean and tidy. This will make your home seem bigger and allow the viewers to see the property, not just your stuff.
2. **Price** - Price is a significant consideration for buyers, and they will be able to gauge which properties are slightly overpriced after investing time in their search. Buyers will view properties within their price bracket, so they will quickly build up a knowledge of the local market within that bracket, and if a property is a little overpriced, it will stand out to them. Make sure that you have based your price on evidence of recent sales of similar properties. The market has changed, and the sky-high prices of previous years are just not holding up. Be realistic and place your property in the correct price bracket.
3. **Promotion** - How is the property being promoted? Is your agent utilising all channels to promote your property, showcasing it to the correct audience and ensuring broad market coverage? The key is to ensure that as many of the right buyers for your property are aware of the property being available for sale. Your strategy should target the right buyers in as many ways as possible to ensure they have seen it.

If your property is presented beautifully, priced correctly and marketed to ensure the target audience will see it, the viewing appointments should start rolling in. You can't force a viewer to make an offer, but if they see that your property could be perfect for them, they will surely fall head over heels in love with it once they are through the door and can envisage their own lives in your property.

If you need any help with marketing your property and getting those all-important viewing appointments, contact our property experts today for more information about how they can help you.

www.trettplillipsresidential.co.uk e. daniel@trettplillipsresidential.co.uk t. 01692 531400



All Saints' Church Catfield October Services

Sunday 1st October 10am Benefice Holy Communion at **Ludham** Rev'd Gary Noyes

Sunday 8th October 10am Holy Communion at **Ludham**
10am Harvest Songs of Praise at **Catfield** followed by
Bring and Share Harvest lunch Judith Gardiner LLM

Sunday 15th October 10am Joint Holy Communion at **Catfield** Rev'd Gary Noyes
Harvest Morning Worship at **Ludham** Lynda Savage AWA

Sunday 22nd October 10am Benefice Holy Communion at **Potter**. Visitation and
service taken by the Venerable Steven Betts, Archdeacon of Norfolk

Sunday 29th October 10am Joint Service with the Methodist Church at **Ludham**
6pm Evening Prayer and fellowship at **Catfield**

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

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

John Keats's ode to the Autumn season is one of great classics of poetry. It was composed after a walk near Winchester one autumn evening. The poem is a rich description of the beauty of autumn that focuses on both its lush and sensual fruitfulness and the melancholy hint of shorter days. Keats ends his poem evoking the closing of the season and finding a parallel in the beauty of an early-evening sunset. His words depict the haunting beauty in the quiet winding down into winter.

Our own existence has autumn seasons too. Decreasing light levels mean we will be indoors more, swathed in jumpers against the cold winds and creeping frosts. Autumn should be a time to reflect on successes, ponder our failures, make plans for next Spring. Resting, as Nature does, is very important- we cannot safely operate at full speed seven days a week, 52 weeks per year, despite the blandishments or threats from the "experts". Autumn reminds us to take stock. The temporary will pass, the completed can be laid aside, and only the important needs our attention now. Next year's fruitfulness will depend on our rest and recovery now.

Isaiah the prophet summed up things rather well- and added the crucial reminder- Life changes..... but God does not.

"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever."

Time then, to listen. What is the Lord saying today? His eternal Promise stands; the Kingdom of God is among us. What purpose does God hold in front of us next? How will we use our God given talents and be fruitful next year?

Enjoy the autumn glories! And prepare to see the wonders and mighty works that God will do.

Christine Wall Authorised Worship Assistant



Enid Pauline Waters
12.07.1932 - 02.09.2023

Cathy, Tim and Dibs are sad to announce the passing of their beloved mum, Enid on 2nd September. She was mother, grandmother and great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Enid lived in Catfield all her life. When she was a teenager, she worked at Beeston Hall as a scullery maid and then in the kitchens. She married Claude on the 1st August 1953 at All Saints Church, Catfield and they were together over 50 years. At the start of their married life, they lived in one of the thatched cottages in Catfield Street. Her eldest children, Catherine and Timothy were born at the cottage before the family then moved to Long Lane, where Belinda was born.

Enid always worked hard. When her family were young, she worked in Stalham picking fruit at Kings, stringing beans and sorting potatoes and in later life she became a cleaner at Catfield Primary School and for families in Catfield and Ludham.

She and Claude moved to a bungalow in St Catherine's Avenue in the late 80s and she loved her garden and took great pleasure in working outside and in feeding the birds and watching the butterflies that visited her there.

She was an avid knitter and her older grandchildren; Iain, Jamie, Cara and Mark, had numerous picture knits, including Bisto Kids, A-Team, 101 Dalmatians and Little Miss Sunshine. She spent countless hours cross stitching and card making and when failing eyesight meant she could no longer follow patterns she started to knit for charity and over the years made hundreds of hand puppets, which were sent to Kosovo, several large blankets for disaster areas and quite a few very small blankets and tiny bonnets for premature babies.

She passed away peacefully at home, after a stay in hospital, not long after her 91st birthday. She will be missed by us all and leaves a big hole in our family.

We would like to say a special thank you to Auntie Jean (Cushion) for spending time with Mum in her final months, reminiscing about family and times gone by.

A special Service for Licenced Lay Ministers was held at Norwich cathedral on Saturday, 16th September at 10.30 am and included the Licencing by Bishop Graham of Judith Gardiner who will be serving in the Waterside Benefice (Catfield, Ludham and Potter Heigham). This is the culmination of two and a half years of study with Durham University and was attended by many local people. Judith would like to remind people that she has not been raised to the high status of a Vicar, but will continue to take services within the Benefice but also has dedicated her life to serving all who live in the three parishes.

Waterside Benefice- new Life Group starting!

We will be starting a Life Group on 4th October, at 7.15pm, and will initially be meeting on a fortnightly basis. The first one will be at Hall Common Farm, Ludham, NR29 5NS, by kind permission of Stephen and Anita Pitkethly. There will be a mixture of music, reflection, discussion and prayer, and everyone is welcome to join us from across the area. Further details from Revd.Gary- 01692 678842, or granoyes@gmail.com.

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Revd. Gary Noyes

Priest in Charge of The Waterside Benefice. The Vicarage, Norwich Road, Ludham, Norfolk, NR29 5QA Tel:01692 678842. My usual work days are: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Tip: Teapots with seriously stained spouts can be cleaned with salt. Pack the spout with salt and let it sit overnight. Then run boiling water through the pot, washing away the salt to reveal the cleaned spout. If some stain persists, rub the spout with a cotton bud dipped in salt.

Farming News October 2023

Combining has finally finished. Generally, yields and quality have been good but it didn't half drag on with crops arriving at store just before they began to deteriorate. Potatoes are a bit variable with those crops planted on time yielding quite well but crops planted 2 months later are still very immature as well as being small and mis-shaped, which requires additional grading costs to achieve the acceptable standard. All this at a time when prices have dropped considerably. I've done trial digs on the sugar beet and maize crops. Both crops are immature with low sugars and dry matters but yields are very good which is encouraging because those crops are grown on contract at the best prices we have seen.

All the cover crops are drilled and look well. The majority are stubble turnips grown for the sheep- there are 800 coming later in the year- luckily someone else, with a dog, is grazing the fields. However, I've met the dog in question and he doesn't resemble a sheep dog so it remains to be seen if this way of improving soil will be a success. Black oats in front of potatoes look well. Mustard for the partridges and wild bird seed mixes for the pheasants are the other covers. We'll see which areas the game birds like, it might be quite difficult to drive birds in the right direction out of a 30 acres field of Black Oats.

With additional area of sugar beet this year and the potential for a large crop, I've re-lined both beet concrete pads with bales. I prefer to use a Maus, pronounced "mouse" (Google it) to load beet and create long heaps of beet alongside roads but if it's wet the beet pads are very useful in reducing mess.

The red deer are beginning to appear in late evening and early morning. I've come to the conclusion that the rut at Catfield is the equivalent of a festival for young people and old stags looking for fun. If you are out walking the stags may not appreciate that you are just exercising your dog and see you as a threat. Please keep away from them, they only have one thing on their minds. The rut also gives us an opportunity to establish how large the herd is and how many need to be culled. They need to be culled to remove the injured deer and to reduce crop damage. Heath Farm's crops were grazed badly this Summer and in places ate all the wheat and beans. Numbers have increased rapidly recently as it's been a long time since we've had any cold winter weather. A rough estimate is that there are 500-750 red deer hinds in the area and that is far too many. That number attracts poachers, who are only interested in making a quick buck and not interested in improving the herd's genetics. In fact, their clients want the big stags, so we spend hours at night time making sure the herd is not disturbed and all sightings of potential poachers are reported to the Police rural crimes officer for them to check out the details given to them.

Defra have put off the launch of Sustainable Farming Incentive until 18th September, apparently it wasn't quite ready for online applications- that's the only way to apply. Every month its delayed saves the government £166 million but wildlife suffers in the meantime. I have a horrible feeling that when it does finally open for business that there will be few options that can be integrated into a successful business and farmers might be hesitant about applying. That will save even more money and achieve very little. Now that Mr Gove has made nutrient neutrality optional rather than precautionary, who is looking out for river pollution if farmers have no incentives? Anglian Water?

AWA 11.9.2023



CATFIELD UNITED CHARITIES (POORS TRUST)



We would like to remind you that if you are in financial hardship and have lived in Catfield for over three years you can contact us at any time. Help can be offered in the form of grants at times of specific need.

Any applications for assistance received by the trust are held in the strictest confidence and only known to the Trustees who are Keith Bacon, Steve Beckley, Neil Jordan, Jennifer Harris and the Reverend Gary Noyes.

Contact details:

Keith Bacon: 01692581314

keithbacon@keme.co.uk

Chairman

Catfield United Charities

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: 01692 581314
keithbacon@keme.co.uk

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Lecture entitled - "Dahlias" by Don Andrews
in the Poppy Centre off Recreation Road
in Stalham (NR12 9BH) on
Friday 20th October, 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



Catfield Primary warmly welcomed back our families this month and it was such a pleasure to see all of the children eager to get back to school and catching up with their friends. We hope our families and community have enjoyed a wonderful Summer and are making the most of the warm weather whilst it is with us.

We have lots of wonderful learning lined up for our children this term, including some exciting trips. Next month our Cheetahs (Year 3 & 4) are heading to Norwich Castle and our Panthers (Year 5 & 6) are heading to Gressenhall.

Our youngest children, Tigers & Cubs (Pre-school & Reception) have been busy exploring their classroom and new outdoor area. They have loved having more space and have been busy building swimming pools with our large construction. Our Reception children have started their phonics and maths and have thoroughly enjoyed learning their numbers through lots of games. We look forward to what this new school year has to bring!

Lucy Amis
(Senior Teacher)



News and happenings – Catfield Environmental Group October 2023



Projects

Our next litter pick takes place on Saturday 16th September (postponed from 2nd September). We have been concerned about the amount of rubbish that is left around, rather than *in*, the glass, paper and clothing containers in the village hall car park and the potential harm to people and wildlife of broken glass and other debris, and so will be aiming to clear that area as best we can.

The containers bring in income for the Parish Council each year, but, as both glass and paper for recycling are collected from our homes by North Norfolk District Council, we'd like to encourage residents to use this service if the containers are full. Also, please note that cardboard can go in your green recycling bin but *not* in the paper container (there is a useful reminder of what can be put in your green bin at this link: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-services/what-goes-in-my-bin/>).

By the time you read this we will have planted some more daffodil bulbs around the village to add to last year's total of 4,000. Further planting sessions are planned on the mornings of Saturdays 7th and 14th October, so please do come along and help if you can. Locations are still being finalised, so contact us for details (see below) or keep an eye on our Facebook page.

We held a successful walk in Ludham on 15th August and another in East Ruston on 10th September. We hope to return to Catfield footpaths shortly. Our walks are open to everyone, and you will find details on our Facebook page or you can contact us at the details below.

Fundraising

Bingo

Our first bingo session of the autumn comes up on Friday 15th September, with the next on Friday 20th October. All sessions are at 7 pm at the village hall.

Christmas Fair

We are currently planning a Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday 2nd December, with gifts and goodies for sale at stalls in the village hall, refreshments in the marquee outside and hopefully some children's games. Further information to come in due course!

Contact: 07932 191558 / catfieldenvironmentalgroup@gmail.com.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust – Hickling Broad

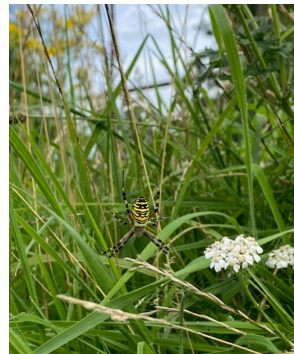
We missed updating you in September so this month we thought we should tell you about what's been happening on the reserve.


September offered us some of the most spectacular sunsets of the year and brought us the first real morning mists and dews over the Broad. Amongst them appeared the first record of Wasp Spider for the reserve. It was found in long grass in an area specifically managed to allow wildlife to flourish in the picnic area right outside the Visitor Centre. First recorded in 1920 this is a southern spider species that has expanded its range northwards through the UK. It has been in Norfolk for a while, but this represented the first authenticated reserve record. The female Wasp Spider is a large, solitary spider spectacularly and beautifully marked with black, yellow and white across its abdomen (hence its name). It spins an orb-shaped web with a zig-zag pattern of silk in the centre that is believed to reflect UV light, attracting pollinating insects such as bees, flies and moths.

We were thrilled to announce that the first juvenile Eurasian Spoonbills fledged from Broadland in almost 400 years from the reserve. This event caused a minor ripple through the local news community, both BBC and Channel 4 News featured the reserve and its star attraction. With local dialect names such as *Banjo Bill* and *Shovelard* in existence to describe this bird with the elongated spatulate bill, it is clear that this species was once widespread in the Broads and Fens of East Anglia. Having attempted breeding two years ago on the reserve it is fantastic that three young, known as *teaspoon*, fledged from two successful nests.

Whilst we are pleased to be able to report these events we should not lose sight of the fact that the species above are two examples of creatures that have expanded their breeding ranges north and west through north-west Europe as a result of global warming and climate change.

Rachel Frain, Senior Visitor Centre Co-ordinator, Hickling Broad
www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk





*Would you like some company this Christmas?
You are welcome to come to*

Catfield Community Christmas

Free Christmas Lunch
with afternoon entertainment and games

**Catfield Village Hall
Monday 25th December
12:30pm – 4:00pm**

Please book in advance by December 15th

Email: dianarackham@hotmail.com
Phone: Monica and Barry 01692 581587

*If you would like to help or support this event in anyway,
please also use the contact details above*

stationerytree.com

“The Catfield Ceilidh”

with

The Occasional Ceilidh Band
and caller, Rod Purdy

14th October 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**

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Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat



The crew have been training regularly as we continue to have sunny weather. They have been practicing search patterns outside the reefs on Cannon Portal as well as launch and recovery with the smaller boat. As the darker nights draw near, water-based training will mainly be on Sunday mornings with more class-based training taking place on a Thursday evening.

Exciting news, we've been contacted by Santa's Elves whom have advised that Santa is planning to visit Sea Palling again this year. Watch this space for further details on dates and where he will be, as well as our social media pages.

Have you ever thought about volunteering in your local community? Do you enjoy being part of a team and helping others? Then we would really like to talk to you. We are looking to recruit volunteer members for various roles, including, boat and shore crew, fundraising and maintenance. No experience necessary. For further information please contact us via Facebook, email info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk or pop in and see us for a chat. There is a role for everyone.

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



NORFOLK WHERRY BRASS BAND PLAYS TO HELP KEEP HISTORIC WHERRIES SAILING

The pleasure wherry Hathor was the most appropriate backdrop for a charity concert by The Norfolk Wherry Brass Band.

Musicians from the band performed alongside the wherry on the bank of the River Ant at How Hill to raise funds for the Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust that restores, maintains and operates five of the remaining eight pleasure wherries in the world.

The concert was part of a summer programme of free events organised by volunteers at the charity to raise funds for and awareness of the work they do to “Keep History Sailing”.

Charity spokesperson Judith Keogh says: “Members of the band travelled from all over Norfolk to perform for the charity and we cannot thank them enough for giving up their free time to support us.”

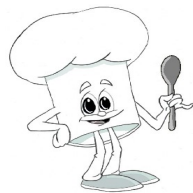
“From the beginning of May to the end of September, Wherry Yacht Charter runs a programme of scheduled sailings, bespoke charters, viewings and events which are enjoyed by visitors from all over the UK and abroad. Income from these activities is a vital source of funding to preserve the historic wherries for future generations.”

The Wroxham-based charity welcomes enquiries from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, joining the Friends group or making a booking. More details can be found on the website: www.wherryyachtcharter.org



Photo shows Judith Keogh (third right) with members of The Norfolk Wherry Brass Band.

Chef's Specials



Apple Cake

Ingredients

225g self-raising flour
Good pinch of salt
Pinch of ground cloves
115g butter, at room temperature
4 cooking apples
11g caster sugar
2 eggs, beaten
A little milk to mix
Granulated sugar to sprinkle over

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170C and butter a 20cm/8inch round cake tin.
2. Sift the flour, salt and ground cloves into a bowl. Cut in the butter and rub in until the mixture is like fine breadcrumbs.
3. Peel and core the apples. Slice them thinly and add to the rubbed in mixture with the sugar
4. Mix in the eggs and enough milk to make a fairly stiff dough, then turn the mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle with granulated sugar.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 30-40 minutes or until springy to the touch.
6. Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container until ready to serve cold as a cake or warm with cream or custard.

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October at the Museum of the Broads

Now the nights are drawing in, our thoughts may turn to ghost stories. With Hallowe'en at the end of the month, the Museum of the Broads is a great place to find out more.

From Thursday 19 October to Sunday 29 October, you can enjoy a special Hallowe'en Trail for families. Discover the ghosts of the Broads, see where and when they haunt, and watch out for the Museum's own witches hiding in the shadows! There are spooky prizes for all who complete the trail. Included with Museum entry.

Make a day of it and enjoy a unique river trip on our steam launch, Falcon, or our accessible electric boat, Marsh Harrier. What wildlife will you spot? There is a great picnic area by the riverside and drinks, panini and afternoon tea are available to purchase.

Stop Press: For those brave enough, come along to a haunting ghost story telling evening – see website for full details.

The Museum is open on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Activities for all ages, and dogs are welcome too.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681
www.museumofthebroads.org.uk on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram



WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

On August 24th Lion President Mick Holden, together with Lions Andy Spight, Tony Risebrow and Janina Schiebler on behalf of the club, were very happy to provide brothers Eddie (pictured) and Gary Firman, the Countryside Litter Pickers, with a Street Cleaning Barrow to aid them in their efforts to keep the countryside clean. They have, for a number of years, voluntarily carried out litter picking in and around the local villages of Horning, Ashmanhaugh, Hoveton and Neatishead on foot, but were finding it difficult to carry the bags (purchased at their own expense) of litter. Hopefully, the barrow will help them in their quest for a good number of years to come.



Can you help with time, skills or funds, if so, please contact us and get involved. We would love to hear from you.

Just contact any listed contact using the ‘Learn More’ link on our website www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org

Sunday 8th October sees the return of our popular **Craft Fair**. Free entry, Local Crafts, food and refreshments available. Come along and you might find that elusive present.

We are members of the **Community at Heart Lottery**, which helps fund our work and gives you the chance of winning the top prize of **£25000**, plus the monthly super draw with the chance to win an exciting prize. For those of you who are supporting us in this way we'd once again like to say a huge thank you. If you haven't signed up yet visit our page -

<https://www.communityatheartlottery.com/support/wroxham-and-hoveton-lions-club>

Our Lions Shop in the Hoveton precinct is always on the lookout for good quality Bric a Brac or clean clothing, so please bring them along or we can collect – just ring **01603 783737**. Would you like to volunteer to help in the shop? If so, drop into the shop and talk to a member of staff. This month's winner of our £100 charity draw is, H C of Wroxham, who donated goods to the shop and nominated the British Heart Foundation.

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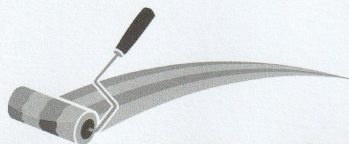
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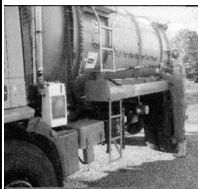
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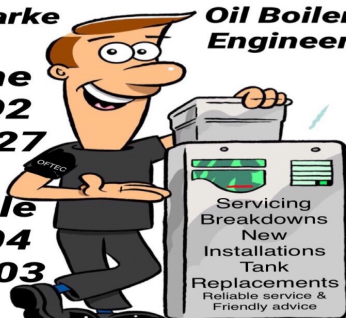
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