

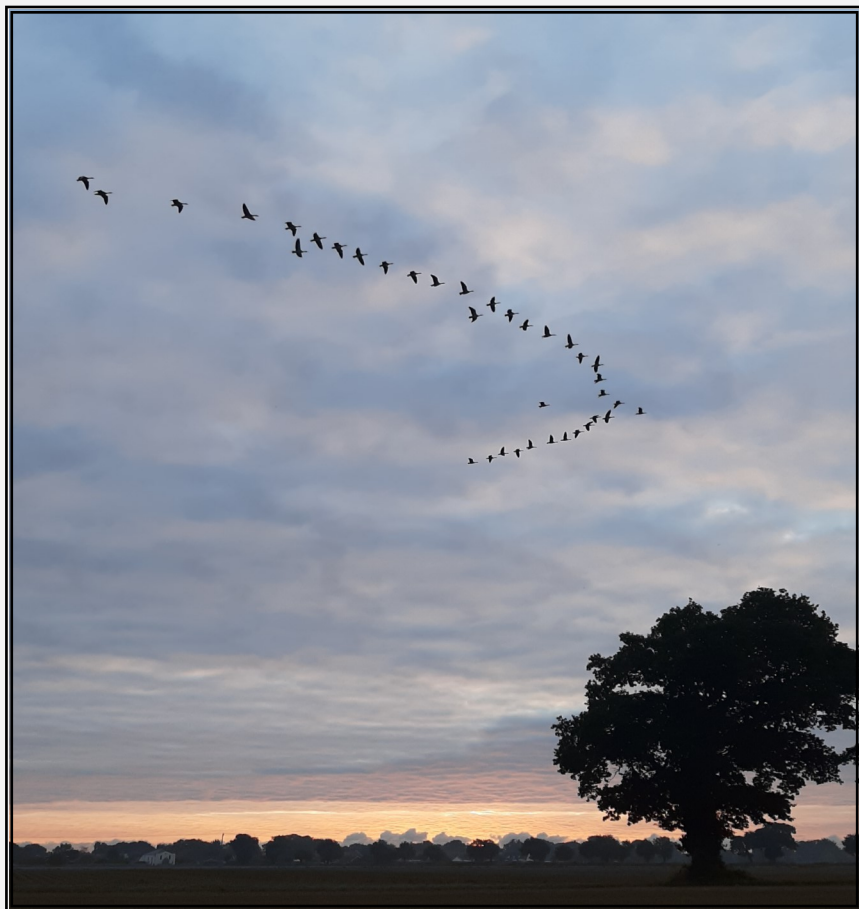


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www.staithesurgery.co.uk 01692 582000

Surgery Hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm

Dispensary Hours

Monday to Friday 8.45am - 5.30pm

Closed for lunch each day 12.30pm - 1.30pm

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

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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

Norfolk County Council Mobile Library

Route Number **CEN 210**

Next Visit to Catfield is

Tuesday 1st October & Tuesday 29th October

Thorn Road 14:45 - 15:05

Village Hall 15:10 - 15:30

Catfield Village Hall

Friday 4th October 10.30 onwards

Come and join us for coffee and cake, a chat in a warm space and perhaps play a game of scrabble, dominoes or rummikub before finishing with a tasty bowl of soup.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

For more information contact Judith on 01692 615807

Catfield Stitching Group
Tuesday 8th October & 22nd October
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 07906 097007
for more information. £2.00 per session.

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

Ceilidh
Saturday 12th October
7.30pm
Catfield Village Hall
See page 18 for more info

Catfield Crafters
Wednesday 23rd October
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

Illustrated talk by Friends of Horsey seals
Wednesday 23rd October
7.30pm
Catfield Village Hall
See page 19 for more info

Parish Council Meeting
Catfield Village Hall

Wednesday 30th October, 7.00pm.

Trick or Treat?
by Ciéra Cree

Walking under a starlit night
Playing make-believe

Dressed up as your favourite character
The one from the TV

Chatting non-stop, counting lollipops
Unable to believe your luck

Your plastic pumpkin's full
With a candy haul

Trick or treat?
Well, for treats you were in luck!

Articles 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, or maybe an old picture of an area that has been redeveloped. Articles and pictures can either be e-mailed to one of the team or dropped into the Catfield News box in the Catfield Stores.

Deadline for receipt of articles for November magazine is 10th October

CATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2024

Public Update

No comments raised

Councillors Bayes and Taylor Update

- Councillor Taylor advised that he had raised the issue of the time taken to determine the Malthouse Lane planning application with North Norfolk District Council (NNDC). He also advised that the list of conditions to be attached to the Store Galore planning application should be available for review by the end of the week. Councillor Bayes had asked NNDC for a full review of all the outstanding enforcement cases across his three parishes, including Catfield. They both would welcome suggestions from residents as to what they could do in Catfield as part of the community payback scheme.

Councillor Price Update

Councillor Price did not attend the meeting.

Planning

- **Update on Milestones** - Councillors Harris, Edwards and Briscoe have a meeting with Russell Williams of NNDC on Monday 9th September. The complaint regarding the determination of the Milestones planning application will not be pursued directly but the PC's concerns will be raised at the meeting. The main issues are the lack of response to correspondence and enforcement. The section 106 agreement has now been completed and the issue of how the monies are to be allocated will also be raised. It was agreed that a questionnaire will be sent to all the other Parish Councils in the NNDC area to ascertain whether they are experiencing the same planning issues as Catfield. A meeting will also be arranged with the new MP for NNDC. A rather dismissive letter had been received regarding the rats on the Milestones site. The PC will write to NNDC Environmental Health regarding this. District Councillor Taylor also offered to take the matter up on behalf of the original complainant.
- **Siting of mobile home on land off School Lane/Ludham Road** - A parishioner advised that a letter, signed by 15 residents, expressing their concerns had been sent to NNDC. The impending enforcement date is 13th September and the PC will follow the matter up after this date.
- **Store Galore – Application for retrospective planning permission**
A parishioner advised that he had seen the Minutes of the Development Committee meeting where the application had been determined but had heard nothing else. The PC had requested information regarding the other two sites owned by Store Galore and this had eventually been received.
- **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 pit (part retrospective)** - Hedging had been removed along the site adjacent to Long Lane. The PC had notified NNDC and had been advised that the matter was being investigated. A further letter was to be sent to emphasise the point that Long Lane was a classified C road and that any access onto it would require planning permission.

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Planning (cont'd)

- **CL/24/1249 – Fenview, 3 Fenside Cottages – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for use of land as residential garden.** The application for a certificate of lawful use or development had been refused. A letter would be sent to NNDC asking that enforcement action be taken in respect of the large building that had been constructed on the land. The PC also noted that there had been a data protection breach in respect of personal information placed on NNDC's website.
- **Land Adjacent to Landes, The Street – Erection of a single self-build dwelling** - The PC objected to the application on the grounds of potential overdevelopment on a small site and issues regarding access.
- **Unit 7, Catfield Industrial Estate – Lawful Development Certificate for proposed installation of self-storage cabinets and mezzanine floor within building** - As the response from NNDC was "Permission not required" no further PC action
- **National Planning Policy Framework** - This was out for consultation. Councillors Briscoe and Jeffreys to review.
- **NNDC Local Plan** - The Inspector had written to NNDC raising a number of concerns regarding the proposed local plan. NNDC will need to address these concerns and then go out to public consultation. The PC will respond to the consultation when it goes out.
- **Lea Road Pre-Planning Advice** - Although no formal planning application had been submitted, a letter would be sent to NNDC raising concerns about ecological issues regarding the site. NNDC would be urged to involve the Broads Authority in any planning application for the site.
A follow up letter would also be sent regarding the cutting down of trees on the site.

Highways & Road Safety

- **Village Hall Bus Shelter** - Councillor Dr Harris gave an update. Monies were available from a County Council bus improvement scheme to improve accessibility at the existing bus stop. A meeting will be arranged on site with Highways and Councillor Price to discuss positioning of the bus shelter and accessibility for wheelchairs. By the next meeting the PC needed to know the final cost and the position of the bus shelter.
- **Update re cutting of verges and option to take ownership of grass cutting from Highways** - The PC declined to take up ownership of grass cutting from Highways. The PC had previously written to Highways regarding the timing of verge cutting. An email had been received from Highways but the response was not satisfactory. A further letter would be sent asking for answers to the PC's specific questions.
- **New Road – roadside nature reserve designation** - The PC were unaware that New Road had been chosen but noted the designation.
- **Possible improvements to industrial area at Sutton Road/A149 junction** - The PC requested CAT to discuss this matter with the landowner.
- **Other highways/road safety issues** - The PC noted that Highways had tended to the overhanging trees on the junction of New Road onto the A149 as requested by the PC.

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Environmental

- **Catfield Action Team** - There will be a litter pick on 8th September. Planting sessions are scheduled for 22nd and 29th September and 1st October at 10.00 am. The next Bingo session is on 20th September. A prize quiz will be held on 27th September at the Village Hall. There will be a talk in the Village Hall by the Friends of Horsey Seals on October 23rd at 7.00 pm. All welcome.
- **Potential Community Orchard (CAT project)** - CAT and CUC had had a positive meeting on site and CAT will be submitting a proposal to the PC.
- **Sandholes entrance** - The PC had received a request for steps to be installed at the entrance. After a discussion, the PC declined to provide steps as these might be problematic for some users, they would be costly and could prove to be a liability. As there were other access routes and this was a nature trail, the present position should remain.
- **Allotments** - Complaints had been received from some of the allotment holders. The CUC will fund hiring a skip and use a digger to remove the worst of the waste material on the site. A working party will be organised and inquiries made as to possible grants.

Correspondence

- **New Notice Board** - The new notice board should be in place by the end of the week.
- **Football Field Grass Cutting** - Following a complaint, the PC had communicated with the contractor who advised that he cuts where he can. It was agreed that an environmentally friendly fringe around the field should be encouraged and a letter to that effect sent to the parishioner.
- **New Bus Stop Request** - A parishioner had asked if an informal bus stop could be added on Elderbush Lane. A letter would be sent to the bus company requesting this.
- **Footpath southwards from the stables on Wood Street** - The PC had received a complaint from a parishioner who had tripped on the above footpath. The landowner's details had been requested. The PC agreed that the parishioner needed to check with the land registry to ascertain who was the legal owner and that the parishioner contact Norfolk County Council's Rights of Way section to report the obstruction. The clerk would advise the parishioner and would also write to NCC to advise of the obstruction.

Appointment of 3 CUC Trustees

Three CUC trustees need to be appointed. The closing date for applications is 18th September and the appointments will be made at the PC meeting on 25th September 2024.

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF MEETING MINUTES

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
25th SEPTEMBER 2024**



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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.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS

These are for residents disposing of hazardous household waste only, they are not for business, group or other organisations.

5th & 6th October 9am - 4pm
Norwich North Recycling Centre

26th & 27th October 9am - 4pm
Caister Recycling Centre

Check the website for more information

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste>



*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
Wednesday 25th December
12:00pm – 4pm

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*

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CATFIELD UNITED CHARITIES

(Poors Trust)

Applications are invited from parishioners who qualify for inclusion in the annual distribution of money from Catfield United Charities.

To qualify you need to:

- Be in financial need.
- Have been a resident in Catfield for 3 years or more.
- Adults of any age can apply to be included in the annual distribution list

If you think you, or another parishioner, are eligible to be included on the list, please contact the Trustees by 9th December 2024.

Tel: 01692 660250

Email: enquiries@catfieldunitedcharities.uk



All Saints Church, Catfield and the other churches in the Benefice October Services

Sunday	6th October	10am	Benefice Holy Communion for Harvest	Ludham	The Bishop of Thetford
Sunday	13th October	10am	Harvest Festival Songs of Praise followed by Bring and Share Harvest lunch in the church. All very welcome.	Catfield	Judith Gardiner LLM
		10am	Holy Communion.	Ludham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
Sunday	20th October	10am 10am	Joint Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Catfield Ludham	Rev'd Gary Noyes Stephen Pitkethly AWA
Sunday	27th October	10am 10am 6pm	Joint Holy Communion. Morning Prayer Evening Prayer with short Bible study	Potter Heigham Ludham Catfield	Rev'd Gary Noyes Christine Wall AWA Judith Gardiner LLM

The Old Photographs weekend 17th & 18th August.

I wish to say a large thank you to the three main people who gave their time and support to such a wonderful two days of displays in the village hall and the church showing visitors a bit of Catfield's history. It was lovely to hear people reminiscing about school days here in the village and sharing memories of old houses and businesses in Catfield past and present.

I have lived here for 52 years and I have noticed such a change, but we still have a great Public House and Village Shop which we need to keep supporting. We also have a wonderful Church, with keen supporters, without whom the special weekend would not have happened. So thank you, Judith Gardiner, Dianne Fernée & Keith Bacon.

P.S. cakes, sausage rolls, scones and cream teas, just perfect.

Yours in friendship,
Cathy J.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.....

These words immediately remind us of harvest time.

For the farmers, harvest is a time of hard work and anticipation, and for us in our villages we see the evidence in the huge combine harvesters which trundle along our lanes, see the grain being transported and the balers arriving.

Farmers labour throughout the year, nurturing their crops, hoping for a bountiful yield. When the harvest is finally gathered, it is a moment of relief and thanksgiving. Similarly, in our lives, we experience seasons of toil and waiting. We invest our time, energy, and resources into various endeavours, hoping for fruitful outcomes.

The harvest metaphor extends beyond agriculture. It speaks to the spiritual and communal aspects of our lives. Just as farmers gather crops, we gather experiences, relationships, and spiritual growth. We are called to recognize and appreciate these blessings, understanding that they are gifts from God.

In the Bible, the concept of harvest is frequently used to illustrate spiritual truths. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37). This reminds us of our responsibility to contribute to the spiritual harvest, sharing God's love and message with others.

As we reflect on "all is safely gathered in," let us also consider the importance of preparation and stewardship. Just as farmers prepare their fields and care for their crops, we must prepare our hearts and minds, nurturing our faith and relationships. We are stewards of the blessings we receive, called to use them wisely and generously.

In this season of thanksgiving, let us take a moment to count our blessings, to recognize the abundance in our lives, and to express our gratitude to God. Let us also commit to being labourers in the spiritual harvest, sharing our blessings and the message of God's love with those around us.

May we all find joy and peace in knowing that "all is safely gathered in," and may we continue to work towards a bountiful spiritual harvest in our lives and communities.

Harvest Festival for our Waterside Benefice will be celebrated in St Catherine's church on Sunday 6 October at 10am when we will be joined by the Bishop of Thetford. Do come along and join in this lovely annual celebration.

Christine Wall, Authorised Worship Assistant

Farming News

The debates about the future of agriculture rumble on, the drivers are still the same ie better environment, better water quality in rivers, farmland birds, carbon storage etc but now the Treasury appear to be looking at how much this costs to achieve the aims and have targeted a £100 million claw back of unused funds. I can see why this is attractive but farmers are historically slow to take up new (and different) subsidies. Producing food is what we do, we are not that focused on Public money for Public goods. Generally, farmers look over the hedge and talk in the pubs to make their decisions, some employ agents to guide them through the subsidy minefield. If the farmer at the bar appears to have a wallet full of cash, he must be doing something different and more lucrative. Then change happens but it takes time and time is something the Treasury don't have. My cover crops look wonderful and I'm glad I've engaged with the new subsidy system, my internal debate now is do I keep the Wild Bird Seed mixes for another season with no cost or plant sugar beet next year which has an 18% price reduction? I'm a farmer, of course I'll rip it up and grow sugar beet. I would urge farmers to apply for Sustainable Farming Incentive without delay and Capital grants in Countryside Stewardship before the shutters come down. Without the funding into agriculture, it's the wildlife that will suffer, river water quality will not change and the environment will suffer.

The biggest change in mindset is that contract farming agreements are no longer propped up by BPS and there is no financial safety net moving forward. So, contractors are going to have to adapt their current practices and take all the financial risk. Drilling winter cereals early seems to have resulted in lower yields compared to wheat drilled in Mid-October, so there is little opportunity for contractors to drill a larger area. All this at a time of lower combinable crop prices. So, one wonders what the future of a wheat, barley, oil seed rape, wheat, sugar beet, barley rotation is. Adding into the rotation some SFI might help but that doesn't require heavy kit that the contractor uses.

Bluetongue has appeared again. Its spread at this time of the year by midges from Europe flying over on the wind. We are supposed to be checking our stock regularly but I have to say I'm not 100% sure what I'm looking for as the cases to date have been picked up on blood tests. We are not certain if the fly repellants we use are successful in keeping the midges at bay or not.

Anyway, we keep our licenced movements up to date and pray the sheep don't get the virus.

The rams are in with the ewes, so lambing should start around Valentine's Day.

On one farm we have had badger damage to a crop of maize. It's been flattened and the cobs eaten. I wasn't even aware that the farm had any badgers or that they love maize cobs, so I'm putting my tracking skills to the test to find out where they have come from. The problem is that there is nothing we can do. Another Public good?

I see the Broads Authority have a consultation out on access for walkers and cycles. As the farmer who owns most of the footpaths in the village, I'm often asked by walkers how to get to the river. The answer is its difficult, can be dangerous in the wrong weather but more importantly there is no access for most of it. The problem is that most of the footpaths don't go anywhere, so I urge walkers to go on the Norfolk definitive footpath map, then think about where they want to walk and submit something to the consultation.

AWA 9.9.2024

Catfield History Weekend

Over the weekend of the 17th and 18th August there was an amazing collection of old photographs of Catfield on display in the village hall and an opportunity to participate in a walk to learn a bit more about the inhabitants and their relations in the churchyard.

This was of course organised by us as the fund raisers, but more than that, we were able to use the vast knowledge of the Church Warden and local historian, Dr Keith Bacon, who has lived all his life in Catfield.

We understand that it was a great tour which was not only very informative but given without notes and enjoyed by all who joined the tour. We have already been asked if we can do it again and that's something that will be put on the calendar for an afternoon next year.

Our thanks of course firstly goes to Keith who ran with our idea and whose knowledge proved invaluable. We would also like to thank the CAT group who having finished their bingo on the Friday night stayed and helped us put up the boards and the Monday morning table tennis group who couldn't play until the boards were removed and leapt into action. Thanks also to Century Printers who donated the posters and to all who supported us and sent in photographs for us to use.

The one thing that struck us both was the weekend brought together so many people. Some walking through the village looking at the photo boards and others who shared their knowledge and spent time perusing the photos and reminiscing about what life use to be like in Catfield and adding names to people in the photographs. This we would like to build on by having an afternoon tea and inviting you to come along and share your memories. Watch this space for further details of both events.

Although this was a free event with the sale of refreshments and some very generous donations for which we are very grateful we are able to say that £1,200 was raised. Thank you to all those who came along and made this event such a success, Don't forget its never too late to donate and this will allow us to provide you with a toilet within the church (dare we say it.....somewhere to spend a penny!)

Organising team
Dianne Fernee and Judith Gardiner

Tip:- If you have unintentionally got paint on glass it can be removed with hot vinegar. Just heat up white distilled vinegar either in a microwave or on the hob and use a cloth to wipe away the paint.

News and happenings – Catfield Action Team,

October 2024



If you have received your Catfield News early, there may *just* be time to enter our Prize Quiz, taking place on Friday 27th September, 7 pm at the village hall.

Illustrated talk by Friends of Horsey Seals (FOHS) – Wednesday 23rd October

Come and join us at the village hall to find out how FOHS volunteers care for and protect the Atlantic Grey Seal colony at Horsey and Winterton, and learn more about this fascinating species and the rescue service FOHS provides.

The evening starts at 7 pm with refreshments, with the talk by Cora Mullenger of FOHS starting at 7.30 pm. Cost is £3, free to members of Catfield Action Team.

Make your own Christmas wreath – Thursday 28th November

Just in time for Christmas, we will be running a wreath-making workshop in the village hall from 10 am to 12.30 am. Come along and learn how to make your own festive decoration to take home with you, along with a step-to-step printed guide. Numbers will be limited so please get in touch to book your space; cost £15.

Catfield Does Christmas – Saturday 14th December

A date for your diaries – a return of our evening event of great food, a quiz, a raffle and live music from local bands. More details to come!

Planting wildflower seeds and spring bulbs

It's bulb-planting session again! We are investing money that you have helped us raise in more daffodils and also spring bulbs (camassia, crocus, allium, iris and bluebells) and wood anemone rhizomes for the area around our planters and bench. Our initial planting sessions are Sundays 22nd and 29th September and Tuesday 1st October, all starting at 10 am. Please contact us for details of location or check our Facebook page and come and help colour Catfield!

We have also been busy preparing the ground in front of the planters for sowing wildflower seed. Our apologies if it looks a bit messy in the meantime, but we hope you are, like us, admiring the very smart new noticeboard that's now in place.

Sandholes

We will be at Sandholes this autumn removing surplus sycamore trees and seedlings and also clearing away rubbish and debris into a skip. Help with this would be very welcome, and we will advertise the date/s soon.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came and took part in our litter pick in September. We felt most of the village was looking tidier than it had done when we were last in action. The next event will be in March 2025.

Contact us at catfieldactionteam@gmail.com or 07932 191558 and find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Autumn Days Out at The Museum of the Broads

September and October are great months to take advantage of the tranquillity of the Broads. Come along and learn about the history and stories of the Broads, picnic beside the river and take a helmed boat trip. We have a craft table for children and are dog friendly too!

Our Steam Boat Falcon

One of our proudest collection items is the Edwardian steam boat Falcon. Not only is it part of our collection, but following extensive renovation work we will have it ready next season for you to once again have the opportunity to be a passenger on this vessel.

Hallowe'en at the Museum – October Half-Term

We are open throughout October Half-Term and will be putting on special Hallowe'en events which will make great days out for the whole family. Complete the Broadland Ghosts' Hallowe'en Trail and discover the spooky side of the Broads! Get into the 'spirit' of Hallowe'en by getting arty and crafty with Hallowe'en themed makes and meet our storyteller who will tell you ghost stories of the Broads. Don't forget to look out for the Wroxham witches and other spooky characters hidden around the Museum!

Annual Admission to the Museum

Remember! If you pay once for entry to the museum you can then visit as many times as you want for 12 months – so visit this Autumn and your ticket will remain valid until Autumn 2025.

We also have combined boat and entry tickets. See our website for details and how to book.

Open from 10am to 4pm on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, plus Mondays during the holidays.

Full details are on our website: www.museumofthebroads.org.uk



“The Catfield Ceilidh”

with

The Occasional Ceilidh Band
and caller, Rod Purdy

12th October 7.30-10.30 pm

Catfield Village Hall



**Tickets £10 to include jacket potatoes
and legendary puddings!**

Raising funds for All Saints Church, Catfield

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

Tel: 01692 581587



**Come and hear
all about our
local seal colony with
Friends of Horsey Seals**

Wednesday 23rd October
starting with refreshments

7pm for 7.30pm

Cost £3, free to members of Catfield Action Team

For queries 07932 191558 or catfieldactionteam@gmail.com

CATFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Wow what a busy first few days we have had back at Catfield! As ever, it was wonderful to see the children return from their Summer holiday in their brand new school jumpers and shiny shoes, excited to see their friends again.

We have taken time this week to get back into routines and set expectations. All of our children have settled back into school wonderfully and lots of great learning has been happening.

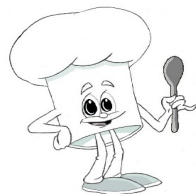
We have a jam-packed calendar this year, including trips, family events and services at the Church. We welcome members of the community to join us for our Church services, it would be lovely for you to see our children in action! This term we have our Harvest service on Friday 27th September at 9:30am, our Christingle on Monday 2nd December at 2:30pm, our Christmas service on Tuesday 17th December at 2:30pm and our KS2 Carol Concert on Thursday 19th December at 6pm.

Our new Reception children have been super brave and have settled into school really well. The photos below show that we have been spending lots of time playing, exploring our classroom and learning how to write our name!

Miss Amis
(Senior Teacher)



Chef's Specials



Pear and Apple Jam

Ingredients

6 peeled, cored and finely chopped pears
4 peeled, cored and finely chopped apples
1.25kg granulated sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
80ml bottled lemon juice
1 packet liquid pectin

Method

1. Crush the apples and pears in a large saucepan and stir in the cinnamon. Thoroughly mix sugar and lemon juice with the fruits and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly.
2. Immediately stir in pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, quickly skim off foam and put into sterile jars, leaving ½ inch headspace.
3. Wipe jar rims and process for 5 minutes in boiling water bath.

Pumpkin Pickle

Ingredients

400g pumpkin, peeled and cubed
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
200g sugar
200ml cider vinegar
1tbsp mixed spice
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Handful fresh sage, chopped
1 tsp oil

Method

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan and gently fry onion and garlic until translucent.
2. Meanwhile blanch the pumpkin in boiling water for about 5 mins until slightly soft. Plunge into iced water to cool, then drain.
3. Add the cubed pumpkin to the softened onion together with spice and stir well.
4. Once the pumpkin has heated through, add the sugar, vinegar and salt and freshly ground pepper and bring to boil.
5. Simmer for at least 40 minutes, until the pumpkin is really soft and sugar and vinegar thickened.
6. Adjust seasoning if necessary, stir in the sage and serve when cool.

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Once the weather improved, we had a busy summer with the pager going off on several occasions. This has meant we have dipped into our reserve fund due to our overall running costs increasing which has impacted all of our consumable items. So we are reaching out to you all for help, no matter how small, it all helps makes a difference to us being able to continue to save lives and provide the valuable rescue services we do.

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One Liner; Birth is life's first lottery ticket.



NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes

Daytime temperatures in the warm pockets of sunshine continue to promote memories of high summer, but increasingly shortening evenings and the cool of the subsequent night reminds us of the imminence of colder and harder times ahead. The verdant reedbeds on the reserve are increasingly becoming tinted with gold as leaves wither and fall. Sunsets at this time of the year can be spectacular. As the burning globe sets the darkening sky aglow with orange and red it is mirrored gloriously across both the open water of the Broad, and also across the reedbeds as the gently wavering purple seed heads glow in the evening light.

Phragmites australis, common reed, is the vibrant heart of NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes reserve. Home to the chattering and bustling migrant warblers in the summer, and the booming bittern, the squealing water-rail and the 'pinging' bearded tits that will soon gather in excited groups, spiral upwards into the autumn skies and head westwards in an attempt to locate new territory to expand their breeding range. It is also home to the Cetti's Warbler. A relatively recent colonist from the Continent, the first British record of Cetti's Warbler was as recent as 1961. The first Norfolk county record was, rather bizarrely, a bird picked up dead in London Street, Norwich, thought to have been a casualty of flying into a window. Nowadays it breeds copiously throughout wetland habitats in the county where it announces its often unseen presence with a loud, staccato burst of vibrant song. It holds linear territories along scrubby reed-edged ditches and dykes, as well as edges of reedbed habitat. It is the only warbler species resident in reedbeds throughout the whole year.

John Williamson – Senior Boat Operator



Cetti's Warbler – Nick Appleton

WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB

I hope everyone has been enjoying the recent lovely sunny weather, although the signs are there that winter is approaching with the nights now starting to draw in.

September saw our third Craft Fair of the year at Hoveton Village Hall. The event was fully booked, with 28 tables providing a wide selection of items and whilst somewhat slower than our earlier fairs, we saw a steady flow of people through the door. Once again, our delicious bacon rolls sold out! **Please make a note in your diaries that the next Craft Fair will be on 24th November** and this is again fully booked. It will be an ideal opportunity to buy some Christmas presents which are just that bit different.

Our charity shop continues to do well and there are lots of bargains to be had, so don't forget to pop in when next in the village.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the recent closures of the shop, which were to enable essential upgrading of the electrical system. We are pleased to advise that this work has now been completed and normal opening hours resumed, 7 days a week. As usual, all donations are welcome and we currently have various sales on clothing, books, and dvd's, so please call in.

The club Members are now starting to get the Sleigh ready for Santa's Christmas visits. Look out later for details of when and where we will be during December, and these will be posted on our Facebook page and website, and be included in our later reports.

2025 will be a special and exciting year for the Club, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary of serving the community and this will coincide with the 25th anniversary of our Charity Shop.

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Question - There may be welfare benefits that I or my older friends could be entitled to. Is there a website, leaflet or booklet that lists all the welfare benefits that are available?

Answer – Yes, one of which is The BenefitsGuide.co.uk. This is a free to use resource which provides clear and comprehensive information on all available UK welfare benefits. This includes guidance on benefit applications, appeals, emergency assistance & legal help. It has been estimated that up to £20 billion of welfare benefits go unclaimed every year in the UK so it is worth checking.

Question – I am thinking about making a will and I read that many will writers are not qualified, legal professionals but are allowed to operate, is this true?

Answer – Yes, it is estimated that there are over 200,000 unregulated, unauthorized providers as they are known in the UK. Unauthorised, in that they are not regulated in the same way as solicitors and barristers.

If you wish to use an unregulated will writer you should check to see if they are a member of a recognized trade body such as the Institute of Professional Will Writers or the Society of Will Writers where they must, as a member, act with integrity, treat their clients fairly and comply with legal and regulatory requirements.

The above information was provided by Angela Gifford, of Able Community Care

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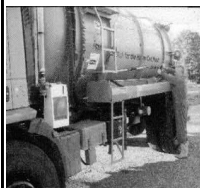
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