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Surgery Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm
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Wednesday 9.00am - 1.00pm
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VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYGROUND CLOSED DURING AUGUST

Please note

The village hall is having a new roof during the month of August and to conform with Health and Safety requirements the hall, car park and children's play area/field have to be fenced off and closed to the public allowing access for the builders only.

As yet we do not have an actual starting date but please assume it will be closed definitely from the second week until the fencing has been removed.

I am sorry for this inconvenience- but if the work is to be completed and open again for September there is no other option.

Judith Gardiner
Chairman

Whilst the village hall is closed in August the following regular events will be cancelled but will resume in September

Indoor Cycling

Join us for an invigorating workout in Catfield village hall,

Thursday evenings 6.45pm to 7.30pm.

Contact Sean Turner to book a bike.

M: 079 285 85838 Email: ptseanio@yahoo.com

Catfield Stitching Group

2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month

Please contact Pat Reid 07906 097007

for more information. £2.00 per session.

Catfield Crafters

4th Wednesday in the month

Contact Jennifer Banham on 01493 740560

for more information

Monthly BINGO

What is on in Catfield during August

First Friday of the month coffee, cake and chat event.

The event on Friday 1st August will take place at
2, Lea Road, weather permitting.

If weather not good the event will be in the village hall.

If you are coming please can you let Dianne Fernee know
by calling 01692 581409

The Mobile Library will visit Catfield on Tuesday 5th August

Thorn Road - 14:35 - 14:55

Village Hall - 15:00 - 15:20

CAT Walk 19th August

A quiet walk on Catfield roads, suitable for
wheelchairs and buggies.

6pm start at The Old Rectory, School Road.

Booking essential.

See CAT article on page 15 for more info.

Parish Council Meeting Catfield Village Hall Wednesday 27th August, 7.00pm.

Will take place if work on village hall roof
has been completed.

Please check Parish Council website to see if meeting is on.

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

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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.

August Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 27th August

The village hall will be closed during August whilst work is carried out on the roof. Exact dates of closure are not known at time of going to press so please check the Parish Council website before going to the meeting to check it is still taking place.

CATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE

Co-option of new Parish Councillor

There had been one application for the position from Mr Glen Bunting who was appointed.

Public Update

- No issues were raised.

Councillors Bayes and Taylor Update

- District Councillors Bayes and Taylor were unable to attend the meeting and had not produced a report.

Councillor Price Update

- Councillor Price advised that Norfolk County Council “(NCC)” are proceeding with plans for a single unitary authority for Norfolk. The Parish Council (PC) raised concerns regarding this and whether it would lead to a lack of representation. Councillor Harris proposed that the PC inform NCC that it is not in support of a unitary authority. Councillor Price also advised that he has now got a community fund budget of £5000 and gave examples of the type of projects that could be supported from this fund.

Planning

• PC’s Planning Questionnaire Results

Councillor Harris advised that a response had been received from Mr Blatch, CEO of North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) which raised specific issues regarding the PC’s calculations. Councillor Dr Harris advised how the calculations had been made and that they were statistically correct. Councillor Dr Harris to draft a response to Mr Blatch explain the PC’s methodology and response rates. The clerk to forward the correspondence between the PC and Mr Blatch to Councillor Price.

- **Store Galore – discharge of conditions on retrospective planning permission and application for a certificate of lawful use and development**

Councillor Bunting declared an interest in this matter. There was no further action for the PC at this time.

- **CL/24/1249 – Fenview, 3 Fenside Cottages – Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land as residential garden**

No further action at this time.

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- **Malthouse Lane Site – Appeals against refusal of planning permission and the enforcement notice issued by NNDC and Highways Issues**

Councillor Price provided an update on the highway boundary issue. Newly planted blackberry plants had been removed but NCC officers had not been able to locate any damaged NCC boundary post markers. The only discrepancy was a section of timber fencing which NCC did not believe was a deliberate land grab. NCC had not observed any barbed wire on the post and rail fence but this was disputed by the PC as Councillor Bacon advised that the barbed wire was on the northern end of the property boundary along Long Lane. Councillor Bacon will advise Councillor Price of the exact location of the barbed wire.

As to the appeals, the hearing will be held by a planning inspector on 12th August 2025 at Cromer. NNDC's website shows that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be necessary. The PC decided that it would be beneficial to have representatives at the hearing. The clerk to write to NNDC to confirm the details of the hearing.

Highways & Road Safety

- **Village Hall Bus Shelter and Disabled Parking Bay**

The PC had a number of concerns regarding the works. The dimensions of the disabled parking bay did not correspond with the original discussions and there was no signage on the disabled space. There was also an excavated area adjacent to the disabled parking bay which should have been laid with tarmac. Councillor Price said he would take photos and measurements and contact the contractors, Norse. It was proposed, and accepted, that the PC will not pay for the works until they have been completed. The PC would support Councillor Price in his efforts to get the work completed. Councillor Edwards had already drafted a letter to Norse which he read out and this would be forwarded to Councillor Price.

- **Plumsgate Road/Wood Street/Lodge Road Signage**

Although the PC had originally agreed to draft a letter to NCC, Councillor Edwards had reviewed the signage and stated that its distance from the road was in conjunction with the speed limit. It was therefore agreed that no further action would be taken.

- **Additional Bus Stop Funding**

Councillor Harris advised that there was a new Parish Partnership Scheme available which could provide a substantial contribution to the cost of another bus shelter. Councillors Briscoe, Edwards and Dr Harris were tasked to identify a suitable location for a potential new shelter and report back to the PC. The closing date for applications is December.

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Environmental

• Catfield Action Group

It was hoped that there would be another walk on August 19th. All are welcome to attend but could people advise CAT if they wished to come on the walk. The Village Fete had taken place on June 22nd and the PC agreed that it had been a great success, brilliantly organised and well received in the village.

Correspondence

• FloGas

An excellent response from FloGas had been received which made suggestions as to how the issue of the lighting on the site could be resolved. An offer of a meeting had been made and Councillors Harris and Johnson will attend once a meeting had been arranged.

Recreation Ground

The playground inspection report had been received. There were some issues arising but no “red” warnings. As the PC is in the process of upgrading the playground, it was agreed not to take any action on the report at this time.

Councillor Edwards advised that he will circulate costings and designs to the other Councillors in the next couple of weeks. He advised that a refurbishment is likely to cost in the region of £60,000. He is in the process of contacting grant providers. Once the costings and designs are agreed by the PC, a public meeting will be held.

Village Hall

Councillor Briscoe had requested the insurance policy for the Village Hall from the Village Hall Management Committee. The insurers will need to be informed about the upcoming works to the Village Hall roof. It was agreed that as the works had already been planned and, to avoid any delay, applications for grant funding would be in respect of further works.

All Saints’ Church

Councillor Bacon raised the issue of the War Memorial on the church green and suggested that the church, the PC and the British Legion try to revive the Ruth Wenn Memorial Trust or set up a new trust. The current trust had no trustees. It was proposed that Councillor Bacon put his suggestions in writing for consideration by the PC.

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF MEETING MINUTES

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 30th JULY 2025



Dreaming Of Autumn Days
By Ciéra Cree

In only the blink of an eye
The leaves shall start to redden
Our boots will find their way out of storage
And you'll indulge in that extra hot drink

In mere moments cosy fairy lights shall flicker
Accompanied by evening candlelight
And your comfort shows will be on repeat
As drops of rain slide in races down your window

Your sunscreen will go back in the drawer
As you dig for decorations from Halloween

So enjoy these last days of summer
As before we know it, they will be over

For sale



**Conservatory 3 piece suite for sale reasonable condition,
£30 o.n.o. Phone Alan 07779826324**

One Liner:- Anyone can be a good winner. The sign of greatness is how you handle defeat.

Catfield Primary Academy

Our last half term before the Summer holidays is always a busy one and this one is no different! Last month we held our Father's day scavenger hunt which is always so well attended. It was so lovely to see so many families join us and the smiles on the children's faces was wonderful. We also had wonderful weather!

Our EYFS children joined EYFS children from Hickling and Sutton on their recent visit to Banham Zoo. It was a super busy day with so much to see. Our children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and explained that their favourite part was seeing the tiger and going for a ride on the train!

Our KS2 children had a fabulous day at the Norfolk Show.

Our annual Sports Day took place last week. Luckily we had wonderful weather. We had lots of great sportsmanship from all teams which was lovely to see. I can announce that this years winners are Ruby!

A new fundraising activity we are trying this year is a Colour Run. This will be an exciting activity where children complete a run around a course on the field with the added paint thrown in too! Children (and adults!) are looking forward to this and at the same time, helping to raise funds for our school.

At the end of this month, we say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. We are looking forward to our celebration with the Church and the Bishop. Our Year 6's thoroughly enjoyed their transition days at high school and we know they will be fabulous. We would like to wish them all the best for their future.

Lucy Amis
Senior Teacher





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

3rd August	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Catfield	Rev'd Gary Noyes
10th August	10am	Holy Communion	Ludham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
	10am	Morning Worship	Catfield	Judith Gardiner LLM
17th August	10am	Holy Communion	Catfield	Rev'd Gary Noyes
	10am	Morning Worship	Ludham	
24th August	10am	Holy Communion	Potter Heigham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
	10am	Morning Worship	Ludham	

On Thursday the 17th of July, the children from Catfield School were able to have their School leaver's service with parents and friends at the Old Rectory and enjoy a picnic tea, craft activities, face painting and a treasure hunt around the garden. The children led the service with songs and readings and were accompanied by special guests as the Bishop of Thetford not only took part in the service but with the aid of Lady Dannatt, the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk presented the leavers with their Bibles given by the village church.



This was the first event supported by the Bishop and the FLOW team including the Scratch band and hopefully this will be the first of many opportunities of joining with young families and schools in the Benefice and surrounding Broadland area. Grateful thanks to Penny Middleditch who provided such a wonderful venue for the pupils to remember their special leaver's Day.

Homily

The Long Silence. (Author Unknown)

At the end of time, billions of people were seated on a great plain before God's throne. Most shrank back from the brilliant light before them. But some groups near the front talked heatedly, not with cringing shame, but with belligerence. "Can God judge us?" "How can he know about suffering?" Far across the plain there were hundreds of groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering he'd permitted in his world. How lucky God was to live in heaven where there was no weeping or fear, no hunger or hatred. What did God know of all that mankind had been forced to endure in this world? "God lives a pretty sheltered life" they said.

So, each of these groups sent out their leader, chosen because they had suffered the most. In the centre of the plain they consulted with each other. At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather clever.

Before God could be qualified to judge, he must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God should be sentenced to live a life on earth - as a human!

"Let him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of his birth be doubted. Give him a work so difficult that even his family will think him out of his mind when he tries to do it. Let him be betrayed by his closest friends. Let him face false charges, be tried by a prejudiced jury and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let him be tortured."

"At the last let him see what it is like to be terribly alone. Then let him die. Let him die so that there can be no doubt that he died. Let there be a great host of witnesses to verify it."

As each leader announced their portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the throng of people assembled.

And when the last had finished pronouncing their sentence, there was a long silence. No-one uttered another word. No-one moved. For suddenly, all knew that God had already served his sentence.
Jesus has done it!

Stephen Pitkethly AWA

RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, Neatishead

The dark shape of a Junkers bomber slips in and out of the clouds, high over the North Sea in September 1941. The pilot had learned the hard lessons to survive the massed raids on Britain the previous summer. He knows on a cold night the bomber's engine contrails would glow in the moonlight and make them an easy target for British night fighters, so by skimming the clouds he hoped to mask his course, but the poor tail gunner behind him couldn't see much through the fogged glass of his turret.

If he could see, he might have spotted the black shark fin parting the clouds just 400 yards away. The fin belongs to a Beaufighter, a twin-engine RAF night fighter equipped with 4 cannons and the wonder that is airborne radar. Onboard, the radar operator can see little outside his bubble in the fuselage of the fighter, but with his forehead pressed to his glowing radar scope he focusses on the flicker of interference which shows exactly where the enemy bomber is.

The fighter's radar has a range of a few miles, but with the careful guidance of 'Seacut' they have snuck into the perfect position below their prey. 'Seacut' is the callsign of the ground controller operating the radar from a canvas covered lorry parked in the middle of a field between Horning and Neatishead. Watching his circular radar display, he nervously watches the blips of the bomber and fighter close and then merge.

It takes seconds for the Beaufighter to emerge from the cloud, unleash devastating cannon fire, and watch as the bomber rolls towards the dark sea, a large white circle of spray marking its end.

The development of radar was a crucial part of Britain's air defences, to enable the survival of the RAF during the Battle of Britain, to interrupt the night raids of the Blitz and even to combat the V1 Doodlebug flying bombs that struck London and Norfolk in the last year of the war. The RAF Air Defence Radar Museum has fascinating displays and talks about radar technology, strategy, but more importantly the real stories of the men and women who were involved in this secretive world through wartime and peace.

The volunteer-run museum is open 10am-5pm, Tuesday to Saturday every week until the 15th November and entrance tickets last a year from date of purchase.

Catfield Action Team – News and happenings August 2025



Catfield Fête

The organising committee would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who supported the fête at The Old Rectory on 22nd June. We were delighted to see so many people coming through the gates to soak up the sunshine and enjoy the many attractions on offer. The classic cars and tractors in particular went down a treat, as did the willow-weaving and the model railway layout. It was great to have such a range of goods of all descriptions on sale through our stallholders and we're grateful to all our performers – The Troshers accordion band, the African Choir of Norfolk and The Mondays - for generously sharing their music (and dance!) free of charge and creating a wonderful festive atmosphere. Thank you to all our helpers, before, during and after the event – we couldn't have done it without you – and to all donors of raffle prizes. Particular thank-yous go to the wonderful Potter Heigham cadets, who managed car parking as well as their own shooting booth; Nicky and Trev Jeffrey for transporting essential equipment backwards and forwards; and Andrew Alston and Mark Allard for helping to make the grounds look their very best. And of course to Penny Middleditch for her generosity in sharing The Old Rectory with us all. We are still finalising the financial outcome but we are delighted to say that it looks as though we have raised over £2,500. All the funds raised by our group are put towards projects in our village. If you would like to join CAT and get involved in our various activities – maybe a walk, a litter pick, the next fête, or an idea of your own? – we would love to see you and have your support.

Tuesday evening summer walks – next 19th August

We have enjoyed a lovely series of evening walks so far this summer, and it has been particularly good to have the company of non-CAT members. Our next walk will be on Tuesday 19th August, and we anticipate starting at 6 pm. If you are interested in coming, please contact us for details by calling 07932 191558 or emailing catfieldactionteam@gmail.com or keep an eye on our Facebook page – alternatively, join CAT (for only £5 a year) and receive all our news direct into your inbox.

We will be assisting the school with some watering of their garden during the school holidays and continuing to tend the grass, wildflower patch and planters at the corner of New Road and The Street.

Fundraising

We're taking a break from bingo in August, while work is carried out at the village hall, but will be back in the autumn with our bingo books and raffle tickets, aiming for a fun evening and a boost to our funds. The sessions are normally on a Friday evening late in the month – get in touch for details or see our social media.

Contact: catfieldactionteam@gmail.com and 07932 191558. Find us also on Facebook and Instagram

Oyster Catcher

I photographed these Oyster Catcher eggs and chicks in the grounds of Anglian Water's Horning Sewage Treatment Works during my employment there.



In the 1960's the method of treating our sewage sludge was to store in large tanks and then when de watered, let the thick sludge onto drying beds, and rolling up manually when dry like a carpet for disposal. These beds consisted of gravel for draining the liquid. In the early 70's someone had the idea to have a motorised scoop running along on tracks, this was used for a while and then abandoned, and the sludge was then transported mainly to Kings Lynn, by vacuum tanker for digestion, hence the drying beds were redundant. In Ludham and Stalham the sludge was injected with a dewatering chemical and lime then pressed and then used on the land, before this also was stopped in favour of tankering Catfield, Sutton and Stalham's sludge to Kings Lynn for the digestion process.

The Oyster Catchers had laid eggs in the afore mentioned concrete tracks of the drying beds and the parents did their best to lure me away from the nest by calling and flapping away some distance, eventually I discovered it and took these photos over several days.

I did not take the photo of the adult, as mentioned they were there but distance made it very hard to capture.

Alec Nisbet

Farming News

I am not certain what quantity of rain we've had since February but it has been very little and I am pleasantly surprised that there is something to harvest. The heavy rain last weekend has been excellent for the root crops and maize and those crops look very good. Combining starts tomorrow and I'm keeping everything crossed that the quality is acceptable.

The Government keep coming up with ideas on how to collect more taxes and reduce Government costs. The assumption seems to be that businesses will carry on as usual, so therefore the tax take should be the same or better. Unfortunately, one Millionaire leaves the Country every 45 minutes and the most wealthy 1% pay 30% of the income tax in the Country. I'll leave it up to you to decide how much your tax bill might rise in the future. Or the Chancellor might come up with a new tax. The one thing that I'm certain about is that agriculture will struggle to pay any more tax, whilst trying to invest in farming at a time when income has fallen off a cliff. Why has agricultural income fallen? The simple reason is the Government keep making poor decisions on imports and undermining our markets. The net result of this is that to clear the National debt we would have to sell almost the whole Country. It's like trying to farm whilst you owe the bank all of your assets and have an interest rate of 5%, its impossible so I've come to the conclusion that introducing more taxes is not the solution. The solution is to build up the economy and support businesses. Cereal prices are 20% below the cost of production, sugar beet market linked prices are 30% below the cost of production, environmental subsidies look like they are being reduced at farm level. I don't know where the contract prices will be for sugar beet in 2027 or maize but my guess is that the margin will be negligible.

The lambs continue to grow well in the dry weather and look clean after the rainfall of last weekend. Apart from that I see nothing good on the horizon. I did get a letter today asking if I'm interested in a wind turbine? of course I am, did I want solar panels? of course I do but so does every other landowner and I'm certain my application would not get past phase one. Even so its worth a punt. But wasn't this what I was suggesting 5 years ago- a village turbine producing £80,000 of renewable energy a year. 10 of those tucked away somewhere would power the whole village and leave a bit to run my farmyard. And before the sceptics say, you need to be physically connected to the turbine, you don't, you just need to change to the same energy provider- one that focusses on renewables.

My nectar mixes which were struggling last year are OK now, not brilliant but at least they conform to the prescriptions of the scheme. One farm has had its seedlings eaten by Cabbage Stem Flea Beetles for the second year running but most of the redrilled plots have established OK.

Red deer are everywhere, as are Chinese Water Deer and Muntjacs. It looks like the cull will start early this year alongside miles of electric fencing. Normally the fencing works for 2-3 weeks before they figure out it's pretty easy to jump over, lead is a permanent fix. Badgers are currently hoovering up everything on the ground and three escaped cows from Ludham have been spotted eating my wheat. Their owner did ring me to ask if I could help, of course I will but the Ludham Three appear to have gone into hiding, probably in one of my maize fields. So, empty your freezers and prepare to feast on beef and venison. The birds of prey are currently hunting over cereal fields to catch supper for their chicks and have done a good job on the local rat population. 2 peacocks have appeared in one farmyard, if they had waited another couple of weeks the grain store door might have been open but if they went inside, they will break the protocols and will have to be dealt with. I'm told it tastes like turkey and is great with red wine.

So, as I wait for harvest to come, there is just one grain store to clean out and make it spotless. In the meantime, there are a few remaining wild oats to remove from cereal fields now the ground is soft and I've just noticed an odd weed beet appearing which will have to be removed.

AWA 10.7.2025

The Catfield News Team need you

We are looking for a couple of people to help with the production of the magazine.

Roles within the team are secretary, editor, accounts and advertising.

If you feel you could help in any of these roles, or would just like to find out a little more please contact
secretarycatnews1@btinternet.com

Advertising space available in the Catfield News

For just £50 p.a. you can place a business card size advert in the magazine for a year. Larger spaces are available if required.

We would love to help promote local businesses by advertising them in the magazine, and if you do you will be supporting your local magazine as the income from advertisers pays for the printing cost.

The magazine is delivered free to every house in Catfield and is produced by a small team of volunteers.

If you are interested in placing an advert please contact
stevebeckley1@gmail.com or
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SWALLOWTAIL FINE ARTISTS HOST 3rd FINE ART LUDHAM SHOW WITH GUEST ARTISTS

Swallowtail Fine Artists are delighted to be hosting the 3rd Art Ludham Fine Art Exhibition over August Bank Holiday weekend, to be held at St Catherine's Church, Ludham from **23rd to 25th August 2025**. The Fine Art show will once again feature works by Swallowtail Fine Artists Lorraine Auton, Tony Colledge and Amanda Springall-Rogers as well as showcasing artwork by well-known local artists including Tom Cringle, Ruth Mann, Reg Siger, John Sparks, Eleanor Alison, Julie Hodgson, Kate Gabriel, Fehmi Gokes and Sandra Penstone-Smith.

Original paintings, prints and cards will be for sale. The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 23rd August, 11am to 5pm on Sunday 24th August and 10am to 5pm on Monday 25th August. Refreshments will be available. **FREE ENTRY**.

A poster for a Summer Fayre event. The background is a light brown wood-grain texture. At the top, the words "SUMMER FAYRE" are written in large, bold, purple capital letters. Below this, "HICKLING HOUSE" is written in smaller purple capital letters, and "SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST" is written in red capital letters on a white banner. The middle section lists activities: "REFRESHMENTS BBQ" in green and blue, "PRE LOVED STALL" in green, "TOMBOLA" in blue, "BOTTLE TOMBOLA" in brown, and "RAFFLE" in green. Below these is "ENTERTAINMENT" in blue and "the" in brown. The bottom section has a white background with "2PM - 4PM" in black, "FREE ENTRY" in black, and "METHODIST CHURCH TOWN ST HICKLING" in black. To the right of this text are five stars and the phrase "all welcome" in a stylized font.

SUMMER FAYRE
HICKLING HOUSE
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

REFRESHMENTS BBQ
PRE LOVED STALL
TOMBOLA
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
RAFFLE
ENTERTAINMENT
the

2PM - 4PM ★ **FREE ENTRY**
★
★
★
★
METHODIST CHURCH ★
TOWN ST HICKLING ★ **all welcome**

Wroxham and Hoveton Lions

We have started our new Fundraising Year, and it is a significant one, our Fiftieth year and the Twenty fifth year of operating our Charity Shop in the Shopping Precinct in Hoveton Village.

We also have a new Club President, Lion Dennis Moxon, who has held the position several times before and is a Past District Governor and District Secretary. We welcome his experience and leadership.

We are preparing for the annual Hoveton Village Charity Fete, which will be held on Sunday 3rd August at Hoveton Village Hall and Playing Field, from 10 am to 4pm. If you haven't been before, please do join us to experience the Stalls, Crafts, a Jaguar Cockpit (the aircraft, not the car!), Classic cars (probably some Jaguars there too!), live music from Air Mail, Food and a Licenced Bar and much more. Admission will be £3 for Adults and free entry for children under 16. If you have been before, welcome back!

Our Charity Shop has benefitted from some refurbishment during the last few months and is ready for another twenty-five years of trading. We welcome any donations of (clean!) clothes, electrical goods and Bric-a-Brac.

Our Lions Club takes an active part in the community and if you would like to be a part of this and can spare a few hours a month come and join us. There will be a stall at the Hoveton Fete where you can meet some of us and ask about what we do.

Lion Derick Bowler

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The weather gods did us proud for the Catfield Village Fete and a great time was had by all. Thank you to the organisers for inviting us, we had a wonderful time, our display was well received and we enjoyed meeting all the visitors.

Next up is the Stalham Artisan Street Fayre on July 20th; another opportunity to meet us and see our little OO9 layout in its current form. The Stalham High School team are really busy, putting final touches to all the buildings, painting the track rusty brown and getting ready to lay the ballast this coming week. Work is also underway with the backscenes and creation of a small town with houses and shops.

Our annual Show is on August 24th (bank holiday Sunday) at the Poppy Centre in Stalham, watch for the posters with full details and as ever check out our website for the latest news. We do have some new layouts this year (including the school one) so it promises to be a good day out.

As always, we are interested in hearing from potential new members, full contact information is on the website:

<https://broadlandmoderailwayclub.co.uk/>

Tip:- Remove bird droppings by spraying them with full-strength apple cider vinegar or pour the vinegar onto a rag and wipe them off.

How Hill Trust

Education team

Our education team have had a great July. We had the last school groups visit before the end of term and our summer activity days for families were a huge success!

We have hosted Girlguiding and Scouts groups for day visits, evening visits and even residential stays!

If you know of any youth groups who would be interested in finding out more about what we can offer, please get in touch with education@howhilltrust.org.uk



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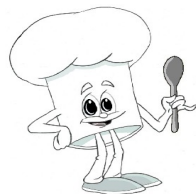
As the schools break up for the summer How Hill turns its main house over for the use of adults.

Not only does How Hill run its own adult breaks covering anything from exploring nature to gardens and historic buildings, but also hires out to a wide range of interest groups who come and stay and enjoy our beautiful surroundings. We have weavers, lace makers, Milton Keynes Natural History

Society, yoga groups and an art group joining us over the next few months. In addition, we also host group day visits and anything from a buffet lunch to a three-course meal. All of these extra activities help support our core charitable purpose of the education of visiting school children.

For more information, please contact the office by emailing secretary@howhilltrust.org.uk or telephoning 01692 678555

Chef's Specials



Sweet Potato and Salmon Fishcakes

Ingredients

500ml vegetable or fish stock
400g sweet potato peeled and diced
200-250g salmon fillets, skin removed and cut in half
Large pinch of paprika
Squeeze of lime juice
1 bunch of fresh chives, finely chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 egg, lightly beaten
Oil, for shallow frying or oiling
1 lime, cut into quarters, to garnish (optional)

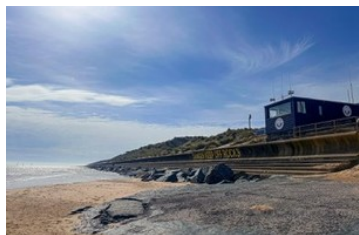
For the coating

1 egg, lightly beaten
100g dried breadcrumbs

Method

1. Pour the stock into saucepan and bring to the boil. Add the sweet potato chunks and fish and cover with a lid. Cook for about 10 minutes, or until the sweet potato and salmon are cooked.
2. Take the pan off the heat and drain well into a colander set in the sink then return the fish and sweet potato back to the pan, add the paprika, lime juice, chives, salt and pepper and the beaten egg, then mash.
3. Take some fish cake mixture and mould into a fishcake shape – this mixture should make 4-6 however it depends on the size you want.
4. For the coating, put the lightly beaten egg in one bowl and the breadcrumbs in another. Dip a fishcake into the egg ensuring the cake is completely covered, then dip in the breadcrumbs. Repeat with the other fishcakes.
5. The fishcakes can either be shallow fried in a little oil for 2-3 minutes (or until cooked through, turning as necessary) or baked in the oven for 20-30 minutes, preheated to 180C. If frying, they will hold their shape better if refrigerated for an hour beforehand.
6. Serve the fishcakes either with a summer salad or in a large bap with lettuce and mayonnaise and accompanied by the lime quarters.

D.S.



Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

July has gifted us with beautiful weather, and our stunning coastline is alive with the buzz of locals and tourists enjoying everything this wonderful area has to offer.

Our crew has been hard at work throughout the month — participating in joint training exercises, carrying out essential maintenance, responding to shouts, and continuing preparations for our Annual Lifeboat Day on 10th August - we'd love to see you there.

Our crew recently joined forces with Bacton Coastguard Rescue Team for a valuable training session. The exercise began with our crew providing safety cover as the Coastguard team practiced water entry techniques. This was followed by a coordinated rescue scenario, with both teams working together to recover a casualty and safely return them to shore.

Recent Shout - Our Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) was tasked by Humber Coastguard to assist a paddleboarder near Waxham. Fortunately, by the time our crew arrived on scene, the individual had managed to make their way safely back to shore. A thorough welfare check was carried out to ensure there were no injuries or ongoing concerns. After confirming the paddleboarder was safe and well, our volunteer crew returned to station and made the boat ready for service.

We were delighted to welcome members of the Bure Valley Rotary Club for a recent tour of our lifeboat station. The visit offered a fantastic opportunity to showcase the vital work we do and the equipment that helps us save lives at sea.

During the tour, we provided an in-depth look at our lifeboats and the specialist equipment we rely on during shouts, from navigation and communication tools to our comprehensive first aid kits, including the rigorous training our volunteers undergo to stay rescue-ready.

It was a pleasure to share our passion with such an engaged and supportive group. We're incredibly grateful for the interest and support shown by the Bure Valley Rotary Club, and we look forward to strengthening our connection with them in the future.

As always, we're proud to serve our community and grateful for your ongoing support — we hope to see many of you at Lifeboat Day on 10th August!

Rita Galbraith
Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat
Fundraising Team
Email: rita@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk

The Museum of the Broads

At the Museum of the Broads we are delighted that Richardsons Boating Holidays of Stalham are now the museum's official main sponsor.

Museum President, Robert Paul, says 'it seems the perfect fit for us - near neighbours, Richardsons, have been a name synonymous with boating holidays on the Broads for many generations, and one of the oldest established family-run boat hire companies'.

Robert went on to say 'We are sure that this represents the start of a long and fruitful relationship for both of us' adding that 'looking forward, the sponsorship will allow and hasten the growth and development of this much loved museum.'

You'll love these great family events for you to take part in.

Summer Trail - Fun and Frolics!

July 23rd - 2nd September

Have a go at Hula-Hoop and hopscotch and challenge yourself to build the tallest tower out of sponge! Who can complete the giant jigsaw in the fastest time and spot all the curious creatures hidden in the museum displays? Fun and games for all the family and a playful look back at holidays on the Broads!

Kingfisher Cruisers

Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 29th - September 25th

5.30 & 6.30pm

This is a special evening. Cruise aboard Marsh Harrier. Stay calm and quiet and keep your eyes peeled for the magical wildlife. You might just see the flash of blue - the sign of the Kingfisher. It's a really great opportunity to get up close to the natural wonders of Broadland. As it's an evening cruise, the Museum won't be open, but our shop will be. Hot and cold drinks, pre-packed snack items and ice creams will be available. You are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy beforehand.

Please dress appropriately because the weather can get chilly in the evenings.

(Full disclosure! We can't *guarantee* you'll see a Kingfisher - but you *will* have a lovely evening!)

£9 per adult and £6 per child

Steam and Sail

Tuesday 5th August and Thursday 21st August 2025

Sail to Barton Broad on Marsh Harrier, our fully accessible electric boat. At Barton Broad swap electric for sail power and enjoy a turn or two around the broad aboard a wherry yacht, then switch back to Marsh Harrier and head back to the museum at Stalham. The last trip of the day will go out on Marsh Harrier and sail back to the museum aboard the wherry. As the price includes museum admission, make sure you allow time to look around the museum too. In conjunction with the Wherry Yacht Charter.

21st – with entertainment from Paul Bellison and traditional wind-blown pipe organ Le Papillon.

Whilst we're talking Wherries -

On Thursday 14th August 2025 we have A "Wherry" Special Visit

This is your chance to come aboard the Wherry Albion and explore life below decks on a trading wherry. There's added entertainment from Paul Bellison and the traditional wind-blown pipe organ Le Papillon. Chat to the volunteers who maintain and crew this important piece of Broads history. With entertainment from Paul Bellison and traditional wind-blown pipe organ Le Papillon.

Come and see us this August. Find us at The Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA and check out all the upcoming events - and more - online at - <https://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk>



NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes newsletter

As I write the Swallowtail season appears to be coming to a close. Numbers of flying adults were good on many days and good numbers of caterpillars are currently devouring the Milk Parsley plants on the reserve. And there are signs that a second brood are emerging, as fresh adults have been observed during the middle of July.

The reserve is currently full of both fledged Bearded Tit and Marsh Harriers chicks but the visibility of the latter will diminish as both they and the adults will spend much time hunting the harvest fields as the ingress of machinery into the ripening arable crops causes mayhem amongst the small mammal population of the adjacent farmland.

More challenging to determine is the proof of successful Bittern breeding. I have spoken of the 'booming' males in this newsletter before, six of which were on the reserve this year (with another just outside the reserve limits). The females undertake the entirety of the feeding and care of the young. As they grow in size their demand for food also grows and the females travel farther and more frequently from the nests site, performing what are referred to as 'feeding flights'. It is these flights that both enable us to determine active nests, and our visitors to have perhaps their best chance of seeing a Bittern. Actually knowingly seeing fledged young is a rare event. They remain very secretive until virtually fully grown and do not break the cover of the dense reedbed unless under threat or until they are ready to fly.

Reserve boat trips continue, and weather permitting will run daily until the end of October. These trips can be booked by calling the Hickling Visitor Centre (01692 598276). Weekend and Tuesday evening boat trips from The Pleasureboat also continue into August.

Please do visit our website www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk for further information on availability and how to book as some will require booking through *Eventbrite*.

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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.

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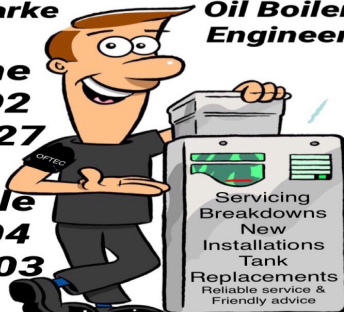
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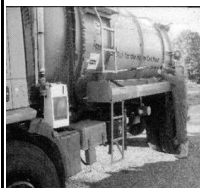
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