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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 - 12.30pm
2.30pm - 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

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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

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What's on in Catfield

Indoor Cycling

Join us for an invigorating workout in Catfield village hall,

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 £7 and pre booking is required.

Contact Sean Turner to book a bike.

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

Catfield Village Hall

Friday 4th July 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 and Tuesday 22nd July

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.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Catfield Village Hall, Tuesday 8th July at 7pm

CAT Walk 15th July

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 14 for more info.

Afternoon Tea Thursday 17th July

Village Hall, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Come and meet the Catfield Action Team and find out more about what the group does.

See page 18 for more info.

Catfield Crafters

Wednesday 23rd July

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

BINGO

Catfield Village Hall

Friday 25th July, 7pm

Parish Council Meeting

Catfield Village Hall

Wednesday 30th July, 7.00pm.

The Kite
By Ciéra Cree

Drifting on the breeze
Up in the sky
So far from the clouds
But still it tries

To be free like a bird
Roam the world with no care
That colourful kite
Way up in the air

A big thank you to C.A.T.

Can I just take this opportunity to thank the CAT team for all the wonderful daffodils we have had in the village this year and for the truly wonderful wild meadow and planters at the top of New Road. It is a real pleasure every day to walk up and see the ever changing landscape. Thank you so much to all the team.

Dianne Fernee

Potter Heigham Bowls Club
“It’s Here Again”

The new season has arrived. Why not come along and meet the members and if you fancy a game just wear flat shoes. “You’ll be made welcome”.

We are here any Saturday from 2pm. Come and have a go and a cup of tea!

For more info contact Martin on 07715121931 or Tom on 07952202950

CATFIELD VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Are you looking for a location for an event or a class?

If so, Catfield Village Hall is available for hire.

Contact the Village Hall booking Clerk for more details
Elainessmith364@btinternet.com or call 01692 580056

CATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 28th MAY

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

- Councillor Harris was appointed as Chair and Councillor Briscoe as Vice Chair

Public Update

- A parishioner requested permission to speak on an item on the agenda.

Councillors Bayes and Taylor Update

- District Councillor Taylor requested that he be allowed to speak on the agenda items as they arose. Councillor Bayes joined the meeting later.

Councillor Price Update

- Councillor Price did not attend the meeting but he had provided a report. Norfolk County Council (NCC) Highways Department had budgeted £45,000 for drainage works on the Long Lane junction with Elderbush Lane/Myrtle Lane. This cost was considered to be high and it was agreed that further information be sought from Councillor Price. A works order had been issued by NCC in respect of Malthouse Lane but as no details had been provided, it was agreed that further information be requested from Councillor Price.

Planning

• PC's Planning Questionnaire Results

The PC had responded to North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) stating that details of the PCs who had responded to the questionnaire could not be disclosed as the PC had guaranteed their confidentiality. Councillor Edwards would draft a letter to the CEO of NNDC stating that a meeting with Russell Williams, as suggested by the CEO, would not be productive.

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

Councillors Taylor and Bayes reported that they had had a constructive meeting on site with officers from NNDC's planning department, the business owners/applicants and local residents. It was noted that the applicants may make a formal application to vary some of the conditions attached to the planning permission. The applicants then made a presentation to the PC regarding any possible variation. Councillor Briscoe advised that the PC was unable to make any comment until a formal application had been submitted. The PC would then make its comments on the application. The applicants and the District Councillors were thanked for informing the PC of the current situation.

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

Currently awaiting the inspector's report so no further action at this time.

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- **Malthouse Lane Site**

Councillor Taylor advised that an appeal had been submitted against the enforcement notice issued by NNDC. Councillor Briscoe advised that there are two appeals, one against the enforcement notice, the other against the refusal of planning permission. Any representations from the PC had to be made by 10th June 2025. Councillor Briscoe will review the appeals documents and circulate her views to the other Councillors. Councillor Bacon advised that with regard to the highways issue, a line of hedging, planted up to the tarmac had been removed, but it was unclear whether this had been done at the request of NCC highways.

- **NNDC Local Plan Examination**

The inspector had now reported back. He had stated that a strong argument had been put forward by the PC, but that he was not reducing the housing allocation to zero. Although this was not the result the PC had wanted, the drainage/flooding issues had been brought to NNDC's attention and would have to be dealt with on a case to case basis.

Highways & Road Safety

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

The works had now been started. Councillor Edwards had raised concerns about the extent of the works with the contractor at the start of the works but these had now been resolved. It was agreed that in future the PC must be provided with written specifications and plans in respect of any work to be undertaken.

- **Additional Bus Stop Funding**

Councillor Dr Harris advised that there was not enough time to carry out a proper consultation regarding the positioning of a second bus stop before the deadline for the submission of proposals. However, Councillors Dr Harris, Briscoe and Edwards will start to put a plan into place in case further funding becomes available.

- **Plumsgate Road/Wood Road/Lodge Road Junction**

It was agreed that the signage recently put in by NCC Highways is in the wrong location. Councillor Edwards to draft a letter to NCC asking that the signage be relocated.

Environmental

- **Catfield Action Group**

CAT had been helping the school to water the garden and had provided it with a hose pipe. Bingo sessions are planned for 27th June and 25th July and the Village Fete will take place on 22nd June.

- **Correspondence**

A freedom of information application had been made to the PC and the clerk will request an extension of time to deal with this.

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Village Hall

- The PC agreed that the works to replace the village hall roof should go ahead.

Recreation Ground

Councillor Edwards advised that he had requested quotes from four suppliers and had received options from three of them. Once he had received all four quotes he would circulate them along with the plans to the PC. If the PC are satisfied with these, he will then hold a public consultation. In the interim he is looking at the availability of funding.

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF MEETING MINUTES

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25th JUNE 2025



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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.

APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE FOR
CATFIELD UNITED CHARITIES

Catfield United Charities have a position up for appointment in July 2025 for a term of 4 years.

The Charity provides money for residents of Catfield who find themselves in need. The role involves attendance at regular meetings, the upkeep and management of local properties, collecting rents, managing accounts, contact with the public and giving out of grants. More recently the management and running of Catfield Staithe Boatyard has been taken in house.

The charity team consists of 6 appointed representative trustees and 1 ex-officio trustee.

Catfield Parish Council would like to invite anyone interested in applying to contact Catfield United Charities at enquiries@catfielduntiedcharities.uk for more information on the role.

Applications to Mrs. Susie Cunningham at catfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com
Applications need to be submitted to us by **23rd July 2025**. It would help if you could send us a summary of why you want to do this role and the qualities you possess to do it. You will be invited to present your case at the Parish Council meeting and if there are more than three candidates the Parish councillors will vote to decide who to appoint.

The appointment will take place at the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 30th July
7pm at Catfield Village Hall.

CATFIELD VILLAGE HALL AGM
TUESDAY 8th JULY
7pm
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

One Liner:- Under-Promise and Over-Deliver

FLOW Weekend

I'm sure you can recall the most amazing storm we had on the Friday night before our FLOW weekend, if you were looking out of your window, you would have seen such a show of lightening and just hoped that the weatherman was right for the weekend.

In fairness, our morning at Potter Heigham was fine, a few children came and enjoyed the crafts and face painting concluding in an enjoyable Songs of Praise before leaving on the Albion to begin the journey to firstly, St Benets for lunch and then to How Hill. What a wonderful venue and so close to home, perhaps ten minutes in a car but several hours in a boat. A few braved staying on board for the night, well if I thought I snored..... you should have heard the others! So much so that one person decided sleeping in her car was preferable and definitely the quieter option!

Having said that... to actually wake up early morning in those surroundings was just wonderful. The colours, the peace and serenity of the water and the majestic Wherry Albion dressed with flags was just magical (as can be seen as the front cover picture). What a blessing and privilege.



Bishop Ian, who sailed with us on the Saturday, rejoined us for an 8 'o'clock Holy Communion, what a setting! accompanied by both the choir from Ludham and the members of the Scratchband, representing together the Benefice but also accompanied by the Chiff Chaff, Cetti's Warbler and not forgetting the Cuckoo.

Our final venue was Ranworth and 'Oh Dear!' As we turned off the main river the sky turned black, thick dark grey clouds that decided to let us moor up, set up the activities before emptying themselves in a quick heavy shower. How amazing! Even the magic painting (you know what I mean, just use a brush and add water and the colours appear) managed to be completed with not a brush in sight! Many ran for cover but within half an hour, there we were sitting on the staithe enjoying the battle between the evil dragon and the Bishop and the final selection of hymns.

Thank you to all those who had the vision, to those on the ground doing the physical work, all those who participated as part of the Flow team, to the Bishop and Diocese who supported our efforts, to our very own Frosty who skippered the wherry on the second day and to all those who attended and allowed us to Go with the Flow.

Judith Gardiner



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

6th July	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Ludham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
13th July	11am	Benefice Open Air Service <i>with picnic</i>	How Hill	Rev'd Gary Noyes
20th July	10am	Holy Communion	Catfield	Rev'd Gary Noyes
	10am	Morning Worship	Ludham	Stephen Pitkethley AWA
27th July	10am	Holy Communion	Potter Heigham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
	10am	Morning Worship	Ludham	Linda Savage
	3pm	Annual Open Air Service	St Benet's Abbey	Bishop of Norwich

BROADLAND BELLS

New Ringers Needed

We have 41 beautiful bronze handbells and our music has ranged from The Teddy Bears Picnic to The Dam Busters via Musical Theatre and Light Classical Music.

The sound is gorgeous!

If you would like to ring or learn to ring please contact

Judith Gardiner (07826848585 or judithgardiner5@aol.com) or

Bruce Moffat (01692 678281 or 07880 573947 or brucemoffat@btinternet.com).

We practise every second, fourth and fifth Monday, 10.30 to 12.15 in Ludham.

An ability to read one or two notes at a time from printed music would be helpful.



Homily

My name is Ros Bingham and I live in Catfield, for those of you who do not already know me you perhaps have seen me walking my little black and tan Chihuahua, “Elfie” round the village.

For the past two years I have been training to become a Licensed Lay Minister for the Waterside Benefice churches, Catfield, Ludham and Potter Heigham. The time has gone by really fast and it does not seem possible that two years ago I was preparing to begin my training which started with a weeks summer school at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. It all seems such a long time ago, I am now approaching the end of my training with only one more assignment to finish. Then in September I will be licenced in Norwich Cathedral by the Bishop. Although it has been a lot of hard work I have enjoyed my training and learned a lot. I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during this time not just all those in the Benefice churches but my friends and neighbours as well and I’m looking forward to being part of the Ministry Team.

June and July are my favourite months of the year not just for the long days and hot weather but for the butterflies and moths that appear at this time which means this year after finishing my training I will have the time to get my moth trap out again and go for walks in the countryside and see who is about! If I am really lucky I might even have time to rear some butterflies and moths from eggs which is something I have done since I was a child.

I am fascinated by the life cycle of butterflies and moths and to see them go from a tiny egg to a caterpillar and then into chrysalis and finally into a beautiful butterfly, each stage hazardous and full of danger, is amazing.

This makes me think about our lives, we come into this world as a tiny baby and our lives are also full of hazards and dangers but of a very different kind, thankfully we have Jesus to help and guide us and unlike butterflies and moths which only live a few weeks, when we die we are raised up through Jesus and have eternal life with him and God in heaven.

Ros Bingham LLMT.

Catfield Action Team – News and happenings July



As I write we are working flat out in the run-up to the summer fete! The posters are up, maps and final details are being sent out to exhibitors and vendors and we are keeping a close eye on the weather forecast!

Tuesday evening summer walks – next 15th July

Please come and join us for the next in our series of summer evening walks – it will be a walk on quiet Catfield roads on Tuesday 15th July that will be accessible for wheelchairs and buggies. We'll be starting at 6.00 pm from The Old Rectory (School Road) and pre-booking for this one is essential. Please let us know if you're coming by calling 07932 191558 or emailing catfieldactionteam@gmail.com no later than Monday 14th.

The following walk will be on 19th August.

Afternoon Tea, Thursday 17th July

Come along to the Village Hall between 2.30 and 4.30 pm to meet CAT committee members and hear about what the group is doing in the village and future plans. Enjoy a FREE afternoon tea and tell us about your own ideas for local projects. You may even want to join us – we'd be glad to sign you up and have your input and suggestions. Existing members are all very welcome too!

Playing field hedge

We held a maintenance session on the playing field on Friday 13th June, the hottest day of the year so far. Strimmers and shears and a lot of raking put paid to most of the encroaching grass, bracken and brambles and we're delighted to see how the hedge is progressing. We'll be keeping the guards on for some time yet. Another session is planned for later in June.

Planting

We've been pleased to see some great results from last year's wildflower planting on the corner of New Road and The Street, and the poppies and cornflowers in particular have put on a great show. It's also nice to see the bench between the planters being used.

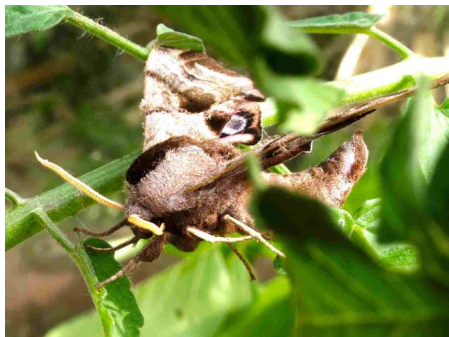
The group has donated a lengthy hosepipe to Catfield School to help with the watering of the newly-renovated flower beds, which we hear is being put to good use.

Fundraising

Our next Bingo session is at the Village Hall on Friday 25th July. Just £6 for a game (fun, light-hearted competition!), and refreshments and a raffle are also available. Eyes down at 7 pm! All funds raised from these sessions go towards our projects in Catfield. Contact: catfieldactionteam@gmail.com and 07932 191558. Find us also on Facebook and Instagram

Eyed Hawk Moth *Smerinthus ocellata*

This is one of the rarest hawk moths that you are liable to see in Sutton, they are large and imposing with blue and black eyes on their rear wings. Next to my greenhouse which contains the light source there is a shed which I made many years ago from tree 'slabs'. These slabs are the outer parts of logs covered in bark, and are often free at saw mills as they are not valued being mainly sap wood. The tree trunks are cut on a large travelling band saw rack bench, they came from Westwick estate near North Walsham where I worked.



For those not familiar with trees grown for small scale timber use in this country, the trees were Sweet Chestnut, a very useful tree for several reasons, the leaves are palatable to browsing animals, the timber lasts a very long time when used for posts in the ground, it is used for riven chestnut fencing, split with an axe and strung together with wire which is seen all over the country as a temporary barrier, and of course roasted chestnuts which can be eaten raw by the way. Another tree was Douglas Fir, a very long lasting and fine softwood, and Corsican Pine used mainly when de barked for garden furniture.

The moth was resting on bark covering these slabs on the shed and when I approached it flashed its large 'eyes' at me and flew to a nearby plant where I took this photo. They have a wingspan of 70-80 mm and are fairly well distributed through England and Wales. This species has a sombre camouflaged appearance at rest but if provoked and as experienced flashes its rear wings with the intense blue and black eyes on a pinkish background

The adults fly from May to July inhabiting woodland and suburban localities. The green caterpillars resemble the Poplar Hawk moth *Laithoe populi* which by the way you are far more likely to see, and I have seen them in Sutton and Stalham and Catfield, but the eyed caterpillars have a bluish coloured spike at the rear, they feed on Sallow, Apple, and several other trees.

I have only seen this one specimen and got quite excited as I thought initially that it was a Deaths Head Hawk moth owing to the square shape on the Eyed Hawk moths head which resembles the skull on the Deaths Head moths head at first glance.

Alec Nisbet

Farming News

We finally received 30 odd mm of rain just over the last Bank holiday and, for the time being, everything looks acceptable but we need more rain on the fields not drilled yet as the rain has only got in 5-6 inches and it's still plenty hard enough to plough. You might ask why are we stilling trying to plough, firstly its for drilling SFI options and secondly to control weed beet which will have two years of freedom if we don't control them now.

I mentioned the not-so-Smart weed beet last month. They are all dead or dying and the clever technology works. I won't be spending the Summer pulling weed beet.

So, we are back in Europe and trading again. Does this mean that agriculture has to align itself with EU policies? In two short months our Government has reversed Brexit and had a trade deal with America. Some might say that's a good position to be in, a farmer might say that's the final nail in the coffin. Our wheat market surplus has been under mined by letting in Ethanol, subsidies are evaporating, environmental protection might be going or it might be improving if we align with EU, we've given away more fishing rights and we're now gearing up our war factories. We were about to pay a £50/t tax on Nitrogen fertilizer, starting on 1st January 2027, but in the EU that tax is 150 euros/t- will we align to that level of taxation? Biodiversity Net Gain is axed for small developments but Environmental protection still remains and Nutrient Neutrality remains.

Every time I listen to the radio, watch the TV or read articles online, the same story is coming out, Rachel Reeves has run out of money and she's going to take it away from the most vulnerable in our society to give to the NHS- we'll see how successful that becomes over time. The problem is that the rural economy is being hammered and now she is threatening to remove ELMS- the flagship of Environmental Land Management and that will have dramatic effects on the Broads where we need funding to protect the protected sites. Or we could just abandon them altogether and then there will be no reason to protect them. We then won't require the 6000 staff in Defra- I can see where Rachel could be planning to go.

I've been unlucky enough to run two of the four farms Defra selected in Norfolk to count weeds and birds on over-wintered stubbles. This is the data collection for value-for-money assessment of environmental subsidies. The surveyors have been 5 times during the Autumn, Winter and Spring. I have to say I was dreading the results day but I appear to have got a glowing report with 41 farmland birds at Catfield and 47 on the other farm, including a flock of Bramblings which were in their thousands. Encouraged by the numbers of birds about I did get my bird app out (it listens for the bird songs) when topping the winter bird covers in late April and was chuffed to find the birds about even though I couldn't see them. In mid-May I was asked if the Swallowtail butterflies were out yet. So, I went for an afternoon walk on the Rond- not one was seen so out came the bird app- 3 species of Warbler, a Chafinch, a Redstar and a Goldcrest plus a Greylag, a Heron and a Mute Swan. Unfortunately, only 9 birds in total. I think I'll try again next week. This visit did make me stop and ponder, perhaps Rachel is right, environmental subsidies do need an overhaul. Where are all the duckling this year? Something has eaten them. The deer are having a fantastic year, so will be looking for something to eat in a month or so. I should mention bees, there are millions of them this Summer, who said that they were under pressure? AWA 6.6.2025



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**HORNING
VILLAGE**

SATURDAY

**26TH JULY
2025**

0900 — 1300



WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB

Not long to go now to our annual Charity Village Fete, so make a note in your diaries! **There are a few outside spaces left for stalls and classic vehicles can also still book. Just go to www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org**

**WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB cio
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**WE HOPE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE WILL COME ALONG AND
SUPPORT US TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP LOCAL DESERVING CAUSES
AND THOSE IN OUR AREA WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE**

Wow... what an amazing day. A few pictures from the Catfield Village Fete in case you missed it. There will be a full report in next month's Catfield News.



Afternoon Tea

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BINGO

7pm @ Catfield Village Hall

An event organised by



FRIDAY
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Any
enquiries call
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191558

JULY

£6 Raffle & Refreshments available during Interval • Cash prize on last game!

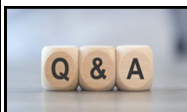
BROADLAND MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



By the time you read this the Catfield Village Fete will have come and gone, I do hope you managed to meet up with us. 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. Then we will be holding a full exhibition 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.

The Stalham High School team are busy, we are determined to exhibit their work at the show in Stalham and there is quite a lot to do before then. As always, we are interested in hearing from potential new members, full contact information is on the website:

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



Question – I am a Blue Badge holder, do I have to pay toll charges on UK roads, such as if I go through the Dartford Tunnel?

Answer – If you hold a Blue Badge you may be exempt from some toll charges. Visit the website below where you can read where the exemptions are including details in regards to the London Congestion Charge.

www.bluebadgecompany.co.uk

Tip:- Crawling along the floor to paint a skirting board can be a pain. Borrow a skateboard and save your knees. Sit on the skateboard and role along with the paint-brush and can.

Catfield Primary Academy

I would like to begin by saying a HUGE well done to all of our Year 6 children who took their KS2 SAT's papers last month. They all worked so so hard and tried their best and we couldn't be prouder of them. Last week we had a visit from the RNLI. They talked to us about staying safe around water this Summer. They taught us what the different flags mean on the beaches and what to do if we ever find ourselves or our friends are in trouble in the water.

We recently held a Maths café for our families. Teacher's set up activities relating to the maths children had been learning in class and invited parents/carers in to share how we use manipulatives and strategies to solve questions and problems. It was lovely to see so many join us!

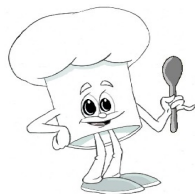
Our KS1 children across the Federation went on a trip to Norton's Dairy. They had an exciting day learning about how a dairy farm works and even got to taste test some dairy products!

Also, another big thank you to the Catfield Action Team who have provided us with a hose to be able to water the wonderful plants they planted for us more easily. Thank you!

Lucy Amis
Senior Teacher



Chef's Specials



Sweet and Sour Prawns

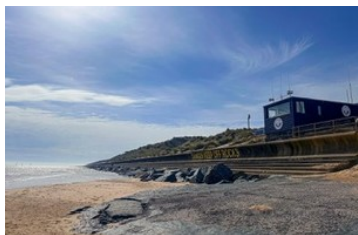
Ingredients

- 3 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp clear honey
- 1 tbsp caster sugar
- 2 tbsp light soy sauce
- 2 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 shallots, peeled and sliced
- 2 cm piece of fresh root ginger, peeled and grated
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 small carrot, cut into matchsticks
- 1 celery stick, cut into matchsticks
- 1 green pepper, deseeded and cut into strips
- 500g raw prawns, peeled and deveined
- 2 spring onions, sliced lengthways to garnish

Method

1. Heat the first 5 ingredients together in a small saucepan until the honey and sugar melt. Remove from the heat and set aside.
2. Heat the oil in a wok, add the shallots, ginger, chilli, garlic, carrot, celery and green pepper and stir-fry for 4 minutes.
3. Add the prawns and stir-fry for a further 2 minutes or until the prawns turn pink. Pour in the vinegar and sugar mixture and stir-fry for 1 minute or until the prawns and vegetables are coated and everything is heated through.
4. To serve, transfer to a platter and garnish with spring onions. Serve with boiled rice.

D.S.



Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

Summer's almost here - Wow, this year is certainly flying by! May brought with it International Volunteer Day, and it was inspiring to see social media pages from across the country celebrating the incredible contribution of volunteers from all walks of life.

As an independent lifeboat station, we're entirely dependent on our own dedicated volunteers – from boat crew, launch vehicle drivers, and medics, to fundraisers and behind-the-scenes support. Quite simply, we couldn't operate without you. If you've ever thought about getting involved, maybe lending a hand with fundraising or admin, or offering your skills in another way, we'd love to chat. Just an hour or two a week can make a big difference.

Save the Date – Lifeboat Day!

Sunday, 10th August, 11am – 4pm

Join us on the beach for a day of fun, community spirit, and vital fundraising!

We're thrilled to welcome back the incredible **Newfoundland Working Dogs**, who were a huge success last year—watch them in action as they showcase their amazing water rescue skills!

Are you a local business and want to be involved?

This is your chance to be part of something special! Set up a stall on the beach, showcase your business, and support a fantastic cause. For details, reach out to Dave, our Station Manager, on 07774 804848.

We need your help!

We're looking for donations of raffle prizes, baked goods (please list ingredients), and other items to make the day a huge success. Every contribution, big or small, helps support our lifesaving work! Please get in touch rita@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk

Enjoy the fun!

BBQ & cake stall, children's games, live music, boat displays, raffle, and more—it's going to be an unforgettable day for all ages! Help make this year's Lifeboat Day better than the last.

Rita

Rita Galbraith

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

Fundraising Team

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How Hill Trust **Education team**

Our Summer Family Days are back again for 2025!
From the 23rd – 31st of July.

This year we are teaching children and their families how to thatch and exploring the world of bees through our woodland trail and craft activities.

Tickets are £9 per child and include 1 supervising adult. This is a prebooked, ticketed event. Tickets are available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/how-hill-trust>

Thatching is the ancient craft of roofing with natural materials such as reed and sedge found on the marsh; many Norfolk buildings are thatched including How Hill House. Thatching is one of our most unique activities that we run with groups of children, and one they remember!



Adult Visitors

The first Swallowtail butterflies of the year have been seen in the Secret Gardens at How Hill. These beautiful, pale-yellow butterflies with their very distinct black veined with blue margin markings are mainly restricted to the Norfolk Broads and have two broods a year. The first brood appear around the end of May/June and the second in August. They like the wet fenland and marsh environment and are more likely to be spotted on a sunny day.

We have a few spaces on the following two courses.

Churches Course Monday 18th August to Thursday 21st August Cost: £520 per person or £940 for 2 people sharing a room.

Norfolk has more round towered churches than any other county and this year we will be visiting only round towered churches! As usual, we will meet a local expert at every church ensuring we get the maximum from each visit.

Natural History of the Broads Friday 22nd August to Sunday 24th August Cost: £400 per person or £700 for 2 people sharing a room.

A chance to discover and learn about the local Broadland flora and fauna. How Hill is an ideal location to see a variety of England's finest moths and butterflies with a possibility of catching sight of a second brood Swallowtail. We will also be running a moth trap during the weekend. Birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and other invertebrates will not be forgotten. Su Gough will be leading this course.

All our course prices include full board, transport during your stay, and any entry costs and/or materials and evening talks where appropriate. Booking on all courses and events is essential. If you would like to join us but don't want to stay overnight as you live locally, we can offer a reduced rate.

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

Museum of the Broads

July on the Norfolk Broads is always a special time. The seasons are changing and the landscape and wildlife seem to be getting ready to welcome locals and holidaymakers alike. At the Museum of the Broads we're getting ready too. Just look at some of the events and attractions we have in store for July.

Bold and Brassy - Saturday July 19th 7-9pm

The Taverham Brass Band will be with us. Join us on the riverbank as the band play a super selection of tunes from 'Stage and Screen'. There will be locally brewed ale from Lacon's along with other refreshments. Did you know that Lacon's were the original owners of our steam launch Falcon? We love bringing the stories of the Broads alive! **Tickets – £12 Please book via our website.**

Summer Holiday Family Events - July 23rd - 2nd September

Fun and Frolics!

Have a go at hoola-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!

There's a lot to see too. Come and see our newly acquired collection of postcards in our nostalgic look at **'Holidaying in the Broads'**.

There are lots of holiday events and activities for all the family coming up. Keep checking our website for details.

Kingfisher Cruises - July 29th - September 25th

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 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!)

We always love sharing stories of the legendary Wherries....

This spring we had a visit from the wherry Maud. The story of the Wherries is integral to the story of the Broads.

Until the mid-nineteenth century the Wherries were the mainstay of Broads transport. Then, from the 1840s the development of rail and road gradually led to the demise of cargo transport on the Broads.

To supplement their income, trading wherry owners turned to the growing tourist trade, offering day trips and holiday cruises. By the 1900s, over a hundred wherries had been temporarily converted with cabins for hire during the tourist season, then returned to cargo service afterwards.

New purpose-built pleasure wherries began to be constructed featuring small changes. The black tar sails were replaced with white ones and high-quality wooden interiors were installed with a saloon and separate sleeping cabins. Pleasure wherries Solace (1903), Hathor (1905) and Ardea (1927) still sail the broads today.

The Wherry Yacht was the final and most luxurious evolution of the wherry, combining the elegant interiors of pleasure wherries with the sleek exteriors of the finest cruising yachts of the era. Only a few were ever built, and today just three—Olive (1909), Norada (1912), and White Moth (1915), the last to be constructed—remain on the Norfolk Broads.

Find out more at www.wherrymaudtrust.org

It's great to know that Maud and her volunteers are as enthusiastic as us in bringing the stories of the Broads alive.

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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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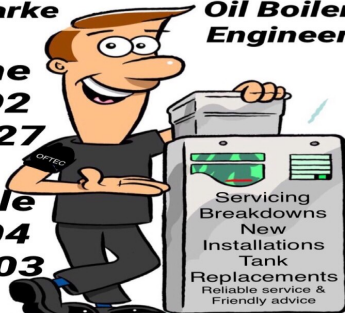
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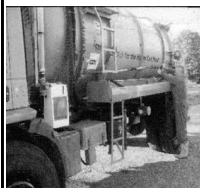
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