

Spring 2007

East Carleton & Ketteringham Parish Council Newsletter

Did You Know?

- The actor James Stewart was president of court at a court martial held at Ketteringham Hall in 1944 for the US mistakenly bombing Switzerland
- The manor of Ketteringham belonged to the de Vere family until 1262.
- Legend has it that St Mary Magdalen church in Mulbarton was built by Thomas St Omer Lord of the Manor as a penance for wrongly hanging an East Carleton man who was consequently proved innocent !
- Lord Lindley of 'The Lodge', Catbridge Lane had a mountain named after him by Scott of the Antarctic in 1901, he had been the chairman to the discovery land expedition.

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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first Parish Council newsletter, I hope you find it informative. We intend to publish two of these each year to keep everyone in the Parish informed of what is going on. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome residents who, as a result of boundary changes have joined us from Cringleford and Hethersett Parishes and are now part of the East Carleton & Ketteringham Parish.

The Parish Council tries hard to address issues which affect the residents of the Parish so please do let us know of any problems you think we can help you with. You can do this by coming along to the Parish Council meetings or by contacting myself or any of the members directly or through the Parish clerk who can also be contacted by letter, phone or email. A hot topic which is regularly raised is the speed of traffic passing through both villages, we are engaging the Police to try to gain some enforcement of the speed limits plus discussing with Norfolk County Council the possible introduction of some traffic calming measures. Another of the issues that is regularly raised is the condition of the verges in and around both East Carleton & Ketteringham and we are currently working with the Planning & Transportation department of Norfolk County Council to address this problem. Your Council is also aware of many Parishioners wishing to have a community hall in East Carleton and the need to preserve & improve the Village Hall in Ketteringham. Your Council is actively engaged in seeking support in monetary and logistical terms to achieve these goals.'

The District and Parish elections take place on 3rd May and therefore at the next Parish Council meeting the new Council will be formed. Please come along and meet them and let them know how they can best serve the community they represent.

Alan Benstead

Ketteringham Quarry

A fantastic opportunity has been given to both villages, thanks to the generosity of Peter Lemon of Middleton Aggregates, who is donating 36 acres of a former quarry site accessed via Hethersett Road. It's being handed over in two phases; the first phase will be handed over this year the second phase being given towards the end of 2013, when the entire quarry site will have been in filled and landscaped.



The Ice House

This will include an historic 'Ice House' (home to a number of species of bats), which is in need of restoration; the aim is to create an amenity conservation area. A steering committee has been formed to assess the

potential uses of this land, chaired by Ingrid Fairman it meets once a month, and reports into the Parish Council at each meeting. If you would like to come along or have any ideas you would like to put forward please let us know. We hope to have a community picnic or tree planting day once the land is handed over for everyone to see. Please note that at present there is no public access to the site. But Watch this space!

The Quarry



Contact Care's Lifeline Service

Contact Care's Lifeline Service offers any vulnerable person help and security at the touch of a button. Using a lifeline connected to the phone line, the button can be pressed and their call centre knows who the person is and where they live and can make

sure the right kind of help is summoned just when it is needed. Contact Care can bring extra reassurance and peace of mind. If you have any questions, require a leaflet or for further information on any of the products please contact their free

phone number 0800 9174680

Or contact:
Contact Care Community
Alarm Services
Saffron Barn,
Long Stratton,
Norwich
NR15 2XP



Ketteringham Village Sign

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meet regularly through the year and alternate meetings between the two villages. The last meeting took place at St Mary's Church, East Carleton on 14th March. The meeting schedule for the rest of this year is :

16th May Ketteringham Village Hall

(please note this is a change of date from 23rd May)

11th July East Carleton – The Grove

26th September Ketteringham Village Hall

5th December 2007 East Carleton—venue yet to be agreed

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings so please come along and let the Parish Council know your issues or concerns about your villages.

The May meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting and, for the September meeting we have arranged to have a presentation from the RSPB at the beginning of the meeting. Lee Cozens is attending to give an illustrated talk about the work and aims of the RSPB locally covering gardening for wildlife, habitat management on our reserves, bird ID, climate change and how it is affecting our wildlife. Everyone is welcome so please do come along and enjoy the talk.

Conserve Energy & Cut Your Costs

It may be cold outside but it doesn't have to be cold inside. Feel warmer in your home and save £££'s on your heating bills with cavity wall and loft insulation. Up to 33% of the heat in your homes may be lost through the walls, and 26% through the roof if not insulated.

Installing cavity wall insulation significantly reduces the heat loss through the walls, and could save you £130-160 a year on your fuel bills; whilst topping up loft insulation to the standard level of 270mm could save you up to £180-220 a year.

There are new grants available to all residents of South Norfolk Council towards at least 40% of the cost of installing the measures. You may qualify for a 100% grant. For more information on this and for any other energy efficiency enquiries please phone The Energy Team on 01603 430627.

Update on the A11

The highways authority have plans to close the gap in the A11 at it's junction with Station Lane. This will mean that traffic leaving East Carleton/Ketteringham will only be able to turn left to Wymondham. Acceleration and deceleration lanes will be provided to leave and rejoin the main carriageway however it is not envisaged that these changes will take place until 2009/2010 due to budgetary restrictions.

"There are three kinds of people; those that make things happen, those that watch things happen and those who don't know what's happening."

Quiz "N" Chips Event

Eric and Trish Hitchins recently organised a Quiz 'n Chips evening: 13 teams of 6 under the able direction of Quiz Mistress, Sue Hitchcock, saw the 1st prize awarded to the Phelps team from Intwood and £434.00 donated to St. Mary's Church, East Carleton.

Reported Crime in East Carleton & Ketteringham

1st January To 29th March 2007

Burglary (Dwelling)	1
Theft from motor vehicle	4
Criminal damage to motor vehicle	1
Dangerous driving	1

A total of 7 crimes within the parish may seem high, but the four in the category "Theft from Motor Vehicle" were a linked matter where one company was a repeat victim, three people have been arrested.

The Dangerous Driving and Criminal Damage were both road (A11) related.

Sergeant Chris Claydon
Norfolk Constabulary



East Carleton Village Sign

Dial-a-Ride

Wymondham Area Flexi-bus

Dial-a-ride is a minibus service feeding into Wymondham from the surrounding villages

The vehicles are wheelchair accessible

They also provide journeys to work and run a late night service

To book contact - 0845 600 2315

We're on the web !
<http://www.eastspace.net/eastcarleton/>

For those with internet access please visit the Parish website there is a lot of useful information on it. If there is any additional information you would like to see published please contact the Parish Clerk who will try to accommodate your needs for example , if there are events in the villages and you want them posted on the website just let Carole know. Her full details are shown at the bottom of this page..



Finance

The Parish Council is funded by residents through a precept which is collected by South Norfolk Council via the council tax system. The precept is set each year by the Parish Council to cover certain costs for example insurance for local items such as village signs, wells, benches etc. and to help with the upkeep of the churchyards. The precept for the coming year was set at the November Parish Council meeting at £3235.00 an increase of £235.00 from the previous year.

The breakdown of the 2007 precept was itemised as:-

Staff Costs	£1050.00
Insurance	£675.00
Donations to Churches	£760.00
Hire of Ketteringham Village Hall	£100.00
Audit fees	£110.00
NCAPTC Subscription	£105.00
Cantley Lane Street Lights	£150.00
Contingencies	£300.00
Total Budget	£3235.00



**"Money makes a
good servant,
but a bad
master."**

The Local History Group

The local history group meet every 2nd Saturday at Ketteringham Village Hall from 10.30-12.30 and covers both villages. Everyone is welcome to come along to explore their own interest in the villages' history.

Litter Pick

A group of people in East Carleton have expressed a desire to organise and man a 'Litter Collection Day' in the Parish – if this is something that could be done on a regular basis there are tools and equipment that the Parish Council could obtain to help. If anyone in Ketteringham would be willing to do the same please let one of your council members or the Parish Clerk know.

Go Green—Cycle & Ride

You can now Cycle & Ride from any Norwich Park & Ride site. Secure your bicycle in the cycle stand or park your motorcycle in the designated bay then pay your £1 return fare to the bus driver (no ticket required).

Your Parish Clerk is

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Our Thanks Go To.....

- ★ David Pond who has served 12 years on both the District Council and the East Carleton & Ketteringham Parish Council and has made a huge contribution to both councils during that time.. Sadly David has decided not to stand for re-election this year, his experience and support will be sorely missed. The Parish council members wish him all the very best for the future.
- ★ John & Doreen Effemy for the excellent work done recently cutting grass in Rectory Road, East Carleton.
- ★ Martyn Jordan for serving as treasurer to the Parish council for the past two years.

Your Parish Council Members are

East Carleton
Alan Benstead—Chairman
David Pond
Tim Cave
Sam Mealing-Mills

Ketteringham
Ingrid Fairman
Angela Jordan
Roy Walmsley

Roads & Traffic

The roads in the parish are always a cause of concern for residents and the Parish Council are constantly working with Planning and Transportation department at Norfolk County Council to address the issues. Whilst we are aware that these issues are a problem we need to understand more about what the people who live in the villages think. We need your input to develop a longer term strategy to push Norfolk County Council to provide the things that you want for your environment.

Verge erosion is a problem in both villages and whilst there are budgetary constraints, work will be done to address some of the worst areas. It is planned to install more kerb stones in Ketteringham Lane just after the junction with Low Street at the narrowest point to improve this area.

The potential introduction of traffic calming measures is being explored—but we need to know what you think—what would you like to see change e.g. should we pursue the introduction of a quiet lane status for Intwood Lane?

We need volunteers who would be willing to take part in some traffic surveys to help to form the best plans for the area—could you help?

Are there other problems we don't know about, do you have any ideas we could develop? Please come along to a parish council meeting, or speak to one of the Parish Councillors or speak to the Parish Clerk.

To make it easier we are enclosing a questionnaire with this newsletter please take a few minutes to fill it in and let us know your thoughts.

Future Publications

This newsletter has been produced following feedback from residents. We want to keep you informed of what is happening locally. We will aim to publish twice a year in spring and autumn. We hope you find it useful but let us know if there are any improvements you would like to see to the next issue and we will try to incorporate your suggestions.

If you would like to contribute an article perhaps to share some of the history of the village and surrounding areas or experience and knowledge in any subject please let one of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk know. We will aim to publish issue 2 in October.

**Effective
communication
is 20% what you
know and 80%
how you feel
about what you
know**

Jim Rohn

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

2007 will bring about some of the biggest changes ever in the way that we are policed.

These will be advertised publicly closer to the time – but in effect it will bring about a much closer working relationship between many agencies to create a SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) for each Neighbourhood. The SNAP will be a community led, proactive, problem solving partnership and the police will obviously be one of those agencies. The neighbourhoods have been decided on primarily by high school catchment areas (i.e. yours is the Hethersett High School catchment area).

Each neighbourhood will have – in addition to the normal response police – a police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). Your SNT will have a Sergeant (me), a Police Constable, three Police Community Support Officers and some designated Special Constables.

We will have responsibility for addressing the lower level crime and disorder within your area, and you will see us out and about on foot and bike patrol.

It is anticipated that your neighbourhood SNAP and SNT will roll-out some time in the autumn or early winter 2007

Sergeant Chris Claydon Norfolk Constabulary

The District Council Year Vivienne Clifford-Jackson

The district council year has been one of tremendous achievement. We won a beacon award for our work with young people, have been short listed for another one for our emergency planning services, our revenue service and environmental services have achieved Charter marks for outstanding customer care, our website has been top in the league table of user friendly web sites, we are in the top three recycling local councils in the country and are now being recommended to go forward for government excellence status.

Since I became leader I have attended meetings at over 60 of our parish councils and also tried to attend as many local ones as time permitted.

I am sorry to report that my co-councilor for Mulbarton Ward David Pond is retiring at the next elections and will be sorely missed. I wish to pay tribute to him for diligence and faithfulness to the residents of all our parishes since he was elected in 1995. He is conscientious and reliable which are becoming rare attributes these days. Thank you David. We hope to still see you around the villages and have a very happy retirement. Margaret Pitcher is our new candidate and is very well known in the ward and promises to be a hard worker like David, although he is a hard act to follow! I hope you will welcome her as you have me. I look forward to meeting many more parishioners and thank you for the interesting time I have had so far.