

# Oulton Broad **CISHPRESS**

Welcome to the Parish Press March issue. Delivering the latest news, updates and announcements from within the Oulton Broad Parish.

## A message from Councillor Sandra Keller

#### Chair of Oulton Broad Parish Council

Welcome to our second newsletter! We hope that you find this medium helpful to keep up to date on what we are achieving on your behalf, and on what is going on in the area. We will continue to publish this twice a year.

You will notice a few adverts in this edition from some local businesses, we hope you will find these useful and support our local businesses when you can.

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## Community Shop, Could you help?



We are seeking your comments on setting up a community shop in Oulton Broad.

Do you think this is a good idea? To create this facility will require the formation of a shop committee, who would organise the shop and a band of volunteers to help run it. We feel this could be a real asset for our community, but it would need the support of some people who could volunteer some time to help with the creation, and ongoing running, of the shop.

If you would be interested in helping with this project please contact the Parish Clerk.



Keep updated and follow us



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The advertising also helps us to cover some of the cost of producing the newsletter.

We have been very busy since last time, with lots of activities planned for the year ahead, you'll find details in this issue, we hope you will be able to attend and enjoy these events.

A couple of larger projects have been undertaken including installing CCTV within Nicholas Everitt Park. We hope this will discourage unsocial behaviour, caused by the minority, and help to keep the general public safe, to enjoy the park and wildlife.

The Museum's heating has also been replaced with a modern system, which will help to protect the artefacts and enable the museum to operate better.

I wish you all an enjoyable year, and if you have any problems that you would like us to advise on or deal with please do get in touch.

Sandra Keller, Councillor.

## A message from Councillor Lee Pullen

#### Chair of Events & Tourism Committee

The Events and Tourism committee have not only endeavoured to maintain a healthy calendar for this coming year, but have added new events such as a quiz evening, coffee mornings, plus VE day and VJ day celebrations, to its already substantial list.

2020 will see more events including power boats, Sunday bands, arts exhibition, music festival and a craft fair. To keep up-to-date with what's happening please checkout the notice boards within the parish, or take a look at our Facebook page.

Lee Pullen, Councillor.

## **Annual Meeting** of the Parish and Nicholas Everitt Park Trust AGM



Join us in The Pavilion, Nicholas Everitt Park, on 20th April commencing 6pm for our two larger meetings of the year.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** and also the Nicholas Everitt Park Trust AGM. You will have time to meet your parish councillors, ask questions and find out more details about what we have planned for the year ahead.

The normal full council meeting will immediately follow, which you can also stay for.

## Nicholas Everitt Park Tennis Courts are Now Free to use



#### The tennis courts in Nicholas Everitt Park are now free to use!

When the Parish Council took over running the Nicholas Everitt Park Trust (a charity), we inherited the existing charging policy on the tennis courts. We want to help encourage people to get outdoors and use the sporting facilities, so we have now removed the pay machine and you can now use the courts for free.

We hope this will encourage everyone to make use of the facility. Donations to help towards the maintenance of the tennis courts (and the whole park) are always welcome of course - see the Parish Clerk!







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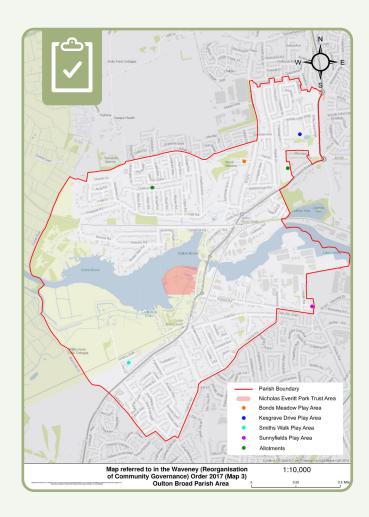
## Neighbourhood Plan

A neighbourhood plan allows for us to have greater control of what happens in our parish in the future. We have two areas within our Oulton Broad neighbourhood plan. The "green plan" covers the land we occupy, and the "blue plan" looks at the water areas that surround us.

Creating a neighbourhood plan is a big task. We have made a start and the relevant forms have been completed and submitted to East Suffolk Council, these then also go to the Broads Authority. We look forward to the results of the application being accepted, which will then allow us to progress with a public consultation to all of our parishioners. A 'steering group' will need to be formed, consisting of parishioners, on a voluntary basis, who can guide how the plan is formed and its contents. Parish councillors will assist with this.

We are looking for people to get involved with this important project and help guide the future developments in our parish. Do you have a deep interest in your neighbourhood? Do you have professional experience or interest in the areas covered?

Please register your interest with Cllr Falat by emailing benfalat@obpc.uk





## Nicholas Everitt Park Craft Fair



Sunday 2nd August, 10.00am - 5.00pm

- On the Main Green (Nicholas Everitt Park)
- Many dozens of stalls selling a wide variety of crafts
- Including many local crafts-peoples
- Organised by Nicholas Everitt Park Trust, to raise funds for the Lowestoft Museum renovations

# Nicholas Everitt Park New CCTV



Installation of a new CCTV system in Nicholas Everitt Park has recently been completed. We decided to invest in CCTV for the park following public comments, made to us both directly, and from our survey in Summer 2018, and from our own desire to protect both the assets in the park, which we are investing heavily into, and the safety of everyone using the area. Cameras are placed to monitor strategic areas, with access to the footage being strictly limited. A CCTV policy is in place.

#### Nicholas Everitt Park

## Coffee Mornings



Join us for a get together and chat in the Pavilion, NEP, 10.30 - 12.30, 1st and 3rd Thursday each month.

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## Visit Your Local Museum



Lowestoft Museum, located in Broad House, in the centre of Nicholas Everitt Park, reopens for the season on Saturday 4th April.

Discover the story of where you live from pre-history to Pye electronics. See the wonderful Lowestoft Porcelain collection, fine art and stories of the people of the area. Free admission. Donations greatly appreciated!





#### Nicholas Everitt Park

# Park Pavillion Available For Hire

Birthday parties, Social events, Meetings, Keep fit classes and more.

The hall in the Nicholas Everitt Park pavillion is available to hire for £10 per hour. To hire please speak to the Parish Clerk.

# Advertise in the next Parish Press Newsletter

Would you like to advertise your Oulton Broad business in the next edition of this newsletter?

Contact the Clerk for more information and pricing.

Clerk details on back page.

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# Have You Visited Bonds Meadow?





From winters chill emerges the youth of spring to awaken Bonds Meadow, Oulton Broad's neighbourhood County Wildlife site. Home to wildlife, woodland, grassland, ponds, dykes, fungi, wildflowers and numerous species of birds.

Enjoy a walk on one of the trails that lead off the Hall Road to Sands Lane footpath, listen to birdsong, catch a glimpse of the timid muntjac deer or the squirrels as their tails disappear to the treetops. Birds feeding their young and tadpoles explore the ponds.

It's a **little-known gem on your doorstep** and all cared for and maintained by a small group of volunteers that meet every Tuesday morning at the Sands Lane gate. New volunteers are welcomed.



# Become a Parish Councillor

Oulton Broad Parish Council

We currently have two vacant seats on the Parish Council and are looking for people who love Oulton Broad to join us by process of "co-option" (meaning no election is needed).

Becoming a Parish Councillor, you would be helping to look after our wonderful area and be involved with the various projects and running of OBPC and the NEP charitable trust. All Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers, but full training is provided. If you think you might like to see what its all about, please speak to Tina, our Clerk, and she will be able to give more details

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and answer your questions.

### **Museum Renovations**



Renovations on our wonderful Museum, standing in the centre of Nicholas Everitt Park, are now beginning.

The building is long overdue some TLC, having lacked maintenance in the years prior to OBPC taking it over. There are many different works which need to be done, which will take time to complete, but firstly we are installing a brand new heating system.

We are also beginning work on the attached 'flat', which has remained unused for many years. With planning consent recently granted, we are dividing this area in two and giving some of the rooms over to the Museum, so they can expand. We will give further updates on these works in future newsletters.

## What's Coming Up 2020 Dates



Take a look at some of the great events coming up this year in Oulton Broad...



**Powerboat Racing** 

Starting 7 May - Thursday Evenings



**VE Day Celebrations** 

8 May - Nicholas Everitt Park



**Powerboat British Championships** 

24-25 May



The Nearly Festival

27-28 June



**Sunday Band Concerts on the Bandstand** 

Sundays 2pm, starting 5th July to September



**Powerboat World Championships** with Car and Bike Shows 18-19 July



**Craft Fair** 

2 August - Nicholas Everitt Park



**VJ Day Celebration** 

15 August - Nicholas Everitt Park



**Oulton Broad Regatta Week** 

23-28 August



Lowestoft Lions Bank Holiday Gala Day

31 August - Nicholas Everitt Park



**Open Air Cinema** 

3-5 September - Nicholas Everitt Park



Powerboats Battle of Britain

13 September

For more details and further updates please see our Facebook page and website.



www.oultonbroadparishcouncil.gov.uk/events



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## **FONEP Volunteers** Welcome

Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park (FoNEP) are a friendly group of volunteers working with Norse park staff, Oulton Broad Parish Council and the Nicholas Everitt Park Trust, to help conserve and improve this award-winning park for all its users and visitors.

Volunteer sessions take place every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 12.00noon, meeting at the Pavilion. New volunteers are always welcome! Come with appropriate clothes and stout footwear. For more details please contact Geoff on: geoffpipe@aol.com









Post: Clerk's Office, The Pavilion, Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JR

