



Oulton Broad parishPRESS

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

Statement from Councillor Sandra Keller Chair of Oulton Broad Parish Council



Welcome to another edition of our newsletter, which I hope you will find interesting. In this edition you will find a survey – this is to help us to know more about what is wanted around the Parish.

A great deal has been said regarding the Land Spring Drain, which flows through Nicholas Everitt Park. It starts in the Suffolk Wildlife area as a drain, however, when that area gets too much water it then makes its way through the park finishing up under Saltwater Way and into Lake Lothing.

We have contacted the Environment Agency regarding dredging the drain, who have replied that it's not for them to do. This has led to us considering whether we could do it ourselves.

We have put drainage into one of the sunken gardens, as it was holding a large amount of excess water, which currently seems to be working.

You may notice that the Museum will be having some improvements made to its building.

As summer is fast approaching, we have plenty of events arranged and we hope that our Parishioners will join in.

We hope that you all have a great summer.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



New volunteer group

One of our councillors is on the lookout for enthusiastic people who have maybe one or two days a month to become part of a new volunteer group.

The project is to repair and maintain the wooded area at the back of Peto Way. This area encompasses a small wood which she has affectionately named 'Nursery Wood', Slaters Pit and Kesgrave playing field.

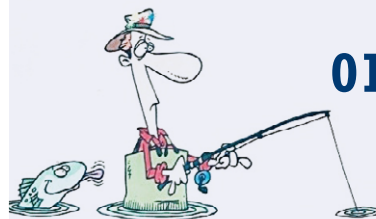
Slaters Pit has had a lot of volunteer work done over the last couple of years by the "Friends of Slaters", which is a very small group of guys who have done a marvellous job so far and it has turned into a beautiful fishing pond which needs constant upkeep, and our councillor wants to expand on the other neglected areas around the pond.

We need a few people who are eager to get out and enjoy the countryside and help to keep our recreational areas tidy for all. So, if you are handy with any kind of gardening tools, etc, please sign up.

Please contact the Administrator of the council at admin@obpc.uk and we can set up a welcome day.

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Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park • UPDATE

The FONEP volunteers have been busy all over the winter season battling the unpredictable weather conditions to get the park ready for planting for the spring/summer season.

The Wallflowers in the circle flowerbeds have had to put up with adverse weather conditions after planting with high winds, excessive rainfall then a period of cold weather. However, they survived but did not develop as we hoped but they are now flowering.

The plug plants for the increased size flowerbed, boat planters and hanging baskets have been ordered with a delivery date of late May or early June. We received a grant from East Suffolk District Councillor Edward Back to help pay for the plants for the extended flowerbed. The remaining plants have been funded by **Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park** using money raised by our sales table on Thursday mornings.

Seed sowing of the summer bedding display has started and Begonia tubers, saved from last year, for the hanging baskets will soon be started into growth – these are supplemented by the new plants.

We always welcome new volunteers. So, if you or anyone you know has spare time on a Thursday morning, no gardening skills or knowledge required, just enthusiasm, please come along. We meet outside the pavilion in the park at 09:30 and work until 11:30, then have refreshments and discuss the mornings session. Should you wish to join us please come dressed in appropriate clothes and stout footwear.



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Daisy	B	R	H	W	M	H	I	P	L	L
Lambs	N	E	S	T	O	I	A	O	F	O
Flower	X	W	D	G	S	C	D	L	P	O
Seeds	Q	O	K	M	Y	K	E	L	Y	M
Chicks	I	L	A	M	B	S	V	E	Z	L
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Tulip										

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Hire the Pavilion

Opposite the Museum in Nicholas Everitt Park, and attached to the Bowls Green, we have a well maintained Pavilion which has a large hall, a kitchen, and a front entrance room.

The Pavilion can be hired out to anyone needing a decent sized area to hold events, work conferences or anything else required.

If you would like more information about hiring the Pavilion, please contact admin@obpc.uk or call the Parish Office on 01502 580942.

Lowestoft Museum

The Museum reopened on Saturday March 23rd, and on Palm Sunday we welcomed Sally Francis again with her Norfolk saffron and Bushell's Dingers.

After the successful season closed on October 31st, there was more to come when opening in the Christmas season, which has become a regular feature to coincide with "Carols on the Quay". A small team of volunteers had worked hard to set up another search activity, this time involving counting the Christmas trees hidden round the building, which children and adults enjoyed. During the 2023 season the total visitor number exceeded 10,000 which has taken us from a 'Small' to a 'Medium' sized museum.

Over the winter, a lot of time has been given over to the MEND project which will ensure the future of "Broad House" for many years to come. Already, there are 3 boreholes sunk at strategic points, which are being used

to monitor the ground water levels, providing advice for the contractors. The next stage which visitors to Nicholas Everitt



Park will notice is excavations during work on drainage around the perimeter. However, there will be notices and advance communication so that visitors may still enter and experience the displays as usual.

On May 26th, another motorbike rally will take place in the park and associated displays will be on view in the Museum. Enjoyment of the visit of the historic Wherry 'Ardea' to Oulton Broad, scheduled for 30th May to the 2nd June, may be enhanced by visiting an interesting small display about the vessel in the Museum.

The Lowestoft Museum will be participating in the "D-Day" event in the park on the 8th June.

In the Turner Room there is a display of recent acquisitions, previously unseen, including a 1970s pub interior, one of 20 miniature dioramas made by Stacey and Evelyn Fincham, recently restored by one of our skilled volunteers.

We hope to welcome you soon!

www.lowestoftmuseum.org

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A rare pair of Lowestoft Porcelain pugs, c.1770

Dog Fouling

Sadly, we have had many reports about dog's mess being left in the park. We allow dogs off lead, and we would like to keep it this way.

If you bring your dog to the park, please be respectful of your surroundings. Dogs should always be under control and any mess picked up and put in a bin.

Dogs are not permitted to be in the children's playground area, on the tennis courts or on the Bowls Green either, so please keep dogs away from these areas. If this issue persists, we will have to review the situation and look at putting in a "Public Spaces Protection Order for dogs on lead" in the park.

We love to see the public enjoy the events we put on for them every year. This year we have:

2024 Events Guide

Powerboat Racing – Starts 5th May – various Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays until 8th September

Powerboat Racing and The Lowestoft Invader Motorbike Club – 26th May

KidzFest – 1st and 2nd June

Parish Picnic in the Park / D-Day 80th Celebrations / Craft Fair – 8th June

NearlyFest – 6th and 7th July

Bands in the Park – Starts 14th July

Yacht Club Regatta – Sunday 18th August - Friday 23rd August

Lions Gala Day – 25th August

Art Circle Show – 27th August - 2nd September

Quiz Night – 18th October

Carols on the Quay – 8th December

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MP Launches Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre 2024 Season

OBWSC was joined on Wednesday 27th March 2024 by the local MP Peter Aldous, together with Councillor for Suffolk County Council Craig Rivett and Sam Kenward from East Suffolk Council; staff members and children from Dell Primary School were invited for the opening of the new season.

Following a season almost without revenue due to the pandemic, this valuable Oulton Broad asset was going to find it difficult funding its ambition to host Lowestoft children from all social backgrounds, to benefit from water borne experience.

A fund-raising sub committee was formed, consisting of the Centre Manager, Graham Colam, volunteer Centre Management member, Richard Birbeck, and Councillors John Davis and David Bromley.

OBWSC is a not for profit charity.

The need for this Centre to prosper is recognised by local Councillors, to assist in their policies to combat anti-social behaviour, and to ensure that the services provided are available to all children in the Lowestoft and Waveney area.

In order to partner and play a major part in reducing anti-social behaviour, the Centre's activities are recognised by Councillors and local businesses as an asset.

Tremendous financial support was provided by local Councils and other organisations including: Local Suffolk County Councillors, Local District Councillors, Lowestoft Town Council Councillors, Oulton Broad Parish Councillors, Lowestoft

Rotary Club, Adnams, ASDA amongst others.

Peter Aldous MP, Craig Rivett and Sam Kenward were kind enough to launch the new season.

The children were keen to get their safety gear on, warm up and head down to the water, met by Oulton Broad Parish Councillor John Davis, and OBWSC Trustees, Judith Warr and Barry Ling, (two volunteers for the OBWSC), to teach the children raft building, kayak skills and water safety.

Speaking to one of the Teaching Assistants, he said that the children get so much out of coming along and taking part in the activities OBWSC has to offer them. They always learn such a wide and varied amount of life skills, which will be of benefit to them for the rest of their lives, stating that they come back every year doing an after-school club for children on a Wednesday, and that they get over subscribed with children wanting to take advantage of this opportunity to learn new skills. Every year 100 children from years 3,4,5 and 6 benefit from having this opportunity; some of these children have never done anything like this before, so it opens a whole new experience up for them. The opportunity is never cut off to those children who require additional support in the classrooms or need support for other reasons; OBWSC has welcomed a diverse mix of children, and is pushing to make sure it's facility provides equal opportunities for all children.

Speaking to one of the children, **Ivayia Bozhilova**, she said she attended last year and is really looking forward to attending again this year; she said that she learns whilst having lots of fun! They learn teamwork, interesting facts they hadn't known before, whilst also having fun like racing in the boats.

Whilst the children were learning new skills, Craig Rivett told us that he really enjoyed visiting again, and hearing what new things the OBWSC had been up to; he said that the Water Sports Centre was a hidden gem, and that many people are missing out not taking advantage of what the Centre has to offer.

Cllr. Rivett said that all those involved with keeping the Centre up and running should be extremely pleased with their achievement, having opened these opportunities up to children, to make use of the water in a safe and secure manner.

Peter Aldous MP, he said that he fully supports the Centre. OBWSC has been here since 1987, and has played a vital part in ensuring that locals have a place to use equipment in a safe and secure manner on the water; as we are surrounded by water, it is imperative to make sure children learn how to enjoy the water safely.

Graham Colam, along with the other members and volunteers, has really put so much time and effort into making sure the Centre thrives this year and for many years to come Graham felt it had been a successful morning, thanked all who had attended and confirmed that he is looking forward to a busy year ahead.

DON'T FORGET - An important source of revenue is the hire to the general public of Canoes, Kayaks, Boards and sailing boats on a daily or hourly basis during the season - ENJOY!

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What do YOU want - for Oulton Broad?

Oulton Broad Parish was formed out of Waveney District in 2017.

During 2018 we ran a parishioners' survey to identify local wishes for a way forward. Following last year's elections, it is now very timely to re-address any changes and to direct councillors' policy.

This park, designated as a **Charity Trust**, has been recognised as **The Jewel in Waveney** and besides public facilities for Tennis, Bowling, Fishing and District's prime children's play area, it also boasts tourist attractions and hosting of events, some regular like Motorboat racing or the Lowestoft Museum and other ad-hoc like the **Nearly Festival** displays of art, motor vehicles, boating, and celebrations of national anniversaries. Out-of-hours security has not just made the park a more inviting place to visit but has probably also, in immediate response, saved lives. Nevertheless, the Parish Council fully recognises and supports outside play areas, local community groups, projects at Monckton Woods and refurbishing of allotments off Normanston Drive.

WE want to hear from YOU

- What things would you like to see happen within your parish area?
- What improvements would you like?
- Particular events?
- Are there problems you would like help with?

We have undertaken many projects in response to the last survey and we continue to want to ensure that **we are working to improve what matters to you**. We don't have absolute authority over everything, but we can often push for changes to things that are not under our control - so all your comments are important.

Please give your comments by completing the short survey below, and either post it back to us or drop it into the local Parish Office at the address below. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY BY FRIDAY 28th JUNE 2024**

PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS: (Adjacent to the Museum)
Oulton Broad Parish Council, Parish Clerk's Office,
Broad House, Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad NR33 9JR

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PARISH NOTICEBOARDS: Corner of The Boulevard/Bridge Road
(edge of the car park, next to The Broad).
Corner of Burnt Hill Way/Beccles Road (opposite Tesco Express).
Hall Road (opposite Broad Road).

Thank you for your time and valued input. If you would like further information please get in touch, and remember that you are welcome to attend Parish meetings where you have a chance to speak to us. You can find a meetings schedule on the Website and on our Noticeboards. You can also contact the Clerk for details.

OULTON BROAD PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY - SPRING 2024

You are invited to complete this survey anonymously - but if you would like to discuss anything with us in more detail, please do feel free to contact us. (Parts of this survey is split into Nicholas Everitt Park North; NR32, and South; NR33.)

1. **Events** - As Parish Council there are areas in which we can allow events to take place (mostly in and around Nicholas Everitt Park). There are currently several events that take place throughout the year - are there other events you would like to see?

Your response: _____

2. **The Pavilion** in Nicholas Everitt Park (opposite the Museum) - has a large meeting/display room, toilets and kitchen facilities which could be developed for greater community use. The Arts Circle has used this space as well as it being used as a base for ad-hoc events. What other events or groups would you like to see use this community room?

Your response: _____

3. Following the previous question, would the public be interested in **hiring the hall** for other events, e.g. children's birthday parties, baby/toddler groups etc? How much would you be happy to pay to hire out the hall?

Your response: _____

4. **Picnic Area** - Within Nicholas Everitt Park we are looking at having a specific picnic area, with multiple benches and bins. Is this something you would like to see in the park?

Your response: _____

5. **Dogs** – We currently allow dogs to be off lead if they are under control in the park, however after a few different reports we are looking at having an order put into place. Would you want a “Public Spaces Protection Order for dogs on leads”?

Your response: _____

6. **FACILITIES AT NICHOLAS EVERITT PARK**

6a. In response to the last survey an Adult Gym Facility has been installed adjacent to The Avenue. Do you use this?

Your response: _____

6b. On our previous survey, there were some ideas suggested, two of them being having “zip lines” and “football goals” on the green. Do you support these ideas? Would you like to see these in the park or do you have any other suggestions?

Your response: _____

7. **NR32 area** –(includes the existing engagements for allotments off Normanston, Slater’s Pit Fishpond and play areas at Bond’s Meadow and Kesgrave Field). Are you satisfied with the Parish input? What might you further suggest to improve these areas?

Your response: _____

8. **NR33 area** –Besides the two small play areas at Sunnyfields and Smiths Walk there is a little scope for direct input at Parish owned sites. Are these two play areas appropriately utilised? What proposals may you suggest for their development or re-use?

Your response: _____

9. Regarding the **Sunnyfields and Smiths Walk play areas** would you like to see any changes made to either of these?

Your response: _____

10. **Street Side** – Do you have any issues around your street? For example, verge maintenance, lack of dog waste bins, anti-social behaviour? Please include your postcode for specific issues.

Your response: _____

11. **Anything else** – Please let us know any other ideas or comments you would like to give on any area, facility, or issue within the Oulton Broad Parish area.

Your response: _____



POWERBOAT Racing Dates

The **Lowestoft & Oulton Broad Motorboat Club** is back again for another year of powerboat racing!

These are very popular events that happen every year down in Nicholas Everitt Park on the Broad. We are excited to have the club in the park for another year.

The majority of the dates are **FREE ENTRY** however there are a few which are ‘paid entry’. These are paid entries as they pay the *Nicholas Everitt Park Trust Charity* for use of the park for their events.

If you would like to come and see what all the excitement is about then please check this schedule.

MAY

Thursday 23rd – 6pm

Sunday 26th – Noon to 6pm, CPA National Championships. The Lowestoft Invader Motorbike Club will also be in the park.

Monday 27th – Noon to 6pm, CPA National Championships – Paid entry.

Thursday 30th – 6pm

JUNE

Thursday 6th – 6pm

Thursday 13th – 6pm

Thursday 20th – 6pm

Thursday 27th – 6pm

JULY

Thursday 4th – 6pm

Thursday 11th – 6pm

Thursday 18th – 6pm – Paid entry.

Thursday 25th – 6pm – Paid entry.

AUGUST

Thursday 1st – 5:30pm – Paid entry.

Thursday 8th – 5:30pm – Paid entry.

Thursday 15th – 5:30pm – Paid entry.

Monday 26th – 4:30pm

SEPTEMBER

Monday 8th – Noon, North Bay Course – Paid entry.



OULTON BROAD WATER SPORTS CENTRE,

located in the idyllic Broads National Park, is open and ready to again offer a range of water sports activities this year to all age groups regardless of ability.

A not-for-profit registered Charity, the Centre is well equipped with both changing facilities and a classroom, and offers opportunities to experience sailing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle-boarding and wing surfing. Powerboat training and first aid courses are also available.

Centre Manager Graham Colam and his qualified team offer fun experiences as well as courses for individuals or groups who wish to obtain recognised water sports qualifications.

Hiring of paddle craft is also available. Activities throughout the year include school holiday Activity Weeks for young children, and many local schools bring their pupils to gain on-the-water skills.

For local and national businesses, OBWSC also provides corporate team building and fun activity day packages which have proved very popular.

If you would like to try a new experience or hone your existing skills just drop by to see them or call Graham 01502 558487 or email him at enquiries@obwsc.co.uk

(They’re always looking for volunteers throughout the year.)

Activities and courses are also posted on www.obwsc.co.uk where you can book and also find out more.

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Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour

Unfortunately, we have had an increase in Anti-Social behaviour in and around the park.

Graffiti in our shelters seems to be a weekly occurrence – this behaviour is unacceptable, and we are trying our very best to keep on top of this. However, if you do see anything like this, we ask that you report it to the police on 101 or if it is an emergency, please call 999.

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80th D-Day Anniversary Celebration 'Sail-By'

On Saturday 8th June we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of D-Day in Nicholas Everitt Park by holding our Parish Picnic, Craft Fair and celebrations.

We are excited to have the Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club (W&OBYC) doing a 'Sail-By'. This was very popular during one of our previous events and we are thrilled to have them accept our invitation to do it again. Come down and watch the 'Sail-By' and join in our celebrations.



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Yacht Club



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BANDS *in the* PARK

Join us throughout July, August and September as we have some fantastic bands performing for you. All bands will play on the bandstand in Nicholas Everitt Park on the dates below, from 2 - 4:30pm. *We hope to see you all there!*

- 14th July - BARRIE JAMES BAND
- 21st July - WAVENEY CONCERT BAND
- 4th August - NEW BUCKENHAM SILVER BAND
- 11th August - IPSWICH HOSPITAL
- 18th August - THE VIBETTES
- 1st September - COCO SOLO SINGER

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