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Welcome to the Parish Press Winter 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

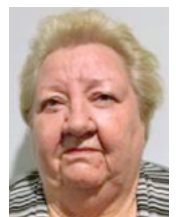
Welcome to another edition of our Parish Newsletter. I am aware that one hasn't been published for some time, the Parish Council have been very busy in the background trying to keep things going.

Our wonderful Nicholas Everitt Park, as I am sure you know is a charitable trust which all our Councillors are trustees of, so we are constantly trying to raise funds to keep the park running for all our residents and visitors to use and enjoy.

Since we started as a new Parish Council, we have had to learn an incredible amount about the area, which I believe we have done, and now we are more aware of the problems we continue to face. On the other hand, everyone has been working hard and I hope you are satisfied with the outcomes. I do hope you're happy with all that's been achieved, however if you are not then please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss any issues.

As we rapidly approach the end of the year we have one last event for the year, our *Carols on the Quay* Christmas event. This is taking place on the 10th of December from 10am - we will be having stalls, festive food and even a visit from Santa himself, so we hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

All I have left to say is have a happy new year and thank you for the continued support.



Christmas 2023



Once again, we will be holding our annual *Carols on the Quay* on Sunday 10th December 2023. There will be a Craft Fair in the Pavilion in the park which will be open from 10am along with a special display in the museum.

This year Father Christmas can be found in his winter-land Grotto in The Waveney Public House. To book a special visit to him and receive a personalised present you must book a slot via The Gift Shop (119 Bridge Road) or Sweet Obsession (119a Bridge Road). It will be at a cost of £5 per child, slots need to be booked by Wednesday 15th November.

There will also be stalls and musical entertainment on the Boulevard and down Bridge Road from 10am, and the Carols will start at 3pm by the Christmas Tree.

We are planning a full programme of events for 2024 so keep an eye on our social media page and the notice boards in the park and around the Parish.

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Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park • UPDATE

The seeds were very slow-growing earlier in the year, so the round Coronation flowerbed was late being planted out.

The plants soon grew after planting out and made a very colourful display which gained lots of positive comments from locals and visitors alike. This flowerbed has now been cleared and will be planted with Wallflowers for Winter/Spring display.

Plans for 2024 include replanting the boat planters on the Boulevard, planting up the squares along the Boulevard, with and without trees. Widening the flowerbed along the fence adjacent to the sweet shop and a new planting scheme for the round flowerbed.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join so if you or anyone you know have spare time on a Thursday morning and would like to join us, no gardening skills or knowledge required, we meet outside the pavilion in the park at 09:30 and work until 11:30, then have refreshments and discuss the mornings session. Come with appropriate clothes and stout footwear.



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Lowestoft Museum

Lowestoft Museum has had a very good season again this year with visitor numbers just under 10,000.

Our new Turner Room has had a variety of uses, from hosting a range of meetings to exhibitions showcasing progress on Lowestoft Town Hall bid. Also, the Bally Shoe factory and Bert Collyer's ever popular photographic display 'All our Yesterdays'.

We have welcomed visitors from many different countries, school parties and groups ranging from Brownies to the Parson Woodforde Society. We also have many regular family groups who call in when they are passing by. One of our volunteers organised a very successful motor bike rally in the park which brought new visitors and it is hoped to repeat this again next season.

We are excited by the prospect that work should soon be commencing on the roof, which is intended to mitigate the damp problems inside, thanks to the successful bid by

Suffolk Museums Service on our behalf to Arts Council England for a share of the Government's MEND fund. The Museum is working in Partnership with the Nicholas Everitt Park Trust, who own the building.

We have been very grateful for the continuing support of the British Museum; we are currently hosting items on loan relating to the Somerleyton hoard, amongst which are probably the oldest fragments of cloth in this country. Last year, thanks to the support of the V&A and Beecroft Foundation, we were able to acquire the only known standing pair of Lowestoft Porcelain pugs to add to the considerable collection of Lowestoft Porcelain. We are also grateful to East Suffolk County Council, Lowestoft Town Council, OBPC and other funding bodies: this has enabled the museum to continue to thrive after an extended period of closure during covid. However, we do depend on volunteers to keep the museum going as there are many tasks to be done behind the scenes. If you feel that you have some spare time and would like to get involved, you would be joining a very friendly group of people.

The museum will be open on Sunday December 10th 10am-3pm during the Craft fair for a 'How many Christmas trees can you find?' event, where Christmas decorations featuring Suffolk puffs will be on sale.

We shall open the museum after Christmas from 27th-31st December, 12-3pm.

We hope to welcome you soon!

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2024 Events Guide

LOOK AT SOME OF THE GREAT EVENTS COMING UP NEXT YEAR IN OULTON BROAD

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

Kidz-Fest – 1st and 2nd June

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

Nearly Fest – 6th and 7th July

Sunday Bands in the Park – Starting 21st July and running until 8th September

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

Lowestoft Lions Gala Day – Monday 26th August

Art Group Annual Show – 27th August and 1st September

Quiz Night – 18th October

Carols on the Quay – 8th December



For more details and further updates please see our Facebook page and Website



Barge has finally been dismantled

A very large rusted and unsightly barge was effectively abandoned by the owners over 8 years ago and has now been removed and cut up.

Local residents had been complaining about the barge being unsightly, an occasional oil slick and ultimately spoiling the vista not just for themselves but as a poor tourism representation of The Broad.

The attendant permanently moored tug has also departed. Commodore Road and the surrounding area is once again back to the idyllic setting it was.

Oulton Broad Mini Zoo

Entrance Fee is £4 per person. Under 2s are FREE.

Oulton Broad's most popular family attraction. Meet, feed and pet the small animals. Kids will love this hands-on experience.

A whole lot more than beautiful animals await you.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR SEASONAL EVENTS POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND AROUND THE PARK



Summer Opening Times

School holidays: 7 days a week, from 10am. Last entry: 4.30pm

Winter Opening Times

September – April
 Mon, Weds, Fri: 10.30am-2.30pm
 Sat and Sun: 10am-4pm



Animal handling – £1.50 per family

– Located in the car park opposite St Mark's Church – BRIDGE ROAD, OULTON BROAD NR33 9JU

Oulton Broad on the telly

The council received an invitation from a film company who were making a series of 6 programmes featuring NORFOLK & SUFFOLK; commissioned by ITV Channel Five.

We submitted our proposal and were delighted to be selected for inclusion in the project.

The council were requested by the producer, a man called Mungo Evans, to offer some ideas for an interesting script.

We decided that we wanted something of interest to promote Oulton Broad, and to showcase the beauty of our area.

Every Tuesday, a group of volunteers invite people of disability to sail on the Broad.



This charity is Sailability and operates a fleet of 15 yachts of different sizes not only to take people sailing, but to also allow them to sail themselves in one of the especially adapted sailing dinghies.

Following submission of a suggested script, the day arrived

when Mungo and his team arrived at the Yacht Club and filmed all day.


We were informed that we would be included in the third episode of the series; however, the film crew were so pleased with the result, that Oulton Broad was featured in the first programme of the series.

It is recommended that residents watch this fascinating programme and see how some fantastic people can forget their disabilities for a day each week, and sail independently on our Broad.

Secondly, the group of local volunteers who give up their time to operate Sailability are also featured in the film.

You never know, you might recognise your neighbour!

The series was aired in September and is still available on Channel Five catch up.

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