

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Parish Council Report

It's been yet another hugely busy three months for the Parish Council. As reported in the last newsletter, we continue to engage in the Community Governance Review process, with the current option under consultation being a proposal to merge the administrative parishes of Poringland and Framingham Earl. This will be further considered by South Norfolk Council at the end of November, and Poringland Parish Council will make representations at each stage of the process.

The Community Land Project masterplan has been agreed by Council, and can be seen at http://www.poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-land-project.html. Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. The Parish Council has now set up the next Working Group which will look at getting the project to the planning permission stage. We continue to take names for allotments, and with a growing list, we advise people to get their name down quickly. When we finally get to the stage of delivery, allotments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis according to the list that we hold, and residents of the parish will be given preference over those who live outside.

The main work of the Council over the last three months has been beginning the process of Neighbourhood Planning – more about that below. We have welcomed our new Project Officer, Steph Ayden, to the staff, and with this newsletter you should also have an invitation to our public involvement event on 4th December, 2pm – 8pm at the Community Centre. This is **your** plan, and we want feedback from everyone in the community.

Neighbourhood Planning

Poringland is one of a growing number of local parishes which either has, or is in the process of creating, a Neighbourhood Plan. It is important that the local community understands the process, and gets involved in creating the Plan. What exactly is a Neighbourhood Plan? Neighbourhood Planning was introduced in 2012, as part of the Government's Localism Act. The idea behind localism is that decision making is passed to a more local level, from local government to local communities. The process here is led by Poringland Parish Council, and has its own committee which meets monthly and publishes its minutes on the Parish Council website. The Plan will take around 18 months to pull together, and is supported by a Project Officer and a Neighbourhood Planning Consultant. What goes into the Plan? A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led planning framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It is about the use and development (or not) of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. The Plan can't stop development happening – but it can empower the community to say where it is acceptable and what it should look like. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues such as housing, employment, heritage and transport - or it may focus on one or two issues only. How is the local community gong to be consulted? A robust programme of community engagement will be getting underway in Poringland in November and December 2017. Local events will be used to raise awareness and encourage people to get involved. The resulting Neighbourhood Plan can then be built on a proper understanding of the area and of the views, aspirations, wants and needs of local people. How does it get approved?

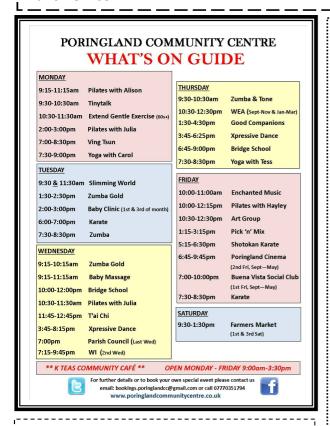
Once it has been completed, it will be submitted to the local authority and subjected to an independent examination. Any modifications are then made to ensure they meet legal requirements, and it is then put to a public referendum. If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes', the plan then comes into force.



COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Website: www.poringlandcommunitycentre.gov.uk

For further information on any our events or to book the Community Centre for your own private function please contact Rachel at bookings.poringlandcc@gmail.com, call 07770351794 or come in and see us in the Parish Office.



INDOOR CAR BOOT 2018

Following on from their success this year, the Indoor Car Boot Sales will continue into 2018 on a Saturday. Dates are: January 13th, February 10th, March 24th, April 14th & May 12th. We are booking pitches NOW so please get in touch if you'd like to have a Christmas clear-out as these always sell out.

Saturday 25th Movember 2017



sees the return
of our annual Craft & Gift Fair. Come
along from 9:30am - 1:00pm for a
plethora of stalls, selling a wide variety of
the finest handmade gifts. A great
opportunity to start your Christmas
shopping or treat yourself to some
beautiful one-of-a-kind items. K-Teas
Café will be open throughout for snacks
and light lunches and we will have our
usual face painter and Kids Crafts
available to keep the children happy while
you peruse. Admission is free.

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

We are hugely excited to announce that on Saturday 10th February 2018 we will be bringing the stars of London's West End to the Community Centre with the "MASTERS OF



THE MUSICALS". Run by the same production as "Frankies Guys" who put on such a brilliant show in September, this talented 4-piece group will take you on a trip to Theatreland, with the finest in musical theatre from classic show such as Les Miserables, West Side Story and Phantom of the Opera to modern day smash hits like Motown, Jersey Boys and We Will Rock You. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a real quality evening's entertainment in your local community. Tickets are £20.00 with food available to purchase on the night. Get your group together now and

Owing to the success of our 2017 programme, we have decided to get the ball rolling and publish the rest of our current 2018 events well in advance. Tickets for all of these events are **ON SALE NOW** so put the dates in your diary and secure your

10th February 2018 – Masters of the Musicals

contact Rachel to book.

17th March 2018 – 80s Night 21st April 2018 – "Frankies Guys" Cabaret Night



30th June 2018 – "The Dreamers" & "Olly Day" Cabaret Night 8th December 2018 – "Jukebox Rogues" Christmas Cabaret



We are keen to develop our events programme and offer what YOU want to see so if there are types of nights and events you would like us to put on at the Community Centre then do please let us know.

MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

On Friday 15th December, "Britain's Got Talent" star Rory Jackson brings his fantastic Michael Jackson tribute act to the Community Centre. Join us for a full blown party night from 7:00pm – 12:00am, with disco, bar and buffet alongside this fabulous celebration of the musical legend. The perfect way to start the Christmas celebrations with friends, family, team mates and colleagues. Tickets are £12.00 and selling out fast so please contact Rachel if you'd like to come along!