



Parish Matters

The Newsletter of Poringland Parish Council

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Edition 14 of Parish Matters.

Dave Gudgeon & George Shearer. The Parish Council paid tribute to two loyal servants of the village at its recent meeting. Dave and George were active members of the community, not only as councillors, but also as active members of a wide range of local organisations including, the 5+ magazine, the fishing lakes and the community cinema. They died within a few days of each other and their contribution will be sadly missed but never forgotten by those who worked with them. Their energy, drive and commitment made so much happen in this community, and we thank them for their enormous contribution.

Gritting Update. The Parish Council will again press Norfolk County Council to grit Upgate when frost is forecast. We wrote to them last year pointing out that Long Road and Rectory Lane are gritted but the section in-between is not. This is despite it being on a bus route and having a sharp bend. The Parish Council believes there would be a safety benefit which would encourage local residents to walk and cycle all year round. It seems to us to meet all the criteria for gritting and would sensibly form a continuous route. If you feel it should be added to the gritting routes, please write to Norfolk County Council urging them to reconsider their previous decision before next year's gritting season begins.

Men's Shed. The Parish Council is working with the Men's Shed to create a new workshop and meeting room at the Playing Field. It is due to be ready by the Spring, helped by an agreement to share an electricity supply via the pavilion, saving the cost of providing a new supply. Working together, the new facility cost can be kept down and the facility can be ready at the earliest time.

The Community Café

continues to grow and becomes more popular by the week. It has come to mean more than just a place for a cup of tea and home cooked food to many. A few of our regulars had the following to say about it:-



"We would be lost without it! The Café gives us a sense of community, along with great food and drinks. We were welcomed from day one of moving here and have made friends there."

(Dr Anne & Dr David Allyson)

"We always look forward to visiting the Community Café. Bev and her helpers are so welcoming and it's lovely to meet family and friends there, and choose from the delicious varied menu."

(Judith & Andrew)

Why not pop in and see what's on offer and make some new friends. If you wanted to get involved, applications for a new part-time Café



Assistant (10 hours a week) are still open until the middle of month. If you are interested please contact the Parish Council by emailing clerk@poringland-pc.gov.uk.

Community Speedwatch are looking to expand their team. 1-2hrs per week. Full training given. If you would like to join the Poringland CSW team email Communityspeedwatch@norfolk.police.uk

Update on The Queens Jubilee. The Parish Council are planning a Summer Fete/Picnic in the Park on Saturday 4th June 1pm-6pm. This will be a free event at the Community Centre and Mulberry Park behind the Centre. Watch this space for more exciting details as it develops.



Wildlife Management. The Parish Council is working with Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) on an innovative joint plan to manage our community land to support wildlife. NWT have produced draft management plans for a number of our sites and to begin the process our Amenities Advisory Group will focus on 3 sites: the community woodland, the lagoon near Victory Avenue and the wildflower meadow next to The Ridings. If those are a success, we can then consider plans for our other community land. That will follow on well from the planned public consultation, on how to use the land off The Ridings, which should take place this Summer.

Wildlife Activities Afternoon. Organised by the South Yare Wildlife Group in conjunction with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. A free event on Saturday 26th March, 2pm-5pm at the Community Centre. Come along to learn and share your ideas about wildlife and the environment on your doorstep. Activities include bird feeder making, mini beast hunting and creating a home for mini beasts, making a bird box, making a plant pot for a primrose and displays by local wildlife organisations. An event for all ages, all welcome with free entry.

Other Events at The Community Centre include:-

The Indoor Car Boot Sale. 2nd April 2022, 9am-11.30am.

The Mind, Body & Well Being Event. Sunday 3rd April 2022, 10am-4pm.

A personal view of South London during the 2nd World War. Wednesday 27th April 2022, 7pm-8.30pm.

Plus many more. See our notice boards in the Community Centre for more information.

**The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on
6th April 2022**

until next time - stay safe

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