

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

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Welcome to the Parish Council's News Letter. We aim to give up to date information to parishioners about what is going in in the village and beyond, how to get involved and where to go for advice.

What were you doing 30 years ago?

We were watching things like the X Files, You've Been Framed and Goodnight Sweetheart on the TV but Pam in the White Horse pub was just opening her doors for the first time! Those first few days were a bit nerve wracking. The day Pam opened the pub, the new bypass was opened and there was suddenly no through traffic in the village. Pam took a grand total of £9 that day. But 30 years on, she is still serving our community, and not only with drinks. Plants have also played a part at The White Horse and who doesn't like the fabulous window boxes and planters at the front of the pub that put on a wonderful summer display. During Covid the White Horse team played an essential part in the village, selling household items in a pop up shop that kept not only the pub but the community going during that very strange time. At her Anniversary party Pam recalls seeing so many faces that she has gotten to know over the last 30 years. Some who were only children when she took over, now having children of their own.

Here's to the next 30 years Pam!



Grow Wild

You may have noticed that the preparation for next years wildflowers on the common has been started. We had such a beautiful display of flowers this year and we plan to have the same next year. This means that all of the old flowers have to be removed, the ground prepped and the new seeds sown, ready for the spring.

In the future we hope to introduce more wild areas in the village, to boost biodiversity, wildlife habitats and food for our pollinators.



Bums on seats

Over the coming months the Parish Council will be embarking on a task to replace some of the benches on the common. Following an inspection some have been identified as no longer being fit for purpose and these will be replaced. There will be a like for like replacement of regular and picnic benches with the addition of a children's picnic bench. The new benches will be recycled composite material that shouldn't weather like the wooden ones, or require much maintenance.



SOLAR together.

Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils are offering residents the chance to be part of a scheme to make it easier for homeowners and small businesses to buy solar panels for generating energy.

The Councils, along with other councils in Norfolk, have once again partnered up with bulk buying specialist iChooser to set up Solar Together Norfolk, which is a group-buying scheme where the more people and businesses who join, the better the price of the installation should be.

Register by the 27th October 2023, and the pre-vetted UK Solar PV installers will participate in the auction. They are able to offer competitive pricing as the volume and geographic concentration makes it possible for them to realise greater efficiencies, which they pass on with lower prices for installations.

Visit the South Norfolk District Council website for more information.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE....

Pick up after your dog! We know it isn't at the top of the nice things to do list, but it is vital. We have been seeing more and more dog poo left behind on public spaces such as the Common, the allotments and areas of the Mustard Way/Peppercot Drive development, and residents are understandably getting very frustrated.

We provide lots of dog waste bins around the village for disposing of the little bags so please make use of them. Don't hang them on trees or hedges or leave them on the pathway.

A particular area that seems to be suffering at the moment is the enclosed green space on Mustard Way. Now, we know that it is inviting to be able to let you dog off the lead in an enclosed area and scroll through your phone whilst it does it's business but children play in that space and dog waste can be very dangerous. **Salmonella, E. Coli, and Campylobacter** are all bacteria that can be found in the faeces of healthy dogs. One gram of dog poop contains 23 million faecal coliform bacteria, which can cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal upset, dehydration, and kidney disease in humans!!

**So please,
bag it and
bin it!!**



Ditches - what you should know.

Sometimes homeowners are not aware that they have the responsibility to maintain any ditches or watercourses on their property, particularly if it appears to be outside of the boundary fence or wall. If your property backs onto, or is adjacent to a watercourse it is worth investigating as potential issues with flooding could be costly.

This could mean that you have to ensure that the ditches are kept free of debris and detritus to make sure that the water flow is not interrupted. Blocked ditches and waterways account for a significant percentage of flooding hazards and it is very preventable with the correct maintenance.

Date for the diary!



We know it's only October and we have some time to go yet, but we wanted to let you know the date for the Christmas Light Switch On. It will be on Friday 1st December. Fingers Crossed Father Christmas can make an appearance but he's very busy. Keep an eye out for more information.

"Is there anybody there?"

If you would like to get in touch with the Parish Council you can do so by emailing: trowsepc@outlook.com or calling 07899 798853.

Details of meeting dates etc are on our website: trowseparishcouncil@norfolkparishes.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate feedback.