

CANTLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

Newsletter for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood December 2013

Calendar of Meetings 2014

All dates are Thursdays at 7pm in Cantley Village Hall unless stated otherwise.

Thursday 16th January 2014

Thursday 20th February 2014 (Limpenhoe Village Hall)

Thursday 20th March 2014*

Thursday 17th April 2014

Thursday 1st May 2014 (Annual Parish Meeting)

Thursday 15th May 2014

*The Parish Council will be pleased to welcome local MP Mr Keith Simpson to the meeting on 20th March. This is your opportunity to question your MP on the issues that matter to you – all welcome (refreshments will be provided).

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News from your Parish Council

Since the last newsletter in March 2013, there have been a number of changes at the Parish Council. In September, our Clerk Kirstin Saunders stood down from that position, and we welcomed Catherine Moore as our new Parish Clerk. In October, we received news that Councillor Nigel Tuck had resigned due to work commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank both Kirstin and Nigel for their support and help over the years, and to wish them well for the future. By the time you read this, the Parish Council may have co-opted a new Parish Councillor – more details in the next newsletter.

December is the time of year when the Parish Council considers its budget and sets its precept (the parish council's part of the council tax). This pays for things like grass cutting, wages and day to day running of the council. We have gone for a number of years with prudent budgeting and limited use of reserves, allowing small or no increase in precept. We have been encouraged by district and national government to do this. We are now in the position that we will have to consider an increase or 2014/15 to cover our budgeted expenditure. However the Parish Council's portion of the council tax is very small so this should not have a great overall effect on what you will pay.

The Parish Council continues to work on the issues that matter to you. Current projects include exploring options for solar powered flashing signs warning drivers of the location of the school (in partnership with Norfolk Council); and continued work around the Limpenhoe Village Green.

Our local MP Keith Simpson has agreed to attend our Parish Council Meeting on 20th March 2014 at 7pm at Cantley Village Hall. This is an unusual opportunity to meet your MP and speak about local issues together with the Parish Council, and we hope that you will take this opportunity to let us know what is important to you.

Please put this date in your diary and come along and meet him.

Finally, residents are welcome to all Parish Council meetings (meeting dates above). There is an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. If you are unable to make a meeting, you could instead email the Parish Clerk on cantleyparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Cantley Staithe

Cantley Staithe is on the river Yare and nestles between the Reedcutter Public House and the sugar factory. In the summer it is a lovely spot for a picnic or at this time of year a brisk walk along the river may be more appropriate, in either case you can have a drink next door at the Reedcutter.

There are seven moorings let to members of the local community. At present the annual charge is £400 with a 10% discount if you live in Cantley, Limpenhoe or Southwood. Mooring application forms are available from the website at www.cantley.org/staithe. Forms have to be submitted by 30th November each year. The Trustees allocate the moorings at their December meeting for the following year.

The Cantley Staithe Charitable Association is a registered charity. The Annual General Meeting is held in May and is advertised on the Parish Council notice boards. If you would like to become a trustee, hire a mooring or find out more about us then please go to our web page at www.cantley.org/staithe.

Cantley and District Flower Show

Thank you for supporting our Flower Show on 7th September 2013. Congratulations to all our trophy winners and a big thank you to those who took part and those who attended or helped on the day. James Reeve from Greater Anglia (Cantley Railway Station) presented the awards assisted by Robert Beadle, Chairman of Cantley and District Flower Show. The winners are listed below:

HIGHEST POINTS IN EACH SECTION QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 CUP, for Children 0 to 6 years, ELSIE DACK; GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP, for Children 7 to 10 years, MAISIE CROSSLEY; MARY JAMES CUP, for Children 11 to 16 years, GEORGIA PLATTEN; REEDCUTTER CUP, for Flowers, PAT BENNETT; COMMENDATION, for Vegetables, DAVID HOWLETT; SHIRLEY MORRISH CUP, for Flowers & Vegetables Combined, PAT BENNETT; WHERRYLINES COMMUNITY RAIL CUP, for Fruit, ROBERT BEADLE; FACTORY FIRST CUP, for Cookery, NORMA KNIGHT; HANDICRAFT CUP, for Handicraft, ELEANOR ALISON; EDNA MORRISH CUP, for Handicraft & Cookery Combined, NORMA KNIGHT; DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP, for Photography, GRAHAM GOODRUM; BURGESS CUP, for Flower Arranging, PAT BENNETT.

BEST IN CLASS JOHN DITCHAM CUP, for Best Rose, SUSAN CROSSLEY; CYRIL CROSSLEY CUP, for Best Runner Beans, STEVE BENNETT.

BEST IN SECTION DR. BLAKE CUP, for Best Flower, CHRISTINE FISK; E.A.R.P. CUP, for Best Vegetable, DAVID HOWLETT; BRITISH SUGAR CUP, for Best Cookery Item, JONATHAN CROSSLEY; CANTLEY COCK CUP, for Best Handicraft Item, FRANCES DUNCAN.

BEST IN SHOW HENRY PRESTON CUP, for The Best Exhibit in the Show, FRANCES DUNCAN (Knitted cardigan).

Our next Show is on 6th September 2014. Further information and pictures of previous shows can be found at www.cantley.org/flowershow.

FOCUS (Friends of Cantley Station)

Greater Anglia (our local train operating company) held their "Station Adopters' Awards 2013" ceremony at Ipswich Town FC on Friday 18th October. Carole, Steve and Robert went to represent FOCUS. We were honoured to accept the certificate for "Best Community Involvement" presented by Andrew Goodrum, Customer Services Director. This is the culmination of our project to involve Cantley School in naming our station boat "The Rose of Cantley" in March this year. The boat was officially launched last November but was unnamed. Why not visit the station and see our amazing gladioli still flowering in early December.

The Cantley Village Sign will shortly be reinstated after an insurance claim following a road traffic collision – although this has taken some time to finalise, the sign should be back in its rightful spot shortly.

Obituary

We were very sorry to hear of the death of John Smeethe in August 2013. The Parish Councillors would like to extend their condolences and prayers to his widow Lin. John was an active member of the community in Cantley. He was a regular "member of the public" at our Parish Council meetings, who along with a small group of others, do a good job in keeping us all on our toes. We already miss him. John was also an active member of the Flower Show Committee being involved behind the scenes as well as running the raffle on the day. He was a regular figure on Cantley Station, being a founder member of FOCUS, he made a new window frame for our Lamp Hut, painted the edging round the flower beds, made the supports for the dahlias, the list goes on, and he was always there to give his help and support. Those who knew John will always have their own personal memories of him.

Dog Fouling

As the evenings become darker, the District Council receive an increase in dog fouling complaints. Most dog owners in our Parish are very considerate and clear up after their dogs. Thank you to all of those who do. We are still aware that a few people do not. It is not just unpleasant coming into contact with dog faeces but it also poses a risk to human health. Dogs that are not adequately wormed may contain parasitic eggs in their faeces, that if swallowed, can migrate through the human body and develop in the eye. This can lead to blindness and children are most at risk. If residents or dog walkers are concerned about an individual who is not clearing up after their dog then they can report the matter to the District Council on 01603 430488.



The Parish Council would like to wish all readers a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

