

CANTLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

Newsletter for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood August 2015

Calendar of Meetings 2015

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

Thursday 17th September 2015

Thursday 15th October 2015

Thursday 19th November 2015

Thursday 17th December 2015

Thursday 21st January 2016

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Once again the Parish Council has had a busy time since the last newsletters. In May the elections took place, and councillors Robert Beadle and Keith Luxford decided not to stand for re-election. The remaining five councillors stood and were duly elected. At the June meeting a new councillor – Steve Bennett – was co-opted however **one vacancy remains** – if you are interested in standing for co-option please contact the Parish Clerk on cantleyparishcouncil@gmail.com for more information. The Council would like to thank Robert and Keith for their tireless work as councillors, and particularly to Robert for the time he spent as Chairman of the Council. The Council is delighted that Richard Attwood and Dot Machin have agreed to stand as Chairman and Vice Chairman, and that the Clerk, Catherine Moore, has agreed to stay with the Council until at least the end of the year.

On other matters, the **Limpenhoe Land Swap** progresses well. At the June meeting the Council agreed to proceed with the project which will swap a piece of land with a portion of field next to Limpenhoe Village Hall. Funding options are currently being explored, and we hope to be well on the way to making the statutory applications to the Secretary of State by the end of the year.

The repairs to **Cantley Staithe** are still under discussion and the Parish Council supports the project as the custodian owner of the land. This project involves a number of different agencies, meaning it cannot progress as quickly as we might like.

Finally, the Council adopted the **General Power of Competence**, giving the power to do anything that an individual can do. A useful power to have should the need ever arise!

CANTLEY CHURCH

Since the last newsletter there have been several developments relating to **Cantley Church**. Wendy Maddison-Ward of The Oaks House (work tel. 778899) has been appointed as Churchwarden; she and her family have initiated some positive work in the churchyard and she would be glad to hear from any potential volunteers. The church building is now open most days (around 10am to 4pm) for the benefit of residents and visitors. If passers-by could keep an eye on it and report anything suspicious that would aid security.

Parochial reorganisation has been completed and the Rev'd Martin Greenland of Acle is now the Rector for Cantley, Limpenhoe with Southwood and the other local parishes (tel. 750393; rector@aclechurch.plus.com). He will be joined in October by the Rev'd Lorna Allies as part-time Associate Priest. Worshippers from all the parishes will gather for a Benefice Service at Cantley Church on **Sunday 30th August at 10.30am**.

There will be an open meeting on **Monday 3rd August at 7.30pm in the church** for all residents interested in the future care of St. Margaret's Church. The Diocese of Norwich is establishing a Churches Trust and the proposal is to apply to transfer oversight of the building to that Trust. This is not closure: the church will still be used for worship, including baptisms, weddings, funerals and by Cantley School. Other implications can be discussed at the meeting; or see www.dioceseofnorwich.org/churches/buildings/trust/.

SYMMETRIS BROADBAND

Sick of poor broadband? Symmetris, a commercial provider of broadband, has recently installed the infrastructure to offer a broadband service in Cantley. Further information is available from

www.symmetris.co.uk.

CANTLEY FLOWER SHOW

The next Cantley Flower Show will be on Saturday 5th September 2015 at 2pm at Cantley Village Hall. If you are new to the Cantley area or haven't entered before then why not enter this year? We are, of course, always pleased to welcome back our regular entrants. The Rev'd Martin Greenland will be our special guest and will present the trophies.

The Flower Show schedule should already be with you. Please read it carefully and choose what you may enter this year. Taking part is good fun.

For full information on this year's Show, to see photos of previous shows or to print extra entry forms please go to www.cantley.org/flowershow or phone Robert on 701231.

BLOFIELD AND DISTRICT PLAYERS

Join the BAD Players at their free summer BBQ, Sunday 9 August

The BAD Players are a friendly and enthusiastic amateur dramatics group based in Blofield. The group is now recruiting ahead of their next production (rehearsals start in September for performances in January 2016). They are looking for people of all ages, abilities and interests: from budding pantomime dames and dashing heroes through to the backstage and support staff who make their productions such a success. No special training or experience is needed! Putting on a show involves a wide range of activities such as acting, singing & dancing, directing, lights, sound & music, costumes & make-up, props & scenery, publicity and front of house. If you're interested in any of the above, come along and meet the BAD Players at their summer BBQ on Sunday 9 August 2015. They can't promise good weather, but can guarantee plenty of food and drink, as well as some fun (with some spontaneous and impromptu entertainment!).

For more information and to book your place at the BBQ call either Izzy Rider on 01603 211457 or Nigel Woollsey on 01603 291296. Alternatively email thebadplayers@outlook.com or visit their website www.thebadplayers.webs.com

TEA AT LIZZY'S!!

Six very proud local WI members joined the 8,000 invited ladies to have tea in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's garden at Buckingham Palace. On June 2nd – a very windy, chilly day not at all suitable for posh frocks and hats! – Norma Roe, Belinda McIntosh and Sarah Scott from Cantley WI and Brenda Pawsey, Sue Paul and Gail Key from Reedham WI travelled by train to London where the city became a sea of colour and fashion – and airborne hats and fascinators!

The royal hosts were Her Royal Highness Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall; Her Royal Highness Sophie, The Countess of Wessex; Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, The Honourable Lady Ogilvy; and Her Royal Highness Birgitte, The Duchess of Gloucester.

The standard of cakes did not disappoint!

LIGHT POLLUTION AND STREET LIGHTING IN NORFOLK

A conference was held in June at the University of East Anglia which looked at the topical issue of light pollution and street lighting in Norfolk. A range of speakers examined how architects, planning professionals and the public can make sensitive decisions about street lighting and security lighting to protect our views of the stars and the night sky. The conference was organised by CPRE – the Campaign to Protect Rural England – who recently published results of an extensive survey on Parish Council's views on light pollution in the countryside, as featured in the EDP. The survey revealed that nearly two thirds of councils are concerned about light pollution in their area, with the most common causes of light pollution being from residential security lighting, floodlighting of churches and sports facilities, and excessive lighting from industry, farms, schools and garages. The factory in Cantley is working hard to reduce the light pollution that they emit, helping to make a difference in our local area.

CHINESE LANTERNS

At a recent meeting the Council agreed to ban the use of Chinese Lanterns in any land owned by the Parish Council, including the Staithe and Pond in Cantley, and the Village Green in Limpenhoe. They have encouraged the village halls to adopt this stance as well, and would urge residents to consider the local agricultural community in respect of these dangerous lanterns, which can cause crop fires, or intestinal issues in animals.