



# Oulton Broad parishPRESS

Welcome to the Parish Press 2026 issue. Delivering the latest news, updates and announcements from within the Oulton Broad Parish

## Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre - Water Sports for All

Despite the seemingly endless rain, the recent sunny spells remind us that Spring and Summer are not too far away.

Here at OBWSC however, our Charity continues to provide on-the-water activities and training and we are busily planning for the peak season ahead.

As ever we will be providing training courses and fun activities and initiatives using our extensive portfolio of equipment (including sailing dinghies, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, wing and windsurfing rigs and safety boats). These are all available to both individuals and groups, and are supervised by our trained staff.

Hiring of our paddle craft will be on offer after Easter.

One of our aims, as in past years, is to continue to provide subsidies to young people in the more disadvantaged parts of our community. An example of this is a recent award by the Lentonbrook Foundation

which will allow us to offer almost 50 free places during the upcoming school holidays.

Ongoing essential support from the Parish, District, Town and County Councils and other local groups and businesses, ensure that the future remains bright for the Centre, allowing us to expand and consolidate our offer.

**OBWSC is always looking for both trained staff and volunteers. If you think that you could help or support us, please contact Graham Colam at: enquiries@obwsc.co.uk**

We hope to see you on the water soon. Look out for what's on or send us an enquiry on our website: [www.obwsc.co.uk](http://www.obwsc.co.uk), or just drop by and say hello!



Find out more about the centre on Facebook at Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre or on our website: [www.obwsc.co.uk](http://www.obwsc.co.uk)

## Help keep an Older Person Safer in 2026

Did you know... while cold calling itself is allowed, traders must respect "No Cold Callers" notices - and it's against the law if they don't. As a dedicated home care provider since 1980, we've made it our mission to help protect older and disabled people in our community. We're proud to have distributed over 250,000 of these protective stickers since 2019.

**Do you know of someone who would like to receive one of these? If so, simply call us on 01603 764567.**

Rest assured, we keep privacy in mind - we don't store any personal information or share it with others.

**Able Community Care** - your live-in care specialists, based in Norfolk, but supporting families across the UK since 1980. [www.ablecommunitycare.com](http://www.ablecommunitycare.com)



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Welcome to our 2026 newsletter.

Moving forward we will publish just one newsletter a year - arriving with you before the start of our events programme.

The Parish Council has been very pro-active in many areas during 2025, and we're looking forward to a busy 2026.

You will find our full programme of events planned for the coming year below, and we do hope to see a lot of you attending - bring your friends and family too.

Our lovely Pavilion in Nicholas Everitt Park really is under-used. We would like the local community to make more use of it. For more details on hiring the Pavilion, and for costings, please contact the Parish Office via email or phone. Contact information is on the back page.

Chair of Oulton Broad Parish Council



Plans are being prepared to hopefully refurbish our play area at Kesgrave to suit a younger age range after listening to feedback from the neighbouring area.

The conservation volunteers at Nursery Woods have done a fantastic job clearing pathways and placing signage to notify visitors of the various woodland walks.

Here's hoping you all have a really great year.

### Vacancy

We have space for an open minded individual to join the Parish Council. If you're interested please contact the Clerk for more information (details on back page).

## 2026 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have a full year of events planned, for everyone to enjoy.

To keep an eye on events and more information surrounding them, we would encourage you to follow our Facebook page: [Oulton Broad Parish Council](https://www.facebook.com/OultonBroadParishCouncil), have a look at our website: [www.ob-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ob-pc.gov.uk) or check the noticeboard in Nicholas Everitt Park. Here are the events we've already scheduled for this year:

April 12th - Spring Egg Hunt

June 27th - Dragon Boat Racing

July 4th/5th - 'Nearly' Festival

July 11th - Parish Picnic and Craft Fair

July 19th & 26th - Sunday Band Concert

August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th - Sunday Band Concert

August 31st - Lions Family Funday

September 1st to 8th - Art Circle in the Pavilion

September 6th - 999 Service Day

October 31st - Halloween

December 6th - Carols on the Quay

We may add more events during the year, which will be published on social media, our website and on our noticeboard in the park. Weather conditions may also affect some events.



Get in touch with Michaela, your Clerk.

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## Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park • UPDATE

The wet weather has given the volunteers and gardeners various challenges this year – not allowing tasks take place when they should be carried out.

We have ordered Gazania plug plants to grow on for the summer display in the circle flower bed, and Busy Lizzie plug plants to plant around the roses. Planting around the roses proved very popular last year.

We bought some Heucheras to go around the tree in the centre to provide all year colour, which also meant there were less plants to buy and bring on for the summer. We also hope to add more colour in and around the park with other perennial plants including Peonies and Dahlias.

We obtained a grant from the Oulton Broad Parish Council to purchase mulch so the gardeners could add this to the flower borders then over mulch with wood chip to suppress the weeds. Mulch acts as feed and a soil conditioner. If you've visited the park recently you'll have noticed that Ollie and Alfie have been busy cutting down shrubs and grasses to give the new growth room to grow.

Luckily, the boat planters on The Boulevard that were planted with alpine plants appear to have come through the winter. Perhaps some plants have succumbed to the excessive wet conditions, but the spring bulbs have provided colour. Hopefully they will produce more bulbs so we can move them around. Any gaps will be filled with new, additional plants.

The wildflower area continues to provide patches of colour; some plants have established themselves better than others but that was only to be expected. This is the long grass area which has 'access paths' mown through it.

We are happy to report that we gained a few new volunteers last year which has stabilised our number, but we would really like some more volunteers. Spending time in the outdoors and engaging with nature is proven to be good for physical and mental wellbeing. So if you or someone you know would benefit from joining a group who work with nature, outside in the fresh air, and has spare time on a Thursday morning, come and join us helping to look after our beautiful park.

Contact me via email at [geoffpipe@aol.com](mailto:geoffpipe@aol.com) or via our Facebook page [Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park](#). If you prefer to pop down for a chat, then please do – you'll find us all in the park on Thursday mornings.



## Lowestoft Museum

The new season will start on Saturday 28th March – opening in time for the Easter Holidays... and to start our new season Sally Francis will join us on Sunday 29th March, with her Norfolk Saffron items. We'll also have the 'Dingers' from Bushells to sample too.

During the winter break, the management team have been making improvements – refreshing displays and making repairs where necessary. A gift from the family of the late Jane Hore, a valued volunteer for many years, has enabled us to purchase a new display case which is mounted in the foyer. This will contain examples of Lowestoft Porcelain for those visitors who are unable to view the main collection upstairs in the Johnstone room.

Last year we had a virtual reality display of the Lowestoft Porcelain and for those who did not see it there will be an opportunity to enjoy the experience provided by XIBITR,

on a single head-set next to the new case in the foyer. The cases of historic postcards will be relocated to the Turner Room, in a larger space, allowing visitors to spend more time studying them. Also in the Turner Room you will find recent acquisitions including the OBE awarded to the last mayor of the Borough in 1974, Mr. D. Durrant, along with papers relating to his time in office.

2026 marks 100 years since the discovery of the Bronze Hoard at Somerleyton Rectory, which has been on loan from the British Museum (displayed in our main foyer).



We would love to hear from any residents who might consider **Volunteering** – so the Museum can continue to open to the public daily (March to October). If this sparks your interest, please contact us at: [info@lowestoftmuseum.org](mailto:info@lowestoftmuseum.org) for more details.

Our website and Facebook page are great ways to keep up to date with information about events and activities.



## Pick it up – PLEASE

We are saddened that Nicholas Everitt Park has had an increase in dog fouling.

The park is an open, family friendly place – we encourage everyone to visit and respect the area – but unfortunately a small minority who visit are leaving the grounds without picking up after their dog. We politely ask that you pick up after your dog and discard the poop bag in one of the many bins around the park, or take it home with you.

We appreciate everyone's help in keeping the area clean and tidy – THANK YOU.



## STALL-HOLDERS

We always welcome new stall-holders for our events.

If you're interested then please email Rebekah at [admin@ob-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@ob-pc.gov.uk) for details.

# Lowestoft Library needs your help!

We are looking for a new Home Library Service volunteer to deliver books in North Lowestoft to those who are unable to leave their homes due to health or mobility issues.

Anyone who applies must have a driving licence and will be DBS checked.

If you have any questions about the position, please ask in the library, or call 01502 442810.

If you are interested in the role, please apply on line at: <https://suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/volunteer/volunteering-roles/>



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