

Oulton Broad parishPRESS

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

A message from Councillor Sandra Keller Chair of Oulton Broad Parish Council

I do hope that by now you are enjoying our regular newsletters. I hope you find these a useful way of keeping updated and informed about what we have been up to as your Parish Council, and what we hope to achieve in the future.

In these unfortunate times since our last issue we have all had to endure another lock-down, and we hope that you all have survived safely. COVID19 continues to impact our daily lives and like everyone, we as a Parish Council have had to continue to adapt to the new challenges brought about with this pandemic. Our plans for the coming year have had to

be adjusted to fit with new conditions and budgets, but we hope you will see that we are continuing to strive to make improvements to our wonderful Parish. Our large investment of the CCTV and security patrols in Nicholas Everitt Park seems to be working well. Now with restrictions being lifted we hope that we do not experience the same level of anti-social problems that we had before. We have already been liaising with the Police to co-ordinate a plan, and some temporary changes will be made to the operation of the park this summer to try and combat the anti-social behaviour.

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What's Coming Up 2021 Dates



22 Sunday Band Concerts
in Bandstand - Starting 22 June

24 Powerboat Racing
Starting 24 June - Thursday
Evenings

26 Nearly Festival - 26-27 June

11 VE / VJ Day - 11 July
Bring your own picnic to the park,
period fancy dress competition
for all, live music and craft fair

17 Powerboat World
Championships weekend
17-18 July

14 Viking re-enactment weekend
14-15 August

30 Lowestoft Lions Gala Day
30 August

2 Open Air Cinema and Street
Food Market - 2-4 September

10 Lowestoft Museum Heritage
Open Days - 10-19 September

12 Power Boats Battle of Britain
12 September

16 Quiz evening in the Pavilion
16 October

5 Carols around the Christmas
Tree - 5 December

Subject to continued easing of restrictions and government guidelines at the time. Full details on website and Facebook.



Oasis Performing at The Nearly Festival



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Oulton Broad Parish Council



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However, a big problem we have experienced already this year is an incredibly high level of litter being left in the park. We've seen a huge increase in the number of people using the park, which has put a lot of stress on the facilities that would not usually deal with that many park users at the same time. Additional litter bins were added but we were so saddened to still find litter left on the ground. Please remember to use the bins which are all around the park, if one bin is full (and there are some 'hot-spots' where bins get most use - we've added extra wheelie-bins here) please use another bin - you won't have to go far before you find one. If not, please take your litter home. In the words of Radio Suffolk; "don't be a tosser", it only spoils the park for others.

Hopefully later in the year we will be able to proceed with the events that we have provisionally booked.

We do hope that you are supporting our local businesses who advertise with us in these Parish Press issues, they help to keep our cost down in producing the newsletter.

You will see we have two very important surveys which are open for your response. I encourage you to complete these as they help to form plans and secure funding for important future projects.

As we look to the return of some normality, I hope that you have an enjoyable year, but if you have any problems or need any advice please get in touch.



Sandra Keller, Councillor.

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Nicholas Everitt Park Remembrance Day 2020



Although the COVID lock-down prevented the usual gathering for Remembrance Day, the occasion was marked by a couple of councillors and members of the public at the memorial in Nicholas Everitt Park, with the of laying of the annual joint wreath from OBPC and Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park.

Oulton Broad A Statement from Suffolk Police



Suffolk Police are working in partnership with East Suffolk Council, Oulton Broad Parish Council and the Nicholas Everitt Park Trust in Oulton Broad to prevent anti-social behaviour in the park this Summer.

Given the year of lockdowns and restrictions, people will doubtless be keen to go outside and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the park. However, following a range of incidents last year, the teams are working together to address potential hotspot areas and plan ahead for the warmer weather.

PC Claire Bodmer from Suffolk Police said:

"We are keen to look at ways we can help to maintain the safety of those enjoying the park and prevent any anti-social behaviour. Police will take any necessary steps to deter ASB and enforce the law where needed".

The park is managed by the Nicholas Everitt Park Trust, supported by Oulton Broad Parish Council. A member of the Park Trust said "We have a unique and wonderful park here in Oulton Broad, it's beautiful grounds and facilities make for a great place to relax and spend time with friends and family. We are pleased to be working together with the Police and councils to ensure it remains an area everyone can enjoy"

East Suffolk Council will assist with the implementation of certain measures and Rachel Tucker from ESC said "Nicholas Everitt Park is a fantastic place to be and should not be spoiled by an inconsiderate minority. We want to make sure it remains safe and enjoyed by all throughout the Summer"

Nicholas Everitt Park Happy Retirement to Gardener, Marie



In March we wished our gardener Marie a happy retirement as she hung up her trowel after many years service to Nicholas Everitt Park and surrounding area. Marie was a familiar face to many who would have seen her working hard looking after the park grounds. Working alongside the rest of the Norse team and FoNEP she kept our park looking beautiful and we thank her for all of her hard work.



We are currently recruiting a new senior gardener for the park and we look forward to introducing them to you next issue.

Nicholas Everitt
Park Trust

The Annual Meeting

Join us for the annual general meeting of the trust on **28th June at 7pm**. Held as a hybrid meeting, with the Trust in The Pavilion and virtual attendance **via Zoom video calling**. See the website closer to the time for more details and the Zoom link.



Nicholas Everitt
Park Trust



Nicholas Everitt Park

Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club

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Sailboat Racing:

- Wednesday evenings
- Saturday afternoons
- Sunday mornings

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- Sunday 22 August
- Friday 27 August

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Nicholas Everitt Park

An Update from Lowestoft Museum



Volunteers at Lowestoft Museum are looking forward to opening again in July, to welcome back our visitors with COVID-secure measures to make their visit a happy and safe one. It may not be possible to offer as many opening days as we would like from the beginning, but we will keep everyone informed via our Facebook page.

Work is currently under-way to develop an exciting new room in the building, in order to offer changing exhibitions and some much needed space for educational visits from schools and community groups. Please answer our survey to help support this project.

Meanwhile, volunteers have been busy behind the scenes redecorating and refurbishing several displays, and are looking forward to taking part in some interesting events for the Heritage Open Days in September. The theme this year is 'Edible England', which makes our usual celebration of 'Lowestoft Dingers' especially welcome.

We are always pleased to have more volunteers to join our friendly team, so do come along to see us when we open or make contact on info@lowestoftmuseum.org.

www.lowestoftmuseum.org

[lowestoftmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/lowestoftmuseum)

Covid-19

Coronavirus



Hands



Face



Space



Fresh air

For the most up to date Coronavirus information and details about restrictions visit.

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Nicholas Everitt Park

New Disabled Swing



In Progress

We are pleased to say that the project to install a new accessible swing, suitable for those in wheelchairs, is going well.

At the time of writing the swing is under manufacture and we hope to see ground works starting in the coming months. There will be some disturbance to the play area when installation takes place, but the rest of the play equipment will remain open.

North Oulton Broad An Update From Bonds Meadow



Throughout the pandemic Bonds Meadow has continued to be a valued and special place for walks and meditation, offering calming, restorative mental support and well-being to residents of Oulton Broad.

Due to the heavy rainfall of last winter, wellies became the footwear of choice when negotiating the abnormally muddy and puddled footpaths, adding an extra bit of adventure to an afternoon's stroll. However, it was a day in early February when the excited cries of children could be heard throughout the meadow a brief snowfall brought play and sledding into what little had laid that morning.

This year we anxiously anticipate an increase in flora and fauna following the partially scraped grassland being re-seeded with wildflower mix and some restoration of boundary dyke, all in an attempt to retain the wetland margin and sustain bio-diversity to Bonds Meadow as a whole.

Those venturing out for walks through the woods will have seen the appearance of purple comfrey and winter heliotrope, clumps of white snowdrops and yellow carpets of daffodils heralding the return of nature's green tapestry and hope for a better year.

Our Volunteers have now returned to work and additional help is always welcomed every Tuesday morning at the Sands Lane Gate between 9.30am to 12.30pm.

 www.bondsmeadow.org

Oulton Broad Parish Council Brand New Website



We have launched a brand new website to keep you informed on the parish council's work.

The previous site had been created by a third party and handed over upon the parish council's creation back in 2017. Our new website offers a much more user friendly layout making it easier to find what you need. There are still a few sections which need to be fully updated, so please bear with us as our clerk gradually transfers over the data.

 Visit the brand new site at: www.obpc.uk

Nicholas Everitt Park Rebuilding of Park Shelter



Although the project was delayed due to COVID, we are pleased to say that the construction of the replacement shelter is well under way.

The new shelter will match what was sadly destroyed by fire the in 2019, and we hope to see it completed by mid May, to restore the sunken gardens to their former look.

The work is being done by Oulton Broad based Cleveland Joinery.

Nicholas Everitt
Park Trust



Charity

The park was given to the people of Lowestoft under the Deed of Gift 1928 from Howard Hollingsworth to the district authority of the time, the Lowestoft Corporation.

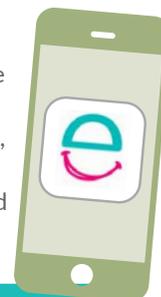
Nicholas Everitt Park Trust is a charity that is responsible for the preservation and maintenance of the park lands, it's assets and the continued sporting activities within it.

Oulton Broad Parish Council is the sole trustee of the charity.

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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nicholaseverittparktrust



Smiths Walk Play Area Refurb



Our small play area at Smiths Walk, off Beccles Road in the south of the Parish (located behind the Tesco Express petrol station) was a very sad little site when its ownership was transferred from Waveney District Council to us in 2017.

During the second half of 2020 we undertook the clearing of a huge line of overgrown conifer trees that had previously been left to grow to an unacceptable size. The removal of these has allowed the site to be opened up for improved use. New fencing has been installed as necessary, and we have planted new hedgerow in place of the old conifers that will provide a more diverse habitat for wildlife. The new hedging is planted with hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple and dogwood.

We are now looking to replace the old play equipment with new, higher quality, play frame and swings. This project will progress over the course of this summer and we will keep you updated. You will find currently the existing swings at this site are fenced off as the surfacing is badly damaged. This will all be replaced as part of this refurbishment.

Unit features 9 play activities including :

- Slide
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- Rope Bridge
- Climbing Net
- Firemans Pole
- Bongos
- Shop Counter
- Play Panel
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Oulton Broad Watersports Centre

Thanks to support from volunteers and OBPC over the lockdown period, Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre has now been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is working towards opening again as soon as possible.

With thanks to local Councillors James Reeder and Keith Robinson, OBWSC is investing in a fleet of new paddleboards, which will be available to hire soon.

The Centre is also welcoming new volunteers to support all aspects of watersports both on the water and ashore.

For more information:

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Contact Parish Clerk for details.

Nicholas Everitt Park

Park Code



This is your Park – help us to keep it a friendly and safe place to enjoy. Follow the Park Code and enjoy your visit to Nicholas Everitt Park.

- We prefer you not to drink Alcohol in the open areas of the park (stay within the licensed premises)
- If you are meeting friends – keep your group small and respect others
- Respect Social Distancing rules if these are currently in place
- Please do not play loud music which could disturb others
- Use the litter bins or take your litter home
- Clear up after your dogs
- We do not allow e-scooters in the park for safety reasons
- If you see others using the park irresponsibly, let us know. **Call 101. In an emergency always call 999.**
- Our security staff are there to help you – please respect them. If you are breaking the code, they may ask you to leave park
- For your protection CCTV operates throughout the park and will be used to identify unacceptable behaviour. Our security staff also wear body worn recording devices.

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.



The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land, with the landowners permission. E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements.

Police have powers to seize your vehicle



Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park Update from FONEP

The volunteers are hoping to restart their volunteering sessions in May, to help maintain the park, having had to stop at the beginning of November 2020 for the latest lock-down.

We have plants on order for the hanging baskets for the park and the two boat planters along the Boulevard. One of our volunteers has made 10 new bird nest boxes which Norse have been asked to put up around the park. These will replace the 10 boxes made by the Friends in 2012 that are now in a very dilapidated condition. As we have been unable to have our usual bi-monthly planning meetings, other projects may occur when we can meet to discuss various ideas. Photo shows our last session from October.

Find us on Facebook: fonepob



What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

Anti-Social Behaviour can be:

- any behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.
- unruly or drunken behaviour
- threatening or abusive language
- graffiti, criminal damage and noise pollution
- drug and alcohol misuse and abuse
- neighbour intimidation
- vehicle annoyance and inconsiderate use of motor vehicles.

Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour?

Your local council and police work together with other services to stop anti-social behaviour in your area.

If Anti-Social Behaviour is affecting your quality of life -
REPORT IT!

We need it reported if we are going to STOP IT!

How to report Anti-Social Behaviour:

Online: www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something

or:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/antisocialbehaviour

Telephone: Suffolk Police on: 101
or in an Emergency: 999



Don't tolerate it! Report it!

A Survey From: Lowestoft Museum



The Nicholas Everitt Park Trust and Oulton Broad Parish Council has presented Lowestoft Museum with an exciting opportunity to expand into a vacant area within Broad House. The new space could be used to hold activities, talks or classes and temporary exhibitions. There might also be an opportunity to refresh the museum's Lowestoft Porcelain gallery and tell the local and national story of this significant collection.

The museum would very much like to hear your thoughts on how you and your family and friends might use the museum in the future. The survey will take around five minutes to complete and is anonymous. Thank you for your support.



Please complete the survey online via this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/97gLxVP3Km>

Oulton Broad Parish Council Survey: Renovation of the 'Old Flat' in Broad House



Nicholas Everitt
Park Trust

Above the Lowestoft Museum in Broad House is an empty space, known by many as the 'old flat'. From our survey undertaken in Summer 2018 we took on board the suggestions and are progressing the project to convert this area (that has been unused for decades) into a new space allowing for the Lowestoft Museum to expand, a new office space for the parish council and NEP charity trust, and also a community meeting room which will be available for hire (providing an income to the charity).

Planning permission for the project is already granted and essential works to make the space safe have been done. We require funding to complete the works and propose obtaining a special low interest loan, available to government bodies, from the Public Works Loan Board.

It was resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £95,000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the Expansion of the Lowestoft Museum into the Broad House Flat and also creating a new Community Meeting Room and Parish Council Office space.

The annual loan repayments will come to around £10,610. It is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 4.96% which is equivalent of an additional £4.09 a year on a Band D property. This will be subject to a precept increase consultation.



We need YOUR vote!

Please let us know your response to this proposal
The survey closes on 20th June 2021!

Do you agree for the parish council to obtain a low cost loan to fund the development of the 'old flat', creating a new space for the museum expansion/office space/community room?

Yes

No

Your Name:

Your Address:

We are asking for your name and address to verify you live within the parish area. Your data will not be used for any other purpose and will be destroyed once the survey is closed and results collated. The collated results will be anonymous.

You can answer the survey by any of the following methods - you can only answer once:

- Cut out this slip and post to: **OBPC, The Pavilion, Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JR**
- You can also hand deliver the slip to the letter box at the above address
- Email your answer, name and address to **clerk@obpc.uk**
- Complete online at:



www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q8BGPJQ

Nicholas Everitt Park
& Kesgrave Drive



New Outdoor Gym Equipment



An exciting project under way is the new outdoor gym equipment that will be installed at two sites: Nicholas Everitt Park and Kesgrave Drive playing field.

It is more important than ever to get outside when we can and to exercise. The new gym equipment will provide a range of keep fit options such as:

- Arm Bike
 - Stepper
 - Air Walker
 - Chest Press
 - Skier
- and more

The two locations for these pieces will offer everyone the opportunity to use them at the convenient NEP site or at Kesgrave Drive for those who want a quieter location.

We hope to see these being installed over the next few months.



Oulton Broad

Parish Council Meetings

For the last year our parish council meetings have been held virtually using Zoom video calling.

As lock-down eases we may start to reintroduce our in-person meetings, which are usually held in The Pavilion, Nicholas Everitt Park.

For up to date meeting times and whether they are held virtually or in person please check our website.



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Nicholas Everitt Park

Repointing of the Grade II Listed Broad House



With parts of the building dating back to 1685 the building now needs to be re-pointed. This is a substantial project that requires specialist, expensive, work. The building houses the Lowestoft Museum, the new project for the community meeting room and Park Café.

We are seeking to secure funding from various sources, fund raising and also from crowdfunding to enable this vital maintenance work to be done.

More details of the crowdfunding will be launched soon.



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