Chairman’s message

East Carleton and Ketteringham Parish Council are pleased to celebrate the fantastic achievement of the completion of the restoration of the ice house. The project has been a long time in the planning but, because of the hard work and dedication of a few good people, the building has been lovingly brought back to its former glory. Sincere thanks go to those who have dedicated many hours of voluntary work to making this happen - in particular Ingrid Fairman and Mary Parker whose hours of dedication and sheer effort have ensured that the original features (as far as possible) of the ice house have been preserved.

Please log on to the East Carleton and Ketteringham website to see whose time and labours we must mention but because of the lack of space in this Newsletter, we are unable to include them all here.

Angela Jordan

Visit Your Parish Council Website

http://east-carlton-and-ketteringham-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

Please note that the address of the website above is correct East Carleton is minus its “e”

You can subscribe to our website to receive notifications when new items are added and if there is anything you would like to see added just let us know - comments can be added to the website or just email the clerk.

If you need larger print contact the clerk
In the last issue, Phase 1 of the restoration of the ice house in the Breathing Place area of the Quarry site was featured. Phase 2, the repair and replacing of the stonework pinnacles, the rebuilding of the front elevation and the provision of an outer door, was completed in fine weather in August and September. These photographs show some of the highlights of Phase 2.

Pinnacle stones awaiting restoration in Fairhaven Stone Ltd’s Attleborough yard. During landscaping of the site, all but one of the original stones were unearthed by bricklayer Gary Martin, and Graham Higlett of Anglia Micro Plant.

In 1841, Sir John Peter Boileau of Ketteringham Hall commissioned London architect Thomas Allason to design an ice house in the same Gothic Revival style used for improvements to the Hall. The restoration of the ice house, which is Grade II listed and on the Buildings-at-Risk-Register, has been funded by South Norfolk Council’s Buildings’ Preservation Trust. Work has been supervised by senior conservation officer Steve Beckett and great care has been taken to balance the requirements of heritage and bat conservation.

Alastair Atkins of Fairhaven Stone Ltd glues one of the 17 new ‘bird-mouth’ crockets carved from Portland stone into place on a reassembled pinnacle.

The outer door and frame were made by Richard Smith of the Union Joinery, Wymondham using character oak sourced from the Longleat Estate. The hinges and latch are replicas of the originals found in the debris in the ice chamber. The door incorporates an access window for bats as well as decorative ventilation holes at a height for children to peep through.

The design for the stone plaque being carved for the front of the ice house incorporates Sir John Boileau’s initials (JPB), the date it was built by Thomas Fisher of Norwich (1842) and the date of restoration. We look forward to celebrating with a grand opening next year!

Former Hethersett High students film in the depth of the ice chamber with Gary Martin of Wymondham who has restored the internal and external brickwork. The film will be part of a Heritage Lottery project ‘In Perspective’ for the Association of Buildings’ Preservation Trusts. The project ‘Planning for Life’ aims to show how councils and community work together in heritage projects.

Eighteen Norfolk bat bricks bought with donations by local residents at our ice house event in 2009 have been installed in the ice house providing 108 extra hibernation crevices. Since 2007, four Daubenton’s bats have been recorded hibernating in the ice house. A licensed bat worker will record the numbers and position of bats in the ice house twice during the hibernation period October to April and it is hoped the numbers will increase. There will be special open days in the summer months so that the vast and beautiful interior of the ice house can be viewed.

The door funded by a Neighbourhood Grant from South Norfolk Council will reduce light levels and reduce fluctuations in temperature and humidity in the ice chamber. The bat access in the outer door has been specially designed with a ridged landing platform and smooth edges for the Daubenton’s bats (water bats) which hibernate in the ice house.
Financing the ice house restoration project

The Parish Council is mindful of its responsibility to manage its finances and is proud to have restored the historic ice house as described on page 2 of this newsletter without spending any of the money raised through council tax.

Norfolk County Council, the Building Preservation Trust and South Norfolk Council have given grants to help to fund the project.

Further funds amounting to £582.69 were raised at an event at the quarry to help fund a gate and bat bricks.

There are sufficient funds to complete the project by adding a gate and landscaping the area around the ice house. Middleton Aggregates as part of the restoration plan will fund the fencing.

The full cost of the project to date so far is £14,357.34

The grants we have been awarded amount to £17,000.00.

There is an amount of £3236.51 remaining to enable the landscaping and gate to be completed next spring.

Norfolk Putting People First consultation now open

Norfolk County Council are consulting with residents on budget cuts required for 2014 to 2017. Details of the consultation that runs until 12th December 2013 can be found at http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst

Did you know?

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
- Spades - King David
- Hearts - Charlemagne
- Clubs - Alexander the Great
- Diamonds - Julius Caesar

The next meeting of the Northern River Valley Neighbourhood Board is on

Monday 11 November at 7pm
Norwich Family Golf Centre,
Dunham Road, Easton, Norwich,
NR9 5GA

Bar and café will be open

This is a real chance for you to make a difference and get involved in shaping the services delivered in your community.

There are funds available to help meet the priorities that the public have identified.

Come along and meet your Community Representatives and Local Councillors.

Forthcoming meeting dates

All meetings are open to the public and commence at 7.30pm

Quarry Committee: Wednesday 13th November 2013 at Ketteringham village hall
Parish Council: Thursday 28th November 2013 at Ketteringham village hall
Quarry Committee: Wednesday 15th January 2014 at Ketteringham village hall
Parish Council: Thursday 30th January 2014 at Ketteringham village hall
Quarry Committee: Wednesday 12th March 2014 at Ketteringham village hall
Parish Council: Thursday 27th March 2014 at St Mary’s Church East Carleton
Support YOUR local hospice during Make a Will Week 25th - 30th November 2013

Make a Will Week is an opportunity for people to write their will knowing that £50 of the fee will be donated to the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House. Local solicitors are working with the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House to increase their awareness and income by agreeing to donate £50 of the will writing cost to the Hospice during the ‘Make a Will Week’. If you wish to write a Will and support the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House please make an appointment with one of the participating solicitors listed on our website: www.norfolkhospice.org.uk or call our office on 01485 542891.

Emergency Planning

East Carleton and Ketteringham are two small rural villages and the parish council is keen to ensure that people will look out for each other in times of difficulty. It is not always easy to know who might need help if there was a major incident and we would therefore like to gather information that would enable a co-ordinated response to an adverse event such as a flood or severe storm. Such an event could result in elderly, disabled or people living alone unable to get help or make contact with anyone and could be stranded without mains services for days.

The parish council is trying to create an emergency plan and to enable this to happen a questionnaire is included with this newsletter. Please take some time to consider it and let us know if you could help in any way should there be a major incident.

We are also very keen to have details of any resident who may need help or at least like to be checked on if there was an incident just to make sure they were safe and well and perhaps to get provisions delivered.

Please let us know if you can help or if you would like to be added to our list of residents who may need support if there was to be an incident. Don’t delay send us your completed forms to the parish clerk or hand them to your parish councillor. Hopefully we will never need to use the emergency plan but it should provide peace of mind to our friends and neighbours.

Got any ideas for a name for the quarry?

The quarry parkland will soon belong to the two parishes of East Carleton & Ketteringham and it will need a name so people will stop referring to it simply as “the quarry”.

If you have any ideas email the clerk or submit them as comments on the parish council website.

Question - Do you know what do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

Answer - They were all invented by women