Dear Parishioner

Welcome to our newly formatted Newsletter.

Your Parish Council faces many challenges at this time and your continued support is essential if we are to succeed together in our quest to preserve our quality of life in East Carleton and Ketteringham. The latter parish justifiably seeks conservation area status whilst opposing three sites recommended by South Norfolk District Council as being suitable for gypsy & traveller occupation.

In addition areas adjacent to our parishes are proposed under the Government’s regional development strategy as suitable for extensive building development over the next 15 years.

If economic and political circumstances allow this could result in the urbanisation of our rural surroundings and the attendant increase in traffic flows in our villages.

Only through your active support of our increasingly threatened democratic system can your Parish Council achieve the results desired by the vast majority of its residents and I urge you to write as indicated on Pages 2, 3, and 4 expressing your personal views on each of these important issues.

To conclude on a more encouraging note I am confident that you will join me in congratulating our Vice Chairman, Ingrid Fairman, and our Steering Group upon the enormous effort made to progress the Quarry Park Project and to welcome Roger Young as a valued new member of our Parish Council.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Benstead

If you need larger print let us know - Ring 01603 812708
Quarry Parkland

Community access to the proposed parkland for East Carleton and Ketteringham is getting closer. Developments are underway; ‘The Landscape Partnership’ has drawn up draft plans including both landscape and an ecological framework for the design of the restored parkland. These have been based on what you have told us you want at various parish events and at our open day last July.

The Parish Council has been working with Middleton Aggregates and Mobile Concrete Supplies who will be submitting their joint application to Norfolk County Council this summer. The plans include the creation of a public car park area, road improvements on Hethersett Road along with an extension for Mobile Concrete Supplies to operate from the site until 2030. Their contribution of future rental income to the parish will help to pay for the future management of the site. It is intended that the whole site will be fully restored by 2013.

Once the planning application is approved the 54-acre site, including Ladybelt woodland will be transferred to the parish’s ownership forever, and open for the community’s enjoyment. Whilst there have been frustrations and delays the steering committee has worked hard to secure the best solution for the parish through the negotiation of extra land and the inclusion of the parish’s requirement in the planning application being submitted.

The aim for the site is to balance nature with amenity use. The theme is for conservation parkland, home to daubenton bats, butterflies, bees, owls, red and muntjac deer a host of birds including a Heronry.

An unusual and decorative Ice House is a special feature we are looking forward to its restoration. This is a fantastic open space for all to enjoy. We’ll be creating a series of interesting pathways leading to areas of great charm - the ponds, woodland, the scrub and meadowland areas, a trim trail and children’s wild play area, a place of discovery and education.

Come and join us at Springwatch weekend and take part in the “Photographic Competition”- bring a camera and enter your photos of the site. Look at the plans and tell us what you think and how you think the site should be developed.

Do you want to become involved, perhaps join the steering committee or just generally help out?

We are currently training volunteers in practical conservation skills and with the BTCV to work on the site,

We are looking for someone to be a Volunteer Coordinator to help with the variety of conservation tasks for the site.

We have a spare place on a Brush cutter Course to train a volunteer at Easton College

If you can help in anyway or want to join our Steering Committee contact Carole Jowett 01603 812708

Gypsy & Travellers Sites

You will have undoubtedly seen the plans South Norfolk Council have put forward for public consultation for the provision of gypsy and travellers sites.

The Parish Council has listened to residents who have attended meetings and put forward objections to the proposed three sites in Ketteringham. A residents action group has also been formed and they are actively opposing these plans.

South Norfolk Council recently held a drop in day at Ketteringham Village Hall for residents to see the plans and ask any questions they had. An open meeting is being arranged to take place at Ketteringham Village Hall on Monday 27th April at 19:30.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

All meetings start at 19:30

20th May 2009 at Ketteringham Village Hall
29th July 2009 at St Mary’s Church, East Carleton
30th September 2009 at Ketteringham Village Hall
25th November 2009 at St Mary’s Church, East Carleton

The bad news is time flies.
The good news is you’re the pilot

Michael Althsuler
Joint Core Strategy

Your Parish Council has been representing your interests by taking part in the various consultation phases of the joint core strategy, which is to create plans for development until 2026.

The Greater Norwich Development Partnership is reviewing the needs of the local area and also taking into account the number of new homes and jobs that the Government has set for the eastern region.

An action group set up by a number of neighbouring parishes including East Carleton & Ketteringham to protect the area from overdevelopment successfully overturned plans for a new town at Mangreen.

The latest public consultation closes on 24th April and the Parish Council will once again be representing the interests of the community by responding to the consultation.

More information can be found at http://www.gndp.org.uk/

Speedwatch

Are you concerned about traffic speeding through your village?

We have recruited 11 Volunteers in East Carleton and 4 in Ketteringham to participate in a “Speedwatch” scheme organised in conjunction with Norfolk Constabulary. The scheme has been successfully trialled in East Norfolk and is now being rolled out Countywide.

The scheme allows communities to monitor traffic, record and report any speeding motorists to the Police who will issue letters to registered keepers of offending vehicles; they will also then follow-up on persistent offenders.

Volunteers receive appropriate training and equipment, including “Speedar” radar, reflective jackets and warning signs.

Regular activity provides effective evidence of the pattern of speeding on your roads and provides a strong deterrent and educational effect, which, we hope, will make for a safer and more pleasant environment.

Contact Carole Jowett on 01603 812708 to volunteer or for more details.

Our Churches

Norfolk has always been famous for its ancient churches and much of our economy is based upon tourism with these buildings major focal points for visitors.

Could you imagine Ketteringham without its beautiful old church, St Peter’s? or East Carleton without its beloved St Mary’s?

Whether or not you are a churchgoer, it is almost inconceivable to picture our lovely villages without these two wonderful examples of rich historical and architectural value. The countryside and landscape would be less picturesque if they were no longer there.

Of course It’s not that our churches will suddenly crumble or disintegrate; its just that, with dwindling congregations and increasing costs, these buildings are at risk of continuing lack of investment which is not down to money alone. A very small number of dedicated people are involved in tending and caring for the churches raising funds how and when they can. The insurance premiums for them are becoming increasingly difficult to meet and many churches are having to consider reducing their levels of cover because of lack of funds. Ketteringham church’s insurance for this year, for example, is £1300, which equates to £10 per household in the village.

If you would like to help in some way to keep our architectural treasures and local history intact, please contact either Eric Hitchins on 01508 578933 or Angela Jordan on 01603 811792.
Conservation Area Status Update 2009

The History group has been working with Steve Beckett, Conservation Officer for South Norfolk District Council to look at the boundaries of the proposed ‘Conservation Area’ and collating the history of the area. It is planned to have a display in Ketteringham Village Hall for the proposals later in the year, for further discussion and review.

Mystery East Carleton Wedding Party Photo
Can you help?

A visitor from Manchester was tracing her ‘Craske’ family history at the East Carleton Open Gardens’ last summer, wonders if anyone would know who was in this wedding party photo taken around the 1930’s. Her family were the renowned pork butchers and sausage makers in Norwich who lived and went to school in East Carleton, her great grandfather was a gamekeeper at East Carleton Manor in 1920’s/30’s. If you recognise anyone in the photo – contact Ingrid at The East Carleton and Ketteringham History group 01603 504400, or if you have any other photos you would like to trace or share with the group who meet monthly in Ketteringham village hall.

Drainage and Sewerage Problems in East Carleton

A recurring problem with foul drainage was brought to the attention of the Parish Council at the March meeting, which affects residents in the Hethersett Road, Wymondham Road, and Meadow Way area of East Carleton. Due to the heavy rain over the past winter, and the heavy clay subsoil, this has resulted in a high water table, and as a result, the ground water tends to run back along the fan-pattern of land drains into the septic tank installations, rather than away from it. This layout of septic tank, soakaways and land drains was the standard, and accepted by the District Councils 30 - 40 years ago. The problem has existed for years, but has recently got steadily worse. Those residents worst affected need to have their septic tanks emptied every 3-4 weeks at an ever-increasing cost.

The Parish Council has agreed to raise this issue with South Norfolk Council to explore potential remedial actions. It was also agreed to include the whole issue of non-mains sewerage as an agenda item on the Annual Parish Meeting at Ketteringham Village Hall starting at 19:30 on 20th May 2009.

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Local Government Review

The Boundary Committee has now put forward new draft proposals for how Norfolk’s council services should be delivered in the future. There are two options to comment on, one is for a single unitary authority for the whole county and the other for two unitary councils, one for a Greater Norwich and the other for the rest of Norfolk.

You have until 14th May to submit your comments, full information can be found on the Boundary Committee’s website http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews/all-reviews/eastern/norfolk

New Parish Council Website

Due to a change in funding the Parish Council website has moved to http://www.parishcouncilinvolve.net/east-carleton-and-ketteringham-parish-council/
If there is anything you would like to see published on this website please contact the clerk or come to a Parish Council meeting and let us know what you would find useful.