



The
GRAPEVINE
A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF HELLESDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Councillor Shelagh Gurney,
Chairman of Hellesdon Parish Council**

Christmas is almost with us again and at this season of mid-winter celebration each one of us will probably take time to think about 2015 and what has been happening to ourselves, our families and our friends. There will have been high moments and low moments, happy times and sad times, sunny days and darker days, but as the year draws to a close, let us hope that we will be able to take some good thoughts with us into 2016.

Within the Hellesdon community there will be people who are not blessed with a family or a circle of friends to keep watchful eyes on them. If you have a neighbour who lives alone would you consider popping a Christmas card through the door and perhaps include your phone number? As you come and go, could you glance at their windows and see whether the lights and curtains are "normal"? If we have a white Christmas would you be able to spend a little time clearing a path to the bin or to the gate? Perhaps you might offer to get some grocery items for them? Such acts of kindness do take time and effort to fit in at this busy season but they can make a lonely person feel that someone somewhere is thinking about them. We look with sadness at the tragedies displayed on the television screen - weather-related, man-made, geographical - the enormity of which can make us feel so helpless. However if we are able to do something closer to home, perhaps in some small way we can contribute to the larger "whole".

I hope that I will be able to see as many of you as possible around the community in the next few weeks, perhaps at the Over 65s Christmas Party or the Family Night a week later, but whether we meet or not, I would like to wish every one of you peace at Christmas and a New Year filled with hope.

IN THIS EDITION

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HAPPENING
ON THE GOLF
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**Your Views needed
on the Proposed
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Winter 2015

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*Please contact the Council Office to make
an appointment.*

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Mrs Patricia Kirby

Finance Officer

Mr. Shaun Otway

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The monthly Parish Council meeting is normally held in the Council Chamber Diamond Jubilee Lodge at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Please check notice boards and website for confirmation.

The agendas for these and any other meeting arranged will be advertised on the Parish Council notice boards and website at least 3 full working days before the meeting takes place.

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

The Grapevine is published quarterly in March, June, September and December.

To keep right up to date visit the parish council website: www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk

We welcome your contributions. If you want to submit articles or photos, advertise or comment on content or circulation please contact Patricia Kirby on 01603 301751. The Parish Council does not imply endorsement of any goods or services in this newsletter.

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Ask the Oracle

What to do and who to contact when assistance is needed on local matters!

I am thinking of making some alterations to my property. Rather than speak to someone on the telephone, can I have a face to face meeting with anyone to discuss what I may or may not do?

Broadland District Council has a duty planner who is on duty Monday to Friday from 08.30 to 13.00 who will meet with you at Thorpe Lodge and answer your queries and give general advice. You do not require an appointment to see the planning officer though please note that if the officer is currently with someone else, you will need to wait. You can still contact the Planning Administration Team who will answer general queries. Broadland District Council is located at Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich NR7 0DU and can be contacted on 01603 430509 or

via email: planning.administration@broadland.gov.uk.

Further information can be found at www.broadland.gov.uk/housing_and_planning

Can I renew my bus pass at the Parish Council Office?

Unfortunately the Parish Council Office does not offer this service at present. Bus pass can only be renewed through Norfolk County Council. Norfolk County Council will write to you about 6 weeks prior to expiry of your bus pass with instructions of how to renew your pass. These include online, by post and in person at a number of locations including Norwich. Should you require further information please contact Customer Service Centre on 0344 800 8020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Residents should note that all Parish Council full meetings and Committee meetings will take place in the Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge, unless otherwise stated.

DATE	MEETING	TIME
Mon 14th December 2015	Property, Policy and Resources	7.00pm
Tues 15th December 2015	Planning Committee	6.30pm
Tues 5th January 2016	Planning Committee	6.15pm
Tues 5th January 2016	Parish Council	7.00pm
Tues 19th January 2016	Planning Committee	6.30pm
Mon 1st February 2016	Staffing Committee	7.00pm
Tues 2nd February 2016	Planning Committee	6.15pm
Tues 2nd February 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm
Mon 8th February 2016	Media and Communications	7.00pm
Mon 15th February 2016	Property, Policy and Resources	7.00pm
Tues 16th February 2016	Planning Meeting	6.15pm
Tues 16th February 2016	Playing Fields, Amenities and Allotments	7.00pm
Tues 1st March 2016	Planning Meeting	6.15
Tues 1st March 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.00
Tues 15th March 2016	Planning Meeting	6.30pm

Highways Report from Councillor Shelagh Gurney Norfolk County Councillor for Hellesdon

Many of you have either contacted me personally or the Parish Office to enquire what all the coloured road markings mean that we have seen painted on many of our parishes roads.

Recently Norfolk County Council has been successful in bidding for additional funding from the Department of Transport to improve drainage infrastructure around the city fringe area. As part of the "Challenge Fund" bid, several drainage improvements will be carried out in Hellesdon, Sprowston, Old Catton and Thorpe St. Andrew over the next two years. This will involve connecting roads which are currently served by boreholes and soakaways onto the existing positive drainage system.

The new system needs to be designed and the markings that residents have seen painted on the roads around Hellesdon are part of the initial survey work which is required for this. The coloured lines are identified by Operatives using ground sonar equipment, which located the buried services such as cables and pipes. The position of these cables is accurately mapped into the design plans so that there is no conflict with existing services.

More information will become available as plans and designs proceed, and I will let you all know what the timetable is for the planned works in due course.

Shelagh Gurney



Hellesdon's September Centenarians

Congratulations to two Hellesdon residents who celebrated three-figure birthdays in September. Miss Phyllis Sparks, who still lives independently, enjoyed visits from neighbours, friends and family on 24th September and several of them watched as she opened a very special card from HM the Queen.

Miss Sparks was born in Norwich but moved to Hellesdon over fifty years ago. She has had many interests during her lifetime and although this former member of the Hellesdon Gardening Club is not as active in the garden as she used to be, her garden has come to her and she has a packed conservatory.

Mrs Alice Young, the oldest resident at Redlands House, received a 100th birthday card from the Queen three years ago so is having to wait two more years to hear from Her Majesty again. Originally trained as a sign-writer and window dresser in Scarborough Art College, she went on to marry and have four sons.

Mrs Young celebrated her 103rd birthday on 30th September and among her many visitors was Mrs Shelagh Gurney, Chairman of the Parish Council, who presented her with a bouquet.

Afterward, Mrs Gurney said how much she had enjoyed her afternoon with this "remarkable lady" and all the other residents at Redlands House.



Shelagh Gurney



**The Parish Council Office will be closed over Christmas
From 12.30pm on 24th December 2015 until 9.30am 4th January 2016
The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 5th January 2016 at 7.00pm**

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Hellesdon Parish Council

Carnival
Saturday

16th July 2016

Did You Know?

The site designated for house building on Eversley Road has connections with two of the stalwarts of Norwich Industry now unfortunately vanished from the local scene. The first being Hindes and Hardy, who had a silk mill on Oak Street. The company was founded in the early 19th century by Ephraim Hinde and was renowned for the manufacture of black mourning crepe, popular in the Victorian era, and later for the production of Silk.

In 1928 the factory was built on Eversley road, at a time of the company's expansion, to produce artificial silk. This factory employed mainly young female unemployed boot and shoe workers. The company's intention to impose double shift working at the Eversley road site resulted in industrial strife, with 70 women striking and an angry exchange of letters in the local press between the owners and the employees' trade union.

During the Second World War the factory was involved in producing fabrics for the war effort including silk and nylon for parachutes and barrage balloons. When the main factory in Oak Street was bombed in 1942 and put out of action for some months, extra shifts were worked at Eversley road to compensate. Following the cease of hostilities the main products of the company became nylon and rayon textiles. In 1961 the company consolidated its production in Norwich at the St Mary's Mill resulting in the closure of the Eversley Road factory.

At this point the second big name in Norwich's industrial history became involved in operations on the site, this being Boulton and Paul Ltd, who could trace their origins in Norwich back to 1797. The company was a major local employer in the city involved in the manufacture of structural steelwork, joinery, aircraft and wire netting during their long history. They were also involved in the building of airships until the ill-fated R101 crashed in Belgium effectively ending the British involvement with airships.

Boulton and Paul began the manufacture of aluminium windows in the old silkworks buildings on Eversley Road, employing 250 people at the time the facility was closed in 1976, thus making way for the final occupant of the site, Eastern Glazed Ceramics, who used the buildings as a warehouse and sales outlet for ceramic tiles.

Richard Grady



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST. MARY'S HELLESDON CHURCH AND WAR MEMORIAL

On Sunday 8th November, The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance was held at St Mary's Church, Low Road, Helleston. The Service was attended by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Shelagh Gurney, Councillors Tony Adams and John Knowles, together with Mrs Patricia Kirby, Clerk to the Council. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Reverend Louise Alder. The Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.



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FOR HELLESDON PARISH COUNCIL TRAFFIC IN HERCULES ROAD

The “Access Only” signs at the Boundary Road entrance to City View Road and at the Reepham Road ends of Mountfield Avenue, Hastings Avenue and Harlington Avenue are consistently ignored as motorists seek to avoid the Boundary Junction and this fact was brought to the July meeting of the Parish Council by a resident of Hercules Road who reported that he had counted up to 300 cars recently using this rat run morning and evening. The resident was not complaining of traffic speeding but rather of the traffic volumes.

This issue has been one of which the council has been aware for many years. It had once been proposed to close the road totally to through traffic but as residents were unable to agree which was the most suitable point for this closure to take place, it did not happen.

Fortunately the Community Speed Watch Team had the use of the portable SAM equipment scheduled for mid-July 2015 (something which happens for one week every three months or so). Using it on this occasion mainly as a counting mechanism, the following figures were obtained:

Tuesday 14th July 2015 Between 07.46 and 09.16 Traffic approaching Boundary Road	261	Wednesday 15th July 2015 Between 17.12 and 18.22 Traffic leaving Boundary Road	195
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The issue raised by the resident in July coupled with these figures were discussed at the September meeting of the Property, Policy and Resources committee.

Pinch points and speed bumps (though the latter are now falling out of favour) can bring a measure of relief when the complaint is one of excessive speeding but in this case it was the sheer volume that had brought the resident to the council meeting, and indeed neither of the two systems mentioned above would act as a deterrent. It should also be borne in mind that any restrictions made to this road complex must accommodate the bus service.

One specific deterrent discussed was the use of a bus gate at morning and evening peaks on the Boundary Road / City View Road junction but this would act as a bar to residents and rat-runners alike. In addition the actual volumes concerned, distressing though they may be to local residents, would not justify the expense.

As a matter of interest it should be noted that Hellesdon Low Road regularly “hosts” 900 vehicles per hour at peak times and 6-700 cars per hour are counted on Reepham Road as a matter of routine throughout the day.

Sue Prutton
Parish Councillor and Community Speed Watch team member



Don't Forget to HAVE YOUR SAY .

Planning application: 20151770 Persimmon Housing Development Proposal

The Parish Council Exhibition of the planned development and consequent public meeting, reveals what local residents have over this hugely significant development for our parish. For more information visit www.broadland.gov.uk and search for the 'Planning Explorer'. Enter the planning application number and check all of the related documents. Make sure your views are heard by the Broadland District Council authority. Broadland District Council is our local planning authority and all responses to this application should be directed to them at: Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR7 0DH Telephone 01603 733333



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 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays 11 am –
 Morning Worship
 Wednesdays 10 am – Holy Communion

St Paul's, Hawthorne Avenue
 Holy Communion -
 8am 1st & 3rd Sunday.
 Common Worship Morning Praise -
 9.30am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.
 Common Worship Holy Communion -
 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sunday.
 4th Sunday also has a Healing/Anointing time
 10am Cafe Style Service at selected Services
 (See Banner outside the week before)
 Holy Communion 10am Wednesdays
 Study 12.30/1pm Wednesdays
 with Rev McGinley
 Open Doors 10am Thursdays
 Rock Solid (term time) 7pm Thursdays

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST
Aylsham Road, Mile Cross
 Sundays 10.45 am -
 Morning Service & Sunday School.
 Also occasional Sunday evenings 6.30 pm
 Thursday mornings Drop-In from 10 till 12 &
 a service at 12.15 to 12.45

SALVATION ARMY
Salvation Army, Boundary Road
 Sundays 11 am – Holiness Meeting
 Sundays 5 pm – Salvation Meeting
 Sundays 9.45 am – “Kids Alive” Club

MEADOW WAY CHAPEL
 Sundays 10.45 am – Family Worship
 at Hellesdon Community Centre
 7.00pm – Evening Service at
 Meadow Way Chapel
 Meadow Way run lots of weekly
 Activities for all age groups
 Please check website
www.meadow-way.org.uk

This year, prepare for Christmas With Meadow Way Chapel...

Date	Time	Event and Location
Thu 3 rd Dec	7pm - 9.30pm	Ladies Craft and Carols Evening (Meadow Way Chapel)
Fri 4 th Dec	7.30pm	Norwich Youth for Christ Christmas Production (Meadow Way)
Sat 5 th Dec	9am-11am	Messy Christmas (Meadow Way Chapel)
Sun 6 th Dec	3.30pm	Combined Community Carol Service (Hellesdon High School)
Mon 14 th Dec	8pm	Orchestra Concert in Aid of Multiple Sclerosis (Meadow Way Chapel)
Sun 20 th Dec	10.45 am	Christmas Family Worship and Nativity (Hellesdon CC)
Sun 20 th Dec	5.30pm	Christmas Carol Service (Hellesdon CC)
Tue 22 nd Dec	10am - 12noon	Family Film Morning (Meadow Way Chapel)
Thu 24 th Dec	4-4.45pm	Christingle Service (Meadow Way Chapel)
Christmas Day	10.45am	Christmas Day Praise (Meadow Way Chapel)

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Glenda / Sheila (01603) 890708 / 279294

CHANGES TO THE "GRAPEVINE"

At the most recent meeting of the Media and Communications Committee it was decided to make some basic changes to the "Grapevine" starting with this Winter Edition. It will be immediately obvious that some extra colour has been introduced in this issue. From the Spring Edition colour will be used throughout and the type of paper used will be changed to support this.

The content and appearance of the magazine will alter gradually over the next two or three issues in that it has been decided that the use of advertisements will be phased out. No new ones are being accepted and as existing advertising agreements come to an end they will not be renewed so that eventually the magazine will have fewer pages.

We hope that you will continue to enjoy reading the new-look "Grapevine" and we would like to thank all organisations and businesses who have advertised in our earlier editions

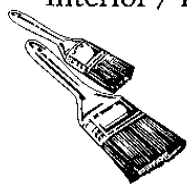
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OPENING & CLOSING OF RECREATION GROUND, MOUNTFIELD PARK & MEADOW WAY

As we are now leaving November behind residents are reminded that the Recreation Ground and Mountfield Park close at 4pm, with Meadow Way closing from 3.45pm. This closing is in line with the Winter schedule which applies from 1 November until the end of February. While most residents are appreciative of this, there have been occasions where Parish Council staff have been subject to abuse while undertaking unlocking and locking duties. Whilst during the winter schedule Mountfield Park and Meadow Way is opened and closed by the Grounds staff Monday to Friday, at weekends these duties are undertaken by Caretaking staff. The opening times of the areas adhere to staff employment times and have to be considered within other required duties.

The Recreation Ground - to remind and clarify:

The gates at the Recreation Ground are opened by the Caretakers who are employed Monday to Saturday from 7.30am and Sundays from 8am. Upon entering the site the duty, providing there are no apparent unusual circumstances, is to open the vehicular access on Woodview Road. The remaining site gates are opened after the requirement to enter Hellesdon Community Centre to ensure there are no immediate issues to be dealt with.

On Sundays, in order to accommodate requirements, the opening of the Community Centre takes precedence of opening Wood View Road and the remaining site gates. Any unusual circumstances could result in action being taken that would delay or prevent unlocking of the site and this would be the case until any such circumstance is resolved.

With the number of external gates needing to be opened, it takes 20 – 30 minutes to complete unlocking therefore providing there are no unusual circumstances, the parks should be fully opened by approximately 8am and 8.30am respectively. Thank you for your co-operation.

HELLEDON PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT OF OUTDOOR SURFACES IN SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Under the terms of the Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 the Parish Council is responsible for taking all reasonably practicable measures to ensure the safety of all visitors to its premises and land. This includes the need for suitable precautions during severe weather conditions.

The areas covered by this policy are hard surface car parks and hard surface footways to the main entrances of buildings, and the policy has been developed following a review of the existing risk assessment.

In order to comply with the legal requirement in a practical manner, the Parish Council's policy with regard to the management of surfaces which may become hazardous due to snow and ice is as follows:

- We will ensure that areas are well-lit during times of poor visibility when the sites are open, so that obstructions and potential hazards can be seen.
- We will inspect hard surface car parks and access ways to buildings daily during severe weather conditions. We will endeavour to clear snow and ice and spread salt/grit on the cleared area to provide a designated pathway to buildings. We may take other action deemed appropriate and this may be displaying suitable notices closing car parks or other measures that may be considered practicable.
- We will not grit/salt the remainder of the parking areas or non-essential access routes.
- We will keep a log of inspections carried out and any action taken.

PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

The Parish Council as is custom and practice during winter months, receives many requests for grit bins. Grit bins are purchased by the Parish Council and are then 'gifted' to County Highways who accept the responsibility for filling and refilling. Maintenance of the bin remains with the parish; however, approval from Norfolk County Council Highways has to be gained before the siting of any grit bin on the highway. There have been occasions when approval to fund a grit bin has been obtained, only to find the agreement from highways cannot be secured. The Parish Council will not therefore fund or purchase any grit bin until highways approval is secured. Highways have criteria when considering the siting of grit bins as follows:

- Would it mainly be for road or footway use?

Use on a footway is only agreed in exceptional circumstances:

e.g. outside a shopping centre or entrance to school on a sloping gradient or on an incline

- Proximity of gradients
- Proximity to bends in road
- Proximity to footbridges
- Proximity to existing bins
- Number of premises served
- Community facilities within 200m of site
- Winter priority routes within vicinity of site.



Not all the above criteria needs to be met, however some of the above points would work against the siting of a bin (e.g. if a Priority 1 or 2 gritting route goes along the road)

The Parish Council policy in respect of addressing requests is as follows:

- Any request for a grit bin is first presented to Highways to ascertain if approval would be granted.
- A negative response would be relayed to the requester and subsequently would be made known to the - Parish Council. The Parish Council would have the opportunity to challenge the Highways decision.
- A positive response would be relayed to the requester, with the request presented to the Parish Council for consideration of purchase.

Welcome to Dev Ghimire

Mr. Dev Ghimire has been elected to represent the Hellesdon South-East Ward. Dev lives in the Hellesdon South East Ward on the Cromer Road. He is married with one young son. He was delighted to be elected onto Hellesdon Parish Council recently and is looking forward to working with the other Councillors to improve services and facilities for Hellesdon residents. Working as a Client Executive for "Marsh", one of the world's leading insurance brokers and risk advisers, he manages International Property e-trading, business platforms for Lloyds' company and overseas markets. Dev is an active school Governor and is particularly interested in school finance and administration. He is also a Trustee and Treasurer for the Charity "Nepal in Need."





**Hellesdon, Horsford & Horsham St Faiths • Safer Neighbourhood Scheme
Crime Summary for the area Broadland and North Norfolk**

The following is a local policing update for the Hellesdon & Horsford neighbourhood
Weekly crime summary 25th September to 2nd October 2015

The main message to our community around North Norfolk and Broadland is that of vehicle security.

Please be mindful not to leave any items of value in your car, especially overnight.

Thieves are targeting work vans in specific and taking any tools left within.

We have also noticed a number of items taken from roof racks overnight. Items being targeted are ladders and bikes. Please remember to take these off and lock them away.

Anyone who witnesses anything suspicious in their community should contact Norfolk Police on 101 or dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

Police Connect – temporary reduced service

Please be aware that due to the introduction of new software a reduced service continues to be provided by Police Connect.

Messages will continue to be distributed, but will not include the weekly crime summary. The full service will be resumed as soon as possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**News, appeals and information can be accessed 24 hours a day,
7 days a week at www.norfolk.police.uk**

**You can contact us on 101 or if you think a crime is actually in progress
then please always dial 999.**



NEED ADVICE?

We're here to help • Whoever you are
Whatever the problem

Calendar

December 2015 to March 2016

Monday 14th December • Monday 4th January

Monday 18th January • Monday 1st February

Monday 15th February • Monday 29th February

Monday 14th March • Monday 28th March



Outreach service on every alternate Monday from 10:00 - 13:00

You can access our service at

The Parish Council Office, Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Wood View Road, Hellesdon, Norwich NR6 5QB
Our service is free, confidential & open to everyone in the community. Staff are trained to advise on virtually any issue, including:

- Welfare benefits & Money & Credit problems
- Employment
- Consumer rights
- Housing & Neighbourhood disputes
- Education & Healthcare
- Immigration & residency queries
- Human rights
- Family & personal issues

Please note this is an appointment based provision. If you would like an appointment, please telephone our Adviceline on 03444 111444 and quote Hellesdon outreach.

“What’s on in & around Hellesdon”

Does your club, society, organisation need help in promoting your activity? Do you need more members? Then the Parish Council would like to help. Send us your articles and we will do our best to publish in the forthcoming issues of The Grapevine.

THE SALVATION ARMY LUNCHEON CLUB



The Salvation Army Luncheon Club enjoyed a meal fit for a Queen on 9th September, the day on which Queen Elizabeth II became the longest serving monarch in modern history.

Cook Diane served Roast Chicken with all the trimmings followed by Queen’s pudding. Everyone agreed that this was a perfect meal for a special day. Anyone who is interested in coming along to the luncheon club on Mondays and / or Wednesdays should telephone 01603 402703. Two course meals with tea or coffee cost £4.00.

HELLESDON HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

(Your local gardening club)

HALF YEAR PROGRAMME FOR 2016

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| Mon 18th January | From Midnight Sun to Norfolk • David Horsley |
| Mon 15th February | Snowdrops and other Winter Flowers • Richard Hobbs |
| Mon 21st March | Growing Veg in Containers and Small Spaces • Pauline Harper |
| Mon 4th April | Demonstration on Delphinium Cutting • Howard Norton |
| Mon 16th May | Landscape Gardening • Andrew Thacker |
| Mon 20th June | The Regeneration of the Blickling Walled Garden • Michael Owers |

Meetings at Hellesdon Community Centre – 7.30pm
New members and Guests always welcome!

HELLESDON
SINGS!

Hellesdon Community Choir



**Singing for those who
want to sing for fun!**

Come and join us every
Friday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Hellesdon Community Centre
www.hellesdoncommunitychoir.info

HELLESDON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have places available for new members who are over 60
We meet on Friday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm at Hellesdon Community Centre. We enjoy meals, outings, entertainment, bingo, games and friendship. If you would like to join us please contact Diane Parker on 01603 928234 or simply come and see us on a Friday afternoon

HELLEDSON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The change of management of the Hellesdon Community Centre was the subject of an article in the Spring edition. The Parish Council is committed to ensuring the continuation of services to the community as outlined in the 'Business As Usual' article. If you have any queries about the future of the centre please contact the Parish Clerk.

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**BUSINESS
AS USUAL**

HELLEDSON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hellesdon Parish Council has unanimously decided to bring the management of Hellesdon Community Centre in house when the current lease expires at the end of December 2015. At the moment the Centre is run by a small local Charitable Trust.



Despite unfounded rumours, the Parish Council wishes to reassure the residents of Hellesdon and the users of the centre that there are no intentions to close or demolish the building to build houses on the site or the surrounding recreation ground.

The original building was much smaller and built on land purchased by the Council. After the Second World War, - "The Hellesdon Victory Fund" - was set up to pay for a welcome home celebration for returning service men and women who lived in Hellesdon. The money to build was raised by the Council increasing the parish rates (known today as the Council Tax).

In 1988 a major expansion and refurbishment of the building was undertaken. To pay for this the Council took out a loan for £250,000 and the repayments (plus interest) for 25 years were paid for by Hellesdon taxpayers. In addition to this the Parish Council has supported significant upgrades to the building which once again has been paid for by Hellesdon taxpayers.

The Parish Council wants to work closely with its residents and centre users, and plans to set up a user group which will feed views directly to the Parish Council. We have exciting ideas to expand and refurbish the building in the future and introduce new activities and services.

The Council would like to thank those residents who took the time to complete and return the community questionnaire. Your comments were considered in the decision making process and will be used further to support required decisions in the parish. Thanks also go to those 87 people who attended the additional parish council meeting on the evening of 10 February and to those who raised queries. Answers to these questions and those subsequently received, will be provided shortly on the council website www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk

See page 4 for the full press release.

Date for
your
Diary

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
FOR HELLEDSON**

**This will take place on
Tuesday 21 April 2015
at 7.45 pm**

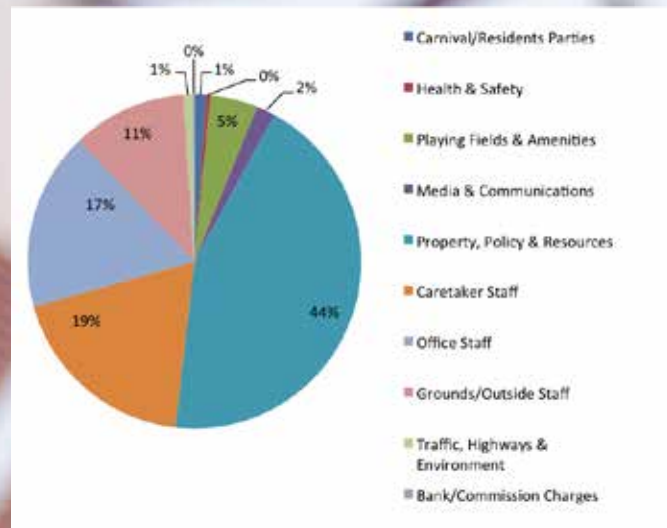
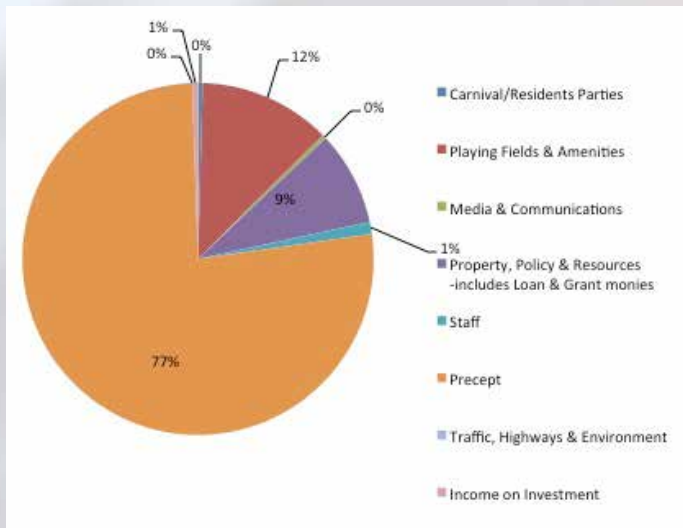
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Please Don't Bin - Please Recycle

THE GRAPEVINE

The Annual Revenue Budget Hellesdon Parish Council



All councils need to produce an annual revenue budget which sets out the financial requirements for the forthcoming year. This becomes the basis upon which spending policy is approved and how the amount of cash required in order to finance the spending plan is calculated.

The total expenditure shown above includes final payments for the build of the new office for which a loan was taken out in 2012. It also includes the final payments for the refurbishment of the skate park and the outside toilets, now recovered by S106 agreements. The figures also include capital expenditure to develop the land known as HEL2.

The above charts show where the money has come from and how it is spent for the financial year ending March 2015.

As is evident from the diagrams, employment of staff impacts extremely highly on council expenditure, with the high proportion needed for salaries and associated costs for our caretakers. The caretakers are employed by the Parish Council to predominately serve in the community centre which is managed by a group of volunteers known as Hellesdon Community Centre Board of Trustees and it registered as a charity. However, this will cease in January 2016 due to the decision of the Parish Council to bring the management of Hellesdon Community Centre in house.

The Accounts for the financial year 2014-15 have now been approved by the appointed Auditors and a copy of the documentation can be viewed on local notice boards or in the Parish Council office.