

MOVIE AFTERNOON AT SPROWSTON CINEMA



Our movie afternoon is proving very popular so if you are interested in a particular film we would recommend purchasing your ticket early. Listings for May to August 2013 are as follows:

Monday 3 June 2013 Hyde Park on Hudson (12A)
Bill Murray as FDR, Laura Linney as Daisy, Olivia Williams as Eleanor Roosevelt, Samuel West as King George VI and Olivia Colman as Queen Elizabeth. The film was actually made in the locations where the events took place. In the mid 30s Daisy Stuckley ran into her sixth cousin and they fell in love, and apparently, had an idyllic relationship, but when the King and Queen of England pay a visit in spring 1939, everything falls apart.

Monday 1 July 2013 Song for Marion (PG)
A group of senior citizens are taught to sing lively pop songs by a young music teacher (Gemma Arterton), and entered into a choir competition. Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) a member of the choir is desperately ill, and her grumpy husband (Terence Stamp) tries to stop her going as he fears it is too much for her. Be prepared and bring a box of tissues!

Monday 5 August 2013 Lincoln (12A)
Best actor Oscar award winner this is an epic and reverential biopic from Steven Spielberg with a central performance by Daniel Day Lewis that sweeps all before it. Sally Field portrays Lincoln's wife, in a meticulous piece of work recreating 19th century Washington DC.

Performances commence at 1:30pm, with tea and coffee (included in ticket price) available from 1pm. Tickets are £5 each and available in person from Sprowston Diamond Centre up to the Friday before the performance, or £5.50 on the day. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. Patrons are asked to turn mobile phones off during performances and respect the enjoyment of fellow cinema users. All listings are subject to availability and may vary. Please contact the Council Office one week prior to showing for confirmation of the film.

Do you need affordable housing?

Broadland District Council is conducting a Housing Needs Survey to find out the need for affordable housing in Sprowston. The results will be used to determine what proportion of affordable homes on future developments in Sprowston will be prioritised for people with a local connection to the parish. Someone is classed as having a local connection if they live in the parish; work in the parish or have close family living there that they need to be near to for support. Please complete the survey online at www.broadland.gov.uk/housingneed or call (01603) 430595 to request a paper copy of the form.

Survey forms will also be available at the Sprowston Diamond Centre, alongside Broadland District Council's Growth Triangle Consultation Display boards. Paper copies should be returned to Broadland District Council using the freepost address found on the form.

The deadline for return of forms is Monday 3 June 2013.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council meetings are open to the public, who are very welcome to attend, and there is an opportunity for residents to ask questions on any matters concerning the Town of Sprowston. Copies of the agenda and minutes for each meeting are available free of charge either on request from the Council Office or can be downloaded from the website when they are published. Agendas are also available on request at the meeting. Other background papers and reports can also be viewed or copies supplied on payment of a small charge, details in the Town Council's Publication Scheme. Meeting dates are posted on the Council notice boards and unless otherwise advised all meetings are held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston, NR7 8TR, commencing 7:30pm.

2013	2014
5 June	8 January
26 June	29 January
17 July	19 February
7 August	12 March
28 August	2 April
18 September	23 April (Annual Town Meeting 7pm) (Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting)
9 October	14 May (Annual Council Meeting)
30 October	
20 November	
11 December	
4 December (Precept/Planning) Meeting	



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Safeguard your garages and sheds

We have been advised that there is an increase in the number of sheds and garages being broken into in the area. It is recommended that you safeguard the whole of your property and not forget the garden shed! It often has plenty of tools or equipment but limited security. An insecure shed can also give the criminal the tools they need to break into your home. Norfolk Constabulary website advises shed owners can take the following steps.

- Fit good quality mortice locks or padlocks one third up and one third down on the door to reduce the leverage available. Mortice locks should be BS3621, any padlocks and hasps should be approved by Sold Secure. Don't forget the hinges as they can be a weak point – use one way screws so they cannot easily be removed.
- Consider if you need a window in your shed – it is another way in for thieves. If you do need a window then lock it and make sure the thief cannot see in to check what you have. Mesh can be used on the inside or outside to improve the security.
- Fit a security light and shed alarm to deter potential thieves.
- Padlocks and chain high value items including power tools, lawnmowers and cycles to an anchor and/or invest in a wire cage where they can be stowed and locked away.

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Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan

The Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) is a new type of planning document based on the views of our local community. It is part of the Government's new approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about how their area is developed. A Steering Group of Town Councillors has been leading this process, and they have taken into account the views expressed by members of the community in response to consultations at the 2011 and 2012 Summer Fetes, articles in Sprowston Matters and a flyer, delivered to every household in Sprowston, inviting residents to attend a workshop organised with the Prince's Foundation.

A draft Plan has been produced which focuses on four main areas of the community, known as community hubs, and includes Wroxham Road shopping precinct, Harrison's Plantation, School Lane and the area encompassing Barkers Lane/Church Lane Playing field, Millennium Woodland, Wilks Farm Drive open space, allotments and cemetery. The idea is to encourage the improvement of these areas along the following lines:

• Wroxham Road Shopping Precinct

In order to create a stronger more attractive neighbourhood and commercial centre, the transformation of a section of the Wroxham Road into a local retail centre with better vehicular and public access will be promoted. To improve the area, consideration will be given to traffic calming measures, new puffin crossings, reduced speed limit, central reservation to narrow carriageway and echelon parking with ability to roll in and out in a forwards direction. The introduction of safe crossings in convenient locations will encourage shopping on foot and in turn create a pleasant social hub.

• Harrison's Plantation

An area at Harrison's Plantation, off Blue Boar Lane, is identified for a woodland activity park. The Woodland Park would be made accessible by creating additional cycle/walking facilities throughout the woodlands and a new connection from Plantation Drive through Cottage Plantation and across Blue Boar Lane. This could include a new puffin crossing on Blue Boar Lane. This would provide a useful recreation source for residents and in particular a place for young people to socialise and interact.

• School Lane

The industrial area covering approximately 2.4 (6 acres) on School Lane is identified for redevelopment for residential, community and other uses appropriate to the area.

Redevelopment would enable the removal of the current commercial use, which conflicts with the main residential nature of the area. The development could include a mix of house types and tenures, retail provision fronting School Lane, including

customer parking, recreational areas and open space, pedestrian and cycle links between the site and neighbouring areas and extensive landscaping.

Traffic calming measures would improve the environment for pedestrians and cyclists, planting should be used to enhance the aesthetic look of the area, and on-street parking reviewed to increase safety.

Sprowston Diamond Centre will continue to be redeveloped to create a multi-use sports facility establishing a community hub to the south of the town and help address the lack of community facilities currently available.

• Open Space around Barkers Lane/Church Lane

Open areas at/or near Barkers Lane/Church Lane will be retained and enhanced as an integrated network of green and open spaces to create a 'Green Heart' for the community. An innovative scheme of enhancements will be sought, which could include creative landscaping, further tree planting, improved pedestrian and cycle access and expansion of facilities, such as an extension to the existing burial ground.

By creating these local 'hubs', which offer a range of community facilities and which are located in accessible places with safe links between them, the Neighbourhood Plan will:

- Encourage walking and cycling, reducing car dependency.
- Reduce the area's dependence on facilities outside the neighbourhood, therefore increasing its economic resilience.
- Address the community's social, economic and environmental needs.

We would now like your views

Comments and suggestions relating to the draft Neighbourhood Plan are now invited from residents. Your views are important so please take this opportunity to make them known.

The deadline for receipt of comments is 5pm on 28 June 2013.

You can view the draft Plan at the following locations:

- The Town Council website: www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk
- The Town Council Office, Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane.
- Sprowston Senior Citizens Club, Recreation Ground Road.
- St Cuthbert's Church, Wroxham Road.
- Sprowston Library, Recreation Ground Road.
- St Mary and St Margarets Church, Church Lane.

You are invited to complete the comment sheet, available with the plan at these locations, and return it to Sprowston Town Council at the following address: Sprowston Town Council, Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston, NR7 8TR.

Alternatively email: townclerk@sprowston-tc.gov.uk

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● What happens next?

When all comments have been reviewed by the Town Council, the Plan will be finalised and submitted to Broadland District Council, as the local planning authority, for examination by an independent examiner.

Once the Plan has been examined and found sound, the District Council will arrange for a referendum where residents can vote on whether to adopt the Plan. If more than 50% of those who vote on the Plan vote in favour of it, then it will be incorporated into the Broadland District Local Plan and have statutory weight. This means it will become one of the main considerations in the determination of future planning applications in the area.

The adopted Plan will implement the vision expressed by the community for Sprowston and help to shape its future.

Construction starts on Sprowston Diamond Centre extension after £100,000 community funding boost

The first exciting step towards Sprowston Town Council's vision to provide a much-needed multi-use community facility in Sprowston was taken in March as local construction company Pentaco Construction started work on a new extension to the Sprowston Diamond Centre in School Lane. Financing for the extension on the east wing has been helped by £100,000 of funding from the Norfolk County Council Community Construction Fund.

The project, which is part of the redevelopment of the Sprowston Diamond Centre, was marked with an official turf-cutting ceremony by Ken Lashley, Chairman of Sprowston Town Council and Adrian Hubbard, commercial director of Norwich-based Pentaco Construction. The event, which included the presentation of a special commemorative plaque, was also attended by former pupils of the original schools, members of the Town Council, Bidwells and School Lane Pre-School.

"I am delighted to support the Town Council in its successful bid for £100,000 from the Norfolk County Council Community Construction Fund," says John Ward, County Councillor for Sprowston. "This project, which creates such excellent community facilities, will benefit every resident of Sprowston." This first phase extension, including a new entrance link and wc facilities, will allow the Council to relocate School Lane Pre-School enabling further refurbishment of the building. "I am delighted that the Council has been able to start work on developing this historic building into a long-awaited centre for the people of Sprowston," comments Ken Lashley, Chairman of Sprowston Town Council. "It is particularly pleasing to have former pupils of the original schools here together with the playgroup who will benefit from the new facilities."

"Our construction team is looking forward to building the first phase of this very important project for Sprowston. We will be making the most of sustainable methods of construction to ensure a flexible and energy-efficient new building space that is cost-effective to run and delivers long-term value to the community," says Adrian Hubbard, commercial director of Pentaco Construction which has offices in Hurricane Way, Norwich. The new extension is due for completion this summer.

However, we currently have three rooms available for hire at the Centre suitable for clubs, local societies and corporate events. Contact the Town Council Office for details, email: marion.cook@sprowston-tc.gov.uk tel: (01603) 408063.

Development in the Growth Triangle - Your Views Matter

Views are sought on the building of new homes, businesses, open spaces and facilities in the area to the north east of Norwich, known as the Old Catton, Rackheath, Sprowston and Thorpe St Andrew (ORST) Growth Triangle.

An Area Action Plan is being produced by Broadland District Council, which will set out how the area should develop over the next 15 years and beyond. A public consultation, which began on Monday 18 March and will finish on 10 June, asks for your views on different options for the policies and proposals that should be contained within the plan. There are different ways in which you can read the consultation document and send your views. From now until 10 June, you can:

- Visit our online Consultation Portal (<http://broadland-consult.objective.co.uk>) to read the document and make comments.
- Visit www.broadland.gov.uk/aap to download a PDF of the document.
- Visit Sprowston library (or other libraries in Broadland and the Millennium library, Norwich) to view the document.
- Visit our static display at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston (open 9.30am-1pm & 2-4.30pm Monday-Friday)

If you wish to contact the Council's Spatial Planning Team to discuss issues relating to the Area Action Plan, please email: ldf@broadland.gov.uk or phone (01603) 430444. More information available at: www.broadland.gov.uk/aap

DO YOU LIKE TO READ - but are unable to make your own way to the library?

Perhaps you are unaware that if you are disabled, elderly or infirm you can have library books delivered - **completely free of charge** - from your local Sprowston library. The library staff in conjunction with WRVS volunteers can deliver, and collect, any book that is shown on their catalogue, including large print and spoken word, directly to your home at three week intervals. Simply tell us your favourite authors and the type of books you like to read, or request a special title, and the library staff will do their best to obtain it for you as soon as possible. If you would like to take advantage of this service, or require more information, please contact the library in Recreation Ground Road - tel: (01603) 408426 daily except Monday. The library is open at 9am - 5pm every weekday (except Monday) but is closed for lunch between 1 and 2pm.

Bowls green improvements

The bowls green at the Sprowston Recreation Ground has benefitted from the installation of concrete ditch channels, which replaced the disintegrating plastic ones previously in use. This has been made possible by a grant of £3,000 from Broadland District Council, to be applied to bowls greens in the vicinity of Thorpe St Andrew, under McCarthy Stone properties being built, and match funded by the Town Council. Work was carried out in house by the Council's grounds staff ready for the new season.

The Chairmans' Report at the Annual Town Council Meeting - April 2013



As Chairman of Sprowston Town Council, I am pleased to welcome you to this Annual Town Meeting, which is held for the whole electorate in the Town. It is an opportunity not only to report on the work undertaken by the Town Council in the past year, but also for residents to ask questions and raise issues of local concern with Town Councillors.

Following the acquisition of Sprowston Diamond Centre the Council's vision to provide a multi-use sports and community centre with a variety of activities for local people is well under way with work commencing on the east wing and due for completion in June. Financing for this extension was helped by £100,000 of funding from Norfolk County Council Community Construction Fund. This work will facilitate the re-location of the Pre-School into accommodation designed for their use, thus enabling the Council to schedule refurbishment of the west wing and increase the facilities available to residents.

A pro-active marketing approach is building up usage of the centre, which is paying dividends with increasing lettings. Once stage 2 of building works has been completed we will be looking for additional long term hire agreements to be put in place.

The council handled 54 planning applications last year, excluding major development proposals, 44% down on the previous year - perhaps a sign of the recession or the changes in permitted development rules.

Work is also progressing at the cemetery following the Council agreeing plans to convert the existing cemetery building into a visitor centre with disabled access and washroom facilities. This will offer visitors somewhere dry to sit during inclement weather conditions.

A design has also been approved for a memorial garden and wall, which will enable memorial plaques to be displayed in remembrance of loved ones not laid to rest in the cemetery. A new layout for sections 11 and 12 has also been decided, which will include burial and cremation plots, seating space and flower beds.

As to the future of Sprowston, Broadland District Council's Joint Core Strategy, has identified green fields in surrounding areas such as Sprowston for development. The area to the North East is known as part of the growth triangle. The Joint Core Strategy and the subsequent growth triangle, including land in Sprowston, are reliant on the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy, which includes the construction of the NDR. Broadland District Council is now producing an Area Action Plan for the growth triangle, which sets out guidance for development in the Sprowston area. This Council has been a consul tee during this process.

Moving on to allotments, this year the Council has introduced, in liaison with the Allotment Holders Liaison Group and in full consultation with all allotment holders, a revised allotment holder's tenancy agreement. This was carried out following the introduction of poultry to the site and a number of queries which were not clarified by existing documentation.

Allotment gardening continues to be popular and our waiting list currently stands at 67 residents. All residents must be over 18 and registered on the electoral register to be eligible.

In other leisure activities our movie afternoon has proved a great success. Having been running since September, on the first Monday of each month, most viewings have been fully booked. This has been a wonderful opportunity for residents to see the latest films locally, and it has been good to see this initiative being so well supported. Listings for May to September are available on our website and noticeboards and will be advertised in the next issue of Sprowston Matters, which will be delivered shortly.

Regarding our outdoor facilities the smaller children's play area at Wilks Farm Drive has been refurbished this year with all new equipment, safety surfacing, seating and is now gated. On-going maintenance of our other open spaces and play areas continues, as and when needed.

As mentioned at last year's Town Council meeting a steering group of Councillors was established in 2011 to oversee the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Sprowston. The plan focuses on four main areas, known as community hubs, including Barkers Lane playing field, Wroxham Road shopping precinct, Harrison's Plantation and School Lane. The consultation period, to gain residents and stakeholders views, will be 20 May 2013 to 28 June 2013.

In celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the 2012 Summer Fete was brought forward and held in June. Fortunately we were rewarded with lovely sunny weather and this together with the diverse range of activities and stalls on offer attracted a record number of people, with approximately 16,000 attending. All the firm favourites were there as well as new acts including children's entertainer Stevie Spud, bungee trampolines, quad bikes and Danny Marino balloon modeller. As the jubilee was such a special occasion admission to this event was free.

Staying with financial matters, Sprowston Town Council does not receive any funds from Central Government (only from the residents of the Town of Sprowston), but has been indirectly affected by cuts. To cover the Council's revenue and capital expenditure for 2013/14 the cemetery and memorial fees for residents have increased by 2.5%, sports hire and facility hire fees remain unchanged and allotment rents will increase by £1 with water charges up by 50 pence. This together with some reallocation of existing budgets has made it possible to keep the Council Tax increase to our residents to a minimal 1.6% for a band D property. Largely because of the Norfolk Homes development we received £37,000 from the Government's New Homes Bonus, which rewards communities who have taken development. This will be used towards the redevelopment of Sprowston Diamond Centre.

This Council has given £1,550 in grant aid to various organisations including Victim Support, Royal British Legion, Macmillan Cancer Care, Age UK Norfolk, Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, Sprowston Day Centre, Sprowston Cricket Club and the Citizens Advice Bureau. The council funds such donations from monies received from recycling.

Finally, I should like to thank both Councillors and staff for their valuable contribution to the work of the Council.

K Lashley, Chairman