

## MOVIE AFTERNOON AT SPROWSTON CINEMA

Movie Afternoon at Sprowston Cinema in conjunction with Creative Arts East and Broadland District Council.

On the first Monday of every month the Town Council holds a screen show, of the latest films available, at Sprowston Diamond Centre. The venue can hold up to 50 people, has wheelchair access, hearing loop and large car park. Why not join us at this local social event. Look out for details of future films on the Council noticeboards and website.

### Listings for March - April

**Monday 3 March 2014 Le Week-end -**

**Comedy, Drama (15) 93 minutes**

Director Roger Michell of "Notting Hill" fame directs poignant comedy "Le Week-end", which mediates on the quirks and foibles of a long-term partnership. An ageing married couple (Jim Broadbent and Lindsay Duncan) take a trip to Paris, in the hope that some of the city's romance might rub off on their troubled relationship. But in the city of love and lights, it's an encounter with an old friend that triggers a change in outlook.

**Monday 7 April 2014 Philomena -**

**Comedy, Drama (12A) 98 minutes**

Based on an incredible true story, heart-warming comedy-drama "Philomena" is a compelling tale of human love, loss and life, documenting one woman's quest to track down her long-lost son. Starring Dame Judy Dench and Steve Coogan, "Philomena" chronicles the life of an Irish mother who spent decades painstakingly searching for the son she gave birth to as a teenager, after Roman Catholic nuns brokered an adoption against her will. Based on the book by BBC Journalist Martin Sixsmith, The Lost Child of Philomena Lee.

All performances commence at 1:30pm, with complimentary tea and coffee available from 1pm. Tickets are £5 each and available in person from the Council Office, Sprowston Diamond Centre up to the Friday before the performance, or £5.50 on the day. Prior booking is advisable. 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.

Email: [enquiries@creativeartseast.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@creativeartseast.co.uk)

### Council take over

Sprowston Town Council has taken over responsibility for the play area and open space at Windsor Park Gardens from developers Wimpey Taylor, and both play areas at Blue Boar Lane from developers Norfolk Homes. Maintenance of equipment and grass cutting will now be carried out on a regular basis by our staff.

### Allotments

There has been quite a lot of movement at the allotment site this year with 13 residents registered on our waiting list being offered tenancy. However, there are still 53 people waiting. To be eligible for an allotment you must be over 18 and a Sprowston resident.

## Sprowston Cemetery

In view of complaints received regarding how residency discounts are determined a single fee has now been agreed and will apply to both residential and non-residential as from 1 April 2014. However, there is an opportunity for residents to pre-purchase exclusive rights for burial and cremation plots at 2013 prices until 31 March 2014. For your information interments can take place at Sprowston cemetery without the purchase of exclusive rights, further details are available by contacting the Council office. The increase in fees will contribute to the redevelopment of the cemetery extension, ensuring there is sufficient burial space for future generations, and drainage and landscaping work will commence later this year.

Work has already commenced to convert the existing building into a visitor centre. Plans include a spacious seating area with views across the cemetery, providing mourners with a place of quiet contemplation away from the elements, as well as a meeting place prior to services taking place. The facility will have disabled access and be equipped with modern DDA compliant WC amenities.

To the north of the building a semi-circular memorial wall is to be constructed where plaques can be placed in memory of loved ones not necessarily buried at the cemetery. This area will be a mix of paving, soft landscaping and seating.

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings of the Council are open to the public, who are 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 when they are published or 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 website, and unless otherwise advised all meetings are held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston, NR7 8TR commencing 7:30pm.

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| 4 June 2014        | 7 January 2015                                                        |
| 25 June 2014       | 28 January 2015                                                       |
| 16 July 2014       | 18 February 2015                                                      |
| 6 August 2014      | 11 March 2015                                                         |
| 27 August 2014     | 1 April 2015                                                          |
| 17 September 2014  | 22 April 2015                                                         |
| 8 October 2014     | (Annual Town Meeting - 7pm)                                           |
| 29 October 2014    | (Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting) |
| 19 November 2014   | 13 May 2015                                                           |
| 3 December 2014    | (Annual Council Meeting)                                              |
| (Precept/Planning) |                                                                       |
| 10 December 2014   |                                                                       |

### Opening times and telephone enquiries

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# Sprowston Matters



## SPROWSTON TO DECIDE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

After nearly two years of research, consultation and work, the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan has now been approved by an independent planning examiner and is almost complete. The final stage, a local referendum, is due to be held 20 March 2014, between 7am and 10pm at various polling stations and we would like to invite local residents to attend and vote.

In his report the independent examiner, who reviewed all of the documents in detail, commented that 'a great amount of care, commitment and effort has gone into the production of the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan, and that it is founded on a heartfelt desire to build a sustainable community with a high quality of life'.

The Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan contains policies that will maintain and improve the quality of life for people living and working in Sprowston. It contains the following vision for the community: By 2026 the community of Sprowston will be strong, cohesive, creative and forward-looking. The community will be safer, healthier, more prosperous, sustainable and inclusive. High quality homes will meet people's needs and aspirations in attractive and sustainable places. People will have access to good quality jobs essential services and community facilities, with less need to use a car.

Many policies contained in the plan have been developed directly in response to what you told us such as providing new youth facilities, new community facilities, reducing speed on Wroxham Road and improving green spaces.

**Residents of Sprowston are now invited to vote to approve the Neighbourhood Plan on 20 March 2014, between 7am and 10pm at various polling stations. If more than 50% of residents voting are in favour of the document it will become adopted and help us to deliver your aspirations.**

Before you vote please take the opportunity to view the Neighbourhood Plan and see exactly what we are trying to do for the Town. Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at Sprowston Town Council office, Broadland District Council and Sprowston Library or downloaded from the Town Council website [www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk). The Town Council also recently set up a facebook page which will provide further information: [www.facebook.com/sprowstonneighbourhoodplan](http://www.facebook.com/sprowstonneighbourhoodplan).

It is important for anyone considering voting to understand that the Neighbourhood Plan has no relationship with the housing scheme in the 'growth triangle'. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot be used to stop these proposals so we have tried to use the plan to ensure that whatever is built is done so in a way that integrates sustainably with Sprowston and provides residents with access to new jobs, facilities and green spaces.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is: **"Do you want Broadland District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sprowston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"**

- **A YES vote** would mean that Broadland District Council must take the Neighbourhood Plan into account when they decide on planning applications in Sprowston.
- **A NO vote** would mean that the Neighbourhood Plan is not part of the Local Development Framework used to determine planning applications in Sprowston.

*"The Town Council would like to again thank the community for the interest you have shown in the plan and all of your inputs over the last few years."*





## New facility at Sprowston Diamond Centre

Redevelopment of the west wing phase 2 is now complete. Works included replacement of the 100 year old roof; removal of a structurally unsound chimney; disposal of asbestos, new fire exits, rearrangement of interior walls and previously boarded windows exposed and re-glazed. This has created a light, spacious room incorporating mood lighting, sound system, sprung wooden floor, projector and screen and hearing loop, and is suitable for a range of activities. There is access, via French doors, to an enclosed outside area, a fully equipped modern kitchen and large car park.

The room is now available for hire for wedding receptions, parties, leisure and formal activities, holding up to 140 people, dependant on use.

- Why not have a look round - we are holding an open day **Wednesday 5 March 2014 between 10am and 4pm**, where you can look at the facilities available. No appointment is necessary.

To ensure adequate parking is available when the community centre becomes fully operational, the Council has purchased an area of the car park adjacent to Post Mill Close. This corner of the car park was previously owned by Norfolk County who had gained planning permission to erect two houses.

As to the next phase, the major element of the re-development, you asked for sports facilities, communal space and drop in facility to name but a few. The Council is now progressing with its plans to apply for planning permission towards the construction of a main hall and ancillary spaces. This phase will also include any works required to complete any links with phases one and two, and enable the Council to seek to secure further grant funding to proceed with this scheme.



## Chloe Smith MP

### Working hard for Sprowston

**As your Member of Parliament I want to hear from you on any issue, local or national and I will help however I can.**

My 2014 surgeries in Sprowston include:

Sprowston Library, Recreation Ground Road, 28 February, 3 - 5pm. No appointment necessary.

Sprowston Junior School, Recreation Ground Road, 7 March, 9.30 - 11am.

St Cuthbert's Church Office, Wroxham Road, 22 March, 1 - 3pm. No appointment necessary.

Alternatively, I would be delighted to hear from you at any time. Please contact me at  
Office 4GF, Diamond House, Vulcan Road North, Norwich, NR6 6AQ.  
t: (01603) 414756 e: chloe@chloesmith.org.uk www.chloesmith.org.uk

## Don't turn a blind eye

Occurrences of dog fouling have increased immensely at the Recreation Ground. It is unclear as to the reasons why but it has been noted that, where dogs are unleashed and owners are distracted, or not in close proximity, fouling often goes unseen.

Other incidences occur when owners do not have a dog bag with them. Whatever the reasons, dog fouling is a significant inconvenience to residents who have a right to use the park. Sprowston Recreation Ground is provided for the benefit of everyone. It is regularly used for organised sport and recreational activities and is a busy thoroughfare for children on their way to school, who should not be subject to dog fouling. It is not just unpleasant coming into contact with dog faeces but it also poses a risk to human health. Dogs that are not adequately wormed may contain parasitic eggs in their faeces, that if swallowed, can migrate through the human body and develop in the eye. This can lead to blindness and children are most at risk.

Our groundstaff have had to be increasingly vigilant when grass cutting and pruning to avoid contact as fouling levels have become so prevalent. There have also been issues with dogs attacking other dogs and members of our staff have been bitten.

This Council has previously launched a campaign to encourage dog owners using its parks and open spaces to clean up after their dogs and keep them under proper control, which did initially improve the situation.

There is a Byelaw currently operative on the Recreation Ground which states that "a person shall not cause or suffer any dog, belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain on the ground, unless such a dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person". Should reported instances of dog fouling levels and attacks continue at the current level this Council will be asked to consider further enforcing this Bylaw.

- Broadland District Council is also receiving increased complaints regarding fouling of public footpaths, particularly around Sparhawk Avenue and Falcon Road East and West, causing our school children distress. If you see a dog fouling incident then please contact Broadland District Council e-mail: [environ.protection@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:environ.protection@broadland.gov.uk) or tel: (01603) 430488. Alternatively, please write to Environmental Services, Broadland District Council, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0DU.

