

Come and join us for Movie Afternoon

4 July 2016 - Trumbo (15) 2 hrs. Drama

The true story of celebrated screen writer Dalton Trumbo and his blacklisting during the McCarthy anti-communist witch hunts of the early 1950s. Bryan Cranston deserves his nomination for the title role ably supported by a wealth of good actors in roles ranging from John Wayne to Kirk Douglas. Helen Mirren does a turn as Hedda Hopper, the infamous gossip columnist. Excellent recreation of 50s Hollywood. The scenes at the McCarthy show trials are among the film's most successful, with Cranston in particular giving the committee what for. Convicted of contempt of Congress, he later said that the verdict was just. "I had contempt for that Congress and have had contempt for several since."

1 August 2016 - Despite the Falling Snow (12A) 1 hr 30 mins. Romantic Drama/Thriller

In 1950s Moscow, communist Katya secretly spies for the Americans in the Cold War arms race. When she lands her biggest assignment, stealing secrets from rising government star Alexander, the last thing she expects is to fall in love with him. Reconciling her passion for him with her beliefs about communism means making the greatest sacrifice - of her life - a sacrifice that Alexander only uncovers thirty years later. Based on the hugely successful novel by Sharim Sarif, who also directs this big screen version. Superbly shot and acted by an impressive cast including Charles Dance as the older version of Alexander, now living in the USA and recalling the story 40 years on. A gripping and impressive thriller.

Movie Afternoon at Sprowston Diamond Centre in conjunction with Creative Arts East and Broadland District Council

All performances are held at Sprowston Diamond Centre. Doors open at 1.00pm when complimentary refreshments will be served. Film performances start at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £5 each (no concessions) and available in person from Sprowston Diamond Centre up to 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.

Please note these films are subject to change.

Security advice from your Safer Neighbourhood Team

Sheds and insecure outdoor buildings can be an Aladdin's Cave for burglars. Many sheds are of light-weight construction and can be easily forced open.

They often contain expensive items which are valuable commodities to the thief such as outdoor equipment, pedal cycles, power tools, gardening equipment, sporting goods and camping and leisure equipment. Follow the simple measures below to improve the security of your shed or outbuilding and make life difficult for thieves.

Internally:

- Ideally store high value items in the home.
- Use a padlock and chain to secure items such as lawn mowers to a heavy anchor
- Cycle locks can be used to secure cycles and other heavy items together.
- Make a property list detailing the make, model, serial number, value and description of valuable items. Use photographs to aid identification.
- Overtly mark your property with your house number and post code - permanently marked property is less attractive as it would be difficult for a thief to sell.

Externally:

- Fit quality mortice locks or padlocks 1/3 up and 1/3 down on the door to reduce the leverage available.
- Do not neglect the hinge either side and use security screws or bolts through their fixings.
- Secure the windows with a weld mesh or a crime shield product secured from the inside.
- Fit a security light to deter the thief and alert you to activity near your shed
- Use a shed alarm, which sounds if the shed door is forced open.

Crime prevention tips:

If you find your shed or building has been broken into, leave everything in place to aid forensic detection and report it to the police on 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

Schedule of Town Council Meetings

All meetings are held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston, commencing 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

8 June 2016
29 June 2016
20 July 2016
31 August 2016
21 September 2016
12 October 2016
2 November 2016
23 November 2016
7 December 2016 - (Precept/Planning)
14 December 2016
11 January 2017
01 February 2017
22 February 2017
15 March 2017
05 April 2017
26 April 2017 - (Annual Town Meeting - 7pm)
26 April 2017 - (Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting)
17 May 2017 - Annual Council Meeting

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.



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Quality Gold Council

Sprowston Town Council is celebrating achieving Quality Gold as part of the new National Quality Council Award Scheme.

The Local Council Award is designed to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils, and to provide a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. All local councils want to serve their local communities and make a real difference to the lives of the people that live there. This scheme offers all Council's the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement.

On receiving the award, presented by Helen Ollett-Nash of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, Chairman Ian Moncur said: "It gives me great pleasure to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the Town Council. We are the first to achieve Quality Gold in Norfolk and one of only seventeen to achieve this status in the UK."

Chairman of Broadland District Council, Ken Leggett congratulated the Town Council and staff on their achievement and hoped that other Town and Parish Councils in the Broadland area would follow Sprowston's lead in achieving Quality Gold.

Town Clerk June Hunt was delighted with this award commenting "that Quality Gold Status reassures residents of the hard work and commitment of the Council and its staff to continually improve standards, seek value for money and deliver best practice."



New £160,000 sports facility opens in Sprowston to boost grassroots football

Ian Moncur, Chairman of Sprowston Town Council, formally opened the new £159,011 changing facilities at Sprowston Pavilion.

Mr Moncur said "Bringing more sports facilities to Sprowston has been a long aim of mine and having grown up locally I am particularly aware of the need for these additional amenities. It gives me great pleasure in officially opening this facility and I would like to thank our sponsors the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund through the Football Foundation and Veolia."



The grants have enabled the Town Council to refurbish and extend the previous pavilion, which now includes four team changing rooms complete with toilet and shower facilities, two officials' rooms with en-suite facilities. This new facility will be used by local community partner clubs, such as Sprowston FC, who predict a rise in junior teams from seven to 13 as a result of this funding. The side also plan to double their girls' teams from three to six.

Mr Moncur was joined by Councillors Bob Fowkes, Barbara Lashley, Ken Lashley, Judy Leggett, Chris Noble, John Ward and Town Clerk June Hunt at the opening.

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The Chairman of Sprowston Town Council Ian Moncur presented the Annual Report for 2015/16

Following parliamentary and local elections last year, the Council welcomed a number of new councillors including myself, and I would like to pay tribute to the contribution made by those who did not stand again and those who stood and did not get re-elected. They were valued members of a council which worked well as a team, and which focussed on what is best for Sprowston, and I expect the new Council to continue in the same non-adversarial vein.

At the first meeting of this new Council I was honoured to be elected as Chairman and I am now pleased to present the Annual report for the year ending 31 March 2016.

It has been a busy year with a number of projects completed or in progress including Sprowston Pavilion, to which I am delighted to say that the Council was successful in obtaining £105,000 in grants from the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund and The Veolia Environmental Trust which has enabled the Council to refurbish the two existing changing rooms and provide three additional ones. The Council also contributed £32,000 towards this development. A grand opening event attended by the Chairman of Broadland District Council and Norfolk FA, representatives from Veolia, Sprowston Wanderers, T Gill & Son Ltd and District and Town Councillors on 12 February 2016.

Continuing with buildings at a recent Council meeting it was agreed to apply for loan funding of £1.5 million to further develop Sprowston Diamond Centre and provide a much needed community sports hall with associated changing facilities. This will fulfil a long held ambition of residents for a Council run community sports facility, as was demonstrated in the consultation for the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped that work will commence this financial year and take approximately 12 months to complete.

Currently construction of a large extension to the School Lane Pre-School continues which will double their capacity and be open for a new intake of children at the start of the summer term.

Moving on to parks and open spaces the Council has been working in conjunction with Broadland District Council and a landowner consortium to open up

Harrison's woodland on Blue Boar Lane to the public. Work has been carried out by volunteers from the Norwich Fringe Project in co-operation with Broadland District Council to create secure entrances, install dog/litter bins and waymarking, undertake tree and path works and erect noticeboards. With this in mind I am pleased to announce that the woodland has been made accessible to walkers wishing to use this new facility. Whilst dogs are welcome owners must ensure that they are kept on a lead.

Following concerns from residents the small open space at Post Mill Close has been resurfaced and the wall replaced to prevent it being used as a car park. There is also an allocation in the 2016/17 budget to purchase 2 seats for the benefit of residents.

The Council has not yet taken responsibility for the open space off Blue Boar Lane where it is hoped to provide a long awaited skate park with a £100,000 contribution from Norfolk Homes.

As to Sprowston cemetery our groundstaff have worked hard this year to complete the landscaping on the extension. 50% of the 5.93 acre site is being prepared for burials and interments the other half of the site will be planted with 500 Hazel whips per annum for the next three years to coppice and chip. This will create a sustainable natural surfacing material for the Council's woodland pathways.

In the wider community parking issues outside schools and dog fouling continue to be of concern. The Council has liaised with the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel who have regularly prioritised this issue and tasked their teams to address inappropriate and dangerous parking by parents and carers and raise awareness.

The Council also supported Broadland District Council's Top Dog Campaign which asks residents to lead by example by signing a pledge stating they will be a Top Dog owner and clean up after their pets, and that they will report those who do not. Dog and litter bins are located around the parish and on all parks and open spaces owned by the Council. Stencils have been repainted at the Recreation Ground and dog glove bags continue to be provided for those residents who forget to bring their own.

Sprowston woodland to open to the public

Harrison's Woodland was officially opened to the public by Councillors from Sprowston Town Council and Broadland District Council along with children from Cecil Gowing School.

Thought to be named after the Harrison family who owned Sprowston Post Mill in the 1800s this 27 hectare broadleaf and evergreen woodland is situated in the east of Sprowston and borders Blue Boar Lane and Salhouse Road.

The woodland provides a diversity of tree and plant-life, both flowering plants and fungi and is home to many species of animals, birds and insects.

Working with the Town Council, Broadland District Council commissioned Norfolk County Council to develop a Woodland Management Plan, and the Norwich Fringe Project to undertake a programme of works to make the wood ready for the public. The Norwich Fringe project has cleared and waymarked footpaths, installed interpretation boards, improved entrances to the wood, cleared unsafe trees and branches and installed safe crossing measures from the Cottage Plantation car park on Blue Boar Lane.

Harrisons Woodland will be accessible at all times by the public and it is hoped that it will be enjoyed by schoolchildren and the very young, gaining an early experience of nature, and by older generations either walking their pets or, simply, seeking peace and tranquillity in a busy world.

Councillor Ian Moncur, Chairman of Sprowston Town Council said: "I am delighted that this beautiful area is now open to the residents of Sprowston and I am sure it will enrich the lives of all visitors. A walk in woodland to green spaces provides benefits for physical health and mental wellbeing, yet only 18% of people in the UK have woodland within easy walking distance of their homes."

Town Clerk June Hunt added "This will provide a useful recreation resource for residents and the

Plan of Harrison's Wood off Blue Boar Lane and Salhouse Road



Below - Chairman Ian Moncur practices some 'woodcraft' skills with pupils from Cecil Gowing School.



youth of Sprowston in particular, combining with the existing adjacent area of Cottage Plantation as identified in the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan adopted in 2014. It confirms the commitment of this Town Council to seize every opportunity to deliver additional community facilities for its residents."

Access to the site is via Blue boar Lane (park at Cottage Plantation) and at Salhouse Road via the newly installed crossing delivered as part of the Push the Pedalways' cycling initiative coordinated by Norwich City Council.

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