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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the newsletter and we hope you enjoy reading about Parish events and the groups that advertise in the newsletter and our sponsors who make this newsletter possible. We ask that you support them if you need any of the services that they provide.

The parish benches have been installed around Tharston and Hapton. The Parish Council are also currently looking at installing 2 new community noticeboards and these are to be in Hapton on the green and Tharston by the church. These will carry details of church services, Defibrillator locations, parish walks and the relevant history society for both villages.

The Parish Council recently held a meeting with the developers and consultants regarding some open space land for a community facility to be constructed for the Parishioners of Tharston and Hapton and if necessary the surrounding parishes that suffer from a lack of facilities like these. A few ideas were muted and with information in its infancy on the project please feel free to email the clerk with ideas and things you would like to see included in the project.

The PCC recently held their Annual Fete at Wheelers Barn that I believe was well attended and more information is on the Tharston Church Page which also details their upcoming events.

The Parish Council would also like to inform all parishioners the Lloyds bank Mobile Van will be at The Swan Inn Long Stratton between 9.45 am and 11.15am every Tuesday.

Finally the Parish Council are keen to support both Hapton History Society and Tharston History Society in their efforts to commemorate the anniversary of WW1. Please contact the clerk with your requests to help celebrate this amazing anniversary.

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To qualify, a person must be a British subject, aged over 18 years old and an elector, must reside in, or within 3 miles of, the Tharston and Hapton Parish boundary or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

The Parish Council are ideally looking for a resident of Tharston to fill the role as they feel the village needs more representation on the council as they only have 1 councillor out of the 6 that are on the council.

If you require further information, please contact the Clerk to the Council:

Email: tharstonandhapton@gmail.com

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Blue Badge Scheme updates
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**Message from Inspector Selvarajah**

My team and I have been busy working on the priorities set through recent engagement surgeries namely; vehicle related ASB, speeding and drugs. We are receiving support from our roads policing colleagues to assist in tackling issues concerning the gathering of cars in Diss and Harleston car parks which go on to cause annoyance to the local community. We have seized over 40 vehicles since January and made nearly 150 arrests for incidents across Diss, Harleston and Long Stratton policing areas. We look forward to meeting fellow members of the local council’s and community at our 6 monthly meeting now being held in Harleston on 9th August.

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**Crime Updates**

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<td>Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)</td>
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<td>Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident.</td>
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<td>Burglary - Business and community</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Theft committed in shops, businesses and other property</td>
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<td>Burglary - Residential</td>
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<td>Entry to any building within the curtilage/boundary of a residence, e.g. garden sheds and garages</td>
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<td>Criminal Damage</td>
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<td>A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else.</td>
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<td>Domestic</td>
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<td>Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 16 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless of sexuality.</td>
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<td>Hate Incident</td>
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<td>Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone’s prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.</td>
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<td>Race or Religious aggravated public fear</td>
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<td>Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above.</td>
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<td>Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C.</td>
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<td>Public order offence</td>
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<td>Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence.</td>
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<td>Robbery</td>
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<td>Includes a range of offences where force is used; threatened or the victim is put in fear.</td>
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<td>Theft from a motor vehicle</td>
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<td>Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle.</td>
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<td>Any motor vehicle including those abandoned.</td>
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<td>From a public place, if stolen form a shed or garage this would be a BOTD.</td>
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**Challenges and Opportunities in Tharston & Hapton, from a District Councillors Perspective**

Parishioners of Tharston & Hapton are facing unprecedented changes with the hybrid planning applications in the first stages of consideration, and with a somewhat woeful lack of infrastructure in Long Stratton some focus and attention needs paying toward key areas, such as provision of GP surgery resources, parking and other important facilities.

In the first few months as District Councillor I formed part of the Leisure Committee for South Norfolk District Council, some of the work involved discussions about the proposed revamp of Long Stratton Leisure Centre, and seeing the enhanced option starting to take shape is very positive as fitness and health certainly need a local boost.

Over the last 18-24 months I have managed to cover all Parish Council meetings in Stratton Ward; however this will change at the next elections in May 2019 when Tharston, Hapton and Wacton move into a different ward leaving an ever expanding Long Stratton on its own. This decision was made at the Government boundary review which was slightly hampered as the Governance review ran alongside it at the same time.

Long Stratton Parish Council saw these Government reviews as an opportunity to propose having Town status, something which has been approved by the local committee and likely to go ahead after further approval from central Government – hopefully more Parishioners will come forward to help manage certain aspects of the anticipated growth, this could include residents from Tharston and Hapton too as one Parish Councillor already sits on both.

Having attended meetings organised by all three Parish Councils in Stratton Ward and South Norfolk District Council about the proposed bypass and 1,800 new houses I have made extra effort to consider the challenges this could present. More recently one of the best opportunities arising from various discussions about this proposed development is a large piece of land, which could accommodate several grass sports pitches and a big community centre with lots of parking, potentially somewhere people from all areas of South Norfolk could make good use of. I would like to encourage Parishioners from Tharston, Hapton, Long Stratton and Wacton to get behind this wonderful opportunity, and intend to do all I can in the future to help it become a reality.

**Des Fulcher**

South Norfolk District Councillor – Stratton Ward (Long Stratton, Tharston, Hapton and Wacton)
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The organisers of Spooks & Sparks in The Park are pleased to announce the return of this popular event on Saturday 27th October 2018 at Catton Park, Norwich.

This year Spooks & Sparks in The Park will be even bigger and better than the event in 2017 with lots more entertainment, two firework displays and more choices for food. As a fundraising event some local organisations will be considered along with Catton Park, helping towards the upkeep of this superb resource which people of all ages can enjoy all year round.

A special new stage area will be created for entertainment to perform from; local dance groups and fitness style groups will be given an opportunity to perform, in a spooky style of course. If you run a dance or fitness group in Norwich or surrounding areas and would like to be part of this unique event please get in touch with the event organiser via details at the end of this press release.

L Gray & Sons will set up a full funfair suitable for all ages opening from 4pm until 9pm on Saturday 27th October, plans are for the operators to get into the ‘spirit’ of the event with appropriate costumes and outfits, though they will not be alone as performers from a spooky circus crew called the Unhinged Circus will be joining the fun whilst surprising everyone with flame juggling and slightly scary stilts walkers who may step into the crowds too!

The food & drink court is much bigger this year with some great new caterers including The Station Smokehouse with their unique design train cooking unit, Nice & Toastie with hot toasted sandwiches, The Soup Dog with Oriental inspired soups & Asian influenced food, Vette’s Veggie Van with vegetarian food, The Wonky Donkey mobile bar with a wide range of alcohol and soft drinks, Hempland Coffee with quality hot drinks, and a welcome return of Rossi’s hot doughnut stall amongst other savoury and sweet food choices who supported the event last year.

Some feedback from last year suggested we could have an earlier firework display, after consideration the organisers have created a bigger budget for two displays, one smaller show for younger children around 5.45pm and a grand finale around 7.30pm. Norwich Fireworks will also be including some new spooky themed special effects in the later show.

There will be a FREE to enter fancy dress competition with two great prizes per age category (six prizes in total) for three different age categories, boys & girls up to 10 yrs, boys & girls 11 to 17 yrs and 18 yrs upwards men and women.
The hub bulletins are distributed on a bi-weekly basis. If you have anything that you would like us to include in the next edition, or if you wish to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please let us know by emailing: earlyhelphubsouth@S-NORFOLK.GOV.UK

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For 2018 another new part of this unique event will include a pumpkin carving competition which will be FREE to enter. Schoolchildren (with the help of parents) and adults can bring their spooky creations along on the evening, judges will award a major prize for each category (please bring your own pumpkin already carved; knives should not be brought to Catton Park as carving will not be permitted at the event).

The Rotary Club of Norwich along with the Air Cadets make a welcome return as voluntary help, raising funds for Thrive and the Nancy Oldfield Trust amongst others. In addition the 44th Norwich 1st Old Catton Scout Group are helping at Spooks & Sparks in The Park this year, and the event organisers have nominated Norfolk Zipper Club as a further beneficiary to recognise the support they give Royal Papworth hospital and its patients locally.

Admission will be £5 for all ages with under 5’s being free; gates open at 4pm with performances from on a new stage area from 5pm, the fireworks will take place as stated above (weather permitting).

There is no parking on site and Oak Lane will be restricted to residents only, some spaces are available on the area off Church Lane however we recommend using the bus where possible.

Social media feeds include a Facebook page and event entitled ‘Spooks & Sparks in The Park’; you can also follow us on Twitter @SpooksandSparks to get the latest developments.

Opportunities for dance groups are available now; interested parties should contact Des Fulcher via email in the first instance to: desfulcher44@gmail.com

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We are preparing to remember Hapton and the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. Do you have any photographs, newspaper cuttings, letters or memorabilia from a serving WW1 soldier who had a connection with Hapton? If you do, then please get in contact and we would be very happy to include your article.

Did you know?

That as Joan Sculfor recalled, the Hapton Village sign portrays a bicycle which was Thelma Drakes and the white horses on the sign represent the former White Horse pub. Horace Thorndyke, Russell Sculfor and Joan Sculfor were amongst the members of the Hapton village committee and the village sign committee.

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Thanks are due to all those who helped with the erecting and dismantling of the site, the stall holders, those who donated and of course those who turned up and spent their money. The sum raised was £1878.06, which was £5 more than last year’s record amount and this will be used to help with the general running costs of the Church.

Church Book Stall – This is a new venture which will see a supply of books kept at the Church, to be purchased or borrowed for a donation of £1 per book and will be available every day between 10.00 and 16.00, when the Church is open. This could be the start of the Tharston Community Library and we hope that you will support this project. All money raised will go to the Church re-ordering fund.

We will announce any further events as they take place and we hope you will again support our efforts in 2018. If you have any queries or would like to help in any way with future activities, please contact:-
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21/11/18
19/12/18
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