

Join us for Movie Afternoon @ Sprowston Diamond Centre

3 August 2015 Suite Francaise (15) (107 minutes) Drama

The long-awaited film set in occupied France from the classic novel and memoir by Irene Nemirovsky. In the first days of occupation, beautiful Lucille Angellier is trapped in a stifled existence with her controlling mother-in-law as they both await news of her husband: a prisoner of war. Parisian refugees start to pour into their small town, soon followed by a regiment of German soldiers who take up residence in the villagers' own homes. Lucille initially tries to ignore Bruno von Falk, the handsome and refined German officer staying with them. But soon, a powerful love draws them together and leads them into the tragedy of war. The wonderful Kristen Scott Thomas and the always excellent Michelle Williams head the cast. Great atmosphere and a vivid depiction of life under foreign occupation.

7 September 2015 Dark Horse (PG) (85 minutes) Equestrian Documentary

A rags-to-riches story about the racehorse Dream Alliance who was trained (and became the soul of) a small Welsh mining community, depressed after the closure of the Pit. It is hard to overestimate the popular appeal of this little film. It has had audiences from Wales to Robert Redford's Sundance Festival cheering on their feet. Directed by Louise Osmond (Deep Water), produced by Judith Dawson (Death of a school friend) and shot by Benjamin Kracun (Hyena, For Those in Peril).

5 October 2015 Far From the Madding Crowd (12A) (119 minutes) Drama

Is the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan), who attracts three very different suitors: Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts), a sheep farmer, captivated by her wilful spirit; Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge), a handsome and reckless sergeant; and William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), a prosperous and mature bachelor. This timeless story of Bathsheba's choices and passions explores the nature of relationships and love – as well as the human ability to overcome hardships through resilience and perseverance. Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy. Directed by Thomas Vinterberg, ('The Hunt') 'Far From The Madding Crowd' has an all-star cast including Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts and Michael Sheen.

2 November 2015 Mr Holmes (PG) (105 minutes) Drama

At the age of 93, the great detective 'Mr. Holmes' has retired to take up beekeeping. But he's haunted by his last, unsolved case from 30 years ago. With his memory failing him, he can only recall fragments of the case, but he knows that something went terribly wrong, which prompted him to retire. Determined to solve this one last mystery, we see the case unfold in flashback as Holmes struggles to remember the details. Directed by Bill Condon ('The Fifth Estate'), 'Mr. Holmes' sees Ian McKellen at long last take on the role of the World's Greatest Detective.

7 December 2015 A Royal Night Out (12A) (97 minutes) Romantic Drama

On VE Day, the end of the Second World War, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are given a rare opportunity to leave Buckingham Palace for 'A Royal Night Out'. After being cooped up inside for the last six years, they decide to disguise themselves and celebrate the victory as ordinary people. For Elizabeth, it may be the only chance for a normal night in London - and she'll definitely be staying out late. Starring Sarah Gadon as Elizabeth and Bel Powley as Margaret, 'A Royal Night Out' is based on a previously untold true story and features Queen Elizabeth as she's never been seen before.

Doors open at 1pm when refreshments will be served. Film performance starts at 1.30pm. Tickets are £5 and available in person from Sprowston Diamond Centre up to Friday before the performance. Tickets can be purchased on the day subject to availability.

Please note - films may be subject to change.



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Bowls players wanted

Sprowston Bowls Club welcomes experienced bowlers and beginners to come and play bowls on one of the best bowling greens in the Norwich area. Existing members will be happy to help with friendly instruction. Flat shoes are essential.

The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.15pm and Saturday afternoons at 2pm. Further details contact club secretary Mr Ernie Osborne on (01603) 414754.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

22 July 2015
12 August 2015
2 September 2015
23 September 2015
14 October 2015
4 November 2015
18 November 2015 (Precept/ Planning)
25 November 2015
16 December 2015
13 January 2016
3 February 2016
24 February 2016
16 March 2016
6 April 2016
27 April 2016
(Annual Town Meeting - 7pm)
(Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting)
18 May 2016 (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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Defibrillator facility & training

The Council is pleased to support the East of England Ambulance Service scheme to save more lives by improving access to Public Access Defibrillators (PADs). Having accepted the offer of two of these life saving devices the Council purchased cabinets and had them installed at Sprowston Diamond Centre, on the external wall facing School Lane and the Pavilion at Sprowston Recreation Ground by the ladies toilets.

The device can make a crucial difference in the first two or three minutes before an ambulance crew or community first responder reaches a patient who isn't breathing and whose heart has stopped.

Anyone making a 999 call to help an urgent cardiac patient will be told where the nearest public defibrillator is, a code to access the box - and the machine guides the user, even a layman, on what to do.

If you are interested in training on Automated External Defibrillator use, a free hour and a half course has been organised for Wednesday 29 July 2015 to be held in the School Room, Sprowston Diamond Centre commencing 7pm. No previous first aid training is necessary. Please ring the Council Office on (01603) 408063 to book your place.

Pavilion secures grant

The Council was pleased to receive a £35,000 grant from Veolia to extend and refurbish the pavilion on Sprowston Recreation Ground.

It will be transformed into a sustainable community facility and will be the focal point for a range of sporting activities in Sprowston. This is a huge boost for the project as improving the pavilion will benefit the whole community of Sprowston as well as visiting teams. The Football Association standards also require disabled and separate changing facilities for match officials and opposing teams, which this scheme will provide.

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New team for Sprowston

Following reorganisation we now have a new team of multi-functional caretaker/cleaners available from 8am to 10.30pm who have a range of duties including locking/unlocking the Council's premises, litter picking, facilitating sports hire, minor maintenance, cleaning and health and safety checks across all Council owned facilities. This change will provide a greater presence in areas such as Barkers Lane, Wilks Farm Drive, Windsor Park Gardens and recently adopted play spaces Cranes Croft and Hall Wood Road. It also extends the availability of facility hire at Sprowston Diamond Centre and the Pavilion. Both Sparhawk Park and Sprowston Recreation Ground will close at the times indicated on the gates, there will be no 10 minute warning bell and the gates will subsequently be locked. If you are a user of the park please ensure you leave the premises on time to avoid being locked in, and if you are a parent you might care to remind younger members of the family of the changes.



The Chairman of the Sproston Town Council, Mr. K Lashley has presented the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2015.

As a Council, our chief aim and abiding concern is to continue to provide our residents with the service they have come to expect. However, as we are all well aware, the current financial climate has meant that we have to be extremely careful over the management of our affairs. We continuously scrutinise our expenditure, and examine very closely how and where we spend the money - your money, in effect. In November and December, the Budget for the next financial year is considered by the Council and once approved the precept requirement is notified to the District Council who collect it on our behalf. Despite marked increases in utility, maintenance and repair costs the 2015-16 Parish precept will be £106.59 per annum for a band D property, an increase of £1.98 for the year. This 1.89% increase amounts to just over 0.04pence per week for a band D property and will enable current service levels to be maintained.

Income to maintain our facilities is also generated from allotment rent, sale of burial plots and memorials and room and sports hire fees. To meet the Councils funding requirement for 2015/16 cemetery, memorial and sports hire fees (except casual bowls) were increased by 1.3%. Casual bowls remained unchanged.

As to facility hire fees the Delves room was increased by £2 per hour and the Diamond Field hire fee was agreed at £15 per hour weekdays and £17 weekends and bank holidays. Allotment rent increased by £1 and water by 50 pence.

Each year the Council receives a number of requests for financial assistance. Applications from societies, groups and voluntary organisations offering facilities and services to the local community are welcomed, but all have to be considered in relation to the resources available. In response to requests received during the financial year 2014-2015 the following grants were made:

- East Anglia's Children's Hospices - £150
- Norfolk Accidents Rescue - £200
- Royal British Legion - £200
- Age UK Norfolk - £250
- Magpas Helimedix - £250
- Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau - £250

Moving on to our parks and open spaces the Council has taken over responsibility for the enclosed children's play area and surrounding open space at Hall Wood Road, off Blue Boar Lane. However, the water course that runs adjacent to the site remains the responsibility of Broadland District Council.

Are you clearing up after your dog?

Sproston Recreation Ground is one of the main outside sporting facilities in Sproston with football pitches, cricket, tennis, bowls, cycle track and children's play, unfortunately incidences of dog fouling on these facilities is increasing. It is not pleasant for participants of these sports to play on pitches fouled by dogs or indeed for our groundstaff who maintain these areas.

The Recreation Ground is also used as a

short cut by children and parents on their way to the infant and primary schools, who often complain to us about the state of shoes and pram wheels as a result of such inconsiderate behaviour.

Whilst it is recognised that a majority of owners are responsible there is a growing number who are not, and it has been observed that when owners become distracted they do not realise that fouling

If we are successful in obtaining a grant, work to refurbish the changing rooms at Sproston Pavilion will start as soon as contractors can be appointed and will incorporate the addition of a small extension to the north of the building. Improvements will include a dedicated changing facility for match officials, a requirement of the Football Association, enlargement and refurbishment of existing shower rooms to cater for opposing teams to change separately and provision of a disabled facility. Materials have been carefully chosen to ensure the exterior is in keeping with the existing building and does not detract from its charm. Hire of the Pavilion has been very popular for children's birthday parties but will be unavailable during re-development.

“ We examine very closely how and where we spend your money

To ensure our all-weather tennis courts remain safe for use they were cleaned to remove all moss and debris from the surface, a treatment applied to reduce regrowth and then sprayed with two tonne of green acrylic paint with white playing lines in preparation for the new season. Heavy rain storms caused such extensive erosion to the cycle track at the Recreation Ground that the Council took the decision to close this facility during last summer for safety reasons. However, it has now been resurfaced with an alternative material which should be more durable.

Following comments from residents and in view of its condition, the barbed wire topping the front fence and gate to Recreation Ground Road, and adjacent footpath to the school, was replaced with galvanised line wire. An area of land at Sparhawk Park, to the rear of the school, has been leased for a number of years from Norfolk County Council. However, to accommodate growth in numbers at the infant school the Council has advised us that they are terminating the lease and reincorporating the leased playing field into the school site. This will not affect the two play areas.

As to Sproston Diamond Centre we have a diverse range of activities available to residents including Insanity Team Sweat Fitness, Karate, Street Dancing, Metafit and the monthly Cinema. Room hire for private and corporate events have increased and usage of the community centre is continually growing. We have recently held a health fayre to highlight information available to our residents and hope to hold more such events.

In March the Council welcomed Sproston Heritage Archive who has relocated from the High School. Meetings are held Thursday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm but residents wishing to view the archives are welcome to visit during office opening hours.

has occurred. The edge of the tennis courts being a particularly popular spot. To help encourage visitors to keep the park clean the Council supplies poop bags free of charge, in the event of one being forgotten, and dispensers can be found at the main car park and at the Edwards Road entrance.

Occurrences of fouling have also been observed at Sparhawk Park which is a designated dog free zone.

I am also pleased to report that the planning application for phase 3 developments was approved in December 2014. Proposals include a community sports hall with associated changing facilities, entrance area, ICT suite and nursery extension. We are now actively seeking match funding in the form of grants to pay for this new facility. On other matters the Council has been fortunate to receive two defibrillators from East of England Ambulance Service and following the purchase and installation of secure cabinets they will be placed at Sproston Diamond Centre and the Recreation Ground, available for emergency use.

Policies in the Sproston Neighbourhood Plan to create a woodland activity park at Harrison's and Breck plantation have been brought forward as a result of the development of 1,233 dwellings at Blue Boar Lane. A management plan to identify immediate priorities to make the woodland safe and set out requirements for future management and maintenance has already been undertaken. Issues to be addressed will include access, perimeter barriers particularly adjacent to roadways, parking, wildlife areas and types of usage. The next step is to transfer this area from private ownership to Broadland District Council and ultimately onto this Council.

As to the new development the Council has suggested the following road names to reflect local people.

- Blaxter - a prominent professor at Newcastle University who received a knighthood in 1977 and was born in Sproston.
- Goodson - a local poacher in 1912.
- Dungar and Lurkins - local family names.
- Everett - a local farmer.
- Conroy - a midwife in the 1960s and 70s.

Future themes to include: names from Bolton and Paul, the shoe industry and local wild fowl.

Income & expenditure year ended 31.3.15

INCOME (excluding precept)	
Allotments	£3,653
Cemetery	£86,307
Admin and general activities	£112,635
Street scene	£0
Leisure, parks and open spaces	£40,768
Sproston Diamond Centre	£41,328
Total	£284,691

EXPENDITURE	
Allotments	£6,819
Cemetery	£137,201
Admin and general activities	£145,855
Street scene	£49,013
Leisure, parks and open spaces	£192,153
Sproston Diamond Centre	£148,077
Total	£679,118

NET BUDGET for 2015/16 (excluding precept)	
Allotments	£4,450
Cemetery	£33,850
Admin and general enquiries	£144,300
Street scene	£48,250
Leisure, parks and open spaces	£121,600
Sproston Diamond Centre	£187,600

In respect of the cemetery the Council were pleased with the results of the redevelopment of the old storage unit into a visitor centre and erection of memorial wall. This year has also seen the introduction of strewing of ashes giving families a wider choice in the types of interments available in Sproston. Several concrete pads have been laid around the wall in preparation for the purchase of memorial benches by relatives.

Work has commenced at the cemetery extension to level and re-profile this 5.93 acre site and plant perimeter hedging and specimen trees. The next phase will be to develop half of the site and create nine separate zones dedicated to burial, cremation and children's areas. This will provide sufficient burial space for approximately 30 years. The rest of the site will become managed amenity grassland until additional burial space is required.

With regard to staffing the Council has changed its working practices to improve efficiency and create more of a presence across its facilities in Sproston. The post of park supervisor has been deleted from the Council's portfolio and a new position of Caretaker/Cleaner created. A team of four people will be responsible for a range of tasks including locking/unlocking parks and buildings, litter picking, minor maintenance, cleaning and facilitating room and sports hire. As part of this restructure, and to promote healthy living use of the tennis courts is now free.

Earlier this year the Council made the decision to discontinue their recycling facilities across Sproston following the successful expansion of the kerbside collection. The reduction in tonnage of glass collected at the Council's bottle banks together with the increasing cost of cleansing the sites of fly tipping made them no longer financially viable.

Finally - I should like to thank staff and the outgoing Council particularly in the manner it conducted itself during the term of office.

