

Join us for Movie Afternoon



Monday 4 June 2018

All the Money in the World True Storey/Crime/Drama (15) 107 minutes
Rome 1973, masked men kidnap a teenage boy named John Paul Getty III (Charlie Plummer). His grandfather, Jean Paul Getty (Christopher Plummer), is the richest man in the world, but he's notoriously miserly. His favourite grandson's abduction is not reason enough for him to part with any of his fortune. Paul's devoted, strong-willed mother Gail (Michelle Williams) attempts to sway Getty even as her son's mob captors become increasingly more determined, volatile and brutal. When Getty sends his enigmatic security man Fletcher Chace (Mark Wahlberg) to look after his interests, he and Gail become unlikely allies.

Monday 2 July 2018

Finding Your Feet Comedy/Drama/Romance (12A) 115 minutes
On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgemental snob (Imelda Staunton discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend. "Stunned, and needing somewhere to figure things out, she finds refuge with her estranged, bohemian older sister Bif (Celia Imrie), a woman who couldn't be more different from Sandra if she tried. But could the change in scenery and dynamic be just what Sandra needs? Especially when, she joins a community dance class and potential new romance with Charlie (Timothy Spall).

Monday 6 August 2018

Walk Like a Panther Comedy (12A) 108 minutes
A group of 1980s wrestlers are forced to don the lycra one last time when their beloved pub is threatened with closure. The Half Nelson, run by Mark Bolton (Stephen Graham), son of Bulldog (Dave Johns I, Daniel Blake), who always wanted to be up there in the ring with the rest of them but didn't consider himself good enough, is the Panthers' watering hole. When the manager of the local brewery (Stephen Tompkinson) declares "Time" the old boys, including a Jamaican transvestite, known as Zulu (Robbie Gee), agree to put on a show that will go viral in social media and be covered by BT Sport, or whoever, and make enough dosh to pay off the developers.

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 1pm 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. 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.

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Schedule of Town Council Meetings

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

- 06 June 2018
- 27 June 2018
- 18 July 2018
- 08 August 2018
- 05 September 2018
- 26 September 2018
- 17 October 2018
- 07 November 2018
- 28 November 2018
- 12 December 2018 (Precept/Planning)
- 19 December 2018
- 09 January 2019
- 30 January 2019
- 20 February 2019
- 13 March 2019
- 03 April 2019
- 24 April 2019 (Annual Town Meeting 7pm)
- 24 April 2019 (Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting)
- 15 May 2019 (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. Alternatively, visit: www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk Other background papers and reports can also be viewed or copies supplied on payment of a small charge.

Sprowston Matters



Topping out ceremony at Sprowston Diamond Centre

On a fine, bright morning in February, Ian Moncur (pictured below), Chairman of Sprowston Town Council attended the topping out ceremony for the new Sports Hall at Sprowston Diamond Centre.

The ceremony marked a monumental step for Sprowston in providing a first-rate, multi-use Community Sports Hall created to meet the needs of the local community.

Mr Moncur was lifted to the roof by a mobile platform where he placed the traditional Yew branch and to toast the building's future, he poured a bottle of beer onto the roof. This originally Scandinavian tradition entails an evergreen being placed on the highest point of the structure for good luck and to indicate to all that the building was nearing completion and a celebration was in order.

The Chairman explained that the Centre will bridge the gap that, until now, has been lacking within the community and will provide a facility for all ages where badminton, netball, indoor football, table-tennis and pickleball amongst other activities can be enjoyed. Mr Moncur also commented that the refurbished Centre will provide a number of rooms and facilities available to hire, thus allowing a myriad of activities and hobbies to be explored and shared within the local community. He also highlighted that it was through the hard work and dedication of Sprowston Town Councillors, this new development and enhancement to the area has come about.

The construction of the new sports hall and refurbishment to Sprowston Diamond Centre are being undertaken by Omnis Construction Limited suitably led by a Sprowston born and bred site manager, Simon Dazeley.

Martin Worrall from Omnis Construction Limited reported that building works are progressing well and the anticipated completion date is to be at the end of June 2018.

Mr Moncur also commissioned a weather vane to be made to commemorate his term in office. The vane made by Daniel Hanner, an apprentice at Crosskills Metal Fabricators depicts a windmill counterbalanced by a diamond on a horizontal rotating wheel. Mr Hanner remarked, "It was a pleasure and an honour to create this bespoke piece of metalwork that marks a great event in the creation of Sprowston's future history."

The project has been coordinated by Jason Menezes of Norwich based, Bidwells LLP who has worked closely with the Town Clerk to ensure that the Centre has remained open and operational throughout the course of the major works and who is confident that the population of Sprowston will benefit immensely from their new leisure facility.



A great event in the creation of Sprowston's future history

The Chairman of Sproston Town Council Mr Ian Moncur, presented the Annual Report of the Council for the year ending 31 March 2018

“It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report of Sproston Town Council for the municipal year 2017-18.

Firstly, we have welcomed two new Members to the Council, Barrie Osborne and Christine Rumsby who were co-opted following the sad death of Chris Noble and resignation of Janet Poynter, both representing Sproston South East Ward.

In November we were delighted to open the new Play Park on Wilks Farm Drive and I hope that the young families who use it benefit from and enjoy the variety of equipment chosen by the Council.

We are now looking to the refurbishment of Windsor Park Gardens with a scheme that offers something a little different from other play grounds in Sproston.

Later this year the Council will adopt the open space at Blue Boar Lane including the play equipment. We are currently considering a landscaping scheme to include fencing, access points, pathways, trees and hedging. This land including the play equipment is presently owned by Norfolk Homes and continue to look for a site for a skatepark. We will be able to report some positive news soon.

In an attempt to attract more casual cricket to the area the Council has accepted an offer from the Norfolk Cricket Board to install a non-turf cricket pitch at Sproston Recreation Ground at no cost to the Council. This £12,000 scheme also includes an amount for the promotion and initial maintenance of the facility.

Again in November the Council took ownership of a small area of land at Gurney Drive from the West Norfolk Tomato Company. A tree survey has been commissioned and following any necessary maintenance work it will be opened to the public giving additional pedestrian access to Cottage Plantation.

Following work at Harrisons Plantation I was delighted to accept on behalf of the Council the 2017 Norfolk Community Biodiversity Award in the category of Parish and Town Councils from Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership. It was hoped that Harrisons Woodland would have already been

adopted by the Council but there has been a delay in the process.

Work at Sproston Diamond Centre is close to completion with focus now on interior fixtures, including the sports flooring suitable for badminton, pickleball, five-a-side football, exercise classes, community and family events. It will be called The Beryl Read Hall and should be open for hire in early summer. Having overseen the various projects to extend and improve the facilities available at the centre the Council office is to move to Sproston Recreation Ground; freeing another room for community use at Sproston Diamond Centre.

With the dissolution of Sproston Heritage the Council has taken responsibility for the archives which will be accessible from the Council office. The tapestries will also be placed on the walls of the Council chamber for residents to view.

Now to financial matters, at our December meeting the Town Council agreed on the budgets for the year 2018/19 and to meet its funding requirements has increased cemetery, memorial and sports hire fees by 3% and set the precept at £623,000, a 1.98% increase. For a Band D property this means an increase of £2.22 per year.

The Town Council operates a grant awards scheme to provide financial support to voluntary groups and community organisations working for the benefit of residents. During 2017/18, the Town Council made grants to Norfolk Accident and Rescue, The Royal British Legion, Citizens Advice Bureau and Sproston Youth Engagement Project.

Finally, I would like to thank those public spirited residents who help to keep Sproston clean and tidy by collecting litter and disposing of it in the appropriate place, the Town Clerk, her team and fellow councillors for their considerable efforts. It is always a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chairman, and I look back upon the last twelve months knowing that the Council and its staff have contributed in a significant way to making Sproston a better place to live.”

Sproston Town Council's Income and Expenditure for the Budget Year ended 31 March 2019

Function	Precept	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from reserves	Transfer to reserves
Administration	£161,965	£23,896	£188,750	£2,889	
Allotments	£5,580	£4,000	£10,400	£820	
Cemetery	£37,970	£85,000	£104,050		£18,920
Grant to community groups	£3,500		£3,500		
Sproston Diamond Centre	£197,670	£57,700	£234,500		£20,870
Parks and open spaces	£161,580	£22,350	£370,500	£186,570	
Streetlights, dog and litter bins	£54,735		£67,800	£13,065	
Total	£623,000	£192,946	£979,500	£203,344	£39,790



Ian Moncur
Sproston Town Council Chairman



Disabled Facilities Grants

If you are elderly or disabled, you may be entitled to a grant for adaptations to help you get around your home more easily. Grants are means tested and are available to both tenants and home owners. Adaptations need to have been recommended by an Occupational Therapist, these include improving:

- Access to and from your home.
- Access to the principal family room.
- Access to or providing a bedroom.
- Access to or providing bathing facilities.
- Safety in your home.
- Facilities for the preparation and cooking of food.
- Any heating system in your home, or if there is no heating system providing a suitable one.
- The usability of a source of power, light, or heat by improving access to control switches.
- Movement around your home so you are able to care for someone else who lives with you.

To apply for a grant

Please contact Broadland District Council Private Sector Housing team for further advice and to make an application.
Tel: 01603 430518 Email: p.s.housing@broadland.gov.uk

Repaying your grant

For grants over £5,000 and up to £15,000 the sum over the £5,000 will be repayable on sale or transfer of the property within a ten year period from completion. However, there will be a maximum repayment, currently set at £10,000.

The repayable amount will be entered as a Local Land Charge at the Council and will appear on the searches carried out by Solicitors/Conveyancers prior to a sale/transfer.

For example a grant of £7,000 will have a repayment sum of £2,000 or a grant of £18,000 will have a repayment of £10,000 as this has been set as the upper limit.

There will not be a requirement to repay any amounts until such time as the property is sold (or transferred to someone other than your spouse or partner), when the full amount will need to be repaid to the Council. No annual interest will be charged.

New play equipment for Windsor Park Gardens

Following on from the success of the new play scheme at Wilks Farm Drive the Council is to refurbish the play space at Windsor Park Gardens. The enclosed area will be enlarged to accommodate a wider variety of equipment to give a greater play experience. Work is due to start in early summer and the play area will be closed to the public for approximately 4 - 6 weeks, dependent on weather, and reopen in time for the summer holidays.

The swings and zig zag twister will be refurbished but there will be lots of new exciting play opportunities with the introduction of a flymobile spinner, rotaweb climber, planet jungle multi-play unit and more, with additional swings and slide. It is hoped that this wider range of play features will allow more creative play and increase the number of children that can use the equipment at one time.

The Chairman, Mr Moncur said “It will make a big difference to the site, bringing exciting new features and lots of play value.” Other work includes the installation of additional safety surfacing and two benches so parents or carers have somewhere to sit.