



## Join us for Movie Afternoon

### Monday 13 January 2019 Green Book

**Biography/Comedy/Drama (12A) 130 minutes**

When Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a bouncer from an Italian-American neighbourhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali, a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on "The Green Book" to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism, danger as well as unexpected humanity and humour- they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime. From the

### Monday 3 June 2019 The Upside Comedy/Drama (12A) 126 minutes

A remake of the 2011 French mega-hit Intouchables, The Upside is a director Neil Burger's heartfelt comedy about a recently paroled ex-convict (Kevin Hart) who strikes up an unlikely friendship with the paralyzed billionaire (Bryan Cranston) who employs him as his carer. Also starring Nichole Kidman as the billionaire's assistant.

### Monday 1 July 2019 Can you ever Forgive Me?

**Real Life Drama (15) 106 minutes**

Based on the memoir of the curmudgeonly, cat-loving New York writer Lee Israel. When demand for her trademark biographies of famous women dries up, she finds a lucrative alternative in turning out literary forgeries. Her partner in crime is Jack Hock, one of the few friends she has not alienated by her cantankerous behaviour. But her newfound wealth arouses the suspicion of the FBI. Starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant, both Oscar-nominated for Best Actress/Actor.

### Monday 5 August 2019 Sometimes Always Never

**Comedy/Drama/Mystery 91 minutes**

Alan (Bill Nighy) is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out over a game of scrabble. With a body to identify and his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter (Sam Riley) and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally move on and reunite his family.

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 the Council Office, Recreation Ground Road. 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.

Films can be subject to change.

**Office opening times and tel. enquiries Mon - Fri 9.30am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.30pm (after hours answerphone)**

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## Schedule of Town Council Meetings for the Municipal Year 2019 - 2020

**All meetings are held at the Council Office, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston, commencing 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.**

05 June 2019  
26 June 2019  
17 July 2019  
07 August 2019  
28 August 2019  
18 September 2019  
9 October 2019  
30 October 2019  
20 November 2019  
04 December 2019 (Precept/Planning)  
18 December 2019  
08 January 2020  
29 January 2020  
19 February 2020  
11 March 2020  
01 April 2020  
22 April 2020 (Annual Town Meeting 7.00pm)  
22 April 2020  
(Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting)  
13 May 2020 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.

# Sprowston Matters



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## Town Clerk to Retire

June Hunt is bidding farewell to Councillors and colleagues after more than three decades of service in Local Government, 13 years serving the residents of Sprowston.

June completed her education at Sprowston Secondary Modern before it became a Community High School and now an Academy.

Following "A" Levels she took a Pitmans Secretarial Course and joined U.G Plastics on Salhouse Road providing clerical support.

She then moved to Hill and Perks responsible for legal administration.

In 1987 June joined Broadland District Council's planning services and progressed through various jobs across departments until she became Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive.

In her spare-time she took on the Clerkship at Hoveton Parish Council and continued in this role for many years.

With a keen interest in local government June seized the opportunity to fill the post of Town Clerk when the position became vacant following the retirement of the previous Clerk in 2006.

June's first achievement was to gain Quality Parish Status and she has continued to implement the many initiatives set by the Council, successfully completing various projects including:

- a £1.5m redevelopment of Sprowston Diamond Centre incorporating sports hall, changing Rooms and additional facilities.
- refurbishment of play equipment



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**Town Clerk, June Hunt**

- replacement and additional noticeboards across the parish
- securing over £1m in grants towards funding these projects.

### **As well as winning many awards.**

The baton will be handed to Guy Ranaweera from Norfolk County Council who commenced on 3 March 2019 and will work alongside June until her last day of service on 31 May 2019.

June said: "Time flies by and it doesn't seem that long ago I started. I have enjoyed my time here in Sprowston. It is a very challenging job made easier by a fantastic team of people and the support of forward thinking Councillors ready for a challenge. I thank them all for their whole-hearted support."

Mr Moncur, Chairman said: "For the 13 years June has held the position of Town Clerk she has undertaken many complicated and onerous tasks with great dedication and care. June has worked tirelessly to put Sprowston first and support the decisions and wishes of the Town Council Members'

"I have always valued her perspective and balanced view. I personally will miss her greatly as I am sure will the rest of the Town Council."



# The Annual Town Meeting

Each year an Annual Town Meeting is held at which residents can air issues and ask the Town Council to investigate certain matters which are of concern. It helps set the Town Council's priorities for the next year. Although the event is NOT a formal Town Council meeting it is facilitated and funded by the Town Council for the benefit of the community.

## Purpose of the Annual Town Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is so that the Town Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and it enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Town.

The Annual Town Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors for the Town. It is NOT a Meeting of the Town Council, which the public can participate in. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Sprowston may speak and vote.

Yes, any registered elector may ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by the

Chairperson or the Town Clerk. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Sprowston. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

### How is the meeting arranged?

The meeting is organised by the Town Council and the main point of contact is the Clerk. There are few formalities but the agenda is intentionally kept loose so electors may raise their concerns.

The Chairman of the Town Council will chair the meeting. If the Chairman is not able to attend, the Vice-Chairman will replace him, and failing that then the meeting will elect a chairperson from amongst those electors' present.

Usually Town Councillors attend and will speak if need be. But the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

It is not always possible to provide a substantive response to questions on the day, so it is helpful to inform the Chairman or the Town Clerk beforehand, so that the Clerk can bring any necessary information to the meeting.

A written record of the meeting will be taken and the minutes will be kept as a draft until the following year. Resolutions made at the meeting are not formally binding on the Town Council, but will be considered at subsequent Council meetings.

The meeting will last as long as need be within reason and usually no more than 2 hours. It really depends on those present and the number of questions and the discussion that is raised. Refreshments are provided.

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting will be held on 15 May 2019, commencing 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Sprowston Recreation Ground, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston, Norwich NR7 8TR.



## Can you do Just One Thing for us?

### Just One Thing!

Could you help with bucket collections in May? On Thursday 9th May, we have the following collection in Sprowston:

**Tesco Extra (large) Superstore, 9am-5pm**

Can you spare 1 hour (ideally 2) to 'shake a bucket' and help us raise money for people in crisis in the local area?

All money raised will be used locally

If you can help, or know someone who can, contact Senior Community Fundraiser, Paul Fleet, on 01603 253 412 or [pfleet@redcross.org.uk](mailto:pfleet@redcross.org.uk)



## Pre-School Closure

School Lane Pre-School closed its doors on Friday 8 March 2019. The Council very much regret this necessary decision by the Pre-School and are working with Norfolk County Council Children's Services to continue with an Early Years Educational Facility at Sprowston Diamond Centre.

## Sprowston Heritage

Sprowston Town Council has taken responsibility for maintaining the archives researched and collected over many years by Sprowston Heritage. We are currently in the process of making them available to all through the website [sprowstonheritage.org.uk/](http://sprowstonheritage.org.uk/)

# Sprowston Diamond Centre Officially Opened

On Monday 10 October 2018, Sprowston Town Council celebrated the Official Opening of its new community centre to which we had the pleasure of welcoming our residents to view the new facilities.

Mr I Moncur, Chairman unveiled a plaque to mark or commemorate this momentous occasion.

The process of bringing the building to what it is today, involved a tremendous amount of work and dedication. It first started with numerous meetings and consultations to gain planning permission, then we surrendered the Council office, kitchen, entrance lobby and several meeting rooms as the builders moved in. Staff were relocated into a portacabin located in the car park and Council records and resources were packed away in containers. Council meetings were held in whatever room was available.

A flurry of large machinery excavated a massive hole and before long drainage was installed, the metal frame erected and bricks laid. The build was not without issues as vandalism and severe weather caused flooding and an undetected buried air raid shelter had to be removed.

But here we are today, proud of this magnificent new facility.

The refurbishment has upgraded the centre into a bright open space conforming to all DDA and health and safety requirements. In addition, the latest technology has been installed to ensure the centre provides not only a relaxing environment for private functions but a truly modern space to hold business meetings, seminars and exercise classes.

Mr Moncur said "To achieve such an incredible transformation in



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such a short period of time is quite extraordinary. We now have an amazing resource that can be used for the benefit of the Community"

June Hunt, Town Clerk said I would like to thank the staff who have endured so many challenges, our residents who have waited patiently for these brilliant facilities, our customers who have kept faith in us and our neighbours for their tolerance throughout the construction"

## Community Orchard

What could be more exciting than planting a community orchard to preserve old and endangered varieties of fruit trees.

The Council has allocated an area of land on Sprowston Recreation Ground behind the grass tennis courts for just this purpose.

Mr Ellard, volunteer and organiser of the Aslake Close Community Greenhouse Growers and committee member for Sprowston Community said" it was an ideal site as it was fenced and could be

opened to residents when the trees matured and were fruiting."

14 trees were planted, 11 purchased by the Council and 3 donated by Mr Ellard including a rare species of pear tree each identified for the future.

Apple varieties include Banns, Dutch Mignon, Five Crowned Pippin, Golden Noble, Horsford Prolific, Lynn's Pippin, Norfolk Beauty, Norfolk Royal, Norfolk Royal Russet, Pine Apple Russet.

We thank Mr Ellard for his valuable advice, and digging skills.



## Public Spaces Protection Order

A Public Spaces Protection order has been implemented across the whole of Broadland District requiring those in charge of dogs to clear up after them on all land open to the public.

The order is effective as of 1 March 2019

The order applies to the following land:

- All roads and highways
- Public footpaths and verges
- Woodland
- Heath
- Sports and recreations grounds
- Parks and public open spaces
- Agricultural land and common land (unless the land owner has expressed permission to the contrary)

The maximum penalty for failing to comply with the order is £1,000 and the fixed notice is £100.