

FRIENDS OF CATTON PARK NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2006

Welcome to the final edition of the Friends of Catton Park newsletter for 2006! We hope you enjoy reading it. Please pass it on to friends or neighbours.

WORK IN THE PARK – Update from Ken Leggett

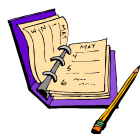
During the year restoration work has continued in Catton Park for public enjoyment and quiet recreational use. This work has included tree management and laying a hard surface path in the western woodlands suitable for wheelchair use, post and rail fencing with 'kissing' gates along St.Faiths Road/Mile Cross Lane boundaries. Also reseeding the centre of the Park with grass and wild flower seeds has been completed.



The main north/south and the east/west paths with compacted surfaces suitable for wheelchair use will be completed by next Spring together with entrances in Spixworth Road and Church Street. The intention is that the Park will be formally opened to the Public mid 2007.

In conjunction with the Head Teachers at The Hall School and Old Catton Middle School, Matt Caley and Ken Leggett are preparing an Education Plan for the Park. This will include Teacher and Park Warden led activity programmes in the Park covering cross curriculum interests and, hopefully, adult group activity interests such as orienteering, health walks, nature trails, bird walks, tree walks etc.

If you have any questions about the future work please contact Ken Leggett (01603 408823) or Matt Caley (07786 338749).



WINTER EVENTS



WINTER SOCIAL

You are warmly invited to join the Friends' Winter Social on **Saturday 20 January 2007** at **7:30 pm** in **Old Catton Village Hall** in Church Street.

This seasonal party will be an event for all the family. Supper and a glass of hot punch are included – please feel free to bring your own alcohol. We'll be organising a raffle and some games and competitions for all ages. Invite your friends and family!

Tickets are priced at £5.50 each, available from Stephen Osborn (telephone 426189) or Gill Renouf (484073). Places are limited - please book before Wednesday 10 January to help us with the catering arrangements.

AGM

All members of the Friends of Catton Park are invited to the second AGM on **Monday 5 March 2007 at 7:30 pm** in the **Church Hall in Blacksmith's Way**. We would be pleased to hear from you if you have any ideas for future events. We also need two new members to show interest in joining the Committee. The AGM will be followed by a speaker (details to be confirmed), a raffle and tea and coffee. We look forward to seeing you there.



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS



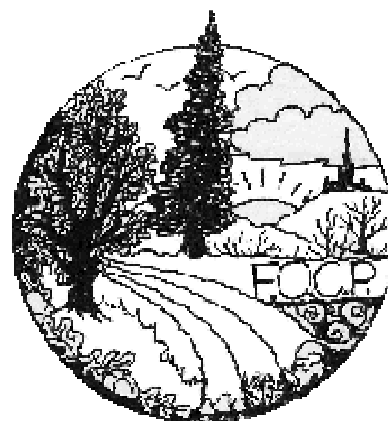
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PARK

Matt, the Park Warden, is hoping to organise some volunteer days in the Park to help out with specific projects – for example planting 500 small trees in the Western Woodlands early next spring. There may also be a need for people to help patrol the park once the evenings get lighter. We think there could be work sessions both during the week and at weekends – depending on the availability of the volunteers. If you are interested in joining in the volunteer working parties please contact Matt who will provide further information nearer the time. If you have other suggestions for ways to assist, that you would like to contribute, please phone Stephen Osborn (Chair of Friends) on 426189.

If you see litter in the park, please place it in the bin provided or in the walled area near the Lodge (by the Oak Lane gates). Thank you!

BENCH FOR CATTON PARK

We have collected quite a lot of money through our fund raising events – we were delighted to raise over £40 at the recent Chip and Quiz night. We will be spending some of our income on a bench for the Park, where walkers can rest and enjoy the view. We will also be purchasing some equipment such as bow saws for volunteers to use when working in the Park under the supervision of the Warden. Watch out for more info on the bench!



FRIENDS' BRIEFINGS

Are you interested in joining the Friends? Are there further aspects of the work that you would like to be explained through future Friends' Newsletters or meetings? There is a lot happening, but if you have issues that need to be raised or would like more information about the Friends, please contact Stephen Osborn on 426189 or Gill Renouf on 484073.