

Costessey Centre to open on 31st May 2010

Those venturing along Longwater Lane might well be dazzled by the design of the parish's new community centre and the speed with which it is being built. Progress has been good and the contractors, Morgan Ashurst, pulled out all the stops to make the shell weather tight by Christmas 2009. They didn't quite make it - the wet weather in November and snow in December saw to that. And at the time of writing Contact, the snow had further delayed completion of the external walls particularly



Work progressing on the main hall

the groundsman's workshop (in case anyone was wondering what that the smaller building was). However, the Parish Council has been assured that, given reasonable weather for the rest of this winter, late April will see the Centre handed over to the parish.

inadequate facilities offered by the old pavilion. Upstairs has three rooms of various sizes to hire. A central concourse is also available and the Council hopes it will be a focus for casual social meetings with hot drink facilities available from a second kitchen and possibly vending machines.

Like to Hire the Centre?

Full details are available on the parish web site:

www.costessey.org.uk

Four possible areas are available for hire on a morning, afternoon or evening basis with week day charges ranging from £10 - £37 per session for Costessey residents. Contact Amy on 742958 for more details.



Official Opening Day Spectacular - 31st May 2010

Plans are underway to invite everyone to the grand opening on Monday 31st May - the Spring Bank Holiday. Details are a little sketchy at the moment but, in general, it is hoped to hold a grand fete in the afternoon culminating in the official opening. Then, in the evening, there will be entertainment followed by a fireworks display. Many organisations in Costessey have agreed to run stalls, provide games and show what they can offer to the people of Costessey. But most of all, the Centre doors will be open allowing everyone to see what is available and what £1.4m has provided.

What is available?

The ground floor of the Centre has the main hall large enough to accommodate 250 seated people. There is a kitchen and bar area with hatches to the main hall. Of course there are the requisite toilet and cloakroom facilities. To the rear of the ground floor are 4 large changing rooms - these replace the

Opening Day Meeting

Interested in putting your organisation on the Costessey map, like to take part the Opening day on Monday 31st May 2010

Come to the PARISH ROOMS, Old Costessey on

Thursday 11th February 2010 at 7pm

For more information ring 742958

"If we cannot help you, we will try and find someone who can."

New Parish Councillors Elected

Congratulations to Mrs Diana York and Mr Dean Toms who were elected to the Parish Council on Thursday 14th January 2010.



Mrs Diana York



Mr Dean Toms

Traffic Calming Measures Delay

The long, arduous campaign to improve traffic calming along West End and The Street received a set back this month. Work that should have taken 2 years to complete has now been stretched over a 4 year period. Norfolk County Council stated that the cost of the whole scheme is now in excess of £260,000. It seems that the County's relatively small budget for traffic calming and budgetary constraints severely restrict the council's ability to complete the full scheme within 2 years.

Precedence will be given to the the Longwater Lane pedestrian crossing table (to enhance access to St Augustine's Primary School) and the new section of footway in The Street between the Hart P H and the Bush Public House (estimated to cost £90,000) followed by construction of the remaining section of footway in The Street between The Bush Pub and Folgate Lane (estimated to cost £60,000). Traffic calming along the rest of The Street and West End will follow.

Part Night Street Lighting a Real Possibility



Norfolk County Council claims that 70% of residents think that leaving the street lights on after midnight is a waste of energy and money. As a result, the Council is considering a plan to introduce part night lighting in residential areas including some streets in Costessey. This only applies to lighting owned or maintained by the County Council and the switch off if agreed will be phased in over the next few years as part of a programme to replace aging street lights.

524 lights in 70 roads in Costessey have been identified but these do NOT include the major arteries: Dereham Road, Longwater Lane, West End, Norwich Road.

The Council will closely consult with the Police concerning certain high risk roads: CCTV sites, high risk accident areas and high security risk premises will also be excluded.

This proposal was approved by the the County Councils Planning & Transportation, the Environment and Waste Overview and Security Panels on the 6th January and a final decision will be made at the council's cabinet meeting on 25th January.

Comment - From the Editor

Grit Bins and the use of grit

There are 40 grit bins scattered around the parish and after the huge number of phone calls to the parish offices during the cold spell people would like many more. Not so easy though. Finding appropriate locations, health & safety issues and replenishing grit supplies all need careful consideration. Five bins were bought by the Council before Christmas. Two were replacements and the Council is reviewing general grit bin provision in the parish to site the others. Would people be happy to see scores more? They are hardly the prettiest pieces of street furniture!

Grit is for gritting the roads

Can we stress that highways grit is provided for gritting the roads and footways - NOT people's drives which are house owner's responsibility. One parishioner rang, slightly tongue in cheek, to complain that someone had "nicked our grit." Well, grit is not owned by anyone and all we can do is appeal to people's common sense and good neighbourliness to use grit where it should be used and where it is really needed.

What's On' in Costessey - 2010



Bored, time on your hands, need something to do? Costessey has a varied number of clubs and societies to fire your interest, keep you busy and active.

The table below lists the activities that take place weekly or monthly in the parish halls. Even more happens in the Church Halls scattered around the

parish (look at the web site for more details: www.costessey.org.uk)

All the groups would love to increase membership. Why not give it a try?

(Please Note: contact details and times may vary
Locations may change as the Costessey Centre comes on stream)

Activity	Day	Location	Time	Contact	Contact No
Private Art Classes	Mon	Owen Barnes	9am	Marilyn Ayres	614729
Line Dancing	Mon	Breckland Hall	7.30pm	Mrs P Grant	743592
Norfolk Army Cadet Force	Mon	Costessey Centre	7.15pm	Major D Whitehead	01362 694515
Karate	Mon	Youth Centre	7.30pm	Steve Grint	883699
Costessey Posse	Mon	Parish Rooms	fortnightly	Judy Mears	408678
Private Art Classes	Tues	Owen Barnes	9am	Marilyn Ayres	614729
Ballroom Dancing	Tues	Breckland Hall	2pm	Frank and Jean Hart	746496
Costessey Day Centre	Tues	Youth Centre	10am - 2pm	Doreen Steel	743699
Costessey Dance Club	Tues	Breckland Hall	7.30pm	David Dewing	462172
Drop In for Youths	Tues	Youth Centre	7pm	Judy Mears	408678
Sally's School of Dance	Tues	Parish Rooms	7.15pm	Sally Smith	897372
Costessey Culture Club	1st Wed in month	Owen Barnes	9.30am - 12	Linda Thurtle	749264
Yoga	Wed	Breckland Hall	1.30pm	Margaret Jameson	881425
Old Costessey WI	2nd Wed in month	Parish Rooms	2.30pm	Margaret White	271611
New Costessey WI	3rd Wed in month	Breckland Hall	7.30pm	Maureen Butler	471225
Sally's School of Dance	Wed	Parish Rooms	7.15pm	Sally Smith	897372
Costessey Short Mat Bowls Club	Wed	Breckland Hall	7pm	Margaret Varvel	410542
Norfolk Army Cadet Force	Wed	Costessey Centre	7.15pm	Major D Whitehead	01362 694515
Slimming World	Wed	Youth Centre	5pm - 8pm	Sarah Betts	439611
Old Friends Club	Thurs	Breckland Hall	2.15pm	Freda Turner	745319
Extend	Thurs	Youth Centre	2pm	June Perrett	505297
Costessey Flower Club	1st Thurs in month	Breckland Hall	7.30pm	Tina Carr	811764
Tap Dancing	Thurs	Owen Barnes	3pm	Tracey Bovington	01362-688076
Norfolk German Shepherd Dog Club	Thurs	Owen Barnes	7pm	Mrs J Woods	744006
Breckland Babes	Thurs	Youth Centre	10am-12	Mrs V Weston	749901
Karate	Thurs	Youth Centre	7.30pm	Steve Grint	883699
Costessey Day Centre	Fri	Youth Centre	10am - 2pm	Doreen Steel	743699
Weight Watchers	Fri	Breckland Hall	10am	Lisa Pratt	400344
Bingo	Fri	Breckland Hall	7.30pm	Mike Tomlinson	743363
Tap Dancing	Fri	Owen Barnes	3pm	Tracey Bovington	01362-688076
Costessey Modern Sequence Dance Club	Fri	Parish Rooms	2pm - 4pm	John Gant	787241
Costessey Society	3rd Fr in month	Parish Rooms	7.30pm	Sylvia Yates	742515
Costessey Sports - football and cricket	Sat & Sun	Longwater Rec, Breckland Park	am & pm	Graham Taylor	866598
Costessey Short Mat Bowls Club	Sun	Breckland Hall	2pm	Margaret Varvel	410542

Dancing

Keep Fit

Slimming

Art

Women's Institute

Friendship

Dogs

Flower Club

Early years

Army Cadet

Bingo

Youth Groups

Football & Cricket

Bowls

Day Centre

Litter Bins in East Hills Wood

Requests to place litter bins in East Hills Wood have been refused. South Norfolk District Council, who own the woods, say that budget cuts mean that Environment Services do not have the resources to buy new bins and, more significantly, pay for regular emptying of the bins. However, the Council assures

residents that regular litter picks will take place in the woods and the area will be monitored frequently. The Council asks that regular users of the woods report significant littering. Tel: 01508 533633



