

## **Castle Acre Parish News December 2021**

The Parish Council (PC) held its monthly meeting on 11th November, with three members of the public in attendance.

### **National Lottery Heritage Fund Project**

The PC was delighted that 60 residents came to the launch event of 'The Past is All Around Us' project for an excellent presentation from the project manager, Anne Mason. There was an enthusiastic response to the 24 different activities planned until October 2022 with many participants signing up to more than one activity. To learn more, and how to register, go to [castleacre.info](http://castleacre.info), Heritage Project and click on [https://www.castleacre.info/images/downloads/PU\\_Project\\_News\\_Updates\\_Nov21.pdf](https://www.castleacre.info/images/downloads/PU_Project_News_Updates_Nov21.pdf)

The Castle Acre Heritage Project is about the protection and conservation of our natural heritage as well as our built heritage and wildlife needs our help to thrive.

There is already interest in February's tasks to conserve habitats but the whole village can help by having a 'Nature Recovery Plan' which will look at how to adapt our gardens; allotments; verges and green spaces into areas where wildlife will flourish and find a home.

If you would like to know more and to take part in helping nature recover, please come to the Village Hall on Friday 14 January, either from 10.00 – 12.00 or from 14.00 – 16.00.

Please book your place by emailing [anne.providence@outlook.com](mailto:anne.providence@outlook.com)

If you are reading this but don't live in Castle Acre, you can still attend as a Nature Recovery Plan can be applied to your parish too.

### **Pandemic Memorial Token**

The PC was pleased to announce that Castle Acre School has agreed to receive a Pandemic Memorial Token on behalf of our community. Lady Dannatt MBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk led the campaign to distribute a plaque to all rural communities to mark what has been a remarkable year. It commemorates not only the great pain and hardship endured, but also the fortitude, care and thought for each other, which shone through our community. The PC felt that having the event held at the school, would also acknowledge what the School - staff, students, parents and carers, went through during lockdown and the ongoing Covid crisis. The Parish Council wants the plaque to eventually be displayed in the Village Hall (alongside several other memorials) and accessible to the whole community.

Peter Wilson MBE DL, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk will be presented the school with the token on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid restrictions only staff and pupils will be in attendance.

### **Village Posters**

The PC would like to remind any residents that display posters around the village advertising local events to please ensure that they are also taken down once the event date has passed.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

The PC would like to hear from any residents that are keen to help organise a village celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Please contact the clerk if interested in volunteering or wishing to put forward any ideas for the event.

### **South Acre Road Footbridge**

The PC is aware that the bridge will require further work in the near future and plans to allocate funding to help maintain this well used facility. If any residents would be prepared to help with work such as this, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.**

To view past Council Minutes and finances, go to: [www.castleacre.info/parish\\_news.htm](http://www.castleacre.info/parish_news.htm) The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at CA Village Hall. Clerk- Libby Firth Tel: 07825229345 Email: [libbyofirth@gmail.com](mailto:libbyofirth@gmail.com)