



Mattishall Parish Council News

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Village litter picks: dates for your diary

The 2019 village litter picks will be held on **Saturday 30 March and Saturday 28 September** starting at 10 am at the Village Green. We'll be litter picking for around 2 hours then enjoy well-deserved refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome and we'll provide the equipment required.

A big thank you to those who came to our September litter pick. You were amazing!

Can you spare a little time for the village car scheme?

Our wonderful community car scheme is looking for more volunteer drivers. This involves driving villagers to medical-related appointments, typically to the Norfolk & Norwich hospital or Mattishall surgery. As a volunteer driver, you will receive 45 pence per mile. Anita, the car scheme coordinator, says it's a lovely way to get to know people and do something really positive. Contact Anita Boarer on 01362 858376 to find out more.

Remembrance Day centenary

On Sunday 11 November, hundreds of villagers attended the Remembrance Day service on the village green which continued in All Saints Church.

Many people have



told us and the church that it was a fitting tribute to the Mattishall men who died in both WWI and WWII.

Thank you for coming, and in particular to those who took part.

Youth club goes from strength to strength

The new Mattishall youth club, which started at the beginning of the school Summer holiday, has been gaining in numbers. In fact, it's the fastest growing youth club run by the YMCA in Norfolk (and they run several). The youth club is for children in years 6 to 11.

The youth club has a new venue - Mattishall Memorial Hall - and we've just bought a an X-box and table tennis table to add to the activities on offer. Children have been making smoothies, rice crispie cakes and playing games.

Your Parish Council

Richard Norton (Chairman)

Hannah Farrier-Dutton

Mike Nunn

David Piper

John Rockliff

Janice Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Taylor

Richard Turner

Luisa Cantera (Clerk)

District Councillors: Our two district councillors are Pablo Dimoglou and Paul Claussen.

Come to our February and March parish council meetings

We'd like the public to be more interested in what we do, particularly if you'd like to become a parish councillor next year. All parish councillors need to apply via Breckland Council next April. Come to our 4 February or 4 March meetings at the earlier time of 6.45 pm to ask councillors about what's involved.

Litter blight

Our play area and bus shelters are litter-picked regularly and we've noticed an increase in cigarette butts, e-cigarette wrappers and other litter. We'd like remind everyone to use the bins provided and to anyone who smokes that smoking is prohibited in the play area and bus shelters.

If you are (or have a child) in this age group, just come along on a Friday evening. The club runs from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm and it's currently free due to funding we've received from the Breckland Youth Advisory Board and Breckland Council match-funding scheme.

Norwich Western Route

The results of a recent consultation into transport issues to the west of Norwich show that there is strong public support for a new link between the A47 and Broadland Northway (previously called the Northern Distributor Road or NDR).

Norfolk County Council is consulting again to ask for views on four preferred options:

A: Lenwade to Honingham

B: Attlebridge to Honingham

C: North of Taverham to Honingham

D: North of Taverham to just west of Easton

You can find out more by going to: norfolk.gov.uk/nwl. The consultation on these routes will run between Monday 26 November 2018 and Friday 18 January 2019. During the consultation, the public will be asked for their views on the options and these responses will help the county council identify a preferred option for a Norwich Western Link in Spring 2019.

Christmas tree lighting event: Sunday 2 December

Our tree lighting event held on the village green every December seems to be more popular with each year.

This year there will be a **Santa's Grotto** in All Saint's Church from 2.30 pm - 3.45 pm which is at the same time as the church's children's activities afternoon (2-4 pm), also in All Saint's Church. Afterwards, we'll have the **tree lighting event** starting at **4 pm** on the green. There will be refreshments, Christmas songs and music from SqueezEast. Father Christmas will be visiting to turn on the tree lights. We look forward to seeing you there!

