Great Coates Parish Magazine

Bringing the community together

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Hello and Welcome

To the very first edition of the all new Great Coates parish magazine.

Hopefully in some small part, this is just the beginning of a fantastic opportunity to bring the community of Great Coates together.

Initially we are aiming to produce and deliver, to every household in the village, a bi-monthly magazine, which with your input and support, will be interesting, informative and fun for all ages. The intention of Great Coates Village Council is that through the magazine we can bring our small community together and keep our residents in touch with everything that's important to them around the village, whilst similarly enjoying the regular features and participating in the competitions and winning prizes!! By the way 'Where is Cyril?'

In this fledgling edition we have kicked off with our regular 'Spotlight On…' feature which looks this month at the origins and heritage of our village, from humble beginnings to modern day development. Other regulars seeing their first outing are, 'News from St. Nicolas' and 'In the News' with 'Your Views', the letters page giving you the opportunity to express your thoughts and views on any local topic in future editions. Our Bygones feature will allow us to slip back in time and hear from some of our well established residents how life was in Great Coates 'yesteryear' compared to today.

The magazine will additionally represent a great opportunity for us to showcase local business through low cost advertising and background stories, similarly with your input, a property for sale in Great Coates guide, doing exactly what it says on the tin! (Coming soon). In addition we have an adult and kids fun competition page with some excellent prizes to be won.

In future publications, with your feedback, we are hoping to support the community further with a low cost Classified Ads, and personal section for residents looking to sell their unwanted property or maybe appealing (for free of course) on information about a missing pet etc. We are even featuring a back page for sports fans highlighting local teams or individuals and their backgrounds, in fact our roving sports reporter Councillor Jim Masterton is out there now chasing down their stories as we speak.

So it's over to you, we hope you enjoy the first edition and please let us have your letters and feedback at greatcoatespm@gmail.com highlighting what you liked or disliked and of course what would you like to see in future publications of your Great Coates parish magazine.

Kind regards,
Councillor Karl Green

Spotlight On...

The History of Great Coates

Great Coates, originally just 'Cotes' meaning Cottage or Shelter (especially for sheep) is mentioned in Domesday (1086AD). The prefix 'Great' was added sometime afterwards and distinguishes it from the smaller neighbouring settlement of Little Cotes, and more distant settlements in Lincolnshire such as North Coates and South Somercotes. The exact date for the founding of the village is not known, however the Domesday book records a large village held between five major Norman families. The Church of St Nicolas dates to around 1200 AD and was extended in the 13th century with the rectory to the church dating back to the late Georgian period. There was also the medieval manor at the south end of the village which is now evidenced by remains of the manorial moat. By the 13th century land ownership had passed to the Neville and Healing families, however the manor later became the property of the Barnardiston family through land purchases and marriages, with the centre of the lands at a moated manor house in the village, almost certainly the one adjacent to the 19th century farmhouse known as The Grange. The manor was sold after the civil war to the Sutton family who have retained ownership in one form or another to the present day.

In common with most Lincolnshire villages the population of Great Coates became static during the 13th and 14th centuries and then decreased with the effects of the Black Death and climate change. The Great Grimsby and Sheffield Junction Railway was constructed c.1845, and Great Coates railway station was built in 1848 and by c.1887 the village consisted of the church, rectory, a Wesleyan chapel, and around 20 dwellings including the substantial Manor House (c. 1878) and Great Coates House, with the station less than 1/2 mile northeast of the traditional centre. Outside the village the parish was rural, with enclosed fields and drainage channels, with no other habitations of any significance, excluding Pyewipe farm to the northeast.

The development in the parish was mostly unchanged until 1950 apart from the Grimsby and Immingham Electric Railway which passed through the northern part of the parish opened in 1912 and terraced housing was built on Woad Lane north and south of the station in the early part of the century. Additionally a biscuit factory (Watmough and Sons Ltd) had been established east of Woad Road, and north of the railway line by the 1930s. After the Second World War the Humber estuary bank between Grimsby and Immingham was industrialised with British Titan Products Co. Ltd. and CIBA Laboratories Ltd. establishing large chemical plants in 1949 and 1951 in the northern part of the parish. In 1968 Great Coates parish was absorbed into Grimsby with the urban spread of Grimsby reaching Great Coates village by the 1980s with The Willows housing estate, and industrial estate development reaching the eastern edge of the village. The Wybers Wood estate had been built adjoining the south of the village by the end of the 20th century and by the 1990s development of Grimsby had begun to extend beyond Great Coates, with the development of Grimsby's Europarc.

In 2003 Great Coates was restored as a parish from Grimsby.

N.B. All information featured in this article has been researched from the public domain and we would welcome any feedback at greatcoatespm@gmail.com under the heading Spotlight - thank you.

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In the News and

Conservation area boundary changes update

After the presentations conducted by the local Energie conservation officer Emilie Ravenscroft on Thursday 19th May and Tuesday 24th May 2016 at the village hall, hopefully all of the residents in Great Coates are now fully aware of the conservation area boundary changes proposed by Miss Ravenscroft. If this is not the case or you require any further clarification, the detailed draft proposal can be found at www.nelincs.gov.uk/planning-and-development/heritage-and-conservation. Initiallty Miss Ravenscroft had intended to present her recommendations to the N.E.L.C. cabinet in June of this year, however, owing to changes in guidelines on conservation area boundary movement, made by Historic England earlier this year, and the depth of feeling within the community, that presentation has now been delayed until early 2017 . The proposals clearly provoked passionate response at both public meetings and you can share your concerns or air your views officially through the link above or contacting Emilie at emilie.ravenscroft@nelincs.gov.uk . We would like to publish any further local opinion in the December edition of Great Coates parish magazine, so please send your e mails by 09/12/2016 to greatcoatespm@gmail.com. with the heading Your Views.

Speed restriction

Owing to the concerns around road safety within the village and motorists adhering to the 30 mph speed limit there is currently suggestion that a lower speed limit of 20 mph should be introduced in the immediate vacinity of the nursery school on Station Rd. for the safety of parents and pupils crossing a busy village thoroughfare... What are your thoughts? Let us know by 09/12/2016 at greatcoatespm@gmail.com and we'll try to publish some of your letters in the December edition of Great Coates parish magazine.

War Memorial Update

Currently the village council is working closely with N.E.L.C. , local ward councillors and the stone mason for the speedy re-siting of the memorial within the village, which will hopefully be completed by November. Thankyou to everyone involved for your sterling efforts to have this poignant reminder of our fallen heroes returned to the village.

Crime Report for Great Coates Village 01/08/2016 – 29/09/2016

A total of 6 crimes have been reported:
1 x Criminal Damage – Meadowbank.
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1 x Criminal Damage – Newbury Avenue.
1 x Criminal Damage – Station Road.
1 x Fly Tipping – Newbury Avenue.
1 x Theft – The Avenue.

Both the criminal damages on Meadowbank happened around the same time and are possibly linked, the two other criminal damages are unrelated.

Police Constable 2199 Jenny Kerrawn
jennifer.kerrawn@humberside.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 7535 Mike Eckley
michael.eckley@humberside.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 7714 Steph Widgery
stephanie.widgery@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively you can ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Your Views

Dear All

I am not sure if you are aware – but N.E.L.C. in partnership with ENGIE are looking into reducing the size of the conservation area within Great Coates village with one of the areas affected being the Hunters Copse development. Earlier in the year I attended a meeting at the village hall where a representative from North East Lincs. Council explained why this was being done. There were approx. 20 people who turned up for this meeting and all were concerned over the reduction of the conservation area within the village as the conservation area is there to retain the character of the village. Great Coates village has been here for over 1000 years & is mentioned in the Doomsday book – by keeping the conservation area as it is at the moment it will help the village retain its character and will not only benefit us as a sought after area to live but will also maintain the value of your properties which if this goes ahead it will reduce the value of your properties by approx. 9% this was confirmed by conservation officer Emilie Ravenscroft.

Please can I suggest that you email Emilie with your concerns & reasons as to why you think Great Coates should keep the conservation area from the plans in 1960 at emilie.ravenscroft@nelincs.gov.uk

Barrie Jarman

Great Coates residents enjoy the benefits of a pleasant, and picturesque village environment with a close community spirit which has been built up over many years, and currently an active and responsible Village Council

Many of us can still remember the village bobby, operating from the police house in Woad Lane, however recently it has become apparent that the village, along with it's fellow Freshney Ward, has been downgraded in police priorities. The police have a very difficult job to do in today's society and use their resources in the most efficient manner possible, but this should not be to the detriment of residents. Both Freshney Forward and the village council have expressed their concerns to the Chief Constable about the level of policing and therefore proactive crime prevention in the ward, unfortunately highlighted by the anti social behaviour and vandalism recently experienced by the residents of Meadowbank, which appears to have led to an increase in police patrols. The police need the support of the public, and statistics are constantly used to justify levels of policing, so it is vitally important to report all, and any criminal activity, no matter how trivial, which helps the police to identify crime hot spots and where to deploy their resources.

I am proud to live in this community, which has seen its spirit severely tested in recent times, but if we all pull together, we can have confidence in our futures.

Raymond Lawrance
Meadowbank, Great Coates

Your Views is your opportunity to have your say about anything connected with Great Coates. We need your views and opinion for our December publication, so please vent forth to greatcoatespm@gmail.com with the heading Your Views and we will endeavour to publish as many letters as possible. Thankyou.

N.B. - Great Coates village council would like to point out that all views and opinions expressed within the magazine are those of the individual and are not necessarily the view of Great Coates village council.

Great Coates Village Council

Meeting of Great Coates Village Council, will be held on Thursday 29th September 2016 commencing at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Great Coates. The business to be dealt with at the meeting is listed in the agenda.

Agenda

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence

2. To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.

3. To approve draft minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2016. To approve the draft minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on September 13th 2016.

4. Clerk's report.
Richard Marriott - Road Safety Engineer.
Review of policies - Grant Policy
Email correspondence received.
Training dates booked

5. To receive any reports from external organisations
Reports by Humberside Police
Reports by Unitary Councillors

6. Public Question Time
15 minutes

7. Finance report
To approve Schedule of Payments
Update on Internet Banking

8. Planning applications and decisions received.
Conservation Area.

9. Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action

a) Newsletter - feedback plus items for next issue.
b) War Memorial update
c) Football Stadium
d) Christmas Tree Event

10. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
The Chairman will move that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

1) Resolve Council response to Public Inspection Objection.

2) Resolve Council response to Small Claims Court.

Date and time of next meeting
Agenda Ends

Great Coates Village Council meets on the last calendar Thursday of every month at 19.00 hrs. in the village hall on Station Rd. The minutes of each meeting are approved by the council at the following month's meeting and are then available to view on the Great Coates Village Council website or at any one of three public notice boards located in the village.

News from St Nicolas', Great Coates

We have been given Government heritage grants of over £70 000 to cover all the cost of repairing the south aisle of the church (the bit with the lower roof on the Wybers Wood side of the building). We had discovered in February that this was pulling away dangerously from the main church building. We are very privileged to have been able to get it sorted so quickly. We hope the work will be done during November - and it is possible that we may have to have some of our services jointly at St Michael's, Little Coates while this is going on. Look out for announcements.

Which means that the now regular 10.50 a.m. Remembrance Sunday ceremony on Sunday 13th November may have to take place in the churchyard. Of course, if the village's War Memorial has been re-erected in time, we will hold it there. If not, and if the church is in use, we will hold it in church. But if the churchyard ends up being the only place to hold it this year we will make sure that we do so next to the Gruby family grave on which is commemorated Reginald Gruby, one of the 'Grimsby Chums' killed a hundred years ago in 1916. Look out for an announcement.

We have been delighted to announce in October that the Revd Anne McCormick (who is working as half-time Chaplain at Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital) is returning to full-time parish ministry and will soon be licensed as Team Vicar in our parish. Meanwhile St George's, Bradley, St Michael's, Little Coates and St Nicoals', Great Coates continue to be served by our Team Rector (Canon Peter Mullins, 23 Littlecoates Road – 346986) and our Curate (the Revd Alex Barrow, 26 Meadowbank – 884399).

A Communion service continues to be held in St Nicolas' at 10.30 a.m. most Sundays (or 9.30 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday to make space for joining the 10.50 a.m. Remembrance ceremony), in an informal style on the first Sunday in each month (with Christingles on 6th December) and more traditionally on the other Sundays (with the Bishop of Grimsby will be joining us on 11th December). The Carol Service will be at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 18th December, the Crib Service at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 24th December and the Midnight Communion at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday 24th December.

BYGONE MEMORIES
with Ann Bagley

I first came to Great Coates in 1951 when I was just fifteen years old and my best friend asked me to join the Youth Club with her. As we lived near Bradley Cross Roads I had to gain permission from my parents to come and I then took a bus to the station and caught the train. I met my husband Norman at that wonderful Youth Club when we were just teenagers and we were married five years later in 1956.

Great Coates Station, 1950s.

The Bagleys have been in the Village for at least two hundred years and before living in Rose Cottage they lived next to the Reading room on Station Road. Prior to that the family home was at Middlefield House as Norman's grandad was the village blacksmith.

The original Post Office on Station Road

Of course back in the 1950's there was no Wybers Wood or Willows and the village population was only about five hundred, how times have changed!

If you have a story or two to tell, any fond memories or photos of Great Coates you would like to share with the community in future publications of Great Coates Parish Magazine, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Send your story to greatcoatespm@gmail.com entitled BYGONES - thank you.

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From 9am till 11am for £5.95

We are doing 2 Turkey and Tinsel afternoons with a meal and entertainment for only £9.95 on
Monday 5th and 12th December

Christmas day we have 3 course meals at
£44.95 per adult and £19.95 per child

Boxing day menu for
£15.95 per adult and £9.95 per child

New Year's Eve
Evening starts at 6pm with a meal followed by entertainment
£19.95 per adult and £14.95 per child

What's Happening in Great Coates? ...Dates for your Diary

December 6th
CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS
Great Coates Village Nursery are holding a Pensioners Christmas Concert and would like as many people as possible to attend. This will be held at the nursery on Tuesday 6th December at 10am.
Please contact the Nursery School Office on 01472 23123
or e-mail: office@gcv.nelmail.co.uk to book places
or contact cllr.kevin.redgrift@gmail.com

December 10th
Great Coates Village Council Christmas Tree Event
Carol singing , children's selection boxes, mulled wine , mince pies etc. Everyone welcome for a thoroughly festive community gathering
THE MORE THE MERRIER !!
PS - Great Coates village council is inviting anyone who would like to perform at the Christmas Tree Event to contact Clerk to the Council Mrs. Jan Waite at clerk.greatcoatesvc@gmail.com or call: 07950 479286

****SEE ALSO****

NEWS FROM ST. NICOLAS - P.9

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES - P. 13

Great Coates Women's Institute
Meeting at the Village Hall
Second Thursday Of Every Month.

If you would like to advertise your local charity or community event for free then just let us know what, where and when at greatcoatespm@gmail.com and we will endeavour to feature your event in our next publication.

Great Coates Village Hall

HIRE RATES

Standard Rate

Monday to Friday - 08.00 - 16.00hrs.
£10 per hr. (Payable in advance)
Monday to Friday - 16.00 - 23.00hrs.
£15 per hr. (Payable in advance)

Party Rate

Monday to Sunday - 08.00 - 23.00hrs.
£20 per hr. (Payable in advance)

Wedding Receptions

£250

Wedding Reception time frame includes the hire of the hall from 18.00 hrs. on the evening prior to the date of the reception to allow the hirer to set up the hall, the whole of the day on which the reception is to be held and includes the morning after the reception up to 12.00 hrs midday to allow time for removal of any property brought into the venue and for the hall to be left in the same clean & tidy condition it was supplied.

Great Coates Village Hall
September - October 2016 timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0900 - 1000							
1000 - 1100						Grimsby & District Creative Stitchers 3rd Saturday 10am to 4pm	Weight Watchers 10am to 11pm
1100 - 1200							
1200 - 1300							
1300 - 1400							
1400 - 1500							
1500 - 1600							
1600 - 1700				Jades Kids Freestyle 3-7yrs 4.10 to 4.40pm 8-15yrs 4.45pm to 5.45pm			
1700 - 1800	Weight Watchers 5pm to 6pm	Private Hire weekly					
1800 - 1900			Insanity 6.15pm to 7.15pm	Zumba 5.45pm to 6.30pm	Not too Strictly Dancing 6.30pm to 8.30pm		
1900 - 2000			Quiz last Wednesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Singing for Pleasure 1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm to 8pm			
2000 - 2100				WI 2nd Thursday 7.30pm to 9.30pm			
2100 - 2200							
2200 - 2300							

Bookings and hall enquiries are handled by the Clerk to the Council Mrs Jan Waite at clerk.greatcoatesvc@gmail.com or call 07950 479286

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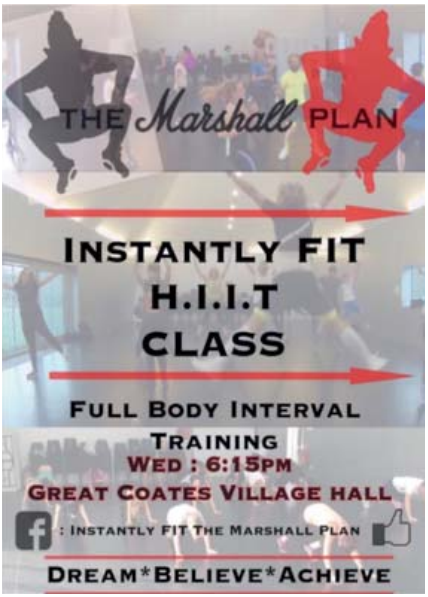
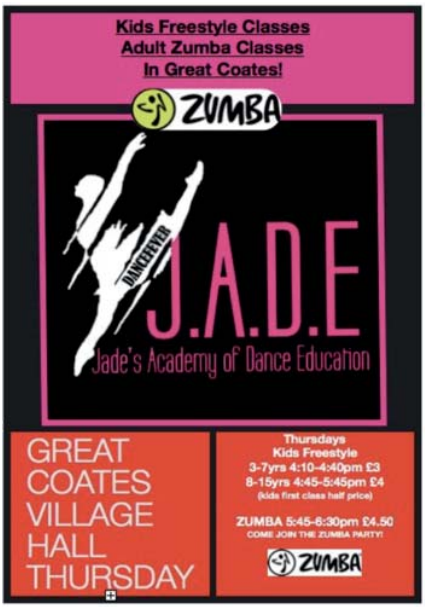


Great Coates Womens Institute

Great Coates WI meet on the second Thursday every month at Great Coates Village Hall.



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Find eleven words within the grid using the partial identity provided below and then re-arrange the first letter of each word to form your answer.

All eleven words required can be found vertically or horizontally within the wordsearch grid above and appear on the page numbers listed below:

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5) p. 3 --mm--i-y
6) p. 9 ---e-b-anc-
7) p. 4 ---m--y
8) p. 4 --tt-n
9) p. 10 -ee--g-rs
10) p. 16 -v-nt
11) p. 11 --ee

Send your answer to gcpmcomp@gmail.com by Wednesday 30th November with name, address & contact details or alternatively post your answer(s) with your name, address and contact details in a sealed envelope marked GCPMCOMP through the letterbox at the Village Hall, Station Road, Great Coates.

Winner to be announced at the **Great Coates Village Council Christmas Tree Event on Saturday December 10th** (in the event of more than one person with the correct answer a prize draw will take place).

Terms & Conditions
One entry per person. In the event that more than one person has the correct answer an independent prize draw will take place (see above).

All competition answers and the names of our lucky prize winners will be published in the December edition of Great Coates Parish Magazine.

October prizes kindly sponsored by Greenarrow Lettings

Prize Draw Competition

ENTER OUR FREE PRIZE DRAW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A HMV £15 VOUCHER

With Bonfires and Fireworks just around the corner how much do you know about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot? See if you can answer the following questions and prove your knowledge of one of the most infamous assassination attempts in history.

Q.1. In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?
a) 1605
b) 1606
c) 1607

Q.2. Where was Guy Fawkes from?
a) London
b) Thetford
c) York

Q.3. How many barrels of gunpowder are said to have been hidden under the House of Lords?
a) 30
b) 36
c) 46

Q.4. Who was the ringleader of the Conspiracy?
a) Guy Fawkes
b) Robert Catesby
c) Thomas Winter

Q.5. Who was monarch at the time of the gunpowder plot?
a) King James I
b) King Henry VIII
c) Queen Elizabeth I

Q.6. What happens as a consequence of Guy Fawkes' plot today?
a) The King never visits the Houses of Parliament
b) The cellars of the Houses of Parliament are searched before the State Opening of Parliament
c) The State Opening of Parliament takes place at Buckingham Palace

Winner to be announced at the **Great Coates Village Council Christmas Tree Event on Saturday December 10th** (in the event of more than one person with the correct answer a prize draw will take place).

Send your answers to gcpmcomp@gmail.com by Wednesday 30th November with name, address & contact details or alternatively post your answer(s) with your contact details in a sealed envelope marked GCPMCOMP through the letterbox at the village hall, Station Rd. Great Coates. Example - Q.1 c Q.2 a etc.

Children Under 10s Competition

Where's Cyril? Find him and you could win a £5 'Entertainer' Toy Shop voucher.

Cyril the cheeky Great Coates squirrel can often be seen at this time of year racing up and down trees and across the tops of garden fences carrying his seeds and nuts to bury or hide ready for the cold winter months ahead - however Cyril has decided to take a break and enjoy a game of hide and seek! He's hiding somewhere in this magazine! Look very carefully and I'm sure you will find him! If you do find Cyril let us know what page he was hiding on at gcpmcomp@gmail.com along with your name, age and contact details by Wednesday 30th November or alternatively post your answer(s) with your name, age and contact details in a sealed envelope marked GCPMCOMP through the letterbox at the village hall, Station Rd. Great Coates.

A Day in the Life of Ward Councillor - Ray Sutton

Someone said 'you do as much or as little as you like when you are a councillor'. Very true! I'm retired and I try to give a pound of flesh. With about 4000 homes in the ward and just 1 in 8 of those in Great Coates I hope the electoral butcher isn't counting home visits!

There's the ward work that comes in by phone and e-mail, face to face at ward surgery Monday mornings, or via monthly meetings of Freshney Forward or Great Coates Village Council (GCVC). I record cases, big and small, and average two a week throughout every year. Things can be resolved within hours – 'Why has Great Coates missed its brown bin collection?' or 'Can my neighbour ask me to get one of the pine trees lopped?', but they can take months or years - supporting the GCVC behind the scenes to get the war memorial reinstated. My biggest regret is not (yet) enabling Hunter's Copse residents to win their effective five year campaign of disobedience against an extortionate grounds maintenance provider.

The other half of the job is based up at the Town Hall. It's a bit like being one of 42 directors of a £150m per year company. Responsibilities range from bins to babies for adoption, and from highways to Humber Bank employment. To take part properly you need to be able to read and research topics of interest fast. The half dozen meetings of the full council can go on until nearly midnight. I was on cabinet for just five fascinating months, trailblazing for the borough on the skills agenda – extra time, responsibility, allowance... and likelihood of being challenged! There are committees like planning, audit and licensing where party politics plays no part. There are scrutiny panels where the inner secrets of policy and decision making may be revealed to the persistent councillor and the direction of travel influenced.

Add in select committees any attempts at publicity, listening to people, politics, and representing the Council on external bodies, I'm on Humber Fire and Rescue authority for one, and there aren't enough waking hours.

I'm eternally inquisitive, I enjoy meeting people and I try to make politics part of my whole life and Christian faith.

"Surely not another controversial statement from Ray Sutton!!"

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Charlotte Fox

Hi, my name is Charlotte, I am a 13 year old Healing Academy student, living in Great Coates, and I race karts. I am currently competing in the Easykart Junior British Championship and I also race X30 Junior. I have had a passion for motorsport since I was little, I started karting at just 6 and racing as soon as I turned 8. In 2013 I became the first female to ever win an Easykart UK Final, the same year in which I finished 3rd in the Championship. Since I've been racing I've won over 50 trophies in various classes and last year I was shortlisted for the Karting Magazine Female Driver of the Year Award.

Last year I also caught the attention of F1 engineer Jock Clear. Jock is providing help and guidance with my future racing career and has already arranged two fantastic opportunities for me, firstly to meet my F1 hero Lewis Hamilton and secondly to spend the day being coached by world renowned instructor Rob Wilson at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground where I got to drive a car at over 110mph around a wet track!

Next year when I turn 14 my aim is to move up from karting to cars and I am hoping to compete in the Junior Saloon Car Championship (JSCC) where I will be racing a Citroen Saxo. If anyone would like to help me achieve this I can provide advertising space on the car, race suit, helmet etc.

Being a successful female in a male dominated world I do attract a good deal of positive attention and publicity. If you would like to get involved in my future campaign's and help me achieve my dreams of pursuing a career in motorsport, please contact my Dad via l.fox523@ntlworld.com

You can also support me by LIKING my facebook page 'Charlotte Fox Racing'

Great Coates FC

In 2011, forced to stop playing football due to illness and with the Sunday league side that I'd played with for over 10 years (Old Clee) having folded, I found myself unable to leave football behind altogether and having taken my coaching badges in previous years decided to start up my own team. My main thinking came from the lads of Old Clee, who were all now without a team. Hence Great Coates FC was formed.

Being a Great Coates lad the name was obvious, especially as I was not aware of there ever being a village team in recent years, if at all . So in 2011 the club became a reality and bringing in quite a few of the Old Clee lads with some new faces, we had a decent team finishing 2nd in our first season in the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Sunday League Division 7.

From 2012 we have worn the colours of Barcelona, which I associated with Great Coates from our old junior school team, and the badge designed by myself in 2011 a few months into the season.

In the 2014/15 season we added a second men's team to the Sunday League and a junior side to the Gradley League with a third men's team being added in 2015/2016.

This season 2016/17, in the men's league, we have one side in the Premier league playing from Bradley pitches and the second and third team playing at Whitgift School in Divisions one and three respectively.

The juniors were set up so my son had a team to play for and we brought in young lads with learning difficulties and those who couldn't get a game at their current sides giving them all the chance to play full games.

Unfortunately we lost more than we won but the lads turned up every week and just loved to play football. During the last couple of seasons the juniors have progressed so much that after our summer break in 2015 we had 37 lads turn up for training. We then formed a second junior side and with the help of local charity Inspire TCI we were able to afford a kit and enter a second team into the league.

In the 2014/15 season our juniors were called Great Coates JFC and Great Coates Inspire, with our JFC side finishing 3rd in the lower tier ,a massive achievement from a group of lads who the year previously were getting beat 20 - 0.

This season they are known as Great Coates Howarths and Great Coates Catalans playing in the Grimsby and Clee Intermediate League. (Under 15's)

We kindly have Howarth Builders sponsoring the kit for Great Coates Howarths Under 15's, but are currently without a sponsor for the Catalans.

We are actively looking for sponsorship for all five of our teams, especially our juniors, as without sponsorship and the help of local people/companies we cannot operate.

If any local lads who are currently in year 10 at school want to come and try out for the team, parents can contact me, Dan Ward, on 07930 527780.

VACANCY

Part Time Caretaker
Great Coates Village Hall

A vacancy has arisen for a Part Time Caretaker.
Hours of work are 14 hours per week every fortnight
i.e. one week on one week off throughout the year.

Job Description
Caretaker Great Coates Village Hall

- To ensure the efficient and effective caretaking, cleaning, maintenance and security of the Village Hall
- The routine and non-routine opening and closing of premises.
- To ensure that all outside areas, paths and drives etc. are free from litter.
- To ensure all rooms are clean and ready for functions
- To remove all refuse to designated area for collection
- To secure the premises at the end of the function
- Any other duties commensurate with the post
- To work flexible hours to suit the operation of the premises to include daytime, evenings, weekends, and bank holidays excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day when the Village Hall will be closed to hirers.

Interested persons should apply by email to mumbygraeme2002@yahoo.co.uk giving details of work experience to date and their contact details. For an informal chat about the position the clerk can be contacted on the above mobile number between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

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