



# Newsletter

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Cringleford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except in August).

The Planning and Environment Committee is held on the first Wednesday and Full Council on the second Wednesday of each month. Parishioners are welcome to join these meetings (details on website).

There are also additional groups that provide advice to Council — the Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group and the Finance Advisory Group.

***Contact us: [clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk) or 01603 250198***

## The Parish Matters

**New Councillors.** We welcomed two new Councillors in October—Robert Simmons and Gonzalo Arias. However, we still have one vacancy available on the Parish Council. If you feel that you would like to make a contribution to your Parish and would like more information on what being a Councillor entails, then please contact our Clerk ([clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk)). We'd especially welcome applicants from Cringleford Heights and Roundhouse Gate to join us as we have no Councillors from these areas.

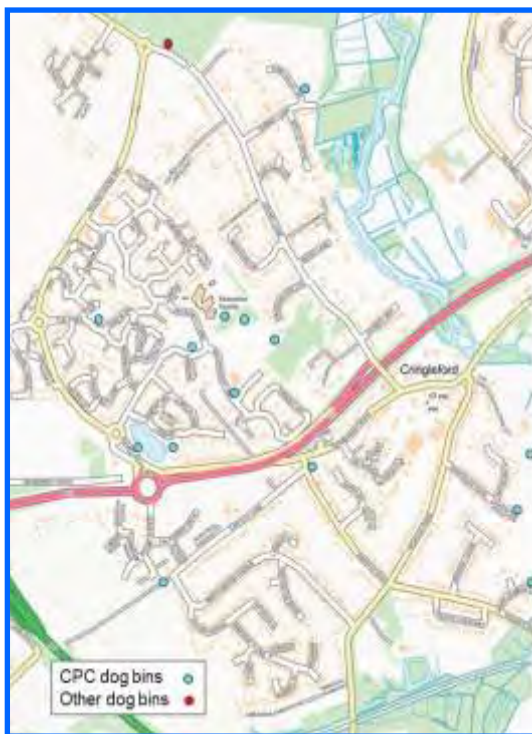
**Parish Grant.** Just a reminder that the Parish Council has a grant of up to £1000 each year to give to community groups in the parish for specific projects. If you wish to apply, please contact our Clerk.

**Doggy news.** Did you know that we currently have 14 dog bins around the Parish (see map)? These have been purchased by the Parish Council and we pay to have them emptied by South Norfolk Council (SNC).

We cannot put them everywhere and we have to agree their locations with SNC.

However, we do believe there is a good distribution across the Parish. From time to time we get a request for new bins, especially on the new developments at St Giles Park, Roundhouse Gate and Cringleford Heights.

Unfortunately, we cannot place any bins there as the developers have yet to give us control of the open spaces. Once they have, we will assess each area and install bins



*Street map of Cringleford showing location of dog bins*

where they are most needed. The annual cost to empty our current bins is nearly £2000, so please do make the most of them by bagging up your dog waste on your walks and popping it into the nearest one. Many thanks.

*Leaves on the road.* After the rainfall over the last few weeks, and as we move into winter and the leaves fall, there is a risk of blocked drains. South Norfolk Council regularly come round and clear leaves, but blocked drains are not their responsibility. If you do spot a drain that's blocked, please contact Norfolk County Council via their website: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem).

## Parking schemes are in place

The parking scheme covering the Intwood Road area has been in place for a couple of months and Norfolk County Council have recently completed all the signage around Colney Lane. The payment scheme on Colney Lane goes live at the end of October and will be operated by MiPermit. You will be able to pay via a phone call, by text, or online where you can also download a Smartphone app from the App Store or Google Play

([secure.mipermit.com/root/Application/HowItWorks.aspx?P=CASHLESS](http://secure.mipermit.com/root/Application/HowItWorks.aspx?P=CASHLESS)). Several

parishioners have already raised potential safety issues with the schemes. We passed on your concerns to District and County Councillors and our local Highways Engineer at a recent meeting on site, so that they can look into them. We will continue to monitor the schemes, so if you do have any concerns, please report them to our Clerk, preferably with some evidence to support your concern, such as date and time of any incidents observed, or photographs.



*A parking payment sign on Colney Lane*

## The Jubilee Centre is now on a firm footing (information provided by Clerk of Works)

Work on the The Jubilee Centre sports hall and nursery started last month and progress has been steady. The soakaway for rainfall run-off has been

completed as have the foundations, the external drainage works, and the hard standing for the steel frame. By the time you receive this newsletter, the steel frame should be in place as well. Work has also started on the foundations for the nearby groundsmen's shed. We hope to finish the build next summer with the nursery ready to open for the 2024-5 academic year.

The nursery will be run by Cringleford Crackerjacks. They said they are "excited to be expanding our current provision from September 2024 to offer a wide range of childcare options for children aged 2-5 at the new Jubilee Centre. You can register your interest now, or find out more by visiting our website [cringlefordcrackerjacks.co.uk](https://cringlefordcrackerjacks.co.uk). You are also welcome to contact us by email at [info@cringlefordcrackerjacks.co.uk](mailto:info@cringlefordcrackerjacks.co.uk) or by phone 01603 507567".

### [Do you come here often?](#)

This is the love story, as told by them, of two people, Danielle and Alasdair, who work at Cringleford Business Centre and were brought together by one of our benches that now lives in the garden of their new home.

"Danielle and I work together at the Business Centre on Intwood Road. When she joined the company a little over two years ago, I was immediately taken by her warm positivity and infectious personality! During our lunch breaks, I would often walk around the recreation ground to get some fresh air, and, about 18 months ago, after we first connected, I invited her to accompany me. She agreed, and we went on our first of what became many strolls around the park.

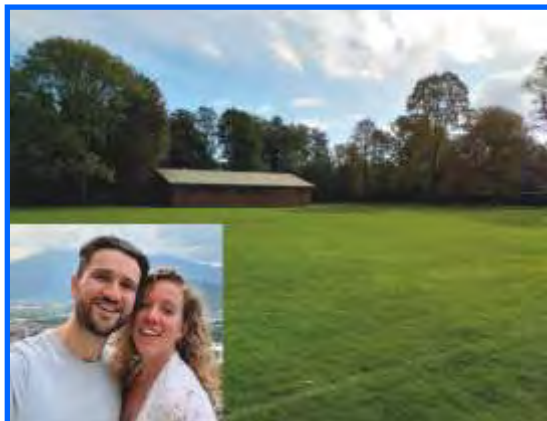
When going on our daily wander, we would always sit on the same bench (the one in front of the scout hut) and wave at Chris (who we'd refer to as 'Parkman'), and spend our lunch chatting, setting the world straight in the wonderful surroundings of the park.

With each walk I fell more and more in love with her. I knew I wanted our friendship to blossom into something more, so invited her on a park stroll one morning to tell her how I felt. We walked around the cricket boundary, as I very nervously poured my heart out, and..... she flat out rejected me (it



*Stages in the construction of The Jubilee Centre. Clockwise from top left: soakaway crates in position; pouring of foundations; external drainage works; site for groundsman's store; completed base; supports for steel frame; completed foundations.*





*View towards the Scout's Hut at Oakfields Road Recreation Ground with inset of Alasdair and Danielle*

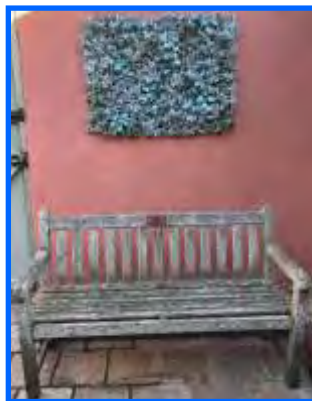
wouldn't be a love story without a little tragedy and perseverance!) After a few more months, and many more hours spent sitting on the bench together, she finally agreed to go on a date with me – the rest, as they say, is history!

A year after we had first started connecting, Danielle proposed, and I mean literally proposed, to move in together (how the tables turn). So we

looked at buying our first home. We searched Norwich for the perfect place to start our lives together and settled on a cosy Victorian terraced house on Clarence Road, which happened to be the first home we viewed.

At our new house, our garden was to be small, so I wanted to make best use of the space. This is how I came up with the idea to approach the Parish Council and ask if I could buy 'our' bench, which had been so integral to our relationship forming. I contacted Sonya Blythe, who was most helpful and confirmed the Parish Council would consider the idea, under the proviso that a new bench would be purchased by me, to replace the outgoing one. I told Danielle about the idea as soon as Sonya had agreed to the concept – I'm rubbish at keeping surprises quiet, so told her on the anniversary of the first time we connected. Danielle was delighted by it.

After what felt like an eternity of house-buying legalities, we finally moved in in early September and collected the bench from the park soon after



*Danielle and Alasdair's bench at home*

with Sonya and Chris' assistance!

The bench is now residing in our garden, to be sat on for many years to come. We'd like to thank Sonya, Chris and all at the Parish Council for their kind assistance throughout the process!"

The replacement bench will be in place by the time you receive this newsletter.

## Update on housing developments

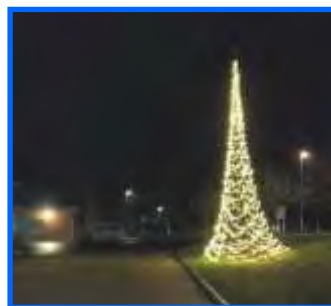
All dwellings started after 15 June 2023 have to meet the new energy efficiency requirements of the Building Regulations (2022) following the end of its transition period. That means most will need to be fitted with solar panels or use heat pumps to satisfy the standards in the regulations. This will include most of the housing on Cringleford Heights, some at St Giles Park and houses in the later phases of Roundhouse Gate.

*Newfound Farm.* Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDWH) now have nearly 160 houses occupied on their site at Newfound Farm. They are hoping to open the entrance to Woolhouse Way from the new roundabout on Colney Lane towards the end of November. We should be handed our orchard and allotment land, that are between Woolhouse Way and Haldane Drive, in the New Year and we will officially open these in the spring. We also hope to have two of the play areas transferred to us by then. BDWH anticipate the whole site will be completed by Autumn 2026.

*St Giles Park.* Big Sky had to pause their building programme while the District considered mitigation as a consequence of Natural England's Nutrient Neutrality guidance. Now South Norfolk Council has a credits scheme in place, they are hoping to start their next area of housing once the latest planning application is approved.

## And just to let you know ...

Our Christmas trees will be returning to The Green and The Willow Centre at the end of November to light up the dull winter days.



# USEFUL CONTACTS AND INFORMATION



## District Councillors

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Norfolk County Council

## County Councillor

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## Highways

Roadworks Info: one. Network

Report a problem: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem)

## Police

Stuart Barnard, Beat Manager

[Stuart.barnard@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stuart.barnard@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)

## Church Hall bookings

01603 259138

## Patteson Room bookings

01508 218732



## The Willow Centre

- Clothing and shoe bank is in the car park.
- Norwich Foodbank drop-offs to donate non-perishable food, drink or toiletries.
- Battery collection point is open.
- Book & puzzle swap in the Centre



## The Willow Centre & Cringleford Pavilion

Cringleford has two fantastic venues for hire! Perfect for parties, classes, meetings and events. There are also cricket & football pitches for hire, and we host a tennis club.



### Hire Charges Per hour

	Casual	Regular
1 quad	£16	£13
2 quads	£25	£20
Whole Hall	£46	£30

### Contact us for more information

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