### Star buy!

Willerby have taken a big step towards the start of this delayed season by launching the brand-new Brookwood holiday home. With a unique layout and modern styling throughout, the Brookwood offers the perfect space to enjoy quiet weekends away or a family get-together.

The large, open-plan lounge, modern dining suite, and breakfast bar make the living area of this holiday home a social and comfortable space.

The outlook doors to the front can be opened to extend the living area to the large decking so you can make the most of the tranquil North Norfolk countryside on those beautiful Summer days.



Trimingham Leisure Club is now open and operates with pre-booked time slots for your gym or swim sessions, Monday to Sunday 07:30–19:30. To book your slot, send the Leisure Team an email on TLC@woodland-park.co.uk or give them a call on 01263 506020.

Marlings Bar and Restaurant will open for takeaways and outdoor seating from April 12th with a full opening date of Monday May 17th. We will be serving drinks and meals Monday to Sunday 12:00–22:00. We have appointed a new Bar and Restaurant Supervisor, Dean. He looks forward to meeting you all in a safe environment. To book your table, please email foh@woodland-park.co.uk.



#### Completed Winter Works

Even though the park has been closed eight weeks longer than our usual close-down period, we were still committed to carrying out our promised Winter Works. We are pleased to confirm that the roadways on Rennie Hill and from Plain Piece down to Rome Meadow have now been completed with Tarmac and relevant drainage is in place.

The WIFI Fibre installation has also been signed off. All holiday homes are now connected to a fibre broadband network. A router box will be wired to your holiday home when you arrive. To use this broadband, connect your device to the network displaying your plot number; the password is located on the router box. All guests will receive a package of 2mpbs completely free of charge. If you wish to upgrade your package, please call the WiSpire Sales Team on 01603 425209.

Finally, in accordance with BH&HPA Covid-19 guidelines, which state that we should try to restrict access to the park where possible, the main gates to the park will be open from 0700–2100. The new code for the main gate only is **8246**.

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## Weodland the Woodland TIMES

Spring edition

A Warm Welcome Back

The Directors, Collective Leadership
Team, and all operational staff are
delighted to welcome our Owners
back to the park. Without you, our
holiday park – albeit beautifully located
and supplied with excellent facilities –
simply lacks its heart and soul.

The last 14 months have been tragic for some families and difficult for many. However, with the arrival of Spring, better times are on the way. Not only is the weather improving, the days are getting longer too! And there is real hope that the vaccination program will allow us to get things back to normal soon.

With that in mind, there will be new opening hours for our Guest Service Reception Team, who deal with your day-to-day enquiries. They will now be open Monday to Saturday 0900–1700, and Sunday 0900–1300. Although we are looking forward to 'get back to normal', we want to make sure that both you as well as our staff are safe. Therefore, we ask you to avoid face-to-face contact for now and use the guest email address (OE@woodland-park.co.uk) or our guest phone numbers (01263 579208 / 01263 576036) instead.

The Guest Services Team have access to our new park management software, which coordinates gas bottle orders and maintenance tasks. It is also a central point for all holiday home information. If for some reason the Team are unable to help, please contact Abi on abi@woodlandpark.co.uk or 01263 576036/07971 695874, who will be working Wednesday through to Monday 0800–1730.



## Our Environmental and Ecology Officer!

Woodland Holiday Park is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a great place to spot birds and watch deer running in the fields. It is important that we not only preserve this environment but also make a significant effort to improve it. We at Woodland are committed to reduce our environmental footprint on the world and are therefore delighted to announce the appointment of our very first Environmental and Ecology Officer: Ashleigh Stokes.

Ashleigh has a Degree in Environment and Society with a background in Landscape Design. She also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Science, majoring in Land and Society. Whilst she enjoys the research side of her studies, facilitating and delivering projects with a hands-on approach are also high on her agenda.

Ashleigh has worked as a Landscaper, Gardener, and Plant Health and Disease Crop Inspector before taking on the role of Environment and Ecology Officer at Woodland. This newly created role brings together all of her interests and expertise.

Thus far Ashleigh has been able to implement various plans focussing on wildlife and sustainability. For example, we now have two new bins in operation: a glass recycling bin and a food waste bin. This will contribute to effective waste management on site and minimises our carbon footprint.

Across the park, you will also see 45 new bird feeders, which will be refilled by Ashleigh regularly. If you see her around don't hesitate to say hello! In addition, we will be installing a number of bird and bat boxes. These are made from recycled plastic and will look excellent in our woodland surroundings. Throughout Spring and the start of Summer, you will see wildflowers popping up all over the park. These will attract bees, butterflies, and birds, as well as moths and bats. The best part of this project is that the area will look attractive and provide a great opportunity for taking photos.

There are further significant plans in the pipeline. These include on-site composting of all-natural waste, redirecting a footpath through the woods on site, and launching a Park Owners app full of information On The Farm wildlife, walking routes, sustainability tips, and more.

With Ashleigh's help, we are also looking to develop a nature reserve of ecological importance in our park. This will be a predator-free, fenced area where endangered species can thrive without predators affecting their day-to-day existence. A walkway will run alongside the reserve for guests to explore and learn more about our native threatened species.

Ashleigh is looking forward to seeing our owners return to enjoy the stunning natural beauty Woodland Holiday Park offers. She is always open to suggestions and keen to chat with anyone who wants to know more about ecological and environmental plans and wildlife. She hopes to see you all soon!

### Meet the Team

Ashleigh Stokes,
Environmental and
Ecology Officer, the
force behind all our
environmental work
currently being
undertaken on site.
Ash has recently
moved to Norfolk from
the South Island of New
Zealand and is looking
forward to sunnier and
warmer days. In her spare



time, Ash enjoys gardening and being out and about in the fresh air. If you want to contact her, email environment@woodland-park.co.uk or call 07971 659869.



### Sprinz Wildlife

The first signs of Spring are a welcome sight after the dark and cold days of Winter. In the UK, the arrival of Spring is signalled by birdsong, fresh buds on trees, and early Spring flowers such as snowdrops and the cuckoo flower. The delicate, soft-lilac blooms of the cuckoo flower appear along ditches and other wet places at the end of March. They can bloom until June.

### Returning Guests!

Our Canadian geese have once again returned to our lake ready to nest. Canada geese return to the same nesting sites every year. Their nests are usually located in close proximity to water. The male goose stands guard a short distance away from the nest to protect the female and her eggs from predators. Canada geese lay between four and nine eggs per year.

### Message from Directors

On behalf of the Directors, we are all looking forward to seeing you back on the Park. What a strange year we've all had! Back on the farm, 2020 also proved to be a challenging year. An extremely dry March, April and May did not help our yield potential on malting barley for beer, which we sell to Crisps Malt at Rhyburgh, the malt manufacturer for Carlsberg and Coors beer.

Our potato crop did very well, but due to the pandemic our customer Kettle Crisps have been flat on sales. However, our customer Lamb Western, who have contracts with McDonalds, have done better. Our sugar beet crop has all been harvested and delivered to British Sugar now. Our wheat crop has also been sold, mainly for animal feed. The challenging wet Autumn and Winter weather made it difficult to harvest our 2020 root crops, and subsequently planting our wheat and barley crop has not been easy either. BUT Spring is here, and as I write this, potato, barley and sugar beet planting has begun. Let's all hope for a better time in 2021!

