Hello to you all,

As I write this newsletter it is still very chilly outside, and I am yearning a little warmth!!

Much has happened in our wonderful village since our last newsletter. We held our annual Christmas Fayre in early December. This year it was a little more informal, with less stalls set out; this gave us more room for people to sit and chat, and enjoy a mince pie and some mulled wine. It was lovely to see so many faces pop in and say hello and I, for one, thought it much more of a community event. Following that we held our Carol Service in the hall, led by Canon James Allison, and our thanks go to him and the group from Coley Church for running such a lovely event.

Obviously, we then had the Christmas break, this is a wonderful time for most of us but unfortunately it can be an unhappy time for those who have lost close ones. On this note, I must pay tribute to Nigel Trenholme who sadly passed away in November 2017. Nigel was a long-term resident in the Village and a past Chairman of the Residents’ Association. Nigel was Chairman from 1997 to 2001 which took our Village into the new Millennium. As such, Nigel was instrumental in many Village events, including the Millennium Map which resides on our Village Green towards the bottom of Village Street. Our condolences and thoughts go to his wife, Jane and the rest of Nigel’s family.

At the end of January, we held the inaugural Village Pantomime. The Village Hall was unrecognisable after the stage had been erected. The 3 shows were a sell out, I think we could have sold out a full West End run! Our thanks go to all who supported the show, from within the Village and from outside.

Front cover: the line up for the finale in Aladdin
The feedback has been magnificent, and it is hoped to make it an annual event. We raised a great deal of money for the Village and everyone had a great time. I must thank the guys at Mirfield Masonic Lodge for providing and erecting the stage; from the monies taken, £100 was donated to them to disperse between the charities they work with. There are lots of thanks to give, Nick and Sarah for the costumes, Janet, for being our brilliant extra cast member acting as prompter, John Collins for his tremendous sound engineering and finally all the cast, it was an honour and a hoot to be part of it.

Finally, from me on the Panto; I must personally thank Andy Bean, our esteemed director. Andy put so much time and effort in, getting the event off the ground, his tireless work pulling in favours was incredible. Without Andy, there would not have been this event and our thanks go to him; along with his poor partner, Sharon, who barely saw him for 2 weeks, leaving her with full parenting tasks for baby George.

Residents’ meetings take place every second Tuesday of each month, they take place in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. We have recently seen some new faces but would love to see more of you. We have over 260 properties in the Village, it would be great to have more people get on board with ideas to improve the Village.

I would just like to remind you that the Village Greens are NOT parking zones, Norwood Terrace seems to be problematic in that area. Please refrain from parking on the Village Greens and ensure any guests you have do not park on them. These are areas we are looking at improving in the coming months and further erosion makes that job more difficult and expensive.

Let’s hope the warmer weather hits us, sooner rather than later.

All the very best
Jonathan Dent
Chair
20 mph Speed Limit

We have had many complaints of speeding traffic. It is something we are trying to address. We ask you, as residents to respect this speed limit and please pass on to any visitors you have. It is noted that Taxi drivers seem to ignore the limit. If you are travelling in one, please just remind them that Norwood Green is a 20mph area.

Road Surface

As you will have probably noticed the re-surfacing work on Rookes Lane and through Village Street has failed. The Association has been in contact with the council. After inspection they have agreed the surface is unsatisfactory and the works will need to be re-done. The matter is in their hands, but they are unable to undertake any remedial works until the weather is warmer and drier. Further updates, as we have them will follow.
There have been a few complaints of damage to vehicles due to the loose road chippings. Anyone with an issue of damages must address their queries directly to the customer services department at Calderdale Council.

Keeping abreast of Village News and Events

If you wish to bring any matters to our attention, you can do so by attending the Village Meetings or e-mailing me at norwoodgreenresidents@yahoo.co.uk

If you wish I can add your e-mail address to our database, you will be then being kept updated with events and minutes from the Residents meetings, should you be unable to attend

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From previous editions-
James Lockwood lived in the village for very many years
and was happy to share his memories of village life

TRUE STORIES by JAMES LOCKWOOD

A fella walked up from Bailiff Bridge every day for
forty years courting Maude Holdsworth of Honeysuckle
Cottage. Maude would not get married, because her
Mother needed looking after, being old and ill. Her
Mother died and Maude got married. Alas, Maude died
within six months of her marriage.

In Chatsworth House and Grounds, Norwood Green,
was a museum. Dody Robertshaw kept it. Its name was
'Museum de Waterloo'. Everything in it came from the
Battle of Waterloo. Later the building was turned into a
Tea Room, providing ham sandwiches and cups of tea for
folk walking round. In those days lots of folk rambled and
hiked for pleasure. Judy Bridge, Wheelhole and the Berry
Gardens were full of folk.

My Grandma. Mary Jane Wells kept the Tea Room
afterwards.

Where Mayfield and Windsor Villas now stand, were
some old Cottages and buildings. One building was the
Liberal Club and the other was a place where they made
Bailey's Mineral waters. Some old bottles are around
today with the name on and the marble in the neck for a
stopper.

James Lockwood
Norwood Green Village Pantomime

Aladdin? Aladdin who? A-lad-in tights of course!

I think we can safely say our first village pantomime was a bit of a hit! Lively, colourful, inventive, hilarious, and a sheer pleasure. A great script, fabulous costumes, a great stage, excellent effects, a touch of special panto magic and chaos—a brilliant effort. To say none of the cast had done pantomime before, they pulled it off with aplomb, and carried the spirit of panto in fine style throughout three performances, encouraging lots of audience participation right from the start. The small hall packed with residents and friends created a very lively and enjoyable atmosphere, and audiences certainly showed their appreciation.

Obviously quite a lot of hard work went on behind the scenes, but everyone played their part to make it truly relaxed and highly entertaining. Our prompter, Janet, stepping in at the last minute, did a sterling job and loved every minute. The tiny village hall didn’t know what hit it—a great result from all that effort put in years ago to maintain this community centre for the village. A noble effort all round.

As Jonathan says we owe enormous thanks to all those who helped make it happen. Andy Bean and friends gave us the confidence to just go for it; residents and friends came forward with invaluable help for staging, props, etc; the cast gave wholehearted commitment, happy to make total fools of themselves. As tickets had sold like proverbial hot cakes the heat was on, and at the dress rehearsal faint nerves were showing, but once the audience started to pour in on the first night it was time to step out into the footlights, yes we even had those, and just do it. Seeing the room full of the happy eager faces of neighbours and friends all keen to see the show was excellent. Surely it couldn’t help but be a hoot. It went down a storm. Fabulous.
We hoped for an appreciative audience, but everyone excelled themselves, and it was good to see children enjoy the matinee show too. Many thanks to all those from within the village and outside who supported the event, including Claire’s brother, the fabulous Abanazar, and his daughter, Caitlyn. The three children all rose to the occasion and brought a real family feel to the show. We had wonderful performances from Caitlyn, Joel and Dan.

It raised a good sum for the Village Hall through sales of tickets and ice creams, and through very generous donations made after the performances. Hopefully a CD of the show will presently be available. Rumour has it plans are already afoot for the next production; watch out for people in funny clothes.

Linda W

Abanazar tries to make Aladdin go into the cave for the magic lamp

With new found wealth went new outfits, including one for the next James Bond
Aladdin & Jasmine
The two policemen
The song sheet
A bit of panto slapstick
Spirit of the ring and Abanazar
Aladdin and the Genie
## Classes and Meetings in the Village Hall

### Monday
- 9.30 to 10.30 Pilates with Wendy
- 2.00 to 3.30 Coffee afternoon
- 7.30 to 9.30 Third Monday every month Art Circle
- 7.30 to 8.30pm all other Mondays - gentle keep fit

### Tuesday
- 7.30 every second Tuesday of the month - Residents Association Meeting

### Wednesday
- 9.30 to 11.00 Yoga with Vivienne
- 12.30 to 1.30 Cleaner duties
- 5.15 to 6.15 Pilates with Mark
- 6.30 to 7.30 Ballet for beginners – adults
- 7.30 to 8.30 Ballet, advanced

### Thursday
- 7.30 to 9pm Table Tennis

### Friday
- Occasional classes run at discretion of teacher, Mark:
  - Please check with Mark or number below
- Last Sunday every month: 11.30 to 1.00 pm Pilates
- Last Saturday each month: 9.30 to 12.30 Yoga and Pilates

To enquire about any class please phone hall reservations and enquiries:
number: 07938 975258
Village Improvements and Hilltop Trees

As part of our ongoing Village Improvements, we are currently looking at all areas but focusing on Hilltop, Norwood Green Hill and Queens Road.

We have already achieved some improvements with the help of Calderdale Council. The following works have either been completed or are in the works schedule:

- Trees and bushes splitting the footpath on Hilltop opposite the Entrance to Queens Road. This area has been tidied and overgrown branches and bushes have been cut back.
- Area at the top of the Cat Steps and alongside the steps, this area has been sprayed and cleared, this again has removed overgrown areas; periodic spraying will continue throughout the year.
- The overgrown footpath adjacent to Cherry Dene will be re-laid, currently the only crossing point from Hilltop onto Norwood Green Hill is opposite Queens Road; this is a blind bend and not the safest crossing point. By re-instating the path, this will open a crossing further down Norwood Green Hill offering a much safer crossing point.

The following are projects which we hope to carry out soon:

- The banking on Hilltop is very overgrown with brambles, it is hoped this area will be cleared by the council. This is subject to them obtaining a certain piece of machinery in April. If they do not acquire this machinery, then it will fall on Volunteers to help clear
Over the years the trees on the banking of Hilltop have eroded the view into the valley and across to Coley. This issue has been investigated previously but fell short of any works commencing. I have recently been requested to re-visit this issue. The council have recently attended site, we have been given approval to remove and prune trees in that area. It would NOT be removal of ALL trees. This would give back some of the view that has been enjoyed for many years previously. The council do not currently have funds to provide works. Fortunately a very kind resident has offered to pay for any works undertaken.

We trust you support the work we are doing to enhance the village. If you have any comments or queries we ask you to contact Jonathan Dent by e-mail -

norwoodgreenresidents@yahoo.com

In respect of the tree work on Hilltop, we ask that you raise any queries or objections by Saturday 31st March 2018. All such queries or objections, including reasons must be submitted in writing to -

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