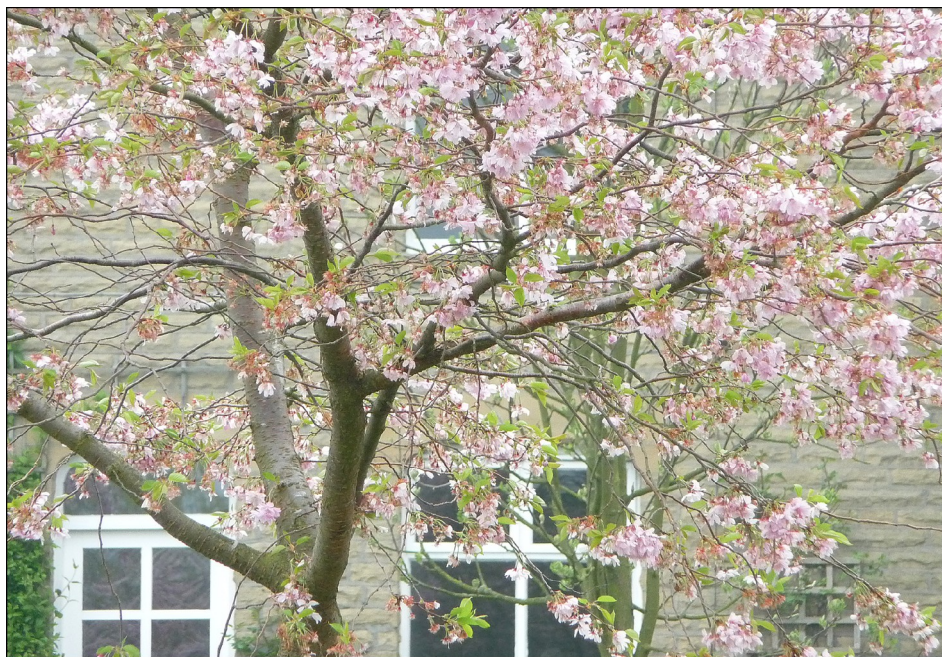


NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

*Newsletter of the Norwood Green Residents' Association
& The Norwood Green Village Hall Charitable Trust*

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT JUNE 2009

Hi everyone, didn't we do well with the wheelie bins. It was very amusing looking up and down the village street seeing how we had all behaved ourselves and put all our stuff on the edge of the pavement. Some people got it wrong and put the wrong bit out – no names mentioned, and the council seem to have run out of recycling bags for the food waste – but hang on we will get used to it.

Important alert re. theft of paving slabs. 50 stone slabs have been stolen from this village very recently. If you see a parked vehicle, especially a nameless van, that you don't recognise, and activity around it, take the registration number and note the time . It could be daytime. We need everyone to keep an eye out. Report it to the police but don't approach the men.

At our residents' meeting in May we set up a working party to see what could be done with the tracks around our village greens. There is more information on the next page.

If your property has vegetation that is overhanging on the Village Street, down Rooks Lane, Queens Road or Norwood Green Hill will you please cut it back so that pedestrians do not get their faces scratched, spectacles damaged etc or even wet through.

Please also note that we have been made aware by the Police that a young man has recently been released from prison. He is very handy at gaining access into peoples houses through upstairs windows - by climbing up drainpipes, using ladders that have been left out etc. Remember to lock doors so that you do not get a sneak in thief – I forgot once and it is pretty scary.

We had a photographic evening at the Village Hall on Fri 15th May. We took our cameras along and were instructed by Chris Wells on how to take a better photograph. We even managed to dodge the storms. These events are always advertised on our website and also on the village notice board if you want to keep abreast of what is happening.

I hope we get some warm sunny weather soon.

Wendy Ramsden Chairman

THE VILLAGE COMMONS & GREENS

As mentioned in the last newsletter a small working party was set up at the March residents meeting to work with the council's Community Services in finding ways to protect and maintain the commons and greens, with a view to investigating possible longer term solutions to continual difficulties. Progress so far has been very encouraging.

After an initial survey of the village to highlight the main problems causing the greens to deteriorate, a visit was then arranged with representatives from the council. (The relevant department is Recreation, Sport and Streetscene). A joint survey was then carried out when the various issues affecting the maintenance and appearance of all the village greens were highlighted and agreement reached over sensible suggestions for solutions. The consultation with the council was very encouraging and several proposals were made on both sides which should result in lasting improvements.

The department is checking whether the proposed works can go ahead, including funding issues; other necessary checks are also being made, e.g. with the legal department. Their consultation is still ongoing and once the working group receives further information some detailed plans can then be prepared for all residents to have a look at and common agreement can then be reached on a co-ordinated plan for the future maintenance of our greens.

In the interim, the council has noted some routine repairs and work has already begun on these. Many of the edges of the greens have become lost over time and the council has started work to reveal the stone setts and redefine the commons edges. Also, where overhanging branches are causing traffic to swerve onto commons areas, these are being cut back.

Further progress will be reported at the residents association meetings so please come along if you have any points you wish to raise.

Linda Webster Working Party

VILLAGE FRIENDS of NORWOOD GREEN

After a poor start to Spring Flower Day we were able to send £200 to the Forget-me-not Trust and £200 to the Marie Curie Hospice, Leeds Rd. Bradford.

Thank you to all who supported and helped at this event.

AN EVENING WITH JOE MAIDEN

(Gardening expert Radio Leeds).

No date as yet has been fixed but we are hoping for sometime either August or September.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Please note change of date: instead of Saturday 13th June it will be held on **Sunday 14th June**. This is for all ages. Please bring a picnic and something to sit on. Games and races will be organised.

You can come dressed as a teddy bear or you can dress a teddy bear (and you don't have to be children) ... just a fun and family afternoon.

Time: From 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. to be held in Mr & Mrs Harrison's paddock behind the village hall.

If wet we can still use the hall and of course its facilities will be available on the day.

COFFEE AFTERNOON every Monday except Bank Holidays

This is still very popular and we are getting people popping in who are out for a walk. So why don't you come and have a cuppa and good conversation. It is still 50 p. Where else can you go for that?! Time: 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

KEEP FIT

Every Monday 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (except Bank Holidays)

This is a gentle exercise and a very friendly company. In summer should it be a fine evening, a ramble in and around the surrounding area is arranged instead of Keep Fit and anyone can join whatever your age.

VOTING DAY June 4th

The hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for voting, but closed of course, to visitors other than voters.

QUIZ NIGHT

Another good fun night with plenty of laughter and talk.
We were able to raise £170 for hall funds.

The next Quiz Night will be in October, date to be arranged.

Bea Horsfall tel. 01274 674483

INFORMATION ABOUT BUSES

The 225 Arriva Bus to Halifax via the end of Station Road, Bailiff Bridge and Wakefield Road has been replaced by the **255**.

At Station Rd. 50 mins past the hour to Halifax
& returning 30 mins past the hour to Station Rd.

Thanks to Janet Hanson for the information

The photos in this Newsletter can be seen in colour on the village website: www.norwoodgreen.org

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED by Mary Twentyman

As the newsletter goes to press I am in the final stages of preparing a walk around Norwood Green for Calderdale Heritage Walks on Sunday 31st May, but by the time you are reading this, the walk will have happened. It is repeated on Sunday 13th September at 2.15 p.m. if you missed it.

The walk is based on the entries to be found in the census records and I've attempted to identify where some of the people mentioned actually lived. This has proved much harder than I had anticipated, largely due to the fact that most of the village shared the same address – simply Norwood Green! Some habitations were referred to as “Cottage – Norwood Green” which hardly helped identify the location. It was the “outlying” areas which were named on the census in some years which eventually helped me put things together. The walk concentrated on the period 1841-61, but information from some of the later census helped me pinpoint some of the people.

I was surprised that locations we now think of as a single building, were home to several families. This could have been because of sub division of the premises, but most likely there were smaller cottages or outbuildings, now long demolished and the description referred to an area rather than the single structure we are familiar with.

Here's a list of the most commonly used locations:-

Coley Mill House, Underhill, Lower Ox Heys, Bob Den, Field Head, Lane End, Birks Close, Croft, Old White Bear, Hillend, Carr, Pickle Bridge, Rooks Lower and Upper.

The people of Norwood Green in the early period were predominantly involved in agriculture or textile manufacture in their homes with a growing number of miners as the years went by. There were the usual tradesmen and shopkeepers which every village needs but there were no “gentlemen” – people who didn't need to work for a living.

Most of the farms were fairly small – 10 to 15 acres – some only 2 acres – more like a market garden. But there were exceptions – 3 larger farms in the Rooks area with acreages of 34, 43 and 65 acres. I suspect that many of the farmers were tenants, rather than owning the land themselves, but much more research is needed in the archives before I can be sure.

TABLE TENNIS in the HALL

New tables have been kindly purchased for the use of anyone in the village.

At present a men's table tennis session is held in the hall every Thursday from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m. and new members are always welcome. Please just come along if you would like to join. No experience necessary, all levels welcome.

Contact: Ray Fillingham 07500 170 200
Daryl Holmes 07976 108364

Or if you fancy a game yourself you can book the hall for your own game. Please contact Bea (674483) to check if the hall is available, and just ask Ray or Daryl about the tables. Someone can show you where they are stored and how to put them up.

ART CIRCLE

The February meeting was a workshop given by Paul Talbot Greaves on painting a watercolour of Springtime in a Bluebell Wood.

There was a good turnout as usual when Paul is demonstrating or giving us a workshop. Some very good pictures were achieved.

March saw a welcome return of Jack Duffill, a local artist from Northowram who gave us a demonstration on painting a landscape in acrylics, very interesting and informative.

Our scheduled demonstrator for April unfortunately fell ill a few days before our Monday meeting (PANIC!) but we were fortunate in getting Les Boothroyd from Brighouse Art Circle who gave us a lovely demonstration, painting a Scottish landscape in pastel on watercolour.

Les presented the finished picture for us to raffle at some future date.

Thanks very much Les, we very much appreciated this kind gesture.

Colin Scholey

NORWOOD GREEN GOLF SOCIETY

For my sins as winner of the 2008 event, I am charged with organising the next year's golf day which will be held on Friday 10th July 2009 at Woodsome Hall Golf Club, Huddersfield. In the evening a dinner will be held at Lightcliffe Golf Club for players, wives and partners when prize winners are announced.

I will be in communication in due course, with those who have played in previous years, when I shall be inviting entries, but I would be glad to hear from any new residents or other golfers in the village, who would like to join us at Woodsome Hall, for what is always an enjoyable day both on and off the golf course.

There is a separate competition for ladies on the same day, who should contact Mrs Jane Lumby, Norwood House, Norwood Green. Tel. 01274 691162. Email: jclumby@btinternet.com

Regulars at the Old White Beare will know that there is an honours board above the snug fireplace listing past winners of this prestigious event! The winner of the men's competition is 'clothed' with a very attractive 'pink' jacket that has been passed down from year to year.

For further information I can be contacted at my home address :
Rookes Lodge, Rookes Lane, Norwood Green HX3 8PU.
Tel. 01274 691580 or email: richardr.barwick@virgin.net

Richard Barwick



Lightcliffe Golf Course

HAVE YOU JOINED YET?

NORWOOD GREEN 100 CLUB

There are still a few numbers available for the 100 Club.

The recent lucky numbers drawn were:-

March	Number 59	Andy Wilby
April	Number 82	Ian Wright
May	Number 73	David Kirton

The draw takes place at the residents' meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, all are welcome.

The aim of the club is a fun way to raise funds for the hall and to go towards the repayment of the outstanding loans and ongoing running costs. A monthly payment of £5.00 by standing order or an annual payment of £60.00 is all that is needed and your unique number is entered into the monthly draw.

If you are interested please contact one of the following who will be able to give you more details or see the website

www.norwoodgreen.org:

Margaret Taylor	01274 607611
Sue Watson	01274 604778
Sue O, Malley	01274 604775
Linda Webster	01274 602830

For those of you are in the 100 club many thanks for your continued support and for those of you who aren't "YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT" ~ good luck for the future draws.

Margaret Taylor Committee Member

PHOTOGRAPHIC SORTIE ~ May 15th

Amidst thunder and lightning the intrepid group of 20 photographers braved the elements and enjoyed an evening with a difference, hosted by Chris Wells in the Hall.

The introductory illustrated talk helped the group to realise that their digital cameras held hidden treasures which could be tapped into to produce a wide variety of excellent artistic photos.

The earlier sunshine at teatime didn't last and we were confronted with a massive thunderstorm, which as Paul Hudson, weatherman from Look North had observed "it was chucking it down".

Then just on cue, the lull came so with a watchful eye on the skies we all went out in the area close to the Hall and the Clock Tower. The word "padding" came to mind! I wouldn't have believed the top of the hill area could have produced so many rivers.

But we all got the photos and enjoyed looking at the results when we returned to the Village Hall for a hot steak pie supper, ready on our arrival, organised by "Head Chef" Beattie and Janet. They had re-organised the room and were ready for us to tuck in. And we didn't get wet or need umbrellas at all!

A total of £82 was raised for the Village Hall Fund. Editor



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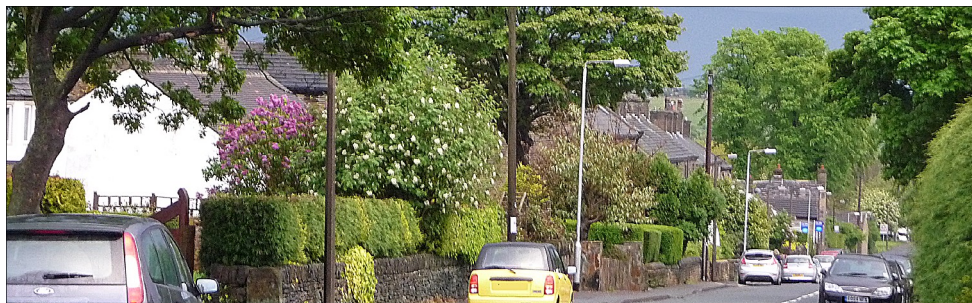
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