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NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

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 & The Norwood Green Village Hall Charitable Trust*

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Everyone. I just laid a wreath at our village cenotaph for Remembrance Day. There was a trickle of residents.

Work on the commons and greens is still on going. Quite a few trees have been removed from the Wells Terrace area and people are much appreciating extra daylight. I understand that the 'team' will then move up onto the hill and prune trees up there.

Soon there will be a sign on the bus turning circle saying 'no parking'. I can't imagine why anyone would park on a roundabout. Recently we have had problems with indiscriminate parking and our bus driver could not get through. The driver was upset because he couldn't get his passengers to the right place. They had to alight on the turning circle and then cross the road.

We also have problems with parking on the bad bend just at the end of Green Mount and by the Village Hall. A white line was put there which indicates that parking is a potential problem and inadvisable. It is and always has been a dangerous spot and there have been a few near misses. Our councillors are attempting to find a way of solving these two problems.

Councillors are trying to solve another problem which was raised at a Residents' meeting. The bend in Station Road which goes over the railway line is often clogged with vehicles and it really is extremely dangerous. We have been notified that Bradford Council is to solve the problem with double white lines. This will happen soon.

Now hear this – Northern Rail and Bradford Met. District Council is planning to build a new rail station at Low Moor. More information will be forthcoming at future residents meetings.

Our next Residents Meeting will be in the New Year January 10th starting at 7.30pm. They last no more than 1 hour. If you have something to say about the village this is the place to say it. We do keep getting new members and it is good to see new faces.

Wendy Ramsden

BOYS' BRIGADE NEEDS YOU!!!

The 20th Halifax Boys' Brigade is looking for new members to come along and join the fun and games. The Boys' Brigade was the first uniformed youth organisation and it has been a part of Halifax for over 100 years!

Based at Salem Methodist Church the Boys' Brigade meets weekly offering an opportunity for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18 to take part in a wide range of fun and exciting activities.

There are 3 different meeting nights for the 3 different age groups.

Boys who are in school years 1, 2 and 3 meet on a Wednesday evening between 6:30 and 7:30.

Boys in school years 4, 5 and 6 meet on a Monday night between 7pm and half past 8.

Boys in secondary school meet on a Friday evening at 7:45.

We are also interested in hearing from people who are willing to give up a few hours a week to come along and help out in a variety of roles such as a games helper or someone who can offer arts and crafts activities.

For more information please contact George Bowers on 01422 382369 or visit us at www.halifaxbb.co.uk

THE VILLAGE BUS

Thanks to all those who continue to support the bus service. As we know, public services are under pressure and we need this essential service to be maintained.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9.30 am returning 11.50 am
12.10 pm returning 14.20 pm

REMINDERS FOR HALL DATES OVER CHRISTMAS

Monday:

keep fit finish 19th December	Restart 9th January
Pilates finishes 19th December	Restarts 9th January
Coffee afternoon finish 19th December	Restarts 9th January

Tues: Zumba dates to follow

Weds

Yoga finishes 14th December	Restarts 3rd January
keep fit ends 14th December.	Restart 4 or 11 January

Thursday: table tennis ends 15th Dec Restarts 5th January
Thursday Zumba is cancelled for the time being.

SEEKING SPONSORSHIP

My name is Kate Barrett, granddaughter of the late Clive Precious, who was a resident of Norwood Green for many years. I am hoping to pursue a career as a vet and am studying for my A levels at Rastrick High School. As part of my extra-curricular activities I am going on an expedition to Madagascar with World Challenge in July 2012 to volunteer in the community and the environment. This would be an extremely useful addition to my CV, when applying for veterinary university in September 2012. To enable me to participate in this experience of a lifetime I need to raise ££2150.00. I am very busy doing various fundraising activities including: an abseil, car washing, bun sales, raffles at school, but wondered whether the residents of the village would be able to help me reach my target?

Any donations would be very gratefully received and can be sent c/o my grandmother, Denise Precious, of Redfield House, Rookes Lane. Thankyou very much.

Kate Barrett

COFFEE AFTERNOON

Mondays in the village hall, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a friendly afternoon coffee and a chat. Only 50 pence, so please feel free to call in any Monday when you will be very welcome.

The Macmillan coffee afternoon on Monday 26th September was well attended and raised £300.00. Many thanks to all who contributed and supported.

Monday 19th December

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Today the coffee afternoon will start at **2.30pm**, and will be extra special with a Christmas afternoon tea. Everyone is very welcome to come along and have a pleasant festive afternoon. A big thank you to all who have helped at the coffee afternoons, also to everyone who has helped on the cleaning rota over the last 12 months.

A loving new home has now been found for our piano. Thanks to the new owners.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year to everyone.

Beattie

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Village Hall, Tuesday 20th December 6.30 pm

This will be an informal service for all ages, families are very welcome. Refreshments will be available. There will also be a collection for a charity, details to be confirmed later.

THE ART CIRCLE

During the midsummer holidays some of the members enjoyed visits to the Holmfirth Art Exhibition and the Ilkley Art show. They also visited Barbara's garden at Coley Chase, always a delight and always made very welcome by Barbara - but sadly it has turned out to be our last as she is now relocating to the Ilkley area.

September saw the restart of our monthly demonstrations with a visit from Jane Austin (different spelling to the one you're thinking of!), who gave us instruction on producing water scenes and reflections. This was followed in October by a mesmerizing wild life pastel demonstration of a hare by Cathy Inglis. It was so realistic it could have jumped off the page when she had finished!

Our next demonstration meeting is on the 21 November when Jayne Barker will demonstrate "modern expressive water colours".

We have been pleased to welcome four new members, but also sad to see three long term members resign for family reasons. Some of our members' work is currently being exhibited in the village at the Old White Beare Inn.

Our meetings start at 7.30 p.m. prompt in the Village Hall and finish before 10 p.m., with a coffee break at the interval. Guests and prospective new members are always welcome.

Walter Smith

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Are you a young mum, dad, grandma, or anyone looking after young ones? If you would like to get in touch with other parents, maybe to start a group to meet up in the hall sometimes, please contact Laura Smith of 4, Wells Terrace.

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View over Mayfields 23rd December 2010

‘STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING’

Whose woods these are I think I know,
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost (1874—1963)

This strangely mystical poem has stayed with me for over 40 years. If you have a poem you would like to share, please pass it on to us and it can be included in a future edition.

John Webster (co-editor)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
In the VILLAGE HALL
11.00 am to 2.00 pm



The village is once again holding a Christmas fair, and everyone is very welcome to come along. We shall have our usual lovely handmade Christmas door garlands and table decorations, along with a small variety of Christmas items, cards, gifts, produce, etc. and something for the children too. The entrance fee of £1 (free to under 12s) will include a free mince pie and glass of sherry, or soft drink. So please call in and see old and new friends at this festive social occasion.

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THE QUEENS JUBILEE FETE

2nd JUNE 2012

Organisation for the big day is moving on and very shortly we will all receive a leaflet with further information and more details about specific items, games and stalls etc There will be contact details for all offers of help, ideas, suggestions and enquiries etc

If you would like to volunteer or help in any way, please contact any one of the following:

Andrew Parker 01274 677105	Wendy Ramsden 01274 602679
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Maggie Heald 01274 608238	Norma Collins 01274 601989
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COMMONS AND GREENS

A new sign for the bus turning circle has been made by the highways dept. and is ready to be erected in the near future. It will go on the turning circle more or less where the previous one was, i.e. facing drivers as they turn into the circle from the left coming up the village, with the hall on the right side, and the clock tower ahead.

It reads-

“No parking in the turning circle.
Bus access is required at all times.”

The stones to be positioned around the edges of some of the greens have now been obtained by the council and are ready to be placed. However, before going ahead the dept is seeking further clarification from the legal dept about the exact siting of the stone sett edging.

New benches have been purchased for the Hill Top and will replace the broken ones. The work on the trees and undergrowth on the hill top is being carried out in the very near future.

The Greens Group

THE PEAR TREE INN

Friday 9th December

Local band, Milestone, will be playing in the evening and we will be holding a charity raffle in aid of cancer research. If you would like to donate any items please see Tony or Yvonne.

On Saturday 19th November we are also holding a car boot sale in the Pear Tree car park, proceeds for the hire of the tables to be donated to cancer research. Thank you.

Tony and Yvonne



Kathryn Shepherd (nee Dawber) has kindly provided this photo. She writes “ This picture was taken of my Grandad Fred Dawber’s ice cream business in 1953, looking past one of his five Jowett Bradford ice cream vans at the ice cream hut, situated next to the bridge in Judy Woods. My Grandad is the one in the white smock; I think that is me, aged about 8 years old, with the hair ribbons, stood at the counter waiting for an ice cream.”



The bridge in 2003 from the same angle; and a photo of a similar Jowett van of the 1950’s, particularly good at going up steep hills due to the low gear ratio.

Chris Wells