

NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

*Newsletter of the Norwood Green Residents' Association
& The Norwood Green Village Hall Charitable Trust*
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Season's Greetings to you all

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT DECEMBER 2010

I have been a member of the Residents Association since Sept.79. During all these years I have made many friends.

One of those friends and a committee member for many years was Clive Precious, who died very suddenly quite recently. You will all remember him walking his two border terriers through the village. Clive audited the accounts, kept an eye on speeding vehicles through the village, and surrounding areas! If he heard a burglar alarm going off he was there making sure things were ok. He attended the Police Forums and kept us all informed. Clive was a mine of information and not only will we all miss him I just don't know what we are going to do without him.

At the residents' meeting on Tuesday 9th November we had two visitors from the 'Safer & Stronger Community' to talk to us. All I can say is, if you have a community problem then Maggs Bryson is the person who will help solve it telephone no. 01422 393182.

We have recently started an aerobics/keep fit class with our previous teacher, Dawn, in the village hall on Wednesdays at 7pm. The cost is £20 monthly. Feel free to join us.

The planning application for Bower Green is still in abeyance and waiting to go forward to the planning department.

Since starting to write this report, sadly another old friend has died, Roger Dowson. Roger came to the village after leaving St Mary's in Wyke and he led the family service in St. George's Church here in the village. He officiated at many weddings, funerals and christenings and was always available privately to give help and support. We will most certainly miss him.

The Rev Mark Madeley led the Remembrance Service at our village cenotaph on the 14th November. This year the weather was not too bad – cold but not raining.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you out there.
Wendy Ramsden Chairman Norwood Green Residents Association

The Christmas Carol Service

This will take place in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. on the 21st of December. The service will be conducted by Pastor Ron Stockley. All ages are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Coffee Afternoon

This continues to be very popular and for 50p where else could you go for good friendship and a natter? We will have been to Oswaldtwistle Mills for Christmas lunch and shopping when you read this and we have a full coach once again.

Keep Fit

This takes place every Monday from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.. The fee of £2.00 is well worth it for good company and gentle exercise.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who help with the coffee afternoons and the cleaning rotas. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Beattie Horsfall

VILLAGE BUS TIMES

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

The bus departs from the stop at the top of the village at

9.30 am returning 11.50 am

12.10 pm returning 14.20 pm

Please use this valuable service if you can to maintain it for the village.

NORWOOD GREEN ART CIRCLE

COLIN SCHOLEY

1931-2010

It was with shock and sadness that we received the news of Colin's death on the 7th September. He was a week or two short of his 80th birthday, but his general fitness and enthusiasm belied his age.

Colin's funeral took place at Huddersfield Crematorium on Tuesday the 14th September where the packed chapel was testament to Colin's popularity.

A sporting man all his life, Colin had been a professional cricketer with Worcestershire and subsequently became a keen golfer and bowls player. He was taken ill whilst playing bowls and died later in hospital.

Colin was an avid Leeds United fan, loved his garden and was an accomplished watercolour artist. This interest brought about the Art Circle of which he was founder member some 30 years ago. He was a most enthusiastic and hard working chairman right up to his death. He was, of course, ably assisted by his wife Joan. He had many friends in the village where he had lived since 1970 and the Art Circle, which he loved and nurtured, will continue— but he will be very sorely missed.

We take this opportunity to extend our sincere and deepest sympathy to his widow Joan and his family in their tragic loss.

Walter Smith

Art Circle

The first meeting, which Colin had organised, was due to take place just days after his funeral. After some consultation, it was agreed that the demonstration by Charles Kelly, a superb wild life artist, would go ahead. The evening went as planned, with an excellent demo as always from Charles, though not unexpectedly in a somewhat muted atmosphere.

October saw the members affirm their commitment to the Art Circle at an extraordinary general meeting to decide the way forward for the group. The decision was taken to appoint a new chairman which will ensure that 'Colin's Baby' will continue to thrive.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome and £2.00 will ensure a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits (often chocolate!) and an interesting demonstration and talk by a leading Yorkshire artist.

We meet in the Village Hall every 3rd Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m. Until approximately 9.45 p.m. Come and see us soon.

Walter Smith

**FELT MAKING WORKSHOPS WITH PROFESSIONAL
ARTIST JOSEPHINE GORNALL.**

Member of The Art and Craft guild www.artandcraftguild.co.uk
'Working with Fibres' Workshops to be held at Norwood Green
Village Hall on Village Street.

Saturday 29th January 2011 - 11-4-30pm

Introduction to Felt making' £36 materials inc.

Discover how to design and create a wonderful, colourful felted wall hanging using wool tops, combining silk, threads and textures into the felted surface. Try out the 'Nuno' method of felting fibres into loose weave cotton or silk fabric.

Saturday 26th February 2011 - 11-4-30pm

'Nuno felted scarf' £50 materials & silk scarf inc.

Use merino wool, silk and other fibres, felt them into the surface of a silk chiffon scarf to create a beautiful, durable wearable item. Suitable for those that have some felt making experience and have tried out the nuno method of felt making.

Saturday 12th March 2011 - 11 - 4-30pm

'Felt bag' £40 materials inc.

Design and make a felted seamless hand/shoulder bag or even a vessel.

Further details and to book a place contact Jo at:
fibreart@hotmail.co.uk Tel/text 07748480415

VILLAGE GREENS

The Proposals for Preservation

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE

The working party has now received the council's response to the proposals for preserving the greens at a meeting with Brian Mansfield on Friday 2nd October held in the village.

Basically, the view of the relevant departments is that the deterioration which has occurred is preventable, and that further damage can be avoided without any loss of designated greens areas. They state that measures need to be taken to protect them as they are within their current boundaries, and without moving any of the stone setts. The authority feels that both themselves and the community have a responsibility to maintain greens such as ours for future generations and take the necessary measures to protect them. A creeping incursion onto the greens could result in a day when there are no longer any greens at all. The working party are in full agreement with the council in these measures and feel this will encourage all of us to protect and maintain what is an essential part of the village and one of its most attractive amenities.

They propose, therefore, to erect the fencing around the children's' playground area in the near future, plus another short section nearby above the bus stop as this corner is being constantly eroded.

The council feels that the other vulnerable areas where track edges are frequently being driven over or where vehicles are being driven onto the greens will need the similar protection of a firm boundary, and they are in favour of placing a series of stones just behind sections of the current line of setts in the areas – Norwood Terrace, Mayfield and Rookes View. The grassed areas are then to be reseeded.

For some residents this will mean they and their visitors will no longer be able to continue parking where they sometimes do at present, but will need to park where there is available room, i.e. on their own land, driveways or in garages etc. or where there is permitted legal parking, including the main street.

An important thing to bear in mind is that access must be kept open for –

- Residents and their visitors
- Delivery and service vehicles
- Emergency services vehicles

As previously mentioned, some new “no parking on the greens” signs will also be erected, being sited where they will have most impact.

Further steps can be taken in the future to maintain and enhance the appearance of the greens, for example, suitable planting such as spring bulbs could be placed along some greens edges.

Throughout the autumn the department will be carrying out its routine tasks of tidying and clearing back all overgrown trees and planting throughout the village.

Greens Working Party

NORWOOD GREEN 100 CLUB.

October saw the last draw of the 100 Club and the winners were:-
52 K & E Heaton. 16 J & M Stephenson. 62 N Marshall.
78 S & D Howard.

During the year £3,000.00 was paid out in prize money and £3,100.00 was handed over to the NGVH Charitable Trust, a truly tremendous effort. The small outstanding bank balance of £195.00 has been retained to cover some of the expenses incurred for the forthcoming Xmas Fare.

Once again a big thank you to all who have supported this venture over the years and to those of you who have won prizes “Congratulations” and to those who have not “Commiserations”.

Margaret Taylor on behalf of the NGVH fund raising committee.



Christmas Fair



Saturday 4th December in the Village Hall

11.00 am to 2.00 pm

Everyone is most welcome to come along to this year's fair, where you will find our lovely hand made Christmas wreaths and table decorations, various gift items, a selection of cards, produce, etc. and you can also buy or collect your orders of the village piccalilli. The Entrance fee of £1 (free to under 12s) will include a free mince pie and glass of sherry, so please do come along to this festive social event.

The Old White Beare

Dear Residents of Norwood Green,

We would like to invite you all to start the Christmas Festivities by joining us for Mulled Wine, Canapés & a live DJ on Saturday 4th December 7:30pm onwards in our marquee. No tickets are required just turn up with your festive cheer & dancing shoes. The marquee is up until the beginning of January so if residents wish to use the facilities for family gatherings please call Andy or Chris.

Kind regards, Andy, Chris & the team at The Old White Beare

The Pear Tree's December Events

Friday 3rd 9.00 pm British Heart Foundation charity night,
Music quiz, DJ, raffles etc

Friday 10th 9.00pm Party night with live Irish band Milestone

Friday 17th Fantastic Tamla Motown singer "Little Gem"

24th Christmas Eve Food available 4-8

26th Boxing Day Food available 12- 4

Monday 27th Traditional song and dance with the brilliant
"Thieving Magpie and Mummers"

New Years Eve Party night with live band "Milestone"
Ticket only, available from the bar

Christmas menu available from 6th December. Advance bookings only

Many thanks to all who helped make bonfire night an enjoyable event

Table Tennis Club

For some months a group of gentlemen has been playing table tennis on Thursday evenings. Recently we have been meeting at a more sociable hour and numbers have grown as a result.

Any one wishing to keep fit and active during these dark winter evenings is welcome to come along and join us. We play in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The new season starts on the 6th January and we play at the Village Hall from 7.30 until 9.00 p.m. The open membership is £3.00 per session and equipment is provided.

Mr Arnold Ellis

Arnold passed away in October. Though he had not lived in the village for a number of years, he still supported many events. His wife Doris was, of course, a great supporter of the village being involved with the church and the Village Friends and the original making of our famous piccalilli. When Doris passed away he lived life to the full, had his first flying lesson, drove a racing car around Brands Hatch and became a wiz kid on the computer. Our condolences go to all the family.

Chris Wells

Retired Newsletter Editor

We would like to thank Chris for her many years of dedicated work editing and producing the village newsletter. Well done, Chris on your long project and we wish you all the best in your "retirement". Chris has been extremely helpful with handing over the editorship for us and we thank her for her kindness and patience. Chris has offered to continue providing lovely photos for the newsletter.

John and Linda Webster

Around the Village in late autumn ~ Photos by Chris Wells



The swings in autumn



Riders on Village Street



Ghouls at the front door



Pear Tree bonfire & fireworks



Village Notice Board repaired



Beside the Packhorse Way

The Village Hall

The hall is now being used for many activities and events, and is often booked for parties, meetings etc. in the evenings and at weekends. Current details of regular weekly meetings, classes etc are shown below, so please come along if you are interested. (Some classes may have spare capacity or a waiting list so it might be as well to enquire first).

<u>Monday</u>	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30
	Coffee afternoon	2.00 - 3.30
	Gentle Keep fit	7.30 - 8.30
	Art circle 3rd Mon every month	7.30 - 9.30
<u>Tuesday</u>	Residents assoc meeting	
	2nd Tues every month	8.00 PM
<u>Wednesday</u>	Yoga	9.30—11.00
	Keep fit aerobics	7.00—8.00
<u>Thursday</u>	Table tennis	7.30—9.00

Mobile Library

The excellent Mobile Library calls every two weeks.

It is every other Thursday from 6.20 - 7 p.m. The library bus parks near the Village Hall.

It calls in the same week that the wheelie bins are emptied.
Next visit is Thursday 2nd December.

Dates to remember

4 December Christmas Fair
21st December Carol Service

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