

# NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi everyone. At the Residents' Meeting last week there were two important items on the agenda:

1) A planning application for the Cobbett Centre. This will involve inserting a steel frame into the main body of the building to provide three floors to create: 1 single flat on the ground floor, plus office space and 2 two bed flats on the upper floors. The former Sunday school will be converted into a small two bed house with garden. There will be 9 car parking places includes 2 disabled. If anyone wants to have a look at the plans the no is 12/01185. \*

2) The cleaning up of the hill top was discussed at length and Philip Schofield was at the meeting to answer questions. There is a more detailed report further in the newsletter.

Walking up Village St. a few weeks ago I saw two Calderdale workmen cleaning up the ginnel where the vegetation had been trimmed and left. It was becoming slippery so a big thank you to them for doing such a good job.

I think everyone knows that the bus runs Monday to Friday and Saturday am.

The residents who use the Cobbett Centre to park on evenings and weekends please note the following. Cars should be removed by 8am Monday to Friday and not return until 6pm. However, the exception to this is, if there is a spare car parking place after 4pm then it is ok to use it.

The Remembrance Service was held at our Cenotaph on the 11th November. Thank you to the residents who turned up for this. It was to have been held at 12 noon, but the Coley contingent didn't arrive until 12.25 by which time we were quite cold. The service that followed was rather disorganised. It will be different next year.

Resident meetings are the 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm and last about an hour. Do please come along and meet other villagers.

Wendy Ramsden, Chairperson

\*A letter from Urban Mines dated 15 Nov can be seen in the notice board and the hall. Spare copies are available in the hall.

## **URGENT HELP REQUIRED**

**WE NEED SOME MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE CLEANING ROTA  
FOR THE VILLAGE HALL  
IF YOU CAN GIVE 2 HOURS EVERY 3 MONTHS \* TO HELP KEEP OUR  
HALL CLEAN  
PLEASE RING MAGGIE HEALD ON 07753 635662.**

(\*Hours are approx and will depend on the number of volunteers)

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## **Norwood Green Christmas Fair**

11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Saturday 8th December

in the Village Hall

Everyone is very welcome to come along to this lovely social occasion where there will be stalls selling Christmas items, e.g. Fresh and Dried Flower Arrangements, Fresh Door Garlands, Preserves, Christmas Cards etc. There will also be a raffle. Entrance charge includes a drink and mince pie.

## **Sunday Lunch**

This is arranged for Sunday 2nd December, 1.30 arrival for 2.00 start, and is now fully booked. Please remember to bring your own drinks. The meal will be a 3 course French delight. Cooked by your friendly village cooks Norma, Linda and a bevy of helpers. A bientot!

Front cover photo courtesy of Chris Wells

## THE ART CIRCLE

Our Christmas Party will be 17th Dec, and further demonstrations will be on 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 8th March and 15th April 2013. Potential new members are always welcome - so do come along and see some of the best Artists and Teachers in Yorkshire.

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Plans are currently being drawn together by the council for the framework for future development in Calderdale, which will be effective up to 2030. If you would like further information the best place to start is on the website:

[www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/planning/local-plan/](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/planning/local-plan/)

Things are presently in a consultation stage before the final proposals are submitted to the secretary of State. Comments are encouraged from members of the public, and you can attend meetings or submit views online. If you look at the site you will see **Core Strategy** and Consultation on the Preferred Options. In order to make comments online, you first need to register. There is also a timetable detailing the stages of the preparation.

Councillor Kirton advised us at the recent NGRA meeting that one suggestion is that building be carried out along the side of the A58 between The White Horse and Red Lion pubs. If you would like to attend a meeting there is one on

Monday 3rd December  
at 6.30 pm in  
Mulberry Suite, Brighouse 6th form centre,  
Parsonage Lane

Our local councillors, Graham Hall and David Kirton frequently attend our NGRA meetings, and are always helpful in keeping us informed of opportunities to have a voice. If you are interested please do come along to the meetings.



## Hill Top Green

By end of Chapel Street/ Chatsworth House/ Entrance to Billy Woods  
Photo: An old view looking over Billy Woods towards Lightcliffe

For several years some residents have expressed concern over the state of hill top, where many self seeded trees and plants have matured to a considerable size. There has also been a proliferation of wild brambles, saplings and undergrowth which has now taken quite a hold leading to a rather dilapidated appearance, out of keeping with the rest of the village.

Discussions have been held with the council over recent years and some tidying has been carried out earlier this year, including thinning out of the tree branches (crowning). Further tidying of the site should be completed around January 2013. This will involve removal of the undergrowth and 5 of the saplings. However, residents also raised with the council the possibility of removing the large self seeded trees altogether, as it is felt they now have an adverse effect on the surrounding amenity of the green.

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A further site visit was made recently. The proposal was put to the council that removing the overgrown trees would help to restore the beauty of the hill top green area and it's once much loved and visited viewpoint, looking across to Coley, Lightcliffe and far beyond. Furthermore, the overgrowth has somewhat spoiled the seats which have been erected here by residents at personal cost in memory of loved past residents of the village.

The subject was discussed at the November Residents' meeting which was attended by Councillor Kirton and Philip Schofield of the council's greens department. It was agreed that the green is managed by the council under the local bye law, but that it is for the enjoyment of the villagers. If a majority of residents wish to see the larger trees removed then the council would be obliged to consider removing them, subject to their own consultation. It would also be at their own expense. However, as we all know funds are very tight.

The council was asked, if this became the agreed course of action, then would it be possible for residents to arrange to have the trees professionally cut down themselves and help with the funding if necessary. Mr Schofield suggested the way to proceed is to wait until the current plans are completed around January then consult residents to see what the majority view is on whether further work should be carried out.

So please take time to have a look at the hill top green especially the tall trees which are self seeded, but noting also the scrub, brambles and saplings across the whole area, and the effect the trees have on the views in all directions. Please take care to distinguish between trees that are actually in the greens boundary and those which are planted on adjacent private land. Those plants earmarked for removal have a red dot, but you may not be able to see them all clearly. Once work has been finished around January further views will be sought from residents. If you have points you would like to raise or wish to be involved in further discussions please try to come along to the Residents' meetings (next one 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm). Thank

Linda Webster, committee member

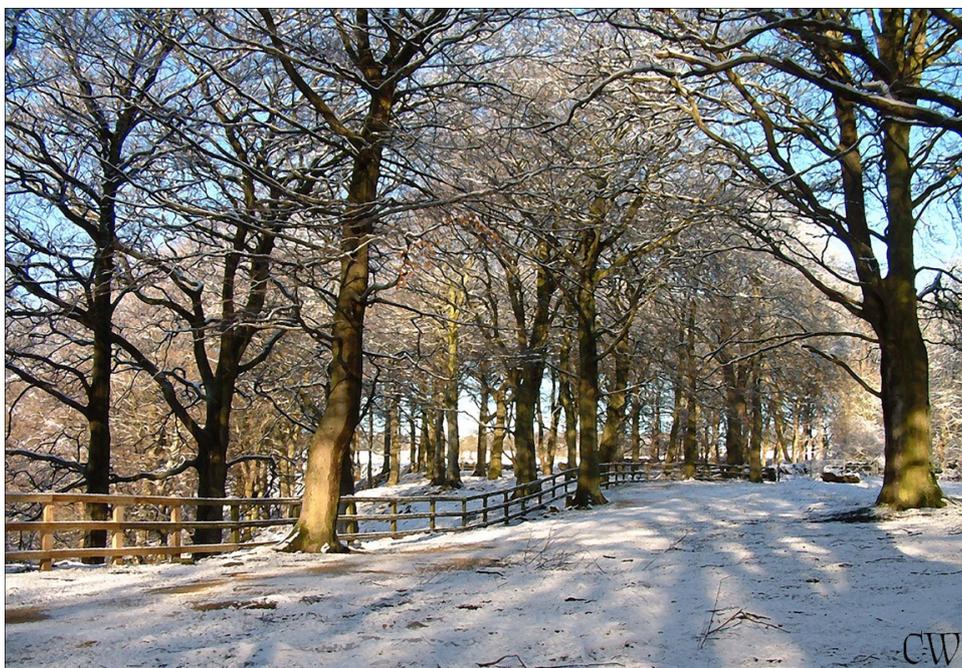
Footnote: The hill top is common land or village green. It is subject to a local Bye law, a copy of which can be seen in the village hall. Or I will email it to you if you send details. The land is maintained and managed by the council and may be used by residents for exercise and recreation purposes. Full details are in the booklet.

## VILLAGE GREENS

### The Long Term Protection of the Greens

The council's proposals including the suggestion to widen the existing tracks and re-site some of the stone setts are still under consideration by the Planning Inspectorate. We expect to hear from them around January or February next year. As soon as a reply is received the council plans to erect the beech hedging around the children's play area, other items on the proposals will be dependent on the Inspectorate's reply.

### Shadows in Judy Woods



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A thank you from Kate Barrett, granddaughter of the late Clive Precious, who was a resident of Norwood Green for many years



You may remember from the December newsletter last year that Kate was fundraising for a trip to Madagascar. She is hoping to read Veterinary studies at university. Kate and her grandmother, Denise, have kindly sent us some of Kate's photos and details of what she did on her trip.



I have recently returned from my expedition to Madagascar— I had a fantastic time. Whilst there we trekked for several days seeing many types of lemurs, including the ringtail, diademed sifaka and Verreaux's sifaka, as well as chameleons and geckos. Following our times trekking in the forests, we worked in a small village where we built a school for the local children to enable them to have an education. Whilst building the school we had to attach the timber walls to the already built frame, as well as collecting rocks for the floor and mixing cement for the floor. We mixed the cement by mixing sand and cement together (by hand) before the addition of water. We left the village with some money to finish the roof off, as we were unable to complete it within our time spent in the village; we have now been informed the school has been completed since our return home.

Thank you very much to everyone who very generously donated money to help me fund my expedition to Madagascar. I really appreciate it and I hope that you can see that I enjoyed my experiences in the country.



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**Preparing for the Pear Tree Bonfire**





Charles Dickens	poverty	Ghost of Christmas Past
Ebenezer Scrooge	spirits	
selfish	frighten	Ghost of Christmas
miser	generosity	Present
Bah! Humbug!	England	
Jacob Marley	gifts	Ghost of Christmas
Bob Cratchit	greed	Yet to Come
Tiny Tim		

To find the answer to the trivia question, look for a word or phrase that is hidden in the puzzle, but not in the word list

Trivia 1: In what year was Dicken's novella, *A Christmas Carol*, first published?

Trivia 2: In the story, Scrooge lost the true love of his life because of his greed and love for money. What was the first name of his "true love"?

Answer 1 : \_\_\_\_\_ Answer 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers to Quizword: It was published in Dec 1843

His lost love was a girl called Belle