

NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

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A Very Merry Christmas to All

Chairman's Report

Hello All,

Wow! Another year draws to a close in the blink of an eye.

On Sunday 10th November, we held our own Village Remembrance Service at the Norwood Green Cenotaph. Once again, the service was wonderfully attended. The congregation grows year on year; this year there was in excess of 50 people in attendance. The weather was kind to us yet again, I must thank Canon James Allison for leading the service; his mix of humour, reflection and faith is wonderful to listen to.

This year we explored a possibility of Residents voluntarily funding projects within the Village. The project was labelled as Norwood Green 'A Better Place to Live'. The initial meeting was wonderfully attended; the Village Hall was full to the brim with standing room only. The overwhelming result of that meeting led us to conclude there was a wish to look at projects in the Village and there was willingness for Residents to help fund them. The 'Better Place to Live' idea has snowballed, whereby the structures of the current committees were discussed to see if we could find a clear path.

It is now agreed that we follow a path to change our current structure. As it stands, we have a Charitable Trust which allows us to raise funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. These funds come from the regular classes that book the hall, individual bookings for parties, classes etc. We also run various Village events at the Hall, all these funds allow us to maintain and improve the Hall. In the last few years we have fitted new exterior doors, repaired the roof, repaired the path, and redecorated the hall. Next year the Hall will have a brand-new solid wood floor fitted. The income enables us to do this whilst maintaining a fund to cover any emergency works which may come up. What we do not have is any such structure that enables us to deal with projects outside of the Hall.

The proposal, which has been agreed by the Management committee, takes the current Norwood Green Residents Association out of its current structure. At present the NGRA sits within the Charitable Trust and has the same committee that runs the Village Hall. The intention is to have it run totally separately, as it was originally set up. This gives us the opportunity to create a new Charitable Trust with the objectives of improving our Village; from here the Association can have its own fund streaming.

There is an insert with this Edition which should hopefully explain the ethos and process. The whole motivation behind the change is to enable the Association to work better for you, the Residents. The intention is to have an open day in the New Year where we can present a fuller picture and to allow interaction with as many Residents as possible.

Panto rehearsals have, yet again, begun in earnest. This year the "Norwood Green Thespians" will be giving the treatment to the old classic "Dick Whittington". It is hoped that we will have at least 4 shows this year. Confirmation and Ticket information will follow in due course, who knows it might even be in this Newsletter.

Sunday 22nd December sees the traditional Carol service return to the Village Hall. The Reverend Canon James Allison and his merry band from Coley Church will lead the service, starting at 4pm. Get yourself along with the kids, get into the festive spirit, then maybe pop into the pub to drink some festive spirit.

It would be great if you could support these events.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and those you love a very Happy Christmas and a fabulous 2020.

Jonathan Dent
Chairman

Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December

4.00 pm in the village hall

Led by the Reverend Canon James Allison

Christmas Social/Fair

Saturday 7th Dec

2.00 PM TO 4.00 PM

(Please note change of time for this year)



We will be holding a social Christmas gathering again, to which everyone is warmly invited. Please do join everyone for a drink and a chat with fellow residents. It is planned to have various items for sale, such as the garlands, food items, and preserves, plus a tombola, and other Christmas items, including things for children. As always, if residents wish to make any donations to the fair for the tombola etc items are very welcome. Please contact either Carole Dent 01274 602282, Wendy Ramsden 01274 602679, Linda Webster 01274 602830, Norma Collins 01274 601989 or any committee member. The £1 entrance charge will include a free drink and mince pie.

Norwood Green Art Circle

We recommenced our Demonstration evenings on September 16th with an excellent attendance of 25 and a pleasing return of all last year's; overall now we are back up to our full complement of 27 members.

Our first Demonstration by Andrew Jenkin was a very technical and ambitious project for a two hour slot, just from a photograph, but the information he imparted and the techniques he used to build up the painting were excellent. Needless to say he couldn't complete it but I am awaiting a photo of the completed work.

October brought Mrs Anita Daniels, a lovely lady from Leeds, on her first visit to Norwood Green, who did produce a finished painting, albeit not as complicated as the previous one, but nevertheless with very different techniques and style.

Our November Artist is Paul Dene Marlor, from Halifax, who has gained International awards for his works and has been filmed involved in two of Sky TVs' "Landscape Artist of the Year" programmes and was the SAA "Professional Artist of the Year 2015" a must see demonstration.

Guests are always welcome to our Demonstrations on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7-30pm prompt. The cost is only £5 inclusive of interval tea/coffee and biscuits, just turn up and see some of Yorkshires finest artists.

All it leaves me to say is " A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS TO ALL" on behalf of The Norwood Green Art Circle

Walter Smith

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We are very grateful to Mr Marc Salama, of Nordgreen Nurseries and a resident of the village for again kindly donating a village Christmas tree, which will be placed outside the village hall. Many thanks, Marc.



Door Garlands

Friday 6th December
Between 9.30 am -12.30
In the village hall

Everyone is very welcome as always to help with making door garlands. It is very enjoyable and quite therapeutic too. No experience is needed, the steps are very straightforward and then you can create your own personal decoration, either classic, colourful, modern, snowy, whatever you would like to make. The rings and decorations are provided, but we need to collect the greenery so any fresh greenery, especially evergreens, from your garden such as conifer, holly or bay etc would be really helpful; also any particularly attractive flowers like mahonia etc or any winter berries.

Tatra Plastics Mill

Work is now well under way on the site where the mill stood and most of the demolition has been completed. Overleaf is printed a photo from the 1920's of staff enjoying a Christmas celebration at the mill which in those days was called Hind Robinsons Mill.



The yard and
the last
doorways
before
demolition
was
completed



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HIND ROBINSON'S MILL
Memories from Karoline Booth

The Christmas decorations at Hind Robinsons Mill are shown on the front cover, taken in the 1920's. I worked at that Mill in the village from 1959 to 1964. It is now Tatra Plastics.

It was a small family firm employing about 20 people and was a very pleasant and friendly place to work, the working day starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

There were 50 looms producing generally cotton cloth but occasionally silk or lurex gold/silver threaded material was made which was supplied to the London Palladium for making up into stage costumes.

Weavers usually attended four looms, each working for a "piece rate" basis. Three ladies worked in the burling and mending department, inspecting and repairing the cloth before despatch.

Violet Cockcroft, Sylvia Woodcock, Mabel Bell and Peggy Dwight were some of the female operatives from the village whom I remember.

Eddie Scolah and Mary Dolby were the people who "set up" the looms, feeding the threads from the bobbins, supplied from other companies, through the "shafts", these produced the pattern in the cloth being woven. Ossie Patchett was the Maintenance/Boiler man who looked after the day to day problems of the mill.

The company ceased trading around 1969/1970 but I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. We were generally a very happy bunch!

Karoline Booth

Front Cover: Christmas at Hind Robinson Mill from Stephen Dickinson whose Mother is in the photo on the back row. 1930's.

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An Alternative Christmas Dessert **Whisky, Orange and Almond Cake**

For the cake: 3 Medium Eggs
 150 Gms Golden Caster Sugar
 170 Gms Ground Almonds
 Zest and Juice of 1 Small Orange (reserve some zest for
 decoration, or I generally just use another orange for more
 zest!)

 3 Tbsp Whisky or maybe your hand may slip a little
 Icing Sugar to Dust

For the Sugar Glass: 100 gms Caster Sugar. I usually use white sugar here as
 I find the golden stuff tends to burn more quickly.

To serve (optional) 300 ml Double Cream whisked with some whisky
 Orange Zest
 Icing Sugar

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 180C/gas mark4. Butter a 17.5 cm springform cake tin, lining the bottom.
- Make the sugar glass by melting the sugar in a pan until it is a golden colour, if it burns it will taste bitter. Pour onto parchment paper and leave to set, then break into shards.
- For the cake, separate the eggs, whites in one big bowl and yolks in another. Beat the yolks with a wooden spoon and gradually add 130 gms of the sugar until pale and creamy. Fold in the almonds, orange zest and juice and whisky to make a stiff paste.
- Whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks, then gradually beat in the remaining sugar. Keep whisking until the mixture is glossy and forms stiff peaks.
- Stir in a spoonful of the egg whites into the almond mix to slacken it, then gradually stir in the rest.
- Pour into the tin and bake for 30-35 mins, The cake should be slightly risen with a chewy crust but soft inside. Sieve icing sugar over the top and decorate with the shards and zest.
- Great served slightly warm with whisky cream or cold with whisky (just liquid and/or cream)

Thanks to Norma Collins



The Lane Ends Inn by the start of Sowden Lane, when it was still run as a pub; it closed many years ago. You can just make out the building on the left which is now the village hall .

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Answers on page 10

1. According to the carol how many ships came sailing in on Christmas day?
2. Which religious period begins on the first Sunday in December?
3. Who wrote "The Snowman"?
4. From which country does the turkey originate?
5. What is the religious name for Boxing Day?
6. In which film was the song "White Christmas" first heard?
7. In which pantomime do you find the character Dandini?
8. How many gifts were given by "my true love" over the 12 days of Christmas?
9. In which ocean is Christmas Island?
10. In Scotland what is the name of the New Year festival?

Norwood Green Winter Pantomime

New stars! Old amateurs! Fabulous costumes!
Same old jokes! Forgotten lines! Ice creams!
What's not to like?

The exact date is yet to be confirmed but is expected to be from 30th January to 1st of February, with 4 performances - Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening and Saturday matinee. Tickets will go on sale in the New Year, box office opens Saturday 4th Jan. Please contact Norma Collins from that date on 01274 601989



Village Hall Floor

Over the last few months the hall floor has begun to show signs of age and wear, and been increasingly difficult to maintain and clean, nor is it particularly comfortable for some of the exercise classes. Renovating the existing floor would not have been a great improvement for comfort or maintenance, so it was felt that a brand new floor was appropriate and a good long term investment. It should improve the look and comfort of the hall greatly, and one is now planned to be installed.

It will be of solid oak and laid over the existing floor. A golden oak colour should then keep the feel of the age of the building. Work is planned for around Easter 2020. The sample of wood and the colour will be kept in the hall kitchen for a while so if you would like to see it please do so.

Autumn Quiz Night

Another excellent quiz night was held in the hall in October, with a home made pie and peas supper, and generous cash prizes. Thanks to Richard and Helen for organising, John too for help setting questions, and Norma for the gorgeous pies. A really enjoyable evening. Congratulations to the winners, Sarah and Gary and their team.

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Christmas Quiz Answers

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| 1. Three | 2. Advent |
| 3. Raymond Briggs | 4. North America |
| 5. St Stephen's Day | 6. Holiday Inn |
| 7. Cinderella | 8. 78 gifts |
| 9. Indian ocean | 10. Hogmanay |
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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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Jonathan Dent