

NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

Newsletter of the Norwood Green
Residents' Association & The Norwood Green
Village Hall Charitable Trust
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello everyone.

Calderdale Council has made monies available to each ward, we in the village have been awarded £500 to spend 2014-15 on something for the village. Because there was not much time left to decide on what to spend the money on we ordered a seat to be placed at the bus stop at the end of Watford Ave. This will be in position soon.

We can also apply for another £500 for 2015-16, we have plenty of time to decide what we would like. So to this end, if anyone has an idea for something that would be useful to the village please either drop a letter in the post box at the village hall or put a note through my door. All the suggestions we receive will then be discussed at a residents meeting later in the year.

I hadn't realised that the **mailbox collection times** in the village had changed so here are the times:

**End of Watford Ave: MON-FRI 09.00 am,
SAT. 07.00am.**

**Top of Rookes Lane: MON-FRI 05.30pm
SAT. 11.30am.**

I just thought I would mention that the Cobbett Centre (former Chapel) has a planning application in hand for 2 cottages, 2 flats and 4 maisonettes Appl. No.15/00375/CON no decision on this application has yet been made.

Just to inform, a request has been made for salt bins for the top of Queens Rd and end of Watford Ave. There was always one available at the top of Queens Rd, the gritting machine cannot get down there. Watford Ave is also not gritted and becomes very slippery. Key holders will be needed for both sites.

Wendy P Ramsden, Chairman.

Front cover: Village street with cherry blossom, May 2015



Norwood Green Village Picnic

**Sat. 20th June
starting at 1pm**

on the small green village street

**Please bring your own
picnic food & drinks
blankets and chairs**

NB personal barbecues are your responsibility

Childrens egg and spoon race

-Ladies v Gents Rounders

-Football games

-Limbo

bring your own games!

The Calder & Colne Rivers Trust

CLIFTON BECKS ACTION DAY SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2015

Dear residents of Norwood Green

Clifton Beck and its tributaries: Blackshaw, Wood Fall, Royd Hall, Wyke, Hoyle House, and Bottom Hall becks, is rated only moderate by the Environment Agency due to high levels of nitrates and phosphates in the water. These could be caused by farming or urban pollution, plus there are intermittent problem with some of the combined sewerage outlets. The Trust is trying to find out more about possible pollution points but more volunteers are needed.

I would like to invite Norwood Green residents to our action day where they are welcome to join in any of our activities. We will be balsam bashing the whole length of the catchment, and doing a riverside clean up in Wellholme Park in the morning. In the afternoon our trained volunteer monitors will be sampling points all along the catchment. From 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. there will be an information tent in Wellholme Park where Trust members will be on hand to explain more about what we do. Children's activities in the Park include identification of river bugs (we find that grown ups like to do this too!), a bug painting competition, and nature goodie bags.

If anyone would like to help us on the day, whether it's organising balsam bashing for a section of a beck they know well, picking up some litter or simply bringing their children along to the park, please ask them to get in touch.

Best wishes

Judith Milner

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INVASIVE NON NATIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Clifton Beck is the most heavily infected watercourse for Himalayan Balsam in the entire Calder and Colne watercourse.

(check it on www.ywt-data.org/inns-mapper).

Lots of people are cutting it back every year, only to find that it grows back even more thickly next year as the seeds float down the watercourse from infected areas higher upstream.

The most effective way to get rid of H. Balsam is to pull it up - before the flowers are fully formed - from the head of the watercourse north of Shelf to where the beck joins the Calder. And then follow it up for another three years to weed out any remaining plants.

This is a huge task needing loads of volunteers.

If you are interested in putting in a day's balsam bashing on 25th July 2015 please contact: Judith Milner

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MONITORING WATER QUALITY PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to train as invertebrate monitors. No previous experience is required. Training consists of a one day workshop where participants are shown how to identify eight key species, undertake a kick sample and a stone washing sample in the morning session. The afternoon is taken up with a visit to the river to collect, classify and record a sample. Once trained, monitors are expected to undertake one sample in the same place at least every two months (excluding spawning times and high waters) as an early indicator of any pollution events or changes in water quality. On completion of training, monitoring equipment is provided, plus an illustrated guide to the key species, buoyancy aids and waders where necessary. For an information video, see 'monitoring our waters' on www.pennineprospects.co.uk

Our partners include: Treesponsibility, Tordmorden River Improvement Group, The National Trust at Hardcastle Crag, Calder Futures, Slaithwaite Angling Club, and Halifax Fly Fishers. **New partners and projects are welcome.** The Trust provides support for monitors; collates the data; and, holds monitors' get together lunches.

Anyone interested please contact:

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VILLAGE BLOSSOM MAY 2015



The Darling Buds of May

Lots of people will know the origin of this phrase and it seems a good time of year to quote the full poem, which is from William Shakespeare's sonnets.

Shall I compare thee to a summers day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And Summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd,
And every faire from faire sometime declines,
By chance, or natures changing course untrim'd:
But thy eternal Summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wandr'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grows't,
 So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
 So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

VILLAGE HISTORY

The December newsletter contained an excellent article written by Mandii Rayner-Hay, about the people whose names are on the village cenotaph. Mandii has a long history of times spent in Norwood Green and has kindly sent us the following.

Hello

Just a quick email to say that the email address that you printed for me was in fact wrong so if anyone did contact me, Then sorry but I never received anything

An easier one should anyone get directly in touch with the newsletter is

Mandii@aol.com

With regard to your next newsletter, I do in fact remember the Copes very well. My grandparents were great friends with them and maintained contact long after they sold the shop and moved away. I remember going to the shop with my grandmother as a young child with its old wooden floor boards and high glass containers and getting a bag of the old fashioned sweets in a little paper bag. Then this would be followed by a walk up a few doors to the old post office and a further stroll up village street to opposite the White Beare where we would purchase meat from the butchers shop. I recall a lady called Mabel owning it as I got older and then, going to the Co-op corner shop at the top of the village. Something mum remembers as a child also!

I had many happy times in that village and like my mother, I still feel a huge attachment to it.

My mother recounts about many things of the life in Norwood Green as she was born there, from the old Police house half way up the village to Norwood Green school which she attended as a child. I really cannot get enough of the history of Norwood Green so it would be wonderful if your newsletter could continue to share articles of its past. If anyone wants help then I am more than happy to help as long as they use the correct contact details :-)

Kind regards

Mandii



ROUGH WINDS ON THE WAY
Evenings still cold enough for blankets for the horses



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For those of you still in love with Bake Off here is the Mary Berry corner

I thought a cake using the lovely fresh rhubarb which is coming through nicely in the garden just now would be just the thing for this time. This recipe makes approximately an 8 in square tin. The rhubarb needn't be peeled if fresh and not too thick. It keeps extremely well and is absolutely delicious with custard.

INGREDIENTS

140g butter
300g self raising flour
2 teaspoons mixed spice
1 teaspoon ground ginger
100g dark muscovado sugar
200g golden syrup
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
200 mls boiling water
2 eggs
300g chopped rhubarb

METHOD

1. Sift flour and spices
2. Beat butter and sugar
3. Add syrup
4. Dissolve bicarbonate in the boiling water and add to mix
5. Add flour, then eggs
6. Beat briefly
7. Stir in rhubarb
8. Bake in pre-heated oven, 160 centigrade, for approximately an hour

The cake can get rather brown on the top, after about 30-40 minutes you can cover the top with brown paper to protect it.

Classes and Meetings in the Village Hall

- MONDAY 9.30 to 10.30 Pilates
 2.00 to 4.00 Coffee afternoon
- From 23rd Feb** - 6.15 to 7.15 Caron's keep fit- combat/kettlebells
 7.30 to 8.30pm gentle keep fit/ except every
 third Monday of the month which is Art Circle
- TUESDAY 10.00 to 11.00 Tai Chi
- From 24th Feb** - 6.30 to 7.30 Caron's keep fit - Tabata/HITT
 7.30 onwards every second Tuesday of the
 month - Residents Association Meeting
- WEDNESDAY 9.30 to 11.15 Yoga
 11.15 to 12.15 Tai Chi
 11.00 to 12.00 Cleaner duties
 5.15 to 6.15 Pilates
 6.15 to 7.15 Caron's keep fit - Tabata/HITT
 7.30pm to 8.30pm Ballet for adults.
- THURSDAY (the 1.00 to 3.00 Singing group has now ceased)
 7.30 to 9pm Table Tennis
- FRIDAY Usually left free for residents to use but may be
 available for one off events, please enquire

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