

NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

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Village Hall Charitable Trust
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Chairpersons Report

Hello everyone. The clothes sale in the village last month was not very well attended and we took just short of £300. There will be more to come as a lot of the clothes have been taken to a Dress Agency and we expect to receive good value from them.

The builders for the Cobbett Centre, Sunnybridge Development Group have made an excellent job of making good the turning circle so we are tidy once again and thank you to them.

I have been informed that a woman has been knocking on doors saying her car has broken down and has gained access into people's homes. Please be warned, we had this problem last year.

Apparently the village roads are going to be resurfaced in June, once the repairs have been completed. Roundels will be painted onto the new road surface stipulating the 20 mile an hour speed limit and speed notices will also be placed throughout the village.

It occurs to me that maybe some of you are not aware that every Monday except bank holidays we have a coffee afternoon in the village hall starting at 2pm to 3.30pm and it costs a £1. It is a good way to meet people and socialise for an hour or so.

Our residents meetings are the second Tuesday in the month starting 7.30pm and last probably less than an hour. It is a good way to meet other villagers and find out what is going on, plus if you have any good ideas it is a good place to make them known.

Wendy Ramsden
Chairman Norwood Green Residents' Association

Cover photo: Sunset across hill top in May 2017

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Please remember this is now in force, and applies not just to streets in the local Hipperholme area but to many residential areas throughout the whole of Calderdale.

The council's policy states-

“Our vision is to make our streets safe and pleasant for all children and adults however they travel or wherever they live. To help residents, like many other areas across the country, we are introducing 20mph speed limits in residential areas across Calderdale.”

For more detailed information please see the council's website; this link is helpful-

news.calderdale.gov.uk/20mph-love-our-streets-continues

The Village Greens

Concern was expressed at Residents' meetings about the state of the green by Norwood Terrace, which is extremely muddy, and the track surface is in a very poor state. It is still necessary to drive onto the greens in places to avoid the potholes, and it is terrible to walk on. Material left on the track recently by the council consists of rather large stones and rubble, and they ask that people give this a chance to bed down with usage and weathering. Councillor Kirton is to pursue the suggestion of placing old telegraph poles along the proposed new boundaries as a temporary protective measure.

Norwood Green Art Circle

The Art Circle's monthly meetings take a rest during the summer months. Now is the time after seeing some inspirational demonstrations to enjoy the open air and produce our own masterpieces! Well, certainly to try!!

Our last demonstrator in April, ANDREW JENKIN a very talented and knowledgeable artist, making his first visit to our Art Circle, produced a very complicated city scene explaining and simplifying the rules of perspective, an ambitious and excellent demonstration in watercolours.

Members will be informed of any exhibitions, shows, or planned visits during the summer which I hope will bring glorious summer weather for us all to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing members new and old for our first demonstration of the new term on the 18th SEPTEMBER. In the meantime I wish you all good health and sunny days!

Walter Smith

Our New Local Councillor

Mr George Robinson of St Giles Road was recently elected as the new councillor for the Hipperholme and Lightcliffe ward, after the sad loss of Councillor Graham Hall. Cllr Robinson attended the recent Residents' meeting to introduce himself and confirmed his intentions to carry on Councillor Hall's legacy.

Summer Quiz

(Answers on page 10)

Songs for the Summer

1. Which hit was recorded by Eddie Cochran in 1958?
2. Who composed the aria "Summertime" from the opera Porgy and Bess?
3. Name the title song of a film from 1963 starring Cliff Richard
4. Which musical features the song "Summer Nights"?
5. Nat King Cole made this song famous
6. Who recorded "Summer in the City" in 1966?

Summer pot luck

7. Which play features Oberon, Puck and Titania?
8. What is the collective name of a group of seventeen hundred islands between Canada and the USA which are popular summer resorts?
9. What was the name of the holiday camp in Hi-de-Hi?
10. Which ice cream brand makes Magnum, Solero and Feast?

The deer re-emerging after wintering in the woods



The Children's Playground Area

A small group of committee members and residents are continuing to work with the council on developing the play area. It may be that help from residents would be appreciated at certain points, e.g. with a little tidying and planting, and further details may be posted on Facebook and the notice boards etc, updates will also follow in the newsletter. The working party is making progress and the next stage is to obtain some feedback from local schools. WR said she had obtained some quotes to finish the fencing

Parking On the Village Pavements

It is quite usual now to see vehicles occasionally parked on the village pavements, sometimes briefly but often for longer. With narrow streets like ours this unfortunately usually causes problems. Pedestrians, wheelchair users and those with prams etc need to go out into the road to get past, which is obviously risky. It has continued on a regular basis despite measures previously taken. The NGRA was in touch with the police earlier in the year about this to clarify the legal position and to seek their advice. Officially the police say it is ok to park on a pavement **as long as there is still room to pass**. The police suggest where this is not the case to put a polite notice on the windscreen of offending vehicles. We have many visitors, walkers, trades vehicles, etc to this lovely village and consideration when parking or expecting visitors would no doubt be much appreciated by everyone.

Somewhere on a village tree.....

As you walk round the village enjoying the summer days and evenings see if you can spot this carving on one of the trees



*With Spring in full bloom, watch out for me;
I've found a new home that's up in a tree.
Below me a chicken is sure to be seen,
scratching for bird seed down on the green.
So walkers look up as you pass down the street,
then the village's Green Man you'll be sure to meet*

With thanks to Robin Boardman for sending this in

The Village Newsletter

Thirty Years of Publishing

final extract from Chris Wells' memoirs



The Residents' Association met in the Watkinson Memorial hall. Mothers and Toddlers met in the church hall, as did the Youth Club. The Art Circle had its meetings there too. It was a chilly hall in the winter and residents often sat wrapped up in winter coats possibly with one old gas heater. A few mice were known to live there too.

The last straw of unhappy demolition was the threat of our losing St George's Hall ~ the old Mission Room ~ where residents were able to meet up. Something had to be done or the heart of the village would have been lost. Something was done! The village people themselves fought hard to retain the hall as a meeting place in the face of the Church refusing to donate it to the village, or even to discuss it.

The NG News played its part in passing on all the ongoing discussions. At last the Church was persuaded to sell the hall. It was not going to be given to the village. But once we actually had the go ahead we could start raising money to buy the hall and pay for its required renovation. The residents raised all the money through generous donations, loans and a large number of fund raising with numerous events including the 100 club. Eventually St George's Hall was ours and renamed Norwood Green Village Hall.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Calderdale on Saturday 8th September 2007; exactly 100 years after the foundation stone was laid for St George's Church, when it poured with rain and the entire ceremony had to be held in the Mission Room, with a quick dash outside to see the stone laying. It has always been attached to the Lanes End Inn, now a private residence. As you stand on the original oak floor you might now recall its history.

A special Souvenir edition of the Norwood Green News with its cover showing Judy Woods was published in December 2007. Sponsorship for the Newsletter continues and keeps it going.

I am delighted to say that having been the Editor for 24 years from December 1984 to September 2010 I then stepped down and was able to pass it over to Linda and John Webster with no regrets. They are doing such an excellent job. Long may it continue!

Chris Wells

Extracts from past newsletters of 1987 and 1988

SIXTY YEARS

Many congratulations to MR & MRS J COSTON of Watford Avenue on the happy occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on February 26th 1987.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library comes into the Village on Tuesdays and Thursdays at these times:-

TUESDAYS 1.0 - 1.45p.m. Rookes Lane.

THURSDAYS 6.15 - 7.15p.m. Near the Church.

It carries plenty of non-fiction, fiction, childrens books and large print books. You can request any books, including the talking books (cassettes).

Do make use of this excellent service.

CLOCK TOWER

As reported in the Dec. 87 Newsletter, the Trustees of the Village School awarded the Residents Association £7000 from the sale of the school, £1000 of this specifically for the Youth Club, for the purchase of equipment.

Out of this fund it was decided to put back the Tower Clocks in working order, being sure that the clocks would be illuminated when dark, and maintained in the future.

The Clock Tower is a very important feature of the Villa being built in 1897. The clocks have now been electrified and should be running very shortly. Due to the closeness of the new future residents, the chimes in the clock will not operate.

Jack Radcliffe.

Online Hall Hire Booking System

This is now up and running so you can look and check on the village website-

www.norwoodgreen.org

Where there is a calendar facility showing when the hall is booked. Booking requests can be made through the site where you can see what spaces are available. The hire contract is now integrated and a simple enquiry form can be submitted.

Village Hall Maintenance

Arrangements have been made for new LED lighting to be installed on Friday 9th June. This will be much more efficient and save problems with flickering lights and the difficulty with replacing bulbs in the high ceiling.

Quiz answers

1. Summertime Blues
2. George and Ira Gershwin
3. Summer Holiday
4. Grease
5. Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
6. The Lovin Spoonful
7. A Midsummer Night's Dream by Shakespeare
8. The Thousand Islands
9. Maplins
10. Walls

Classes and Meetings in the Village Hall

<u>Monday</u>	9.30 to 10.30 Pilates with Wendy
	2.00 to 3.30 Coffee afternoon
	7.30 to 9.30 Third Monday every month Art Circle
	7.30 to 8.30pm all other Mondays- gentle keep fit
<u>Tuesday</u>	7.30 every second Tuesday of the month - Residents Association Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 to 11.00 Yoga with Vivienne
	12.30 to 1.30 Cleaner duties
	5.15 to 6.15 Pilates with Mark
	6.30 to 7.30 Ballet for beginners –adults
	7.30 to 8.30 Ballet , advanced
<u>Thursday</u>	7.30 to 9pm Table Tennis
<u>Friday</u>	_____

Occasional classes run at discretion of teacher, Mark:

Please check with Mark or number below

Last Sunday every month: 11.30 to 1.00 pm Pilates

Last Saturday each month: 9.30 to 12.30 Yoga and Pilates

To enquire about any class please phone hall

reservations and enquiries:

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