

NORWOOD GREEN NEWS

*Newsletter of the Norwood Green Residents' Association
& The Norwood Green Village Hall Charitable Trust*

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Judy Bridge ~ Norwood Green

Village Website

www.norwoodgreen.org

Hello everyone. A few brave souls turned out to sing carols just before Christmas, I know it seems like a long time away now but I felt it worth a mention. We walked around the village and sang to a few people then ended up back at the White Beare where we sang a little more and had mulled wine and mince pies: it was all very nice.

The Commons

The commons and greens and the tracks around them have been discussed many times over the years, and as you will all have noticed the greens have become eroded with vehicles driving over the edges. The problem has never been solved as to what can be done to make it better. Our councillor David Kirton has brought this subject up with the relevant department in Calderdale and they are prepared to help us and work with us to make things better.

To this end at the next **Residents' Meeting on the 10th March** we are intending to make this the subject for discussion. At this meeting we are hoping to set up a working party and they in turn will liaise with appointed officers within the council to see what can be done to alleviate the problems once and for all. They will then report back to the rest of us.

All people who live in Norwood Green are invited to this meeting. If you have any ideas or opinions do please come and make them known. If you would like to attend the meeting but are unable to come, then write down your opinions or ideas and put through my mail box No. 1 Wood View, Village Street. Our councillors are trying their best to help us and I ask all residents to become a part of the decisions we are about to make.

Wendy Ramsden

MONDAY KEEP FIT 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Cost £1 in the hall

This is gentle but very beneficial to those wishing to keep themselves feeling good and also meet some very friendly people. Come and join the fun. Please note there's no group on the 3rd Monday of the month as it is the Art Circle Evening.

Bea Horsfall

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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When the village bought the Village Hall in July 2005, we wanted to have a meeting place, with excellent facilities, that the village could be proud of, fully paid by the efforts of the residents of Norwood Green. We now have this. We are pleased to tell you that all the loans from villagers to complete the modernisation have now been repaid.

The hall was purchased in July 2005 for £40,000 and a further £56,000 was spent to bring it up to date. The total of £96,000 was raised in 3 ½ years. We summarise below the main areas of fundraising to make up the total:

Donations	27,712
Holiday Auction given by Bill and Val Rooney	16,000
Grant from DEFRA towards disabled access	10,120
Village Balls organised by Greencliffe Taverns at the Old White Beare	9,957
Christmas Fairs	5,714
Giftaid tax recovered on donations	4,901
Various Village Events	4,813
Village Gala 2005	4,570
N G Residents Association	3,000
N G 100 Club	2,900
Lottery in Old White Beare	2,799
Village Friends	1,583
Painting Competitions	967
Grant from Calderdale MBC for tables	653
Monday Coffee Afternoons	560

Total **£96,249**

There is still a surplus to ensure the smooth running of the hall and any other costs needed for village amenities. The Management Committee will continue to organise events, which are very popular with both residents and friends of the village. We would like to build up a fund to ensure that the hall facilities are kept up to date as required.

So many people in the village have contributed to this wonderful effort, whether it be organising an event, supporting an event, making a donation or giving of their expertise and service. We thank every one of you.

David Sugden Treasurer

**CHEESE & WINE EVENING
& SILENT AUCTION**
in the village hall
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2009 at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come along to this informal evening. Please bring a suitable item in good condition for the auction, e. g., gift, present, offer of gardening services, plant, anything you think someone may like to bid for, so there is a good variety of things. All items will be displayed in the hall with a paper list on which bids can be made.

Tickets £5.00 incl food and one glass of wine
(soft drinks and extra wine available)

Contact: Sue O'Malley 604775

Proceeds in aid of Norwood Green Village Hall Charitable Trust

SPRING FLOWER DAY
THURSDAY 2nd APRIL
Coffee & biscuits from 10 a.m.
Lunches ~ Soup and Sandwiches
from 11.30 a.m.

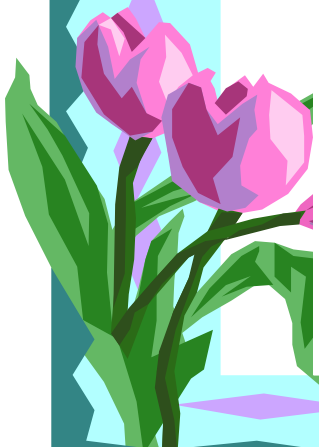
LOTS OF CAKES FOR SALE

EXCITING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS TO BUY

THE NOT TO BE MISSED RAFFLE

MEET UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS
BRING THE CHILDREN
ENJOY A FRIENDLY DAY

This time proceeds will go to a charity.



NORWOOD GREEN QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 17th APRIL

7.30 p.m.– 10 p.m.

Tickets limited to 40 @ £4.50 each

Price includes Steak Pie & Peas

Raffle tickets for sale on the night

Contact Bea Horsfall 01274 674483

or

call in at Monday's Coffee afternoon when tickets will be on sale ~ first come first served. Please bring your own wine for a drink in the evening.

PHOTOGRAPHIC TALK & WALK



hosted by Chris Wells
on FRIDAY 15th MAY

6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. in the hall.

Limited number of tickets from Anne & Paul

Tel. 01274 605452

First the talk, then a walk on the flat by the greens, then back to the hall for questions etc. **& Pie & Peas.**

All for £4 per ticket.

Bring your own wine for a drink

Bring your digital camera, battery charged up and memory card inserted.

The aim is to take "Ah!" factor pictures and find out how to be able to "walk into your photo".

If it rains wear bright macs and carry gaudy umbrellas!

JUDY NORTH – A NORWOOD GREEN CONNECTION

by Mary Twentyman

When I was researching Judy North, after whom Judy Woods are named, I realised that almost all the information we have about her came to us from James Parker and his books published in the early 1900s. The most well known being “Rambles from Hipperholme to Tong”. Parker got some details of the North family from William Cudworth’s book written twenty-five years or so earlier – “Round about Bradford”. Parker seemed confused about whose sons William and Benjamin North were and a bit of research in parish and census records soon sorted that out.

I eventually worked out that Judy North had been married three times. She was born in 1795 somewhere in the Royds Hall area and was the daughter of Joshua and Hannah Stocks. She married first to Joseph Barraclough, a weaver, when she was 24 and he was twenty years older. They had five children and when Joseph died aged 51, Judy was pregnant with her last child, Ruth. Their son John was the only one to reach adulthood and he is pictured in Parker’s books – John O’Judy.

In 1833 Judy married again. Isaac Jowett was a wool comber and he too was a lot older than Judy. Her last husband was Joseph North whom she married in 1847. He was only five years her elder and he was a widower with several grown up children including William and Benjamin who are mentioned by Parker. His family had a pleasure garden at Horse Close Bridge and when Joseph died only two and a half years after their marriage it seems that Judy and her son John took over the running of the gardens. She sold refreshments such as parkin and ginger beer to visitors and John kept a market garden and sold his produce in and around the area.

John died in 1869 and Judy the following year. The gardens were closed and the house pulled down soon after. When Friends of Judy Woods had a geophysical survey done of the field on the far side of the bridge from Norwood Green, the outline of the house and garden beds could be clearly seen on the resulting plans.

One piece of information about Judy which didn't come from Parker was found in an old edition of the Dalesman. There was an article by an Amy Jackson called "T'owd Judy Brig" which gave Judy's maiden name as Scott. This was so similar to Stocks, that I felt sure she must have been told this information by someone who remembered Judy.

From the piece it seemed that Amy Jackson was a maiden lady who lived in Norwood Green. She told a moving tale of going down to the bridge in August of 1914 with her young man who had just enlisted, He took a keepsake with him - a green glass button from the dress she was wearing. As they parted he said "When I come back lass, we'll come down to Judy Brig again, eh?" But he was killed in the war and she never saw him again. She added "My one bit of romance was nipped in the bud, or rather it got nipped before it even budded!"

I have since been in touch with Amy's family and discovered that she lived at Lane Ends. Does anyone else remember her or recognise the exact spot where this photograph of her was taken? Any other memories of Amy would be gratefully received.

Mary Twentyman



ART CIRCLE

In November we had a workshop given by Richard Gawthorpe. We painted a snow scene in watercolour and as usual Richard gave us lots of tips, which I am sure we will find useful in the future.

The Christmas Party in December was a great success and seems to get better each year; some lovely food and wine, wonderful entertainment and great company. Who could ask for more? Thank you to everybody who contributed.

Our first meeting in 2009 was a demonstration in watercolour given by Charles Kelly, a wildlife artist from Guiseley. Charles likes us to “get in close” when he paints and I think everybody was enthralled and enjoyed a really good evening. New members are always welcome.

Colin Scholey



Charles Kelly ~wildlife artist showing his completed badger painting

NORWOOD GREEN 100 CLUB March 2009

The recent lucky numbers drawn were:-

November no. 08 / December no. 12 / January no. 02

February no. 23

The draw takes place at the residents' meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The aim of the club is a fun way to raise funds for the hall and to go towards the ongoing running costs. A monthly payment of £5.00 by standing order or an annual payment of £60.00 is all that is needed and your unique number is entered into the monthly draw.

If you are interested please contact one of the following who will be able to give you more details or see the website.

Margaret Taylor 01274 607611 Sue Watson 01274 604778
Sue O'Malley 01274 604775 Linda Webster 01274 602830

For those of you are in the 100 club many thanks for your continued support and for those of you who aren't : **"You have to be in it to win it"**. Good luck for the future draws.

Margaret Taylor Committee Member

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LIFE AT ROOKES HALL by Donald Askew

I would like to share some of my memories of life at Rookes Hall in Norwood Green during the last war. Rookes Hall where I was born, was very much a family home with three generations living there.

It had about 30 acres of land, with more rented from a nearby farm, on which 20 cows, several horses and a large amount of poultry were kept. Swedes, kale and compulsory corn was grown. Horse power was used for the farm work, apart from some of the first tractors being Standard Fordsons which were owned by the Ministry of Agriculture, and used to plough and prepare the land and driven by Land Army girls.

Haymaking took many weeks, using hand labour to turn the grass several times, then it was taken by the wagon load to the hayloft which was over the cowshed.

The corn was cut by binder, leaving sheaves to be stooked in the field to dry, then taken by wagon to be stored in the barn in the farmyard. In winter time the contractor came with the thresher hauled by a steam tractor engine, to do the threshing inside the barn.

Threshing days were a big event, with a lot of food to be prepared for the workers, extra labourers were needed and came from a nearby Italian P.O.W. camp. One ton of coal was to be ready and water for the engine, also a large amount of sacks for the corn. It would usually take two days work to complete.

Some of the poultry were kept in the wood, which the footpath passed through to the school, in large wire enclosed pens. 600 white Leghorn hens were there, another such amount were kept nearer to the farm buildings.

A horse drawn milk float delivered eggs and milk daily to customers in Hipperholme and Lightcliffe, the milk was sold in half and one pint measures ladled from the churns into customers' jugs, basins etc.

Rookes Hall had a large productive orchard and vegetable garden providing for the family's needs.

There was a fenced in grass tennis court constructed on flat ground down by the beck. Mr Moss, the special Constable who lived by the school used to cut the grass and mark out the court: he kept it in very good condition. There was a shed on the site. Ladies would walk down the back lane with baskets of food for refreshments for the players. Gypsies would often stay at the council tip, opposite Rookes Mount Drive just up the road, with their horse drawn caravans for a while.

The railway was a boy trainspotter's paradise, the best place was on the bridge footpath from the village to the main road, where the branch line from Mirfield joined the main line for Norwood Green Station. Red Cross trains came up from Mirfield with the war injured personnel on route to Bradford. The carriages had large Red Crosses painted on the sides and the roofs.

I do of course remember the working mills and the coal mine, as will so many others. My interest today is to be on the committee of a 200 years old working woollen mill in Devon, and my voluntary work on West Somerset Steam Railway. Perhaps it is from the formative years spent at Norwood Green!!

Don Askew

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Rookes Hall 1919

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COFFEE AFTERNOONS

MONDAYS from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

IN THE VILLAGE HALL ~ NORWOOD GREEN

50p INCLUDES TEA / COFFEE / BISCUITS

Despite the very bad weather it remained open and was very well supported. Where else can you get tea/coffee/biscuits for 50p and very good company and discussions?

So why not call in, all ages very welcome. Even if you are just out for a walk it will be a break.

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