

NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB

Wow! What a brilliant start to the year ... Santa, his "helpers", and Northwold Villagers have again made a fantastic donation to the Youth Club funds. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Everyone's generosity means that we can afford to invite professional entertainers, speakers or demonstrators to our Club which, in turn, opens the door of opportunity to each and every child in the Youth Club.

Our first Club meeting of the year started with what has become an annual event – "Bingo with Bernie!" Spot prizes included chocolate coins, tuck shop vouchers and fun pens and stationery stamps. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, particularly when shouting out the numbers they needed for a full house ...

The Youth Club are lucky in having such a wide spectrum of skills amongst their volunteers. There are Tuck Shop keepers/maths teachers, artists, quiz masters, bowls and bingo callers, sports specialists, drama and craft experts – as well as "yours truly" who does the admin. Whilst we can always come up with something different to offer the children for activities at the Club, do you have an interesting hobby, career or skill that may also be of interest to 7 – 14 year olds? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

We are also looking for people with incomplete Monopoly sets ... Before you throw the games away, please could you let the Youth Club have the money from the set? There are all sorts of team games we can do with pretend money ... but we don't have any "fake dosh"! Can you help, please?

If anyone wishes to join the club, please feel free to contact Sharron Freemantle (727675) or Jane Luckman (728921) for further details. The Club, for 7 – 14 year olds, meets on alternate Wednesdays at the Sports and Social Club.

SHARRON FREEMANTLE

RETIREMENT OF MARK ELWES

It was with great regret that I accepted Mark's resignation as Distribution Manager for Village Life. Mark has done this service to the Village for fourteen years, in fact since Village Life began, making sure that you received every edition of your copy of the newsletter.

Mark has also been Treasurer to the Tennis Club since its inception and has kept the finances on the straight and narrow to leave us with a very healthy balance ready for renewal of the court surface and fencing when it becomes necessary.

Our deep and sincere thanks go to Mark for his contribution to the life of Northwold.

Carol Sharp

VILLAGE HISTORY WEEKEND

We are planning to run a Village History Weekend, to gather together your memories and stories of Life in Northwold over the years. This will take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September, and will include displays in the Village Hall and the Church.

To help us do this, you are all invited to come along to the Village Hall from 10.30am on Tuesday 15th March to enjoy tea and cakes and share your memories with us. If you are unable to get to the Village Hall but have stories that you would like to tell, we can arrange for some-one to visit you in your own home.

If you would like to be involved in the project in any way, for example, researching various aspects of village life, pubs, clubs, ghost stories, traditions, etc

please contact me (details below). We would like as many artifacts, papers and photographs as possible (all papers and photographs would be copied and returned to you immediately)

Ann Howarth

3, Stablefields, Northwold
Tel: 01366 727772

NORTHWOLD SANTA'S SLEIGH PROCESSION

On the Monday evening before Christmas, a hardy group of villagers assisted Santa in his annual pre-Christmas visit to Northwold to check that all the children have been behaving themselves.

He was kind enough to once again bring his sleigh and the villages assisted by providing a trailer and car to tow it around the village (he doesn't like to use it's magic powers before Christmas Eve).

On such a cold night, Santa, his sleigh and helpers received a warm welcome throughout the village, with special mention to Glenda Burton, Tina Billmen and Caroline Whiting for providing warming food and drink.

A collection during the procession raised £320, which has been distributed to the Pre-School, Tots & Co, Youth Club and Brownies to assist in the work they all do with children of the village.

Those involved in this venture were Jim Ayres, John Burton, Steve Freemantle, Ian Hales, Michael Parfitt, Craig Ramshaw, Joseph Whiting and Graeme Whiting.

...and special thanks to the residents and visitors to Northwold who made donations and entered into the festive spirit. Thank you and we hope you all had a Merry Christmas...

Graeme

PURSE FOUND

A purse was found at the Northwold Sports & Social Club on New Year's Eve, if you have lost one please contact Carrie Roberts on 727344 and give a description we can then hand it back.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DIARY 2011

FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th

10.00 am Benefice Service, St. James, Hockwold

Sunday 13th

11.00 am Matins

Sunday 20th

8.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

11.00 am **FAMILY SERVICE**

MARCH

Sunday 6th

10.00 am Benefice Service

Sunday 13th

11.00 am Matins

Sunday 20th

8.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

11.00 am Service of the Word

If you have any questions or would like further information, The Churchwardens, Chris Collins and Carol Sharp, may be contacted on 728404 and 728227 respectively.

THERE MAY BE CHANGES SO PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE NOTICE BOARDS

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Once again St. Andrew's Church was resplendent with decorated trees, candles and flowers for our Festival. It was so wonderful to see the Church full to overflowing. The collection to the Children's Hospice at Quidenham was £122, thank you to everyone who contributed.

Grateful thanks and appreciation go to everyone who made the Festival such a success.

Carol Sharp

THANK YOU

Betty and Peter Akers and Glyn, Larry and Holly Day wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support during the last month also for the many donations given in memory of Roy. Just over £830 has been donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

We are also very grateful to the Rev. Joan Horan and Philip Bowers for all their help on the day of funeral and afterwards.

The Benefice of All Saints Wretton with Stoke Ferry and Christ Church Whittington

The Benefice is in interregnum.

For queries, in the first instance, please contact Father David Evans, Rector of the Hilgay group.

The Rectory, Church Road, Hilgay, Downham Market.

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For information concerning marriage, baptism or funerals, please contact The Churchwardens or Verger of the appropriate Parish.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th

10.00 am Holy Communion, Father David Evans

Sunday 20th

9.30 am Morning Service. Carol Nicholas-Leach

If you need a lift to Church, please telephone the Churchwardens or Verger.

Verger - Trish Willis, 01366 500138

Cleaning & Flower Rota - Mrs Jenny Elsey & Mrs Suzanne Warner

Whittington Church News

Just to update you on what has been happening in the church this year: the kitchenette and disabled toilet were completed at the beginning of the year. Eric & Ken spent many long cold hours during the winter installing the W.C. We are so grateful to them for all their hard work. In May we had an open weekend in the church to let everyone come & see what had been achieved; on the Sunday the Bishop of Huntingdon came to take a service and to dedicate the new facilities. Everyone who came along was most impressed and the service was a special occasion. If you were unable to attend, Whittington church is open every second, fourth and fifth Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm so please come along and spend a peaceful few minutes or so in the church; and feel free to sign our visi-

tors book. These opening times are in accordance with English Heritage's conditions following their help with the roof restoration.

In August we had our usual Riverside Event with boat rides, duck race and all the usual stalls. We were blessed with a glorious day and it was lovely seeing so many people enjoying themselves in a relaxed atmosphere.

Members of the former Whittington Amenities Committee organised a Halloween Quiz with a delicious supper in the church in October. It was a most enjoyable evening and lovely to see the church almost full!

In December we had a small sale of Christmas decorations – again it was nice to see so many people in the church enjoying a chat over a cup of tea and mince pie!

Sylvia Jackson

NEW YEAR WISHES

Wishing all our readers of the Village Life a Very Happy and Prosperous 2011
PLEASE NOTE THE BUS TIME FOR KING'S LYNN FROM NORTHWOLD IS 09.55 am NOT 10 am.

Stephanie



NORTHWOLD PRODUCE SHOW ARE LOOKING TO APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY AT THEIR AGM

The Annual Meeting for the Produce Show will be held in the Village Hall on FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, starting at 7:30 pm.

Matters for discussion will include:

Accounts for 2010 Show
APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS*
Show Schedule for 2011
Any Other Business.

*Many of you will be aware that Steve and Sharron Freemantle stood down as Chair and Secretary after the 2010 Show. If anyone is interested in taking the Produce Show forward in 2011, or wish to discuss "the duties"

of either role in more detail, please contact the Freemantles.

Don't forget - anyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting but have suggestions and/or are willing to help on the day of the Show itself, please tell Sharron on 727675.

THE METHWOLD TOWER BELL RINGERS QUIZ EVENING

The Methwold Tower Bell Ringers Quiz Evening - Saturday April 9th in the Fenton Room, Methwold start 7.30pm - £3 a head - Raffle

Bring your own drinks & nibbles.

Further information ring Gill Giles 01366728379

HORSE RACE EVENING

We will be holding our annual Horse Race Evening in March 2011 (more information later)

THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The School Carnival - 11th June 2011. A Theme has been decided on so get your thinking caps on ready.

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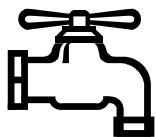
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NORTHWOLD WI

Northwold WI held their last meeting of the year on December 14th in the Village Hall. After the usual business and singing of Jerusalem the evening turned into Christmas Party mode. Twenty five members were present and enjoyed entertainment by Mr Gerry Morris with his "Little Bit of Ireland". Mr Morris sang Carols, and Irish songs, told us jokes and stories and played his guitar, whistles and bodhran. We all joined in with him and spent a very pleasant hour. Mr Morris was thanked by Patricia.

We then enjoyed a contribution supper during which time Mr Morris judged the competition – three home made mince pies – and this was won by Pauline, with Patricia second and Jenny L. third. (The competition next month will be a limerick in your own words.)

Prizes were awarded to members who had achieved thirty points from the competitions and these were Ginnie, Jane and Rosemary. The shield for the most points gained during the year was jointly won by Rosemary and Ann H.

Brenda then asked random humorous questions of the members and, depending upon who answered what, they were

allowed to choose a gift from the Bran Tub. Those members who admitted to once singing in a choir were then challenged to sing a verse of a carol. Afterwards the raffle was drawn and was won by Marjorie, Jenny, Ann, Heather and Verity.

The venue for the next Ladies Who Lunch will be the Green Man at Methwold Hythe on Thursday January 27th. The next meeting of the WI will be Tuesday 11th as usual in Northwold Village Hall when we will enjoy a social evening

Glenda

The first meeting of the year for **Northwold WI** was held on Tuesday 11th January in the Village Hall. Twenty six members were present and after the singing of Jerusalem the usual business of the evening was conducted. Various events and visits for the forthcoming year were discussed, including a coach visit to Denman College. Members who have been before told those people who had not been that this is a very worthwhile visit and one not to be missed, as you are made to feel very welcome and are well looked after.

The meeting did not follow the usual format of a professional speaker, as it

was decided to have a Social Evening where members who were fairly new to the group stood up and introduced themselves. However, before this took place, the group was surprised with a "Mini Panto Production" of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The fact that the dwarfs were jockeys and there was only one of them didn't seem to matter. Members of the group were press-ganged into taking part with no rehearsal time and this only added to the general enjoyment. (Or should we say confusion).

Following this seven members stood up and told us about themselves and why they had eventually ended up in Northwold. Surprisingly, only five of those present were actually Norfolk born and bred, with only two of those ladies being native to Northwold itself. It was quite fascinating to hear peoples' stories about their backgrounds, and very interesting to know why people had actually ended up in Northwold from all different parts of the country. One lady told us of her hobby of recording gravestones and, indeed, she has made a very detailed record of several local graveyards, thereby enabling people from afar to trace their ancestors without difficulty. These details would otherwise be lost in

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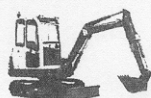
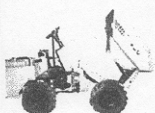
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the passage of time as the gravestones deteriorate with age. Another lady told us of her interest in Horse Racing and how at one time she and her husband were part owners of a racehorse. A third had lived and worked in various parts of the world including California and still runs her own business as well as producing beautiful paintings of flowers in her limited spare time.

An evening such as this really broke the ice and got everyone talking together. Several members commented how they had really enjoyed the "different" evening. But then in Norfolk, we do "do different"!

The competition for the evening was to create a Limerick. There were many entries and this was won by Glenda, with Ann second and Ginny third. Several members had birthdays this month and were given a choice of gift from the Birthday Basket. Arrangements were made for lunch at The Green Man at Methwold Hythe for the Ladies Who Lunch and this will be held on January 27th. A delicious supper was provided by Fiona, Jenny B and Patricia, during which the raffle was drawn.

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February. The speaker will be Mary Gurteen with her Memories of a Norfolk Dumpling and the competition will be a Norfolk Treacle Tart with a recipe taken from Pauline's book. This tart was said to be a favourite of Charles Dickens. We look forward to perhaps to sampling some of the entries!

Glenda

NORTHWOLD CARE GROUP

Northwold Care Group held its annual free Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 14th December in the Village Hall, with

thirty one people present. These included the drivers and their partners of the Village Car Scheme by way of a thank-you for all their hard work during the year in taking people to and from the hospital, dentist, optician etc.

The lunch consisted of roast turkey breast, sprouts, roast potatoes and parsnips and stuffing together with gravy and cranberry sauce, and a glass of wine. This was followed by trifle, and for those who still had room, mince pies and coffee or tea. This meal, as always, was provided by a team of volunteers from the village who were thanked by Mr Booty as Chairman of the Care Group. Three children from the village school came over in their lunch break and served the diners and were also thanked by Mr Booty. Various children come over throughout the year, even in their school holidays, and they are always pleasant and helpful and it is very much appreciated by all the diners. The children at the Christmas lunch even sang a Carol for the diners.

Next lunch will be Tuesday 11th January 2011, and as you will realise, the day has been changed from Mondays to Tuesdays for the future. The meal will consist of Shepherds Pie and Vegetables with Fruit Crumble and Custard. The price is £2.50 and includes a glass of wine and a tea or coffee. (The chatting and laughter is free.) If you are new to the village (or even a long standing resident who hasn't joined us before) and would like to come along and join in, please contact Glenda (01366 727018 or Ann (01366 727772) for more information.

Glenda

The January meeting of **Northwold Care Group** was held on Tuesday 11th January in the Village Hall. Happy Birthday was sung to Mr Booty by the diners in readiness for his forthcoming

birthday. Lunch consisted of Shepherds Pie with peas and carrots and Apple Crumble and Custard. This meeting was held on a Tuesday but in future will revert to the usual day which is the second Monday of every month.

For those people in Norfolk who find shopping difficult and are NOT on the Internet there is a scheme running whereby your shopping will be done for you and delivered to your home at a time convenient for you for a charge of £10 per quarter. Members of this scheme are telephoned at a pre-arranged time and a shopping order is taken verbally with a delivery time and date arranged. If this appeals to you, further details can be obtained from Glenda on 01366 727018. This service is available to anyone with no age restriction and is available all year round.

Next month's meal will be Beef Casserole with vegetables and potatoes and a Pudding to follow. Could we respectfully remind diners to telephone Ann if they are unable to attend through illness etc in order to prevent waste of a meal. Our next date for dining is February 8th.

Glenda

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Greetings to you all, my name is Carole Reich and I am the new head teacher of the Norman School here in the delightful village of Northwold. I have been in the post for a mere two weeks now, but I wanted to take this opportunity to write for this month's 'Village Life' magazine and begin what I hope will be a long and productive friendship with you all in the village.

I was privileged to be present at the 'Christmas Tree Service' just before Christmas 2010, and this was first chance to see this community in action. The school children's contribution was delivered with energy and enthusiasm and it was wonderful to see the church packed and full of life.

I have lived in Norfolk just outside of Downham Market for nearly ten years, and I am delighted with my new position at this lovely and well-supported school. My personal philosophy in education follows the old Hebrew proverb that "a child is a candle to be lit, not a vessel to be filled", and I aim to continue the school's excellent reputation and bring fresh creativity to the children's learning experience.

I have been impressed already not only by the hard-working and professional staff at the school, but also the long-standing connections between the school and the village. It is my sincere desire to foster these links further and to bring news of our school's activities to you in the magazine.

We have a number of interesting activities coming up this year for the children: a percussion workshop for all the school in the next half-term, participation in a tag rugby tournament, a visit to Swaffham museum as part of an Egyptian day,

and all the usual vibrant activities within the classroom. It is my aim to bring news and reports of these activities to you in my magazine contribution, so that you will feel 'in touch' with our school.

In terms of meeting the community, my main aim in my first term is, of course, to meet the parents, but also to have an opportunity to say hello to you in person, through events at the school or in the village.

Warm regards

Carole Reich

PLOUGH MONDAY

On Jan 10th 2011, Plough Monday, our Northwold Mummers turned out again to perform another splendid Mummers Play. There was great cheering and booing from the small but perfectly formed crowd at the two venues (outside the Church and at Haylock yard). Marvelously strong mulled wine and hot mince pies were served. Thanks so much to everyone for the haute cuisine, also thanks to Cheryl and Dave from the Crown Inn Pub for the hot soup and rolls.

Can you guess who are these people?
Answers on page 11.



We'll be recruiting for more mummers next year. If you want to join us then ring 01366-727199.

Toni Arthur-Hay



'Harness your own internal power'

At times everyone can feel low and if this continues it can build up as 'stress' moves in. We often make the mistake of thinking 'that's life' we have to put up with it. Taking away our 'joy of life,' as we look to gain comfort from the emotional pain, we may experience this in a number of ways.

This could be:

Inability to concentrate/focus Disruptive sleep patterns/anxiety/emotional/tearful.

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NORTHWOLD PLAY READING GROUP

The first play reading took place on 17th January. The Crucible by Arthur Miller was read. It's a daunting and haunting play that would have been a challenge for many an experienced group let alone people who had never worked with each other before. Within the space of about 10 minutes the crowded sitting room in Northwold was transported to a village in Massachusetts at the start of what turned out to be the Salem witch trials of 1692. All that could be said from this evening was 'Bravo' and 'Encore'. The evening was exhilarating, exhausting and extremely enjoyable. People left the meeting on a high and some on their broomsticks.

The next meeting will take place on February 21st and will be a discussion about the play, a time to get to know each other more and one member will read from Alan Bennett's 'Talking Heads'.

There are now 30 members and it was decided to limit the group to this number. There will be a waiting list for those who want to join in the future.

Toni Arthur-Hay
Malcolm Hay
Jane Luckman

For more information contact
01366-727199

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to everyone for the beautiful flowers and cards I have received after my recent operation.

See you all soon.

Love Cheryl

DOG FOULING

Northwold Parish Council have received complaints that dog fouling is occurring regularly on the pavement along the High Street.

Someone is allowing their dog to foul the pavement and is not clearing up after the animal. This is irresponsible and has been reported to the relevant authorities.

Jane Scarrott

Clerk Northwold Parish Council

The residence and people who live and walk along the High Street are very disappointed in what is being allowed to happen and are seriously thinking about having CCTV put along this stretch to catch who is responsible so they can be named and shamed!!! Please, please clear up after your dogs.

Stephanie

CONGRATULATIONS



Well Done Louis on achieving 2nd place in The Ellough Park raceway championship at Beccles and also getting the Endeavour award for sportsmanship and determination at the award presentation evening. We are really proud of you. You have worked very hard. Lots of Love from Mum, Dad, Ella and all your family and friends xx

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**MINUTES OF
NORTHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2010**

Present: Mrs R Crisp, Mrs V Lynch,
Mrs T Waller, Miss A Muir, Mr M Roberts,
Mr M Wells, Mr J Norris
2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Mr D George, Mr M Peake

It was reported that Mrs S Leet has resigned as a Councillor. Mrs Leet will be thanked for her time and input as a member of Northwold Parish Council.

2. No Declarations of Interest were made.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 02/11/10 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from previous meetings

- The Clerk is to issue a tenancy agreement for the vacant Garden Allotment plot.
- The Council is awaiting a quote for the treatment of reported Chaffer bugs at Northwold Playing Field.
- It was agreed to move the grit bin

from outside the Old Post Office to replace the broken bin by the Village Hall. If possible the grit bin from the Village Hall will be placed near the phone box on Methwold Road. Permission from the Highways Department to site other salt bins by the A134 crossroads and at Church Lane, Whittington is being sought. It was asked that a request be made to the Highways Department to grit Church Lane, Whittington and the Methwold Road.

- The updated lease agreement between Northwold Parish Council and Northwold Sports & Social Club has been passed to the Social Club to be signed. It was reported that the Club Committee has not met since receiving the agreement but this matter will be considered at a meeting to be held on 13/12/10. The Parish Council will inform the Club that a response is requested before the January Parish Council meeting.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman's Report

- The Environment Agency has undertaken maintenance work to

the bridge at Common Drove. This has been done as a goodwill gesture and is unlikely to be undertaken again by the Environment Agency.

- The Parish Council gratefully accepted the offer made by Mrs Sharron Freemantle to apply for a grant to finance the purchase of notice boards for the parish. However, Councillors did express concern that the planned notice boards are open fronted and therefore may be prone to vandalism.
- Pot holes have been repaired along Pinfold Lane.
- A letter from a parishioner has been received regarding flooding at the junction of Inghams Lane and West End. This will be passed to the Highways Department for comment.

5.2 Clerk's Report

- Royal Mail has been contacted again regarding the removal of the post boxes in Little London and Didlington.
- The Clerk has been investigating the possible need for tree risk assessments to be undertaken in

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the parish. It is possible a visual inspection can be undertaken and recorded by a member of the Council.

5.3 Manor House Update

- No further information has been received regarding Manor House.

5.4 A134 Crossroads Update

No further information has been received regarding the crossroads.

NO OPEN FORUM

- Mr Adrian Jenkinson informed the Parish Council that the wall at his property, which is adjacent to the A134 crossroads, has been deemed acceptable by the planning department and therefore it will remain as repaired.
1. Brief discussion took place regarding the grass cutting contractors employed by the Parish Council and how work undertaken compares to that done in neighbouring parishes.

6. The following payments were agreed:

MHB Services (street lighting maintenance)	£50.14
E.on Energy (street light electric)	£146.98
Village Hall Committee	£10.00
Country Grounds Maintenance	£290.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	
subs(1/5th of cost)	£23.60
Clerk Salary	£93.60
Royal British Legion – poppy appeal	£16.50
Methwold High School (photocopying)	£4.23

6.1 2011 Precept request

It was agreed the precept request for 2011 should remain at £17000, the same as 2010. The Parish Council is at present spending as in line with the budget. However, due to prudence on the part of the Council there may be a slight under spend by the end of the financial year. With this in mind the Parish Council decided not to raise the precept in the present poor economic climate. Any money which can be put into reserves at the end of the financial year could be earmarked for future tree risk assessments or treatment of the Chafer bugs at the Playing Field. The budget set for 2010 will be used as the basis for the 2011 budget and spending will be undertaken accordingly.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Letter received from grass cutting contractors in response to concerns raised by the Parish Council regarding

the routine maintenance in the Cemetery.

7.2 Letter from Norfolk Records Office who are attempting to establish the whereabouts of files relating to the Parish Council and Northwold Social Club which were deposited with the Record Office and then temporarily withdrawn in 1995.

7.3 Parish planning training and information – January 25th or 26th at King's Lynn.

7.4 Notice regarding highway closure/restriction for water connection at the U21348 Church Lane, Whittington, outside No.2.

8. Planning

8.1 Continued use of land for storage and maintenance of equipment associated with the entertainment industry at the Oaks, Thetford Road, Northwold IP26 5LQ 10/01858/CU

Permission recommended

8.2 Construction of two storey rear extension to dwelling at 15 Little London Lane, Northwold IP26 5NH 10/01981/F

Permission recommended

8.3 Re-application of 2/88/2804/CU/F – Conversion of workshop/barn to form four bed dwelling at Lime Kiln Farm, 23 Church Lane, Whittington 10/01939/F

Refusal recommended

It was noted that a letter of objection has been sent to the Borough Council by a neighbouring resident and the Parish Council were in agreement with the points raised in the letter.

Notice of Decision

Permission is granted for the proposed single storey link from existing dwelling and conversion of garage to form annexe at Derwent House, Old Methwold Road, Whittington 10/01472/F

9. Lack of burial space at Whittington Churchyard.

A letter has been received from Whittington P.C.C requesting that the Parish Council gives consideration to the suggestion that the Church cemetery could be extended into part of Whittington Playing Field. There are only two spaces left and the churchyard will then be closed for burials.

The meeting was briefly suspended to allow a member of the audience to present further information regarding the cemetery. A similar request was made some years ago as no other suitable land could be found.

Some discussion took place regarding the provision of cemeteries and the Council will seek guidance regarding its responsibilities. The Council would expect a formal proposal from the P.C.C. and consideration will need to be given to the financial implications which would result from the project.

10. Constables Charity update

A request was made some time ago for money to be released from Constables Charity to purchase hardcore to repair pot holes along Little London Lane. Investigation will be undertaken as to what may be needed and the cost of repair. This matter will be an agenda item again for the January Parish Council meeting.

11. Further reports/items for the next agenda

- 11.1 It was reported that a street light outside No. 6 Church Lane, Whittington is lit all day. A light outside Cumberland House, Old Methwold Road also needs maintenance.
- 11.2 It was suggested an article should be put in the Village Life explaining the role the Parish Council has in the planning system. Parish Councils have a legal right to ask for copies of planning applications and to express their views to the authority. The Parish Council has no further power on planning matters and the planning authority does not have to automatically consult with the Parish Council but should consider the parish view.

Jane Scarrott

Clerk to Northwold Parish Council

NORTHWOLD BOWLS 100 CLUB DRAW

NOVEMBER

1st £20 No. 5 Peter Rust
2nd £15 No.50 Susan Jones
3rd £10 No.49 Allan Jones
Numbers drawn by Bernie Bartlett

DECEMBER

1st £20 John Haylock
2nd £15 Nathan Payne
3rd £10 Gavin Cater

The Bowls Club would like to pass on their thanks to everybody that takes part in this draw.

Roger Preston

RIVER WATCH

A North wind funnelled down the river. A cold chill pierced every living thing in its path. Although early in the morning it was unusually bright thanks to Mother Nature who had provided a covering of snow which sparkled and shone. Greens and browns had disappeared and everywhere was dressed in uniform white. Just a mere inch had transformed all shapes and colours and together with a long regimented line of conifer trees the scene alongside the river Wissey proved a truly seasonal picture.

If we could choose to ignore the drudge of daily work then this would be a day when most people would stay indoors with their log fires burning. Alas our fur and feather friends have no such luxury. The geese from far-away just float on the slack water with their heads buried under their feathers. The rooks from the high tops circle as ever and voice their triumph in noisy terms. A colourful pheasant struts the tree line whilst a busy kingfisher skims up and down in its never ending quest to provide for the family.

However other creatures have also ventured out. They have been and gone and but for the snow we would never have known! Footprints in the snow show a path of someone with great intent. He does not run but slowly and stealthily makes his way alongside the river. His long tail brushes the ground and shows in the tracks. We can guess that curiosity made him pause where the footpath meets the bank side – perhaps to view the geese and lick his lips! Onward he travelled weaving about as the path turns this way and that. For a moment we lose him on wet ground and no clear tracks can be followed. Then his signs reappear further down the river. His pace remains slow and steady with no more deviation. Then new smaller tracks appear from the undergrowth and meet the larger ones. Immediately there is a great disturbance. The two creatures meet and marks are many and deep. Skids and scrapes abound. A feeble chase ensued but not for long as our fox quickly catches the rabbit. Alas the poor rabbit had hopped straight into the path of dear old Reynard. Perhaps the weather had upset

the rabbit's senses but for sure his radar failed to work and there was no second chance!

With a burst of surprise the sun appears but its effort is wasted. It could easily have stayed in bed today as already it is blinding bright. Soon the icicles will start to drip. Highlighted cobwebs will drop and droop and be gone forever. Frozen puddles will thaw and crisp will become soft. Regardless of past events the clock will continue to tick and before nightfall everything normal will return for the roulette wheel to spin again and decide our weather for yet another day.

Back at the arena of events everything is also melting. The stain of life blood is fading fast. Soon will be the passage of other creatures. The trail of the fox's further journey is becoming difficult to follow. Perhaps he continued on his way with more adventures ahead but be not hasty to pass your judgement. Our friend the fox must eat and this he did just leaving behind a little sad head with no body!!

Ivor Hook

WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH?

I really try to avoid shopping, much preferring the online version of events. However, Management sometimes gets a bit insistent and, once a year or so, I have to make the effort. We had a week in Birmingham, looking after a granddaughter, and there was spare time during the day while she was at school. I found myself walking into Marks and Spencer to be immediately confronted by a huge board. On the board hung many pairs of ladies' opaque tights and the board carried large letters informing me that the wearers of these tights would benefit from their "body sensor technology". Well, you can imagine, my brain went into overdrive. What on earth is "body sensor technology" and how could it benefit the lady fortunate enough to buy these tights? It didn't take too long for me to work it out. The tights must contain some sort of electric gizmo

which warns the wearer when she is about to wet herself and sends her a message to this effect. I found an assistant (no small task) and sought confirmation of this. She really became quite upset at my perfectly reasonable suggestion and gave me some spiel about these thick tights keeping you warm in Winter and Cool in Summer. I really am not convinced about this and would value your input. If you Google "Body Sensor Technology", you will be amazed at what comes up, most of which no lady would wish to attach to her hosiery. On Google, you will also find M&S perpetuating their story and offering to sell you 3 pairs of such tights for £8.00.

I always think that the end of January and the early part of February represent a psychological low point in the year. The Winter seems to be dragging on for ever, Spring is not yet anywhere near springing and the garden looks appalling, the only good thing being that the Spanish Bluebells are still out of sight. However, the garden has been trimmed, all is neat and tidy and the onset of Spring will bring joy all round. The pots are ready in the greenhouse and will soon be filled with a couple of thousand plug plants which will provide a profusion of colour until the first frost at the end of the year. So, before long, all will be well. We won't think about moles or moss in the lawn yet, we will try to remember that the Spanish Bluebells don't last for ever (over the ground anyway) and perhaps this would be a good time to enjoy some humour.

A nun got into a taxi and, after some long stares and an awkward silence, the taxi driver told her that he had always wanted to kiss a nun. Surprisingly, she said, "OK but only if you are single and a Catholic". He confirmed both of these, they pulled into an alley and enjoyed a long and satisfying kiss. As they set off again, the driver started to cry and con-

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fessed that he was Jewish and married. "That's OK" said the nun "My name's Kevin and I'm going to a fancy dress party".

A drunk, stark naked Australian lady jumped into a taxi in Delhi. The driver just stared at her and made no attempt to start the cab. "What's wrong with you mate, staring at me like that. Haven't you ever seen a naked lady before?" "I am not staring at you Madame, I am just wondering where you are keeping the money to pay me for the ride".

A professor was giving a lecture in paranormal studies and, to gain the attention of the students, he asked how many believed in ghosts (70%), how many had seen a ghost (10%) and, to be really controversial, how many had made love to a ghost. To his immense surprise a sun-burned lad at the back of the room put his hand up. The professor said "Son, I have been giving this lecture for 20 years and this is the first time anyone has ever claimed to make love to a ghost. Please come to the front and tell us all about the experience" "Oh Dear" said the student "From the back I thought you said 'goat'".

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a muscle.

Our ice cream man was found dead on the floor covered in hundreds and thousands – Police think he topped himself. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fish.

An elderly gent went into a jewellery store with a young blonde on his arm. "I want a special ring for my girlfriend" Eventually, they settled on a £40,000 ring, the old man wrote a cheque and said "Obviously, you will want to clear the cheque before we collect the ring. Telephone my bank on Monday and we can collect the ring on Tuesday". On Monday morning, the jeweller telephoned the old man, furious, and told him that there were no funds in the bank account. "I know" said the old gent "but let me tell you about my weekend!".

Paddy asked Mick if, next time he was making love to his wife, he could close the curtains. "Why?" "Well, yesterday afternoon, as I was walking past your house, the whole street was standing outside your house, gawping through the window at you two" "Well, Paddy" says Mick "The joke's on all of them because I was away from home all day yesterday in Liverpool"

Best wishes to you all

Ian G.. Nisbet

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- No.2 - The Farmer - Brenda Ayres
- No.3 - Dame Jane - Jane Luckman
- No.4 - The Lady - Eddy Dack
- No.5 - Beelzebub - Tony Waring
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