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Village Life



EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1 CLASSROOMS OPENED 28th. April, 2010

The Bishop of Huntingdon, The Right Reverend Dr. David Thomson, performed the opening ceremony of the new Early Years Classrooms at the Norman C of E



Primary School, in the presence of all the pupils, staff and guests.

The proceedings began with a welcoming address by the Head teacher, Mr. R. Hothersall, who spoke of the process of planning and building which had taken place to produce the splendid new classrooms. He paid tribute to the patience and exemplary behaviour of the pupils whilst the work was going on.

The School Choir sang "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands" and then Mr.



Muir, Chair of the Governing Body thanked the Head teacher, staff and builders for the excellent addition to the school premises. Pupils from Classes 1 and 2 then pre-



sented their thoughts on the old and the new buildings leading to an address by Bishop David. He told the pupils that



they were all very special and then explained about his Bishop's clothes, his mitre, cope and crook and how they represented the different aspects of our religious faith. He challenged as many pupils as possible to get inside his cloak and after much excitement twenty ended up rather crammed in! He said he



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thought that this was a record.

After prayers in which we thought of our connection with God, the school, each other and the wider world, the School sang "We'll get by with a little help".

A rousing cheer greeted the Bishop when he cut the red ribbon to formally open the new classrooms.

Guests then toured the school and fin-



ished a most pleasant afternoon with tea and cake.

REMINDER TO CONTRIBUTORS/ READERS

Just a short reminder that the July issue will (as usual) be a combined July/August issue and therefore any contributions (such as the church diary) should cover events for both months.

NORTHWOLD CEMETERY

The recording of all monumental inscriptions in the School Lane Cemetery is now complete and an indexed booklet will soon be available for consultation by anyone who is interested. (Contact me, Ann Howarth on 01366 727772)

One last task remains and that is to confirm that all plots that have been reserved are correctly recorded. Therefore if you have a reserved a plot in the cemetery I would be most grateful if you could contact me on the above number so that I can confirm that the records are up to date and correct. Please be assured that I **do not** foresee any problems at all, I simply wish to double check.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Diary for June and July 2010

Sunday 6th June

11.00 am Holy Communion, Rector

Sunday 13th June

11.00 am Martins , Mr. Keith Macleod

Sunday 20th June

8.00 am Holy Communion, Rev. Nicoll

Sunday 27th June

9.15 am Matins, Rector

Sunday 4th July

11.00 am Holy Communion, Rev. Nicoll

Sunday 11th July

11.00 am Matins, Mr. Keith Macleod

Sunday 18th July

8.00 am Holy Communion, Rector

Sunday 25th July

11.00 am Matins, Mrs. C. Nicholas-Letch

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

HOLY BAPTISM AT ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

JENNIFER GRACE STEWARDSON
WAS BAPTISED IN CHURCH ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH. 2010

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Coffee morning will be held on Tuesday, 6th. July starting at 10.30am. Home made cakes, raffle and a very warm welcome to everyone.

NORTHWOLD CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, 12TH JUNE

The theme for this year is "All at Sea", so get your thinking caps on for floats, fancy dress and themed stalls....It could be anything from the Royal Navy to what lives in the ocean!

Northwold Care Group

The Northwold Care Group held their monthly meeting in the Village Hall on Monday the 10th May. Twenty-two people enjoyed their lunch of cottage pie, mashed swede and carrots, cauliflower and broccoli, followed by rhubarb crumble and custard. All freshly prepared and homemade.

To whet your appetites and to tickle your taste buds, next months lunch, on **Monday 14th June**, will be home baked gammon, new potatoes and vegetables in season, followed by summer pudding. All this, including a glass of wine and a cup of tea or coffee, for just £2.50.

If you would like to join us, please ring Glenda on 727018 for more details.

Glenda Burton

RUNNING GROUP

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Thank you very much.

**Caroline Whiting
And
Tina Billmen**

NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB

We have had two sporting activity evenings recently.

The first was a general games competition, where 4 teams had to compete with different "skills" on a goal shoot-out; hit the post; agility obstacle race, dominoes and skittles. Team 2 were the overall winners, but it was close!

On 5th May, Kate Davies, Rural Sports Development Officer from Kings Lynn BC visited us again and proved that



playing with an giant parachute can provide *hours* of fun. The chute was large enough to fight back, even with 33 chil-

dren holding it down ... I did wonder whether we would hit the headlines with Norfolk Village sees children float off on giant parachute ..."

The police will be visiting the Youth Club later this month and we have a drama workshop scheduled for 16th June. This workshop is open to non-members of the Youth Club, **but anyone wishing to attend must contact Sharron Freemantle on 01366 727675as numbers will be limited.**

Sharron

As an aside, it is wonderful when the weather is kind to us and we can have fun and games outside. Unfortunately, the fun for the children and helpers is somewhat marred when they have to clear up dog mess from the rec. before the activities can begin. Please, please, please, dog owners – keep your dogs off the recreation ground ... *they* rely on *you* to read the signs saying "NO DOGS"!

NORTHWOLD BOWLS CLUB

The green will be open mid April, new members will be welcome, young and old, boys and girls.

Tuition will be given by the club members.

For information contact:

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Mr. T. Cater	500313
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Northwold Spiritualists

Meet every other Friday in the Village hall at 7.30 pm and on other occasions. Schedule.

4th June	John Sherwin
18th June	Gay Harrison
2nd July	Jackie Coman
16th July	Linda Lynett Smith
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NORTHWOLD PRODUCE SHOW 4th September 2010 THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 65TH ANNUAL SHOW

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There are classes to appeal to everyone – vegetable and flower growers, cooks, artists, craftspeople and children.

Please note that entries for Hanging Baskets and Wall Troughs will be judged on *12 August*, so Northwold should be “in bloom” with all the displays/entries at that time!

If you have never entered the show before, don’t worry – at last year’s Show, three awards were given to a couple who classed themselves as “novices”. Sharron Freemantle, Show Secretary, has a sheet of handy hints and rules for anyone who wishes to make the most of their exhibits.

Go on! Have a go!

Schedules will be distributed with “Village Life” and extra copies can be obtained from:

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Sharron Freemantle

**IF YOU DID NOT GET YOUR
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FREEMANTLE**

FOOT HEALTH CLINIC

May we remind our readers that the next foot health clinic is as follows:-
12th May 2010 at the Village Hall, Surgery Room.
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HISTORIC VICTORY FOR NORTHWOLD SPORTS & SOCIAL F.C.

It’s not just the Canaries who were singing recently! On Monday 3rd May, Northwold Sports and Social FC made it into the record books, by winning the Ben Smith Memorial 2010 Cup Final (Crown Fire Central and South Norfolk Football League) ...

The game was held at Aldiss Park, Dereham, in front of a large crowd. Northwold defeated a good Bradenham Wanderers team on penalties – the match had finished 1-1 after extra time.

In the first half, both teams played some good football, without being able to turn scoring chances into goals; so 0-0 at half time.

Into the second half, Bradenham began to put Northwold defence under serious pressure and only some inspired goal keeping by *Man of the Match, Ashley Watts*, kept Northwold in the game. However, he could do nothing about Bradenham taking the lead from the penalty spot, after Northwold had a player sent off for handball.



So, game on for Northwold; trailing and down to 10 men. The Management duo made an inspired change, sending on 42 year old *Paul Coe*, who became *the oldest player in the Cup’s History, and the oldest scorer*, when, with 12 minutes to play, he scored with a “Beckhamesque” free kick to level the score at 1-1.

It remained that way until full time and through extra time, with Northwold soaking up pressure but remaining firm in defence.

So, on to penalties - taken in atrocious conditions, with high winds and hail. Drama unfolded when Northwold

missed with their first kick. Bradenham scored ... but they missed a penalty and another was saved. It fell to Kevin Shafto to live up to his name and send the ball like a “shaft of lightening” into the back of the net for Northwold to start joyous celebrations!

Northwold Sports & Social FC became the first 3rd Division Club to win the prestigious Final. This is a great achievement and a great day for a fledgling team and I’m sure the party went on late into the evening!

The Club is always looking to strengthen its team and if any player is looking to join a successful club for the 2010/11 season please contact Bob on 01366 500047.

Congratulations to the team! Now the pressure is on for next year ... promotion ... more silverware??

Steve Freemantle.

ART @ Stoke Ferry Church A Free Exhibition 22nd May to 6th June Open Every Day 10am - 5pm

Another exciting event by the acclaimed local group "All Saints Painters". Around 100 new works demonstrate a wide range of techniques and amazing creativity. There are examples of wildlife; flowers; local scenes; land and seascapes; still-life and figure painting in a wide range of media including watercolours, pastels, acrylics and pen and wash. There are also unique greetings cards for every event.

The artists thank their patron, Kit Hesketh-Harvey for the use of his beautiful church building with it's adjacent parking and easy access for all visitors.

Everyone is welcome. Please come along and support your local artists. Further details from Teresa Waller on 01366 501369.

I would emphasis that this exhibition is not the annual Northwold Art Group show which will be later in the summer. As a separate group we have adopted the name of the Stoke Ferry church.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and support. I hope to meet you soon and to welcome you to our exhibition.

Teresa
(on behalf of
“The All Saints Painters”)



Dear Readers

On the 22nd May we were walking a dog around the village when we went past the allotments and saw a hanging dead crow, it is disgusting, horrible and cruel. We think it should be taken down as there are many other things which could be used.

Leila and Brianna
(both aged 9 years)

Looking for part time work?

Each year I have to prepare a new Register of Electors and may need people to help with this as canvassers. The work involves the delivery of forms to all addresses within a defined area and any follow-up action that proves necessary, including the issue of reminders and, as a last resort, at least three door-knocks.

The process begins at the end of August and runs until late October. Canvassers are paid a set fee per property regardless of the number of visits required, plus mileage. Payment is made at the end of November.

Opportunities will not be available in all parts of the Borough but if you are interested and are willing to travel I would be glad to hear from you.

Applications are invited from all parts of the community but I have a particular need for anyone able to speak an Eastern European language.

Mary Colangelo
Electoral Officer
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e-mail: mary.colangelo@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Hockwold Country fair. Sunday 20th June 2010 at Wilton Farm, main street, Hockwold.

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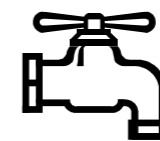
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WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH?

Cockney rhyming slang: I have been reminded about this twice recently; friends of ours, who hail from London, invited us to share their wedding anniversary in the company of Ruby Murray. Now, I was never a great fan of Ruby – her hoarse voice as a result of a childhood operation did not appeal to me – but I enjoy seeing anyone sing “live” and became quite excited about the idea. Anyone who had five singles in the Top 20 at the same time (as she did in 1955) must be worth seeing. It then occurred to me that she was probably well past her sell-by date and, in fact, she had died in 1996 at he age of 61years. Confused, I telephoned the friends who had issued the invitation to me met with great hilarity and the information that, in cockney rhyming slang, a Ruby Murray is a curry and they were celebrating with a meal in an Indian restaurant!

The second reminder came in one of my favourite programmes, *Ashes to Ashes*, a programme about a non politically-correct CID officer in the 1970’s. In the background of one scene was an old cockney comedian with a throwaway line *He thinks*

Anita ‘Arris is an operation for piles. Brilliant!

All this reminded me of 1963 when I started at the London Hospital. For the first 18 months, I had “digs” in Barking, which was, in those days, very “posh”. Mr and Mrs Smith looked after me for £4 per week, full board and weekends included with one bath a week on a Friday (always followed by the question “Feel lighter, do you?”) They were a cockney couple from the East End who had moved out to Barking. They were real characters. Frequently, Mrs Smith would use rhyming slang, and her screaming tones would waft upstairs “Oh Gawd, she’s done a King Alfred on the Holy Ghost!” (Daughter, Janet, had burned the toast). “Cor, Ian, have a butcher’s at this” (butcher’s hook = look). “Use your loaf” (loaf of bread = head) “I’ll bet your plates are killing you” (To me after I had done the London to Brighton Walk – 56miles – undertaken by medical students every year. The prize for completing the walk was a tie and a tour of the Guinness Park Royal Brewery with as much as you could drink thrown in! The walk was sponsored by Guinness and Horlicks so we spent the night of the walk – it used to take me from 6pm one evening until 2pm the next afternoon – spaced out on Guinness and taking Horlicks tablets for energy. I expect Elfin

Safety will have stopped the walk years ago as too dangerous. Oh yes, plates = plates of meat = feet).

Mr and Mrs Smith were very predictable. Every Thursday night, the meal would be cooked sheep hearts. In those days, as now, I was grateful for any food I could get, I always ate the heart with gusto. Mr Smith was a supervisor for a building company called Marshall Andrews. He would sit at the dining table with a cigarette between his fingers, regaling us with the tale about how, when the company was 10,000 or so hours behind on a job, they would call him in and he would have the situation sorted out within a week. The ash column grew longer and longer between his fingers until, suddenly, Mrs Smith would shout “Smoking ‘eavy, intcher?” which would startle him such that the ash fell onto the tablecloth and earned him another rattling.

I remember buying them an ashtray on a stand for their wedding anniversary – how times have changed! Mrs Smith used to get very excited if any girlfriend appeared on the scene. Of course, in those days, there was little hanky-panky – remember the 4 weeks it used to take to reach the stocking top – and the girl would always sleep downstairs before being spoiled rotten by Mrs Smith the next morning! I have very fond memories of those days in

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Northwold Combined Charity – end of year balance of £3353.87.

Norman Almshouses. Money has been borrowed from the Charity Commission to modernise the almshouses. £500 is being repaid six monthly. The end of year balance stood at £13641 with work still to be undertaken.

7. No other matters were raised for discussion.’

RIVER WATCH

There was something seriously wrong - alarm bells sounded! Although it was several months ago the picture is still vivid. I was standing alongside the dear old river Wissey and all was different!

The day had started normally. It was fine and bright despite a cold bite around the ears. The forecast was dry and the snow and ice were fast becoming a memory. It was much too early in the year for gardening so a visit to the river seemed like a good idea. Mother Nature seldom sleeps, even during the winter, and there is always something new and interesting to see and enjoy. So off I went to have a look.

Alas there it was - a completely new landscape. It was startling and not in the least imaginable. The view across the narrow stretch of water had gone. The geography had changed. What on earth had happened? This was my refuge, one of my favourite places where I had spent hundreds of hours and now everything familiar was missing. I stood agog in disbelief.

From this very spot I have watched numerous flights of wildfowl taking off and landing. This is the favoured place of the Canadian geese who provide a non stop backdrop of chatter and clatter. This is where the resident heron is seen wading in the opposite shallows and where the kingfishers flash up and down. Come the summer here the bird filled hedges will sing away all day. This is where the always to be remembered whiskered head of an otter was spotted diving and frolicking. Without

question it was a haven of everything special and familiar to a beautiful river in the middle of no-where.

Now it was changed. Instead the normal peace and quiet was shattered by the noise of a loud diesel engine and the entire bank on the opposite side of the river was now a blank straight line. Gone were the trees and bushes and long stretches of thick reed-beds. Instead a bright yellow machine with hooligan intent and a destructive mechanical arm was pulling up everything in its path! Left in its wake was just a void. Bonfires smoked away at intervals destroying the evidence of years upon years of precious growth.

Even now the purpose of the destruction is unknown. Navigation is still as before. Adjacent fields are far enough away to enjoy no benefit. No gain has been achieved - instead the powers of some meaningless authority had merely decided to spend a week or more clearing either side of a lonely, seldom used footpath. The path, miles away from anywhere, along the top of the riverbank still remains but now any of the infrequent walkers will enjoy an uninterrupted view of lots of absolute nothing!

What about the wildlife who lived there. Would not the inevitable large cost have been far better spent on a million and one other things? Lots of questions are prompted but for sure common sense has gone to pot! Agreed myself and a handful of other fishermen can easily find other similar places only a few hundred yards upstream and downstream and carry on enjoying our passion. Our fur and feather friends will no doubt also just move along and in months to come will have forgotten the enforced change. Perhaps there are more important things to complain about than daft bureaucracy and its big machine but for me it strongly endorses the need to find and treasure such a special hideaway to merely distance oneself from this completely strange and unpredictable world!

By Ivor Hook

Northwold Produce Show helps deaf children in India.

In the 2009 Produce Show Craft Section, one entry was for glove/finger puppets that were to be donated to deaf chil-

dren in India.



There are about 300 boys and girls in the school, ages ranging from 5 to 16years. The area is very rural and the incidence of deafness in children is high owing to old, unwise, tribal remedies for ear infections in infants.

A special thanks must go to Pam Eyles who has continued making puppets, resulting in a further 165 going out to India. We hope that the children enjoy using them as much as Pam seems to have enjoyed making them.

If you wish to see some of Pam's work and, indeed, possibly win a finger puppet, you'll need to visit the Produce Show stall at the Northwold Carnival! See you there!

**Sharron Freemantle
Secretary to Northwold
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The Annual Parish Meeting is not a council meeting. It is a meeting of the parish electors and could involve local organisations. Strictly speaking electors can set the agenda, but in practice these meetings are often useful to celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community. The chairman of the council calls the Annual Parish Meeting, and, if present, will chair it. It is best practice to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting on different occasions and this happen next year.

The minutes from Northwold Annual Parish Meeting are attached.

Jane Scarrott

Book Sale

Hundreds of books for sale – hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and magazines. Come and visit the book stall at the Village Fete on the 12th June. Bargains galore - everything is silly cheap as the aim is to sell it or skip!! All takings to the school.

Mike and John

Minutes of Northwold Annual Parish Meeting 2010 held on May 4th at the Village Hall, Northwold

Present: Mrs R Crisp (Chairman of Parish Council), 8 members of the Parish Council, 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs V Lynch.

No minutes of the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting were available.

With no minutes from the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting item 3. was omitted.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Parish Council has achieved quite a lot in 2009 and thanks were expressed by the Chairman for work undertaken by Councillors. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs S Freemantle who acted as Clerk before a

new Clerk was appointed in December 2009. Mrs. Freemantle began to sort out some long outstanding matters and work is ongoing to ensure the Parish Council continues to move forward. Finances will be monitored and expenditure will be kept firmly within budget.

Financial Report

The Parish Council bank balance on 31/03/10 stood at £1512.31. Receipts for the year totalled £48354.61 and payments £48669.34. These figures include grant money paid to the Parish Council and subsequently paid out to finance the new play equipment located at the Playing Field.

6. Reports from village organisations

Mrs Crisp provided the following reports relating to charities in the village:

Edmund Atmere Charity – grants given to the poor and needy. Years opening balance of £1957.27 and closing balance of

Barking, tinged with other memories of very many hours buried in Gray's Anatomy and other tomes. Enough reminiscing – let's have some fun! One dyslexia sufferer to another "Can you smell gas?" Response "Smell gas, I can't even smell my name! Paddy, the electrician, was fired from the US Prison Service for failing to service the electric chair. In his defence, he told them that he considered it to be a death trap. Paddy and Mick were reading the gravestone inscriptions "There's a bloke here who was 162!" "What was his name?" "Miles, from London". Two couples decided to swap partners for the night. After three hours of amazing activity, Paddy said "I wonder how the girls are getting on". A Muslim was sitting next to Paddy on the 'plane. Paddy accepted a double whisky from the flight attendant who the asked the Muslim if he would like a drink. He replied "I'd rather be raped by a dozen whores than let alcohol touch my lips". Paddy handed his drink back, saying "Me too, I didn't know there was a choice!"

Best wishes to you all
Ian G. Nisbet

NORTHWOLD WI

Northwold WI held their monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th May with twenty-five members attending. During the business part of the evening preparations for the WI's involvement in the Village Carnival Parade were discussed, and a planning meeting arranged. The village becomes a hive of activity over the next two months with everyone keeping their efforts a closely guarded secret. One thing is assured however, and that is the WI's efforts will certainly be very colourful!

The speaker for this month's meeting was Mr Laurie Steel, who is a Storyteller. Mr Steel appeared as Brother Laurence com-

plete with Monk's habit, and regaled us with various humorous stories starting with a story about Ivan the Fair, Ivan the Bold, Ivan the Clever and Ivan the Daft. However, his *piece de resistance* was his collection of relics. Mr Steel had everything from the stone which killed Goliath, a tooth from the whale which swallowed Jonah, to the piece of clay left over from when God created Adam. One relic was even kept in a box made from wood left over from the building of Noah's Ark!! He assured us they were all completely genuine as he had paid a lot of money for each of them – and of course we all believed him!!!

The end of his talk was signalled by Joanne striking a singing bowl and we were all so deeply engrossed that it gave us all a start. Mr Steele was thanked by Beryl. A very enjoyable and different speaker. The competition – A True Story – was judged by Mr Steel and was won by Sara, with Ginny coming second and Shirley third, with a very moving story about lost love.

The Ladies Who Lunch visited the Squirell's Drey at Sporle last month and had such an enjoyable time that they are returning there again this month. A good recommendation!

The usual delicious supper was this month provided by Joanne, Pat, Peggy and Patricia (wonderful meringues). Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th June when the subject will be Pets as Therapy and the speaker will bring along a Pat Dog.

GLENDA

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The annual canvass for the Register of Electors begins at the end of August, when a form and reply paid return envelope will be personally delivered to every property in West Norfolk. Completion and return of the form is both obligatory and important because the Register is used not just for electoral purposes but also by many financial service providers dealing with, for example, mortgages, loans or new accounts. Anyone whose name is not on the Register will not only be unable to vote at the coming Borough/Parish Council Elections but will also be likely to have problems using any service that involves a check of the Register.

The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone expected to be resident at the address on 15th October and who is already 18, or will reach that age by 30th November 2011, needs to be on the form and the names of anyone no longer at the address crossed out.

Forms received by owners of properties which are either already empty or are expected to be so on 15th October simply need the "Property empty on 15th October" box ticking and returning. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone 01553 616773 and any of the electoral staff will be glad to help.

Early return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet (if you have a Community Information Point in your village a terminal is available there) or SMS (details on the form) will avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.

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MINUTES OF NORTHWOLD
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY APRIL 6TH 2010

Present: Mrs R Crisp, Mr D George, Mrs S Leet, Mrs V Lynch, Miss A Muir, Mr J Norris, Mr M Peake, Mrs T Waller, Mr M Wells.

3 members of the public

PCSO's Claire Law and Esther Bortz attended the start of the meeting and reported on the following:

- Parishioners were advised to be diligent regarding hire of the village hall as seemingly innocent bookings at local halls have turned out to be planned raves.
- Following contact from the Head Teacher regarding parking issues outside the Primary School PCSO's have attended but witnessed no problems at the time. The PCSO's will monitor the situation. It is hoped that in time PCSO's will be given the power to issue tickets to vehicles which are causing an obstruction.
- There have been car break ins reported at Cranwich Heath. Advice is not to leave valuables visible in unattended vehicles.
- The next CAG meeting is to be held on 07/04/10 in Denver.
- PCSO Law stressed that although no problems have been reported recently anyone with concerns of happenings in the village, especially around the Playing Field area, should let the Safer Neighbourhood Team know. Villagers can either contact the Team directly or via the Parish Council. Concerns were raised regarding speeding at Whittington Hill. It is possible traffic counting could be undertaken and speed measurements recorded. PCSO Law will request a visit from the SAM team which could then trigger further speed monitoring. The Parish Council made a request for a copy of results once obtained.

1. Apologies for absence
Mr M Roberts
County Councillor, Mr Tony White, re-

quested that his apologies be noted for this and previous meetings.

2. No Declarations of Interest made.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 02/03/10 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- Mr. George has looked in the loft at the Village Hall. No Parish Council papers are stored there.
- Mrs Sue Leet was welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council.
- Following communication with Miss Muir, the motorist who crashed through the fence at the Chalk Pit has repaired the hole in the fencing. However, the Parish Council feels the job is not acceptable as the fencing would not be horse proof (which it was before the accident). It was decided the person responsible should be informed the repair is not acceptable and he will be asked to meet with Councillors to agree what further repair is needed.
- The new play equipment at the Playing Field is in use. Mr. Roberts added wadding to the gate of the new play equipment but this has already been removed.
- Notices have been posted and flyers delivered to advertise the meeting to be held on April 21st regarding affordable housing.
- Mr Mark Roberts has quoted a price of £90.90 plus VAT to purchase water meters for the Playing Field. Three meters may be needed and it is anticipated no labour costs would be involved for installation. This matter will be an agenda item for the May meeting when more information should be available. The Chairman will make enquiries regarding the layout of the water pipes which feed the pavilion. A letter received from the Bowls Club regarding payment of water bills was made available to Councillors. The Clerk will inform the Bowls Club that this matter will be further discussed at the May Parish Council meeting.
- The BCKLWN Tree Officer has been contacted for advice regarding trees in

the Old Cemetery. A response is awaited.
It was previously recommended that the Manor House should remain an agenda item for each Parish Council meeting. This matter will be reinstated on the agenda. BCKLWN Conservation Officer, Mrs Pam Lynn has volunteered to update Mr. Peake with any news concerning this property.
4.1 Northwold Annual Parish Meeting is usually held on the same evening as the Parish Council Annual Meeting. Therefore the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 4th at 7pm to be followed by the Parish Council Annual Meeting.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman's Report

- The Parish Council has been invited to enter a team in the Village Hall Quiz. Miss Muir, Mrs Lynch, Mr Wells and the Chairman volunteered to represent the Parish Council.
- Queries have been raised regarding the provision of more dog waste bins in the village. One damaged bin needs to be replaced and the Parish Council will consider this and possibly extra bins when finances allow. A while ago it appeared the bins were not being emptied regularly but there no longer seems to be a problem. However, the Chairman asked dog walkers to monitor emptying of the bins and report to the Parish Council if bins appear full.
- The owner of the field next to the lay-by on the A134 has cleared rubbish from the lay-by. This spot is often strewn with rubbish and a request will be made to Highways regarding litter picking of the area. It is feared that with opening times of the recycling centre at Crim-plesham being reduced fly tipping may escalate. It was agreed the £400 Pride in Norfolk award money should be put toward the provision of new parish notice boards.

Clerk's Report

- The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has recently published new Standing Orders for Local Councils. Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations will be an agenda item for the May Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Returns for 2007/08 and 2008/09 have been received back from the External Auditor.

Report from the Parish Council Working Party meeting held on 16/03/10

Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors. Recommendations were that ownership of land belonging to the Parish Council should be registered, new

agreements should be drawn up for hire of any land (including the Constables Charity land), and rents of land need to be reviewed. NALC has been asked to consider whether present hiring arrangements are adequate and further investigation will be made regarding land owned by the Parish Council. The Parish Council maintains a strip of land which gives access to the river at Whittington. The Rights of Way Officer will be contacted to ascertain whether this area is a Right of Way and ownership will be checked.

It was agreed as deeds exist for Northwold and Whittington Playing Fields these areas of land should be registered at a cost of £80.00.

New lease agreements and revision of rent for the Garden land and the Constables Charity land will be agenda items for the May Parish Council meeting.

Report regarding mapping of the cemetery

The meeting was suspended to allow Mrs Ann Howarth to report on her work to map the cemetery: Mrs Howarth has nearly completed a plan showing grave allocation in Northwold Cemetery. This has been a massive undertaking and anomalies are still being investigated. Mrs Howarth has checked that what is on the ground is recorded accurately in the burial books. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Mrs Howarth for volunteering to undertake this project. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Howarth for her time and effort and to Mr Phillip Bowers for sharing his knowledge of the cemetery. Mrs Howarth will pass an electronic copy of her work to the Parish Council.

OPEN FORUM

The letter box in Little London was removed some time ago. It was reported that planning permission is being sought to reinstate the box as it can no longer be positioned on a telegraph pole.

It was reported that an agreement was

drawn up between the Parish Council and the Sports & Social Club in 2003. This will be investigated as reference may be made as to who is responsible for paying water rates for the Playing Field.

Concern was voiced regarding the problems caused by snow on the roads during the winter. The Methwold Road was treacherous as snow clearing was not undertaken. Concerns will be passed to the Highways Department. Requests have been made for grit boxes to be provided in the parish. A future agenda item, when finances allow, will be the purchase of grit bins for each end of Church Lane, Whittington.

Query was made as to how the cemetery may be expanded when necessary. It was stated there are eighty grave spaces still available in the current cemetery so no further land is needed at present.

Clarification was made that Country Grounds Maintenance have been awarded the Parish Council grounds maintenance contract for the 2010 season.

Rent for the Garden Land has not yet been decided.

It was reported that a post at the corner of the garden land needs repair.

6. The following payments were agreed:

Clerk's salary (March	£115.20
Inland Revenue	£137.61
Mark Robert	£52.16
BCKLWN – dog bin emptying	£67.21
NALC(2010 subs)	£173.84
NRCC (2010 subs)	£15.00
Car scheme	£87.00
NPFA (2010 subs)	£20.00

Councillors were presented with an updated internal statement of accounts. The bank balance stood at £1517.13 on 10/03/10.

7. Correspondence

7.1 A meeting has been arranged

between the Parish Council and representatives of the Sports & Social Club, to take place at the Social Club on April 27th at 7.30pm.

7.2 NALC leaflet

7.3 Notification of West Norfolk Inter Village Games

7.4 Norfolk Rural Community Council. NCC is gathering information on the social, economic and cultural impact of slow provision of Broadband speeds in Norfolk. NCC is asking for anecdotal evidence of poor performance having an effect on local people. Response should be sent to laura.childs@norfolk.gov.uk.
7.5 Bonnetts will no longer be maintaining the roundabout at Whittington as an invoice of £641.97 has been submitted to them, from the Highways Department, for "Traffic Island Sponsorship".
7.6 Copies of slides from the presentation given at the BCKLWN planning training recently attended by Miss Muir will be copied to Councillors.

8. Planning

Notice of Decision:
Listed Building Consent is granted for internal alterations at Sycamore House, 43 High Street, Northwold 10/00087/LB

9.Further reports

It was suggested an article could be published in the Village Life and the Village Pump outlining the role of the Parish Council.

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