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## Letter From a Resident

Recent events in Northwold have left me shocked, appalled & saddened. Two particular events – broken windows to one property and the breaking into another shocked me. To find out that both of these involved young people from THIS VILLAGE leaves me speechless. It is about time this village stands up against these mindless individuals and the parents of those involved take responsibility for what their children are doing.

**This village is only as good as the people who live here and on recent events that's not that good.**

(Name and address supplied)

# Village Life

## Clearing The Old Cemetery

The “B.O.G.s” have been hard at work ...

... (AKA “Blue’s Ol’ Geezers”) worked hard in the Northwold Old Cemetery, clearing out brambles and raising the tree canopy so that residents will be able to visit a quiet Garden of Reflection. There is still a lot to do before seating and planting can



take place, but a great deal of the hard work was completed by the “BOGs” on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

The picture shows them enjoying a well-earned tea-break. If anyone wishes to help in future clearance/maintenance of the Old Cemetery please contact **Blue Heard on 727290.**

**Elvis Is Coming : Owing to cancellations** there are still a few tickets available for this show on Friday 16th October. Ring John on 727018

## Look Who’s 90. Happy Birthday Jack. Best wishes from all your family and friends



Jack a few years ago with his bike. Note the handlebars and carrier. He can still be seen regularly riding his bike but a more modern version. Ed

**Issue October 2009**

Copy date for the next issue is;  
**23rd October 2009**  
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## Shop Closure Information

It is with sadness and disappointment that by the time you are reading this, the village shop will have closed.

Unfortunately, the landlord's decision to auction the property placed me in a situation where I felt it impossible to make any long term plans for the business and subsequently took the decision to close. Of course, it is every landlord's right to sell their property - this is and has never been in dispute but the uncertainty, (if sold) of not knowing if you will still have a business from one day to the next was a situation that I did not want to be in.

This was not an easy decision to make - I had left a permanent, full time job and invested savings into a shop which I thought I would be running for a long time to come and in the current economic climate, doing either of these things surely demonstrated my commitment to both the shop and the village.

I have greatly enjoyed the past six months and have met some great characters and made some fantastic friends. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve every customer who has supported the shop and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you.

From Clair

## Molly Waring

My granddaughter Molly has just been awarded a first Class Honours degree which her and her proud family are going to the Barbican Centre in London to collect on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

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Editorial

In the last edition An article by Dr Ian Nisbet was printed in Village Life.

Prior to this I met with Ian who requested that I remove one of the paragraphs from his article for personal reasons. This I agreed to do.

When the paragraph in question was published contrary to Ian’s stated wishes it was entirely my fault. I made the mistake, which in fact put us in line with all the other surrounding newsletters that had already published it in their August editions.

The vast majority of readers looked upon this paragraph with mirth. However I have received a personal visit from a parishioner and both Graeme and myself have had emails complaining about it. This I can do without.

Although on the whole editing the newsletter has been very satisfying in itself it does take up around 30 hours a month of my leisure time which quite often means that I have to miss out on other things which I should have liked to have done.

Therefore regrettably I have decided that the time is now right to hand over the reins to someone else and I shall cease to edit Village Life after the December edition.

This should give ample time for someone else to be found who would be willing to carry out this work which regrettably is unpaid.

From the Deputy

Thanks so much Mick for your unfailing work as Editor over the past 5-years (your last issue will be your 51st), as well of course before that when you were my “deputy”. If you’re interested in helping in any capacity, please contact us (details in the panel on the left). Graeme.

POG

Our past according to Pog is not in this edition as he has taken a well earned breather.

There is no doubt that Pog’s articles are the most popular in this publication. Ed

Letter To The Editor

I am outraged by the letter Jane Luckman wrote to you last month, commenting on her findings in the river. I have no problem with her publicising what she found, however I have a huge problem with her saying that it has been caused by 'The Young'. She should not assume it was young people who dumped the rubbish; there are plenty of adults in the village and the world who have no consideration for the environment. I admit the "various wrappers and drink cans" may well originate from youngsters in the village. But why would anyone, let alone children, dump a full tin of paint in the river?! I would have thought that if an unruly child was in possession of a full tin of paint they would graffiti on something, not just throw it away. And as for the polystyrene, surely this would be more likely to come from someone who had bought something packaged in that... not very likely to be a child! I am a youngster and I think that the idea that Jane has insinuated is completely unfair and not representative of the youth in the village. Just because we are young, does not mean we are all inconsiderate litterers!

Bryony Rust

The Apple Press

From Pam Eyles

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Fruit Jelly P Eyles P Clear Mrs Freemantle

Chutney P Eyles P EylesMrs Freemantle

Fresh Produce Wine Mr & Mrs Moore

Mr & Mrs Moore(Joint first)

Section 4 – Craft  
Photograph R Crisp F Eyles P Clear

Child’s Jacket P Clear D RichesP Eyles

Needlecraft F Eyles J BunyanMr & Mrs Moore

Glove Puppet R Crisp P Eyles

Handcraft J Bunyan P Clear F Eyles

Painting J Bunyan D Lloyd J Burton

Section 5 – Children up to and including 12 years old

Class 1 Thomas Morgan Rose

Class 2 Bruce Alfie Zac

Class 3 Tallulah Masie Lilly

Class 4 Amber Francesca Kirsty

Pre-School Toby Tommy Emily

Tots & co Jack Jack Charlotte

Cheese Straws H Raven J Raven

Decorated Buns K Raven J Raven C Cater

Fruit/Vegetable Animal R Preston J Raven H Raven

Crown made from doily H Cater K Raven J Raven

Sunflower – Tallest R Preston C CaterJ Pearce

Sunflower – Widest Head F Preston C Cater (Joint First) H Cater

Runner Beans J Burton

Carrots J Burton

Trophy Winners were as follows

The Vegetable Cup .  
Mr & Mrs Moore  
The Ted Moore Shield  
Mrs S Freemantle  
The Lavender Flower Cup  
Mr L Lavender Mrs M Hull  
(Joint Winners )  
The Cookery Cup  
Mrs P Eyles  
The Wine Cup  
Mr & Mrs Moore  
The Cooper Cup  
Mrs J Bunyan  
The Children’s Cup  
Miss J Raven  
The Tallest Sunflower Cup  
Master R Preston  
The Normandy Cup  
Master J Burton  
The W Dixon Shield  
Mr & Mrs Moore  
The Tom Stimpson  
Runner-up Cup  
Mr L Lavender  
Alf Cooper Memorial Trophy  
Best in Show Vegetables Mr R Akers  
St Andrew’s Trophy  
Best in Show –Flowers  
Mrs D Riches

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**NORTHWOLD PRODUCE SHOW 2009**

Residents of Northwold put on another stunning show of vegetables, fruit, cookery, craft and children’s skills at their Annual Produce Show on Saturday, 12 September.

Two new trophies were introduced this year. In both cases, they were awarded to long-standing supporters of the Show:- *Alf Cooper Memorial Trophy for Best in Show, Vegetables* to Mr Roy Akers *St Andrew’s Trophy for Best in Show, Flowers* to Mrs Dorothy Riches

There were also a number of new faces who entered the show for the first time. In particular, Mr & Mrs Moore walked away with 3 trophies. They’ve set themselves a high standard to beat next year!

It was also pleasing to see a number of young entrants showing the “old hands” what they could do in the adult sections! For example, Tom Randell showed his skills in the cookery section and Kay Eyles in the flower section. Well done!

A lot of Villagers know that Ray Osborne has been a long and stalwart supporter of the Produce Show, especially the vegetable section. As he now lives at the Nec-ton Grange Residential Home the exhibitors donated their produce to the home. Along with onions and potatoes, the donations included exotics such as purple capsicums, chillies, gourds, squashes and kohlrabi so their cook will certainly have fun dreaming up some interesting recipes! If anyone wishes to purchase the vegetables at next year’s show and nominate the charity/organisation who would use the produce, please contact the organisers.

Each year exhibitors donate items they have made to charities. This year deaf children in a mission in India will be receiving glove puppets and an orphanage in Romania will be getting sleeveless jackets. The show organisers will happily accept more of the same, if they arrive before end October when they will be forwarding the donations.

It will be the Show’s 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday next year, so if anyone has any suggestions for themes and classes for judging please speak to anyone on the Produce Show Committee. It would be great to get bigger and better with more entries from new faces – both young and “older”.

In the meantime, a special thank you must go to the benefactor who is kindly meet-

ing the cost of engraving the trophies this year. The Show is non-profit making so any donations of this kind help cover the ever-increasing costs of running the event.

Thanks also to everyone involved in the Show – the Exhibitors, Helpers, Judges, and Committee – without you the Village would not have a show to be proud of.

Steve & Sharron Freemantle  
Chair and Secretary  
Tel: 01366 727675

**NORTHWOLD PRODUCE SHOW 2009 WINNERS**

**Section 1 – Vegetables & Fruit**  
**White Potatoes** D Eyles Mr & Mrs Moore R Akers

**Coloured Potatoes** L Lavender L Lavender R Akers

**Shallots** L Lavender

**Spring Sown Onions** B Langley L Lavender

**Onions from Sets** Mr & Mrs Moore M Hodges L Arman

**Runner Beans** L Lavender Mr Mrs Moore B Langley

**Globe Beetroot** M Hodges B Langley R Akers

**Carrots** Mr & Mrs Moore R Akers S Freemantle

**Parsnips** L Lavender B Langley

**Marrow** T Raven M Hodges S Freemantle

**Cabbage**S Freemantle

**Individual Vegetable** R Akers Mr & Mrs Moore S Freemantle

**Exotic Vegetable** R Akers Mr & Mrs MooreMr & Mrs Moore

**Cucumber** F Eyles Mr & Mrs Moore M Hodges

**Tomatoes** M Hodges Mr & Mrs Moore A Howarth

**Cooking Apples** J Haylock P Haye J Burton

**Dessert Apples** M Lavender T Raven

**Pears** P Clear D Eyles P Haye

**Plums**P Clear J Haylock P Clear

**Collection of 6 Fruits** Mr & Mrs MooreP Haye P Clear

**Collection of 6 Vegetables** Mrs Freeman-tle Mr & Mrs Moore L Lavender

**Section 2 – Flowers**  
**Dahlias** J Bunyan M Hull

**Gladioli** R Akers

**Asters**L Lavender D Riches

**Roses** L Lavender M Hull

**Chrysanthemum** R Akers

**Individual Bloom** L Lavender Mr & Mrs Moore S Freemantle

**Multi-headed stem** A HowarthS FreemantleJ Bunyan

**Perennials/Annuals**M Hull

**Egg cup Arrangement** D RichesK Eyles F Eyles

**Single Colour Arrangement** F Eyles M Hull

**Hanging Basket/Wall Trough** Mrs Freemantle The Crown Inn J Bartlett

**Section 3 – Cookery**  
**Apple Cake** T Randell J Bartlett F Eyles

**Melting Moments** P Clear F Eyles J Bartlett

**Victoria Sponge** F Eyles C Cater J Bartlett

**Shortbread Fingers**F Eyles P Eyles V Lavender

**Flapjack Fingers** J Bartlett P Eyles V Lavender

**Lemon Biscuits** P Eyles J Bartlett V Lavender

**Cornish Pastie** V Lavender M Arman

**Sausage Rolls** P Eyles T Randell V Lavender

**Cheese & Onion Tart** P Clear V Lavender

**Hard Fruit Jam**L Arman P Clear Mr & Mrs Moore

**St Andrew’s Church**

Many thanks to those of you who supported the Pet Service and Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Harvest Lunch. Thanks also to those who sponsored the two riders who participated in the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored bicycle ride. Please try and join in next year.

Advance Notice  
Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning in St Andrew’s Church/ 10.30-12.00

The proceeds from this will go towards funding the Christmas trees at the Tree Festival which is always a popular service. So do come along and enjoy good company, coffee or tea and cake in the knowledge that you are helping the Tree Festival

St Andrew’s Church Bazaar Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> in the church.

As always we shall be very grateful for contributions to the stalls. Items may be left at the back of the church or given to stall holders. (see list on the notice board inside the church and below)  
As well as refreshments and Father Christmas’s Grotto there will be a variety of stalls including one or two new ones: Bric a Brac, Books and Treasure Hunt, Tombola, Bottles, Christmas Things, Cakes and Provisions, Plants and Bulbs, Filled Baskets, Bags and Doorstops, as well as Guessing games and a Quiz.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from PCC members from September 20<sup>th</sup> and the draw will be held at 3.45pm. We are delighted that the bazaar will be opened by the Rev Joan Horan, our new rector, at 2.30 pm.

**St Andrew’s Church Bazaar**  
Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>

Donations to the following stalls will be very welcome  
Raffle.....Jackie Elliott and Chris Collins  
Christmas things Brenda Dent  
Cakes and produce Brenda Ayres and Jenny Langley  
Plants and bulbs. Mick Parfitt (Bowls to plant the bulbs in please)  
Tombola. John Haylock, Glenda and John Burton  
Bric a Brac Julie Fox  
Filled Mugs. Michelle Fox  
Filled baskets Barbara Ayres  
Wrapped bottles(Screw tops with their tops full and empty. Val and Mark Elwes.  
Books Dottie Adkins and Lyn Arman  
Any donations can be left as the back of the church or given to Brenda tel 728565 or Jane. Tel 728921

**Memorial Service**

**Sunday November 1st at 3pm in St Andrew’s Church**

A Memorial Service will be held, which will provide an opportunity for all whose family members and friends have died, either in years gone by or more recently, to remember them with love and thanksgiving.

The Service will be suitable for all age groups. In addition to some familiar hymns and readings there will be an Act of Remembrance during which those attending the service will be able to light candles in memory of their loved ones. Please come and share in this service and invite other family members and friends who live in other places. **Rev Angela Nicoll**

**Church Diary for October 2009**

**4th**  
11am Holy Communion. **Rev Horan**

**11th**  
11am Matins **Keith McLeod**

**18th**  
8am Holy Communion **Rev Horan**

**25th**  
11am Matins **Keith McCleod**  
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

For the tenth successive year we are hoping to fill the village church with Christmas trees for the Festive season.

Everyone agrees that the trees contribute so much to our Christmas celebrations, and we would hope to be able to continue with this tradition.

The Festival can only happen with the help of many people. We are, therefore, asking local organisations and individuals to let us know by 31ST OCTOBER if they would like to sponsor a tree for this year's celebration.

We are also holding a coffee morning in church on 20TH OCTOBER to help raise some money for this event, and we would be grateful for any contributions toward this. The money raised will go towards the cost of the trees - we usually manage to offer the trees at half the price we pay.

Our thanks to everyone who has been so generous in the past, and we hope we can look forward to your continued help.

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Little Norman Pre School

Welcome to all the new children who have joined the Pre-school this term. We currently have 14 children registered as 13 from last year have gone on to the Primary School.

Well done to all the children that made Hedgehog pictures for the produce show. They all looked wonderful and the winners were Toby Rickard (1st), Thomas Hadfield (2nd) and Emily Tinsley (3rd).

On Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm, there will be a Halloween Family Disco (fancy dress is optional) in the Northwold Sports & Social Club (Sponsored by the PTFA and Little Normans Play-group) Family tickets are priced at £5.00 & single tickets are £2.50. Tickets can be purchased from Sheena at the Primary School and from Holly at the Pre-School. We will also be holding a raffle on the night. If you have any prizes you would like to donate please leave them with the Primary School or Pre-School by Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

The Pre-School has had a face lift of sorts throughout the summer, with more

work on its way! We are working diligently to improve the overall appearance and are looking to have an Open House in the near future. In the context of finances, the Pre-School is doing great and we have worked hand in hand with the Norfolk Council in order to ensure that the Pre-School can sustain itself for many years to come.

If you have a child of Pre-School age (2 ½ to 4 years) and are interested in the Little Normans Pre-School, please call Nik Shamrock on 728804 and make an appointment to view the premises.

Session Times:  
Monday & Friday  
9:00am – 12pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Bag 2 School

Help your Village Pre School and Primary School to raise money. See the attached leaflet in your Village Life

To All Our Friends Farewell

I have a list of people  
All written in a book  
And every now and then  
I go and take a look  
And that is when I realise  
That these names are a part  
Not of the book they're written in  
But a part of my heart  
For each name stands for someone  
Who has crossed my path sometime  
And in that meeting they've become  
A treasured friend of mine  
And once you've met some people  
The years cannot erase  
The memory of a pleasant word  
Or of a friendly face  
And you are one of many folk  
Who in past times I've met  
And happen to be one of those  
I don't want to forget  
And whether I've known you  
For many years or few  
In some way you've had a part  
In shaping things I do

With fondest memories  
Steve, Lorraine, Ryan (And of course Max)

Parish Council Report

There were five Councillors present, the Chairman, Steve Freemantle, Rosemary Crisp. Verity Lynch, Jim Norris and Mick Peake plus six members of the public. The minutes of the meetings held in August were approved and we discussed the following.

A problem was being experienced with cars being parked in Normandy Close preventing residents' access to their driveways and this mostly by School traffic. It was agreed that the Acting Clerk, Mrs.Sharon Freemantle, write to the Head Teacher asking that the matter be addressed.

With regard to the ongoing problem of the Manor House a Borough Council Working Group with the Conservation Officer were to meet on 4<sup>th</sup> September and the outcome is eagerly awaited All other matters are to be monitored and will be reviewed.

The Chairman had been attempting to clarify the position with reference to the removal of litter waste. It is unfortunate that the Borough Council wrote to us the Parish Council in April 2008 stating that only two bins would be emptied free of charge and to advise of any extra that might be needed. No action was taken at the time with the result that none of the bins in the Village are being emptied. This matter is being followed up by the Chairman.

New playground equipment had been installed and it was noted that this was being used by children although no moneies, official transfer of equipment or technical inspection certificate had been passed to the PC. The Clerk will write to the Playgroup but cannot accept responsibility for the equipment until transferred. And it should not be used.

Rabbits are now a problem on the Cemetery but due to myxomatosis affecting the rabbit population this problem should be resolved naturally. It was brought to the Councils attention that land adjacent to the River had recently been fenced off. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Owners requesting that they open up the land again to give access to the river which had an historical use by pedestrians and horse riders. Concern had been expressed about litter

on the Common – some had been cleared. It was agreed that this area be reviewed in Spring 2010 for possibly another Environment Day (we hope that the clear up of the Old Cemetery this month will be successful).

The interim Accounts up to 25<sup>th</sup> August were presented. A forecast indicates that although our expenditure has been carefully monitored the deficit of £3000 that we started this financial year with will not be reduced The Council will meet in November to discuss the precept increase necessary to put us on a level footing and how this will work out per head of population. (The big-spend that brought about this deficit was in respect of repairs to the Old Cemetery Walls and Gates, clearance of the rubbish from the School Lane Cemetery and work on drainage and other problems at the Recreation Ground).

WNBC Planning.  
Comfort Inn Change of Use. Had been referred to the Development Control Board on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Mr.Peake requested clarification of Councillors views before attending this meeting. This was : one in favour, two against and one abstention.  
11 Pinfold Lane, Application for extension. Refused – referred to Development Control Board. This application had previously been approved by us.  
15 Pinfold Lane. Application for extension. Approved by us. It was felt this would enhance the area.  
Agricultural Building @ Methwold Road, Whittington. Support was given to this application.

The meeting was attended by Ms Melanie Stephen who gave a presentation of the aims of The Hastoe Group with regard to the erection of affordable housing within the boundaries of the Village, This will be debated more fully at a later meeting.

Currently Northwold needs a new Parish Clerk and is also advertising for nominations for Councillors. Statutory Notices have been posted. This has to be done before any co-options can be accepted by the Electoral Registration Dept.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday

21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30p.m. at the Village Hall.

Verity Lynch

Village Hall

There were eleven Trustees at this meeting. Carrie Roberts has intimated her wish to resign, and her position as Treasurer is to be taken by Mr.Mike Arman

The Art Group were very concerned that the Hall appeared to be booked solid at weekends thus preventing them from organising their popular demonstrations and exhibitions. This problem does seem to have now been resolved with the co-operation of the Saturday users. It is understood that the Produce Show next year is likely to be a week earlier than usual.

John Burton reported that the tickets for the Elvis Tribute evening on 16<sup>th</sup> October were going very well. The WI were organising another "Hall of Stalls" event for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Local Societies and Clubs are being asked to participate as they did before and there should be a good variety; cakes, produce, books crafts etc. The Riverside Group is still in the throes of being wound up and then the proceeds will be transferred to the Village Hall funds.

Quite an amount of maintenance is required at the moment both inside and out. A quote for the possible curb for the car-park is still awaited and a quote for the repointing of the Victorian red bricks has been requested but this amount will be quite considerable we know. Possibly a Grant would be forthcoming from the WNBC A new vacuum cleaner is now needed and is to be purchased Paper towels will also replace those at present supplied in the toilets.

A draft Hiring Agreement had been prepared together with the terms and conditions for the Hiring of the Hall. These were considered and approved to come into effect

The next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m.

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The summer break is over and school is once again buzzing with activity. The children have returned eager to get down to work and make good progress, as well as catching up with friends and enjoying being with their classmates and teachers.

Even though, as I write, we are only two weeks into the new term we have already enjoyed making contributions to our local community. The children have, once again, worked really hard to provide artwork for the Produce Show. I was delighted by the quality of the work and the range of ideas. No two classes were alike. If you were unable to see the work at the Produce Show it is now proudly displayed in the church. We have also completed our Harvest Festival service. It was wonderful to see the items that the children had prepared, and to hear almost a hundred voices singing 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter' and 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', with such vigour and so well.

Mr Bowles, Miss Randell, Mrs Ward and Mr Whiting have led a very successful residential visit to the Kingswood Activity Centre in West Runton. The children were able to experience all sorts of adventurous activities that we are unable to provide in school. Such delights as caving, archery and the terrifying

'zipwire' have helped the children to bond with each other and to test their nerve and skill. It is a delight to see the increase in confidence that these activities bring. I am sure that you will be as pleased as I was that the children behaved impeccably and that our group received many favourable comments from Kingswood staff and personnel from other schools. They have been excellent ambassadors for our school and the village of Northwold.

It is the time of year when, as a school, we review our plans for the future and think about how we will take the school forward. We shall be looking to boost our achievement in Maths and Writing in particular this year, looking to add to our previous year's successes. We have introduced some interesting changes to school life including a move to teach many subjects in a topic based format, where subjects such as History, Geography, Music, Art and Technology are taught around a single theme, eg 'Space'. We feel that this will add to the children's enjoyment of their work. We are also going to implement a scheme of work called SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning). This is a school wide scheme to teach skills such as perseverance, working as part of a group, understanding one's feelings and those of others, conflict

resolution, target setting and many others. We are confident that at this school we are starting from a very strong position and that this work will contribute to the children becoming even more well-rounded individuals.

It would be wonderful if, as a community, we could celebrate our children's social skills and so I would be very grateful if readers of Village Life could contact the school to tell us about good examples of thoughtful behaviour that you may witness from our children when they are out and about in the village. We will be only too glad to celebrate them in our Friday assembly.

Our building work continues well and the younger children are very excited to be housed in their new mobile classroom. The extensions to the two classrooms are scheduled to be finished by Christmas and we will set a date for a formal opening at some time in the new year, more of that in future articles.

Beat wishes to all Village Life readers from everyone at The Norman School.

**Robert Hothersall**

## Youth Club

Our first Youth Club was quiet for all our helpers – a large number of the young members were away on their school trip. It seemed so strange to have only 12 children at the session, rather than the usual 35 plus we've been used to, but it also highlighted how far the Club has come. We started with 12 members and we're celebrating our 4<sup>th</sup> year with up to 50!

A big thank you goes out to the Bowls Club as they let the children experience bowls on the outdoor rinks. The Youth Club members love this opportunity and we feel sure there are some budding stars the Bowls Club would like to encourage to play next season. Thank you to Bernie Bartlett and Tony Cater for sharing their knowledge with the young members.

The next session was a hectic one ... hardly surprising as it was a Circus Workshop with FoolHardy Circus. Again, the young members had a wild and noisy time (while Sharron hides away, going grey thinking about the risk assessment ....with tightrope walking

October starts with what is almost becoming an annual event – the indoor golf instruction, followed by a sports session with Kate Davies. It's all go at the Club!

The Youth Club also voted to share the residue of the grant funding they gained in 2007 for sporting equipment. As all the equipment has been purchased, we wish to thank the Sports and Social Club for helping us out with use of the facilities for our meetings and also storage of the equipment. Additionally, the Parish

Council will be receiving a small contribution towards the maintenance of the playground equipment on the Rec. In this way all the children in Northwold will then have received some benefit of the funding the Youth Club gained.

Until the next time – Have fun!

**Steve Freemantle**



**A member of The Foolhardy Folk Circus showing how to walk a tight-rope**

### **Northwold Spiritualists Group**

Northwold Spiritualist group meet on alternate Fridays in the Village hall at 7.30 pm and on other occasions. For more information contact Eileen on 01366727174.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Speaker **David Taylor**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Speaker **Ashley George**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
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WHAT DOES THE DOC-TOR THINK THIS MONTH?

Birmingham revisited -The psychological bladder

Many of you will recall the tale of my last visit to daughter Charlotte and her husband, Oliver’s, Birmingham house in January. My back exploded and I related the saga of the poor ambulancemen who had to get me downstairs and to hospital in the middle of the night. In common with many Birmingham terraced houses, which started life as two-up, two-down properties, her house is one room wide. The dining room is entered through the front door and the sitting room is immediately behind the dining room. Tacked on to the sitting room is a long, narrow kitchen and, behind that, the bathroom. Although they are part of the house extension, the Birmingham bathrooms in such properties all seem to be halfway down the garden, the property having been extended time and again. Now, the bedrooms are upstairs. So, to visit the bathroom during the night is quite an expedition. Normally, I am happy to say, head office and I do not find it necessary to visit the bathroom during the night. However, whenever we visit Charlotte’s house, 3.30am finds us both squirming in the bed and having to accept that a trip downstairs is essential. In common with ladies visiting a pub loo, we make a joint expedition through the house. The boards outside the bedroom creak and every stair creaks on our way downstairs. Will we wake them up? The dining room and the sitting room are negotiated in the dark and then we arrive at the kitchen door. Now, Charlotte has a cat called Holly whose main aim in life is to shoot upstairs and lie on a bed. Our aim is to reach the bathroom, the other side of the kitchen, without letting Holly escape. With some fancy footwork, the bathroom is reached without releasing Holly and, on the first night, pulling the light cord resulted in a “ping” as the lamp blew. Management, by this time desperate, decided to use the facilities in the dark while I hunted out a new lamp. A wail arose – the paper had run out. Eventually, we sorted ourselves out, celebrated with a cup of tea and returned to bed, boards creaking furiously. The next two days, we restricted our fluid intake after 6pm and retired to bed confident that we would sleep through.

Oh no! Both mornings, between 2am and 4am, we had to run the gauntlet. So, why is it that two people, who are usually perfectly capable of holding their water all night long, should suddenly have such a problem? My own personal theory is that the difficulties associated with the facilities caused us to have a psychological problem with our bladders along the “if you can’t have it, you’ll really want it” lines. The idea of a commode or a “goesunder” in the room really does not appeal so future visits to Charlotte’s house will almost certainly be associated with nocturnal, creaky perambulations until she upgrades to a bigger house with convenient conveniences, at which time we will probably sleep all night! Also, since I last wrote, Deannie and I have been to Durham Castle for the wedding of our friends Ann and Barry Jones’ daughter, Helen. We enjoyed a beautiful wedding in a fabulous setting. We thought we would go up early so, a couple of days before, we drove up to Whitby, where we would seek accommodation on arrival. We soon realised that we had chosen the Folk Festival week, the Regatta week and the beginning of the Bank Holiday weekend. In these times of recession, there was not a room to be found. After a couple of hours’ searching, we found a B&B Guest House which, although showing the “No Vacancies” sign, which I missed in the dark, had a newly refurbished room available. The bedroom and bathroom walls were deep purple and the ceilings were a lighter shade, possibly lilac. Purple curtains finished the rooms off! However, it was spotless and we were delighted to find the accommodation. On arrival, we were given an instruction sheet. In the bedroom, we had a kettle and some tea bags and coffee sugar and milk sachets on a tray. In best sea-side B&B tradition, a small card sat beside the tray: *This Bed and Breakfast Guest House is happy to provide this drinks tray for your convenience. It is intended to provide you with a drink at night and again first thing in the morning. This facility must not be used for making drinks during the day. If you wish a drink during the day, additional sachets and tea bags may be purchased from reception at 4p each.* They just cannot resist it, can they? Next morning, Management and I took a trip on the yellow topped tour

bus –“This is your taxi for the day – get on and off as often as you like” – and had a wonderful tour. For those of you who have never been, Whitby is well worth a visit. The next port of call was Goathland (Aidensfield of Hearbeat fame) in North Yorkshire. We were last there well before Hearbeat kicked off and it was a lovely, quiet village in the middle of nowhere. Now, there are coach parks, endless day-trippers and numerous shops and stalls selling souvenirs. We had a bite of lunch and soon moved on, but not before purchasing a slate notice for our kitchen at home: “**The views of the man of the house are not necessarily those of the management**”. Neither of us could resist it!

Best wishes to you all.

Ian G. Nisbet

Northwold Bowls Club 100 Club


Draw July 2009

C Ambrose	£20
T Hay	£15
J Rust	£10
Numbers drawn by Jill Cater	

August 2009

G Jones	£50
L Lavender	£25
D Goat	£15

Numbers drawn by Bernie Bartlett



### Obituary

## The Late Ken Royal

Doreen Read would like to thank everybody for the cards, telephone calls, messages of sympathy and for the donations to Air Ambulance which were made in memory of Ken who passed away recently.

**I knew Ken for over 40 years . A real nice person Ed**

Riverwatch

By Ivor Hook

Our weather is in turmoil. Days are a lottery between summer and winter. We have alternate days of brilliant sunshine and heat followed by high winds and torrential rain. We assume autumn is patiently waiting but our fur and feather friends must be rather confused. For them the months of the year dictate their direction and the all important clock needs winding up!

This afternoon favours the sun again and it is burning. Its reflection sparkles across the the river making a glittering silver pathway. The only shadow is under the far away trees and looks dark and inviting. Swifts still circle and dive endlessly chasing the flies although time dictates they should now be gathering for their homeward journey and that the water-born flies be spent.

The river is flat and black. There is no sign of flow but for sure it is there and unstoppable. Silver and red roach occupy the margins in numbers yet until a few days ago were unseen. All summer they went missing and now large numbers enjoy the halcyon weather as they flip and splash and make merry. Mid-water a large shoal of bream is also topping. The mass of black shapes slowly moves across the river with dorsal fins breaking the surface. Text books dictate that both roach and bream should now be seeking deep water but alas few fish read books any more!

As the afternoon fades a squadron of bats replace the swifts and continue the

same circling. A barn owl hovers over the bank-side and then dives for a unsuspecting target. He is unsuccessful so starts his vigil all over again. He is always about and no longer keeps to the traditional twilight or the early hours of dawn so his clock is definitely wrong!

With the exception of the ailing chestnut the leaves all hold their green. There is little sign of any drop. A time-traveller returning home could assume this to be the month of June or July. The only give-away to reality is the height of the sun and the shortening of daylight hours. This is the last chance reassurance that autumn has not been forgotten.

A host of pinprick bubbles break the surface. They continue in fierce bursts and move along the river. The accompanying muddy cloud shows the water even darker than before. The bubbling and fizz is now in front of me. The slabs of bream have gone to the bottom with heads down and stirring up the mud as they feed at long last. If good fortune continues and if geography is correct they will soon find my ground-bait and hook. The light noticeably fades reminding me of the short time remaining. A bream then surfaces and splashes to disappear again. It is deep water so why has he come up again? I suspect he is merely taunting me as fishing is never straight forward and theories change daily to provide a constant challenge!

The owl is still there and a joy to watch. Then (blow me!) the biggest imaginable armada of geese comes sailing round the bend of the river and parks right over the bream shoal. How untimely with my long awaited fish so close! Geese are rarely quiet and this

interruption is certainly no exception. I force myself to remain calm as the world is full of grumpy old men so perhaps I am also wrong to judge the lateness of autumn. I will hold back any more questioning for Mother Nature will surely sort everything out with or without my concern. I must remember that my judgement is based on an age of years gone by and that change must be accepted.

Suddenly my float disappears and the first big bream is on its way. At least one theory is working but sadly only a few minutes are left. I will stay until I can see no more and be thankful for yet another enjoyable day alongside the dear old river Wissey.

Ivor

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