**ST ANDREW’S CHURCH**

**English Heritage Grant**

A grant of £187,000.00 has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Church roof replacement. This is a very welcome amount of money but still not quite enough to complete the work. The members of SARA have worked tirelessly to raise thousands of pounds leaving a small shortfall which hopefully, will be available soon.

**New Curate for the Benefice**

Dr. Berkeley Zych is joining Rector and Rev. Ken Waters as Curate in July. He is very keen to start his ministry with us and will be a great asset to the Parish. He has an excellent singing voice which brings me on to my next piece of news.

**CHOIR FOR ST. ANDREW’S**

I am hoping to form a choir to sing once a month in Church, everyone is able to join whatever age. You don’t have to be a great singer or attend church.

If you are interested please contact me on 728227 or at 36 Methwold Road.

**Keeping the church clean**

is just as important and Betty Akers is asking for volunteers to join her and her team by giving a few hours every couple of months to dust and vacuum the church. If you would like to help please telephone her on 727478.

Carol Sharp, Churchwarden.

**St. Andrew’s Church Flower Festival**

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take part in the Flower Festival, the theme of which is ‘Flags of the Commonwealth’, either doing a flower arrangement or helping in some other way.

If you are interested, please contact Jackie (728571) or Brenda (728565) by 31st MARCH, AT THE LATEST.

**LITTLE NORMANS PRE-SCHOOL**

With regret I must report we had visitors we weren’t expecting, or wanted to welcome. With a heavy heart myself and others tidied the mess and repaired the damage, vandalism is such a petty crime, it takes seconds to rip something apart and smash it but a great many hours of volunteered time and effort to put right. Little Normans is an ordinary building, what happens inside is extraordinary - please help us keep it that way.

Gareth Stewardson
on behalf of Little Normans

**FASHION SHOW AND CLOTHES SALE**

I am sure most of you have got your tickets for the fashion show; if so forgive me for bothering you. We only have room for 80 and there are a few tickets left.

Do come, it should be great fun especially as you will have the privilege of seeing yours truly and a few of your other friends making fools of themselves.

Seriously, Artichoke have some lovely casual clothes going up to size 24, which are all for sale. We hope to have a fun evening with a glass of wine and a really good raffle. Would you please be kind enough to pass on this information to your friends and neighbours.

Thanks to everyone SARA is doing very well but we have a LONG, LONG way to go

**FASHION SHOW & SALE**

**FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 7.00pm in**

NORTHWOLD VILLAGE HALL

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**NORTHWOLD SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Revised date for The Northwold Sports & Social Club AGM is now 25th March 2013 at 8pm.

All members welcome.

Roger Preston

**ALMSHOUSE and ALLOTMENTS available.**

Almshouse available and Allotments still available.

Will be sprayed to clear invasive weeds and ploughed in March.

Please apply to Mrs. Rosemary Crisp, Chairman of the Trustees (Tel. 728300) or The Clerk on 01366 500165
ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH DIARY 2013
MARCH

Sunday 3rd
10.00am Benefice, St. Mary’s Church, Weeting

Sunday 10th
11.00am Service of the Word, DIY

Sunday 17th
8.00am Holy Communion, Rector

Sunday 24th
11.00am Holy Communion, Rev. Waters

THURSDAY, 28th
7.30pm Benefice, St. Mary’s, Feltwell

Good Friday 29th
7.00pm Good Friday Benefice, Rector

SATURDAY 30th
9.00pm Easter Vigil, Rector

Sunday 31st
11.00am Easter Day H.C., Rev. Waters

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.

Church website: www.northwoldchurch.org.uk

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

NORTHWOLD PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will commence on 12th March 2013 at 10.30am, still on a Tuesday. All are welcome at 55 Methwold Road. WE DO little bit of Bible discussion, singing and prayer nothing too heavy – we also have refreshments halfway and we try to end around 12 noon.

Come along it’s a nice way to meet new people if you are new to the village or not.

Irene & Mike Quinn

CARNIVAL 2013

The THEME for next year is: OUT OF THIS WORLD
(Sci-fi, Space, fiction)

Roger Preston

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

The Benefice is in interregnum.

Licensed Lay Ministers:
Keith MacLeod - Field House, Campsey Drove, Southery. Telephone 01366 377956

Carol Nicholas-Letch - Honey Tree, Furlong Drove, Stoke Ferry. Telephone 01366 500704

For information concerning marriage, baptism or funerals, please contact The Churchwardens or |Minister, Carol Nicholas-Letch.

2013

Sunday 3rd
9.30am Holy Communion at Wretton with the Archdeacon

Sunday 10th
9.30am Morning Service at Whittington with Carol Nicholas-Letch

Sunday 17th
9.30am Morning Service at Wretton with Keith MacLeod

THURSDAY 21st
Evening Compline at 5.30pm at Wretton with Carol

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday
9.30am Morning Service at Whittington with Carole

GOOD FRIDAY
Joint Service with the Methodists, meeting on the hill at 10.45am and Procession to the Sanctuary with Carole

Sunday 31st EASTER DAY
9.30am Communion by Extension at Wretton with Carole

There are still three Lent services to be held in our deanery

Monday 4th March, 7.30 at St. Georges, Methwold
Monday 11th, 7.30 at St.Edmunds, Downham Market and
Monday 18th March, 7.30 at St. Mary the Virgin, Wimbotsham

Everyone is welcome to any of these Services

Thanks very much to everyone who came along and supported the Quiz at Whittington on 16th February - £352.15 was raised for church funds

Christ Church Whittington’s Churchwarden is Elaine Taylor.
All Saints Wretton with Stoke Ferry’s Churchwardens are Elaine Taylor Tele. 500948 and John Reeve Tele: 500065.

Mrs. Nancy Achurch and Mrs. Janet Allen are in charge of the cleaning and flowers at Christ Church this month and Heather and Elaine are doing the same at All Saints.
EASTER MESSAGE

In the dark, snowy days following Christmas this year it seemed as though Spring would never come. Yet despite the extreme cold, despite the darkness, ice and snow, the earth slowly wakes up and comes to life. Small shoots pierce the soil as first the winter bulbs and then the brighter, larger colours of Spring lighten up our verges and gardens with splashes of sunshine.

Coming from Australia where even the seasons are upside down, Easter Spring makes much more sense than Easter Autumn! Here new life is all around us – plants and animals – even the ‘Easter bunny’ makes sense when one sees all the tiny rabbits scurrying for cover on the forest roads.

And this new life all around is a wonderful reminder to us all that Easter is the season of new life. All the fresh new life we see around us is but a reflection of the redemption of all Creation in God through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. Out of the darkness comes light and life…the light and life of Christ which leads us from the darkness of our selfish human nature into the light of His redeeming love. He is indeed the Lord of love, through whose sacrifice we are healed and restored.

So as you celebrate the joy of Spring and the burgeoning of new life all around, also rejoice that we have a God who loves us so much that He sent His only Son to transform and redeem humanity and all Creation and hold out to all, the promise of life eternal.

I wish you all a blessed and Holy Easter.

Joan, Rector

ROGER IS THE BEST

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NORTHWOLD W 1 HALL OF STALLS

We are holding another Hall of Stalls in the Village Hall on:
Saturday 27th April 2013, between 2pm. and 4.00pm

If you would like to have a stall at this event please contact Brenda Ayres (728565) as soon as possible as we only have a limited amount of stall space.

Cost is £5.00 per stall (table top approx 6’ x 2’6”).

Thank you

Brenda

NORTHWOLD PRODUCE SHOW
Norfolk

14 February 2013

To: The Editor, Northwold Village Life

Thank you for publishing the November Produce Show 2012 AGM Minutes in “the Village Life”, Feb 2013.

Since then we have frequently been asked about the donations the Produce Show wish to make. Unfortunately, we cannot publish the final amounts to be given to the pre-school and Care Group as we still await a response from the Parish Council for approval for the Produce Show commemorative bench in the Cemetery.

We should like to reassure residents of Northwold that, as soon as the Parish Council’s decision is known, we will take all necessary action for the nominated organisations to receive the donations as quickly as possible.

Kind regards

Sharron Freemantle
Acting Secretary

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Life is often described as being a journey and I am minded, after spending two days of the last week with an Ofsted Inspector, how true this is in the development of a school. How proud I was of the children who were articulate and honest about their experience of school. The great thing about staff and children was that they continued as normal (with a little more anxiety from staff than usual) but in the days of no notice inspections it was reassuring to see how ready we were. The outcomes of our inspection should be ready for the next Village Life.

Our first half spring term ended with a 100 days of maths morning. Staff swapped classes and worked with different classes exploring various aspects of number. An area for development in school has been maths and we are pleased that we have got to the point when we announce such a morning that children are excited by the prospect rather than moaning. Children weighed, printed, created pictures and tried to work out how much rice you would get in 30 days if you get 1 grain on day one and doubled the amount each day for the month. Children took to the tasks with great enthusiasm and moved their learning on. Miss Howlett, our lead maths teacher, is developing good practice across the school although change isn’t happening overnight we are beginning to see improvement.

Again the last month has been most busy with a highlight being the choir’s trip to London’s O2 Arena to sing in the Young Voices Concert. What an experience it was for children, staff and parents; the atmosphere was electric and singing loud and the dancing fun. It is so good to be able to give such experiences to children.

Our next musical experience will be when our Years 2 and 3 children participate in the Schools Make Music concert in Kings Lynn on March 12th. This is a prestigious concert and we are honoured to be included. Our children are learning to play Violin, Viola or Cello and will perform some pieces with their Music Director Jessica Berners. It is a joy to watch and listen to the sessions the children have and I’m sure the concert will be excellent.

We are delighted that over half term our outdoor play area for our youngest children will have a soft surface put down so that the children can ride bikes whatever the weather without churning the ground into a quagmire. Plans to develop the outside learning in school are afoot with a planning application for a beautiful Outdoor Classroom having been put into the council. We are also extending our covered areas near to the main classrooms so children can be outside whatever the weather.

Our PTFA continue to organise fund raising events for the school and over Christmas a number of fathers and grandfathers kindly agreed to be sponsored to grow beards. The 6 gentlemen who participated raised an astonishing £312. The children have also been raising funds by collecting coppers. They counted these this week and have raised an amazing £41 with House Ninja Nymphs collecting the most individual coins. Thank you to all who organise and participate in such events it all helps us to be a well resourced school.

Our School Council has started to discuss ideas and designs for our Carnival Floats under the theme ‘Out of this World’. An excellent theme for the year and discussions have been wide ranging. Will the village be filled with Daleks, borg or little green creatures?

We have a very short half term leading
up to Easter, with only 41/2 weeks to
our Easter Service at St. Andrews and
our Easter Bonnet Parade. I do hope you
will join us, details can always be found on our website www.norman-
pri.norfolk.sch.uk.
Eboni went with the choir to Young
Voices, here is what she thought:
“On the 30th of January our school
choir went to the O2 in London to join
other schools to sing.
The arena was the biggest thing I have
ever seen. It could hold many thousands
of people!! When we got in there we had
a dress rehearsal and practised our
pitches for our voices to help us sound
more amazing. We sang with 2 famous
people who were Connie Talbert and
Randolph Mathews; they were brilliant.
My favourite song was ’pop medley’ and
’Let it be’; so I had to keep going be-
cause they kept them till last and they
were my favourites.
Afterwards all of us ate our tea. The
result of this was it gave us more energy
to sing to help us sound better than be-
fore. For tea I had pasta and some
brownies it was delicious. This gave me
loads of energy because I love pasta.
We got in the arena to sing in the con-
cert for all of the grown ups on the other
side of the arena. My nerves had burst, I
was a bit shaky but I was excited, as I
knew my mum was watching.
It was my time to shine. It was all about
to begin. We started singing it felt great
all the lights were shining on us all dif-
f erent colours twinkling in our eyes,
shining bright. I loved every moment of
it. In the concert we got to sing with the
African Children’s Choir and with them
we sang ’Sing’, it was an amazing ex-
perience because I had never thought
that would happen. A few songs after
we sang ’Let it be’ with Connie Talbert
and we all went wild. It was great!
And then the director said, ’Pop Med-
ley’, me and Trinity went crazy it was
the best song in the whole concert.
It was a great experience and I would
do it all over again. And I want to
thank the teachers for taking us be-
cause it would never happen without
them.”

Carole Reich - Head Teacher

Northwold Bowls Club
Easter Prize Bingo

This annual event will be held in the
Sports & Social Club on
Friday 29th March 2013.

Doors open 7 pm, Eyes down 7.30 pm.

The Pontoon Man/John
Duke/or just Jock

Which ever of the names above you
know him by, it is soon to finish.
The knock on the door and the request
for you to pull some names out the bag
is coming to an end.

Jock as we call him has raised funds
for (it started for the football team,
then the Bowls Club) many, many
years and in all must have raised about
£9000 for the Bowls and earlier Foot-
ball Clubs.
The Bowls Club made Jock an Honor-
ary Member which was our thanks for
all the hours spent cycling around the
village knocking on your doors, I hate
to think of how many miles he has
clocked up.

So thank you very much Jock from all
the past and presents members of
Northwold Bowls Club and all of
those whom have dabbled in the past.

Northwold Bowls Club
General Meeting
This pre-season meeting will be held
at the Sports & Social Club on
Thursday 14th March 2013
starting at 7.30 pm

If you are a budding bowler or would
like to try your hand please attend and
all the information you will require
will be given.

Roger

NORTHWOLD
YOUTH CLUB

Northwold Youth Club members thor-
oughly enjoyed learning a song and
dance routine during their February ses-
sion at the Sports and Social Club, so a
big thank you goes to the Club’s young
helpers – Lilly, Abi and Becca – for or-
ganising such a successful event.

Unfortunately, Dean will miss one or
two youth club sessions so Sharron will
be standing in as a temporary measure.
Please contact her if you have any que-
ries, or if anyone aged between 7–14
wants to join in the fun.

Date for the diary:
6th March.
Annual Indoor Bowls Tourna-
ment,
so get to the Club early!

Sharron
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CELEBRATE AT
THE CROWN INN,
NORTHWOLD

MARCH
MOTHER’S DAY
SUNDAY, 10TH

LADIES WHO LUNCH
THURSDAY, 28TH

EASTER SATURDAY 30TH
CHARTER QUIZ FOR E.A.C.H.
Why not join in and wear a ONESIE
STARTS 8.30pm

2 Rump Steaks and Bottle of Wine
@ £30.00

EASTER SUNDAY
31ST
Bookings being take now for all these
events - phone 01366 727317
or just pop in and book
Quiz Nights
every other Wednesday
6th & 20th March
3rd & 17th April

THE CROWN INN,
NORTHWOLD
Well we are nearly fi,ll over,
where has it gone !!!!!!!! A huge
thank you to all our loyal customers

We are having a party on Saturday
evening the 23rd March to cele-
brate and hope you will join us.

A very big thank you to those who
support our charity events for:
E.A.C.H., The Air Ambulance and
The Blind
For whom we have raised in excess of
£2000 plus thank you all so much.

We look forward to our next year
with you all.
Best wishes
Cheryl and Dave

NORTHWOLD WI
Despite its being a cold evening 23
dembers ventured out to the Village Hall for
the February meeting of Northwold WI.
A further 5 members sent their apolo-
gies. Unusually, two gentlemen joined
us for the evening as they wanted to
listen to the evening’s speaker – but
more or less that later. Patricia Haye
took the chair this month as Brenda had
encountered a very long traffic jam on
the A1 and did not arrive until later.
After the minutes of the last meeting had
been read, agreed and signed the out-
standing issues were dealt with very
quickly. Next forthcoming events were
discussed including the results of last
month’s ‘outing questionnaire’. Angle-
sey Abbey was the most popular sugges-
tion and a visit will be organised for the
future – the only difficulty will be when
to go. In addition to the house and the
working mill there are, of course, the
gardens. Some members have already
seen the swathes of snowdrops and
thought it might be nice to view the her-
baceous borders, or maybe the dahlias!
The gardens are so lovely that we will,
no doubt, enjoy ourselves whichever
month we go – hopefully Beryl will be
able to book a dry day so that we will be
able to wander round at leisure. Other
popular choices were Thursford Christ-
mas Spectacular (but probably a little
too expensive), Ladies Day at Newmar-
ket races (an excuse to buy a lovely hat),
Sandringham Flower Show and a visit to
the Theatre at West Acre. This will give
a wide choice for members and hope-
fully there will be something for every-
one to enjoy.

Once all the routine business had been
completed Paul Samways took us on a
journey across America on Route 66.
His slides captured the spirit of his mo-
torcycle trip and on occasions had mem-
ers singing along to an appropriate
soundtrack. He spoke with great enthu-
siasm and passion about his experiences
and showed us a little of what life is
now like on this iconic road. Although
we are all used to flat landscapes here in
West Norfolk, Route 66 brings a whole

Northwold Spiritualists
Meet every other Friday in the Village Hall, School
Lane, Northwold, Thetford IP26 5LL at 7.30 pm and
on other occasions.

Schedule
8th March - Jenny Hawkbee
22nd March - Victoria Neal
5th April - Sheila James
19th April - Cherry Smith

Clairvoyance Evening NOTE 7pm START
Please note a donation of £4.00 per person is requested
for Clairvoyance evenings which includes refresh-
ments but no voluntary collection.

NEW FOR 2013
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Mary 01842 828787
new meaning to flat! Now you know why the men wanted to join us – maybe they hoped to gain some tips on planning their own journey. Paul kindly judged our competition for a model vehicle; Patricia was first, Jenny Bailey was second and Brenda came third.

Finally members had a chance to catch up with friends while enjoying the delicious refreshments. And then it was time to head back out into the cold and return home.

Rita
Northwold Care Group
Lunch Club

A rather cold February morning saw twenty-four members of the Care Group lunch club arrive in the Village Hall for their monthly get together. The diners enjoyed a meal of Fish Pie, leeks and carrots followed by chocolate pudding and chocolate sauce. When one of the diners asked what was in the fish pie I told them it was Haddock, Salmon, Pollock and Sea Horse. (That last bit was a joke).

Next month we meet on March 11th and will be having Mince and Onion Suet Roll with vegetables followed by Bread and Butter Pudding and cream. Anyone wishing to join us please ring Glenda on 727018 where you will be assured of a warm welcome. As always if anyone is unable to come please let us know!

Glenda Burton
Hon. Sec. Northwold Care Group

BOWLS 100 CLUB Draw
February 2013

1st Martyne Eyles £50
2nd Susann Jones £25
3rd Mary Hull £15

Many thanks again for your support.

I am on my way round to see you all as subs are now due. New members are more than welcome, you can contact Bernie on 727250. The subs are £12.00 a year with a draw every month, all winners are in the village life. There are 10 at £45, and 2 at £90.

Thanks again Bernie.

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to my neighbors Betty, Sue and Roy for raising the alarm when I was taken so ill.

I would also like to say thank you to Betty Rix, Emma Biggs, Pam Jarvis and Gill Price for all their help in packing my house for my move to Wales.

I am sorry I have not been able to get round to everyone to say goodbye, those that I have the telephone numbers for I will be in touch in the future.

Thank you for putting up with me for the last 11 years I will miss you all, hopefully sometime in the future I will be back to see everyone.

A big thank you to Pam Jarvis for having the dogs while I was in hospital and having me to stay when I came out and looking after me so well

Yours in friendship Pam Stadius.

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5. Declarations of Interest made.

Mr Adrian Jenkinson was co-opted as a member of the Council.

2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence:

F Eglington, Mr A Collins, Mrs V Lynch.

Meetings:

06/11/12 were agreed as a true record.

Mrs R Crisp, Miss A Muir, Mr \text{M Peake}, Mrs S Jackson, Mrs S Leet, Mr F Eglington, Mr A Collins, Mrs V Lynch.

All relevant forms were duly completed.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 06/11/12 were agreed as a true record.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings:

- The Chairman and Mr Collins have met with the stone mason who is to undertake work on the War Memorial in the New Year (date given of 25/03/13). The money to clean the memorial and to add granite plaques clearly listing the names on the Memorial has been donated by a villager who was also invited to meet the stone mason. The plaques are to be added to the Memorial below the lettering and will reflect what is written above. This is felt to be a more lasting course of action than re-lettering.
- The paving slabs around the Memorial are also to be cleaned.
- The Primary School is to plant trees to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee during the forthcoming week.
- The Chairman has been asked by Northwold Sports & Social Club whether the Parish Council can arrange for a dome shaped bottle bank to be installed at the Recreation Ground.
- Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of receiving recycling credits from a bottle bank and this will be researched.
- The Sports & Social Club Agreement was also debated and a decision was made that the Parish Council will not assist the Sports & Social Club in any way until the Agreement regarding lease of the Sports & Social Club building is signed.
- It is reported that no-one is willing to stand as a Trustee for the Sports & Social Club and therefore there is no-one to sign the lease.
- Mr Jenkinson has researched the cost of a roller for the Recreation Ground and has found the cheapest to be in the region of £995 plus VAT. It is possible there may be grant funding to help with purchase of equipment to assist sport facility provision and this will be investigated. If a roller were to be purchased Mr Jenkinson offered to store it.
- The Football Club and Cricket Club have stated that they are willing to undertake work at the Recreation Ground in the Spring to try to control the Chafer bugs. However, the Parish Council has been verbally approached for a donation of £1000 to assist with treatment.
- Discussion took place regarding how much the Parish Council should donate towards maintenance of the pitch at the Recreation Ground. It was felt this should depend on how much the facility is used by residents of Northwold and that those that use the field should contribute. It was again decided that no assistance should be made until the Agreement with the Sports & Social Club has been signed.
- The Sports & Social Club, Football Club and Cricket Club will be informed of this decision.
- It was also noted that any request to the Parish Council for assistance should be made in writing.
- It was agreed to go ahead and fix seats to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in the previously agreed locations. Dog bins purchased will also be fixed in place by a local builder who has quoted an acceptable price, as considered at the November meeting of the Parish Council.
- Mrs S Leet offered to research the cost of plaques for the seats and was given the go ahead to purchase at a reasonable price.
- Miss A Muir has a contact willing to assist the Parish Council with a view of making use of the CAN website as a website for Northwold Parish Council. Miss Muir offered to progress this project.
- Mrs Ann Howarth was thanked for her help with managing Northwold Cemetery on behalf of the Parish Council. It was noted Mr A Collins is prepared to stand in for Mrs Howarth while she is on holiday.
- A funeral is to take place later in the week and the family has offered to tidy the area around the grave and re-gravel the Cemetery path before the funeral. This gesture was accepted by the Parish Council with appreciation.

6. Reports

6.1 Chairman’s Report

- The footpath at Common Drove is impassable and the water at the bridge is thought to be dangerously high. Highways and the Environment Agency have been informed but both will be approached again. It was reported that dredging of the river is taking place but the area has been flooded and thus dredging has been halted until conditions improve.
- Each year the Parish Council decorates a Christmas Tree at the Church. The tree costs £16.00 with decorations being supplied by Councillors.

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It was agreed to purchase decorations for next year at a reasonable price in the sales after Christmas. Mr. Jenkinson offered to do this.

6.2 The Clerk’s Report
- One application has been received so far for the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. A date will be set to interview the candidate. The Chairman, Mr Collins and Miss Muir will sit on the interview panel.

6.3 No further update relating to Manor House.

7. Sports & Social Club agreement
Discussed under item 5.

NO MATTERS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM

8. The following payments were agreed:
- Village Hall Committee (Dec. 12 hire) £12.00
- Village Hall Committee (2013 hire) £144.00
- Clerk’s salary £72.00
- K & M Lighting £53.76
- E.on (street lighting) £153.59
- CGM (grass cutting) £296.17
- Christmas Tree £16.00
- Gladsdon (dog waste bins) £1060.74
- Royal British Legion (poppy wreath) £17.00

9. Correspondence:
- 9.1 Norfolk Gritting Routes leaflet
- 9.2 Norfolk Age UK – Campaign for Later Life in Norfolk
- 9.3 Norfolk County Council – Notification regarding Public Enquiry relating to Land at The Willows Business Park, Saddlebow, King’s Lynn: Proposed Energy from Waste Facility

10. Planning applications received for consultation
- 10.1 Construction of one dwelling with integral garage at land to the North of 24 High Street, Northwold 12/01713/F
  - No objections raised
- 10.2 Amended design for 2 storey extension and detached garage at Ferndale 62 West End, Northwold 12/01794/F
  - No objections raised
- 10.3 Advertisement application: Four non-illuminated sponsorship signs at roundabout – Methwold Road (B1112)/Stoke Road, Whittington Hill, Whittington 12/10763/A
  - No objections raised

Further reports/items for the next agenda
11.1 It was agreed no meeting would be held in January (unless deemed necessary nearer the time) as the first Monday in the month is a bank holiday.

Jane

BRASS BAND IN NORTHWOLD

I understand that Northwold used to have a brass band in the 19th century and have gleaned a little information and picture from the internet.

I am researching the histories of ‘lost’ village brass band in Norfolk and any further information/contacts would be gratefully received.

Northwold also had it’s own Brass Band at one time and their instruments were kept by Gus Carr, who used to own the Post Office opposite the war memorial. This band used to lead our parades and I have a photo of my dad marching proudly at the front, leading the band. They played alongside many other ensembles that visited us regularly, like the Salvation Army.

From the “Northwold and Whittington Village Life” Oct 2006
POG aka Mike Coley (not very well at present)
Connie Smith 01366 728427 93 years old in 2012 (husband 99)
Her father John Rolfe Smith b 1885, played euphonium in the band. John was a master builder but was invalided in the Great War with trench fever. The band were disbanded after the War and attempts to restart it by cornetist Charlie Bateman come to naught. Many people including bandsmen works for Lord Amherst at Didlington Hall and the band used to play there quite often.

William Amherst Tyssen-Amherst (b.1835 - d.1909) became a noted bibliophile and collector, mainly of rare books, tapestries, antique furniture, other works of art and Egyptian artefacts. He was created 1st Baron Amherst of Hackney (where the family were originally from) in 1892 after serving as a local MP from 1880-92. However, it was for his Egyptian collections for Baron Amherst was perhaps best known. The core of the collection was the Leider and Lee collections which he bought in the 1860s but these were extensively added to with further purchases and also his own finds from expeditions. He also became a patron of the young Howard Carter - the Egyptologist famous for discovering the tomb of Tutankhamen.

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BABYSITTING SOME GRANDCHILDREN: We have just spent a week looking after three of our grandchildren in their home near Royston. Oliver, about whom I have often written before, loves shortbread and “Chaz and David” on the car CD. He has now learned their song “It takes a whole lot of lovin’ just to keep my baby happy” with which to amuse his parents when I judge the time to be right. He is now 6 years old and his twin brothers, Sam and Milo, are 3 years old. They are all extremely good and loving children but they are rather “full-on”, much preferring to play Rugby with them than watch me read the paper.

I had the usual nightmares during the week before, not about any disaster befalling the kids, but more about pushchairs and car seats, about both of which I have written in the past. Happily, they no longer need pushchairs (which cannot be collapsed by either Management or me) and I took the precaution of asking our son to fit the three (all differently fastening) car seats into my car before they went on holiday. So far, so good. The kids were to have Friday off school so, on Monday, at his mother’s previous suggestion, I suggested to Oliver that a trip to nearby Duxford airfield might be a good idea. “No, I don’t want to do that – too many planes!” came the reply.

Deannie and I had a think and decided that we would go out to lunch at Frankie and Benny’s followed by a trip to the cinema. On the Wednesday evening, kids tired and ready for bath and bed (ditto Grandparents), we told them about our plans for Friday. “I don’t want to go to the cinema” wailed Oliver “I want to go to Duxford”. I explained patiently that, as he had rejected the idea of Duxford – too many ‘planes) and I had already paid for the cinema tickets, the arrangements could not be changed. This led him to “go into one” and there was much crying and sobbing, soon mimicked by his two brothers. Murphy’s Law – Strike 1: At that moment, the telephone rang. It was Mummy and Daddy, ringing from Austria to check that all was well. All had been really well for 72 hours but, at that moment, all was far from well and they had a difficult conversation with a monosyllabic, sobbing Oliver. Of course. 5 minutes later, he was fine so we rang them back and the kids had a proper chat.

Friday was a great success. Having carefully chosen the film for its suitability, we had to sit through some trailers for other films which scared the twins half to death. Apart from that, and an episode of vomiting at the ball-park we visited later, the day was great. If you ever wish to suffer hell on earth, visit a ball-park. You will find a warehouse full of enclosed netting, stairs and slides, and many areas full of plastic balls. So far, so good. Mix in several dozen screaming children, some of whom are bullies with arrogant parents, and you have the final toxic mix, compounded by expensive rubbish refreshments.

The parents were coming home on Saturday afternoon. The morning went well with an hour’s gymnastics for the twins and an hour each of tennis and football for Oliver. We had lunch and the kids then all played an imaginary game of football. Daddy’s study was the changing room and the hall was the pitch. The orange at imaginary half-time was real and was graciously sup-

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All aspects of antique furniture restoration including French (well, 5 minutes). Sam was having one of his dialogues with Deannie. She had offered him either a Kit-Kat or a Penguin biscuit and he was negotiating to have both (A complete No No!). The parents have very strong food regulations, which actually work very well. Many of you will remember the shortbread incidence a couple of years ago. I would be totally disenfranchised if I ever took any of them within smelling distance of a Mac Donald’s. A sudden shout from Milo – “I need new trousers”. He had left it too long to visit the WC and had left a trail of puddles all down the hall and into the bathroom. I was just expostulating when – Murphy’s Law – Strike 2: I became aware that the letter box in the hall door had been pushed open and Mummy, who had just returned, was peering through it before ringing the doorbell. Deannie put down the chocolate biscuits and went to the door. Murphy’s Law – Strike 3: Mummy came in, walked into the kitchen and saw a very smug looking Sam with two empty wrappers and chocolate on his face. Ah well! It was agreed that a good time had been had by all. We now miss the kids and they miss us. They are all moving to Spain in a month, joining Duncan, another of our sons, who is already there with his family, so baby-sitting could take more arranging in future.

Best wishes to you all

Ian G. Nisbet

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