

NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB

It's hard to believe that we have finished another successful year with the Youth Club and activities are already booked for the next ... It will be our 5th Birthday in September 2010!

July was a busy month for members of the Youth Club. Lauren, Amber, Lilly and Rebecca helped raise £43.00 for their Club by carrying cups of tea/coffee for visitors at the Grange on 4th July. We all had fun on that day and wish to thank Carole Hood and all those who made donations to help us raise some much needed funds.



The last meeting before the summer holidays was "party time" ... and boy was it boisterous! I don't think any of the helpers realised just how noisy Irish Bingo, Pass the Parcel, Treasure Quiz or Musical Chairs could be! The prizes included "Whoopee!" cushions, skipping ropes and vouchers for the Tuck Shop. Everyone went home a winner with an England Baseball hat, though it's a shame the England football team couldn't do the same!



One of the interesting outcomes of the evening was the responses to the tie-breaker question; "I like Youth Club because ..." Most, if not all, responses included a reference to sweets or the

Tuck Shop, that it was "cool", that they played games and could meet their friends. One of the most endearing responses from an 11 year old included the phrase ... "and the *staff* are nice". (Now that's what makes it worthwhile!!)

A Northwold Resident kindly donated a Cup to be awarded to a Youth Club Member who consistently demonstrated outstanding qualities of Citizenship over the previous year - these qualities include respect for other people and a willingness to be involved, and represent the Youth Club, in activities both during and outside our normal fortnightly meetings. It was a tough call this year, with 5 nominations - Lauren, Rebecca, John, Lilly and Amber. Each one of them can proudly claim to be a Youth Club Champion and the overall winner was Lauren who also received a £5 HMV voucher. I am sure there will be fierce competition next year to win the Cup and voucher!



The Youth Club recommences on 8th September, when everyone re-registers their membership. New members are welcome and anyone between the ages of 7 – 14 is eligible to join, though we would ask that you contact Sharron Freemantle (on 727675) or Jane Luckman (on 728921) for a Membership Registration Form and further details.

SHARRON FREEMANTLE

Northwold Community Car Scheme

Old age is taking its toll and we are getting short of **DRIVERS**. If you can manage to take patients to hospital, dentists, opticians etc., receiving 40p per mile expenses please contact Jim Booty on 728515.

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Please join us in the Village Hall on Friday, 24th September 2-4pm

Come and enjoy a friendly cup of tea or coffee and some homemade cake and help to raise funds for this wonderful charity.

There will be many stalls including Books, Cakes and Local Produce, also a raffle and a chance to win a shopping spree at M&S

Ann Howarth



NORTHWOLD PRODUCE SHOW 4th September 2010 THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 65TH ANNUAL SHOW

Be sure to put the date in your diary! We hope there will be a large number of entries from both "old hands and new" at this milestone in the Show's history.

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

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!

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Diary for September 2010

Sunday 5th September

11.00 am Deanery Open Air Service in Stow Hall Gardens, Bishop David will officiate.

Sunday 12th September

11.00 am Matins, Mr. Ken Waters, our new Deacon

Sunday 19th September

8.00 am Holy Communion, Reverend Tim Coppinger

Sunday 26th September

11.00 am Matins, Mr. Keith MacCleod

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL FRIDAY, 1ST OCTOBER

The Harvest Festival will be held in St. Andrew's Church at 6.30pm, with a support afterwards in the Village Hall.

If you would like to come please contact Christ Collin on 728404 or Carol Sharp on 728227.

HOLY BAPTISM

Henry William Germany and Herbie David Ayres were baptised on Sunday, 27th June 2010

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Suzanne Woodvine and William Smith married on Saturday, 14th August, lets all wish them all the very best.

WELCOME PACK

If you have just moved into Northwold, St. Andrew's Church is very pleased to provide you with a Welcome Pack full of useful information about the Village and surrounding area.

If you would like a Pack please contact Irene Quinn, telephone 01366 728098. A small donation to cover expenses would be much appreciated but is not essential.

If you know of any new residents near you, could you let her know, please, so that a Pack maybe delivered as soon as possible after their arrival date.

NORTHWOLD WI

Two members of **Northwold WI** visited the Snettisham Craft Day on 24th June where there was a selection of various crafts such as Beaded Tassels to Lavender Cushions for members to attempt. A delicious lunch was served and everyone had a chance to socialise with other WI ladies from across the county.

On Wednesday 30th June Northwold WI organised a coach trip to the Royal Norfolk Show. The weather was superb and a good day was enjoyed by everyone. One member, who was exhibiting her Highland Cattle at the two-day event, was very pleased as she came away with many rosettes.

Our usual monthly meeting took place on Tuesday 13th July where the guest speaker was Mr Rex Makinson who trains and works with PAT Dogs. These dogs are part of a scheme whereby pets are used as therapy for people in hospitals, old peoples' homes and prisons. The animals used are very placid and gentle and not all pets are suitable for this work. Mr Makinson introduced us to the two dogs who accompanied him -Misty and Charlie - and these dogs were a great hit with the ladies of the WI. After a short film showing us the work of the PAT scheme Mr Makinson told us more about the work of the scheme such as how the animals can help children who have animal phobias or other problems. The children will trust the animals whilst they may not trust an adult. The animals do not judge or criticise but are just there to be hugged or stroked or talked to.

Cats can also be used as therapy animals and at present there are 92 cats and 3000 dogs being used in the scheme. It was lovely to see the smiles on the faces of the people in the film as they touched the animals and the obvious devotion and compassion in the eyes of the animals as they were being handled. A most enjoyable speaker who was thanked by Jenny Bailey.

The competition – A Dog in Any Medium – was won by Patsy with her portrait of Archie followed in second place by Anne with her portrait of Sasha and thirdly by Doreen with a photograph of her sheepdog Megan. A really delicious supper was provided by Ann, Chris and Sharron.

The next meeting for the Ladies Who Lunch will be a return visit to Nico's at Swaffham on July 29th. Prior to lunch, a tour of the Eco Centre has been arranged and, for those brave enough to do it, a climb to the top of the Windmill!

Our next WI meeting with be held on August 10th when John Everett will tell us "All About BEES" and the competition will be a Honey Recipe.

On 29th July fourteen members of **Northwold WI** visited the Eco Centre at Swaffham before going on to enjoy a lovely lunch at Nico's. Five intrepid ladies climbed the 320 steps to the top of the Windmill and one even got a certificate to prove it!

The August meeting took place in the Village Hall on 10th August when the next destination for the Ladies who Lunch was discussed and will be The Chequers at Thompson on Thursday 26th August. Three members were presented with gifts from the Birthday Basket and various other matters of business were discussed.

The speaker for the meeting was Mr John Everett, a retired science teacher, talking "All About Bees". Mr Everett has been keeping bees for over thirty years and now has fifty colonies. With a

summer count of 60 to 70 thousand inhabitants, that is a lot of bees! Mr Everett showed us the construction of the National Hive which is now used nationwide and explained the life cycle and habits of all the bees from the Queen Bee to the drones and workers. We then saw various pieces of honeycomb, and several jars of honey were purchased by members as well as tins of polish and beeswax. It was a very interesting and informative talk and, after answering the many questions posed by members, Mr Everett was thanked by Patsy.

The competition – Your Favourite Honey Recipe – was won by Jenny Langley with her Honey Cake. Jenny Bailey came second with Honey Soaked Cashews and Raisins.

Supper was served by Rosemary, Verity and Jo-Anne and we all look forward to the next meeting which takes place on Tuesday 14th September when the speaker will be Margaret Furness and the competition will be an Individual Chocolate Dessert.

Glenda Burton

NORTHWOLD BOWLS 100 CLUB DRAW

JULY

1st £20 9 Joyce Barrett 2nd £15 51 Graham Jones 3rd £10 26 Hod Everett

AUGUST

1st £50 17 Lynda Eyles 2nd £25 61 Denny Goate 3rd £15 50 Mary Hull

These were drawn by members at our recent BBQ/ ROGER PRESTON

Mill House Farm Pork

Orders for our fresh pork variety bags and barbeque packs are now being taken for delivery on 23rd July. We do appreciate early orders as this ensures you get what you want and no animal has been sent away needlessly.

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Derek Johnson

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Georgina Sims

WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH?

Of nature, a deaf mole (and a cat)

I have many problems with nature in my garden. Nature can be very aggressive and comes in the form of Bindweed, Bluebells, Ground Elder and predatory animals. Farmers have similar problems, the weather being the main one, and I am grateful that my income is not affected by the vicissitudes of nature. Management tells me that I am a control freak – totally wrong, of course – but I admit that I do like to control my environment and would be seriously upset to be a farmer with no control over the weather!

Anyway, to the subject of moles. For some years, I have been "controlling" the mole population in our lawn with a battery of ultrasonic mole repellers, strategically placed around the garden. Small windmills don't work if there is no wind and I am not keen on trapping them. One morning, I awoke to see one of my mole repellers lying on the grass, with an assortment of molehills in the vicinity. The mole had ejected my sonic repeller with the waste soil from his tunnel. Somewhat miffed, I inserted half a dozen repellers into the

ground quite near to the affected area, all buzzing furiously. What did the mole do? He went around in circles putting up molehills, some even around the base of the repellers! Obviously, he is stone deaf and impermeable to the noise which was supposed to deter him. Janet Stocking of Stoke Ferry tried mothballs – the lawn ended up looking as though it had been snowing and the moles chomped on totally unconcerned. She tells me that her husband, John, used to have a phobia of birds and feathers and also disliked moles. If you look at his grave, you will see that it is the only grave surrounded by molehills and there is a rook which attacks the gravestone remorselessly. Nature can be fierce!

One of our sons had a problem with next door's cat who had chosen one of his lavender bushes to use as a WC, killing the bush. I loaned him a new sonic cat repeller, guaranteed to deter cats over an area the size of his garden. The first day, the cat rocked up and peed against the machine and, the following day, his behaviour was even worse, right next to the machine!

I suppose there are two possibilities here; the first is that these sonic repellers do not work and the second is that the mole and the cat were both deaf. What do you think?

From the Probus Magazine, courtesy of Peter Cooper – A genie pops out of a bottle, offers a gift and the man who released him asked for a bridge across the English Channel. The genie told him this would be impossible, ecologically unfriendly and, altogether, a thoroughly bad idea. The man considered and then asked for the gift to understand his wife and her thoughts, and for the ability to keep her happy all the time. "Mmm" said the genie "How many lanes would you like on the Channel bridge?"

There is a fish restaurant where all the food is cooked to order. The waiter told the customer that he could have crab in 15 minutes, lobster in 45 minutes or octopus in six hours. "Six hours?!" exclaimed the customer. "Yes, sir – I am sorry but the octopus keeps turning off the gas" replied the waiter.

These articles are intended to be light hearted and to give no offence to anyone. So, there were two Welshmen, Paddy and Mick, looking up at a flagpole. A blonde walked by and asked them what they were doing. They explained that they had to work out the height of the flagpole but had not yet worked out how to do so. She took a spanner out of her back pocket, undid



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two nuts, laid the flagpole down horizontally and measured the length. She then put the pole back up, tightened the nuts and said "There you are – 18ft 6inches long". Paddy looked unimpressed and, as the blonde walked away, he said to Mick "Typical – you ask a blonde for the height and she gives you the ****** length!"

Two Scots, paddy and Mick, were watching scuba divers enter the water backwards from their boat. "Why do they always fall off the boat backwards?" wondered Mick. "Well" said Paddy "if they fell forwards they'd still be in the ******* boat

A London criminal fell foul of the Glasgow mafia – they made him an offer he couldn't understand.

A Glasgow man, drunk and penniless, spots a guy working on his car engine. "What's up, Jimmie?"

"Piston broke" came the reply. "Ah, same as masel.."

Finally, one from Peter Manning. A vicar was visiting an old lady and noticed a fish bowl on the harmonium, half full of water with a condom floating in it. Apparently, she had found the small packet in the park. The instructions were to place it on the organ and keep it wet, thus preventing the spread of disease. "Do you know" she said "I haven't had a cold or 'flu all winter".

Best wishes to you all

Ian G. Nisbet

THE SMITHIE, NORTHWOLD

If any reader know where the site of the old smithie used to be in Northwold, I am interested in its' history and what is built there now.

Hoping somebody will remember and may even have a photograph tucked away.

Looking forward to hearing from them.

Carol Bevan

(e-mail carolbevan@ymail.com)

NORTHWOLD CARE GROUP

Northwold Care Group held their August Lunch Club meeting on Monday 9th August with twenty-three members present. Before the lunch Mr Booty asked for more volunteer drivers for the Car Scheme as we are short of the usual drivers at the moment. Please ring Mr Booty if you can help. Bear in mind that some day it could be you who will need transport to the hospital or dentist etc and if you can "do your bit" now it all helps to keep the Car Scheme alive.

The summer menu today was Quiche with Salad followed by Raspberry Mousse and Cream with the usual glass of wine and tea or coffee. Next month the menu turns to the autumn months and will be Beef Casserole with Potatoes and Vegetables, followed by Blackberry and Apple Crumble and Custard. If you feel like joining us and meeting people and having a good old chat, and a nice home-made meal for £2.50, do come along and see what it is all about. Ring Glenda on 01366 727018 for more information.

GLENDA BURTON FOR SALE

Banton Cockerel and 3 hens (crosses) all born April Offers accepted, please call 01366 727421 (Northwold) Own collection

RSPCA EAST REGION

Tele: 03001234999 (24hours) Inspector Astill-Dunseith No.398

Should you find any animal hurt of stressed please contact the above

FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST AT THE CROWN INN

Just another busy night in your local pub till the heavens opened and the rain came cascading down the stairs and into the restaurant. Still all stayed calm and with the help of my daughter and her boyfriend we battled on mops and buckets galore.

A BIG thank you to Emma and Justin who are regular diners, they struggled home in the rain to get more towels for moping up and their hands on help.

Whilst we were trying to clear up the lights went out in the kitchen but Becky and Sally continued to serve our hungry groups who were all amused at our dilemma but continued to enjoy the show and the food –THANKS girls.

Lastly a call to Graeme Cooper on Saturday morning brought us electrician Chris Smith who had us up and running smoothly in no time at all and we must say only 10 minutes after we had rang. Thank you for your prompt response.

CHERYL & DAVID

Don't forget

QUIZ NIGHTS -EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

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OCTOBER 13th & 27th

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Norfolk County Council





MINUTES OF NORTHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY JUNE 1ST 2010

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

1. Apologies for absence

Mr D George, Mr J Norris, Mr M Roberts.

- 2. No Declarations of Interest were made.
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 04/05/10 were agreed as a true record.
- 4. <u>No Matters Arising from previous</u> meetings were raised.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman's Report

The motorist who damaged the fence at the Old Chalk Pit has verbally agreed to make monthly contributions towards the cost of repairing the fence. Miss Muir was thanked for her assistance with this matter. Miss Muir offered to draw up an agreement to be signed relating to the proposed arrangement to pay monthly contributions. It was suggested the tenant of the land should be asked to consider undertaking the repair in exchange for two years free rent.

A further complaint has been received regarding grass cutting in Northwold cemetery. The contractors will be informed but there is an area in the western side of the cemetery that is difficult to cut as it needs clearing of surplus soil from graves. Some discussion took place as to how this problem can be dealt with and this will be an agenda item for the July Parish Council meeting. The cost of hiring a skip to dispose of the surplus soil will be investigated.

It has been queried whether Water Lane at Whittington has been cut by the

grass cutting contractors as on the contract. The contractors will be contacted.

Complaints have been received regarding the condition of the dykes along Common Drove. The dykes near the river are in need of cleaning out and the footpath is being eroded due to inadequate drainage of surface water. There are also problems with drainage at Ingams Lane and Riverside. Enquiries will be made as to who is responsible for maintenance of the dykes.

Pot holes along Pinfold Lane will be reported to Highways.

It has been reported that illegal motorbikes have been seen at the Common.

Clerk's Report

The grass cutting contractors have replaced a flower vase that was damaged at the Cemetery.

5.3 There has been no further update regarding Manor House.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public present. 6. <u>The following payments were</u> agreed:

MHB Services (street lighting maintenance) £50.14
E.on Energy (street light electric) £148.98
Village Hall Committee £10.00
Country Grounds Maintenance (x2) £580.00

- 6.1 It was decided to leave pruning of trees in the Old Cemetery until later in the year. The Borough Council conservation team will be contacted before any work is undertaken.
- 6.2 It was agreed that two water meters will be installed at the Playing Field. The water pipes at the Playing Field will need to be located. Mrs S Leet offered to assist with this.
- 6.3 Discussion took place regarding training for Councillors. The Clerk will investigate whether Norfolk Association of Local Councils could provide training

- locally and if so at what cost. Consideration can then be given as to whether expenditure on training should be included in the budget.
- 6.4 The provision of salt bins for the parish was discussed. This matter will be raised again nearer the winter when consideration will be given as to whether the Parish Council can release the money from the budget to purchase two bins for Whittington Hill and one for Pinfold Lane.
- 6.5 For safety reasons the play equipment at Whittington Playing Field has been removed. The sign for the Playing Field has become dislodged and this has been reported to Highways.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 A letter has been received from Whittington Parochial Church Council requesting financial assistance toward the upkeep of the churchyard in Whittington. This matter will be an agenda item for the July Parish Council meeting.
- 7.2 E-mail received from Norfolk County Council stating that fly tipping is monitored and the local area around recycling sites now open part time will be included in site inspection regimes.
- 7.3 The Playing Field Newsletter.
- 7.4 Donation request from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.
- 7.5 Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework: Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development and Management Policies Development Plan Document: Publication of Pre-Submission Document. Representations invited from May 28th to July 23rd 2010.

8. Planning

Mr. M Peake took no part in discussion relating to agenda item 8.

8.1 Continued use of land for storage and maintenance of equipment and accommodation units associated with the entertainment industry, at The Oaks, Mill Drove, Northwold 10/00752/CU

Support

<u>Allotments, Old Chalk Pit and</u> <u>Constable's Charity Land.</u>

It was agreed to accept the tenancy agreements as presented and these will be issued to tenants. The vacant Garden Allotment land will be advertised as available to let at £16.00 per year. It was agreed to raise the rent for the Constable's Charity land to £100 per year.

Lease agreement for Northwold Sports & Social Club

Discussion took place regarding the



'Harness your own internal power'

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

This could be:
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draft agreement and amendments will be made before the agreement is considered again at the July Parish Council meeting. A break clause will be included and the Social Club will be consulted further. It was agreed rent should be set at £275 per year. Clause 2.2 of the previous agreement regarding 20% of trading profit to be paid to the Parish Council has been removed from the new draft agreement. The Chairman of the Management Committee of the Sports & Social Club will be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

<u>Financial Regulations and Standing</u>

<u>Orders will be agreed at the</u>

July Parish Council meeting.

No further reports made.

GARDEN PARTY

Anyone living within 15 miles of Brandon who wishes to travel by train will probably have used or passed through Brandon Station. In recent years a charity known as **Friends of Brandon Station** (FOBS) has been formed with the aim of acquiring a lease from Network Rail in order to preserve the nineteenth century flint building and ultimately find communal use for the building.

With the help of a small group of volunteers (the Friends), a great deal of superficial work has been carried out to make the station one of the most attractive in the region. The murals and flower boxes have already won prestigious awards. The next step requires considerable funding and a GARDEN PARTY for local families is being held at Riverside Lodge, High Street, Brandon on Sunday 12th September from 12noon until 6pm to help bring the existence and aims of FOBS to the attention of the general public.

A host of attractions have been laid on

including the Breckland Brass Band from 1 to 3pm, a Tea Dance in the marquee to the non-stop piano playing of Pip Jepson, Rowing Boat Hire, Model Railway, Tony's Barbecue and Sandra's Cake Stall, Licenced Bar, Teas and Coffee (Toilets on site). Children will be well catered for with a Bouncy Castle, Play Rangers, Balloons, Lucky Dip and Face Painting.

Entrance to the gardens for this family fun day is £1 for adults, children free but must be accompanied. All enquiries to Chris on 01842-811236.

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.

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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.



Date: Saturday,

4 September 2010

Time: 9am till 12 noon

Town/Village: Swaffham

Venue: Methodist Church Hall,

London Road

Event Title: Coffee Morning

Details: Just turn up and enjoy Tea/Coffee and home baked Cakes/Sausage Rolls

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It was a fantastic night – we started in the last group dead on Midnight. The weather was very kind to us; we managed the first 5 miles in our bras before the breeze near the Thames made us put on something warmer. But as dawn broke and the sun came up we did shed those layers later. Many thanks to our families who got up early to support us – seeing them there was brilliant – and really helped us through those last few miles. Thanks also

to those who texted through the night – there always seemed some support coming through just when we needed it.

The organization was wonderful – the volunteers that gave up their night to help us through were magnificent – if you can't walk think about volunteering – they really need people.

It took us 8 and a half hours – and yes, 40 of those minutes were queuing for the toilets! Hope to do it quicker next time.

Many, many thanks again, apologies for



the time it has taken us to write this reply. Sitting here trying to think what to put has brought back a lot of the emotions of the event. Thank you all so much. **TINA AND CAROLINE**

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Sharron Freemantle

RIVER WATCH

The river threaded its way around the edge of Norwich. The busy city was only a mile or so away and yet here the river Yare meandered along and cut through vast fields and meadows. Trees and green ruled with a thick lushness. Life was slow and lazy. Traffic was non-existent and the only noise was the never ending bird song. The sun shone every day - all day long!

This was the picture nearly sixty years ago where a band of boys waded in the river with nets on sticks and jam-jars searching for anything that showed a sign of life. Every snail or insect attracted noisy attention and an actual fish was a miracle to behold. The occasional gudgeon and minnow and bullhead would all verge on the minute but were closely examined and handed from boy to boy. Each day was a new adventure. Anyone could join in and all wore the same home-knitted swimming trunks with the all important white plastic belt. Black plimsolls were ideal for wading in the river but had to be quickly dried out for the next games lesson at school. We all lived near the city centre and biked to the river in a long crocodile. Our bikes were second hand (if not third and fourth hand) and were left in a pile at the top of the steep river bank. There was fun galore and time flew by with abandon. Such days were repeated every weekend and school holidays were never boring. If you went home before tea time your parents would think that something was wrong!

The exploration of the river was a serious business and the passion meant that nets were soon replaced by long garden canes with fixed fishing lines. The all important hooks were begged from a 'real' fisherman who obviously took pity on the group of young lads. The so-called rods were shared by the many and

turns taken. A self-important boy with a borrowed watch would time the proceedings and make certain that fairness ruled. Those waiting a turn were employed to search for worms or likely looking insects to use as bait. The fish caught got bigger as skills and knowledge increased. Roach and perch were soon discovered. The faithful stretch of river was extended as the search for fish increased and then those awaiting a turn would also be required to wade up and downstream looking for deep holes and other likely places that could be home to fish. Every contour of the river bottom was intimately known. Eternal friendships were formed during those long days as every possible minute was spent at the river.

During the ensuing years real rods and reels appeared. Like the bikes these were far from new and would lack any finesse. Any unwanted broken rod would be received as if gold dust, then repaired and any missing bits ignored and used regardless. Such possession showed we had a serious intent and so the eternal bond of the river and fish grew. There was no leader - we were all equals and no one ever fell out. Any visit to the fine city would invariably mean a detour past the fishing tackle shop but no one would dare venture inside as it was the domain of grown-ups. A look in the jam-packed windows and to smell the linseed oil of the nets if the door was open was reward

In time everyone obtained 'proper' fishing equipment and still on our bikes we travelled further afield to the likes of the Costessey Mill and the upper reaches of the river Wensum. The spirit of adventure and the camaraderie continued. We became quite proficient and sometimes literally filled our nets! When the first of the fishing brigade passed his driving test and somehow managed to borrow his dad's car we all went as the car merely made two journeys! So for a while we travelled the length and breadth of Norfolk in our quest for different rivers. That was until the opposite sex was discovered. Then different urges took over. At first a few resisted but in the end everyone gave in and fishing was not quite so important!

For some the attraction of a river and the waterside was so deeply embedded that even today any river, large or small, has a special pull. Alas commercial lakes and tame instant fish have little appeal for me. Without question those days of

long ago were highly impressionable and now I have the river Wissey on my doorstep and for that I am truly grateful!

By Ivor Hook

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A PROJECT THAT WOULD BE BRILLIANT FOR NORTHWOLD OR WHITTINGTON ...

... and then didn't know where to turn?

With this in mind, I am investigating the feasibility of starting a Community Action Group (much like the one in Methwold) that could be a driving force for such things as community notice boards, community shop/post office (aim high!!), "tidy up village" days, clean road signs, old cemetery revamp, and a focal point for members of the community to put forward ideas for projects within the parish.

In no way is this meant to show any disrespect to the Parish Council but, by its very nature, the Parish Council cannot be spontaneous and often its remit/finances prevents anything proactive. The Northwold Action Group (NAG!!) could still work with the Parish Council, but also drive projects forward when the Council has other priorities!

Additionally, recent experience has taught me that some grants and funds for worthwhile causes are not always open to Parish Council applications. A not-for-profit organisation could possibly access such funding opportunities.

If enough people are interested in forming an Action Group, then a formal meeting can be organised to develop the idea further.

Like-minded people should contact Sharron Freemantle on 01366 727675 or drop a line to 17 Church Lane, Northwold.

Sharron Freemantle

ALLOTMENT LAND AVAILABLE

There is allotment land at Northwold for hire. Anyone interested to please contact the Clerk of Northwold Parish Council on 01366 728238 or e-mail north-woldpc@btinternet.com

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 6TH JULY

Present: Mrs R Crisp, Mrs V Lynch, Miss A Muir, Mr J Norris, Mr M Peake, Mr M Roberts, Mr M Wells.

4 members of the public

Mr Macro, Chairman of the Sports & Social Club attended the meeting to discuss the draft agreement between Northwold Parish Council and Northwold Sports & Social Club. Both parties feel the agreement can continue as presented with little amendment. It was decided to alter condition No. 10 of the agreement to read "the water rates for the Pavilion and Recreation Ground shall be paid by users, including the Club." Water meters are to be installed so users can be billed separately water consumption. A break clause will also be added allowing an early end to the agreement. Mr Macro will report these revisions to the Sports and Social Club Trustees.

- 1. <u>Apologies for absence</u> Mrs T Waller, Mrs S Leet, Mr D George
- 2. No Declarations of Interest made.
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 01/06/10 were agreed as a true record.

4. <u>Matters arising from previous</u> meetings

- The grass cutting contractors have been contacted regarding cutting Water Lane, Whittington.
- Norfolk County Council Rights of Way Officer David Mills has been notified regarding the erosion of the footpath by the river in Common Drove.
- Miss Muir was thanked for assisting with registration of land owned by Northwold Parish Council. The Playing Field at Church Lane, Whittington and Northwold Playing Field are now registered with Land Registry.
- Possible training for Councillors is being looked into. Arrangements may be made with neighbouring Parish Councils to keep costs down.

• Due to financial restraints the Parish Council is no longer able to assist with cutting the grass at Whittington Church. The Clerk has contacted the tenant of the Chalk Pit to enquire whether he would be willing to repair the fence in lieu of two years rent.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Chairman's Report
- Concern has been raised regarding litter and empty bottles left on the Playing Field. The Clerk will investigate the cost of providing litter bins and future consideration will be given to the possibility of employing a litter picker.
- The Parish Council has been presented with £20.00 from the Bowls Club. Foolhardy circus paid the money to the Club for the use of the facilities at the Bowls Pavilion when they visited the village. The payment will be deducted from the money owed to the Parish Council by the Bowls Club for water charges.
- To encourage hire it was suggested the vacant Garden Allotment should be spilt into four plots.
- The grass cutting contractors need to be reminded to strim around the play equipment.
- The cost of new nets for the small goal posts at the Playing Field will be investigated.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to provide prizes for the school Parish Project.

The fence opposite the old Post Office is leaning and the hedge needs trimming.

Clerk's Report

- The Clerk has passed all highways matters reported at the previous meeting to the Highway Engineer.
- The tenant of the Constable's Charity land has been informed of the rent increase and will be sent a new tenancy agreement for completion.
- The notice board at Little London is in a poor state of repair.
- Skip hire for removal of chalk in Northwold Cemetery has been quoted at around £180 per lift. The chalk was thought to be left from grave digging but further investigation is needed to establish if this is correct.

The clerk is to attend the NALC/SLCC Summer Conference on July 13th.

No further update regarding Manor House.

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 now completed work on mapping the cemetery and has updated all Northwold Cemetery records. She has also produced a booklet listing monument inscriptions. A copy will be kept in the Church and with the Clerk. Mrs Howarth's offer to maintain the cemetery records was gratefully accepted. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Howarth and Mr. P Bowers for his assistance with this project.

OPEN FORUM

- Mr Jenkison's offer to repair the allotment garden fence in lieu of rent for 2010 was accepted.
- Concern was raised regarding the number of accidents which have occurred at the Methwold Road cross roads. Requests have previously been made for the speed limit to be lowered along the A134 at the approach to the cross roads. Following another accident this matter will be raised again with Norfolk County Council.

6. <u>The following payments were</u> <u>agreed:</u> Clerk's salary (May/June) £237.60

Inland Revenue	£103.50
MHB - street light maintenance	ce
	£ 50.14
CGM – grounds maintenance	£290.00
E.on – street light electric	£146.98
Land registration	£100.00

£ 10.00

Councillors were presented with an updated internal statement of accounts.

Village Hall

Northwold Spiritualists

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10th September Brenda Hanley
24th September Jackie Coman
8th October Christine Argent
22nd October Rachel Finbow

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

4th September - Clairvoyance evening with John Sherwin

16th October - Clairvoyance evening with Linda Lynett Smith.

Enquiries to Eileen on (01366)727174

FOOT HEALTH CLINIC

May we remind our readers that the next foot health clinic is as follows:-Wednesday 20th October 2010 at the Village Hall, Surgery Room. For appointments tel. 01362 652757 David Noble. WMSCh(Hons)., MPSPract., MVR. With payments for June deducted, the Parish Council current account will stand at £14462.27

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 Norfolk Link
- 7.2 BCKLWN Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy Review
- 7.3 BCKLWN Standards Committee agenda and minutes 18/06/10
- 7.4 King's Lynn festival leaflet
- 7.5 Norfolk Fire and Rescue Authority Safety Plan 2011/14
- 7.6 NRCC Signpost magazine and notification of AGM 07/07/10
- 7.7 NPFA AGM 15/07/10
- 7.8 BCKLWN Planning Service Parish Training and Information 10/09/10

8. Planning

Consultations:

(Mr. M Peake took no part in planning discussions)

8.1 Change of use of shop and former Post office into part of adjoining dwelling at Post Office, 28 High Street, Northwold 10/00926/CU

Support

8.2 Expansion to an existing free range unit (Phase 1 10/00786/F and Phase 2 10/00788/F) by construction of new building at Chalk pit Field, Northwold

Support

8.3 Retention of detached dwelling at former Coal Yard, West End, Northwold 10/01091/F Support

Notices of Decisions:

8.4 Single storey side extension - sunroom at 31 School Lane, Northwold IP26 5LL 10/00566/F

Permission granted

8.5 Extension to dwelling following removal of existing conservatory at Normandy Close, Northwold IP26 5NN 10/00653/F

Permission granted

9. <u>Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were adopted.</u>

10. No further reports made.

THANK YOU NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Band Concert on Sunday, 4th July. Not such a big turn out as last year, but a wonderful afternoon listening to the Watlington Concert Band from Oxfordshire, enjoying picnics and wandering around the grounds. Big 'thank you' to Linda and Mandy – our resident tea ladies, also a very special thank you to the

young ladies from the Youth Club – Rebecca Bradford, Lilly Bowers, Amber Harris and Lauren Bradford who carried trays and took orders, oh to have young legs!!! Also thank you to their two "oldies" Sharron and Steve!

At the moment we have raised £2,300 with more to come. All monies taken go to the Kidney Research U.K. There are 7,000 people in the UK who need transplants – 6,000 of these need kidneys. Makes you think doesn't it?

Robin & Carole

This is just a quick note to say thank you to everyone for all your cards, flowers, chocolates and offers of help to me and my family during my spell in hospital in June. I was overwhelmed by everybody's kind thoughts and wishes.

I would also like to thank all my fellow face bookers for keeping me up to date (and sane!) while I was in there.

Through all the gossip and rumours that you find in every village I'm sure, all the kind words and care I have received ,has just proven what a lovely village Northwold is to live in. Best Wishes

Holly xx

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