

## SARA

### St. Andrew's Restoration Appeal UPDATE 11TH JANUARY 2012

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Restoration Fund Appeal is beginning to grow. We are delighted to report that 178 calendars were sold and raised £590. A few still remain, so if you have realised that you are short of a calendar, contact one of the committee members and they will find one for you for £5.00

#### Lucky Ball -

Our last Lucky Ball was sold just before Christmas raising £1,225 for the fund. The first Bonus ball number was drawn out on January 8 and the lucky winners of this were Chris & Alan Collins who are now £25 better off. Well done!

Having sold the 49th ball does not mean that you cannot join at a later date - we are still happy to take names and when a number becomes vacant, the first person on the waiting list will be contacted. If you would like to join the Lucky Ball waiting list contact Veronica Hutchby. Tel. 728555 or [vhutchby1@sky.com](mailto:vhutchby1@sky.com).

By the time you read this column, the Beetle Drive will have already taken place - report next month!

#### Mile of 20 pence pieces.

Thanks to all of you who have been collecting twenty pence pieces for our mile. On 10<sup>th</sup> January our total, so far, is a fabulous £238.00...or 27 yards (24.68 metres). Look out for the sign which will show you where that is on our route around the village.

Please keep collecting your 20 pence pieces. If you need a jar please ask one of the committee members although you do not have to use an "official" jar. A very generous donation of £19 worth of 20 pence pieces came in a Steradent tube!

May I also thank the anonymous donor who put £5 of 20 pence pieces through my letter box before Christmas.

We will be counting the next batch of donations in early March so please hand in your donations before March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our mile of 20 pence pieces will raise £15,130. We have a long way to go in this Jubilee/Olympic Year so please ...keep collecting! Let's try and get to our first £1000 as soon as possible!

Funds to date - £5,281 has been raised from Lucky Ball, calendar sales, 20p collections and last but by no means least - donations. We are hugely grateful to everyone for the support we have had so far which has given

us the confidence that we have the people of Northwold behind us in the bid to restore our beautiful church.

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## S A R A

### St. Andrew's Restoration Appeal

#### JUMBLE SALE

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## PLOUGH MONDAY

Plough Monday fell on the 9<sup>th</sup> January this year and unusually the evening was fine and mild with a full moon shining down on the proceedings.

There were more than 100 people gathered at the Crown Inn where the festivities began, as usual, with the torch-lit procession escorting



the plough along the high street to St Andrew's Church, where the plough was blessed by the Reverend Joan



Horan. There then followed dancing by King's Morris,

a play by the St Andrew's Mummings and more dancing by the Misfits Molly.

After this, the procession returned along the



High Street to John Haylock's yard where the dancing was repeated and there was another performance of the

Mummings' Play. The crowd joined in, enthusiastically cheering for Father Christmas, King George, Old



Betsy Tossplot and the Lady and booing even more enthusiastically at Beelzebub and the Black Prince of Paradine. At the end of the play Beelzebub paid a rhyming tribute to our host, John Haylock, who was celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday that day.

Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all, as a fitting close to yet another successful Plough Monday ending back at the Crown Inn for complimentary hot soup and rolls.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas trees and the Christmas Tree Festival. We had a lovely evening on 18th December and the church looked beautiful throughout the Christmas period. This was only possible because many people worked very hard and we are very grateful to you all.

**Chris Collins**

## COFFEE MORNING AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The next coffee morning in Church will be on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat. Everyone is very welcome.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH NEW CLEANING ROTA OUT IN MARCH

**If you can spare one or two hours once in 6 to 8 weeks we would love to hear from you.**

**We work in pairs**

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**Thank You**

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## ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH DIARY 2012

### FEBRUARY

#### Sunday 5th

11.00 am Holy Communion Rev. Waters

#### Sunday 12th

11.00 am Matins Rector

#### Sunday 19th

8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. Waters

#### Wednesday 22nd

7.30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY Feltwell

#### Sunday 26th

11.00 am Holy Communion Rev. Waters

### MARCH

#### Sunday 4th

11.00 am Holy Communion Rector

#### Sunday 11th

11.00 am Matins Rev. Waters

#### Sunday 18th

11.00 am Holy Communion Rector

#### Sunday 25th

11.00 am Family Service Rev. Waters

#### Friday 30th

9.30 am School Easter Service Rector

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](http://www.northwoldchurch.org.uk)

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

### Well done Dean

Just a note from very proud parents. After missing Dean's run in the Great North Run we were proud to watch him complete the City of Norwich half marathon on Sunday 27th November in a very creditable time of 1-29-33.

### Roger & Sue Preston

### Thank you so much.

'Kieran Lee and his family would like to give a huge thank you to all the very generous people who set up, provided for, performed at, attended and contributed to the fabulous fund raising evening on 9th December. It was a very enjoyable evening and a staggering amount was raised towards the bike.

### THANKS

AIR AMBULANCE has been sent a cheque for £30 by Gift Aid so they will gain by another quarter of this total. This is from donations made by those using the Apple Press.

Thank you for the help.

**PAM EYLES**

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

The Benefice is in interregnum.

#### Licensed Lay Ministers:

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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.

### FEBRUARY 2012

#### Sunday 12th

9.30 am Holy Communion, Whittington  
Carol Nicholas-Letch

#### Sunday 26th

9.30am Morning Service, Whittington  
Keith MacLeod

If you are unable to attend Holy Communion due to illness or disability, please contact Carol Nicholas-Letch who will be pleased to administer the Sacrament to you in your home. Please phone 01366 500704.

It is with great sadness that we announce that our Acting Priest in charge, the Reverend Canon David Evans died at home on 3rd January after having been diagnosed with cancer last October. will be Greatly missed.

Trish Willis is the Verger for these Churches.

Christ Church Whittington's Churchwarden is Elaine Taylor. Tele. 500948  
All Saints Wretton with Stoke Ferry's Churchwarden is John Reeve. Tele. 500065

Mrs. Pat Voutt & Angie are upholding the cleaning and flower rota at Christ Church this month and Carol & Elaine are doing the same at All Saints.

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## Whittington Church News

Below is printed a list of Bonus Ball winners, this is a weekly competition we run based on Saturday's bonus ball number in the National Lottery.

Just to update you on what we have been doing in our church this year:

Besides using the church for regular worship we also make use of it as a community centre. A charity knitting/sewing club meets in the church every third Thursday from 10 to 12 noon. We are now having our 'Winter Recess' and start again in March when everyone will be welcome to come along. Many garments have been produced for the children of Novogradvolinsky, a village in the Ukraine, and also for the premature Baby Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. One member made a beautiful new altar cover for Stoke Ferry School. But if anyone wants to come and bring their own handicraft for a natter over a cuppa they would be most welcome.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May a very successful 50/50 auction was held in the church – many people went away with lots of bargains; and £257.80 went to church funds.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June Sarah Lee held a Fund Raising event for a special bicycle for her disabled son Kieran. This was a great success and following this the PCC decided to hold a Christmas Concert in the church on 9<sup>th</sup> December for Kieran. It was a light-hearted evening with mince pies & mulled wine, a Christmas stall & raffle.

A Winter Quiz was held in the church on 19<sup>th</sup> November – a stimulating quiz and tasty supper of sausage, mash, beans & onions followed by apple pie & custard, with an unlimited supply of hot punch all evening. A real fun evening enjoyed by a packed church. Many thanks to the members of the former Whittington Amenities Group who organised this event.

As Whittington churchyard is almost full, we are going through the formal process of having it closed. The most likely place to have a new graveyard is to be a very small part of the playing field. A lot of scrub land on the south side of the field could be cleared and suitably screened off with hedging in the

hope that a new cemetery would hardly impinge upon the playing field at all. Planning permission and investigations into land suitability are still in the early stages.

### BONUS BALL WINNERS 2011 PRIZE FOR ALL WAS £24.50

DATE	NO	NAME
01/01	26	Pam Pilgrim
08/01	46	Chris Nye
15/01	2	Gerald King
22/01	25	Mavis Smith
29/01	15	Ken Sizeland
05/02	5	Richard Warner
12/02	35	Gypsie Duncan
19/02	33	Marion Allen
26/02	43	Nigel Pilgrim
05/03	49	Gillian Smith
12/03	40	David Waller
19/03	17	Chelsea & Lewis
26/03	38	Vonnie Bidwell
02/04	25	Mavis Smith
09/04	22	Mrs Woodley
16/04	46	Chris Nye
23/04	10	Roger Warner
30/04	21	Janet Allen
07/05	3	Vanessa Hoare
14/05	44	Ken Elsey
21/05	5	Donation back to church
28/05	31	Elaine Taylor
04/06	27	Sarah Lee
11/06	26	Pam Pilgrim
18/06	31	Elaine Taylor
25/06	31	Elaine Taylor
02/07	6	Carol Nicholas-Letch
09/07	39	John Reeve
16/07	30	Edward Bidwell
23/07	39	John Reeve
30/07	48	Laura Curd
06/08	19	Davina Eves
13/08	3	Vanessa Hoare
20/08	24	Stephanie Allen
27/08	49	Gillian Smith
03/09	31	Elaine Taylor
10/09	37	Marion English
17/09	10	Roger Warner
24/09	31	Elaine Taylor
01/10	29	Connie Mycock
08/10	45	Annie Elsey
15/10	14	Teresa Waller
22/10	1	Thomas Curd
29/10	45	Annie Elsey
05/11	43	Nigel Pilgrim

12/11	10	Roger Warner
19/11	45	Annie Elsey
26/11	15	Ken Sizeland
03/12	8	Colleen Whitred
10/12	20	Eric Eves
17/12	12	Nancy Achurch
24/12	19	Davina Eves
31/12	2	Gerald King

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BAZAAR

I was so thrilled that my dear wife Janet had been chosen to open the Church bazaar on 26th November.

Well, I was not going to miss that, was I? So to make sure I got to the village hall 20 minutes before Janet was due to make her speech, no way was I going to miss it.

But I was in for a big disappointment. I and several other people who turned up were not allowed into the hall, and were made to wait outside in the cold wind until AFTER Janet had made her speech, only then were we allowed in.

I don't know why I was not allowed to hear Janet open the bazaar; perhaps they thought I would heckle her, but of course I would never have dared to do that.

I hope the bazaar was a success, there were lots of people there after the opening of course.

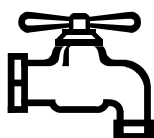
**RON DEACON**

### Reply from the Churchwardens

We were extremely sorry to read Ron Deacon's letter about the Bazaar opening. It was purely accidental that the hall door was shut to try to retain the heat inside the hall and it was not the intention to exclude anyone from the proceedings. In fact, no one was aware that there were people waiting.

Many apologies to Ron and anyone else who was waiting outside, we will ensure that this does not happen again.

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## BOUGHTON SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AIMS

The Boughton PPG is a group of patients who have been invited to work with the practice to help patients become responsible for their own health and provide practical support, advice and input. We work closely with the doctors, nurses, dispensers, receptionists and everyone working for you at Boughton Surgery, on behalf of you, the patients that use Boughton Surgery when you're sick, stressed, injured or fed up.

Our aim is to work with the practice to provide practical support, to help patients be more involved in their own health treatments and conditions and to provide input and advice to both the practice and the patients.

### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Boughton PPG are to:

- give practice staff and patients the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual interest
- provide means for patients to make positive suggestions about the practice.
- encourage health education activities within the practice.
- develop self-help projects to meet the needs of fellow patients e.g. befriending, help with transport and bereavement support.
- act as a representative group that can be

called upon to influence the local provision of health and social care.

- Monitor services, e.g. hospital discharge and support when back in the community. To provide a focal point of patients who have grumbles or complaints about the practice by providing the practice's viewpoint.
- To provide advice on procedures that can ease difficulties in times of stress or illness.

### ORGANISATION

The Boughton PPG comprises a Chairman and representatives of the major villages served by the practice together with the Practice Manager and members of staff. We meet quarterly in Boughton Surgery or more often if required.

Following recent departures, the Boughton PPG is currently represented by patients from Boughton, Brookeville (embracing Feltwell and adjacent villages), Fincham, Northwold and Stoke Ferry. We would like to encourage patients of Boughton surgery who reside in Gooderstone, Whittington, Wretton, and West Dereham to join us to make a more representative group serving the whole practice. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Pauline Whitehead, our Practice manager, on 01366 500331. Our next meeting is scheduled for 11 January 2012 so you have a few weeks to consider this request.

Ray Thompson - Chairman Boughton PPG  
Tel 01366 500274



A new year and lots of new things for us to explore and learn.

Well, I have completed a circle and have celebrated the whole calendar of events the school follows. For me it has been a whirlwind of a year and I can't quite believe it has been a full year.

We ended our Autumn Term in style with our children surpassing themselves with their two Christmas Productions: 'Scrooge!' and 'Christmas Recipe'. It was astonishing to see such talent being displayed amongst children so young. Our final performance ended in an unscheduled snow blizzard much to the surprise of the Directors and those sitting in the front row! I have finally found a use for the shredded paper we create!

At our afternoon performance, Archdeacon Hugh joined us and thoroughly enjoyed the event. He also presented a decorative plate to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> year of the Church School Society. It was a pleasure to show him around our school.

Our school year started in style with the Northwold Mummies coming to the school on Plough Monday to perform their 2012 Mummer's Play. Before they could start a small group of



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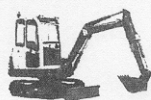
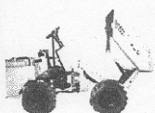
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year 5 and 6 children treated them and the rest of the school to a performance of their Mummer's Play. It was a wonderful way to join in the life of the village if somewhat strange and bemusing for the audience. I hope to see this as a regular part of our January calendar.

We also heard good news that four of our children, Tallulah Stocking, Charlie Cater, Eboni McGurk and Daisy Sutton, have successfully qualified to participate in the County Cross Country Finals. Congratulations to them and we wish them every success in their races.

Those of you who have passed the school recently will have observed builders working on the site. At the end of last term we were delighted to get news that planning permission had been granted for a new modular classroom to be built. We have been very fortunate in these days of tightening belts to have been supported in developing the school with funding for the Ely Diocese, which is earmarked purely for developing school buildings. The PTFA have also kindly committed to raise the £9600 costs towards the build, which the school has to pay. I am very grateful to them and think it is exciting to have a target to work towards. As the diocese funding is time limited the project will be finished by the end of February 2012. During half term the classroom will arrive and be installed by crane, this should be quite an exciting spectacle to observe. This is an exciting opportunity for the school and will enable us to create other teaching and learning spaces within the school.

During January, Hannah Bradford organised a Pyjama Day at school to raise funds towards the Sports and Social Club. The children and staff arrived in their pyjamas, made their contributions and continued as normal. The visitors we had that day were a little bemused when they first arrived! We raised just over £90, which will be passed onto the Sports and Social Club. I am very proud of our children who are keen to support others when they identify a need. Thank you to the parents for their support.

The Norfolk entertainer, Olly Day came to the school and performed a fabulous magic show, which focussed on road safety. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the

show but also came away with important learning about 'Stop, Look and Listen' and 'Be Bright at Night', crucial safety messages for our children to understand particularly on our dark rural roads.

Our new term brought new projects for the children to learn through. The Year 6 (New York Class) children are focussing on 'Water' and will be looking at the subject from a variety of angles. Years 4 and 5 (Madrid Class) will be learning about 'Cities'. Years 2 and 3 (London Class) will be learning about the city they are named after: 'London'. As usual the younger children in Rio Class will be working through a variety of topics during the term in their creative and fluid way starting with 'Animals'. Do check out our website for more details of the projects. (www.norman-pri.norfolk.sch.uk)

**CAROLE REICH**



### Writing from children at The Norman School

*New York Class have been having a go at showing both sides of an argument. Here Harry discuss the pros and cons of allowing the Daleks to stay on earth!*

#### Should Daleks be allowed on Earth?

Since the arrival of the Daleks, the cyborgs from planet Skaro, everyone has been wondering whether it has actually been negotiated if they should really be here.

Many people think they should stay including 'The Doctor', the famous time lord. He was quoted in a recent press conference saying, "The Daleks would be ideal defenders in an intergalactic battle, plus we can change their DNA to make them feel love and kindness."

On the other hand, 'They only feel hate!' was the headline of the *Morning Standard* today. Furthermore, the majority of the people on Earth say no to these cyborgs. The leader of the 'Go back to Skaro' campaign says, "They should go now! First Daleks, next... well any other alien!"

But looking at both sides of the argument we think the Daleks should go, as the ma-

jority of opinion should rule, being a democratic country.

**By Harry Cater**

*Madrid Class have created a city called Kappias. They are following the city through history and are in the middle of exploring democracy! Here are the rules the children have created for Kappias during it's life around 650BC.*

#### Kappian Laws

- Do not go on other people's land within Kappias.
- Respect all of the land in Kappias.
- The community of Kappias must respect the King.
- Be loyal and respect the Guardians in Kappias.
- Always listen and respect our King within Kappias.
- You must pay your taxes or you will go to prison.
- If you vandalise in Kappias punishment awaits you!
- Live by the truth and you will enjoy life in Kappias.
- Don't steal, if you do you will have to face the judge.

**By Eboni McGurk**

*London Class have been writing poems. Here is an example of some lovely language and imagery:*

#### Hugs

A hug is seeing and welcoming someone.  
A hug is hearing someone's heart beat as they gently hug you.  
A hug is smelling what they smell like.  
A hug is tasting happiness.  
A hug is feeling their laughter.

**By Rosie Vnderstay**

### NORTHWOLD VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place in the hall at 7.30 PM on **Tuesday, 28th February 2012.**

It is open to all residents of the Village, and all Regular User Groups are encouraged to nominate one representative to the Managing Committee for the coming year.

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## RIVER WATCH

It was certainly a night to remember. A strong wind whistled through the merest crack of the window. The tiles on the roof rattled away to the buffeting. Sleep was impossible. It was a gale of enormous measure that had begun several hours before!

Down at the river the same maelstrom raged. The meandering curves were awash with waves and tumbling water was forced down the narrow course by the fury. White crests crashed by and immediately disappeared into the darkness only to be followed by the same over and over again. The sedge alongside the margins bent double and in places touched the water whereupon the whole sedge bed became swamped. The debris of branches and even the river bank itself floated past as the strength of the wind and water demolished anything suspect. Young trees were well and truly tested and mature trees groaned and creaked. A sudden crack followed by an earth shaking thump showed a long dead oak tree astride the river. The obstacle made a feeble attempt to hold back the fierce flow but it was quickly turned and floated downstream adding to the already chaos.

Mother Nature must have given warning to her kingdom earlier that day long before any signs were recognised by the likes of us! Thus most animals were tucked up snug under the ground and perhaps even asleep and ignorant of the happenings above. Fifty or even sixty rabbits in the same warren formed a single furry mass with their breathing the only movement. The sedate badgers choose to be more individual and snored away in rows whereas the lone fox monitored everything from within the entrance of his den with one eye whilst fast asleep with the other!

Alas the feathered folk had few options. They went low instead of high and choose mid hedge and bush to find shelter but not complete escape. The partridge and pheasant, all with little sense, stayed their ground and merely looked bemused hardly able to remain upright!

Within an adjacent spinney a family of deer had found a convenient hollow and with their heads down had perfect shelter but for sure no man was about tonight. Even the perennial poacher had chosen to stay in his bed!

Beneath the surface of the river Wissey most of our friends the fish had found sanctuary from the fast flow in dykes and inlets. Here they amassed in unusual numbers. A few less fortunate sought the shallows and some the outside of curves but were still forced to contend with the severe current by swimming endlessly to remain stationary. Occasionally an unfortunate was just swept away!

However a different picture was also forming. A particular family from the watery world was actually enjoying the remarkable change of atmospheric pressure and was in a highly restless state of near frenzy. Little detail is known but all eels are governed by

the moon and like influences and tonight the 'force was with them!' The eels of the river were not of normal mind and had gathered in large numbers. The calling had gone out and as the storm reached another peak they departed the river. Wriggling up the banks and across the grass and meadows they marched. It was a sight to behold! Thus they continued throughout the night with more and more exiting the water. As the rain came sheeting down their passage was made more easy and comfortable. Onward they went.

Now such travellings of the eel population occur only a few times in a human life span and is seldom witnessed. Where they go no one really knows but they must all return to water eventually! With that reassurance I pulled the covers over my head and tried once more to go to sleep!

By Ivor Hook

## WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH?

I am afraid that I might have been ungallant recently – “Most unusual!” I hear you shout. Well, it went like this: Deannie and I had met our daughter and son-in-law in London and we were travelling by tube to the West End. We got on and I was sort of strap hanging with brain in neutral when I became aware that a young lady was trying to attract my attention from somewhere near the top of my legs, ie in her seat. Hello, I thought, what does she want? I nearly fell over when she made it clear that she was offering me her seat! WOT?!! I am only young(ish) in the prime of health and this came like a bolt from the blue. Do I really look that decrepit? (Watch it, dear reader!). Gathering my wits, I thanked her profusely but declined her offer, telling her that I had been sitting all day and was glad to stand. However, I do have to admit that the experience has rattled me a bit. I was brought up in a very Victorian fashion with respect to how to treat a lady (Deannie insists that I enter a room before her as I “protect” from the perils therein by doing so – I feel uncomfortable every time as the protocol is to open the door and usher her through!). I can still hear my father “Hold your dance partner gently with the side of your hand in her back and don’t pump the other arm! Never talk to an adult or superior while eating or drinking” etc. He never prepared me for the above scenario. Would it have been more polite to accept? Answers on a postcard, please.

Management and I have just spent another couple of weeks in our humble timeshare in India. As always, I took the local newspaper daily (The Navhind Times at 3 rupees, about 5p) as I really enjoy the colourful language and hyperbole employed by the writers. I would like to share a few with you – they are reproduced verbatim!

**Boy declared dead wakes up in mortuary – doctor suspended** The Uttar Pradesh government on Monday suspended Dr.... in a case of medical negligence in which a 17 year old Rodney, declared dead by him, had

woken up in the Muzaffarnagar mortuary ten hour later, just as the were starting the post-mortem examination.

**Cruise boat hits a pillar of Mandovi Bridge** “Shantadurga”, a cruise boat, suffered engine failure and hit the middle pillar of the bridge, giving anxious moments to the 68 young tourists and crew members on board. The staff at the nearby jetty could not do anything for lack of equipment and the Captain of Ports too was hamstrung as it has an old tug that is in a state of total disrepair and not seaworthy. A sister cruise boat, “The Santa Monica” was then drafted into service but could not tow the “Shantadurga” against the current. Finally, friendly trawlers came to the aid of the terrified tourists and towed it to a jetty. Eye witnesses pointed out that this is an extremely crowded river and it was criminal that the authorities have no equipment to deal with emergencies of any nature, including terror attack.

**Chhattisgarh village in shock after 51 get life sentence** A day after 51 villagers from the village of Nevari-Fulwari were sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case, stunned locals said life had come to a virtual standstill. There are 80 families in the village. In 2008, an argument had turned nasty and the villagers had set fire to the village sarpanch (Note: for days, I thought the sarpanch was the village hall – it turned out to be their equivalent of the mayor) aged 45yr. 79 people were named in the case and 51 have been jailed for life. One of the convicts’ wives said “Life has become hell for everyone. The only option we now have is to commit mass suicide because almost one person from each family has been given imprisonment”. Raju Sahu, who owns a small pangutka shop, becomes teary-eyed when asked to comment about the court judgement.

**Train runs over youth in Vasco** The body of an unidentified youth, who allegedly committed suicide by sleeping on the railway track, was found in two pieces on Saturday afternoon. The youth is thin with a wheatish complexion. Police had hoped to identify him from his cell phone but it was broken into pieces.

**Suicide bid by Nigerian in Mapula lockup foiled** An alert jail sentry was shocked to find the Nigerian attempting to hang himself with the help of his T shirt. The suicide bid was foiled and the accused was re-arrested and charged for attempting to commit suicide.

**More next month.**

I still go to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Medical School to examine the medical students. These are serious affairs, speaking is in hushed tones and the General Medical Council invigilator wanders around listening behind the screens to the examiners and students. As you can imagine, it is pretty stressful for all concerned. Last week I was in one corner of a room with another examiner using the other corner of the room. We both suddenly had a 10 minute gap between students and, as you do, we wandered around the room looking at the anatomical models. I pulled back a sheet to reveal an enormous pair of hard plastic unisex buttocks, in the



middle of which was a soft insert representing the "back bottom hole" as they say in children's books. Inside the buttocks, there was a circular threaded area into which could be screwed plastic inserts which, to the examining finger doing the rectal examination, would represent enlarged prostate, fibroid uterus and goodness knows what else! Next to the buttocks sat a box of rubber gloves and some lubricant. The other examiner and I looked at each other, he screwed in an enlarged prostate, I did the rectal examination, not bothering with gloves or lubricant - after all, it was only plastic - and got my fingers stuck. It must have been a sight; he was unscrewing the prostate and I was encouraging him in a slightly frenzied fashion. Happily, the GMC invigilator did not appear and, eventually, I got free and, like a couple of sheepish schoolboys, we retired to our corners. Ah well!

Best wishes to you all - **Ian Nisbet**

## NORTHWOLD WI

On the evening of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November several car loads of ladies from Northwold WI converged on Brown's Restaurant at Mundford for their annual Birthday Party. Twenty-eight members attended the meal and everyone enjoyed it immensely. The attention to detail was superb - from the table decorations to the food itself, which was exquisitely presented. One lady commented par-

ticularly on her Shepherds Pie which was absolutely delicious being made with Roast Lamb.

The local Forget Me Not Club held their Annual Christmas Party in the Village Hall during the first week of December, and members of our WI catered for this event. We served Roast Turkey with all the trimmings followed by trifle and mince pies. Everyone enjoyed their meal and booked us again for next year.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we held our own Christmas Party in the Village Hall where we enjoyed entertainment by Mike Wabe who is one of our regular visitors with his Medieval World packages. This time he read us stories and poems with a Christmas connection and we sang a few Christmas songs. We then had our usual Bran Tub treat where Brenda read out questions and those who had the correct answers were able to take their turn to choose a present. Supper was delicious as everyone contributed to this with their own particular favourite item.

Next month our Ladies Who Lunch will be dining at The Chequers at Feltwell on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Glenda**

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# MINUTES OF NORTHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY DECEMBER 6th 2011

Present: Mrs R Crisp, Mrs S Bury, Mr M Peake, Mrs V Lynch, Mrs S Jackson, Mr A Collins, Mr F Eglington, Miss A Muir

1 member of the public

## 1. Apologies for absence

Mr D George

## 2. Declarations of Interest:

Mrs S Jackson declared an interest in matters relating to Whittington Churchyard/Cemetery.

Mr F Eglington declared an interest in item 11.1.

## 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 01/11/11 were agreed as a true record.

## 4. Matters Arising from previous meetings

- The Parish Council allotments both have tenants and the Clerk will clarify which tenant is cultivating which plot.
- It was noted that discos are being successfully held at Northwold Sports & Social Club.
- Thanks were expressed to Mr Roger Warner who has rolled the ground at Northwold Playing Field.
- Ivy has been removed from the bus shelter at Whittington but there is still more to be cleared.
- A drain has been repaired in School Lane.
- Mrs R Crisp and Mr A Collins volunteered to decorate the Parish Council Christmas Tree in the Church.

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Chairman's Report

- Mrs Sue Leet who was formerly a member of the Parish Council but resigned due to personal reasons was present at the meeting and has volun-

teered to re-join the Council. There are two vacancies on the Council and the Monitoring Officer will be consulted regarding whether the Council can co-opt members at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

- The Village Allotment Charity has asked if water can be made available at Northwold Cemetery for use by allotment holders. It has been suggested a water trough could be placed in the Cemetery which the Charity Trustees would be responsible for. The allotment rent would be increased and money raised would be used for paying for the water used. Costs for providing water will be brought to the January Parish Council meeting for further consideration.

### 5.2 The Clerk's Report

- A letter has been received from St. Andrew's Church, Northwold requesting financial assistance towards grounds maintenance of the Churchyard. This will be an agenda item for the January meeting of the Parish Council.
- A letter has been received from The Stoke Ferry Common Room Youth Club requesting help to purchase a shed and equipment. This will be an agenda item for the January meeting of the Parish Council.
- A quote has been received to fit replacement seats and chains on swings at the Playing Field. It was previously agreed this would be undertaken and the cost quoted is £368.00 plus VAT.
- The Clerk attended the Norfolk Association of Local Councils Autumn Seminar held at Sandringham on November 15th. Speakers gave presentations on celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge (the aim is to protect 2012 outdoor recreation spaces across the country by 2012), Road Closures for events. Advice was given regarding governance, auditing and risk assessment and information was also provided regard-

ing Civil Parking Enforcement.

- Previously on-street parking offences have been criminal offences discretionally enforced by the Police and progressed through the Magistrates Courts with any income going to the Treasury. On-street parking has now become a civil offence and can be enforced by the Local Authorities under Delegated Powers. Income will go to support the operation of the scheme and related transport projects. Local Authorities will be dealing with off street Local Authority car parks, yellow lines, on-street parking, residents parking and on-street pay and display. Car parking offences can be reported 24 hours on 01553 616222 or via e-mail [parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk).

### 5.3 Community Action Northwold Update

- An inaugural meeting of the Committee formed to further research the possible establishment of a village shop has been held but due to lack of support it is unlikely this project will continue.

### 5.4 Manor House Update

- It was reported that the Borough Council has undertaken a valuation of The Manor House.

## 6. Whittington Cemetery

Northwold Parish Council is proceeding to seek planning permission for change of use of part of Whittington Playing Field to use as a cemetery. The change of use would mean loss of part of a playing field which is against policy in the emerging Local Development Framework therefore, Chris Parsons, who has been engaged to act as the agent for the Parish Council to submit the necessary planning application, is to meet a representative of Sports England at Whittington Playing Field to gauge the extent of the implications for the future of the Playing Field before an application is filed. The Environment Agency will also be consulted before any application is made. Some discussion took place regarding what it may

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cost to establish a new cemetery at Whittington. It is hoped volunteers will contribute to keep costs down. Matters such as the track to the Playing Field at Whittington and hedging/fencing of the cemetery area will need future discussion and consideration will need to be made as to how the project will be financed. The Parish Council has endeavoured to maintain some reserve money and decisions will need to be made as to how this money should be allocated.

#### **7. Agreement with Northwold Sports & Social Club for hire of the Club building**

The Parish Council has once again requested that a new agreement with the Sports & Social Club should be signed and a further letter will be sent to the Sports & Social Club requesting an update on the present situation. It was felt the Club should be congratulated for the efforts so far made to keep the Club open.

#### **NO MATTERS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM**

#### **8. The following payments were agreed:**

MHB Services	£53.76
(street lighting maintenance)	
E.on Energy (street light electric)	£150.34
Village Hall Committee	£10.00
Clerk Salary	£108.00
CGM	£296.17
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£17.00
St. Andrews Church	
(Christmas Tree)	£16.00

#### **9. Correspondence**

- 9.1 The "1948 Torch Trail" – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2012
- 9.2 Briefing sheet – The Localism Act
- 9.3 Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan meeting dates

#### **10. Planning:**

Mr M Peake took no part in discussions. Interest declared by Mr F Eglinton in item 10.1.  
Applications for consideration  
10.1 Conservation Area Consent and Demolition of single floor section at rear and two storey extension on rear at 1 Inghams Lane, Northwold  
11/01899/CA

No objection

Notice of Decision

10.2 Change of Use from Car Sales to Car Sales and Hand Car Wash including Siting of Demountable Canopy at Whittington Garage, Whittington  
11/01425/CU

Permission granted

#### **No further reports made**

Jane Scarrott

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## **NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB**

By the time this article appears, members of the youth club will have performed their "yooff" version of a Mummers Play. Toni Arthur-Hay and the children have put in a lot of effort into this project so more details and photos will follow!

Christmas time was a busy one for our young members. Some joined Brown Owl and the Brownies at the Pantomime – I'm not sure who enjoyed themselves more; the youngsters or their parents!! Thank you to the Brownies for inviting us.

While the younger members of the Youth Club were performing in their School Christmas Play, the older ones held a "Christmas Night Club", with a disco and even a roulette wheel! Steve was the croupier for the evening – handing out chocolate coins as winnings. Sharron's favourite were the shiny disco balls – they really did liven up the evening.

During the previous weeks, the members had been competing in a Treasure Quest fundraiser – congratulations to Tegan who is now the proud owner of a cuddly toy reindeer.

Fantastic news on the fund-raising front!

**Thank you to every-one who bought, and helped to sell, the Youth**



Club Christmas Cards. Your efforts helped us to raise a whopping £62 profit, which will be enough to pay for a professional presenter later in the year.

Throughout the year, the Youth Club collect pennies and 5 pence pieces for charitable causes. As Christmas is a time for sharing, the Youth Club donated their collection to CHICKS (Country Holidays for Inner City KidS) to support children who would be spending Christmas at one of the centres in Devon or Cornwall because they do not have a secure or settled home life in which to spend the festive season.

Looking forward, we have Bingo with Bernie, followed by a games evening and then the Annual Indoor Bowls competition!

If anyone, aged 7 to 14, wishes to join in the fun please contact:  
Jane Luckman (01366 728921) or Sharron Freemantle (01366 727675) for more details.

*Just like everyone else at the moment, we have to "watch our pennies" and wish to gently remind parents and youth club members that their annual membership forms and subscriptions are now due! (So that we can keep our admin. costs down we will now be charging a £1 "Visitor Fee" for any child attending the Club, until we have received all*

*the annual forms and subs. This makes sure that youth club funds are used for the all-important children's activities – and not for chasing outstanding fees. Thank you for your understanding.)*

**Sharron Freemantle**  
**Tel: 01366 727675**

## **Northwold PTFA**

### **Horse Race Evening Saturday 25th February 2012.**

Tickets £4.50

Bring your own drink.

At the Primary School

Doors open 7 for a 7.30 pm start.

Please contact Sheena for Tickets on  
07780973668 or call at the school.

### **School Carnival**

### **Saturday 9th June 2012**

The theme for this year has now been settled and is

### **NORTHWOLD'S 29.5 OLYMPIAD**

Start getting your ideas together for a float.

We are hopefully going to run a Northwold Primary School children's Disco at the Sports & Social Club. Provisional date is Friday 16th March 2012 but we are awaiting confirmation from the club.

Ages naturally 5 - 11 Tickets £1. More information when date confirmed.

**Roger**

## **Northwold Sports and Social Club**

will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 5th March 2012 starting at 8pm

Those persons that attended the open meeting last year with respect to this continuation and way ahead of the Club would be most welcome and perhaps have an input or even volunteer for a post.

**Ken J Howard**

## **DOG WASTE**

A reminder that dog waste should not be placed in the litter bins around the village. Dog waste bins are provided by the Parish Council and it would be appreciated if dog walkers would use the correct bins or take their animals waste home with them for appropriate disposal.

**Jane Scarrott**  
**clerk to Northwold Parish Council**

## **Toads On Roads 2012 campaign**

Those wishing to help with moving toads safely across local busy roads at times of migration to breeding ponds please contact Donna 0787 6324231 for more details (and date of forthcoming meeting) many thanks



## THE PRODUCE SHOW

Notes of meeting on  
25 November 2011

As no-one had responded to articles and adverts asking for someone to organise the Show the committee agreed:

***There will NOT be a Produce Show for 2012.***

### GOING FORWARD:

The Northwold Village Produce Show has been run successfully for 65 years and there was considerable disappointment from the committee over the lack of willing volunteers to assist with organising future events. Finishing the show was a viable option.

### HOWEVER:

*It was agreed* that 2012 should be used to promote the Annual Produce Show through smaller events "sponsored" by the Show Committee, which could generate a greater interest in a larger event for 2013, and therefore attract more volunteers.

### **Hanging Baskets, Garden Pots and Trough Competition**

As this had been an increasingly popular class in the annual Show, *it was agreed* to hold the competition at the end of July 2012. Mrs Freemantle agreed to co-ordinate the event. Details to follow in future editions of Village Life.

### **Normandy Cup – Youth Club Competition**

*It was agreed*, to sponsor a Spring Flower Competition through the Northwold Youth Club. Anyone wishing to enter should be aged between 7 – 14 years of age. Further details available from the Youth Club.

### **Tallest Sunflower Cup – Competition for Northwold CofE School**

The School has kindly agreed to run the Tallest Sunflower competition in 2012. The Show Committee will provide each pupil with Sunflower Seeds for them to nurture and the one with the Tallest Sunflower will be awarded the cup for 2012; with the hope that this could continue to be an annual event – and part of a larger Produce Show in future years.

**This is *your* village, *your* show - so if you want it to continue you need to get involved.**

Sharron Freemantle

## **NORTHWOLD BOWLS 100 CLUB**

### October

1st £20 36 Ken Lawrence  
2nd £15 11 Fiona Eyles  
3rd £10 28 Pat Coley

### November

1st £20 52 Luke Preston  
2nd £15 2 David Rice  
3rd £10 15 Lesley Eyles  
Numbers drawn by Bowls Club members

### DECEMBER

1st £20 No 76 Claire Cater  
2nd £15 No 54 Jason Cooper  
3rd £10 No 26 Betty Gould

If you interested in taking the game up this year our General Meeting is being held at the Sports & Social Club on Thursday 22nd March 2012 starting at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

ROGER PRESTON



There will be a scout troop starting up in Feltwell from January – probably on a Tuesday evening from 7pm – 8.30pm. There is already Beavers and Cubs and this will be an opportunity for older boys and girls to take part too. If your child is aged between 10 ½ and 14 years of age and is interested in joining please contact Claire Scarff on (01842) 827555 or [clairescarff@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:clairescarff@tiscali.co.uk).

## **FOOT HEALTH CLINIC**

**May we remind our readers that the next foot health clinic is as follows:-**  
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24th February - June Hughes  
9th March - Victoria Neal  
23rd March - Linda Reade

### **ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

Enquiries to Eileen on (01366)727174



## Feltwell Surgery Patient Participation Group

### Nurse Specialist – Beverly Darge

Feltwell Surgery's Nurse Specialist is Beverly Darge. What is a Nurse Specialist? Well – it's what it says on the tin – a nurse who has specialised in a specific area.



It would possibly be easier to ask what Beverly has NOT specialised in. She started off in 1969/70 by getting an Ophthalmic Nurses Diploma at the Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital in Maidstone, Kent. She qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1988 at the Medway Hospital then as a Midwife in 1990 at All Saints Hospital - both in Kent.

In 1994 Beverly became a Practice Nurse. This is as qualified nurse who has undertaken further training. They work in -a GP's surgery as part of a healthcare team, which can include doctors, health visitors and pharmacists.

Their job involves treating minor injuries, helping deal with minor illnesses and chronic disease monitoring, assisting with minor operations done under local anesthetic, family planning advice, running vaccination programmes – for example, flu jabs or baby immunisations, giving B12 injections and running Warfarin clinics – as well as taking charge of various health programmes like help giving up smoking.

Since becoming a Practice Nurse Beverly has completed numerous courses and diplomas, 'In order,' she says, 'to give the care I need to give within my role'. These include a Diploma in Asthma care; a Marie Curie breast and pelvic examination course; a Family planning certificate; and a Diploma in Diabetes Care in General Practice as well as spending time on study days to keep her knowledge base up to date.

'As a Nurse Specialist I specialise in Diabetes Care. I feel I compliment the doctors as I can deal with the day-to-day diagnosis and treatment of diabetes. I need their help if I notice the condition gets more complicated,

or there are other medical conditions alongside diabetes.

My role is not equal to a doctor. My training is completely different. The initial training for a nurse is 3 years and for a doctor is 5 years. Doctors will also specialise as well as nurses but they have a much wider general knowledge of conditions that can affect the body. Nurses work at a different level with the 'hands on' ongoing care of those conditions

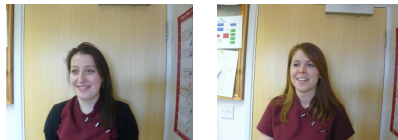
When we see patients there are several ways we can deal with the situation in front of us. We can examine and prescribe treatment for that patient. We can give the patient treatment that they can start while they wait to see the doctor. We can go to the doctor for advice. Ask the doctor to come into our consultation or add the patient to the end of the doctor's present clinic. It all depends on what we are seeing and how urgent we feel the condition is.'

So we can regard ourselves as extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated Nurse Specialist as Beverly Darge at Feltwell Surgery.

### Profile 2 Triage Receptionists

Triage is a fairly new word to us. It's the initial assessment of a situation. In surgeries it is now common for receptionists to undertake triage at a very basic level in order to save time and ensure the patient is seen by the right clinician as quickly as possible.

At Feltwell Surgery we have two reception-



ists, Rebecca Palfrey and Grace Allen, who have been trained in triage. They receive constant in-house training from the Nurse Manager and the GP's to keep them up to date.

Many patients are not fully aware of this training. The questions asked of a patient by a triage-trained receptionist are not intended to invade privacy or to diagnose. They are designed to ensure each patient is seen as

efficiently as possible by the appropriate clinician (doctor, nurse specialist, nurse etc). If, however, you don't wish to discuss something with the receptionist then you only have to say so. You will still be seen. Triage is a way of saving time so that you see the most suitable clinician.

One of the main needs for triage is to make sure urgent cases get directed to the right specialist and this requires some basic questions. It's a bit like going to the Supermarket and either spending a lot of time looking for what you want or going to the information desk to ask where it is kept and then going straight there. It saves time.

Patient privacy is paramount at all times. You may occasionally overhear an exchange of information about a patient but whenever possible patients will be referred to by their NHS number. If a patient wants to talk more privately to the receptionist when phoning or visiting the surgery a separate room may be used to ensure greater privacy. You only have to ask.

The NHS is changing and we all have to evolve with it. Each surgery has a complex clinical team who specialise in various areas. The role of the Health Care Assistants, such as the triage receptionist, is to help support the nursing team more so that they in turn can support the doctors more. This ultimately frees up more GP time for complex conditions.

If the triage receptionist is in any doubt about how to prioritise a patient they can call on a full clinical team. They have various protocols and guidelines to follow to make sure that a patient's care is never compromised. In fact quite a few patients have phoned to make a routine appointment with a GP and after a few basic triage questions, the reception team have identified the need for an urgent assessment and booked an urgent appointment accordingly.

So – to reiterate – there is a need for patients to be triaged in order for them to get the quickest and most appropriate attention. However, if you do not want to be triaged - it's up to you. Triage receptionists are there to help – not interfere.

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