

Village Life

NORTHWOLD & WHITTINGTON



NORTHWOLD

School Days

'Ne'er cast a clout till May be out' - what a true statement! Our own May Day Celebrations were scuppered by the weather, which was truly appalling. Fortunately, we were able to go ahead on our alternative day and were blessed, in as much as the rain held off until we had finished. However, poor the weather was our spirits were high. Our Royal May Party set the tone by being incredibly well dressed and looking the part. Queen Hannah and King Joshua led our procession with a regal grace and



their subjects followed with a few enthusiastic skips here and there. The dancing was lovely and well rehearsed, all the children performed exceptionally well. The Year 6

children set an astronomic target for future years in the accuracy of their dancing and plaiting. They entertained us with two dances the first plaited the ribbons tightly against the pole in colourful patterns and

the second drew a gasp from the audience as a 'Spider's



Web' of ribbons was conjured up before our eyes - beautiful!

It has certainly been a term for ritual and celebration. Now our new classroom is functioning for what it is was designed for,



it felt time to officially open the space and bless the school in it's new found size. The afternoon began with us opening our doors to visitors where they could have a look around the school and then enjoy tea and cake in the New York Café. Later our Opening Ceremony proved to us that our new space is large enough for the whole school plus many adult visitors to squash

into whilst it rained. However, before this the children sang our school song and together recited the school prayer, what a moment! Afterwards, Mr. Roger Preston ably assisted by our two youngest children, Erin & River, cut the ribbon and declared the classroom formally open. Mr. Preston is well known around the village and is involved in a huge number of ventures including being one of the School Governors and the Chair of the PTFA. He often notes how important the school is to the village and works so hard for us to ensure we stay the vibrant place the children deserve. When we think of a 'blessing' it is often associated with quiet tones and a reverential atmosphere. However, our school blessing was joyous and involved Holy Water being sloshed around all parts of the school as we processed from the new part through all of the school to the hall. Here Rev. Horan shared a blessing and proceeded to include everyone in the school by spraying each and everyone of us with Holy Water. It was a lovely and appropriate way to complete the formal Ceremony. A celebration is not complete without cake and, delightfully, Mrs. Raven kindly supplied a beautiful cake with a picture of our new school on the front, which we all consumed rather rapidly. Thanks again to the PTFA for the fund raising they are doing to help pay for the classroom and facilities and to the Diocese for making it happen.

As I write this, the year 6 children are sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. They have worked very hard and have shown excellent progress through the year so we are hoping they are able to pull it out of the hat on the day to show the powers that be how well they can do. This year is the first year where the writing is not judged purely by a single test result but by the assessment of work throughout the year so all the writing our year 6 do in the year contributes to their final score.

As usual I have included some writing from the children

London Class

Harrison Anderson (Year 3) writing about the May Day dancing

Friday 4 May it was May Day. It should have been Tuesday 1 May 2012. The first dance was the Maypole, my favourite one was the spider web, people go under one another, so it made a web. Next it was Jolly jig. It goes like this:

They all go to the middle that do that two times then they go in a circle and skip for 8 beats. Then two people go in the middle and clap hands and it goes on until they

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are back to the beginning. Then you get a partner and link arms and go around in the circle and when you have done that a few times you stop and face each other and bow. The next dance was Gallopede. It goes like this:

You take two steps and stamps then you do that again. Then you skip to the other side and do it all again. Next you walk to the middle, the other person crosses their arms and you hold hands and swing to the top of the bottom of the set.

The next dance was the Ukelele Ceidleigh all you do is this:

Every four seconds strum the ukulele and you do that four times then get your partners and go down the line very fast.

Rio Class

Thomas Hadfield (Year 1) retelling the story of 'Where's my Teddy?' in handwriting then typing it himself.

Where's my Teddy said Eddy. Eddy wanted to go back. Eddy went on and on after Freddy. Eddy found a teddy. Freddy was scared said Eddy. He saw the bear finally and found his teddy. They ran back to their Beds.

Carole Reich

NORTHWOLD SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

There has been a lot of work, money and time spent on the improvement of your S&S Club, all this has been done by volunteers to make it a nice environment to bring your family and friends for a social evening but it seems that a minority of persons are hell bent on causing damage to your club. There has been 2 attempts to break into the club, the police have been informed and have visited to look at the damage done. They have given us advice on what we do and we are now going to purchase and install CCTV. Any persons found doing damage to the club and surrounding area will have legal action taken against them.

B. Bartlett

on behalf of the committee

REMINDER TO CONTRIBUTORS/ READERS

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

THANK YOU: STEPHANIE

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ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH DIARY 2012

JUNE

Sunday 3rd

6.30pm Songs of Praise - St. George's,
Methwold - Benefice for Diamond
Jubilee

Sunday 10th

11.00am Matins - Keith MacLeod

Sunday 17th

8.00am Holy Communion - Rev. Waters

Sunday 24th

11.00am Holy Communion -
Rev. Marsden

If you have any questions or would like further information, The Churchwardens, Chris Collins and Carol Sharp, may be contacted on 728404 and 728227 respectively.

Church website:

www.northwoldchurch.org.uk

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

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE CHURCH ORGAN RESTORATION, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE FLOWER FESTIVAL FOR THIS YEAR. THE INTENTION NOW IS TO CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE QUEEN'S CORONATION IN JUNE 2013.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO OFFERED THEIR SUPPORT THIS YEAR, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR.

JACKIE AND BRENDA

Northwold PTFA

**School Carnival
Saturday 9th June 2012**

**Let's keep our fingers crossed
we will have sunshine - don't
forget to join in the fun**

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

The Benefice is in interregnum.

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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.

JUNE

Sunday 3rd

9.30am Morning Service - Wretton -
Keith MacLeod

Sunday 10th

9.30am Holy Communion - Whittington
The Ven. Hugh McCurdy

Sunday 17th

9.00am Holy Communion - Wretton -
Rev. Alan Bennett

Sunday 24th

9.30am Morning Service - Whittington
Keith MacLeod

Thursday 28th

5.30pm Evening Compline -
Whittington - Elaine

**PLEASE NOTE THE 9.00am
START ON SUNDAY 17TH**

**Jenny collected £408.10 in
The Children's Society boxes
this year - the most for 6 years!
Thank you very much to all box
holders.**

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.

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

Mrs. Pat Voutt and Angie are in charge of the cleaning and flower rota at Christ Church this month and Elaine and Heather are doing the same at All Saints.

**Whittington Parochial Church
Council have made every effort
to obtain a burial ground within
the village but unfortunately this
has not been possible and we
have been informed that when
the two remaining spaces have
been used burials will take place
in Northwold Cemetery.**

The Annual Village Hall Quiz 29th June

The Northwold Village Hall Fundraising Committee are holding their 'Annual Quiz' on Friday 29th June at the village hall. Proceedings will start promptly at 7.30pm and the cost per team of 4 persons will be £18 and includes refreshments. A licenced bar will be provided selling beer, wine and soft drinks. The format of the evening will be the same as previous years with a wide mix of questions ranging from general knowledge to sport, history, literature and similar. Above all the evening is intended to be light hearted! **Teams are required representing local organisations and clubs as well as teams of friends.** Come and have a fun night out but please phone **John 727018 or Jackie 728571** as soon as possible to book your team in.

SARA

Please look out for the SARA stall at the Carnival on the 9th June where there will be some fun activities to enjoy!

If you have pots of 20 pence pieces you would like off-load, do bring them to the Carnival and hand to a committee member. At present our mile of 20 pence pieces has raised £452.20 and we are making our way very slowly but steadily up Church Lane.

The total raised so far is £6,623.00. This is encouraging but we still have a long, long way to go as we have to raise £200,000.00. Thank you for all the support so far and please, please, keep it up.

Ailene MacMullen

NORTHWOLD BOWLS 100 CLUB

MAY 2012

- 1st Lynda Eyles £20
- 2nd David Rice £15
- 3rd Brenda Ayres £10

Thank you all for your continued support.
Bernie

SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB

The sports and Social Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all the firms and people below for all materials, money, time and work they have put into the club.

Supplying paint - M Goodrham, Crown paints, Brewers paints, R Bonnetts, Plumbing- M Roberts, G Ramsey, Building repairs G Bowers, Metalwork Security-S Eyles, Supplying Tiles B and M Smith, other contributions, B. Cater, G Cooper, N Hurley, Emma's Burger Bar, Laburnham Garage and S Fletcher- Blinds. I Hales-Kitchen fitting, E Billman Painting and tiling.

Helpers:- S. Doughty, A. Lavender, C. Ramshaw, M and D. English, D. Billman.

FORTH COMING EVENTS.

Sat 16th June Northwold FC Presentation night/Race night followed by Disco, starting 7.30 pm. all profits to Social Club

Sat 26th Aug Beer Festival, all makes of Beers, starting 12 noon until late.

Monthly Cash Bingo check notice boards for dates.

Club Opening Times

Friday's 7.30pm until 11.00pm

Saturday's 12 Noon until 2.00 pm will remain open all afternoon if a cricket or football match is being played, if no games will open up again at 7.30pm until 12 midnight.

Sunday opening times 12 noon until 2.30pm during Summer months.

Sunday Evening 8.00pm until 10.30pm

All non members welcome but will have to be signed in, this can only be done up to 3 visits after such time will have to become a member.

You can call Dave Macro 01366 727110 or Bernie Bartlett 01366 727250 to check above times.

U or "Not For You"

What's in a name ?? Does the word "university" put you off ?? Definitions of the "U" word include 'a group of people devoted to a particular activity, learning and teaching together'. The Downham

Market and District University of the Third Age (U3A) does just that in a pleasant and interesting way.

In our "U" everyone finds their own level.

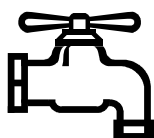
There are no exams or awards, no qualifications or judgments made. We have over 250 members, all retired or semi-retired. You will find them friendly and welcoming. Our "U" means new friends, sociable and interesting meetings with tea or coffee, biscuits and guest speakers, in Downham Town Hall on the second Monday of each month, from 2 til 4pm. These meetings attract around 120 members. In our "U" everyone finds their own level. There are no exams or awards, no qualifications or judgments made. Why not come as a guest for one meeting and see for yourself ?? You could be very pleasantly surprised. If you wish you can join in the many other activities available. Nothing is obligatory.

We enjoy sharing coach outings, social events and over 35 different interest groups covering practical subjects and leisure pastimes from art, antiques, quilting, languages, music appreciation, creative writing, singing for pleasure, walking and many others. You don't need any previous experience or knowledge. The idea is to enjoy yourself while you learn a new skill or past time. New groups start in response to members' suggestions. All groups meet during the daytime in and around Downham. Our current groups' details are listed on our website and in Downham Library. 2012 marks our U3A's third successful year. Sadly this means that some of the original Committee have fulfilled their agreed term of office. Mary Painter, our retiring Chairperson, was instrumental in setting up and then leading our U3A. Her vision and dedication have been an inspiration to us all. We owe her and the other resigning Committee members all our thanks. Richard Ehlers has agreed to take over the role of Chairman. He will be supported by an enthusiastic new Committee of volunteers.

For a list of groups and more details please contact Joan Alfred on 01366 384673. To see our website just put "Downham Market U3A welcome" into your computer search engine. Full membership annual subscription = £12.00. Guests = £2.00 per general meeting. Small additional charges may apply to interest groups renting accommodation for meetings.

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WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH?

The Ship's Doctor: Deannie and I spent the first 2 weeks of April rocking and bouncing around the Bay of Biscay and the Western Mediterranean. We joined the ship at Southampton and sailed at about 5.30pm. We had spent all day familiarising ourselves with the vessel and I was taking my first evening surgery when, at 6.30pm, in the restaurant, an 85 year old man vomited copiously and collapsed unconscious into his soup. I shot up there and, with help, recovered him to my hospital in the bows, where there is a doctor's room, an examination room, an Intensive Care Unit and two 4-bedded wards, all for me and a nursing sister to look after! Deannie and I had a cabin in the bows; it had formerly been a hospital ward, was painted brilliant white and was enormous. The patient recovered consciousness after half an hour, with the aid of an intravenous infusion, but, because the diagnosis was in doubt (all my tests had been negative) we decided to evacuate him by helicopter to hospital on land (We were only an hour out of Southampton). There followed an amazing episode. Imagine a ship steaming at 25mph in the pitch black, a helicopter flying parallel to the ship, lights blazing, rotors screaming, a fantastic downdraught and plenty of adrenaline. The helicopter hovered over the ship, lowered its cable, the patient (with helicopter paramedic) was attached and the helicopter swung sideways, suspending the patient and

the paramedic over the sea. After what seemed like minutes, the helicopter suddenly dropped about 30 feet, the winch was operated and the patient and paramedic disappeared into the body of the helicopter. Amazing flying skills! The man had been travelling as the carer to an 87 year old lady with osteoporosis. We could not get her off and she had to travel with us for 4 days until we had passed the Bay of Biscay and could put her ashore in Portugal to fly home. She really blossomed during those few days, was often seen about the ship in better and better make-up and was thoroughly fed-up to have to leave the ship, declaring that she would return soon for a cruise on her own as everyone had been so kind to her.

Four days later, we had an episode which was quite frightening for me, hundreds of miles from land and any help. A two year old boy had suffered an ear infection and had been vomiting to the point where he had become very floppy through dehydration. At home, I would have admitted him to hospital for rehydration but that was not an option so we set up a Dextrose/Saline drip and, within 24 hours, he was rushing around the ship, quite a celebrity.

Later, we had a similar episode with an 85 year old lady a couple of days before we docked. She developed pneumonia and dehydration and spent a couple of days in our hospital before being offloaded into an ambulance when we arrived back in Southampton. I was not allowed to leave the ship until

all the passengers had disembarked – just as well because a man was found dead in his cabin during my 6.45am breakfast. I rushed up there, put out a Code Alpha which caused all sorts of crewmen and the nurse to arrive with a defibrillator, oxygen, drip sets, Adrenaline, etc., and actually managed to resuscitate the passenger. As we were docked in Southampton at the time, we could use shore facilities so we called an ambulance. To my amazement, the ambulance crew were with us within 5 minutes. I later discovered that they had attended to take the 85 year old lady to hospital and had only just loaded her into the vehicle when we called. In the event, she was turfed out of the vehicle which was then used to take the resuscitated patient to hospital while we found somewhere warm to keep the old lady pending her transfer to hospital.

The job was quite busy – 2 surgeries a day plus cabin visits and night visits, senior officers' daily meeting, various cocktail parties where the captain and officers had to greet all the passengers, food-handler inspections, 140 at a time, infection control meetings, and so on, all with the ship dancing around like a flea in a fit. I had three uniforms – navy blue with sleeve rings, cream with epaulettes and formal, which was a cutaway cream formal jacket with epaulettes, worn with black dinner jacket trousers. Needless to say, Deannie more than kept up, with some lovely evening dresses for the formal occasions. She enjoyed herself, filling her time with yoga, keep-fit, deck-walking, lectures, Bridge les-

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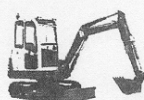
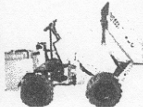
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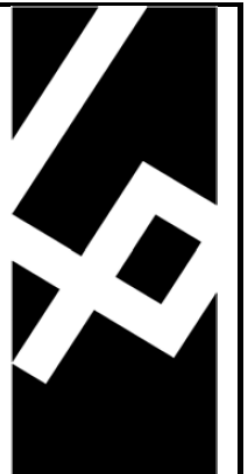
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sons, Spa treatments, reading and so on.

All in all, a great success, good to have a bit of a career boost at my age, and we shall be travelling with them to Norway in July.

Marks & Spencer and their tights: In our day, the girls wore stockings and, in a new relationship, the length of time taken to reach the stocking top was measured in weeks. Then, in the late 1960's, tights arrived and the playing field changed shape, and not for the better! For about 40 years, tights were tights (thick or thin) and then, a year or two ago, I wrote about a new innovation - M&S Body Sensor Technology tights. My enquiries revealed that these had nothing to do with them informing the lady that she had wet herself and were, in fact, cool to wear in Summer and warm to wear in Winter. Perhaps

"Weather Sensor technology tights" would have been a better title. M&S are at it again and have now developed

"Moisturising tights". As a testosterone laden 17 year old, I may have thought these quite an exciting concept but now,

50 years later, I am only mildly interested to learn that these tights moisturise the ladies' legs as they move. The tights are coated with millions of tiny bubbles

(containing aloe vera, marine plant extract and ginkgo biloba) that are ruptured by friction, last for 10 washes and give wearers the illusion of bare legs. At £5 a pair, it might be less expensive to wear no tights at all and then there would be no reason to create the illusion!

Best wishes to you all
Ian G. Nisbet

BOTTLE BANK

Complaints are still being received from residents that bottles are being deposited earlier than **8am** and later than **8pm**.

If this continues then it may be necessary to remove this facility from the village.

Village Hall committee



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Contact Ray Waller - 01842 827120

PUBLICITY FOR FELTWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE 2012

Feltwell Primary School PTA
Summer Fete with Car Boot
will be held on

Monday 4th June 2012
on the school playing field.

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NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB

Despite the weather, the Youth Club Members managed to spend some of their last few sessions on the Rec, playing football and other sporting activities with Dean Preston or Jo Whiting and Steve.



While some members were highly active, others have been highly artistic. Readers of Village Life may recall that the Produce Show Committee invited the Youth Club to organise a flower competition for the Normandy Cup 2012. In addition, the Youth Club had been invited to participate in St Andrew's Flower Festival later in the year. We have been able to meet both



requests – 14 entries for the Normandy Cup were judged by Betty Acres and all entries will be submitted to the Flower Festival as the Youth Club's display.

So, the winners of the 2012 Normandy Cup are:-



1st Brianna (age 11)
2nd Mia (age 8)
3rd Roxy & Maisie (both age 11)

The winner receives £1 prize money; 2nd - 50 pence; 3rd - 25pence each and all winners receive a pack of wild-flower seeds to plant in their gardens.

The next Youth Club session includes a competition to design a stamp to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The resulting artwork will be on display in the Village Hall for visitors to see from 20th May.

STOP PRESS! NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB DIAMOND JUBILEE STAMP DESIGNS ON DISPLAY ...

... in the Village Hall from 20 May 2012.

It's amazing what an incentive a £10 Primark Voucher can be to encourage the artistic talents of the Youth Club members! The designs can be described as imaginative, clever and even wild! The Judge, Jimmy Yallop of the King's Lynn Discovery Centre, was hard pressed to decide who should be 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The winners are as follows:-



1st Roxy (aided and abetted by Maisie and Harry)
2nd Mia
3rd Lilly

Jimmy visited the club to talk to our young members to find out what happens during the summer holidays and what young people would like to happen (often two different

things). It's hoped he'll be able to put a case together to help organise some funding and activities for the youngsters in this area – fingers crossed!

Sharron Freemantle
01366 727675

Changes to the Ambulance Services The right treatment at the right place at the right time.

The Clinical Operations Manager of the East of England Ambulance NHS Trust (EEAST), Carl Smith, talked to Feltwell and Boughton PPG's about the work EEAST does and the services they offer.

EEAST covers an area of 7,500 square miles and serves 5.8 million people. There are 276 double-crewed ambulances, 235 Rapid Response vehicles, 4 helicopters, 100 marked officer response cars, 32 High Dependency Units and 5 Cycle response units. There is a staff of 4,000 with 2,000 volunteers. Last year they dealt with 720,000 emergency calls.

This number is rising. Why? Things have changed. Doctors work differently now and patients have different expectations.

GP's used to be available 24/7. They worked locally. OUR doctor knew OUR personal history and medication. They could also tell time wasters from urgent cases. The doctors would call for an ambulance only if it was necessary.

In 2007 a government initiative changed doctor's working hours. They could no longer be available 24/7. Larger group practices were formed to share the workload during the day and 'on call' out of surgery hours services were established.

Consequently, if a patient couldn't get the doctor they knew, they rang 999. Those calls were treated in a first come first served order. The first caller with a bad sore throat would get treated before the second that might be for a child who'd stopped breathing. 999 calls increased by 10% each year.

However, there are no more ambulances than 15 years ago. Furthermore on top of the increased demand EEAST has to save £50 million in the next three years.

Taking healthcare to the patient is a new way of approaching things. This is in place now and means patients get the right treatment in the right place at the right time. Clinical Support Desks (CSD) are the first point of contact. These are manned by medically trained people.

So what happens today when we call 999?

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Toni Arthur-Hay

Indenture for Mortgage Document - Francis King 1787

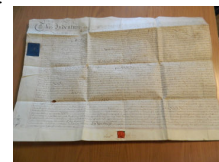
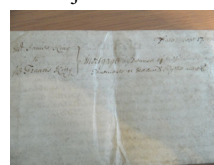
I have recently come into possession of a Mortgage Indenture document from 1787 and am trying to trace any relatives of the King family who date back to the late 17th/early 18th Century in your village.

It appears that Francis was a farmer in the village around 1787 and from research left a will around 1809.

I would like to be able to trace members of the family to reunite them with this document.

I have also contacted the Norfolk Records Office to help me with this.

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MINUTES OF NORTHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL

ON APRIL 3RD 2012

Present: Mrs R Crisp, Mrs V Lynch, Mrs S Jackson, Mr F Eglington, Mr M Peake, Mr A Collins, Mr D George, Mrs S Leet, Miss A Muir.

3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Mrs S Bury

2. No Declarations of Interest made.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 06/03/12 were agreed as a true record.

4. No matters raised from previous meetings.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman's Report

- Following research it has been discovered that the land of Whittington Playing Field was sold to Northwold Parish Council for the sum of £40.00 on condition that the area was used for recreation. Whittington Parochial Church Council has therefore concluded that the Parish Council cannot be asked to continue to investigate use of part of Whittington Playing Field as a new Cemetery. The Parish Council has already accrued a cost of nearly £1700 to research the possibility of establishing a Cemetery in Whittington and it is felt no more money can be put towards this project at present.
- Whittington Churchyard has only two more burial spaces available and then the Churchyard will be deemed as closed. Whittington is considered to be part of the parish of Northwold and thus residents from Whittington can be buried in the Cemetery at Northwold. The current cost of burial for a resident of the parish is £80.00.

5.2 The Clerk's Report

- The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday April 11th.
- The Highway Rangers are to visit the

parish the week beginning May 7th.

- The street sweeper visits the parish on a 20 week schedule. Northwold is due to be swept the week commencing May 21st. An operator from the Borough Council litter picks through the main route of the village every two weeks.

5.3 Community Action Northwold (CAN) Update

- CAN AGM was held on March 12th and new officers have been elected.
- Sue Bury has resigned from CAN.
- CAN is continuing to research the possibility of establishing a shop in the village.

5.4 No update regarding Manor House.

6. Whittington Cemetery - discussed in the Chairman's Report.

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

The Chairman has spoken to the Chairman of Northwold Sports & Social Club and has been told a successful meeting has been held when new officials for the Club were elected. The Club plans that the bar will be open Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunch times. It is thought the Club may be given the kitchen from the Village Hall when it is replaced.

The Club has requested further discussion regarding the Agreement for hire of the Club building and thus the Committee will be asked to put matters they wish to be considered in writing and the Agreement will then be an agenda item again at the May Parish Council meeting.

The Sports & Social Club has had a financial statement compiled for the past financial year and this indicates there is money still owed to the Club by the Parish Council. Research shows that the Parish Council entered into an agreement with the Social Club in 2001 but it is believed no money is now owing as the Sports & Social Club have paid no rent to the Parish Council since 2005. The situation will be clarified before further discussion at the May Parish Council meeting. Several matters need to be resolved regarding the Agreement with the Sports & Social Club and hopefully there will be constructive communication with the new Committee.

NO MATTERS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM

8. The following payments were agreed:

MHB Services (street lighting maintenance)	£53.76
E.on Energy (street light electric)	£150.34
Village Hall Committee	£12.00
Clerk Salary	£198.00
Norfolk Rural Community Council subs	£15.00
Norfolk Association of Local Council subs	£176.85
CGM - grounds maintenance	£296.17
Parsons and Whittleby	£600.00
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Post Office - IR	£97.20

8.1 Provision of dog waste bins

It was agreed to purchase two larger dog waste bins which will be used to replace the bins at Common Drove and by the phone box. The smaller bins will then be put at Hovells Lane and at the Village Hall (presuming permission is granted for these new locations). The Clerk will request permission to re-locate the bins before new bins are ordered. Thanks were voiced to Mr. D George who offered to install the bins.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 BCKLWN Inter - Village Games.
- 9.2 Norfolk Playing Fields Association - The Playing Field Newsletter.
- 9.3 Norfolk Rural Community Council Signpost Newsletter.
- 9.4 Anglia water - Drought situation and imminent hosepipe ban.

10. Planning applications received for consultation:

Mr. M Peake took no part in making any decisions on any planning applications.

- 10.1 Conservatory to the rear of the property at 11 School Lane, Northwold 12/00407/F
No comments

- 10.2 Agricultural Crop Store at Watermill Farm, Little London Road, Northwold 12/00330/F
No comments

- 10.3 Retrospective Planning Application for amended design to previously approved planning drawings for Plots 1 and 2 of planning application 04/01763/CU at Ferndale, 62 West End, Northwold 12/00404/F



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It was advised that when looking at such a retrospective application Councillors should consider whether they would have had any objections to the design should it have been submitted in the original instance.

No comments

10.4 The erection of a new tied dwelling at Grange Farm Touring Park, Whittington for use as a site manager and maintenance residence and new shop/recreation unit at Camping Site, Grange Farm, Whittington Hill, Whittington 12/00469/F

It was noted that a shop at the camping site could impinge on the shop opposite.

No comments

11. Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Some discussion took place regarding how the Queen's Diamond Jubilee could be marked in the parish. As the Jubilee weekend is around the same time as the annual Northwold Carnival it is unlikely anyone will organise any large celebration specifically for the Jubilee.

It was suggested the Parish Council could consider purchasing a bench or planting trees to mark the Jubilee. It is possible a pack of trees could be obtained from the Woodland Trust but locations for the trees would need to be agreed. This will be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting and the May Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was suspended at this point to allow a Police report to be given by PCSO Tracey Milburn.

- *Number plates have been stolen in Feltwell and Hockwold and the Police are suggesting the use of tamper proof screws.*
- *Fuel and scrap metal thefts continue to take place locally.*
- *Catalytic converters are being taken from 4 x 4 vehicles.*
- *Although members of the public are advised to remain vigilant regarding the above no crime has been reported in Northwold recently.*

12. Rules and Regulations for Northwold Cemetery

Mr. A Collins has compiled new rules and regulations for Northwold Cemetery with help from Mrs Ann Howarth who manages the daily running of the Cemetery for the Parish Council. The draft rules will be presented to Councillors for agreement at the May Parish Council Meeting.

It was agreed current fees for the Cemetery should remain and that Mrs. Howarth should be thanked for continuing to manage the Cemetery.

Matters to be considered in the draft rules include:

- For how many years should an Exclusive Right of Burial be granted?
- If burial takes place in a grave without the Exclusive Right of Burial being purchased then the grave can be re-used and no memorial should be placed on the grave
- Grave diggers should be named on a register and they should provide risk assess-

ments for working in the Cemetery

- It was noted that Whittington residents are included as parishioners of Northwold and that the Parish Council is willing to consider individual charges for the Cemetery should residents known to be in need of financial support.

13. Further reports:

13.1 The Parish Council will consider cleaning the War Memorial and grant funding for this will be researched.

13.2 The Parish Council has £400 "Pride in Norfolk" money ring fenced for "village improvements". A suggestion was made that this could be used to purchase a seat to mark the Queen's Jubilee. It was noted an 8" x 2" engraved stainless steel plaque could be purchased for £24.00 or a brass one for £17.50.

ON APRIL 11TH 2012

Present: Mrs R Crisp - Chairman, 6 members of Northwold Parish Council
No members of the public.

1. No apologies for absence were received.

2. The minutes of the 2011 Annual Parish Meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. The Chairman read through the 2011 minutes.

No matters raised.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Councillors (including new members Sue Bury and Alan Collins) and the Clerk for their support during the year. Sue Leet was welcomed back as a Councillor earlier in the year.

Grit bins have been changed in the parish and two larger dog waste bins have also now been ordered. It was noted that a problem exists with dog fouling by the Primary School.

Discussions remain ongoing with Northwold Sports & Social Club regarding the lease for the building on Northwold Playing Field which is owned by the Parish Council. The Parish Council wishes the Sports & Social Club new Committee success with its efforts to keep the Club running. It is hoped agreement can be reached with the new Committee regarding use of the Club building.

5. Parish Council Financial Report

The precept for the financial year March 31st 2011 to April 1st 2012 was £17000. The Council has under spent and money will be carried forward to the current financial year. Due to the predicted under spend the precept request remained the same for 2012/13.

Money set aside for general grounds maintenance was being held in case work was needed at Northwold Recreation Ground to deal with the problem of chafer bugs. The Council was also investigating the possibility of establishing a Cemetery at Whittington but this project has been put on hold.

There is around £7000 that will be carried forward from 2011/12 to 2012/13, and the estimated reserve funds will then stand at £14,700. The External Auditor has asked if the Parish Council was building any reserves and it is now felt sufficient reserves are being held.

With healthy reserves it was agreed at the April Parish Council meeting to purchase two large dog waste bins as those in the parish are well used. Consideration is also to be given to the purchase of seats to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

6. Reports from other Village Organisations

Financial updates were presented from the following village charities (copies filed)

- Northwold Education Foundation
- Northwold Edmund Atmere Charity
- Northwold Norman Almshouses
- Northwold Norman Reading Room Charity
- Northwold Combined Charity

7. No further matters raised.

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The speaker for our May meeting was Susan Leigh from Calcutta Rescue who gave an extremely moving slide show and talk about her work with the Street People of Calcutta. There were several gasps from the audience as she revealed the conditions in which these people have to live and their fight for survival amongst extremely unhealthy conditions. At the end of her talk members were able to purchase hand made cards, the proceeds from the sales going to support clinics, schools and vocational training for the most underprivileged people in Calcutta.

During the business part of the evening we discussed the Village Carnival and various forthcoming trips. The Ladies Who Lunch enjoyed an "Excellent!" meal at the Dabbling Duck on April 26th and are looking forward to the next lunch which will be at the Berney Arms at Barton Bendish on the 31st May.

The Competition - A knitted Blanket for the Premature Baby Unit - was judged by our speaker, and as she could not make up her mind which was the very best, all ten en-

trants won first place! Supper was provided by Beryl, Betty and Peggy.

Our next meeting takes place on June 12th when we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Details of the evening were discussed and plans made for extra visitors and a special supper. The speaker will be Brenda Bowler with a Guide to Colours That Suit You.

Glenda

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Due to the much earlier Register publication date, prompt return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet or SMS (details on the form) would be very helpful. It will also of course avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.

Mrs. Josephine Atkinson born 1919
my mother died at my younger sisters, Diane's home in Kent in her 93rd year.

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Thank you to all the villagers who helped to make life enjoyable here for the time she spent in quietly Northwold she did enjoy seeing all the children go back and forth to school and the annual school fete.

JoAnn Kidd

THE SCARECROWS ARE COMING!

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Swimming Pool Association

A.G.M. 16th April 2012

The AGM took place at the Assembly rooms in Swoffham; the chairman welcomed all those attending & thanked them for attending. The Chair reported that very little had happened over the last year & expected little change in the next year in these times of economic turmoil. He thanked the committee for their continued support before handing over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer reported little change to funds & the committee had invested an amount into a new account which would at last give them some interest, with the remainder being held in the N&P for any cost incurred in the coming year. It was also agreed to suspend member's contributions till further notice, with a couple of small changes to the constitution (a copy of which is available via the committee). The election of officers took place with the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer all agreeing to stand for another year, the remainder of the committee agreed to continue also with the exception of Ivan Bubbear who stood down at the meeting. The Chair thanked Ivan for his contribution & wished him well. The meeting then closed with a date for next year to be advised.

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