

Village Life

NORTHWOLD & WHITTINGTON



NORMAN'S NEW CLASSROOM ARRIVES

It took 4 trucks, 1 crane and 6 chaps to install our new classroom. One after another each truck arrived with it's section of the classroom. The crane duly unloaded the section and swung it



over the empty school. My heart was in my mouth especially as the wind seemed to be getting stronger. By 1.30



all sections were in and the finishing of the inside had begun.

There are a few jobs to finish inside,



fascia board installed, a path needs to be laid, a fence erected and finally a



white board installed and we will be able to move in. Later in the term we will be having a covered walkway and cover for the play area erected. The classroom is going to be a lovely sunny and spacious room for children to learn in.

Look out for notices about Easter Painting Party as we will need to paint the new fascia once the weather gets better. I thought it could be a fun thing to do together.

Carole Reich - Headteacher

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Everything is going so well for SARA . The Beetle Drive was enormous fun; lovely to see the school children and their parents all enjoying an evening together. The lucky ball and the mile of 20 pence pieces are continuing successfully as reported last month. But we cannot relax, there is so far to go. We have to prove to the organisations who could give us grants that the **whole village** is behind this restoration and that we are prepared to do our share. The next event is the **SALE: jumble, good as new,**

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white elephant (anything that is not clothes) We are collecting all over Norfolk, so pass the word around. We all love a bargain, so why not have an early spring-clean and let us recycle your rejects; then come and choose a new wardrobe at the village hall at 10.30 on Saturday 31st March. Maybe you will find your Easter Bonnet !!

I will collect from anywhere just let me know.

Val Elwes: 728795: val.elwes@gmail.com

Beetle Drive for SARA

On Friday 3rd February the first fantastic Beetle Drive was held in the school. Forty four players of all ages joined in the enjoyable evening which was great fun. Everyone appreciated the refreshments especially the delicious hot dogs.

We had three generations of some families joining in the excitement and the general opinion at the end of the evening was that it would be really good to have another. One comment from the Rickard children was "It was great. We want it to happen again." Eddie Dack said, "Very good. Please do it again-perhaps every month?" Young and old alike had a really light hearted evening.

After the eight rounds ended the raffle was drawn. The Raven family were having a lucky night and won five of the prizes! Luckily there were lots of prizes and so other families were lucky too. First prizes were awarded to the adult with the highest score (a bottle of Cava) and the child winner (Five pounds) . A booby prize of a tin of chocolates was awarded to the player with the lowest score of the evening.

The atmosphere in the school hall was very happy and relaxed all evening. All the players, from the youngest to the most senior learnt the rules of the game very quickly and there was lots of happy laughter. It really was an evening of good old fashioned family fun.

Thank you to all of you who supported SARA. A special "thank you " to Mrs Reich for allowing us the use of the school hall

We hope to organise another Beetle Drive soon. Look out for posters around the village and in the school.

Ailene

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ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH DIARY 2012

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

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

HELP PLEASE

A plan is being made to record the church kneelers. It is hoped a folder with photograph and notes on every person commemorated can be made. It would be greatly appreciated if the makers can provide a little about the person - dates can be taken from the kneelers but we shall require the full name, possibly parents and a few facts. When visitors come to the church they will be able to read about the people and perhaps find long, lost relatives. Pam Eyles. 90 West End.

or Email pam@chalkpithill.plus.com

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

MARCH 2012

Sunday 11th

9.30 am Holy Communion, Whittington
Rev. Kristina Coppinger

Sunday 25th

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.

Fincham & Feltwell Deanery

Lent Services 2012

"PERSONALITIES OF THE PASSION"

TUESDAY 6th March: Boughton

Simon of Cyrene

Speaker: Revd Barbara Burton

TUESDAY 13th March: Methwold

The Women of the Passion Story

Speaker: Revd Joan Horan

TUESDAY 20th March: Southery

Judas Iscariot

Speaker: Revd Stuart Morris

TUESDAY 27th March: Downham Market

The thieves who were crucified with Jesus

Speaker: Revd Alan Davies

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. Jenny Elsey & Mrs. Suzanne Warner are upholding the cleaning and flower rota at Christ Church this month and Heather & Elaine are doing the same at All Saints.

WHITTINGTON JUBILEE BOOK

Whittington residents - where is your community spirit?

Since I delivered over 90 leaflets to households and businesses back in October 2011, I have only had 19 replies. Very disappointed with the response I am still going ahead with the book, spending my own time and money producing a smaller version.

If you would still like to participate in this "Unique Opportunity" to be part of Whittington History and to celebrate this special occasion, then please call me before the end of March. I shall then start to take photographs, hopefully with brighter weather and a splash of colour in the gardens.

I look forward to hearing from more of you.

Wendy Hodson
01366 501052

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

MARIE CURIE

Collection for Marie Curie in January in School Lane raised £55.34.

Many thanks to those who donated.

Moria Smith

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the people in the parish who nominated me for the long Service Award for Music, that I received at the service on Sunday, 29th January 2012.

It all came as a most pleasant shock and surprise, as I knew nothing of this until it happened. So, so sorry I was overcome with emotion (silly me).

But I do thank you all so very, very much, I did enjoy playing for you all over the years. Happy times they were.

God Bless You All
Janet Deacon

Northwold PTFE

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

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

BUS TIMES FOR NORTHWOLD

Northwold – Thetford (Coach Services)

Monday – Friday @ 08.50 am

Pick-up Points: Bus stop same side as St. Andrew's Church or opposite side of road to the Tile Centre (main road)

Leaves Thetford Bus Station @ 11.00am
(for any other times check with driver)

Northwold – King's Lynn

(Coach Services)

Monday – Saturday @ 10.10 am

Pick-up Point: Only outside of Tile Centre (opposite Graeme Cooper) as bus only travels down Methwold Road and turns left into High Street.

Leaves King's Lynn bus station @ 13.30 pm (for any other times check with driver)

Please note there is extra bus on Tuesday's - Market Day, @ 09.30 am

Pick-up Points: Bus stop opposite side to St. Andrew's Church or outside of Tile Centre

Leaves King's Lynn bus station @ 1.20 pm (or you can leave on the 13.30 pm as above)

Northwold – Downham Market

(Eagle Coaches)

Friday only @ 09.20 am

Pick-up Point: Opposite Glebe Close

Leaves Downham Market @ 11.40 am

Pick-up Point: where the bus drops you when you arrive.

Northwold – Norwich (Coach Services)

1st and 3rd Wednesday's in the month @ 08.55am

Pick-up Point: Bus stop St. Andrew's Church

Leaves Norwich @ 1.30 pm

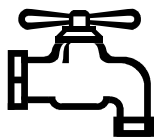
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This last half term has fairly whizzed by and with the snow we ended the term completely exhausted. In the last week, it was wonderful to witness the creativity, enthusiasm and perseverance of the children as they built huge snow dens on Fendick Field.

It has been a busy half term with the children being introduced to Talk for Writing, an approach to teaching writing that gives the children a strong model on which they can base their writing. There is a lot of emphasis on learning stories orally and performing these before starting to write your own version. It is lovely to move around the school hearing children telling and performing their stories.

Our class projects are going well with New York having turned their classroom into an underwater world. London Class is preparing to visit London in the new term, an exciting prospect for all of us. They will have the opportunity to see the city they have been learning about and explore the British Museum. Madrid Class have made it to the Middle Ages having passed by Ancient Greek times

as they develop their city of Kappias. They are learning how community and society develops and how difficult it can be to take everyone's views into account! Rio Class have had visitors from the animal world with tortoises, hedgehogs, snakes and lizards being welcomed into their classroom.

Our choir did themselves proud at the special service to welcome Bishop Stephen; their singing was joyous and celebratory. Rachel Muir read beautifully and very clearly. Danny & Nelson Wilson helped to serve during communion. It was yet another day where our children made us proud.

We have been fortunate this term to have access to a set of MacBooks for the year 6 children to learn to use composition software. During the coming half term they will be creating music that will have the theme of 'water'. Our ukulele players are developing their skills and are loving learning this rather idiosyncratic instrument. Our musical pinnacle this term will be the trip our choir will make to the O2 Arena to participate in the Young Voices concert. The arena will be full of school choirs from around the country; it will be an incredible experience for us all.

Finally, by the time of publication we should be the proud owners of a new classroom. This will have been installed over half term and will be ready for us to move

into no later than Easter. Our year 6 children will make it their classroom and we will then be able to move our tiny library into a bigger more central space which whole classes will be able to use. It is good to see the fabric of the school developing so that all children have the best possible environment to learn in.

I hope you enjoy our literary offerings this month:

London Class has been imagining what it must have been like on 2nd September in 1666 in London...

I'm in Pudding Lane, I woke up with lots of people screaming. I looked out of the window. I felt so terrified, London had been filled with a flood of fire! Hmmm what shall I do? I can't go downstairs as the fire is filling up my house. I can only jump out of the window. Now I can run! I need to catch up with the boats. "Boat! Boat!" Woooh! The fire is coming closer, and closer. I will have to lie on a free boat. I sail and escape to a safe place with my family.

Phoebe Sutton

I've woken up. People are shouting. It is 7 o'clock in the morning. What's that horrible smell? It is burning! I must warn my husband and children. I will try to save the people that need help.

Emily Buntin

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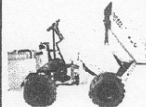
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Medieval Cure for Headache

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See the king's doctor at your house and get him to carefully shave your head directly down the middle. Use a sharp stone from the kings moat and your sticky ear wax on the last day of the year at dawn, try not to cut the patients skin.

Next travel to the nearest mountain on your birthday and kill an Antelope on the spot and reduce the fat but leave the flesh and skin to rot away on the mountain. Later on, cook the antelope fat on a spit, flaming fire until its looks done. pour onto the patients head and leave for precisely 48 hours.

After that cut out your cow lungs on your farm any time of day you want. Use the same sharp stone you used earlier, put the tube at the top of the lungs to your mouth and slowly but gently blow. When that's done smother the cow lungs in pigs blood, sea salt then glue it on the patients head with horse sweat. See if it has worked! It probably has not. A cheaper way would be to drink pigs blood to stop the pain.

Rachel Muir

Medieval Cure for a headache

Are you having trouble with a headache? First, be aware not to go to a black smith in case they hit you on the head with any metal.

Just follow the simple instructions and you will be cured for life; sadly, if you are not you will probably die!

First, get some turtle blood from the Cuban sea.

Next, pull out 3 hairs from a human body. Then pour turtle blood into the head; the pain will float down and come out of your left foot.

Next, put a plaster on the left foot. Wait! You are not cured yet. You need to rest for 10 long hours.

10 HOURS LATER YOU ARE CURED!

Jacob Burton

How to cure a sore eye!

The best person to get rid of a sore eye is a priest. The priest will bless the eye so that hopefully the eye will get better soon.

After the priest has blessed the eye the priest will go to the highest mountain to the nearest farm and find a man or a lady and then the priest will go to Egypt and get a Egyptian to get a pair of goat horns, while you are waiting for the priest, collect frogs blood near the River Wissey. Having done that, go back to your house and you will see the priest sitting and holding a cow heart and a pair of goat horns.

Next the priest will put the cow heart on your head and tie a rope round the cow heart for 58 hours while the cow heart is on your head collect more frog blood. Go back to your house and after it has been 58 hours take the cow heart of your head then rub the frog blood on your head and let the priest get his bible and read a section about trust. The priest will then ask you if you trust and after you said an answer the priest will rub the goat horns in your to eye. Your eye will bleed for an hour or two and after the pain has gone it will hopefully, be cured

Alfie Anderson.

NORTHWOLD BOWLS 100 CLUB

January

1st Prize £20 No 35 Joyce Barrett
2nd £15 No 48 Rosie Barrett
3rd £10 No 42 Margaret Newell

February

1st Prize £50 No 48 Rosie Barrett
2nd £25 No 43 Mary Hull
3rd £15 No 66 Barry Langley

I thank everybody for their continued support and will be visiting sometime in the next month to collect the next years fees.

Roger

WHO'S WHO USEFUL CONTACTS

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RIVER WATCH

The village church clock struck midnight. An icy blast funnelled down the upper reaches of the river. It was freezing cold and a dusting of frost on the undergrowth sparkled away. High above stars and a full moon shone bright and cast faint shadows. Here the river Wissey was very narrow and it was just possible to see across in the dim light. A strange state of anticipation existed.

Then all changed. Dark clouds arrived and blocked out the moon and all suggestion of light. Now it was pitch black and so it remained for several minutes of time. From within the river came the noise of great splashing. In the reed beds a large water rat slipped into the water to cross to the other side. Although unseen he obviously lacked any finesse. A few moments later he climbed out and continued his journey and quietness returned.

Several geese floated down the river with their heads tucked into their feathers and sleeping. They were unaware and uninterested whether it was light or dark. The movement of the current was conducive to sleep and so they would remain for a good while yet.

Below the surface nothing stirred. The water temperature was such that all fish had sought the warmer deeper water a month or more ago when the first suggestion of hard weather was recognised. Thus the shallows would now remain void of any fish life until spring showed itself again.

In a nearby wood alongside the river the many pine trees provided shelter from the wind and pheasants roosted on the lowest branches. They were not asleep or at least their eyes were wide open but they too were in a state of inactivity. In the very same trees but high above pigeons were snoring with their feet clamped fast to mere twigs. They swayed in movement with the wind.

And so all remained with the brightness of the moon coming and going as the wind powered the clouds along at a fast pace. The setting resembled an old black and white film with its flickering light. The only sound of the night had been the itinerant water rat but now a further hint of noise came from within the copse. It grew and the moon shone brighter than before. There were now long gaps in the clouds and the brightness lit up the entire bank side between the water and the pines.

Suddenly a large red deer stag appeared. One moment there was nothing and the next he appeared in all his magnificence. Sporting four points on each antler he stood still as if posing in a spot light. Had his entrance not been anticipated by the sound of his approach there would have been the illusion

of magic. However the magic was about to follow as three female deer then joined him and like the stag stood statue still as if unaware as to what to do next. Then the stag entered the water and waded to the other side. The females faithfully followed in procession. After completing the crossing the stag checked his harem before they all faded into the night. As if the timing had been carefully rehearsed the light of the moon then disappeared again and the picture show ended!

The next morning showed an array of cleft footmarks where the deer had gathered and crossed. Normality had returned with a brace of pheasants strutting up and down displaying their multicolours and wood pigeons clattered away within the trees. Snow flakes were now falling heavy and fast. Soon any evidence of the special visitors will be wiped out and thus many of the happenings of the countryside pass without the knowledge of anyone!

By Ivor Hook

WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH

For many years, Management and I have wanted a holiday in a shack of some sort actually on the beach. The idea of sitting outside the villa, feet in the sea, watching the sun go down, has always appealed to both of us. We have tried a few times and have ended up on the coast, but the other side of a main road, or behind several hotels, clever brochure photography having misled us. Eventually, we found Meeru Island (in the Maldives) where the advertising material shows the accommodation about three feet from the sea's edge – a lovely, basic double room with bathroom and jacuzzi behind. At the front, steps go down to the sand and the sea comes up to the steps at high tide, and is 12 feet away at low tide - idyllic!

We flew to the Maldives, spending a few days in Dubai on the way, using BA and Emirates, both using a Boeing 777. This is a very capacious aeroplane and I failed to mention to Head Office that an Air France version had dived into the sea and that a BA version had pan caked at Heathrow after the fuel iced up. Having confirmed to the authorities at the Maldives airport that we were not importing pork, firearms, explosives, drugs or pornography (we did not mention Deannie's prized photos of the English cricket team in the swimming pool of our Dubai hotel!), we arrived at our island at about 5pm after a 50 minute speedboat journey. We were told that our accommodation would not be ready until the next day. However, at no extra charge, we were being given a free upgrade to one of the two honeymoon villas. Needless to say, Manage-

ment was very excited about this. Then, we then discovered that the honeymoon villas were offshore in the lagoon and that the only access was by boat. We had to walk into the water and climb up over the side of the very wobbly boat. Now, most honeymooners will be young and agile and, to them, this would be no problem. We, however, are old and stiff. Granted, we behave like a honeymoon couple a lot of the time – for example, if we go shopping, I always hold her hand. If I let go, she shops! The boat turned out to have a flat top with a high bench for the honeymoon couple. It had a remarkable tendency to tip sideways by about 45 degrees when anyone walked along the side of the boat, to the point that Deannie was terrified and quite convinced that we, and our luggage, would be thrown into the water. Using my weight to counter-balance that of the boatman, who poled us over to the villa, we managed to keep upright and then had to balance carefully to avoid falling in the water while balancing on the side of the boat and trying to climb up onto the steps of the honeymoon villa.

It then occurred to us that, every time we wanted to leave the villa, we would have to summon the boatman. Out came the waterproof shoes and the short skirt (Management that is) for the return journey for dinner. The journey went well and we ate in the restaurant. During the meal, the wind got up and the skies darkened and we were faced with the return boat journey to the villa in the dark, in sheeting rain and buffeted by a howling wind. In the midst of this, Deannie asked the boatman whether or not the island had spiders - "Oh, yes" he replied, ignoring my imploring look. Thoroughly soaked, we were blown well off course and the boatman needed all his skill to reach the villa. We retired that night, discovered that the doors on the sea side of the villa would not lock, causing management a restless night wondering about pirates and spiders. (A few days later, when we were in the middle of a tropical storm, we could see the honeymoon villa from our warm, dry and comfortable waterside villa, and we watched an unfortunate honeymoon couple getting soaked and terrified by the journey to their accommodation).

Next morning, I used the shower and ended up with a flooded bathroom as there was no shower curtain and all the water ran on to the floor. I was still grumbling about this when Deannie pointed out that the bathroom was, in fact, a "wet room" with a drain in the corner and that it was supposed to get "all wet".

Very soon, the boatman reappeared and we managed to load all our luggage onto the wobbly boat and reached the shore safely. We then transferred to our villa which was exactly as described – absolutely wonderful. It was absolute magic – right on the beach with its own tame heron and so many lumi-

nous fish to float amongst with the snorkel and mask. I would float above some rocks and the fish would swim in and out of my legs and arms, having a nibble here and there (no, not there!) All absolutely wonderful.

Best wishes to you all
Ian Nisbet

NORTHWOLD WI

Only twenty-one members of Northwold WI were in attendance at our February meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. This was because it was Valentine's Day and some members had chosen to spend the evening out with their loved ones instead.

The President opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. We then took a moment to remember Jenny, a dearly loved member, who had sadly passed away recently. Brenda read two verses from a poem especially written for her, with special significance to WI itself.

We then moved to the business part of the evening where members reported on the recent visit to the Theatre Royal, Norwich to see Hello Dolly – a great success, and the Ladies Who

lunch reported on their latest lunch visit, this time to The Chequers at Feltwell – another success. The next lunch venue is the Green Man at Methwold Hythe and this will be held on Thursday 23rd February.

Following on from a successful visit to the End of the Pier Show at Cromer last year, members have voted to go again this year and arrangements are taking place. Various other outings are planned and our entry for the village Carnival was also discussed, and a Committee formed. The theme this year being very topical with the Olympics being held in this country. We also discussed our objection to the proposed King's Lynn Incinerator which is now being considered by the Norfolk Federation of WIs.

After the business part of the evening we had an absolutely excellent speaker in Professor Christine Rivett with her talk on the wonders of Ancient Egypt. This was one of the very best evenings we have enjoyed and everyone was extremely interested in everything she had to tell us. She followed her talk with a brief slide show and we all learnt a great deal

about the 12,000 years of Egyptian history that Professor Rivett has studied, and probably far more about the Bilharzia Snail than we wished to know! The vote of thanks was given by Ann.

The competition – a camel in any medium – was judged by Professor Rivett and first was Rosemary with an amusing cartoon camel. Second was Brenda and third JoAnn with a rather beautiful camel portrait. Now Brenda had forgotten about the competition and suddenly remembered on her way back from a trip at 9.00 that morning. She had to improvise with what she had to hand and this proved to be a packet of Quality Street chocolates and a piece of paper on which they were stuck to form a rather unusual – but very colourful – camel. The accompanying poem explained her reasoning which was rather humorous, hence her second place.

Supper was provided by Kirsten, Marjorie and Patricia and was delicious as always. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March when Linda Scoles will give a talk entitled "The Yanks are Coming!" and the Competition will be any USA Memorabilia.

Glenda

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MINUTES OF NORTHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD 2012

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

1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Miss A Muir

2. Declarations of Interest:

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

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

4. Matters Arising from previous meetings

- The Parish Council allotments both have tenants. One allotment is being shared by two tenants.
- It was noted that the lids of the grit bins appear to be blown open in strong winds. Consideration will be given to either facing the bins in a different direction to avoid west winds or possibly fixing catching to the lids.

5. Co-option of new Councillor

Mrs Sue Leet has volunteered to re-join Northwold Parish Council and she was co-

opted to fill the one remaining vacancy. Mrs Leet duly signed her Acceptance of Office and Financial Interest form.

6. Reports

6.1 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman informed the Parish Council that the Council's Christmas tree in the Church has been taken down. The Chairman has undertaken this job in past years but has stated that she is unwilling to do so in future years.

6.2 The Clerk's Report

- The Clerk had nothing to report at this stage of the meeting.

6.3 Community Action Northwold (CAN) Update

- No update from CAN as no meetings have been held over the Christmas period.

6.4 Manor House Update

- No update regarding Manor House.

7. 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 Environment Agency has been consulted before any application is made and the response received from the Environment Agency was discussed.

The proposed site for a new cemetery at Whittington overlies a principal aquifer in the chalk. The aquifer may support water

supply and/or river base flow on a strategic scale. The regional use of groundwater in the area makes the site vulnerable to pollution. There are also wells in Whittington that may be used for domestic supplies and this would need to be checked with the Environmental Health Department.

Due to the environmental sensitivity any planning application will need to be accompanied by an appropriate risk assessment to determine the potential pollution risks to controlled waters from the proposed cemetery development. Site investigations may be required to determine soil structure and groundwater levels either prior to the determination of any planning application or to discharge any planning conditions. It is likely that if the site is deemed suitable for use as a burial ground then the Environment Agency will recommend that certain planning conditions are imposed regarding the distance of burials from water courses.

Mr. M Peake has contacted the agent engaged by the Parish Council to apply for planning permission for further advice and it is likely that Mr Peake will dig test holes and once further information regarding the soil structure etc has been gained the agent will be instructed to carry on to investigate the likelihood of planning permission being granted.

The Clerk will also contact the Highway

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Engineer for advice regarding access to the proposed site.

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

As agreed at the December meeting of the Parish Council the Sports & Social Club will be contacted again regarding signing a new agreement for hire of the building. Concern was raised that the Club may be trading illegally if it has no premises hire agreement in place.

NO MATTERS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM

9. The following payments were agreed:

MHB Services	
(street lighting maintenance)	£53.76
E.on Energy (street light electric)	£150.34
Village Hall Committee	£10.00
Clerk Salary	£172.80
CGM	£296.17
IR PAYE	
Anglian water (burial ground)	£12.26
M & M Norfolk Services Ltd	£150.00

A replacement cheque has been requested to pay for hire of the Village Hall in December 2011.

9.1 Provision of water at the allotments
There has been no meeting of the Charity which owns the allotments since the December meeting of the Parish Council and therefore no further consideration regarding the provision of water has been made. Quotes are being sought to provide a water tank at Northwold Cemetery as requested by the allotment holders. This would be paid for by the Charity concerned.

9.2 Financial assistance towards grounds maintenance at St. Andrew's Churchyard, Northwold.

A request has been made by Northwold Parochial Church Council for financial assistance towards grounds maintenance at the Churchyard. The Parish Council agreed that maintenance of the Churchyard is beneficial for the village and therefore a grant of £200.00 would be made to St. Andrews Church.

9.3 Donation request from Stoke Ferry Youth Club.
The Parish Council considered but declined a request received from Stoke Ferry Youth Club for financial assistance.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Norfolk Gritting Routes Leaflet 2011/12.

10.2 Norfolk Association of Local Councils Norfolk Link Extra – The Localism Act (to be copied to Councillors).

10.3 Norfolk Rural Community Council Signpost Newsletter

10.4 Invitation to Open Meeting to discuss the Police Budget for 2012/13 – 7pm January 19th 2012 at Jubilee House,

Wymondham.

11. Planning:

Mr M Peake took no part in discussions. Interest declared by Mr F Eglington in item 10.1.

Applications for consideration

10.1 Change of use of former outbuilding to commercial unit at Keeper's Cottage, 5 Little London Road, Northwold
11/01032/F

No objection

No further reports made

Jane Scarrott



Community Action Northwold

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AGENDA

- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- Presentation of Annual Accounts for approval
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following the AGM, CAN will hold its regular meeting:

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes from previous meeting – 13 February 2012
- Matters Arising
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Correspondence
- Community Shop update
- AOB/Open Forum
- Raffle
- Date and Time of Next Meeting

NB Any resident of Northwold or Whittington is entitled to attend the AGM and general meetings of CAN. If you wish to nominate an officer for CAN (i.e. as Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Press Officer) please register your nominations, with names of proposer and seconder, to Sue Bury on 01366 727943.

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THURSDAY, 29TH
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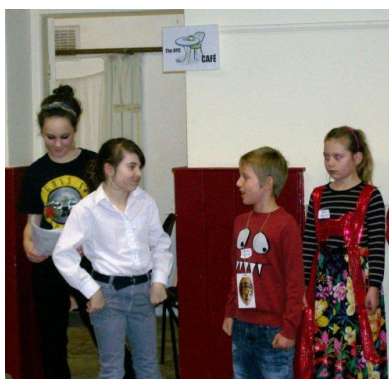
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NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB

What do Eminem, Simon Cowell and the Grinch have in common?

They were all characters in the "Northwold Youth Club's Mummers Play" held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 25 January.

Parents, friends, family and supporters of the Club were entertained by the children's twist on the traditional tale. In days of old St George would be the good guy and the baddie - the black knight. Bringing the tale right up to date, the goodies were (Miss) Eminem and Father Christmas and the baddies;



Simon Cowell, the Grinch and Beelzebub.

As well as elves of varying heights and sizes, other "characters" from the village were portrayed - including the Primary School's very own Head Teacher.

Toni Arthur-Hay kindly directed the



group of children, whose ages range from 7 - 14.

Those children who were not in the performing "troupe" carried out front of house duties including giving out programmes, selling sweets from their Tuck Shop, or novelties on the Odds & Bobs Stall, serving tea and coffee in the Youth Café or showcasing some of the other activities they do.

Everyone was a star on the night - and everyone went home with a smile on their face. There's nothing better than the feel good factor from seeing children enjoy themselves and sharing in their fun on an otherwise cold and dark January evening!

Sharron Freemantle
Secretary Northwold Youth Club

The Youth Club shouts out "Brrrrrrrr!!" instead of "Bingo!"

Unfortunately, due to the snow it was not a *full house* for Bernie's Bingo.

However, as you can see from the photos, some young members were so keen on the game that they braved the cold and huddled together in their coats just



to play "Bingo with Bernie!" By all accounts,

everyone enjoyed themselves and Bernie has offered to organise another event soon - watch this space.



In the meantime, the young members have a games evening and the Annual Indoor Bowls Competition to look forward to!

Sharron Freemantle

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9th March - Victoria Neal
23rd March - Linda Reade
6h April - CANCELLED (Good Friday)
20th April - Cherry Smith

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Enquiries to Eileen on (01366)727174

WHO'S WHO

The following list will give you information of local clubs and organisations. If you are not listed and would like to be, please send your details to the Editor, Mrs. Stephanie Squires, 23a High Street, telephone 728317 or by email, her address is on page 2.

NORTHWOLD BOWLS CLUB-

Roger Preston 727694: Membership subscription: £20

The green is situated next to the tennis court at the rear of the recreation ground in Hovells Lane. Members may play between mid April until September. If you wish to start playing bowls contact Tony Cater on 500313, bowls are provided if you do not have your own. The A.G.M. is on 11 March at 7.30pm at the Sports and Social Club, new and old members are welcome.

NORTHWOLD TENNIS CLUB -

Mrs. Beverley Young 727656

Membership subscription: Adult £30; Junior £7.50; Family £60

The court is situated at the rear of the recreation ground in Hovells Lane.

Members may play any time. Club nights are organised weekly throughout the season. Visitors are welcome, coaching arranged if required.

NORTHWOLD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE -

Brenda Ayres 728565: Just come along, Village Hall - 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.15pm or contact Mrs. P. Haye 727060. Welcome packs are available if you want to know more.

We Are a group of ladies with many different interests. Come and join us to hear speakers on various subjects - enjoy our tea & refreshments to meet and chat with like minded individuals.

NORTHWOLD BALLROOM DANCE

GROUP - contact Carol 728227

Meets one Saturday in the month, 7.30pm in Village Hall. Any standard welcome.

YOGA - Carol Bennett 728154

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NORTHWOLD ART GROUP - Patsy Hood

727582: £3 per session in the Village Hall. The Group meets every Thursday from 7 - 9 pm, please telephone Patsy if you would like to attend.

NORTHWOLD YOUTH CLUB - Sharron

Freemantle 727675 or Jane Luckman 728921: The Club meets in the Sports and Social Club, Hovells Lane on alternate Wednesdays from 6.30 - 8pm. Young people from 7 to 14 years of age may join the Club for a payment of 50 pence per session; they must also be members of the Sports and Social Club.

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Burton 727018 or Mrs. Howarth 727772

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VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

MONDAYS - Yoga - Carol Bennett 728154

2nd. MONDAY - Care Group lunch, noon, £2.50 contact Glenda 727018

MONDAY - 7.30pm Dancing contact

Bryan Cater 728342

TUESDAY - 2 - 4pm Forget Me Not Club (over55s) contact Joyce 728793

Fortnightly afternoon

2nd TUESDAY - 7.15pm Women's Institute - Mrs. P. Haye 727060

THURSDAY - 9am Dr. Knott 500331

THURSDAY - 7pm Art Club contact Patsy 727582

FRIDAY - 9am Tots and Co.

FRIDAY - fortnightly 7.30pm Spiritualists 727174

SATURDAY - 9-noon Ballet contact

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