

Norton Lees News

the newsletter of the Norton Lees Residents Association



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Newfield School - Looking to the Future!

Come and meet new Head Dr Sue Bains as Newfield moves into their new school buildings. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Find out about the plans to demolish the old Newfield school.

Our local Police will answer any concerns you have.

A chance to talk informally to your elected local councillors when the meeting ends at 8.45pm.

**Public Meeting, All Welcome
St Paul's Church & Centre,
7.30pm Thursday 15th Jan 2009**

If it matters to you, come and tell us!

Norton Lees Website!

We've launched a website to allow us to present up-to-date news and generally promote the interests and attractions of the estate. Please pop along to

www.nortonlees.org.uk

and let us have your thoughts and contributions!

Christmas Carolling

Come and join in an afternoon of festive carol singing in the perfect seasonal setting of Bishops' House. No need to book but please turn up early!

2pm Sunday 14 December 2008



Post Office to Close

Despite well-reasoned arguments and much local pressure, the Derbyshire Lane Post Office is scheduled to close in February. A cynical reader might feel the entire review process was just for show.

Efforts by local politicians seem to have drawn a blank, and the PO is not among those considered by a cross-party local initiative to save 9 POs from the axe.

Quite what local people will do remains a mystery, apart from investing in some strong hiking boots. We are going to lose perhaps our most valuable local resource, and staff who are held in the highest regard by all customers.

Chris Beaumont and his family are currently considering his options, but are deeply saddened. NoLRA and the entire community wish him and his family the very best of luck.





101 is a 24-hour number provided by the police and local council to deal with community safety issues, including anti-social behaviour, low level crime and issues affecting quality of life. The 101 service provides advice, information and action for the following issues:

Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property • Noisy neighbours • Intimidation and harassment • Abandoned vehicles • Rubbish and litter, including fly tipping • People being drunk or rowdy in public places • Drug-related anti-social behaviour • Problems with street lighting

101 service has been piloted in Sheffield since June 2006. The service was previously funded by the Home Office who unfortunately withdrew funding in February 2008. However, Sheffield City Council stepped in and provided funding to keep the service operational until at least March 2009. The Partnership is trying to secure the longer term future funding for the service and is working with Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Police to see if a viable business case can be developed, however, we don't currently have any guarantee that future funding can be found.

101 has taken over 125,000 calls since we started and made a real difference to people's lives that have used the service. When you call you will speak with one of our highly trained 101 advisers, who will deal with enquiries, 24 hours a day, giving advice and information where needed, arranging for action to be taken when appropriate or by directing the caller to a person or organisation who can help them.

We are able to co-ordinate the most appropriate response or advice from a number of partners within both the police and the council. This may mean involving both the police and the council to resolve a particular issue and we can do this on the caller's behalf.

Calls to the 101 service will be charged at a fixed rate of 10p per call, whether from a landline or mobiles. The partnership is currently working on pulling together a business case to secure the services future.

More information about 101 can be found at

www.101.gov.uk

or call the partnership manager
Jacqueline Bland on 0114 2196693

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Newfield's New Head

As you may well be aware, Newfield School is going through the biggest changes in it's history. As well as an entire new school building, they have a new headteacher, Dr. Sue Bains.

She says "Having been in education for more than 20 years, I know that one of the most successful strategies to bring the best out of a young person, is for the school and parents and carers to work together to support their learning. This triangle of support requires us to make a commitment to you, telling you clearly what we are offering, when and how; and for parents and carers to make a commitment to us, supporting us whenever possible and making sure that learning goes well beyond the school day."

For more information, please visit their website www.newfield.sheffield.sch.uk



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Advice Surgeries: One of the three local Cllrs will attend the following surgeries: Woodseats Library, Chesterfield Road from 5.30pm. to 6.30pm. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We are also happy to visit or meet constituents by appointment. Please telephone on the above numbers. One of these above Councillors usually attends the quarterly NoLRA public meeting.

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Advice Surgeries: Denise Reaney or Frank Taylor will attend the following surgeries: First Saturday of the month from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon at the Cutlers Arms Function Room, Leighton Road, Herdings. One of the above Councillors usually attends the quarterly NoLRA public meeting.

Garry Weatherall (Labour)

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Advice Surgeries : First Friday of the month from 10.00 to 11.30am. at the Gleadless Tenants' and Residents' Area Office at Gleadless Road / Blackstock Rd.

Mystery Photo

What do you think this photo is of? You might guess it's the inside of a church or something like that. It is in fact the inside of Norton Water Tower! This amazing photo was taken by Midori No Saru. Sadly, due to health and safety reasons, there is no public access to this wonderful landmark.



MINCE PIES

8 oz butter, softened
1 lb all purpose flour
2 oz icing sugar
2 egg yolks
1 lb mincemeat
an ounce or two of brandy or rum?
beaten egg, to glaze



Cut the butter into cubes. Sift the flour into a mixing bowl. Add the butter and rub it into the flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the icing sugar. Make a well in the centre, stir in the egg yolk and about 3-4 tbsp iced water to make a soft dough. Knead lightly to form a smooth dough (if there is time - chill for 30 minutes). Preheat oven to mark 400F or gas mark 6.

On a floured surface, roll out two thirds of the dough and cut out 30 rounds using a 2.5" fluted cutter. Use to line the bun tins. Fill with mincemeat. Re-roll remaining pastry and trimmings and cut out circles using a 2" cutter. Dampen edges of circle and place on pies. Seal edges, brush tops with beaten egg and cook for 20 minutes. Eat whilst hot!

Gardening Tips

The quiet autumn period has now finished and been replaced by the busy festive time.

During the winter months, the wildlife garden becomes a local sanctuary. Birds such as pied wagtails, woodpeckers, longtailed tits and siskins will appear in search of extra food. Foxes may be seen looking for some food scraps. Evergreen shrubs /trees provide important cover.

Heavy frost can lie on the garden like icing on the Christmas cake. As an ornament to winter, trees provide a sculptured outline in the cold sky.

Things to do in December

- * Remove unwanted plants.
- * Prune fruit trees and bushes.
- * Have a look at ground cover plants, even new ones, resite where necessary.
- * Plant bare-root roses.
- * Coppice appropriate trees and shrubs.

Create a garden Christmas tree

Select a tree in the garden, or make one with trimmings from an overgrown shrub for the patio or conservatory, such as white willow, wych elm, bird cherry, hazel or lime. In December, they can be cut down - coppiced - to a level of 15cm above the ground. Far from killing the tree it will regenerate in the spring as new shoots burst out of the stool. Stick the cut stems in a bucket of sand to form your Christmas tree.

Decorate the tree with extra festive sparkle and add parcels of bird food, mini-beast homes and berries such as holly, ivy and mistletoe.

Old Seth

*(Head gardener,
Derby City Council)*



Beryl's Xmas Message

So deep and silent was the night,
Dark blue, the midnight sky.
An aura of Great Mystery,
While a gentle breeze passed by.

Angelic whispers on the breeze,
Sweet music from on high.
While in the East a Golden Light
Lit up the midnight sky.

The Light of God was on the earth,
The Word came from Above.
A Saviour, He is born this night,
To Bless the world with Love.

As Christmas comes around once more,
It's good to greet our friends,
With cards that bear the message
Of love that never ends.

You're wished a Merry Christmas
The nicest you could choose.
Gifts and scrumptious festive grub,
Go easy on the booze.

The best of health and happiness,
Good luck that knows no end.
All of this we wish for you
This Christmas my dear friend

Beryl Heathcote



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Dave 0797 480 0058 secretary@nortonlees.org.uk

Local Knowledge

In 1931, W Charlesworth of Norton Lees Road submitted a patent for improving radiator tube joints!

A New Local Business!

In these days of recession, it takes a brave entrepreneur to launch a new business. Despite the doom and gloom, Zoe Beecroft has done just that with the opening of Zoe's Kitchen in the former newsagents at the Derbyshire Lane shops. A Norton Lees lass all her life, she believes in supporting the local community and is putting her resources into this valuable addition to our local shops.

Zoe's Kitchen is open 6 days a week from 9 to 4.30 (they hope to extend to Sunday soon) offering breakfast, paninis, sandwiches, home-baked cakes, hot roast pork, a wide range of coffees and teas, all freshly prepared on the premises. The business is already going very well, with people from local shops calling by as well as residents.

Whether you want a meal, or just a quick warming cuppa whilst the wind howls outside, Zoe's is just the ticket. It's fast becoming a social centre where locals can chat and catch up on events. They deserve all our support, so please call by and give them a try, or ring 2585552 if you have any queries.



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They're Football Crazy...

Norton Lees JFC was formed in 1993 by Karen Shipston and Reg Gregory. Once word got round we quickly established U8 and U9 teams who played friendlies the first season. The whole ethos of the club was to provide an opportunity for local children to enjoy and learn to play football, no matter what their ability. They started the 94/95 season with a team in the U9 and U10s.



The following year 2 more teams were added, 1 older and 1 younger. They then grew by a team each year. The lads chose the club strip of black and white. In 1998 Karen's niece was approached by sisters of players asking her to start a girls' team. From 3 or 4 players grew to 3 teams at U10, U12 and U14. It has always been a real family club and many lasting friendships were formed.

The club is seeking committed parents, relatives or anybody who is interested in becoming a football manager/coach to take the team forward. You will receive support from qualified coaches. It's a fantastic way to spend time with your children and enjoy the sport you love.

If you are interested and enthusiastic and want to get involved in junior football please contact David Winters (Club Secretary) on 0114 2581189. Their website can be found at www.nortonleesjfc.co.uk

E. I. Addio - our man from the Kop



Acting Up

Since our recent feature, Matthew Leger has waited for news from Abbeydale Youth Theatre about the Christmas Show. Unforeseen circumstances have meant the group have started later this year but Matthew has been invited to take part in this year's Christmas show.

Rehearsals have started and the show will be made up of songs from musicals such as The Lion King, Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast and many others. As well as singing the members will also perform dance routines. There will also be a number of Christmas songs included in the program.

The show will take place on 19th December, tickets are £10 each. The venue will be the Abbeydale Picture House which is trying to raise money for its restoration. The first phase is a new roof, no further funding being available until that is completed. £387,000 is required for this and proceeds from Matthew's concert will go towards that amount.

Details of coming events & future funding events can be found on the website www.abbeydalepicturehouse.co.uk

New Year - New Chair!

At the tender age of 74, Richard May, the dedicated Chair of this Residents Association, has decided to retire at April's AGM. We wish him all the best, and can't thank him enough for the considerable work he's done.

We now need a new Chair! Practically, this role could be as little as one meeting four times a year, but it's what you wish to make of it. It would suit someone local who can keep a firm but friendly hand on the reins. We already have an enthusiastic and successful team of eight committee members, but we need someone fresh to join and fulfil this vital role. Ideally, they should be familiar with e-mail.

To find out more please contact the Secretary, Dave Holt, on 0797 480 0058 secretary@nortonlees.org.uk

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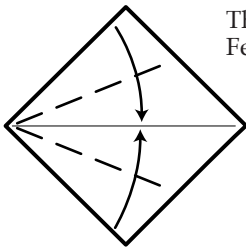
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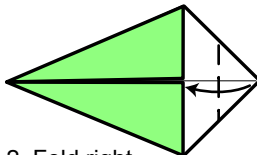
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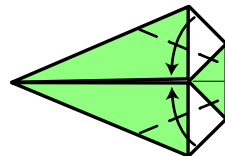
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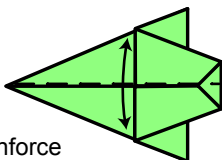


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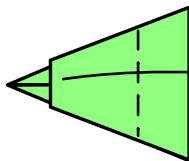


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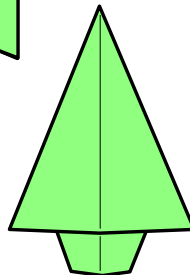
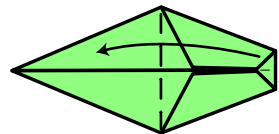
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Local Gossip

Is this the way to Bishop's House? Ex-Sheffield singing star Tony Christie has filmed a video for his new LP "Made In Sheffield". You can clearly see part of it was shot in Meersbrook Park! The songs were all written by Sheffield musicians, so you should all buy a copy! Did anyone get his autograph?

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Post Scriptum

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