

# Norton Lees News

the newsletter of the Norton Lees Residents' Association  
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Firstly, a very happy festive season from the NoLRA team! Apologies for the gap between issues, we're struggling to find funds - do help if you can by joining NoLRA for 2010 - see page 8.

## Prize Raffle

Our huge summer raffle was drawn at the last general meeting - many thanks to those who donated prizes, including Ludlow's Home & Garden, Zoe's Kitchen, Derbyshire Lane Service Station, Culpitts Hair Salon & Sienna Tanning Studio.

## Secretary Needed!

Dave Holt has recently moved away from sunny Sheffield, leaving a secretary-sized hole in our management committee. If you're reasonably organised, have a few hours a month free and would like to make a *real* contribution to NoLRA, please get in touch. The ability to send & receive e-mail would be very useful. Contact Nick or Richard (details on back page).

We're always looking for "ordinary" committee members to boost our ranks and bring in fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Please consider standing - it's a lot of fun and you can help make your estate a better place to live in.

## Our PCSO wins award!

Rachael Graham has been awarded the PCSO of the year award. This is in addition to the "Partner, Individual and Organisations - Significant enhancement of children experiences award" in this years celebration of Success Awards which she won in April.

Rachael was nominated for this by staff members at Mundella Primary School for the extensive work she has done with the young people there.

We're all delighted for her; please say "hello" if you see her out on her bike this Winter!



## NoLRA Day Out

Several of us had a great time at the Woodseats festival, selling raffle tickets, fresh vegetables and lots more. We feel this kind of publicity is vital in order to get more people involved.

Here's editor Nick with the newsletter he puts together.



# Ludlows - thanks

Eileen and Rachel from Ludlow's Home & Garden have now retired from the shop on Derbyshire Lane. They would like to thank everyone for their custom and friendship over the last 8+ years, and hope you will give new owner Stephen Hardcastle your continued support.

Before selling, they made sure that Stephen wanted to keep the shop as a going concern. Indeed, he hopes to expand the range of stock, once he's learned where everything is!

As a regular user of Ludlows I have tried for many years to "catch them out", but without fail, they have the washing-machine hose, 3/4" drill bit or spade I have been looking for. There is a myth that everything is cheaper in a large DIY store, but I've compared several prices and find it's not only cheaper to shop locally, but helps keep your "carbon footprint" as low as possible.

I've nothing against supermarkets, but my idea of heaven would be to have a local post office, bakers, butchers, greengrocers and hardware store. In Ludlows, we have the finest hardware store you could wish for, so please think twice before buying in B&Q and shop local.



## Readers Top Tips

Hang brussels sprouts on the end of a piece of string. Hey presto! Instant edible Christmas decorations for hungry children. (SF of Brindley Close)

# GB News



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and a

## Happy New Year



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A beautiful photo of Graves Park in the snow by one of our young readers Rachel (aged 12)

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## A few historical notes

The name Norton Lees is of Saxon origin. At that time the Great Forest stretched from Nottingham to Kirkles, and "lees" were clearings in the woodland to form a settlement. Any name ending in "ley" derives from this - eg Heeley, Totley...

"Norton" meant "north of the town", in this case Cestrafeld (Chesterfield) which at the time was a more notable town than Escafeld (Sheffield). The original Lees Hall was a farm owned by Beauchief Abbey, but by the 14th Century it was in the hands of the king (in lieu of taxes?).

In 1347 Edward III gave it to Roger de Gotham, who had "rendered him great service" at the Siege of Calais. Edward III stayed at Sheffield Castle and may have hunted on his friend's estate.

In 1278 a Charter recorded that Sir Thomas Chaworth had given land in Norton Lees and the Cliff to one Peter de Leys. The Cliff was the area to the west which fell steeply into the Sheaf Valley.

The Meers (or boundary) Brook was a border between the Saxon Kingdoms of Northumbria and Mercia. It later separated the Shires of York and Derby, and was the boundary between the Sees of York and Canterbury until 1914 when the Diocese of Sheffield was formed.

In mediaeval times Cliffe Field was a hamlet of scythe makers. They could fetch refreshment from a beer house sited at the top of Green Lane (later Scarsdale Road). A beer house was slightly different to a public house, in that you would take a jug and carry the beer away to consume elsewhere.

John Brown

*(Norton Lees Local History Group)*



## What a wonderful wedding!

I knew the bride's mum, as she teaches at Mundella School, and the groom's father is a Methodist minister, so he was able to take part in the service. The congregation sang their hearts out and there was a fantastic atmosphere as we celebrated the love and commitment of the young couple.

But weddings always pull me up because we've still got that unsightly fence round the base of the spire. After a fall of some stonework a couple of years ago and once we realised that there is a slight danger that more could come down.



We have raised £8,500 towards getting it fixed, but the last estimate was over £20,000 - it needs a stonemason to work on scaffolding right up the top. Never mind Cathy, our much loved Centre Manager, is gradually recovering now from her illness and will get to work on grant applications.

We never realised how successful St Paul's Church and Centre would be! So, even if there is a lot to do, I am always delighted to see so many people enjoying the place - from Weddings to Weight Watchers and much more besides, it is all happening at St Paul's!

Murray Brown, Vicar of St Paul's



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## Dads Birthday Surprise

Can we keep it secret Mum?  
Our Hazel, she did say.  
I've booked place at Marco's,  
A treat for Dad's birthday.

Alan said "what's going on  
Why must I get dressed up,  
What are them lot up to?  
It's some excuse to sup!

"Oh no, there's nothing like that dear,  
It's just a small surprise,  
Your fairy godmother's due quite soon"  
"What do you mean" he cries?

"You must get yourself ready Dad"  
Michele she did declare,  
"A big stretch Limo's on its way  
Just to get you there."

Well now the panic's starting,  
His eyes are looking wild,  
He's pacing up and down the room  
Just like a frantic child.

Michele and me were doubled up,  
Poor Alan didn't know  
A taxi would be coming soon,  
To take us to Marco.

I know he did enjoy his treat  
Instead of going spare,  
Unwrapping all his goodies  
With his family sitting there.

Hazel, Rod and Emily,  
Stewart, Jane and me,  
all sang Happy Birthday  
And a smiling chap was he.

Beryl Heathcote

Can I thank  
everyone who  
donated to the  
British Polio  
Fellowship. In all  
it totalled £124.30,  
much appreciated!

Ann Kay



## Drinka pinta milka day

During the Second World war years from 1939 to 1945, Jean Thornton's grandfather Alfred Williams formerly of Burnside Avenue, started the door to door delivery of the early morning milk round on the Thorpe House Estate.

After the war the milk round expanded and Jean's father, Peter Williams joined his dad with the business. The area also included Meersbrook Road, Carfield Road, Upper Albert Road, Northcote Road and surrounding area.



Unfortunately, in December 1976, whilst on a milk round delivery, Jean's dad, Peter, had an accident, which resulted in torn knee tendons. He obviously could not continue and from January 1977 to this day, Dennis Thornton (Jean's husband) took over the service, delivering daily morning fresh milk to Thorpe House residents.

Unfortunately, the local milk depot (the Dairy Farmers of Britain on Hemsworth Road) has recently closed. Therefore, in order to continue the invaluable early morning milk deliveries to customers on the estate, Dennis now has to take an early morning journey at 3.30am to the Capital Dairy based at Hillsborough to replenish his stock.

Dennis, Jean and son Stuart definitely provide the "Fastest milk round in the South West!"

Thanks from the residents of the Thorpe House Estate and surrounding areas!



# Crime - Who Cares?

Are there anti social problems in your area? Do you suffer from graffiti? How high is car theft or theft from cars in your area? How important is it to you to have these things reduced? Would you like to improve things where you live whatever they may be? Will you show some interest and take more responsibility? Who actually *cares*?

The Neighbourhood Watch do - why not join us! You do not have to be a "busybody", or give up a lot of time, just show you're a caring neighbour and come to a local meeting now and then.

How many of you will stand up and be counted? Don't wait for others to do it. If you want to learn more contact your area co-ordinator Wendy on 0114 2745815 or come to a meeting. Our next meeting at St Pauls Church Thursday January 21st @ 7pm.



## A beginners guide

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are run by members through a Co-ordinator and are supported by the Police.

Schemes can vary in size. A volunteer resident Co-ordinator supervises the scheme and liaises with the Police, they receive information and messages to keep them in touch with activities, and some have marker kits, alarms and other security items, which are available to members.

It must be recognised that the scheme is a community initiative, which is supported by the police, not run by them, so success depends on what the members make of it.

The Police can't deal with the problems and issues arising from crime and anti-social behaviour alone; they need the help of the whole community. Neighbourhood Watch provides a way for local people to play an important part in addressing this balance and making their communities safer.

The UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust promotes secure, confident communities through its website

[www.neighbourhoodwatch.net](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net)

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