

- [Norwood statement on Government adoption announcement](#) The Government today announced plans to set up a panel which will review the process by which prospective adopters are recruited.
- [Rabbi Alan Plancey joins Norwood Advisory Council](#) A well-respected Rabbi and County Councillor in Hertfordshire has been appointed to Norwood's Advisory Council. Rabbi Alan Plancey, 70, is Emeritus Rabbi at Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue, having been its Minister for 30 years. He is also a member of The Cabinet of the Chief Rabbi and represents Borehamwood North on Hertfordshire County Council, where he sits on the Cabinet Panels for Children's Services & Corporate Parenting and Education & Skills.
- [An early Norwood Chanukah at JCoSS](#) Norwood celebrated Chanukah early as more than 200 people who use its services attended its annual festive dinner and disco at JCoSS on Monday evening. Guests were welcomed with nibbles and drinks served by a group of JCoSS students, who were later joined by headteacher Jeremy Stowe-Lindner for a Menorah lighting ceremony. They then sat down to a three course meal, followed by customary donuts, before being invited to dance the night away.
- [Gifts galore as Norwood holds annual Toy Sweep](#) Chanukah came early for 50 children who use Norwood's services as they took part in the Charity's annual Toy Sweep at Toys R Us at Brent Cross on Sunday 4th December. The youngsters, their parents and Norwood staff gathered dozens of toys, games and other gifts using £4,500 raised by the Toy Sweep Committee. These will now be distributed among the Norwood's children and family services, including its three family centres in Hendon, Hackney and Redbridge, its Unity recreational club, and Buckets
- [Norwood Poker 100 raises £85,000](#) The chips were up as 100 wannabe card sharps raised £85,000 at the second annual Norwood 100 Poker tournament. Players displayed their best poker faces during multiple hands of Triple Chance No Limit Texas Hold'em at the fundraising event, held on Monday night at the Playboy Club in Mayfair.
- [Israel Bike Riders raise £260,000 for Norwood](#) Some took the high road, and some took the low road, but the combined efforts of a group of 55 cyclists who rode through Israel in aid of Norwood has generated a wheely amazing £260,000. During the five-day adventure, which took place 19-27 November, 30 riders rode from Jerusalem to Eilat, while a further 25 opted for an extremely challenging north to south route through the land of milk and honey. The funds raised by both groups will go towards Norwood's life-changing work with people with learning disabilities.
- [Victory for Norwood over mobility benefit cut](#) Norwood has welcomed an announcement by the Government that it is withdrawing its plans to remove the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance. In a written statement to MPs, Work and Pensions Minister Maria Miller yesterday confirmed that the proposal will not be included in the upcoming Welfare Reform Bill. It would have affected up to 80,000 disabled people in care homes, including those supported by Norwood, who use the benefit to fund specialised transport to access community facilities.
- [Annual Boxing Dinner is a Knock Out](#) The gloves were off last night as 500 guests turned out to raise £192,000 for Norwood and the Philip Green Memorial Trust (PGMT), at the charities' first joint Annual Boxing Dinner. The event, held at the Lancaster Hotel, featured three bouts of boxing in which contenders fought for the British Masters light heavyweight title. It also incorporated the first Construction Industry Award, won by Laing O'Rourke for Quality in Construction for One Hyde Park, and the Henry Cooper Award, which was presented to the charity.
- [Football on trial at first YN Sport Court](#) Football does not take racism seriously. This was the conclusion reached by an audience of over 150 young professionals who attended YN Sport's inaugural fundraising and networking event last night. The event, held at the offices of SJ Berwin in London, raised an incredible £9,500 for Norwood, which supports adults with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
- [Mitzvah Day volunteers roll up their sleeves for Norwood](#) Volunteers including the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Lisa Rutter, rolled up their sleeves and gave up their time for Norwood as part of Mitzvah Day. The Mayor got into the spirit of the annual day of good deeds by attending a special tea party thrown by YN volunteers at the Kennedy Leigh Family Centre in Hendon for members of the Unity recreational group for children and young people with disabilities.
- [Boris helps Norwood raise £2.8m at Annual Dinner](#) Celebrity VIPs including Alesha Dixon, Theo Paphitis and Karren Brady joined guest speaker Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and more than 1,200 Norwood supporters to help the Charity raise £2.8million at its Annual Dinner. Other high profile attendees at the star-studded event, held last night at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane, included Sir Philip Green, Kate Garraway and Vanessa Feltz. The money raised will help Norwood achieve its annual fundraising target of £10million, which it needs.
- [65 saddle up for Northern Thailand cycle adventure](#) 65 cycling enthusiasts got into gear for Norwood's international bike ride in Thailand, which has so far raised an incredible £250,000. The ten day adventure began amongst the towering silk cotton trees of Thailand's second largest city, Chiang Mai, and finished at the infamous Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos meet. During the ride, the group covered a 318km route through remote northern Thailand and explored areas beyond the usual tourist trail, travelling through
- [Norwood helps launch '@ The Acorn' in Berkshire](#) Norwood has launched a new social group in Berkshire in partnership with Wokingham, Bracknell & Districts Mencap. The group, called '@ the Acorn', gives people with profound and multiple learning disabilities the chance to meet new friends and take part in fun activities. It has been running every Tuesday since 6 September at the Acorn Community Centre in Wokingham and is already attended by more than 20 people who use Norwood's services and from the wider community.
- [MP and councillors join volunteers for Mitzvah Day](#) Mike Freer MP and Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Lisa Rutter, will be joining Norwood staff and volunteers on Sunday 21 November in support of Mitzvah Day. The day of good deeds includes a special tea party for members of the Unity recreational group for children and young people with disabilities, which will be attended by the Mayor. The party will feature a number of games and activities including the creation of a large artwork to be hung at Norwood's Kennedy Leigh Children and Family Centre.
- [Norwood's adoption team is waiting for your call](#) During National Adoption Week (31 October-6 November), the Norwood Adoption Society is issuing an urgent appeal for adopters on behalf of hundreds of children from across the UK in need of a new and loving home.
- [Alan YN-tob helps Norwood thank young supporters](#) BBC Creative Director Alan Yentob was the guest of honour at a cocktail party organised by Norwood in recognition of the on-going commitment and generosity of its YN Patrons. Around 100 young Norwood supporters attended last night's event at the prestigious Audi showroom in Piccadilly.
- [Norwood appoints Yonni Abramson as new YN Patronage Chair](#) Norwood has appointed Yonni Abramson as its new YN Patronage Chair, as part of a continuing effort to attract younger donors to the Charity. As part of his role, he will be responsible for organising various networking opportunities for Norwood's young patrons.
- [Distressed Investing Dinner raises £141,000 for Norwood](#) A financier who helped establish his US liquidation firm as a global leader before retiring to devote his life to philanthropy was guest of honour at Norwood's sixth annual Distressed Investing Dinner, which raised more than £141,000.
- [Chief Rabbi honours Norwood's volunteers](#) Norwood's volunteers were honoured for their dedication and commitment to the Charity at a reception hosted by the Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks, at the House of Lords, overlooking the Thames. A group of 200 people who give up their time to perform a range of duties for Norwood, attended the special event in bright sunshine on Monday afternoon. They included a number of volunteers, including Muriel Kauffer, Pat Kippus, Joyce Senker and Sandra Young, who have each been volunteering for Norwood for over
- [YN Media Unplugged with Newton Faulkner raises £20,000 for Norwood](#) Brit-nominated singer-songwriter Newton Faulkner helped Norwood to raise £20,000 at its annual YN Media fundraising event last night. Newton, the winner of the Critics' Choice Award at the 2010 Brits, was guest of honour at YN Unplugged at the London Film Museum. He was interviewed by Radio 1 entertainment presenter Natalie Jamieson before taking to the stage for an exclusive live performance for the 200 guests, many of whom were young professionals from the media industries.
- [Norwood bids a fond farewell to CEO Norma Brier](#) Trustees, Advisory Council members, staff and key supporters of Norwood celebrated the long and illustrious career of outgoing Chief Executive, Norma Brier, at a special reception at 11 Downing Street last night. Over 100 guests, including Prime Minister David Cameron and Chancellor George Osborne, attended the event at the official home of the Second Lord of the Treasury. During the evening, Norwood announced that in recognition of her immense contribution to the Charity, Norma has been appointed
- [Douglas and Michael gear up to raise funds for Norwood](#) A leading solicitor with an incurable degenerative disorder will be amongst a group of cyclists taking part in a sponsored bike ride in Israel in aid of Norwood, a charity which helps people with learning disabilities and children and families in need. The 380km five-day adventure, from 19-27 November, will cover the scenic route from Ashkelon to Eilat and involve crossing notoriously difficult

terrain in the Negev desert.

- [First Norwood Women in Business Breakfast raises over £5,000](#) Social media such as Twitter and Facebook were put on trial by a panel of experts at Norwood's inaugural Women in Business Breakfast this morning. Women from a wide variety of industries gathered at the City offices of Reed Smith LLP for the event, which is the first Norwood event of its kind and raised over £5,000 for the Charity's work with people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
- [Help make this year a Shana Tova for Sara](#) Norwood is once again calling on members of the Jewish Community to support its Rosh Hashanah appeal and help it reach a fundraising target of £100,000. The money it generates will make a real difference to the lives of thousands of people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need, who rely on the support provided by Norwood each year.
- [Norwood launches consultation with Ravenswood residents](#) Norwood has launched a consultation with residents and their families to gather their views on how to make better use of vacant buildings and land at Ravenswood and enhance their living environment. Norwood – which runs the residential community for adults with learning disabilities in Berkshire - has estimated that approximately 20 acres of land is no longer in use and could deteriorate over time.
- [Norwood Future Clean is a London first](#) The first commercial car wash in London to be manned by people with a learning disability was today launched by leading UK charity Norwood. Norwood Future Clean, which is part of the Charity's rapidly expanding Supported Employment programme, is a training project that teaches participants vital work skills. The eco-friendly hand car wash and valet service is based at Grimsdyke Road Car Park in Hatch End, where the space has been kindly donated by the Harrow Council in a partnership agreement.
- [Families get on their bikes to raise £55,000 at the Norwood Junior Bike Ride](#) More than 450 cycling enthusiasts of all ages took part in Norwood's annual Junior Bike Ride this Father's Day. Large numbers of sporty youngsters aged 7-14 and their families participated in the 10 mile off-road adventure which took place on Sunday, 19 June. The Junior Bike Ride gives young people the opportunity to raise money in order to make a difference to the lives of people who rely on the Charity's services.
- [Norwood receives £150,000 boost from Pears Foundation](#) Leading UK social care charity Norwood has received a generous £150,000 funding boost from Pears Foundation. The donation from the well-respected philanthropic organisation will be used to develop the Charity's existing services for people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
- [Norwood appoints new Chief Executive](#) Norwood, one of the UK's leading social care organisations, today announces the appointment of its new Chief Executive, Elaine Kerr.
- [Capital to Coast 2011 raises £250,000](#) More than 1,300 cycling enthusiasts took part in a 60-mile adventure through the English countryside on Sunday, 10 July, in aid of three amazing causes. Now in its 16th year, the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity raised £250,000 for Norwood, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Down's Syndrome Association.
- [Having a ball at Ravenswood](#) More than 140 residents of Ravenswood – Norwood's residential community for adults with learning disabilities in Berkshire – were given a licence to thrill at a James Bond-themed summer ball on Monday evening.
- [YN Lawyers Reception raises an Olympian £24,000](#) The Olympic Games is not just a matter of sport. This was the loose conclusion reached by a panel of experts at the sixth YN Lawyers Reception on Thursday, 30 June. Over 170 young lawyers attended the fundraising and networking event at the City offices of Goldman Sachs, raising an incredible £24,000 for Norwood's vital services supporting adults with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
- [Golfers raise £50,000 for Norwood at annual Golf Day](#) Around 100 golfers clubbed together yesterday to help raise £50,000 for Norwood at its annual Golf Day.
- [Children's Minister officially opens JCoSS and PSRP](#) Pupils and staff at JCoSS, the UK's first cross-communal Jewish secondary school, yesterday celebrated its official opening at a ceremony attended by over 300 people. Guests included Tim Loughton, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families, Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls, Gerald Ronson, The Mayor of Barnet and Norwood President Richard Desmond.
- [Good Lord! Triesman helps Property Lunch raise £435,000](#) Former FA Chairman Lord David Triesman gave a ringing endorsement to Norwood and its 'exceptional' work as he helped the charity raise £435,000 at its annual Property Lunch. Lord Triesman's forthright and candid interview with 5 News presenter, Matt Barbet was the highlight of the fundraising and networking event, held at the Marriot London in Grosvenor Square on Friday.
- [Norwood celebrates Learning Disability Week 2011](#) To mark Learning Disability Week 2011 (20-26 June), Norwood is organising a range of activities to raise awareness about the issues that affect people with a learning disability.
- [Letter by Norma Brier in the Guardian](#) The following letter by Norma Brier, Chief Executive of Norwood, appeared in the Guardian's Society supplement on 8 June. It was written in response to the BBC Panorama programme, Undercover Care: The Abuse Exposed, about the systematic abuse of adults with learning disabilities at the Winterbourne View hospital in Bristol.
- [Celebrating a special Shabbat at the NNLS](#) Congregants at the New North London Synagogue gave a warm welcome to a group of Norwood services users on Friday evening as they hosted the first of a series of special Shabbat services for people with learning disabilities. Around 20 people who live in Norwood residential and supported accommodation attended the service at the congregation's newly-opened building, in East End Road, before being invited to join NNLS members for a three-course meal prepared by volunteers.
- [James Reichman appointed as new YN Co-Chair](#) Norwood's new YN Co-Chair has vowed to continue the 'innovative' work of the charity's fundraising programme for younger supporters, following his appointment this week. James Reichman will join fellow Co-Chair Simon Walton at the head of the YN Board, which advises on all aspects of YN fundraising.
- [YN Croatian Challengers experience best of Balkans](#) A group of young cyclists experienced the best of the Balkans as they traversed picturesque Adriatic coastline over the Bank Holiday weekend to raise £32,000 for Norwood. The 27 fundraisers joined Norwood staff and several adults who use its services for a four-day bike ride and trek through southern Croatia.
- [Charities gearing up for Capital to Coast 2011](#) Cycling enthusiasts have less than two months to sign up to and train for a charity bike ride which will take riders on a 60-mile adventure through the English countryside in aid of three amazing causes. Now in its 16th year, the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity will take place on Sunday, 10 July, and aims to raise an estimated £300,000 for Norwood, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Down's Syndrome Association.
- [Special Olympians sea off the competition at Eastbourne](#) Special Olympians from Ravenswood, Norwood's residential community for adults with learning disabilities, returned home from a regional competition in Eastbourne on Sunday with an impressive haul of 20 medals. A group of 20 residents battled strong winds to win four golds, five silvers and nine bronzes in athletic events ranging from 50m to 800m on the track and long jump and shot put in the field.
- [Join Jack and his dad on the Junior Bike Ride](#) More than 400 cycling enthusiasts young and old are gearing up to take part in Norwood's annual Junior Bike Ride this Father's Day. Large numbers of sporty youngsters aged 7-14 and their families have signed up for the 10 mile off-road adventure on Sunday, 19 June. The Junior Bike Ride gives young people the opportunity to raise money in order to make a difference to the lives of people who rely on the charity's services.
- [Ravenswood welcomes Dutch team for football tournament](#) Residents from Ravenswood, Norwood's residential community for people with learning disabilities in Berkshire, played host to a team of sporting enthusiasts from Holland this week as they travelled to the UK for a special 7-a-side football tournament. Dutch side FC Meo, joined eight teams of other players with learning disabilities from west Berkshire, including two from Ravenswood, for the annual football competition at Cantley Park in Wokingham on Wednesday.
- [Ravenswood celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut](#)
- [Norwood shares expertise with visitors from Kosovo](#) Leaders in the field of child welfare in Kosovo have praised Norwood's vital work with children and families following a tour of the charity's services. A group of Kosovan professionals visited the Kennedy Leigh Family Centre and Buckets & Spades overnight short break facility on Monday, 4 April as part of a UK trip organised by the One to One Children's Fund.
- [Review praises 'excellent' Binoh transition scheme](#) A Norwood programme which support students with additional educational needs to develop key employment skills, has been highly praised following a recent external review.
- [Norwood wins Big Lottery funding for high tech travel project](#) Norwood has been awarded an incredible £235,000 by the Big Lottery Fund for an innovative project which uses SMART phone technology to help people with learning disabilities acquire key travel skills and thereby become more independent. Freedom through Travel, is a three-year scheme which begins in June, and will provide travel training to 88 adults who use Norwood's residential and supported living services.
- ['Great' Britain YN Finance reception raises £16,000 for Norwood](#) The role that the City should play in Britain's economic recovery was the main topic of debate at the third YN Finance reception, which raised £16,000 for Norwood. More than 150 young finance professionals attended last night's

- fundraiser at the offices of leading law firm Mayer Brown.
- [New room at Buckets & Spades offers feast for the senses](#) Children and young people who use Buckets & Spades Lodge are being offered a feast for the senses thanks to a new play and therapy facility. Officially opened yesterday, the state-of-the-art sensory room at Norwood's overnight short break service in Finchley was made possible by a £30,000 grant from the Philip Green Memorial Trust.
  - [Patrons honoured at annual cocktail party](#) Norwood's Patrons and YN Patrons were honoured for their commitment to the Charity's life-changing work at its annual cocktail party. The event last Wednesday was held at the Halcyon Gallery in Mayfair, which once again generously sponsored the evening. More than 200 dedicated donors enjoyed a drinks and canapés reception and a private viewing of landscape art, including the rarely-seen *Chemin dans les vignes*, Argenteuil, by Claude Monet.
  - [Andrea to complete fantastic four for Norwood](#) Fundraiser Andrea Fraquelli is hoping to run up a huge total for Norwood this year by completing a quartet of marathons in a combined total of 12 hours. Andrea, Operations Manager at the Metropolitan Restaurants Group, is already a regular Norwood participant in the London Marathon. He will join 21 other Norwood runners on 17 April to raise vital funds for the Charity's life-changing work with people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
  - [Norwood celebrates Purim in style](#) Norwood hosted a Purim extravaganza last night for more than 100 adults who use the Charity's services. The glitzy bash was kindly hosted by the recently-opened Jewish Community Secondary School (JCoSS) in East Barnet.
  - [Ravenswood welcomes HRH The Princess Royal](#) Residents of Ravenswood gave a royal welcome to The Princess Royal as she visited the residential community for adults with learning disabilities yesterday, for a tour of its stables. The stables, which cater for both Ravenswood residents and riders from the wider community, are an affiliated member group of the Riding for the Disabled Association. Princess Anne, who first visited Ravenswood in 1972 and whose mother HM The Queen is Patron of Norwood, is President of the RDA.
  - [Ladies love Lucy as lunch raises £12,000](#) ITV political correspondent Lucy Manning revealed the truth about her close encounter with the new Downing Street cat, as she helped Norwood raise £12,000 at its annual Ladies Lunch
  - [Pioneer in Jewish welfare, Norma Brier to retire](#) Norwood today announced the retirement of its long-serving Chief Executive, Norma Brier after 22 years of loyal service.
  - [Show some 'Team Spirit' at Capital to Coast 2011](#) Businesses are being called upon to help raise vital funds for worthy causes by entering corporate teams into this year's Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity on Sunday, 10 July. Capital to Coast 2011 aims to raise an estimated £300,000 for three charities: Norwood; the Cystic Fibrosis Trust; and the Down's Syndrome Association.
  - [First YN Property Awards Dinner raises £57,000](#) Norwood celebrated emerging young talent within the property industry as it hosted the inaugural YN Property Awards Dinner, which raised £57,000. More than 320 young property professionals attended last Thursday's fundraiser at the Hilton London Metropole, which was generously sponsored by Derwent London.
  - [HRH The Princess Royal to visit Ravenswood stables](#) The Princess Royal is due to visit Ravenswood village in Crowthorne, Berkshire, on 24 February for a tour of its stables. It is the second time the Princess has been welcomed to the residential community for people with physical and learning disabilities, following an earlier visit in May, 1972.
  - [Dragons' Den star ensures Business Breakfast is roaring success](#) Dragons' Den panellist Theo Paphitis lauded Norwood and its work, describing it as the epitome of a good charity, as he helped raise an incredible £90,000 at its annual Business Breakfast today.
  - [Norwood's first fashion show raises £22,000](#) Stunning customised vintage clothing made from stock donated to Norwood's charity shops was the star of Norwood's inaugural fashion show last night. The evening of glitz, glamour and high fashion raised £22,000 for charity's work with people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
  - [Binoh offers training opportunities to Charedi teachers](#) Norwood is demonstrating its commitment to the Charedi community by continuing to offer training to Rebbees and teachers within the community's boys schools. The training is delivered by experts from Binoh, Norwood's specialist education and therapy service, at the Charity's Somers Family Centre in Hackney.
  - [Norwood launches online gift shop](#) Eat your heart out Tiffany's! With Valentine's Day just around the corner, romantic gift hunters need look no further than Norwood. The charity has launched a new online shop which sells jewellery and other items made by adults with learning disabilities.
  - [Another marathon milestone for Flora](#) Fundraiser extraordinaire Flora Frank notched up yet another milestone earlier this month by completing her 22nd marathon in aid of Norwood. Wintry conditions in the UK meant the power-walking great-grandmother had little opportunity to train for the gruelling Tiberias Marathon in Israel on 6 January. But she still managed to cross the line in just over six hours and is on course to raise £18,000 for the charity this year.
  - [Tree-mendous fundraising effort by youngsters](#) Children, young people and young adults who use Norwood's disability services marked Tu B'Shvat by raising money to help replace trees lost in the Mount Carmel forest fire. Members of Buckets & Spades, Unity and In-Betweeners made a wide variety of beautiful paper flowers as a way of celebrating the Jewish New Year of the Trees.
  - [Norma Brier's letter in The Guardian](#) The Guardian's Society supplement today published a letter written by Norma Brier, Chief Executive of Norwood, in response to an article about the Government's proposal to cut the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance.
  - [Enterprise Supper Quiz raises £9,500 for Norwood](#) There were mind games and brain teasers galore last night as Norwood's Enterprise Committee staged its fifth annual Supper Quiz. The quiz, which raised a fantastic £9,500, was held at St Michael's Banqueting Hall in Golders Green.
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## 2010 Challenges News

- [Newlyweds honeymoon with Norwood to raise money on Kenya Bike Ride](#) 120 brave cyclists took to the outback of east Africa for Norwood's international bike ride in Kenya, which raised an incredible £400,000. The ride, which began in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro and finished by the clear waters of the Indian Ocean in Mombasa, took the group through the breathtaking scenery of the area's national parks, where they were able to get up close and personal with the local wildlife.
- [Norwood's Israel Bike Ride raises £50,000](#) A group of 14 cyclists, including several tandem teams, experienced the delights of the land of milk and honey as they took part in Norwood's Israel Bike Ride and raised an incredible £50,000 to help people with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
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- [Kilimanjaro trekkers raise £100,000 for The Hope Centre](#) A group of 25 trekkers were on top of the world after raising £100,000 for The Hope Centre during a climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The Hope Centre based in Willesden, north-west London is a Norwood service for children and young people with special educational needs. Using a range of learning techniques, including a methodology pioneered by Professor Feuerstein, its teachers and therapists help students aged between three and 19 to learn in their own individual and creative way.
- [Royal Parks runners raise £5,000 for Norwood](#) Norwood's very own magnificent seven joined 12,500 other runners at the Royal Parks Foundation Half Marathon yesterday, raising £5,000 for the Charity and its life-changing work. The group enjoyed glorious sunshine as they completed the 13 mile run through some of London's most beautiful green spaces. The route through Kensington Gardens, Green Park, Hyde Park and St James's Park also took in superb views of Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye, Marble Arch and the Royal A
- [Joel and Martin gear up for Norwood's Israel Bike Ride](#) A group of cyclists, including several tandem riders, are preparing to saddle up for a tour of some of the most beautiful and breathtaking scenery in the Holy Land, during Norwood's upcoming Israel Bike Ride. The on and off road adventure between 4 and 16 November will begin with a tour of the historic fortress of Masada, before riders set off on a journey to the lowest point on Earth – the Dead Sea.
- [Anthony climbs back into the saddle for Kenya Bike Ride](#) An estimated 140 cyclists will take on the terrains of east Africa in aid of Norwood during its international bike ride in Kenya in October. The ride will begin at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro and finish in Mombasa by the clear waters of the Indian Ocean. Riders will cycle through national parks, breathtaking scenery and get up close and personal with the local wildlife, while navigating the

- challenging mountainous hills and vast flat lands.
- [Cyclists ride 'Capital to Coast' to raise £250,000 for charity](#) More than 1,500 cyclists set their wheels in motion to raise an estimated £250,000 for five charities, during the annual Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity today. Now in its fifteenth year, the charity bike ride generated vital funds for Norwood, Bliss, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, the Down's Syndrome Association, and Heart FM's Have a Heart appeal.
  - [Families get in gear to raise £35,000 at Norwood Junior Bike Ride](#) Dozens of dads set aside their slippers and Sunday papers on Father's Day to saddle-up for Norwood's annual Junior Bike Ride. They were among 340 people who took part in the 10-mile off-road adventure in Elstree yesterday, helping to raise £35,000 for the Charity's work with people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
  - [YN Italian Challenge is just the job for Norwood](#) It was an Italian job well done for a team of 46 young cyclists who raised £45,000 for Norwood during a cycling tour of northern Italy. The inaugural YN Italian Challenge took the group on a four-day bike ride and trek through the hills of the picturesque Riccione province over the Bank Holiday Weekend.
  - [Just 4 weeks left to sign up to C2C](#) During National 'Get Active Week' (20–27 June), individuals, families and communities from all over the UK are being asked to put their cycling skills to the test by taking part in the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity, on 27 June. No matter how old, young fit or unhealthy you think you are, everyone and anyone is being encouraged to get on their bike for a worthy cause.
  - [Nathanel gets in gear for Junior Bike Ride](#) Dads may well want to think again if they were planning on putting their feet up this Father's Day. Instead, they are being asked to saddle-up with the rest of the family and participate in the Norwood Junior Bike Ride on Sunday, 20 June.
  - [Candice makes a splash for Norwood](#) A kind-hearted schoolgirl who organised a swimathon in aid of Norwood has raised an amazing £9,000 for the Charity. Candice Tucker, 11, from St John's Wood, invited 52 of her friends to take part in the fundraising event, which was kindly hosted by Francis Holland School in Clarence Gate. All the money raised at the swimathon, held on Sunday, 16 May, will help Norwood to continue providing a range of life-changing services for people with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
  - [Fychi and Norwood team raise vital funds at Community Fun Run](#) A group of energetic fundraisers braved the heat yesterday to raise £1,000 for Norwood during the annual Community Fun Run. The 25 Norwood participants included 20-year-old Fychi Dresdner, who completed the course in a wheelchair pushed by her long-term foster mum Judy Meshulam.
  - [Fundraisers walk the walk in aid of Norwood](#) Fundraisers of all ages and abilities braved the weather and put their best foot forward in aid of Norwood on Sunday during its annual Waterside Walk.
  - [New book celebrates the spirit of Norwood's bike rides](#) A new book which showcases some of Norwood's international bike rides over the last 10 years through a series of stunning photographs has gone on sale. Views from the Saddle: A decade of Norwood Bike Rides has been produced by regular rider Jon Gordon and is being sold in aid of the Charity, which provides vital support to people with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
  - [Norwood team's Marathon effort raises £100,000](#) Twenty six athletes braved 26 miles of aches, pains and occasional rain to raise an incredible £100,000 for Norwood during the London Marathon on Sunday.
  - [It's a family affair for Norwood as the London Marathon approaches](#) What's Green and has eight legs? The answer: One family's marathon effort on behalf of thousands of people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need. Four brothers will be pounding the capital's streets on 25 April as they join 22 other runners taking part in the London Marathon in aid of Norwood. Joe, Sam, Harry and Jacob Green hope their combined efforts during the 26-mile challenge will raise more than £10,000 for the Charity.
  - [Norwood announces its 2010 Challenges programme](#) It's mid-January, you've already broken your New Year's resolutions and that holiday weight just isn't shifting. But don't worry, help is at hand. Norwood is offering a programme of sporting challenges which will leave you feeling on top of the world – literally.
  - [Flora beats heat to complete 20th Norwood marathon](#) A 66-year-old great-grandmother from Edgware, north London, braved intense heat earlier this month to complete her 20th marathon in aid of Norwood in just 12 years. Power-walking dynamo Flora Frank took part in the 33rd Tiberias Marathon in Israel on 7 January and crossed the finish line in just under six hours. Her success means she has now clocked up 525 miles and raised an incredible £150,000 for Norwood, which provides vital support to people with learning disabilities and children and family

## 2010 Fundraising News

- [Norwood gets a healthy 'Kickstart' from Heart Research UK](#) Norwood is launching an exciting new initiative to help people with learning disabilities learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, thanks to a £8,700 Healthy Heart grant from Heart Research UK. Under the Kickstart project, Norwood will be able to run regular 'Healthy Heart' workshops to help the adults who use its services to make informed choices about their lifestyle and improve their heart health through diet and exercise.
- [Norwood's Annual Dinner raises £3.3m](#) Norwood's annual fundraising dinner, held on Monday night at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Mayfair, raised an incredible £3.3m. More than 1,300 guests, including the Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks, entertainment mogul Simon Cowell and entrepreneur Theo Paphitis attended the glittering event – which featured guest speaker Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York.
- [Norwood is one of Britain's best charities, says Chancellor](#) The Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, hailed Norwood as one of the best charities in Britain as he helped the organisation raise an incredible £26,000 at the YN Current Affairs Reception last night. More than 250 young people attended the exclusive fundraising and networking event, sponsored by Investec Specialist Private Bank, at the London riverside offices of Norton Rose.
- [Tikun's little Chanukah helpers donate in aid of Norwood](#) There were, coloured pens, stickers, glitter and paint in abundance on Sunday when 20 children aged between five and 10 years-old took part in Chanukah Heroes, an initiative organised by the charity Tikun to help benefit the young people at Norwood, a charity that supports people with learning disabilities and children and families in needs.
- [It's a Happy Chanukah thanks to 10th Toy Sweep](#) It's every child's dream – to be given the run of a huge toy store and told to help yourself. For more than 50 children who use Norwood's services, it was a dream come true yesterday as they took part in the Charity's tenth anniversary Toy Sweep at Toys R Us in Brent Cross. The event, organised by the Toy Sweep Committee, was opened by the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Anthony Finn.
- [Chancellor Joins Norwood's Digital Revolution](#) The entire community is invited to spend an evening with George Osborne as Norwood goes digital again for its next fundraising event. The Chancellor will be interviewed by Times columnist Daniel Finkelstein OBE during an exclusive Norwood YN Current Affairs Reception on Thursday, 9 December, 2010. Tickets are sold out, but anyone with access to the internet will be able to get involved as part of the charity's latest digital innovation.
- [Norwood 100 Poker Tournament raises £80,000](#) Triple Chance No Limit Texas Hold'em rules applied as more than 100 players raised £80,000 during the inaugural Norwood 100 Poker Tournament last Thursday. The fundraising event, the brainchild of Norwood supporters Gary Bluston, Mark Pollack, Nitzan Yaniv, was held in The Red Room at Les Ambassadeurs Club in Mayfair. The tournament was attended by several top professional players, including Tony 'The Lizard' Bloom and Andrew Feldman, although the first prize eventually went to Steve Kemsley.
- [Norwood invites the entire community to dinner](#) For the first time, Norwood is inviting the entire community to participate in its annual dinner, the highlight of the communal fundraising and social calendar.
- [Norwood's Distressed Investing Dinner raises £133,000](#) A leading City figure who correctly predicted the credit crunch and the subsequent collapse of the banking sector was the guest of honour at Norwood's fifth annual Distressed Investing Dinner, which raised more than £133,000. Michael Hintze, the founder, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Investment Officer of private hedge fund CQS, was joined by over 200 industry experts at the event at Claridge's in Mayfair yesterday.
- [Norwood says thank you to its young supporters](#) The ongoing commitment and generosity of more than 100 young Norwood supporters was honoured last night at the second YN Patrons Reception at the Westbury Hotel in Mayfair. The drinks and canapés reception was a 'thank you' from the Charity to its growing number of YN members.
- [Norwood's M&A Network reception raises £11,000](#) Norwood's second M&A Network reception, a fundraising event for professionals working in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance, raised an incredible £11,000 for the Charity. Around 75 industry professionals attended the drinks and canapés reception, sponsored by SGPB Hambros, at impressive West End venue Asia House last night. The guest speaker for the evening was James Harding, editor of The Times newspaper.
- [Shana Tova from Norwood](#) Norwood would like to wish its volunteers, supporters, and everyone involved with the Charity, a happy and healthy New Year. It is also calling on members of the Jewish community to support its Rosh Hashanah fundraising appeal, which has a target of £100,000. The money it generates will make a real difference to the lives of thousands of people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need, who rely on

the support provided by Norwood each year.

- [Denise adds a Moroccan flavour to Come Dine at Mine](#) The month of August may be disappearing rapidly before our eyes, but there is still plenty of time to organise a summer soiree in aid of Norwood as part of its Come Dine at Mine fundraising initiative. Launched in April, Come Dine at Mine encourages people to host dinner parties for friends and family in aid of the Charity. In return, they will be provided with fundraising materials, including mouth-watering recipes, top dinner party tips and money-off vouchers to be used at selected food stores
- [Norwood's first Teeny Tiny Toddler raises £4,000](#) The sun was shining on Sunday as Puddles the Penguin made a guest appearance at Norwood's first Teeny Tiny Toddler. The mini-marathon for Toddlers, and their mums, dads and grandparents, was held at Shenley Park, Radlett, and raised £4,000 for the Charity, which will go towards helping people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
- [Toy Story 3 screening raises £6,500 for Norwood](#) Norwood took 300 cinemagoers to infinity and beyond yesterday, during a special 3D screening of Toy Story 3 which raised £6,500 for the Charity. Buzz and Woody fans, both young and old, flocked to the VUE Cinema in North Finchley for the fundraising event, which was organised by Norwood's Enterprise Committee. All proceeds from the screening, which was held in partnership with Walt Disney Pictures, will go towards the Charity's life-changing work with people with learning disabilities, and child
- [YN Lawyers Celebrity Debate raises £23,000 for Norwood](#) Should celebrities expect to be able to lead a normal private life? This thorny topic and other related issues were hotly debated by a panel of experts at the fifth YN Lawyers Reception, which raised an incredible £23,000 for Norwood. Over 200 young lawyers attended last night's fundraising and networking event at the City offices of Goldman Sachs.
- [Golfers with a driving ambition raise £42,000 for Norwood at annual Golf Day](#) Around 90 golfers clubbed together yesterday to help raise £42,000 for Norwood at its annual Golf Day. Held at Dyrham Park Country Club in Barnet, the event generated vital funds to support Norwood's life-changing work with people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
- [Join Puddles the Penguin on Norwood's Teeny Tiny Toddler](#) Puddles the Penguin will be the guest of honour as Norwood holds its first Teeny Tiny Toddler on Sunday, 18 July. Toddlers aged between two and five, plus their mums, dads, or grandparents, are being invited to take part in the event at Shenley Park, Radlett.
- [The toys are coming out to play at special preview screening of Toy Story 3](#) The toys are back in town, and Norwood and Walt Disney Pictures are offering young Buzz and Woody fans a unique chance to see Toy Story 3 in 3D two weeks before its official release date. Everyone's favourite characters are back for the new film, 'The Great Escape', which is being shown at the Vue Cinema in North Finchley on Sunday, 11 July. All proceeds from the event, which has been organised by Norwood's Enterprise Committee, will go towards the Charity's life-changing work with people with l
- [A Chocolate Affair to remember](#) Around 40 guests had their taste buds tickled when they were treated to a delectable display of chocolate making and tasting at Norwood's inaugural Chocolate Affair. The event raised £3,000 for the Charity, which will go towards helping people with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
- [YN Media Reception raises £7,500 for Norwood](#) The rise of social media, the future of Facebook and the impact of new technology were all up for debate, at the inaugural YN Media reception which raised an incredible £7,500 for Norwood. More than 120 young media professionals attended last night's fundraiser at the ICO Conference Centre in London's West End.
- [Piers and Richard help Norwood raise £500,000 at annual Property Lunch](#) Piers Morgan had the tables well and truly turned on him as he faced questions from Norwood's President Richard Desmond at the annual Norwood Property Lunch on Friday. The journalist, TV presenter and Britain's Got Talent judge was guest of honour at the event, which raised an incredible £500,000 for the Charity's life-changing work with people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
- [Norwood receives £50,000 from Children in Need for new Sunday club](#) Norwood has launched a new Sunday club offering a range of activities, workshops and outings for young people with disabilities, thanks to a three-year £50,000 grant from Children in Need. The weekly term-time club will be based at the Kennedy Leigh Children & Family Centre in Hendon and will cater for seven young people aged between 12 and 18.
- [Simon Walton appointed as new YN Co-Chair](#) Norwood's new YN Co-Chair has told of his desire to take YN to 'new heights', following his appointment this week. Simon Walton will join fellow Co-Chair Rachael Davis Stollar at the head of the YN Board, which oversees every aspect of YN fundraising.
- [Bugsy Malone is a grand slam hit for Norwood](#) More than 60 adults who use Norwood's services enjoyed a fun-packed trip to The Bloomsbury Theatre last Wednesday to see hit musical Bugsy Malone, thanks to the generosity of the show's producer. The group were given free tickets by impresario Joel Kern, 21, of Make Believe Productions, who will also donate some of the proceeds to the Charity.
- [Norwood serves up a treat with launch of Come Dine at Mine](#) Norwood is cooking up a storm with Come Dine at Mine, a new fundraising initiative which allows people to raise money for the Charity from the comfort of their own dining rooms. The scheme is being generously sponsored by Jason Millan, one of London's leading Kosher caterers, and was launched at a special dinner party at his Elstree home last week.
- [Roger Daltrey helps launch the RD Crusaders WorkHub at Norwood](#) The RD Crusaders WorkHub, a new centre in Stanmore that provides training to people with learning disabilities to help them to enter employment, was officially launched today by the visit of Norwood's President, Richard Desmond, and the RD Crusaders - a super group created by Richard Desmond and rock legend Roger Daltrey. The RD Crusaders WorkHub has been made possible thanks to the proceeds of a concert held by the Group in May 2008.
- [YN Finance Q&A Time raises £32,000 for Norwood](#) Three titans of the world of business and finance discussed everything from this week's Budget to their hopes for the coming General Election, as the YN Finance Q&A Time raised an incredible £32,000 for Norwood. More than 180 young finance professionals attended last night's fundraiser, which was sponsored by Sunrise Brokers and held at the offices of leading law firm Mayer Brown.
- [Now it's time to invite Baruch into your life](#) Norwood is calling on members of the Jewish community to invite the stranger into their lives and make a donation to the Charity, as it launches its annual Pesach appeal. It hopes the innovative direct mail campaign will raise £100,000 for its wide range of services, which help thousands of people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need, to change their lives each year.
- [Supper quiz with murderous twist raises £3,100 for Norwood](#) Dozens of wannabe Poirots put their 'little grey cells' to the test as they helped Norwood raise £3,100 at its first Whodunit? murder mystery supper quiz. More than 110 people attended the event, which was held at St Michaels Banqueting Hall in Golders Green last night.
- [Norwood's Patrons treated to private viewing of Bob Dylan's art](#) Norwood honoured its Patrons and YN Patrons for their commitment to its work at the Charity's annual Cocktail Party last night. More than 130 dedicated donors, including some of the most influential members of the community, enjoyed a drinks and canapés reception and a private viewing of legendary singer Bob Dylan's art. The party was held at the Halcyon Gallery in Mayfair, which once again generously sponsored the evening.
- [Fourth Backgammon series raises £37,000 for Norwood](#) Norwood's Backgammon Series 4 concluded with a closely-fought Grand Final at swish West End venue Home House last night, having raised an incredible £37,000 for the Charity. Generously sponsored by The Pears Foundation, the series was launched in June and saw competitors take part in four qualifying tournaments. The final itself raised £6,500 for Norwood, which provides vital support to people with learning disabilities, and children and families in need.
- [All White on the night as YN Property event raises £42,000](#) Norwood celebrated its 'fab' fourth YN Property event as tales of the Fab Four helped it raise an incredible £42,000. More than 200 young property professionals attended last night's fundraiser at the Hilton London Metropole, which was generously sponsored by Derwent London. The guest speaker was Paul White, Managing Director of Frogmore, who was interviewed by Giles Barrie, Editor of Property Week.
- [Showbiz pals help Norwood raise £14,000 at Ladies Lunch](#) The jokes came thick and fast as former EastEnder Tracy-Ann Oberman and comedy writer Ivor Boddie helped Norwood raise £14,000 at its annual Ladies Lunch.
- [Latest tournament in Backgammon Series 4 raises £4,000 for Norwood](#) The fourth and final tournament of Backgammon Series 4, sponsored by the Pears Foundation, has raised more than £4,000 for Norwood. Some 26 players pitted their wits against the roll of the dice at the event, which was held on Monday at Home House, a private members club in the West End.
- [Stelios praises Norwood's work as its annual Business Breakfast raises £75,000](#) Serial entrepreneur and philanthropist Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou spoke glowingly about Norwood's employment service as he helped the Charity raise an amazing £75,000 at its annual Business Breakfast today. Sir Stelios, founder of easyJet and easyGroup, was guest of honour at the fundraising event, which was held at the elegant Chancery Court Hotel in Holborn and attracted 240 professionals from across the business spectrum.
- [Winning streak for Enterprise Supper Quiz as it raises £9,000 for Norwood](#) Question: How much money did Norwood raise at its annual Enterprise Supper Quiz? Answer: An amazing £9,000!
- [Norwood's first M&A Network reception raises £15,000](#) The inaugural Norwood M&A Network reception, a new fundraising event for professionals working in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance, raised an amazing £15,000 for the Charity.

- [YFPG helps spread the word about human rights](#) A human rights charity received valuable advice from members of Norwood's groundbreaking Young People's Focus Group (YFPG) on how to spread the word about human rights. Using a small grant from the Access to Volunteering fund, the Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE) has spent the last six months asking disabled children and young people for their advice on how to make its resources and training on children's rights more accessible.
- [Elliott Goldstein appointed as new Norwood Trustee](#) Elliott Goldstein, former chair of Limmud and a rising star within the Jewish community was announced as the newest member of Norwood's Board of Trustees on Friday. Along with 11 other trustees, Goldstein, 30, will help to decide the charity's strategic direction and will have personal responsibility for overseeing its approach to marketing and communications.
- [JCoSS helps Norwood celebrate Chanukah](#) Norwood celebrated Chanukah in style as JCoSS opened its doors for a party for more than 200 people who use the Charity's services.
- [Many hands make light work as MP volunteers for Mitzvah Day](#) Mike Freer, Finchley and Golders Green MP together with Councillors from Barnet will be painting a lounge and hallway at a Norwood Supported Living home in Finchley, on Sunday 21st November in support of Mitzvah Day – a day of good deeds. A number of volunteers will be taking part in similar projects within Norwood, a charity that supports people with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
- [Finchley and Golders Green MP Volunteers for Norwood's Mitzvah Day](#) Mike Freer, MP for Finchley and Golders Green, and a team of Barnet councillors armed themselves with paint and brushes in aid of Norwood yesterday as they took part in one of the Charity's many Mitzvah Day activities.
- [Norwood statement regarding staff demonstration](#) Norwood Chief Executive Norma Brier said: "Norwood greatly values its dedicated workforce. Employees are understandably concerned about the proposed restructuring of our adult services. We are doing everything possible to support our staff during this difficult period.
- [Norwood Family Support launches 'Parents Apart' workshops](#) Any person who has experienced a marriage or relationship breakdown will understand the emotional significance of that period in their life. On Wednesday 24 November, Norwood's Family Support service will be running 'Parents Apart', a workshop focussing on the journey parents take when in the process of going through a separation or divorce, and will also explore the emotional impact this has on their children.
- [Become a Norwood adopter and help change a child's life forever](#) During National Adoption Week (1-7 November), the Norwood Adoption Society is launching an appeal for new adopters in a bid to help change the lives of hundreds of children. Norwood is searching for couples and single applicants who have experience of child care and are willing to adopt children aged five and over, sibling groups or children from complex and diverse backgrounds.
- [Norwood launches consultation on cost reduction plans](#) Norwood has launched a consultation on a proposed £3 million reduction to operating costs. The process is set to last until the end of the year. In the increasingly austere economic environment, the organisation, which provides specialist care for children and adults with learning disabilities and families in need, faces important decisions to maintain the current level of service and staffing.
- [Norwood launches new Family Support service in Hertfordshire](#) Norwood has launched a new Family Support Service for families living within the growing Jewish community in Hertfordshire. Although Norwood social workers, counsellors and family support workers already provide support to many people in Hertfordshire, the demand for its services has increased steadily.
- [Olympic star Lawrence takes home two medals](#) Norwood's track and field star, Lawrence Black, is celebrating double medal success after representing Great Britain in the 2010 Special Olympics European Games. At the age of 56, he was the oldest competitor at the event in the Polish city of Warsaw last week. But age proved no barrier to Lawrence, a resident at Ravenswood, Norwood's residential community in Berkshire, as he scooped silver in the 400 metre walk and bronze in the shot put.
- [Summer fun at Hackney Family Centre](#) The poor weather this summer may have put a dampener on most people's moods, but for Orthodox Jewish families in and around Stamford Hill, spirits have been high with excitement and fun in the air.
- [Norwood awarded £10,000 lottery grant for 'fantas-tech' new project](#) Norwood didn't have to match the bonus ball number, but nonetheless found itself with the winning ticket when it was awarded £10,000 by the Big Lottery Fund. The money will be used by Norwood's Supported Employment Service to pilot an innovative new project which will help people with learning disabilities acquire new skills at home and in the workplace through assistive technology.
- [Norwood is speaking the same language through U-Me](#) Norwood has launched an exciting new initiative which is set to ensure that the communication needs of the adults with learning disabilities who use its services are met through the use of a common language. The U-Me project (Understanding Me) was officially unveiled yesterday during a celebration event at Ravenswood, which is the Charity's residential community in Berkshire.
- [Norwood to extend Family Support service into Hertfordshire](#) In response to the needs of a growing Jewish community in Hertfordshire, Norwood's Family Support service is branching out to help children and families in need living in the area. Social Workers, Counsellors and Family Support Workers based at the Kennedy Leigh Family Centre in Hendon already provide support to many families in Hertfordshire.
- [You're hired! Norwood launches new inclusive recruitment scheme](#) Norwood is proud to announce an innovative scheme which will ensure that the people who use our services are integral to the appointment of new employees. The Inclusive Recruitment initiative has already been successfully trialled across Norwood services in Berkshire and London and is set to be rolled out across the organisation by April.
- [Nominate your community heroes for Helping Hand Awards](#) Broadcasting legend Esther Rantzen and GMTV presenter Kate Garraway are calling on people to nominate the unsung heroes of their community for the 2010 Helping Hand Awards. The deadline for nominations is Friday, 23 July.
- [Norwood launches new three-year 'Change a life' strategy](#) Norwood has a bold new vision of the future – a three-year Change a life strategy which puts the needs and wishes of the children, adults and families it supports at the heart of everything it does. Under its plans for 2010-13 and beyond, Norwood will: enhance its Life Long Learning services; place a greater emphasis on its Supported Living services; and expand its Children & Family services, particularly in those areas with a rapidly growing Jewish population.
- [Buckets & Spades Lodge hosts special Respite Kids Shabbaton](#) Buckets & Spades Lodge – Norwood's overnight short-break service for young people with physical and learning disabilities – was a hive of activity this weekend as it hosted a special Shabbaton made possible by the charity, Respite Kids. Respite Kids raises money to provide Jewish families with disabled children additional respite care throughout the year at no cost to them.
- [NVQ Award winners honoured by Norwood](#) The achievements of dozens of frontline care staff were celebrated yesterday as they received their hard-earned NVQ Awards. The chance to complete National Vocational Qualifications in Health and Social Care is offered by Norwood to those employees working with adults and children.
- [Norwood pays tribute to the late Lady Jakobovits](#) Norwood wishes to express its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lady Jakobovits, who died on Friday aged 81. Lady Jakobovits, whose late husband, the former Chief Rabbi Lord Jakobovits, was a Vice President of Norwood, was a passionate supporter of the Charity's work throughout her life. She was a committed advocate for children with special needs and her daughters Esther and Shoshana were among the founding trustees of Binoh, which later merged with Norwood.
- [Neville Kahn appointed as new Norwood Trustee](#) A leading professional who helped set up a key Norwood fundraising committee has been appointed as the newest member of its Board of Trustees. Neville Kahn is a well-known and respected member of the Jewish community and is also a leading figure in the world of business and finance.
- [Young Israeli visitors help Norwood celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut](#) A group of teenagers from northern Israel were the guests of honour at a party organised by Norwood to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut – the Israeli national day of independence. More than 30 adults who use the Charity's London services attended the party on Tuesday at Canon's Community Hall in Stanmore.
- [JCoSS announces first PSRP Director](#) JCoSS, the UK's first cross-community Jewish state secondary school, has announced the appointment of David Wilson as the first Director of its 50-place Pears Special Resource Provision (PSRP) for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC).
- [Norwood parties like it's Purim 2010](#) There were clowns, pirates, superheroes and pop stars galore as Norwood hosted a glitzy Purim disco on Wednesday evening. More than 100 adults who use the Charity's services attended the bash at Edgware United Synagogue.
- [Lawrence will go for gold at European games](#) Track and field star Lawrence Black has his eyes on medal success after being selected to represent Great Britain in the 2010 Special Olympics European Games. Lawrence lives at Ravenswood, which is Norwood's residential community for adults with learning disabilities in Crowthorne, Berkshire.
- [Norwood appoints Shoshana Bloom as new Jewish Cultural Manager](#) Norwood is pleased to announce that it has appointed Shoshana Bloom as its new Jewish Cultural Manager. Shoshana will have responsibility for developing, supporting and encouraging a vibrant Jewish atmosphere, both

culturally and spiritually, for the people who use Norwood's services, as well as its staff and volunteers.

- [Norwood staff show true grit as bad weather hits the South East](#) Norwood's workforce has been praised for going the extra mile during the recent bad weather. Like the rest of the country, the Charity has had to cope with a week of blizzards and sub-zero temperatures.

## 2009 Challenges News

- [Free gym membership for Norwood's International Challenges fundraisers](#) The Village Health Club in Elstree is offering free gym membership to fundraisers who sign up to participate in Norwood's International Challenges this year.
- [Great Grandmother Powers up again for Norwood](#) Flora Frank, a power-walking great-grandmother from Edgware, completed the 32nd International Tiberias Marathon in Israel on January 8.
- [Norwood launches Swimathon for High Schools](#) Norwood will stage its first-ever High School Swimathon on 19 February where participants can take to the water with a splash, and swim 1.5km or 2.5km while raising funds for Norwood.
- [Flora set to complete 20th marathon and 525th mile in aid of Norwood](#) A 66-year-old great-grandmother from Edgware, north London, is set to complete her 20th marathon in aid of Norwood when she takes part in the 33rd Tiberias Marathon in Israel on 7 January, 2010.
- [Rajasthan Bike Ride raises £600,000 for Norwood](#) A group of 150 charity cyclists returned to the UK from northern India on Sunday after raising an incredible £600,000 on Norwood's Rajasthan Bike Ride.
- [Israel Bike Ride raises more than £60,000 for Norwood](#) Some 26 charity cyclists returned to the UK on Sunday tired but elated after raising more than £60,000 on Norwood's Israel Bike Ride. During the course of the week, they completed a stunning 400km circular route which started and finished in the ancient and beautiful city of Jerusalem after winding its way through the Judean Hills, the Negev Highlands and the Dead Sea.
- [Get on your bike for Norwood, urges Maccabiah medal winner](#) Danny Ackerman, a British medal hero at the recent Maccabiah Games is calling on cycling enthusiasts to get on their bikes to raise money for Norwood during its Israel Bike Ride, which will be held from 17-25 October 2009. The stunning circular 400km route starts and finishes in Jerusalem and takes in the Judean Hills, the Negev Highlands and the Dead Sea.
- [Cyclists ride from Capital to Coast raising £300,000 for charity](#) More than 1,600 cyclists got in gear to raise £300,000 during the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity in high temperatures yesterday (Sunday).
- [Move to Herts raises record £40,000 for Norwood's Junior Bike Ride](#) Almost 500 cyclists used their pedal power to kick off Learning Disability Week by raising a record-breaking £40,000 for Norwood at its annual Junior Bike Ride held on Father's Day, Sunday 21 June 2009 in Elstree. Previously the event was in Berkshire but the ride was held in Hertfordshire this year to make it more accessible to young riders in North West London.
- [Marathon heroes raise £80,000 for Norwood](#) Norwood's 24 runners ran the 26.2 miles of the Flora London Marathon 2009 in the glorious sunshine yesterday, raising £80,000 for the leading children and families charity. The charity had the largest number of runners of all the Jewish community charities taking part in the event and international participants included a cowgirl who had flown over from Wyoming to take part, as well as 65 year-old power-walking great-grandmother from Edgware, Flora Frank.
- [Record-breaking 400 riders for Norwood's Junior Bike Ride Challenge](#) Over 400 participants from London, Essex and Hertfordshire are taking part in Norwood's annual Junior Bike Ride and there's still time for more riders to sign-up. The 10-mile off-road adventure for children and teenagers aged 7 – 14 and their families, will be held on Father's Day, Sunday 21 June on private terrain in Elstree, Hertfordshire.
- [1300 riders geared up for Capital to Coast](#) Over 1300 riders have already signed up for the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity, the fun ride of the summer which takes place on Sunday 28 June. The beautifully scenic route to the sparkling Hove seafront will be lined with experienced stewards, free refreshments and mechanical support all along the way. You could cycle an Olympic 60 mile route from Esher College in Surrey, or pedal along a gentler 30 mile alternative route, beginning at Haywards Heath. 200 cyclists have already re
- [Local Wise guy takes up Olympian Cycle Challenge](#) Finchley cyclist, Justin Wise, will be taking up a challenge set by Olympic cyclist, Bradley Wiggins and Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, to cycle 60 miles from London to Hove this year in the 14th Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge. It's the sponsored charity fun ride of the summer, which takes place on Sunday 28 June.
- [Walkers raise £10,000 for Norwood](#) More than 80 people of all ages and abilities enjoyed the sunshine as they took part in Norwood's annual Waterside Walk which raised over £10,000 for the leading Jewish charity in the UK supporting children, adults and families coping with learning disability or social disadvantage.
- [It's Flora's London Marathon for Norwood](#) Flora Frank, a power-walking great-grandmother from Edgware, is among the twenty-six heroic Norwood fundraisers who have signed up to "run for their money" on Sunday 26 April in her namesake's 2009 Flora London Marathon.
- [Olympians and Mayor say 'get on your bike' for the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge](#) Norwood is launching its 14th Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge, the fun ride of the summer which takes place on Sunday 28 June.

## 2009 Fundraising News

- [Young Norwood raises £19,000 in the Dragons' Den](#) Ryman Stationery owner and Dragons' Den entrepreneur Theo Paphitis was the guest speaker at the inaugural YN Finance Reception where 250 young professionals raised over £19,000 for leading UK charity, Norwood.
- [Backgammon tournament raises over £50,000 for Norwood](#) Norwood's Backgammon Series 3, which culminated in the Grand Final at luxurious restaurant Sketch in Central London on Monday 26 January, raised a total over £50,000 for the charity.
- [Norwood Enjoys An Audience with Theo Paphitis](#) Outstanding entrepreneur, investor and successful businessman Theo Paphitis will be the guest speaker at the inaugural YN Finance Reception to raise money for Norwood.
- [Q&A Time with top Legal Figures raises £21,000 for Norwood](#) Over 200 lawyers attended the fourth YN Lawyers Reception last night raising over £21,000 for Norwood, the leading UK charity supporting Jewish children, adults and families with learning disabilities and social disadvantage. Channel Five News reporter and presenter, Matt Barbet, chaired Q&A Time with senior consultant at Mishcon de Reya, Antony Julius and highly-regarded criminal barrister, Henry Grunwald QC. The young lawyers enjoyed drinks and canapés at the offices of Goldman Sachs on F
- [Latest tournament in Backgammon Series 4 raises £4,500 for Norwood](#) The third tournament of Backgammon Series 4, sponsored by the Pears Foundation, has raised more than £4,500 for Norwood. The event was held on Monday, 23 November, at Home House, an exclusive private members club in the West End.
- [Chanukah starts with Norwood's Toy Sweep](#) There was an atmosphere of feverish excitement at Toys R Us in Brent Cross on Sunday 29 November, when 40 children from across Norwood's services took part in the Charity's annual Toy Sweep. In one action-packed hour on Sunday morning, the £4,000 raised by the Toy Sweep Committee, was spent on games, CDs, DVDs, art materials, books and toys for Norwood's Children's Services.
- ['Cantor Joseph Malovany – an Evening of Song' raises £19,000 for Norwood](#) Cantor Joseph Malovany raised the roof of the Western Marble Arch Synagogue as he helped raise an incredible £19,000 for Norwood during a one-off concert on Saturday. Nearly 290 guests braved wet and windy weather and West End traffic to hear the world-famous chazzan, who kindly donated his time and talent in aid of the Charity, which supports thousands of people with learning disabilities and children and families in need.
- [Ronnie Corbett steps in to help Norwood raise £2.7 million](#) Norwood's Annual Dinner proved last night to be a truly a life-changing event for all involved, raising an amazing £2.7 million. Comedy legend Ronnie Corbett, who gallantly stepped in to fill Bruce Forsyth's shoes after he was taken ill with flu, headlined the entertainment bill for the 1,200 guests at what was the Charity's largest ever fundraising event. The money raised on the night will help Norwood to change the lives of thousands of people with learning disabilities and children and families
- [Norwood proudly presents Cantor Joseph Malovany – An Evening of Song](#) Internationally-renowned cantor Joseph Malovany, who has performed before countless heads of state and every Israeli prime minister since Golda Meir, is appearing at The Western Marble Arch Synagogue at a one-off concert in aid of Norwood.
- [David Trimble helps Norwood raise £6,000 at YN event](#) David Trimble, the former First Minister of Northern Ireland and Nobel Peace Laureate, was put under the spotlight this morning at the inaugural YN Today event – Breakfast with Trimble. He was interviewed by journalist and former politician Daniel Finkelstein OBE at the offices of top law firm Norton Rose, before being grilled by guests in a lively question and answer session.
- [Norwood's Distressed Investing Industry Dinner raises £110,000](#) A leading light in the field of distressed assets was the guest of honour at Norwood's Fourth Annual Distressed Investing Dinner, which raised more than £110,000. Paul Singer, the founder and general partner of New York-

- based Elliott Associates L.P., was the guest speaker at the event attended by over 200 industry experts at Claridge's in Mayfair last night.
- [Latest tournament in Backgammon Series 4 raises £5,000 for Norwood](#) The second tournament of Backgammon Series 4, sponsored by the Pears Foundation, has raised more than £5,000 for Norwood.
  - [Norwood heralds a bright future at YN Supporters Reception](#) Over 100 YN Patrons, Friends and Committee members attended Norwood's inaugural YN Reception last night at the chic West End venue, Asia House. The elegant drinks and canapés reception was a 'thank you' from Norwood to the growing number of YN supporters for their commitment and generosity to the Charity.
  - [Norwood appoints Ross Freedman as its first YN Patronage Chair](#) Norwood has appointed Ross Freedman as its first YN Patronage Chair as part of a drive to attract a fresh wave of donors. The role mirrors the main Chair of Patronage position, which is held by Norwood Trustee Ronnie Harris, and has been established in order to secure the next generation of Patrons and Friends, and create new and exciting networking and social opportunities for Norwood's young patrons.
  - [Norwood art sells for record prices in Camden](#) Talented artists helped Norwood to raise over £13,000 at the Charity's inaugural art show on Tuesday evening. Seventy works of art were snapped up at the private viewing at the Centro Bar in Camden, which was attended by 150 guests.
  - [Autumn banished as sizzling YN Summer Fiesta raises £5,500 for Norwood](#) The event raised an incredible £5,500 for Norwood, the UK's leading Jewish charity supporting children, families and adults, coping with disabilities and social disadvantage. It was organised by the YN Social Committee and was held in the heart of London's West End at swish nightclub Jewel, in Piccadilly Circus.
  - [Everyone's a winner as Norwood's annual raffle raises £30,000](#) The Norwood annual raffle was a huge success this year, raising over £30,000 for the leading UK charity supporting children, families and adults, coping with learning disabilities and social disadvantage. The six lucky winners across the UK are currently celebrating their success.
  - [Norwood's 10th anniversary Property Lunch raises over £355,000](#) Over 500 guests from the property industry enjoyed Norwood's 10th Property Lunch at the Intercontinental Hyde Park on Friday 12 June. The Lunch, sponsored by Derwent London, AXA and Earlcrown raised over £355,000 to help Norwood to support children, adults and families with learning disabilities and social difficulties. The Property Lunch has raised an impressive total of nearly £2.5m over the past 10 years. Giles Barrie, Editor of Property Week lead a lively panel discussion with industry leade
  - [Golfers above par as they raise £30,000 for Norwood at annual Golf Day](#) Around 80 golfers braved the sweltering heat to raise £30,000 for Norwood at its annual Golf Day.
  - [Drop-it and hop-it for Norwood on Sunday 10 May](#) Norwood's six retail outlets are desperately short of stock, so the children and families charity is calling for the community to donate their unwanted or surplus clothes and goods to their shops on their drop-it and hop-it day on Sunday 10 May 2009.
  - [YN Property Reception raises £31,000](#) The YN Property Reception 'Buy or Hell?' raised £31,000 for Norwood this week and was attended by 230 young professionals in the industry. The entertaining evening, which was the YN Property Committee's third event, was generously sponsored by Derwent London.
  - [Norwood thanks Patrons with a private view at Halcyon Gallery](#) Norwood thanked Patrons and YN Patrons for their generous support at the annual Cocktail Party. Nearly 200 dedicated donors, who include some of the most influential members of the community, attended the party.
  - [Ladies Lunch for Norwood raises £13,000 with the Professeur de Parfums](#) 100 ladies discovered the power of perfume through Roja Dove, the world's sole 'Professeur de Parfums' at a Ladies Lunch which raised £13,000 for Norwood on Wednesday 25 March.
  - [Supper Quiz raises £6500 for Norwood](#) A Supper Quiz held at St Michaels Banqueting Hall in Golders Green on Sunday 18 January raised £6,500 for Norwood.

## 2009 Norwood News

- [Norwood and The London Jewish Family Centre become Barnet's 14th Sure Start Children's Centre](#) Today, Norwood's Kennedy Leigh Children & Family Centre and the London Jewish Family Centre became the 14th Sure Start Children's Centre and the first Jewish organisations in Barnet to receive this designation in the London Borough of Barnet. This recognises the expertise and services provided by the voluntary agencies, in helping children and young people lead healthy, safe and fulfilling lives.
- [Summer's here and Norwood is on the ball!](#) SNAP (Spurs and Norwood Altogether Project) – Norwood's fantastic new sports initiative – is set to brighten up everyone's summer with an exciting programme of multi-sports activities.
- [CHANUKAH with Norwood at head office in Stanmore and at Westfield London](#) Norwood's headquarters in Stanmore will provide the backdrop as Edgware Lubavitch and Stanmore United Synagogue and Harrow Council team up for the only civic Chanukah candle lighting ceremony in the north-west London borough this year. A six-foot menorah will be illuminated on Sunday, 13 December, outside the main offices of the Charity, which provides services that help to change the lives of thousands of people with learning disabilities and children and families in need each year.
- [Max snaps up national photographic prize after entry wows judges](#) A creative teenager with complex learning disabilities is snap happy after a stunning self-portrait earned him a runners-up spot in a national photographic competition. Max Goulde, 18, who has benefitted from Norwood's services throughout his life, has virtually no voluntary movement, is cortically blind and is unable to communicate verbally. But with the support of a teacher at Max's residential school in Nottingham, he was able to master specially-adapted digital camera equipment and took a ph
- [Norwood wins website 'MOT' in Cogapp competition](#) Norwood has won the equivalent of an MOT for its website after entering a third sector competition run by Cogapp, a firm which specialises in digital media and user experience. The Charity, which supports people with learning disabilities and children and families in need, will now receive free consultancy about how to improve the effectiveness of its online presence.
- [Happy Chanukah from all at Norwood](#) Norwood is celebrating Chanukah this week with a host of festive activities for its staff, supporters and the people who use its services. The Charity provides vital services to help change the lives of thousands of people with learning disabilities and children and families in need, in the Jewish community and in the wider community.
- [Showcase event celebrates the work of Norwood's Young People's Focus Group](#) Norwood's innovative Young People's Focus Group (YPPG) was showcased at a special event held at the National Children's Bureau in Islington, on Monday, 30 November. It was attended by Norwood staff, Trustees and five young people, as well as representatives from schools, local authorities and bodies including the Children's Society and 11 Million – an organisation led by the Children's Commissioner for England.
- [Meet the Super Squiggly Squid as Norwood takes you on a Supernatural Safari](#) Move over Wallace and Gromit! Norwood invites you to enter the weird and wonderful world of Supernatural Safari, courtesy of a short animation produced by a talented group of filmmakers with learning disabilities.
- [Norwood receives £120,000 to run Time 4 U holiday play-scheme project](#) Norwood is celebrating the receipt of a £120,000 grant to run a new project called Time 4 U, which offers children and young people with disabilities the opportunity to access holiday play schemes and home support during the half term holidays.
- [Norwood's Annual Review showcased in Oxford Guide to Plain English](#) Norwood has been recognised for its use of plain English by being featured in the latest edition of Oxford Guide to Plain English. The Charity supports people with learning disabilities and children and families in need, and its most recent Annual Review is showcased as a model for best practice for its use of Plain English throughout.
- [Norwood hosts Chinese Adoption Party for National Adoption Week](#) National Adoption Week is all about transforming a child's life and as well as being a charity supporting people with learning disabilities and children and family in need, Norwood is also the only registered Jewish inter-country and domestic adoption agency in the UK, transforming the lives of many children and families each year, from the Jewish and the wider community.
- [Norwood announces appointment of Carol Sopher as Honorary Life President](#) Norwood is delighted to announce the appointment of Carol Sopher as an Honorary Life President. The appointment has been made in recognition of her tireless commitment to Norwood, which supports people with learning disabilities and children and families in need to live the life they choose. Fellow recipients of the title include Clive Marks OBE, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild and Sir Trevor Chinn.
- [Meet Lara Goldbart, Norwood's new Member of Parliament](#) Lara Goldbart has vowed to speak up for people who use Norwood's services, after being chosen as the Charity's representative on the Barnet Learning Disability Parliament. She was officially sworn in alongside eight other MPs at a ceremony which was attended by over 150 people at Hendon Town Hall on Thursday, 10 September.
- [It's party time as Norwood's adoption team hosts a special event for children and parents](#) More than 50 children who have been adopted through Norwood were guests of honour at a special party thrown by the Charity's adoption team. The party, which is an annual event, was held on Sunday, 6 September, at Brookland Infant and Junior School, in Hampstead Garden Suburb and was, once again, kindly donated by one of Norwood's very generous donors..
- [Help Norwood provide a sweeter future for vulnerable children this year](#)

- [Norwood presents The Magical World of Unity at artsdepot](#) Thrilled audience members were taken on a tour through The Magical World of Unity as Norwood staged a unique performing arts project at artsdepot in North Finchley on Thursday, 27 August. The one-off show is a first for Unity, which is Norwood's recreational service for children and young people with disabilities.
- [Labour Friends of Israel get creative at Buckets & Spades Lodge](#) Last week, the Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) team got creative when they volunteered to give a makeover to the playhouse at Buckets & Spade Lodge, Norwood's respite care centre for young people with disabilities in Finchley. The LFI employees took time out from their work to promote bilateral relations between Britain and Israel to volunteer for Norwood for the day.
- [Norwood's stars of track and field shine at Young People's Focus Group sports day](#) Norwood's Leonard Sainer Children & Family Centre in Barkingside was a hive of activity this week as it played host to a sports day organised by its innovative Young People's Focus Group (YPPG).
- [Norwood is making the Skills Pledge](#) Norwood has been praised for signing up to a Government scheme which encourages organisations to invest in their employees' futures. By making the Skills Pledge, Norwood has publically demonstrated its commitment to its staff and their training needs.
- [Ravenswood team win more than 30 medals at the Special Olympics](#) Sporty residents from Norwood's residential community at Ravenswood in Berkshire are celebrating after winning an incredible 31 medals at the Special Olympics. A team of 32 athletes made the journey from Crowthorne to Leicester last week for the Special Olympics GB National Summer Games.
- [David Cameron opens new autism Centre for Norwood](#) Today, The Right Honorable David Cameron MP marked national Learning Disability Week by officially opening The Tager Centre, a new residential centre for 16 adults with autism. The Centre is part of Ravenswood, a residential community in Berkshire, which is run by Norwood, a leading UK charity providing support to children, families and adults with social disadvantage or learning disabilities from the Jewish community and beyond.
- [Family Fun Day benefits Norwood's Sussex Tikvah and the Torah Academy Nursery](#) A "Summer Sensation" fundraiser held in the beautiful gardens of the Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation Synagogue on Sunday 28 June raised over £700 for Sussex Tikvah and the Torah Academy Nursery.
- [Nursery children give gifts to Norwood](#) Needy families are set to benefit after generous nursery pupils presented Norwood's Kennedy Leigh Children & Family Centre with dozens of toys, books and games. A group of children from Kerem House Nursery and School helped deliver more than 70 presents to the Centre in Hendon on Thursday afternoon.
- [Wendy Geering and Volunteers Week celebrate 25 years](#) Volunteers' Week, a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place from 1 – 7 June of each year. Norwood celebrated Volunteer Week by holding Volunteer Appreciation days to thank our volunteers for their work.
- [Jamie O'Hara kick starts SNAP - Spurs Norwood Altogether Project](#) Tottenham Hotspur's midfielder Jamie O'Hara joined an enthusiastic group of 30 children and adults who use Norwood's services at Tottenham Hotspur Training Ground on 20 May. They were there to launch Norwood's exciting new sporting initiative SNAP - Spurs & Norwood Altogether Project. Norwood is a leading UK charity supporting children and families in need and people with learning disabilities, to improve the quality of their lives and achieve their goals.
- [Groundbreaking for new inclusive JCoSS and the Pears Special Resource Provision](#) Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, Rt Hon Ed Balls MP - together with Barnet Council Leader, Cllr Mike Freer, JCoSS President, Gerald Ronson and Norwood Chief Executive, Norma Brier and new Headteacher, Jeremy Stowe-Lindner, buried a time capsule in the foundations of JCoSS, the new Jewish Community Secondary School, in front of an audience of local and Jewish community leaders recently.
- [Cherie Blair cuts it for Norwood](#) Cherie Blair, Norwood's Patron of Children Services officially opened Norwood's first pre-school nursery based at The Kennedy Leigh Children & Family Centre and Pears Wing for Children in Hendon, North West London on Monday 27 April 2009. The nursery, which is inclusive for children with and without learning disabilities, opened in September 2008. 14 children currently attend the nursery which by 2010 will reach capacity at 30 children by gradually increasing the numbers of children so that they
- [Little orphan Annie sings for Norwood](#) A group of forty-five children and adults who use Norwood's services enjoyed a magnificent production of Annie at the Shaw Theatre off London's West End on 1 April 2009. The tickets were generously donated by Joel Kern of Make Believe Productions, who produced the show.
- [Norwood launches Pesach Appeal to make other people's lives sweeter](#) Norwood has launched its innovative direct mail Pesach appeal with a target of raising £90,000 from the Community.
- [Sussex Tikvah merges with Norwood](#) Brighton care home, Sussex Tikvah has merged with Norwood, after an Extraordinary General Meeting held on Sunday 22 March. Norwood is the UK's leading Jewish charity supporting children, families and adults, coping with learning disabilities and social disadvantage. Every year we provide thousands of people with vital, specialised support to meet their individual needs.
- [Norwood offers transition advice for teens](#) It's difficult enough to be a teenager but young people with learning disabilities who are making the transition to adulthood have an even tougher time. That's why Norwood has created a new drop-in service at Norwood's Kennedy Leigh Children & Family Centre and Pears Wing in Hendon every Wednesday between 10am – 1pm.
- [Norwood leads the field in safeguarding children in the Jewish Community](#) Norwood was recently chosen to host a high level delegation of representatives from the Ministry of Welfare in Israel who spent four days in London learning more about procedures and practice in the UK around safeguarding children at risk of abuse.
- [New Treasurer for Norwood](#) At Norwood's Annual General Meeting in December 2008, Andrew Viner was appointed as the new Treasurer.

## 2008 Challenges News

- [Norwood launches its 2009 Sporting Challenges programme](#) An international bike ride to Rajasthan in India is just one of the jewels in Norwood's 2009 programme of sponsored sporting challenges.
- [New York marathon runners raise funds for Norwood](#) Three participants in the New York marathon raised £15,000 for Norwood
- [South Africa Bike Ride raises over £500k for Norwood](#) The South Africa Bike Ride, which was split into two groups (week one held from October 25 – November 3 and week two from November 1 – 10), raised more than £500,000 for Norwood.
- [Italian job raises funds for Norwood](#) The Amalfi coastal trek, which took place from 14-19 September 2008, raised £45,000 for Norwood.
- [Israel Bike Riders raise funds for Norwood](#) The Israel Bike Ride, which took place from 13-21 September 2008, raised £30,000 for Norwood.
- [Capital to Coast 2008](#) The Capital to Coast organising committee, along with the four benefiting charities, are delighted with the success of this year's Capital to Coast charity bike ride (Sunday 13 July 2008).
- [Junior Bike Ride 2008](#) A total of 220 cyclists raised more than £20,000 for Norwood at its annual Junior Bike Ride held on Sunday 22 June 2008 at the Look Out Discovery Centre in Berkshire.
- [Golf Aid 2008](#) Sixteen golfers raised more than £30,000 for Norwood by taking part in the annual Golf Aid Challenge.
- [Swimathon in aid of Norwood](#) Thirteen-year-old Michael Tucker organised a charity swimathon for the second year in succession. Michael conceived and organised the entire event himself, and was joined in the pool by over 40 of his friends. He hopes that sponsorship will total in excess of £5,000.
- [Community Fun Run 2008](#) 29 runners braved the bleak cold and rainy weather to raise funds for Norwood at the Maccabi Israel's 60th anniversary Community Fun Run on Sunday May 25 2008.
- [Waterside Walk 2008](#)
- [London Marathon 2008](#)
- [Flora Frank runs again!](#)

## 2008 Fundraising News

- [YN Lawyers Reception 2008](#) Top QC David Pannick was the special guest speaker at Norwood's annual YN Lawyers Reception. The evening was attended by nearly 250 young legal professionals and raised £26,000.
- [The Apprentice 2008](#) Lee McQueen, 'The Apprentice' Series Four winner, plus five fellow contestants ensured a sell-out fundraising evening in aid of Norwood. The event, attended by over 330 guests, was hosted by Emma Howard and featured the show's executive producer Michele Kurland, raising over £26,000.
- [Norwood Golf Day 2008](#) Around 100 golfers clubbed together for the annual Bank of Ireland Norwood Golf Day at the Dyrham Park Golf and Country Club in Barnet, raising £133,000.

- [Norwood Property Lunch 2008](#)
- [Just A Minute - The Political Edition](#)
- [The Big Voice 2008 Grand Final](#)
- [Business Breakfast 2008](#)
- [Enterprise Supper Quiz 2008](#)
- [Latin Fever 2008](#) The Tabby Cat Lounge hosted the YN N-Joy committee's Latin Fever party on Thursday 27 March. Attended by over a hundred revellers and raising £1,600, the latin music-themed event combined dance classes with a club night, ensuring a fantastic carnival atmosphere.
- [Disney Cartoon "Bolt" raises money for Norwood](#) A preview screening of the Disney cartoon "Bolt" at the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley on December 14 raised over £2,500 for Norwood, the UK's leading charity supporting children, families and adults, coping with disabilities and social disadvantage, in the Jewish community and beyond.
- [Children's Chanukah lit up by Norwood's Toy Sweep](#) There was an atmosphere of feverish excitement at Toys R Us in Brent Cross on Sunday 7 December, when 40 children from across Norwood's services took part in the Charity's annual Toy Sweep.
- [Distressed Investing Dinner puts Norwood on the Map](#) 200 guests from the distressed assets industry filled the ballroom at Claridge's when they attended the third Distressed Investors Dinner on Monday 6 October. Guests heard speaker Alex Brummer, author of a definitive book on the credit crunch and veteran economic commentator with over 30 years journalistic experience, which has earned him a host of business and financial journalist awards.
- [Final Backgammon qualifier raises funds for Norwood](#) Norwood held the fourth and final qualifying tournament of the current Backgammon Series, sponsored by the Pears Foundation, on Monday November 24 at exclusive London restaurant Sketch.
- [Cocktails in the City raises funds for Norwood](#) An end-of-summer party entitled Cocktails in the City raised £14,000 for Norwood.
- [Backgammon Raises Funds for Norwood](#) Norwood staged the third qualifying tournament of the current Backgammon Series, sponsored by the Pears Foundation, on Monday September 22 at exclusive London restaurant Sketch.
- [YN Property Reception 2008](#)

#### 2008 Norwood News

- [Her Majesty, The Queen opens new Centre for Norwood](#) Her Majesty The Queen, Norwood's Patron, opened Norwood's Pamela Barnett Centre, a new home for 16 adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities at Ravenswood in Berkshire.
- [Award winning Plain English Annual Review gets thumbs up](#) In a new innovation Norwood has for the first time published its Annual Review in Plain English only. This award winning format makes sure that what Norwood does is more accessible to everyone, including people who use Norwood's services.
- [Norwood's many mitzvahs for Mitzvah Day](#) Norwood got involved with Mitzvah Day this year and worked with volunteers to participate in a variety of projects.
- [Norwood's Annual Dinner announces Royal Patron visit by the Queen](#) Norwood raised around £3 million at its Annual Dinner on Monday 17 November. 1200 guests demonstrated their support for the charity, at their largest ever dinner.
- [More Norwood Staff Receive Professional Qualifications](#) A total of 28 members of Norwood's staff graduated with Learning Disability Qualifications at a ceremony held at Winchester Cathedral on October 23.
- [Norwood Elects New Chairman](#) Bernie Myers has been elected as the new Chairman of Norwood, the UK's leading charity providing services for Jewish children, families and adults with learning disabilities or coping with social disadvantage.
- [Norwood creates new Head of Adult Learning Disability Services role](#)
- [Rosh Hashanah Appeal 2008](#) Norwood this week launched its 2008 Rosh Hashanah appeal, with a target of raising £125,000 from the community.
- [Ivan Lewis MP visits Norwood](#) On Tuesday 12 August, Norwood welcomed Minister for Care Services Ivan Lewis MP along with local Hendon MP Andrew Dismore, who visited services provided by the organisation to support adults with learning disabilities.
- [YPPG Summer Fun Day](#) A Fun Day organised by the Young People's Focus Group (YPPG) at Norwood was a huge success with over 40 children and their carers enjoying the day out on 19 August.
- [The Hope Charity Merger](#)
- [Buckets & Spades Minibus](#)
- [NVQ Awards Ceremony - May 08](#)
- [Norwood launches new-look 2006-07 Annual Review](#) Norwood published its Annual Review for 2006/07 this week (6 Feb 08), with figures showing that it spent more than £32m on providing vital services to the community.
- [Jack Petchey awards](#)
- [Wellbeing Official Opening](#)
- [Norwood Nursery opening in Hendon](#) The Norwood Nursery provides an inclusive service for children, both with and without learning disabilities, aged between two and five-years-old. The children play and learn together in a bright, warm and friendly environment, benefiting from the excellent facilities which include specialist equipment within an adventure playground, a sensory room, a sensory garden and a soft play room. Within this setting children are able to learn to socialise and interact, as well as have an opportunity to ex
- [Patrons Cocktail Party 2008](#)

#### 2007 Norwood News

- [JFS and Annie Lawson School break down barriers Hand in Hand](#)
- [Norwood supports young people with disabilities to plan for the future](#)
- [National Athletics Competition](#)
- [Fun for all at the Young People's Focus Group activities day](#)
- [Service users present Norwood care staff with care awards](#)
- [Binoh & Learning Trust celebrate partnership](#)
- ['Norwood now' new magazine launch](#) 7 September 2007
- [Israeli Ambassador's wife visits services](#)
- [Healthy Lifestyle Project Donation](#)
- [Norwood finalist for industry awards](#)
- [Butterflies support group opens in May](#)
- [Norwood hosts interfaith forum](#)
- [Celebrations at the Karten CTEC Centre](#)
- [Cherie Blair becomes Patron of Norwood's Children's Services](#)
- [Hebrew Order of David and Norwood Shabbaton success](#)
- [Norwood & Maccabi's Healthy Lifestyle Project](#)
- [Binoh runs specialist training courses](#)
- [Patrons' Cocktail Party 2007](#)
- [Belarussian policy based on charity model](#)
- [Groundbreaking for new Tager Centre for people with autism](#)
- [Norwood's Annual Dinner 2007](#)

#### 2007 Fundraising News

- [Hedge Fund Breakfast 2007](#)
- [Ladies Lunch 2007](#)
- [Distressed Investing Dinner 2007](#)
- [YN N-Joy Queez with a twist](#)
- [Charity golfers get in the swing for Norwood](#)
- [Top Kosher chefs do battle for Norwood](#)
- [The Apprentice - More tales from the boardroom](#)
- [Experts lend parents advice to ease trying times](#)
- [Lord Woolf lays down the law for Norwood](#)
- [Property Lunch raises a record amount](#)
- [Strut: Leeds student fashion show](#)
- [Prima Ballerina's gift to Norwood](#)
- [Waitrose Charity Week benefits Norwood](#)
- [Business Breakfast 2007 raises record amount](#)
- [Entrepreneurs share a lifetime in property](#)
- [Norwood backgammon night is a thriller](#)
- [Toy Sweep 2007](#)
- [Lotto man asks questions at Norwood's Supper Quiz](#)

#### 2007 Challenges News

- [Vietnam/Cambodia Bike Ride 2007](#)
- [Norwood Bike Riders take on the Holy Land](#) 26 October 2007
- [Norwood's Head of Volunteering tackles twin peaks](#) 16 July 2007
- [Charity cyclists blaze a trail from Capital to Coast](#) Nearly 1,500 fundraisers got on their bikes for Capital to Coast 2007 – the London To Hove Charity Bike Ride on Sunday 15 July 2007.
- [Kids are doing it for the kids](#)
- [Mudfest at Norwood's Junior Bike Ride 2007](#)
- [Marathon golfers show plenty of drive for Norwood](#)
- [Waterside walkers brave the rain for charity](#)
- [Marathon runners give their all for Norwood](#)
- [Top Capital To Coast fundraiser claims reward](#)
- [Flora gets serious in Tiberias](#)
- [Norwood launches new Challenges Calendar 2007](#)

#### 2006 Norwood News

- [Helping Hand Award Winners 2006](#)
- [Karten Centre receives accreditation](#)
- [Norwood & JFS - Hand In Hand](#)
- [Norwood designated a Children's Centre Satellite Site](#)
- [Novi Dom Opening](#) The official opening of Novi Dom was held on Monday 19 June in Minsk with representatives from Norwood, World Jewish Relief (WJR), Jewish Child's Day, Voluntas, Chabad Children of Chernobyl and the Belarussian Ministry for Education.
- [Ravenswood Fun Day](#)
- [Sensory garden tribute to Lea](#)
- [YPFG holds first event](#)
- [YPFG wins Big Lottery Funding](#)
- [2004/05 Annual Review](#)
- [Norwood Care Staff Awards](#)
- [Norwood celebrates £2.4 million record-breaking success at Annual Dinner](#)
- [Norwood Passover Appeal](#)
- [Norwood wins Award for 2005 Annual Report - Easy English Version](#)
- [Novi Dom - Photos](#)
- [Partnership for Inclusion in the Community \(PIC\)](#)
- [Richard Desmond appointed new President of Norwood](#)

#### 2006 Fundraising News

- [Chanukah Trolley Dash](#)
- [Jon Moulton discusses Distressed Debt Market](#)
- [Service users fundraising award](#)
- [Joseph Malovany & Shabbaton Choir](#)
- [Joseph Malovany sings at Ravenswood](#)
- [Star of Sixty Six Scores For Norwood](#)
- [Yamit Mamo is crowned The BIG Voice 2006](#)
- [Norwood's Annual Dinner fundraising success](#)
- [The Baby Mind Reader](#)
- [Norwood Ladies decide that plastic is not fantastic](#)
- [The BIG Voice 2006 Grand Final](#)
- [YN Comedy Night - A Side-Splitting Success](#)
- [The BIG Voice Grand Final 2006 Finalist Biographies](#) The BIG Voice Grand Final 2006 Finalist Biographies
- [Art Exhibition Is Norwood's Masterpiece](#)
- [You're Fired! Apprentice Contestants Reveal All For Norwood](#)
- [Clubbing together for Norwood](#)
- [Richard Rampton QC speaks at YN Law Breakfast](#)
- [Norwood Backgammon - Grand Final](#)
- [Jon Snow talks at The Norwood Business Breakfast](#)
- [Norwood Property Lunch: Building Better Lives](#)

#### 2006 Challenges News

- [Snow The Man For Capital To Coast 2006](#)
- [Norwood charity walkers take on South Africa](#)
- [Record numbers enjoy Capital To Coast 2006](#)
- [Golfers Have A Ball at Norwood Fundraiser](#)
- [Pedal Power Rules At Norwood's Junior Bike Ride](#)
- [Norwood Bike Riders Conquer The Holy Land](#)
- [Charity Walkers Go The Extra Mile \(Or Twenty\)!](#)
- [Triathlete Gives His All For Norwood](#)
- [Special Bike Ride](#)
- [Norwood's new Challenge for 2006](#)

#### 2005 Norwood News

- [Care Staff Awarded Qualifications](#)
- [Norwood celebrates 60 years of the NCVCCO](#)
- [Norwood demonstrates funding need to Charitable Trusts](#)
- [Norwood launches its 2005 Patronage Campaign](#)
- [Norwood pays tribute to local volunteers](#)
- [Record Audience Support Norwood Every Step of the Way at Annual Dinner](#)
- [Senior Management Team at Norwood to be re-structured](#)
- [Toys 'R' Us hosts Chanukah Toy Sweep](#)

#### 2005 Fundraising News

- [Nicole Farhi exhibits at Norwood Art Sale](#)
- [Norwood adopts a green approach to fundraising with new recycling appeal](#)
- [Sainsbury's Chief Executive Addresses Norwood's Business Breakfast](#)
- [Thousands hit the road for 10th Capital To Coast Charity Bike Ride](#)

#### 2004 Norwood News

- [Esther Rantzen opens Norwood's Pears Wing for Children](#)
- [Norwood Challenges launches new look Capital to Coast Bike Ride](#)
- [Norwood re-structures its Board of Trustees](#)
- [Norwood's Annual Review points to improved financial position in 2003/4](#)
- [NVQ awards for Norwood care staff working at Ravenswood Village](#)
- [Share slump rings alarm bells at Norwood](#)

#### 2004 Fundraising News

- [Challenges - Marathon](#)
- [Conran & Carling 'in conversation' at Norwood Business Breakfast](#)
- [Norwood launches 2004 Challenges Diary of sponsored sporting events](#)
- [Norwood's Patrons Cocktail Party at The Serpentine Gallery](#)
- [Taxi Drivers' Fund Party Hailed a success by Children from Norwood](#)

#### 2003 Norwood News

- [Annual Review shows Local Authorities fail to pay true cost of care](#)
- [Hendon MP tours KLC](#)
- [Hendon MP tours Norwood's Kennedy Leigh Centre](#)
- [Minister for Children addresses Norwood Annual Dinner guests](#)
- [Norwood launches hard-hitting Legacy Campaign](#)
- [Norwood visits Auschwitz & Birkenau](#)
- [Ravenswood Village 50 - Appeal](#)
- [Ravenswood Village opens all-weather riding arena](#)

#### 2003 Fundraising News

- [500 cyclists took to London's real 'Monopoly' board for charity!](#)
- [Challenges - Monopoly Bike Ride](#)
- [Challenges - Trace Your Roots](#)
- [Clubbing together for Norwood](#)
- [Cycle Londons real Monopoly board for charity](#)
- [Essex Ladies lunch in aid of Norwood & Breast Cancer Care](#)
- [Shadow Chancellor addresses property industry leaders](#)
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