

# NORTON NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019 ISSUE 426

The Norton Newsletter Committee wish all our readers a very Happy Easter.

**NORTON SHOP:** <http://www.nortonshop.co.uk>

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** <http://www.nortonchurch.org.uk>

**FESTIVAL WEBSITE:** <http://www.nortonfestival.org>

**ADVERTS – One 'one off' advert this month – 'Weddings Ahead' – see end of newsletter and two new ads for counselling and language tuition– see bottom of ads page.**

**CHURCH FLAG** The George Cross flag will fly from the church tower from **20th April until 27th** for Easter Week and this will include St George's day on **23rd April**.

## NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** will meet on **Wednesday 3rd April** and start again after Easter on **Wednesday 24th April**. We meet every other Wednesday at around **2.30pm** in the **Reading Room Cafe in Norton**. Please come and join us if you have a craft project you're working on, or would like some help/advice with one. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Cafe while we work (and natter!). Future dates are **8th and 22nd May, 5th and 19th June, 3rd and 17th July** after which we'll take a break over the summer and be back in September. Looking forward to seeing you. Tricia Walton 882646

**SCHOOL NEWS** We'd like to start with some fantastic news from our Treasurer. Since September 2018 we have raised a staggering £2936.95. Thank you to everyone involved – all our hard work goes straight back to our children, every last penny. Coming up this term we have our hugely popular Easter Egg Hunt on the **4th April** where there will be stalls, competitions, refreshments and, of course, the children's egg hunt. We also have another pancake breakfast in the pipeline since having so much fun at the previous events. Thank you for your continued support from all at the FONS.

**VILLAGE WALKS.** We would like to resume the village walks again and the first one will be on **Wednesday 10th April** starting at **2.30pm from the Reading Room**. There will be a chance to discuss the frequency and timing of the walks. Three of us have done some leader training with SSDC and they are keen to support us. Janet Hutton, Liz Fish and Peter Callaghan. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** The annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Thursday 11th April at 7:30pm** in the **Reading Room**. At this meeting reports are received providing information about the life of the Church over the last year. It is also the meeting where Churchwardens, Members of the PCC and Sidespersons are elected. Everyone who is a member of the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to attend. Martyn Hamlin Secretary to the Parochial Church Council.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Saturday April 13th.** we are holding our Spring Jumble Sale. Look out for our amazing posters. Thanks to Sarah ( Cartoon ) Bailey. Doors open **11am Saturday**. Admission adults 50p - all usual stalls, inc. new /nearly new - Clothes, bags, shoes, books, CD's, DvD's & Viny, toys, bric a brac, and much much more. Also Raffle and Teas/ Coffees and Cake. Yummy. Everyone welcome. If you haven't been before, call in - you could be pleasantly surprised. All proceeds to Hall Funds. We will be at the hall from **4 - 8pm** on Friday evening to collect your donations. Thank you. No electrical items- we cannot sell these. If anyone would like to help on the day, or on the Friday, or make a cake - anything in fact - just contact me. Jennie Harris. - 01935 881718 for more info.

**LADIES GROUP** Our AGM was well attended and we looked back over the past year to review the presentations and outings that had taken place illustrated with photos. A quiz was held with a 'no expense spared' prize for the winning team! Then we looked forward to this year's programme and planned outings before ending with a raffle. Wine and nibbles were served throughout and the evening was very enjoyable. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th April** when we welcome back one of our favourite speakers, Dr. Francis Burroughes. He will give a talk entitled ' Seated One Day at the Organ'. Francis has played the organ for 50 years at various venues, ranging from those that can seat up to 2000 to tiny churches seating 30. His stories are always enjoyable and amusing, I am sure this one will live up to expectations. We welcome new members and visitors at any time. Please come along to the Reading Room on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - you will be sure of a warm welcome.

**HAVE A BREAK** Norton Church invites parishioners and friends to a fundraising Coffee Morning and social gathering on **Wednesday 24th April** from **10.45am** at **The Manor House, Great Street**. There will be a Bring & Buy featuring Items around the Garden'.

**SPRING PLANT SALE SATURDAY 4th MAY 2pm – 5pm** Norton Village Hall New Road, Norton TA14 6SF **THE NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW PLANT SALE** is so much more than a just plant sale! Live music vegetable, herb and flower plants for sale. Stalls selling local crafts and produce. Afternoon tea with homemade cakes. Children's activities. Plants please! As you tidy up your garden this spring, dividing your plants and sowing new seeds, please consider donating any unwanted plants or seedlings to the sale. All donations gratefully received! If you would like to help us on the day, or are interested in bringing on some plants for us please contact Sarah Murray on 01935 881883 If you would like to book a stall please contact Sara Vann sara.chester26@gmail.com

**SUNDAY 5th MAY 2019 - 7.00pm:** Excalibow by comedy quartet, Bowjangles. Legends tell of one 'bow' made more powerful than all others. Many battles were fought in the quest for this bow, for the person to weald it would truly be Lord of the Strings. This bow was known as..... Excalibow! Join Bowjangles as they tell this story of ancient gods, whilst leaping, tumbling, juggling, joking as well as playing their instruments. **Tickets available from April 2019.** This is the new date from the snow postponed 2nd Feb 2019. All tickets will be honoured and many thanks to those who kept faith with us and held on to them. **Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall**, New Road, TA14 6SF **TICKETS:** £6 child Under 16 yrs / £10 adult, buy 4 tickets or more and get a 10% discount available from: Norton Sub Hamdon Village Shop or from John Bailey 01935 881227 or from [www.takeart.org](http://www.takeart.org)

**COFFEE MORNING FOR CHRISTIAN AID The White House**, Higher Street, Norton (home of Bill and Cilla Caswell) Look for the red and white bunting! **Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon.** Coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits. All welcome.

**SUE WEBB CONCERT.** A note for your diaries, a Celebration Concert for the life of Sue Webb is going to be held at **7.00pm on Saturday 1st June** in the **Village Hall, Norton sub Hamdon**. Many hope the evening is going to be an occasion to remember, where many of Sue's friends and family can celebrate the life of a lovely person, someone who is missed by so many. Please make a note of the date- further details of the concert will be published over the coming weeks. Jenny Hillman & Peter Callaghan.

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW WINNERS** - Following a tumultuous few months, the Chairman of the Friends of Norton Church is delighted to announce the following winners in the FNC Wine Club Subscription Draws for December, January and February.

**December 2018** John Forrest (2), John Ashton (2), Jennie Harris, Jenny Byham, John Hull, Penny Cudmore, Jeremy & Rachel Reid

**January 2019** John Ashton (2), John Hull, Penny Cudmore, Malcolm Reid, Jeremy & Rachel Reid (2), Nicky Brodie, Jenny Byham

**February 2019** Barry Eastley, John Ashton, John Hull, Charles & Sophie Campbell, Chris & Sue Westwood, John Forrest, Roger Webb, David Parkinson, Peter Willsher

**March 2019 Pub Draw:** Dave Rogers Roger Webb Peter Willsher. **Main Draw:** Richard Raven, Janet Hutton, John Hull, Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Alec Seccombe, Jenny Byham, Mary Batstone, R & D Waters, Rob Vaux. To join the Wine Club, please contact Jonathan Binns on 881063

**THE READING ROOM AGM** was held on 12th February. Peter Callaghan (Chairman) and Sophie Snow (Treasurer) both read their reports for the year, which were adopted by the Committee and the accounts have been lodged with the Charity Commissioners. It has been a successful year, with the new flooring to the entrance areas and kitchen, and decoration in the main room improving the look and feel of the building. The addition of wifi has become an added attraction. There has been very good feedback coming from Cafe users and we would like to thank Jo Parker for the wonderful effort she has made in transforming the room into such a welcoming venue. Varied groups within the Village are regular users for meetings etc. However, we felt that the Room has more to offer people within the Village. If anyone wishes to make use of the facilities on offer please feel free to contact Sophie Snow (Bookings Secretary and Treasurer) at [sophiefsnow@aol.com](mailto:sophiefsnow@aol.com) or 881099, Peter Callaghan (Chairman) on 881850, or Tricia Walton (Secretary) on 882646. We would be happy to discuss your requirements and show you around. Tricia Walton (Secretary)

**NORTON VILLAGE HALL.** We held our AGM in February. It was nice to see a few ,members of the public, and we thank them for coming. The new committee is as follows. Chair: Julian Cole, Vice Chair: Trevor Harris, Treasurer: Lindsay Elliott, Secretary: Jennie Harris, Booking Secretary: Sara Vann, Minutes Secretary: Sophie Holm. Our committee members are Lady Jane Ashdown, Sam Lewis, and we welcome back Jackie Parsons, and our new member Justin Moore. Looking forward to us all working together for the benefit of the hall and village. Did you know we have our own web page? Log in and have a look. See what you think. Jennie Harris for Norton Village Hall.

**ANY 'NORTONIANS' OUT THERE?** I have had a request for some back numbers of the Local History publications of the Nortonian – specifically numbers 6,7 and 8. Please contact me on 01935 881566 if you have any copies you would like to sell. Janet Hutton

**THANK YOU** Many thanks to everyone for your kind concerns, good wishes and great help, all much appreciated, after I broke my wrist. Rowena.

## **APRIL NORTON CHURCH SERVICES**

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| Sunday   | 7  | 6.30pm | Praise Service                          |
| Sunday   | 14 | 9.30am | Communion <b>Palm Sunday</b>            |
| Thursday | 18 | 7.00pm | Compline <b>Maundy Thursday</b>         |
| Friday   | 19 | 3.00pm | The Way of the Cross <b>Good Friday</b> |
| Sunday   | 21 | 9.30am | Communion <b>Easter Day</b>             |
| Sunday   | 28 | 8.00am | Communion                               |

**For details of all other Benefice Services – Chiselborough, Middle Chinnock, Montacute, Odcombe, Stoke sub Hamdon, West Chinnock – visit [www.hamhillchurches.org](http://www.hamhillchurches.org)**

**AN EGGSTRAORDINARY EVENT.** Chocolate eggs and fluffy chicks become fashionable at this time of year and are reminders of an important event. As we munch through the hollow egg its emptiness is reminiscent of Jesus' empty tomb discovered by disciples on the first Easter morning. All was glum that day and total despondency set in. But the chocolate of the egg and the appearance of the Easter chicks tell of the sweetness and joy there is at the discovery of the risen Christ. "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" we proclaim. Remember, then, the risen Jesus. Let Him into your life and feel His presence to have a very happy and joyful Easter. Richard Terrell

**WELCOME!** Norton Church is creating a carpeted area for young families. Soft toys, games and books will be available for use throughout the week and during Services in an attempt to ensure that supervised young people are welcome in the Church.

**POLITE REQUEST.** For the person that allows their large dog to poo outside my front garden wall, please come and collect what he leaves. This has been happening a lot recently and all it takes is a bit of consideration. Thank you. Lynn Orchard.

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR MARCH 2019**

### **Planning:**

The Parish Council had one planning application to make their observations on:

19/00428/HOU 7, Little St. The erection of garden building for garden gym, games/store/office.

The Parish Council of Norton sub Hamdon objected to this planning application.

The reasons were:**Size** – The size of this garden building is too big in proportion to the size of house. It appears to be a dwelling oversized for requirements. **Design/appearance/materials** – The design and materials are not in keeping with the area. It does not fit the village architecture at all. **Height** – The height is detrimental to the nearby footpath and local landscape. It will be clearly visible from the footpath. There is not enough screening from trees.

The Parish Council have received notification on the following applications:

18/03771/FUL – Marshwood Homes Ltd, Land part of former garden centre site, New Road. The erection of 5 dwellings. Approved

19/00023/HOU Homestead, Higher St. - Alterations and construction of new apex roof over existing two storey side extension, rebuild and enlarge existing single storey utility boot room. Remove existing detached garage building and construct replacement workshop/garage building. Approved

**Elections:** The term for the current Parish Council expires in May 2019, when a new Council has to be elected. Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of every month (apart from August when there is no meeting). If you would like to find out more about being a Councillor then please speak to Stuart Maunder (Chairman) or Louise Brooks (Clerk). The Clerk has the application forms so please email on [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com).

**Annual Village Litter Pick:** A massive THANK YOU to everyone who turned up to help on Saturday 16th March. It was lovely to see you all especially as the weather wasn't brilliant. A special 'thank you' must go to Tilly Orchard whose efforts and enthusiasm were infectious! It was lovely to see a young resident of the village taking part.

**The New Wildwood Play Zone at Ham Hill....** Is now OPEN and well worth a visit. A fabulous outdoor play area has been built at Ham Hill (down the steps at the back of the Prince of Wales) and has proved a real hit with the children.

**Parish Council Website:** The Parish Council are currently in the process of having a website built. This will hold all the information about the Parish Council, Agendas, Minutes, Finance reports plus contact information for everything you should need. If anyone has any village photos that you would like to be considered for inclusion on the website, then please email them to [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com).

**New Notice Board:** The existing Parish Council notice board has now completely rotted after 20 plus years of service. A new board has been ordered and will be installed in the same place in about 4-6 weeks.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Committee Room in the **Village Hall**. Members of the general public are more than welcome to attend. Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) – [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

## **OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS**

**BOOK CLUB** will meet again on **Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>** in **Chiselborough Hall from 2.30pm**. The Library Van arrives at **2.35pm**. Tea and cake will be served with some bookish chat - all welcome. Ring Janet Hutton on 881566 for details.

**HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE** A reminder from Refugee Support Group, South Somerset (RSG), that summer clothing is now being requested by Raft for men(not large sizes please), women and children; suitable footwear; and bedding and sleeping bags. Portable sewing machines which can be altered or mended if necessary are still requested as are baby buggies and carry-cots in reasonable condition.

RSG continues to fundraise for specialist charities working in the Middle East and Europe with people still fleeing destruction and death. Although the war in Syria appears to be approaching an end there is little opportunity for any citizens to return to this broken country, much of it derelict without a functioning infrastructure, for many more years. After the concert by The Serenade Choir on **April 5<sup>th</sup>** in the **Minster, Ilminster** (tickets £10) another event takes place in May. Please put this in your diary:- Music in the Meadow on **Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>** from **2pm, Hinton St George**. By request this will be the third afternoon in the Secret Garden at the end of West Street, starring Ricky Romaine on sitar with accompanists, plus the folk group Teasing the Cat, playing and singing traditional instruments and songs. There will be a marquee for shelter and a number of interesting stalls. Tickets £8; a donation requested for children. Please bring a chair each and your own drinks for another successful event. Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB**. The next talk will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** and will be entitled 'The Silk Road' to be given by Ian Williamson. More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

**YEOVIL CONCERT BAND - MARTOCK CHURCH - 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019** The Band has 16 brass and 19 woodwind instrumentalists plus a percussionist and plays a wide range of music, including songs from stage shows and films, marches, folk music, classical suites, tributes to classical and popular composers. Time: 19:30 hrs Admission: £9 or £ 8 at 01935 829576 <http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events> <http://www.yevilconcertband.com/>

**NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT** This month sees a focus on improving mental wellbeing, helping to keep your mind and body healthy and well. "Wellbeing is about feeling good and functioning well" (Wellbeing: Why It Matters to Health Policy, Jan 2014 The Dept of Health). Feeling happy inside is a positive state of mind to have and allows us to enjoy life. Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Give to Others and Be Mindful are the five recognised ways to wellbeing recommended by the NHS -[www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing).

**Be Mindful:** Mindfulness is a popular phrase at the moment and it is considered to be taking the time to enjoy the now. Instead of thinking about what happened in the past or worrying about the future or multi- tasking - take the time to stop and think about the simple pleasures of life. Listening to the rain on the window and tracking the path of a rain drop, feeling the warmth of a cup of tea as it passes into your system, listening to the birds singing, spending time tasting your food instead of watching the tv or completing your work as you eat. Placing your feet on the floor, sitting still and noticing things around you will help "ground" yourself when you are feeling anxious or in panic. There are many meditation and mindfulness sessions for free on the internet but if you are not online, choose some relaxing music and practice some square breathing. Breathe in for a count of 5 seconds, encouraging your lungs and belly to expand. Focus on feeling the air enter your body. Hold for 5 seconds and then exhale from the mouth for a count of 5, visualising pushing all the air from your body. Wait for 5 seconds and repeat for about 10 breaths. You can use the time to picture yourself somewhere relaxing and pleasurable, like the beach, by a lake or in a forest.

**Connect and Keep Learning:** by joining a parish group such as a local history group in the evening, join the weekly coffee morning or men's shed, attend the Talking Café or your local carers group. **Be Active:** by trying some Age UK Tai Chi and gentle Yoga or dance for about £4 a session. Ask me for further information.

Spring is an ideal time to access the green space around us, and being out in nature has a powerful positive effect on our wellbeing. Make use of walking, gardening, try a park run, allotments or volunteer with your parish to keep community areas tidy. Doctor's surgeries and Dementia Action Alliance groups run health walks with a range of abilities. **You can Give to Others:** in easy and cost free ways – be there for someone who needs a friendly ear, walk a friends dog if they are unable to, or donate your time to a local charity – helping others can help you!

Look in your local publications for local wellbeing co-ordinators for shared meditation, mindfulness and other wellbeing support or try the Somerset Wellbeing Directory. <https://wellbeingsouthsomerset.org> Cath Holloway 07968521746

**ONE OFF ADS: WEDDINGS AHEAD.** Why spend a fortune on a hat that will never be worn again after the event? You can hire from The Village Salon: A fascinator for £8 or a hat for £10. Also a few Pashminas & Handbags. Many colours. All money raised will be donated to charity. Tel: (01935)881344

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** should be in the box on the POST OFFICE counter, or sent by email to: [nortonnews@hotmail.com](mailto:nortonnews@hotmail.com) by **4.00pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month**. In December the deadline is a week before.

**NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE.** If you know of anyone who has moved in to Norton, please ring or email the editor with their details so that we can welcome them to our village.

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### **DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS**

Wednesday 3 April Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Monday 8 April Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Wednesday 10 April Village Walk Start at Reading Room 2.30pm  
Thursday 11 April Annual Church Parish Meeting Reading Room 7.30pm  
Saturday 13 April Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am  
Tuesday 16 April Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm  
Wednesday 24 April Village Coffee Morning Manor House 10.45am  
Wednesday 24 April Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Saturday 4 May Flower Show Plant Sale 2.00 – 5.00pm  
Sunday 5 May Bowjangles Village Hall 7.00pm  
Saturday 18 May Coffee Morning White House 10.00am  
Saturday 1 June Sue Webb Concert Village Hall 7.00pm  
Saturday 17 August Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show  
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend

