

NORTON NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019 ISSUE 424

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NEW ADVERTS – One new advert GEM Home Computing Services – see end of ads page

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP has a full programme for February in both Stoke and Norton. The **Monday** Youth Club in the Lighthouse in **Stoke** welcomes young people in Yr 7 and older between **7.00pm and 9.00pm** and on **Wednesdays from 7.00pm** in **Norton Village Hall Meeting Room**. Find out topics and the programme on the Hamdon Youth Group Facebook page, check out <http://www.cyp.me.uk/> or phone our lovely Youth Worker Lou on 07402987931.

HAMSTONELIVE, NORTON VILLAGE HALL AND TAKEART proudly present 2 great shows for all the family. Two incredible and fun shows for all ages 7+ coming up in your **local village hall Friday 1st February 7.30pm**: 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 wield 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 January.

Friday 29th March 7.30pm: Isla by Spanish circus company, D'Click Isla (Spanish for Island) tells the story of three shipwrecked characters who find themselves alone and dependent upon each other. Using their amazing physical circus skills, they overcome unbelievable and death defying situations. Tickets available from February - venue Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall, New Road, TA14 6SF. TICKETS: £6 child Under 16 yrs / £10 adult. Buy 4 tickets or more get a 10% discount available from Norton Sub Hamdon Shop or from John Bailey 01935 881227 or from www.takeart.org

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be meeting on the following **Wednesdays** in the Reading Room Cafe at **2.30pm: 6th and 20th February, 6th and 20th March and 3rd April**. Come and join us for a friendly coffee and natter while we sew or knit. Tricia 882646.

TABLE TOP SALE We are holding a Table Top Sale at **Norton Village Hall** on **Sunday February 10th from 11am - 1pm**. Pre-loved / nearly new (no Jumble) loads of bargains, new to you. Tea and cakes. Free entry. Our next Jumble Sale will be mentioned in the next issue. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to Hall funds - any enquiries contact Jennie Harris 011935 881718. If anyone would like to make a cake for refreshments we would be very grateful. Thanks again.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE is inviting everyone to the **AGM** at the Hall on **Monday February 18th at 7.30**. See what has changed in the past year or 2, and see what plans we have for the future for your hall. We would be pleased to see you. Everyone welcome. Jennie Harris for Norton Village Hall Committee.

READING ROOM AGM The Reading Room AGM will take place in the **Reading Room** on **Tuesday 12th February 2019** at **4.30pm**. All welcome. Tricia Walton (Secretary) 882646

NORTON MOVIE NITES AT THE LORD NELSON, Tuesday 12th February: *The Children Act* (12A 105 mins) with screenplay by Ian McEwan from his book. Starring Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Fionn Whitehead, a moving film about life choices and legal decisions. Fine performances all round. **Doors open 7.45 pm, film starts 8.00pm**. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Shop. Contact John Bailey with any queries, 881227. Please don't phone the shop. **Tuesday 12th March, King of Thieves**, about the Hatton Garden bank raid.

LADIES GROUP The annual New Year Dinner was a great success, the food was delicious and Helen and Mark and their team at the Nelson did a grand job - thanks once again. **February 19th** will be our last meeting this season. We welcome Michael Kerr our speaker, who will talk about how and why he was given the Freedom of London. Our AGM will be held in the **Reading Room** on **Tuesday 19th March at 7.30 pm**. As usual it will be a casual affair, looking back over the past year and looking forward to our plans for next season, including many enjoyable, (we hope) outings. This will be an opportunity for us to collect your annual subscription and hand out the membership cards. We do not have a speaker, but there will be the usual team quiz, and wine and nibbles. If you are thinking of joining our small friendly group, please come along and see for yourself all that we have been up to, and whether or not it is for you. New members and visitors can be sure of a warm welcome at any time. Sue Lowder 881805

HAVE A BREAK On the fourth Wednesday of most months there is a Norton Coffee Morning **10.45am**. On **Wednesday 27th February** it will be at **Rocklands, Little Street**. The Mornings, which are open to all, support the Parish Church and provide an opportunity to meet socially. A 'themed' Bring & Buy invites support and on the 27th this will be home-baked produce, cakes, biscuits etc. Richard Terrell

CONCERT IN NORTON CHURCH Stoke sub Hamdon Band will be performing in a Concert in **Norton Church** at **7.30pm on Saturday 23rd March**. Tickets £7.50

THANK YOU We would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and letters after the death of Denis. Also those who came to the Thanksgiving Service in Norton Church. It was a comfort to feel the love and support of so many friends at this time. Ruth, Catherine and Sarah.

CAROL SINGING RESULT A big thank you to the magnificent choir of enthusiastic singers. We raised £340 which has been shared equally between Friends of Norton Church and Shelterbox. Cilla Caswell

THE PARISH MAGAZINE'S 2019 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are currently being collected by Norton's volunteer magazine distributors. Keep your eyes open for them! If you are new to the village, the magazine not only keeps the church in touch with the parishioners of Norton, Chiselborough, West and Middle Chinnock, but it also gives up to date news on all the activities and forthcoming events that happen in our vibrant community. It costs £5 for twelve issues and is delivered directly to your home each month. For more information, please contact either Ruth Cannon on 881519 or Sophie Snow on 881099.

FEBRUARY NORTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3	6.30pm	Praise Service
Sunday 10	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 17	No Service	
Sunday 24	8.00am	Communion

For Benefice Churches – Chiselborough, Middle Chinnock, Montacute, Odcombe, Stoke sub Hamdon, West Chinnock – visit www.hamhillchurches.org

MORNING PRAYER - ST.MARY'S CHURCH AT NORTON Morning Prayer at St.Mary's was previously led by the Revd Peter Thomas at 8.00 am on a Tuesday morning which I had attended these past two years.

Since Peter's retirement, each Parish was asked to lead their own Morning Prayer at a chosen day and time. I have offered to lead Prayers here at Norton Church at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning and would be pleased to see any of you there. Our Prayer time together in the Church is just a half an hour in duration.

We read passages from the Bible and confess our sins in penitence and faith. We then pray for those known to us who are ill or bereaved. For this period of the Interregnum, we will also collectively pray for a new Priest to join us here in this large Benefice of seven villages, who will lead us in prayer, in our worship of thanksgiving to God and encourage us all to maintain our Christian way of life. We end our Morning Prayer with the Lord's Prayer. It is a time of Faith, Thanksgiving and Peace to begin the busy day ahead of us whatever we may be doing. Mary Brown, Lay Pastoral Group.

SCHOOL NEWS What a fantastic Christmas and New Year for the FONS team. The Christmas Fair raised a staggering £1420. This was only possible because of our wonderful volunteers and generously donated raffle prizes. A big thank you for all the help from our village and school community - it's much appreciated. The iPads paid for by the FONS activities are now being used in school and the children are really enjoying and benefitting from them.

In the coming months the children are looking forward to a Family Bingo evening, having pancakes before school to celebrate Shrove Tuesday as well as a children's Film Night. Thank you for your continued support from all at the FONS.

FNC WINE CLUB The results of the December and January FNC Wine Draw have been delayed due to several calendar conflicts and a hectic schedule for the Chairman. We apologise for this and will endeavour to publish the full results in the next edition of the newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

Planning: The Parish Council have received notification on the following applications:
18/03680/HOU Hill Close House, Little Norton – Construction of a single storey link extension.

The Parish Council had no objections to this. APPROVED

18/03144/LBC Merle Cottage, Great Street – Installation of two slim metal reveal covers to wall opening at the gate entrance to the garden to accommodate demountable flood barriers when necessary.

The Parish Council had no objections to this. APPROVED

The Parish Council had two planning applications to make their observations on:

18/04025/FUL – Mr & Mrs Rastall, Land Adj. to No. 7 Little Street. The erection of a dwelling and a garage. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

18/03771/FUL – Marshwood Homes Ltd, Land part of former garden centre site, New Road. The erection of 5 dwellings. The Parish Council discussed this at great length at the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th January.

2 Parish Councillors had no objections to this

5 Parish Councillors OBJECTED to this application

MAJORITY - OBJECTION

THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE:

- This is a 25% increase to the original planning application, and they are very concerned about the increases on the development.
- There would be a 25% increase in traffic leaving this development on to New Road, which is already busy and congested and close to both the school entrance and village hall.
- They feel very strongly this should have been applied for in the first application, when there was a public consultation, and not now as a backdoor application.
- The area where the developer would like to build these 5 houses is on a 'green' area of the development. This should remain a 'green' open space, as originally agreed.
- The village has suffered with flooding in the last 3 years. They strongly feel that before adding another 5 houses to this development, the new flood prevention measures that have already been installed, need to be put to the test to see if they are adequate first.
- Also concern as to why there is continuation shown on the road at the end of the proposed 5 houses?

School Road Markings: The yellow zigzag lines outside the entrance to the school have now been extended. The purpose of the yellow and white zig zag road markings is to show that the area must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road. Due to some people still parking on the lines, Highways have decided that they have applied to have a legal enforcement order on them. Signs will be placed near the yellow zig zag lines to allow a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be effective and will provide the local council with powers to issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) by use of Civil Enforcement Officers.

Highways have also put up the notifications of their intent to paint yellow lines on the corners of both the following junctions - New Road to Great Street and Great Street to Higher Street. Further reports of dangerous parking on these junctions were received at the January Parish Council meeting.

Village Website: We have been very lucky over the last few years, that Mike Orchard has provided and maintained a website for the village. However, the software is now out of date and no longer supported by the suppliers. To continue with the website means purchasing a new program and designing a new site. The village hall, church, shop and pub have all now got their own websites. It was felt that it was not worth purchasing new software and designing a new site and therefore the village website will cease. After doing studies on Google Analytics, it showed that the Parish Council page had very few hits. The Parish Clerk will look into whether The Parish Council legally have to have a website and subsequent costs if they do.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 11th February 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 or 881882

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS

MARTOCK CHURCH 7th February 7.30pm 7-piece New Orleans-style jazz band plays vintage jazz from 20s and 30s New Orleans, Chicago and New York and popular hit tunes from the inter-war years including great tunes from Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington, and Fats Waller. Their repertoire also features songs by artists such as Patsy Cline, the Inkspots, and Fats Domino... even Elvis. This seven piece outfit is widely recognised as one of the finest New Orleans style jazz bands in England today. Admission: £9 or £ 8 at 01935 829576
<http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events> <https://www.sunsetcafestompers.com>

BOOK CLUB will meet again on **Tuesday February 12th** in **Chiselborough Village 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 more details.

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be on **27th February in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm** and will be the AGM and also including a talk entitled 'Trees - Choosing Planting and Aftercare' by John Lewis. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671

NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT A quick reminder to check the expiration date on blue badges and bus passes as if they run out and can't be used. Bus passes are not being automatically replaced anymore - unless you request it (to reduce wastage costs). Call 0300 123 2224 to get yours replaced. We all know that the NHS is under great strain in the winter and it can be hard to get a Doctor's appointment. Consider whether you could get advice from your Local Pharmacy where you will not need an appointment but there are private rooms to support advice and diagnosis.

Pharmacy teams can give advice about a range of common conditions and minor injuries such as aches and pains, sore throats, coughs, colds, flu, earache and skin rashes. They also provide the morning after pill and advice on pregnancy testing. They will advise on over the counter medicines as well. www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/how-your-pharmacist-can-help.

Last month we gave advice on keeping warm and going out during the winter months. As an addition to this, check your local cinemas for autism friendly showings. Yeovil is the last Sunday of the month at 10.00am

www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/autism-friendly-cinema

Surviving Winter grants are available for older people living in Somerset, who are unable to adequately heat their homes. If you are struggling to afford to heat your home this winter contact your Village Agent for more information on 07968521746 or cath@somersetcc.org.uk. I support unpaid carers in South East Somerset to connect them with community resources, support groups and personal support around benefits and allowances. We also have a team of Community Agents and Village Agents in South Somerset. They help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs. We can offer advice and support to find local groups and activities available in your community. Please visit www.somersetcc.org.uk and www.somersetcarers.org or call me to find out who can advise you.

THIS MONTH A Valentine Message? St Valentine is one of those 'unknown' saints whose 'Day' is often observed. There was a priest in Rome and a Bishop, both martyred in the 3rd century, but with no credible connection with the custom of anonymously sending cards and presents on 14th February. A link has even been suggested with an old and probably pagan idea that birds pair on this date! Yet there is a place in our world today for love to be expressed. The hand of love, known or unknown, is appreciated and welcomed by those who receive it. There are boundless opportunities to extend the hand of love to a neighbour and to those who feel lonely, unloved or in any kind of need. We become purveyors of joy and creators of a better world when we fill our lives with Valentine-type deeds. Richard Terrell

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NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE. If you know of anyone who has moved in to Norton, please ring one of the editors on the phone numbers below with their details so that we can welcome them to our village.

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DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS

Friday 1 February BowJangles Norton Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 6 February Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Sunday 10 February Table Top Sale Village Hall 11.00am
Monday 11 February Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 February Reading Room AGM **4.30pm**
Tuesday 12 February Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Monday 18 February Village Hall AGM 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 February Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 February Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 February Coffee Morning Rocklands 10.45am
Wednesday 6 March Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Wednesday 20 March Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Friday 29 March D'Click Norton Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 3 April Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Saturday 4 May Flower Show Plant Sale
Saturday 17 August Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend