

NORTON NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018 ISSUE 411

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CHURCH FLAG The George Cross flag will fly until **Saturday 6th January for Epiphany.**

ADVERTS – 1 advert for a Pilates class in Norton Village Hall - see end of newsletter in 'one off' ads section'.

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

SEASONAL WISHES Wishing all my friends a very Happy New Year. A donation will be given to Norton Church in lieu of cards. Mauvyn Greenham

NORTON MOVIE NITES at the **Lord Nelson**: Wishing all Movie Nites a Happy New Year. The first film of 2018 is on **Tuesday 9th January** with the award-winning My Cousin Rachel (cert PG 13, 106 mins), based on Daphne Du Maurier's intriguing tale about a mysterious femme fatale. Starring Rachel Weisz, Sam Claflin, Holliday Grainger. Doors open **7.45pm.**, film starts **8.00pm.** £5 tickets in advance only from Norton Shop. Contact Geoff Byham with any queries on 881422. Please don't phone the shop - thank you. Follow Norton Movie Nites on Facebook.

LADIES GROUP Our Annual Christmas party was another great success. Plenty of food, wine and silly games, topped off with Secret Santa and our own version of 12 days of Christmas. Thanks to Liz, Janet, Rosemary, Karen and Mary who entertained us with their amusing readings. Now we look forward to 2018 and to start off the New Year we are holding our Dinner at the Lord Nelson on **16th January**. Anyone who wishes to attend should add their names to the list asap to finalise numbers. **21st February** will see the return of one of our favourite speakers (Dr Francis Burroughes), who will give a talk entitled, 'Don't put your Daughter on the Stage'. We welcome new members and visitors at anytime, and meet on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month in the **Reading Room at 7.30pm**. Come along - you will be very welcome. May I take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2018. Sue Lowder 881805.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH – WINE CLUB The December draw took place at the Lord Nelson on the Friday the 15th. One bottle each was won by Dawn Rendall, Malcolm Reid, David Palliser, John Ashton, Richard More, Rob Vaux, Niall Clifford, Roger & Di Waters, Richard Raven and John Forrest. In the 2nd draw for pub customers Michael Farthing, Roger Webb and John Caery each won a bottle. Shares are still available @ £1 per month. Please call Roger Webb on 881096 for a form. The next draws are to take place on **Friday 19th January**.

SUPPORT THANKS The Coordinators of the Coffee Mornings, supporting the Parish Church, Tricia Kirkham and Anna Terrell, would like to thank all the Hosts, 'Background Helpers' and all who in any way have supported them during the year. The total raised in 2017 was £2,143.88 They would like to hear from potential Hosts for the fourth Wednesdays in 2018.

The next Coffee Morning, at **10.45am on Wednesday 24th January**, is at **Carpenters, Higher Street** by kind invitation of Christabel and Mike Cumberlege. This is the occasion when marmalade makers are invited to make a donation as the Bring and Buy will be of homemade marmalade.

NOT TO BE MISSED. The Friends of Norton Church will present their annual Supper and Travel Talk, in Norton Village Hall, on **Friday 26th January, 2018**. The liberally illustrated talk titled 'Jitong Steam Railway,

2004', presented by Roger Marsh, is of a journey by train across Inner Mongolia. Tickets, at £12 (to include supper), will be available from the Norton Shop in January. A Bar will be available, or BYO. Time **7.00 for 7.30pm**.

PETER GAUTIER-SMITH With great sadness, we wanted to let you know that on December 10, 2017 Peter died after a week in MPH, Taunton. He will leave a huge hole in our lives, but thankfully the challenging journey of his last few years is at an end. As we pulled together a list of who to inform, we were reminded how many different avenues his life had taken him. He was not only a Neurologist and medical author, but also a sportsman, amateur pianist, linguist, illustrator and racy novelist! Above all, he was kind, witty, wise and liberal minded. As a scientist he's bequeathed his body to medical research and will therefore not be having a funeral. Thank you to all in Norton for your support in recent years. Annie & Nesta

APOLOGIES to anyone who came to the village hall on 4th December to see the Chocolatier. I have spoken to her, and she was extremely sorry that she had let us down. Due to personal reasons she was unable to get in contact with us or receive messages. I have extended our invitation and look forward to meeting her sometime next year. Sue Lowder

NORTON VILLAGE HALL As you have probably noticed the exterior painting of the Hall is now complete. A fantastic job by Dave Brodie as always. The decking has been completed - just a bit of snagging to put right when the weather gets a bit warmer. We are waiting for the new Veranda Door which will be fitted as soon as it is received. We will be holding our AGM in February. More details next month. (The Management Committee would like to wish you all a Happy New year, and thanks you your support of the Hall.) Jennie Harris.

LOCAL HISTORY MATTERS! It is some time since the Local History Society closed down and the only way that interest has been kept in Norton's local history has been via the publications of the series of '**Nortonians**' produced by Muriel Parkinson. However a few people in the village are interested in forming a very informal local history group, possibly similar to that in Stoke where they occasionally meet to do research on local matters. If you would be interested and would like more details please phone Muriel Parkinson on 881879 or Janet Hutton on 881566.

CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 7	11.00am	All Age service
Sunday 14	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 21	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 28	8.00am	Communion

MESSAGE FROM REV PETER THOMAS Many thanks to all those who made Christmas such a wonderful occasion this year - decorating the church, leading the worship etc. - much appreciated by all who attended.

Ham Hill Villages Benefice This grouping of 7 parishes will legally come into existence on **December 31st** at a service in **Chiselborough at 10.00 am** with the Archdeacon of Wells. At the same time Peter Thomas (who has been Priest in Charge of Norton, Chiselborough, West Chinnock and Middle Chinnock for 12 years; and of Stoke for 5 years; and of Montacute and Odcombe for 2 years) will become the Rector of the Benefice. Various other people (including Revs Annie Gurner and Gary Edmunds) will also be licensed to the Benefice.

Epiphany (the arrival of the Magi) will be celebrated a day late, on **Sunday January 7th**, including all age worship at **Norton at 11.00am** Rev Peter Thomas

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2017

Planning: The Parish Council had one application to consider:

17/04612/LBC The Georgian Wing, Great St. Re-instatement of historic glazed belvedere and reopening of former historic opening/window now blocked with modern ventilation tiles.

The Parish Council had no objection to this.

Budget for 2018/19: The Parish Council has been working on the budget for the next financial year starting in April 2018. A resolution was made to keep the precept at the same figure as last year.

Christmas Tree Recycling : Once again Norton will be joining forces with SSDC to do the Christmas Tree recycling. Please drop off your tree after Christmas (free from ornaments and stands!) to the drop off point which will be situated in Norton School Car park on the left hand side of the entrance. They need to be dropped off **before the 15th January 2018.**

Hamdon Youth Group: The Hamdon Youth Group came to the meeting to request further funding for the next financial year. The Parish Council discussed this at great length and agreed to support them with a grant of £1500.00. This is an increase of £275.00 from last year.

The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Norton Sub Hamdon and Little Norton a Happy and Healthy New Year. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 8th January 7.30pm** in the **Reading Room**. Members of the general public are more than welcome to attend. Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) 881882

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS

BOOK CLUB starts the year with lunch (**12 noon**) at the **Cat Head** on **9th January**, (contact Anne if you wish to join us). We'll be returning the Dorothy Whipple books and Nathaniel Hawthorne's 'The Scarlet Letter' - so plenty to discuss over lunch. There will be a new book box that day - title tbc. The van will be in **Chiseldon** from **2.35 - 3.25pm** but we will not be using the Village Hall that day. Anne Thomas 881202

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 24th January** in **Stoke Memorial Hall** at **7.30pm** and will be a talk entitled ' Not Just Gertrude Jekyll' by Christine Stones. For further information contact Sue Winwood on 823671.

HONEY POT Thanks to all who bought fairtrade items over the Christmas period. With a new order arriving soon, the stall will be looking very perky this month. Honey Pot will open on **January 6th** with a special 'Hot Chocolate' welcome for walkers, and a warm fire to gather around. We'll be open from **10-12 noon every Saturday in January** - but be sure to wrap up warm when you visit. We have lots of books to buy and jigsaws to buy/borrow. Book donations: we are somewhat overstocked with cookery books, encyclopaedias, travel guides and the like - so please recycle these elsewhere. Other books always welcome, thank you. Anne Thomas 881202

LORD'S LARDER A letter has been received from Mat Callaghan the organiser to thank everyone who supported the Lord's Larder and gave items of food for the food bank. Many families have been helped this year.

THE TRIANGLE TRUST. Our Christmas Bazaar raised nearly £610. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way. The proceeds will go into our funds to support patients and provide equipment for Hamdon Medical Centre. A date for your diaries : **On January 17th 2018** we will be holding our **AGM at the Medical Centre** at **7.30pm**. Everyone welcome. Come and hear what we have achieved over the past year, and the exciting things to come in the future. (Compliments of the Season to you all - thanks for your support.) Jennie Harris

THIS MONTH, the First New Moon, the seventeenth of January 2018, is an important day if you are looking for marriage. It is the year's first New Moon. It is said that if you look at the New Moon through a silk handkerchief which has never been washed, the number of moons you see will be the number of years which will pass until you're married. But beware! It is regarded as unlucky to see the New Moon through a window. If you want to dream of your future husband, it is said that at the appearance of the first New Moon of the year you should go out and stand over the spar of a gate or stile and look at the moon and say: 'All hail to thee moon, all hail to thee, I prythee, good moon, reveal to me, this night who my husband shall be.' In January keep a look out for those who are in the marriage market!!! Richard Terrell.

WE ARE SURVIVORS ! (FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE 1940)

We were born before television, penicillin, frozen foods , plastic, videos and The Pill. We were before Radar, credit cards, laser beams, and ball point pens; before dish-washers, tumble driers, electric blankets, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?) We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'big mac' was an oversize raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We were before Day Care

Centers, Group Homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processors and yoghurt.

For us, 'sheltered housing' was where you waited for a bus, 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' was not a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double decker to the bus depot. Pizzas and instant coffee were unheard of.

In our day cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal shed and 'pot' was something you cooked in. A 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We, who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and that there is a generation gap today....BUT By the grace of God.....we have survived. Submitted by Alec Seccombe.

The above piece is from 'WW2 People's War' which is an online archive of wartime memories contributed by members of the public and gathered by the BBC. The archive can be found at bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar.

SCHOOL NEWS We would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, whether parents, helpers, teachers, stall holders, band members, raffle prize donors, Ladies Group and of course children! We made £1282 which has provided a massive boost to our funds that can be spent on enhancing the pupils' experience at School. The Class Teachers were recently given their annual Christmas money from the FONS to spend on Christmas craft activities and we shall be planning the FONS Spring term calendar in due course. We thank you for your support throughout the year and wish you a very happy 2018. Emily Waters (Secretary)

ONE OFF ADVERTS:

PILATES with KATE RONALDSON Certified APPI Pilates Instructor. Level 5 Sport and Remedial Massage. RGN.

MONDAYS NORTON SUB HAMDON VILLAGE HALL – RESTARTS 8th JANUARY 2018. MOB: 07974029559 EMAIL: kateronaldson@hotmail.com BEGINNERS: 17:30-18:15pm FOR THE LESS ACTIVE: 18:25-19:10pm MIXED ABILITY: 19:20 - 20:05pm Helps alleviate pain, aches + tension. Improves posture + body awareness. Increased muscle tone and strength. Endurance of core postural muscles. Back problems - can minimise recurrent episodes. Improved balance. Improved mobility in all joints including spine. Pelvic + shoulder stability. Maintains and can increase bone density. Improved pelvic floor function. Relaxation. More efficient digestion. Enhanced immune system. I look forward to hearing from you.

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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

Monday 8 January Parish Council Meeting Reading Room 7.30pm

Tuesday 9 January Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm

Tuesday 16 January Ladies Group New Year Meal Lord Nelson

Friday 19 January Wine Club Draw Lord Nelson 8.00pm

Wednesday 24 January Marmalade Coffee Morning Carpenters 10.45am

Friday 26 January Friends of Norton Church talk and meal Village Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday 31 January FNC AGM Reading Room 7.30pm