

NORTON NEWSLETTER JULY 2018 ISSUE 417

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NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

NORTON SUB HAMDON VILLAGE HALL Could YOU be our New Booking Secretary? The hall is a very popular venue, which is not surprising given the beautiful location and views plus the internal space, parking, access and superb kitchen! We are fortunate to have many regular bookings as well as single event hirers, who come from the village and surrounding areas. The hall is used for a wide variety of events such as Birthday Parties and Weddings to Keep Fit and the Choir to name just a few. The role of Booking Secretary is vital to the smooth running of the hall and we **urgently** need someone to volunteer as our Bookings Secretary as of July. We are looking for someone with a genuine pride for our Village Hall, to co-ordinate enquiries and arrange viewings for future events. Basic computer and organisational skills are also needed, however we will give our full support to the person who takes up this role. You will join a small dedicated team who meet monthly, on Monday evenings, to discuss the general running of the hall and make plans for its continuing success. If you are interested in volunteering as our Booking Secretary then we would love to hear from you, please telephone our Chairperson, Trevor Harris on 01935 881718 or email trevorharris55@btinternet.com.

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP provides a welcoming place for young people to meet in our villages. In STOKES we continue to run two sessions on Monday evenings in the Lighthouse Café, divided into two age groups. The session from **6.30 – 8.00pm** is for young people from school years 6-9 and from **8.00 – 9.30pm** is for Years 9 and older. The programme for July is **2nd July** What is depression? / Lacrosse. **9th July** Silly Games / Drugs Quiz. **16th July** Programme Planning / Mug cakes. **23rd July** BBQ In NORTON on Wednesday evenings in the Meeting Room of Norton Village Hall the July programme is **4th July** All things AMERICAN. **11th July** Alcohol Awareness. **18th July** Games night. **25th July** BBQ Check our Facebook page for latest info: <https://www.facebook.com/hamdonsyouthgroup> For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be in the Norton Cafe at the Reading Room on **Wednesdays 4th and 18th of July** between **2.30pm and 4.00pm**. Come and join us for some crafting, coffee, cake and a natter. We're taking a break during August, but will be back on **5th September** - refreshed and hopefully full of new ideas! Please contact Tricia on 882646 for more information.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF NORTON SCHOOL We are busy organising the Summer Fete to be held on Friday **13th July 3:15-6:30pm at the school**. Everyone is welcome and it is free entry. Live music, local crafts, Cider, Pimms, games and lots more! We would welcome any donations for the teddy bear raffle (clean & good condition), bric-a-brac or tombola (drinks, tins, bubble bath, chocolates etc!) or cakes on the day. There are boxes by the school office (indoors) if you are able to donate anything - thank you. Come along and see the outdoor musical equipment that we purchased with our last round of fundraising, have a drink and some cake and enjoy the music provided by local musicians including Mitchell and Vincent, a local acoustic duo. We hope to see you! The school disco went well and we raised £134. There won't be much news from us over the Summer holidays but we are already busy planning the Autumn term events. Thank you for your support, in every way, over this academic year. Emily Waters (Secretary)

NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB for JUNE 2018: Main Draw Winners: Rowena Alsey, Niall Clifford, Penny Cudmore, David Parkinson, Malcolm Reid, Rob Vaux, Rob & Emily Waters, Roger Webb and Chris Westwood. **Pub Draw Winners:** Jamie Brodie, Anne Brodie and Roger Hardisty. **The next draw will be on Friday 13th July at 7.00pm.** The Friends of Norton Church are seeking to appoint a Treasurer to carry on the excellent work provided by Roger Webb, who resigned as Treasurer earlier this year. Please contact Jonathan Binns on 881605.

COLOURS OF THE ORGAN Organist Chris Denman will be playing some familiar pieces and enabling you to experience the majesty and tranquillity of this fine and versatile instrument in **Norton Church** during the third concert of the Norton Festival 2018 Season of Music. 'Colours of the Organ' is on **Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm** with 'free entry'

but donations are invited. A Cream Tea will be available to make the afternoon complete. So to enjoy a pleasant summer afternoon, make sure you accept your Invitation to 'Colours of the Organ'. Part of the Norton Festival of Music

MOISH SOKAL's 24th annual exhibition 'In the Open' at the Malthouse Gallery, East Lambrook Manor Gardens runs until **July 22nd** (closed on Mondays) It features watercolours from a travelling artist who found inspiration for this exhibition in New Zealand, Scotland, Peru, the Lake District and his Somerset home. Meet the artist most afternoons. Set in lovely gardens, free entry to gallery. Keep up with Moish's stories on Facebook - Moish Watercolours. <http://moishsokal.co.uk/noticeboard>

LADIES GROUP A Tudor Kitchen maid, was our speaker for this months talk. Kay took us back to the 1500s and illustrated her talk with items of clothing worn during that period, and even had some of our members modelling some rather natty headgear. She made history much more enjoyable than I remembered from my schooldays! Our Annual Garden party will take place on **Tuesday 24th July from 5.00pm** and this year Jayne English will host at Flax Barn, Broadmead Lane. Please remember to bring along your cutlery and a wineglass, and of course a plate of food to share. We hope to hold a raffle so any contributions will be much appreciated. Lets hope for fine weather, and a very enjoyable evening. There are 2 outings coming up before the summer holidays, a trip to Brownsea Island ,and another to 'Sculpture by the Lakes'. We take a break in August, and our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th September**. Full details will be given in the next newsletter. Sue Lowder 881805

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH – 2018 PULMAN LECTURE On **Friday 27th July** Meriel O'Dowd will provide an illustrated address: "Saving Somerset Churches" Meriel O'Dowd is a Conservation Project Manager (West) for the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) and is responsible for 118 churches in the South West. The CCT is the national charity that, through its skilled staff and many volunteers, seeks to save historic churches at risk. Since 1969 the trust has taken responsibility for over 350 buildings.. These are used for various community activities as well as attracting almost 2 million visitors a year. Locally CCT churches include those at Low Ham, Seavington St Mary, Northover in Ilchester, Stocklinch Ottersley, Thurlbear and All Saints, Langport. The venue is **St Mary's Church, Norton-sub-Hamdon 7:00 for 7:30 pm**. Tickets at £6, are available from Norton Community Shop or through malcolmreid38@btinternet.com. A wine and soft drinks cash bar will be available from 7:00 pm and all proceeds will be used to support the fabric of Norton church.

NORTON MOVIE NITES Advance Notice of our AGM - this will be held at **8.00 pm on Tuesday 7th August** in the **Lord Nelson** skittle alley. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what could be happening for the new autumn season starting in September.

JULY CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 1	11.00	All Age Service
Sunday 8	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 15	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 22	8.00am	Communion

All Age Service Norton Church has a bi-monthly Service for all ages. An informal service, suitable for all, is held on the first Sunday of odd months at 11.00am and usually lasts no more than half an hour. There are familiar hymns/songs, a lively presentation of the gospel for the day, with dramatized reading and prayers. Those who are new to the Faith or long established Christians find inspiration and encouragement from this Service. The next All Age Worship is on **Sunday 1st July** when the theme will be 'The woman who touched the cloak of Jesus'.

Benefice Service On **Sunday 29th July** there will be a special single service for the whole Benefice at Montacute at 10.00am - when our worship will be led by the Benefice Choir. An opportunity for members of all 7 parishes to worship together. The speaker will be Rev Deborah Perreau

Norton Tent Service – Songs of Praise – 6.30pm 19th August Once again we will be singing our favourite hymns and songs to conclude the Norton and Chiselborough Flower Show weekend. If you have any hymns or songs you would like us to include please e-mail the title to me PThomas5@aol.com (or drop a note to me at home or in church). We need to have these by **1st August**

HELP US TO GET HOME! For some time now, the 1st Fosseyway Scout Troop have not met in Martock (though the Beaver Colony and the Cub Pack are still there). A shortage of leaders means that for the time being the Scouts (boys and girls aged between 10½ and 14½) have joined with the Troop in South Petherton. Between them, the two Scout Groups cover quite a wide area which includes Stoke and Norton Sub Hamdon, Shepton Beauchamp and Kingsbury Episcopi.

Tim Burch, the Group Scout Leader for both Groups, explained 'We still have a busy programme – everything from camping to scuba diving, or climbing to canoeing and rafting, but the joint Troop is close to its maximum size, and we are struggling to find room for the older Cubs when they reach Scouting age. We have a short-term solution in place, but the

real answer is to move Fosseyway back to its proper home in Martock – something that can only happen once some more Leaders have been found, both at Martock and at Petherton.'

'We urgently need more leaders and non-uniform helpers,' Tim added. 'All they need is an enthusiasm, a willingness to work with young people and some spare time. They don't need any special skills as there is a full free training programme, and job-sharing is an option. Anyone interested can email me for more information at fossewayscouts@porcupine.org.uk.'

GDPR On May 25th a new European union (EU) data protection law – the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) took effect. The GDPR gives individuals in the EU more control over how their data is used and places certain obligations on businesses that process information belonging to those individuals. Although not a business as such this newsletter holds certain limited information concerning contributors, advertisers, their identity and addresses plus means of communication. We have always taken care with the guardianship of this information and confirm that we will continue to do so. However if you wish to discuss this please contact the editor on 01935 881566.

THANK YOU Jenny Byham and her family would like to thank the many people in the village for all their help and support over the past difficult weeks while Geoff was ill. We would also like to thank all the people who attended his funeral and helped to make it such a great celebration of his life. Jenny, Sarah and Lizzie

ANTHONY STEPHEN CARR 1939-2018. During the last 18 months both my parents, Tony & Sylvia Carr, visited Julian & me here in Norton and fell in love with the Village and everyone they met. My family are devastated to lose daddy but feel blessed that he didn't have to suffer. A true gentleman with the biggest laugh and smiliest blue eyes who was always so proud of his family and simply adored my mummy. I've been overwhelmed with the kindness and support from everyone in the village - my new Norton Family - thank you so much - it's helped enormously. Sara Vann

NEW ARRIVALS We welcome Fred and Joanne Crome who have moved in to Hamdon House, Judy & David Dennett who have recently moved into 2 Blackspur Cottages in Higher St. and Simon and Jenny and their son Owen who have moved into Ambleside Cottage in Rectory Lane. We hope they will all be very happy in our thriving community.

THIS MONTH St Swithin's Day - Swithin was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester (853-65) and was famous for charitable gifts and building churches. Legend says that as he lay on his deathbed, he asked to be buried out of doors, where he would be trodden on and rained on. For nine years his wishes were followed until the monks of Winchester moved his remains, on 15th July 971, to a splendid shrine inside the cathedral, during which there was a heavy rain storm supposedly signifying Swithin's disapproval. Folklore declares that if it rains on St Swithin's Day it will rain for the next forty days and a fine 15th July will be followed by forty days of fine weather. But the Met Office would disprove this as a myth! Richard Terrell

CHRISTIAN AID. A big thank you to all who supported the coffee morning in May for Christian Aid Week and donated at the church. A total of £482 was raised. Bill Caswell.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JULY

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CLERK: The Clerk has a new email address: nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

Planning: The Parish Council received two planning applications to make their observations on for this month: Applications for consideration.

18/01097/FUL – Bridge House, Little Street. Erection of a wall (part retrospective) – No Objection

18/01353/FUL – Lynfield, New Road - Replacement roof structure to existing flat roof extension. No objection

They have received notification of the following:

17/04124/FUL - Land Opposite Tinkabee Cottage, Little Norton, Norton Sub Hamdon, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Somerset, - NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

The Parish Council also received notification on the following previous planning applications that were discussed at a previous meeting:

18/01119/FUL – Arks Edge, Higher Street. The erection of a replacement conservatory. The Parish Council had no objections to this. APPROVED

18/01152/FUL – Cartbridge, Little Street. Erection of a 6 bay garage: APPROVED

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION: The Parish Council is looking into holding a FREE training session for village residents on how to use a defibrillator. If there is enough interest, it will probably be held in August. There will be a limited number of 16 spaces on the course, so it would be a first come first served basis. If you would be interested in attending then please let me know by either emailing me at: nortonpcclerk@outlook.com or Tel: 881882 - Thank you.

****PLEASE SLOW DOWN**:** Once again, we have received reports of speeding drivers in both New Road and Great Street. These are both 30 mph areas and even that speed is really too fast for a village of this size. The Police have been notified and will be patrolling. So, please, before there is a serious accident, drop your speed and drive with more care and attention. Several cars have already lost wing mirrors. PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

Parking of Cars at the entrance to Higher Street from Great Street and Great Street to New Road Junctions: The junction of Higher Street to Great Street has once again become very dangerous with cars being parked right on the junction. This is making it completely blind for people trying to exit from Higher Street onto Great Street. Cars are also being parked opposite the junction entrance to Higher Street, making this even more treacherous. This is a fast bit of road and there could soon be a nasty accident. Likewise, the junction of New Road to Great Street is also very dangerous with people parking right on the junction and on both sides of the road. Please park away from the junctions and on one side of the road only.

The legal requirement states: DO NOT park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. DO NOT stop or park your vehicle opposite OR within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction. The police have been notified and will be taking action.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 9th July 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 881882

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

HONEY POT at **Chiselborough Rectory** will be open on **July 7th, 14th & 21st but closed on 28th** and will remain **closed through August**. It will be open throughout September (every day for the second half of the month) before closing down in the autumn. Make full use of it while you can! Summer Clothes for Pilsdon 'Wayfarers'- please bring these to the Rectory, Chiselborough, **during the first week of July**. If you have any questions about what to donate, ask Anne or Peter Thomas. (881202) Planning ahead: the charity breakfast will be on **Saturday September 15th** - pop the date in your diary. Thank you for all your support with Honey Pot initiatives.

MARTOCK EVENT Play - 'The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery'. **Venue** - Martock Parish Hall **Date** - **6th and 7th July** **Time** - **7.30 pm** **Tickets** - £7.00 available on the door Any queries please contact Sue on 07860 903426

BOOK CLUB meets on **July 24th** - an opportunity to stock up on summer reading. Whodunnits are still available, courtesy of HoneyPot Books. Come along to **Chiselborough Village Hall 2.30 - 4.00pm** for tea and cake. Bring your library card and borrow books from the library van - NB Bristol has reversed its decision to close its libraries - so let's continue to lobby to save ours!

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be on **Wednesday 25th July in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm** and will feature a talk by Tom Amery on 'The Watercress Farm'. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

VILLAGE AGENT UPDATE I am writing in beautiful sunshine and I do hope that this is set to continue. I remember this time last year when it was very hot, I learned that medication can get over heated. Liquids especially, can lose their effectiveness if left in a very hot place.

So can humans! Don't forget to keep drinking water as dehydration is an easy thing to fall victim to. Sometimes it makes you feel groggy and "headachey" as your body needs water to complete its every day jobs such as thinking and digesting your meal. Left unattended, it can make you very ill.

At this point I send out my empathy to hay fever sufferers. The pollen levels have been very high this year.

Another victim of the weather it seems, could be your heating oil, if you are a village dweller like me. There have been recent reports of domestic heating and farm diesel being stolen. The thieves are using the general noise and mayhem of our big summer storms as cover. Just to make matters worse, when they have filled their boots (or perhaps tanks), they have left the severed oil pipes pouring oil into the ground, polluting and making a case for the environment agency to visit.

The sun seems also to have brought out a few suspicious looking people. I have received a few reports of strange loitering in the area. If you are worried, don't hesitate to call 101. It is the quickest way to get hold of the PCSO's on duty who will try to drive through and monitor suspicious situations. Gardens are packed with lovely summer equipment at the moment. Very tempting....

I haven't been able to visit many of my lovely coffee mornings of late as I have been very busy attending to clients. I would like to send my best wishes to all and hope to see you soon. I am still contactable on my phone or email and I will return your call as soon as I can. It was great to catch up with many of you at the annual parish meetings that I have been to throughout May and hear about all the exciting social groups in our villages.

Not sure where to turn? Village Agents are a charity that work with individuals and social groups to give confidential support and advice. We can enable people to be more independent in their home, manage personal finances, care for family members and advise on just about anything! You can find Cath at local coffee mornings and events. Call or email me. cath@somersetcc.org.uk 07968521746

RAFT Update At 'Music in the Meadow' on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Hinton St George Ricky Romain and accompanist and folk group Teasing the Cat performed to a very receptive audience. Thanks both to the musicians giving their services free, and to the generosity of the audience, Refugee Support group, South Somerset raised over £800 for refugees needing practical and emotional support in Europe.

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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

Wednesday 4 July Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Monday 9 July Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Friday 13 July School Summer Fete 3.15pm Free entry
Friday 13 July Friends Norton Church Wine Draw Lord Nelson 7.00pm
Saturday 14 July Chris Denman Colours of the Organ Church 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 July Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Tuesday 24 July Ladies Group Party Flax Barn **5.00pm**
Friday 27 July Friends of Norton Church Talk 7.30pm
Tuesday 7 August Movie Nites AGM Lord Nelson 8.00pm
Saturday 18 August Flower Show Norton Rec 2.00pm
Wednesday 5 September Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 September Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Wednesday 26 September Village Coffee Morning Highwoods House 10.45am
Saturday 6 October The Brue Boys concert Norton Church 7.30pm
Saturday 14 October NGS Open Garden The Flax Barn
Saturday 1 December Cantamus Concert Church 7.30pm
Friday 14 December Ladies Group Christmas Party – Village Hall