

NORTON NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018 ISSUE 416

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COMMUNITY LAND TRUST – for information please see village website above

CHURCH WEBSITE. www.nortonchurch.org.uk

FESTIVAL WEBSITE: www.nortonfestival.org

ADVERTS: Two 'one off' ads - one for a maxi dress, the other for a car! See end of newsletter for details.

CHURCH FLAG The Union Flag will fly from the church tower on **Saturday 9th June for HM the Queen's official birthday**

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

CRAFTY CRITTERS dates for June are **Wednesday 6th and 20th** from **2.30 to 4.00pm** in the **Reading Room Cafe**. Come and join us for some coffee, cake and a natter (we do do some sewing etc. as well!). Tricia 882646.

NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB for APRIL. Main Draw Winners: Rowena Alsey, Charles Campbell, Mary Edmond, Richard More, Chris Westwood, Nicki Brodie, John Forrest. **Pub Draw winners:** Neil H. Jack Hardisty

MAY Winners: Main Draw: Mary Morgan (2) Jeremy Reid Nick Fox John Ashton Roger Hardisty Mary Edmund Barry Eastley Malcolm Reid **Pub draw :** Anne Brodie Jamie Brodie Roger Hardisty **Please note the next draw will be on Friday 8th June at 7.00pm (not 15th June as previously planned).**

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.

WASSAIL THEATRE COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS 'REX THE KING' on **Thursday 14th June at 8.00pm** in the **Lord Nelson skittle alley**. If you enjoyed the 'Reclaimed' production in February, you'll find this equally entertaining – music, hilarity and a cracking good story. Catch the play before it goes on national tour. Tickets £8 from the Lord Nelson 01935 881473. Join us in the 'Alley Theatre'.... Lindsay Higgins

FRIENDS OF NORTON On **Friday 15th June** Professor Myles Wickstead CBE will present: 'International Aid and Development; a brief introduction'. Professor Myles Wickstead CBE has a long history of involvement with, and working in, Africa during his career in the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. His career has embraced British Government development programmes in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and as British Ambassador to Ethiopia, Djibouti and the African Union. Having left Government service in 2005 and moving to Norton sub Hamdon, Myles has written extensively on Africa, aid and development and in 2015 published his book 'Aid and Development, a brief introduction'. He is Visiting Professor (International Relations) at King's College London and the University of Exeter, is Honorary Vice President of VSO and on the Boards of a number of international charities and foundations. The event will be held in **Norton sub Hamdon Village Hall** commencing at **7:00 for 7:30 pm**. Tickets at £8, including a glass of wine or soft drink and 'nibbles' before the presentation, are available from Norton Community Shop or £9 at the door. All proceeds will be used to support the fabric of Norton church.

LADIES GROUP Our speaker, Miranda, overcame a life threatening illness to reinvent herself as a singer songwriter. She entertained us with words and music in an amusing, lighthearted way. She has produced a CD with the help of Richard Digance and has had two songs featured on the radio. We shall definitely invite her back. Our trip to Liberty Fields, was very enjoyable, especially as we got to taste products made at the farm. After refreshments and a tour of the orchards, we entered the barn where balsamic is left to mature in oak barrels. Later we tasted all the apple products that Liberty Fields produces, amongst them vodka, dessert cider, and apple syrup. On **Tuesday 19th June** we shall welcome speaker Kay Wyche, who will give her talk entitled 'How I became a Tudor Kitchen Maid'. This will be an entertaining talk with some surprises. We meet in the **Reading Room** on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **7.30pm** and welcome new members and visitors at any time. Sue Lowder 881605

SCHOOL NEWS Our next FONS meeting will be held on **Friday 8th June, 2:30 pm in the staff room**. It would be great to see some new faces, particularly if you might be able to help at our Summer Fete as that will be our main topic of discussion (see below). We are raising funds to put towards mobile technology (laptops/tablets) for the School so you can imagine this is going to need a lot of thought in how to raise such funds. We are looking into grants and match-

funding to help us. If you can offer any assistance or advice in this area please get in touch with us or the School. The next FONS event is the School Disco on June 15th which is always great fun for the children. We would like to invite you all to our **Summer Fete** to be held at **School on Friday 13th July 3:15 – 6:30pm** - free entry. If you are able to help on a stall e.g. tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac, Pimms, lucky dip, splat the rat, hook a duck or an event e.g. Beat the Goalie please contact us via telephone (881090), email ejwaters40@yahoo.co.uk or our Facebook page (Friends of Norton School) or join us on **8th June** at our next meeting. Thank you for your support, Emily Waters (Secretary)

COLOURS OF THE ORGAN Norton has a very fine Church Organ capable of producing a wide variety of sounds – both in terms of sound quality and volume. So the next Concert, in the Norton 2018 Festival Season of Music, should provide a lot of local interest. Chris Denman has been organist and choirmaster at St Mary's since 1991 and he is inviting the audience to experience the majesty and the tranquillity of this most versatile instrument with a demonstration and talk on **Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm**. No doubt some familiar pieces will be on the Programme. 'The Colours of the Organ' has free entry but donations are invited. There will also be a Prize Programme and Cream Teas on offer. So make sure you have the date in your Diary! Richard Terrell

COFFEE MORNING The April Coffee Morning, with its Bring & Buy Theme of 'How does your garden grow', was hosted by Mary and David Palliser and raised £269.30 for the Parish Church. Thanks are expressed to all who support our village and church in this way. The next Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 26th September at Highwoods House** with a Bring & Buy theme of 'Harvest Produce'.

THE FLAX BARN – NGS OPEN GARDEN DAY The Tulips were a sensation for my National Garden Scheme Open Day on Sunday 6th May as nearly 200 people flocked to my garden to see the riot of colour and soak up the atmosphere on a glorious sunny day. The enthusiastic Refreshments Team did a wonderful job ensuring visitors were well supplied with tea and cake before they wandered round the garden seeking out special places to sit. Enormous thanks to everyone who supported this special occasion - the bakers for their cakes, the helpers for their enthusiasm and energy and everyone who came and enjoyed the day in my garden. It was a tremendous success and we raised a total of £880.40p for the NGS Nursing Charities and £291.60p for Norton Church. My next NGS Open Garden Day is **Sunday 14th October**. Jayne English

NORTON VILLAGE HALL. As everyone knows, we have on-going works at the Hall. Recently some of the committee members laid new turf around the veranda, which we are sure you will agree looks great, and to finish off the outside area we are currently sourcing quotes for balustrades to go around the veranda. Our next project will be to replace the flooring in the gents toilets and in the meeting room, and we are also hoping to decorate the entrance hall and the meeting room. We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the Big Lottery towards these works. So there is plenty going on at the moment.

To help us do these jobs and also with the general running of the hall we need new people to join our committee. Being a committee member is not an onerous job and we would really welcome people who have fresh ideas and suggestions on how to keep the hall running as well as it has been. We meet one evening a month (**on the 3rd Monday of each month except August and December**).

Sadly, our Booking Secretary is retiring in July to spend more time with his family. He has done a wonderful job and we are all so grateful for everything he has done to make Norton Hall the success it is.

If anyone would like more information on becoming a committee member or would be interested in volunteering as our Booking Secretary then please telephone our Chairperson, Trevor Harris on 01935 881718 or email trevorharris55@btinternet.com. Thanks from Jennie Harris and Lindsay Elliott for the Hall committee.

THANKS FROM KATHARINE MULLER. Very many thanks to all the friends and family who responded so generously to my Centenary Birthday Appeal. The two charities have shared over £400 with more still coming in and are both very appreciative of your generosity. Thank you all again. My card from the Queen delivered by special messenger with its beautiful photo and hand written message of good wishes arrived ten minutes before cousins came for a quiet celebratory lunch to make a happy day in my own home for my birthday thanks to my excellent carers. Katharine Muller P. S. I also received 53 cards.

THANKS I would like to thank all of my friends in the village for their cards, hugs and kind words following the sudden loss of my Mum. Your support has been a great comfort. Sue Westwood.

FROM DAVE MACDONALD A big thank you to all the residents of Norton sub Hamdon for making me feel so welcome over the past few years! From the immediate neighbours to the people I've met out walking with my son, the local businesses or the locals at the pub - it's been a pleasure to be part of a great community! All the best. Dave

NORTON & CHISLEBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW This year's plant sale was very well attended and we welcomed a number of fantastic new stalls and products, all of which proved very popular. Huge thanks to everyone involved including all our wonderful volunteers who grew on and donated so many plants, those who helped to put up and take down the marquees and tables, organised the plants and stalls, served the teas and coffees, and to all those who made the cakes.

DUCK RACE Thank you to ALL the villagers for your fantastic support at The Duck Race. We were blessed with perfect Bank Holiday weather which added to the enjoyment! Special thanks have to go to Roger Waters for making our impressive Duck Launcher and to Ben & Jack, Julian, Ian and Gordon for manning the ducks from "Start" to "Finish". It was clear that all the children loved the 'race' and the grown ups definitely enjoyed the live music and BBQ at The Lord Nelson!! Thank you Mark & Helen! All in all a super day!! The combined total for the two events raised an amazing £1499 for this year's Flower Show.

JUNE CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 3	6.30pm	Praise Evening
Sunday 10	9.30am	Communion and Baptism
Sunday 17	3.00pm	Carer's Service
Sunday 24	8.00am	Communion

CARER'S SERVICE Do you look after someone - either in your home or in a care home? If so you are warmly invited, to a Carer's service at Norton church on **Sunday June 21st at 3.00pm**, followed by refreshments. Need help with transport? Please contact the Parish Office on 01935 824167. This is organised by the Benefice Pastoral Care Group, as part of National Carer's week. Invitation cards are also available in all our churches, if you would like to invite a neighbour.

HONEY POT Many thanks to all who joined in with the May Open Weekend - the weather was kind and the books flew off the shelves. Much fun was had by all. During June, Honey Pot will be open **10.00 - 12.00 every Saturday* apart from June 16th - Chiselborough Fair Day** - when you can browse the bookstall, in the afternoon, instead! We will be making a summer collection of clothing for Pilsdon - footwear (large sizes) T shirts, shorts, other summer wear suitable for 'men of the road' would be welcome. Please bring to Chiselborough Rectory during the first week of July.

Books - we are happy to continue to receive book donations until the end of June. After that, by negotiation only please - as Honey Pot will be closing down, later in the year. However, we have a busy programme before then, so keep your eyes and ears open, and pop down to see us when you can. (*Honey Pot is happy to open at other times, by arrangement with Anne 881202).

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

MARTOCK CHURCH EVENTS. Thursday 21st June at 7.30pm Dave Martin's Jabbo Five - a New Orleans-style jazz band playing popular 1920s tunes and some tuneful compositions by Jabbo Smith, a rival to Louis Armstrong in 1929/32 who rose to fame again post war. Dave leads on vocals, cornet & valve trombone supported by clarinet/sax; piano; banjo/guitar and sousaphone/trombone. Tickets £9 on door, £8 from Martock News & Gallery or 07955 467896.

Thursday 20th September Talk: 'My 3,000 mile solo African walk' by Fran Sandham, long term editor of Rough Guides and travel writer. **Thursday 25th October** Pamela's All Star Jazz Band 6-piece New Orleans band: Jeremy & Brian Huggett & Bob Reynolds. **Saturday 17th November** 45-strong Dorset Police Choir

BOOK CLUB met twice in May, so won't be meeting until the end of the month: **2.30 - 4.00pm on Tuesday June 26th in Chiselborough Village Hall**. All book lovers are welcome. This month, in addition to our library loan, we will have the opportunity to borrow some whodunnits from the Honey Pot collection, to take away on holiday with us. We will be discussing the different authors and styles in the autumn. A reminder too, that the deadline for responding to the County Council Consultation about the future of our libraries, has been extended to **13th July** - so there is still time for you to do this. <http://somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/> **Borrowing books from the Library Van also strengthens the argument to keep it - so bring along your library card and see what you can find. NB for those with mobility problems, there is 'easy access' to the van.**

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be on **Wednesday 27th June in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm** and will feature a talk by Manny Roper entitled Garden Allotments in **Stoke Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

THIS MONTH Midsummers Day The 21st June is known as Midsummers Day. It comes after the longest day and is a time associated with witches, magic, fairies and dancing. On the eve of Midsummer's Day bonfires used to be lit all over the country. This was done in praise of the sun, for the days were getting shorter and the sun appeared to be getting weaker, so people would light fires to try and strengthen the sun. Roses are of special importance on Midsummer's Eve. It is said than any rose picked on Midsummer's Eve will keep until Christmas! - Do let us know if you can prove this!! At midnight on Midsummer's Eve young girls would scatter rose petals before them and say: "Rose leaves, rose leaves, rose leaves I strew. He that will love me come after me now." Then, the next day,

Midsummers Day, their true love will visit them. Look out for rose petals around the village and coming weddings!
Richard Terrell

VILLAGE AGENT UPDATE At long last we have had some lovely weather and been able to take part in outdoors activities such as May Fairs, Open Gardens and Health Walks. (apologies to hay fever sufferers!) These are brilliant events for the whole community to get together for a casual chat and great day out. Perhaps, if there is an event in your village, you could arrange to take a neighbour who may feel uneasy to go alone. You may give them the confidence to walk the distance or you may need to drive them to the event. Perhaps you could invite someone to your local group such as knitting, (love the pompoms again Crewkerne!) WI or men's shed. Once there, they will already know people or be able to make new friends, which will make both of you feel great and boost your mental health and wellbeing. On the subject of health, Healthwatch Somerset, the county's independent health and care champion are looking for volunteers to help make our experience of the health service better.

Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers listen to what people like about local health & care services, and what could be improved. These views are then shared with the decision-making organisations in the county, so together we can make a real difference.

For more information please contact: 01278 264405 or email: info@healthwatchsomerset.co.uk

We also give talks about Healthwatch Somerset so if you are a member of a group and would like a talk we would love to hear from you. www.healthwatchsomerset.co.uk

Carer's Voice is a similar group. They have a range of events in the area over the summer so they can hear from carers to help drive forward issues that face carers. See our website www.somersetcarers.org or visit theirs www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk or give me a call if you are not on the internet.

The light nights make it much easier to get out for a walk or bike ride (and stop for refreshment at the local pub!) Just 10 minutes of brisk walking is considered to give health benefits according to the NHS choices website. They say you should aim for 150 minutes of moderate activity a week, of which brisk walking is one. A brisk walk is about three miles an hour, which is faster than a stroll.

One way to tell if you're walking briskly is if you can still talk but can't sing the words to a song.

Look to your surgery to see where your local health walks take place - they can be great places to meet up for a chat and often have a range of walks for different abilities so don't worry that you may be the slowest person there! If you would like to take your walks up a gear, try the 'Ramblers' web page which provides information on groups, walking advice and lists of walks.

There are also lots of gentle exercise classes such as seated boccia and over 50's exercise if you feel you need to start more gently. Just ask the health coach or receptionist in your surgery for more information.

NOT SURE WHO TO TURN TO? Village Agents are a charity that work with individuals and social groups to give free 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 Holloway at local coffee mornings and events. Call and email me. cath@somersetccc.org.uk 07968521746
Just to mention, it is Healthy Living and Wellbeing week **11th-15th June** which ties in well with the next article!

WELLBEING Are you looking for local groups, activities and services that could help you to manage your health and wellbeing? Wellbeing South Somerset is a new website designed to promote good health and wellbeing in South Somerset. It features a huge Directory of local support, from meet-ups, to walking groups, to condition-specific support groups, befriending services and even housing and debt advice. Visit www.wellbeingsouthsomerset.org

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT MAY 2018

Planning: The Parish Council received two planning applications to make their observations on for this month:
18/01119/FUL – Arks Edge, Higher Street. The erection of a replacement conservatory. The Parish Council had no objections to this.

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

The Parish Council discussed this planning application in great detail at the May Parish Council Meeting. Overall two Parish Councillors had no objection with this proposal and five Parish Councillors objected to the height and size. The following points were raised.

* One Parish Councillor had no objections to this at all and liked the overall design.

* Another Parish Councillor had no objection to the overall design but still felt it is very big and questioned the requirement for 6 bays. This Parish Councillor stated that they would prefer it not quite as high but felt the roof style was more in keeping.

* The other five Parish Councillors still felt the roof is too high and the building too big. They questioned the necessity to have the building this size. There was also concern on the effect it would have on the neighbour and the proximity to the river and footpath.

The Parish Council have now received notification on the following previous planning applications that was discussed at the February meeting:

18/00932/FUL Chinkwell House, Little Norton – Erection of an Agricultural Building. APPROVED

18/00288/S73 Former Garden Centre site, New Road.- application to vary condition 02 on approved plans

14/04642/FUL. Revised drawings to accommodate minor alterations to window and door positions on plots, apart from plots 13-16 and plots 18-20 which have been amended to accommodate affordable housing provision. Alterations to

external materials to provide a mixture of natural stone and render to plots 2,3,11,1 and 13-20 and render to garages.
APPROVED

18/00529/FUL Willow Barn, Higher Street. Insertion of 3 windows to ground floor rooms. APPROVED

Annual Meeting: The Parish Council's Annual Meeting took place before the May monthly meeting. The election of officers and representatives took place with the Chairman's position remaining in the very capable hands of Stuart Maunder and Vice Chairman being Sue More. The past year's village achievements were discussed at length. A Financial report has been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The Financial Report was approved and adopted and the Annual Governance Statement was approved.

HAM HILL – volunteers for events required: can you help?

The Ham Hill Rangers are looking for people to volunteer their services to help with events throughout the year. If you are able to help in any way - whether it's helping to marshal at an event or even volunteering to help run an event, they would really appreciate some help. Please ring the Rangers on 01935 823617 Further information on Ham Hill can be found at: <https://www.southsomersetcountryside.com/ham-hill/> and on the Facebook page at HAM HILL Country park

Grant for the Reading Room: The Parish Council received a letter requesting a grant from the Parish Council towards the new flooring that is needed in the kitchen and entrance of the Reading Room. At the last inspection by SSDC they were advised that the kitchen tiles needed to be replaced with a vinyl covering. They intend to replace the flooring in the toilet and hallway at the same time. The Reading Room had received a quote for £760.00 to carry out these works. A resolution was made to grant £200.00 towards the costs.

GDPR Ready: The Clerk and Chairman both attended a training session on the requirements for the Parish council to be GDPR compliant before the 25th May. The Clerk had drawn up a Data Privacy Notice, Retention of Information times, a date audit, a consent form and a breach of policy form. The Parish Council were happy with all of these documents and a resolution to accept them was made.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 11th June 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 881882).

ONE OFF ADS:

CHIFFON EMBELLISHED MAXI DRESS, ideal for prom or wedding. Light rose pink, size 12, NEVER WORN only £50. Telephone Lynn on 01935 881344

CAR FOR SALE - GREY TOYOTA YARIS VVT-CVT 1.4. A petrol automatic 5 Dr hatchback. (Mar 2016)

It's in excellent condition with less than 4500 miles, only £30 to tax per year & with a manufacturers warranty until March 2021. Amongst it's features it has a DAB touch screen radio & a reversing camera.

Mum bought the car in April last year from the Yeovil Toyota dealer & so this is your classic 1 lady owner ! £10,000 ono. If interested, please contact Simon Harris either on 01935 881914 or aesica@btinternet.com for further information.

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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 6 June Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm

Friday 8 June Friends of Norton Church Wine club draw 7.00pm

Monday 11 June Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday 15 June Friends of Norton Church Talk Village Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 19 June Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm

Wednesday 20 June Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm

Friday 13 July School Summer Fete 3.15pm

Saturday 14 July Chris Denman Colours of the Organ Church 2.30pm

Friday 27 July Friends of Norton Church Talk with cheese and wine

Saturday 18 August Flower Show Norton Rec 2.00pm

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 7.30pm

Friday 14 December Ladies Group Christmas Party – Village Hall