

# NORTON NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018 ISSUE 413

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**ADVERTS** – No new adverts this month but one 'one off ad' for '**Delicious Delivered**' at the end of the newsletter.

**START OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME.** Please remember that the clocks go forward by one hour at **1.00am** on **Sunday, 25th March.**

## NORTON NEWS AND EVENTS

**CHURCH FLAG** The George Cross flag will fly from the church tower from 31st March until 9th April for Easter Week.

**FAIRTRADE FRIENDSHIP TEA Saturday March 3rd @ Norton Village hall, 3 - 5pm** Come along to this special event - celebrating Fair Trade and Friendship - and organised by the Honey Pot for folk across all our villages - a special opportunity to enjoy tea with your friends: tea and cake, fairtrade stall, raffle and entertainment. All donations go to the Traidcraft Charity which works with communities all around the world. Ring Anne Thomas on 881202 for more details.

**WEDNESDAY WALKIES.** Commencing Wednesday **7th March** and **EVERY Wednesday** until further notice, Wednesdays will become known as WEDNESDAY WALKIES. Meet up at **The Reading Room at 9.30 am** - for a local 1 hour walk, finishing up at The Reading Room Cafe for Coffee. (Jo is kindly going to offer us a special price!!) Nothing too energetic, just the opportunity to have an hours walk with company. Walking speeds to suit all ages!! Dogs, walking poles and zimmers - all welcome!!! PS These walks will not clash with Church Coffee mornings as we will always aim to be back at the RR by 10.30am. Peter Callaghan Chairman Reading Room.

**NORTON PANTOMIME SOCIETY** present Hansel and Gretel at **Norton Village Hall. March 8th,9th, and 10th. at 7.30pm.** Adults £6 Children £3 ( under 16) Family ticket £ 15 ( 2 adults and up to 3 children) Tickets only from Norton Community Shop. ( Cash only. No cheques. Sorry ) Everyone welcome. Come and have a laugh. Brighten these dreary days. Oh yes you will!!! Any enquiries contact Jennie Harris on 881718.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES at the LORD NELSON: Tuesday 13th March** will screen Churchill (PG 105 mins). Brian Cox gives a powerful performance as Winston Churchill struggling with his doubts about Operation Overlord and fearing his marginalised role in the war effort. Also stars Miranda Richardson as Clementine, Churchill's long-suffering wife. **Doors open 7.45 pm.**, film starts 8 pm. £5 tickets in advance only from Norton Shop. Please contact John Bailey on 01935 881227 [jabailey@toucansurf.com](mailto:jabailey@toucansurf.com) with any queries. Please don't phone the shop for information, thank you. **NORTON MOVIE NITES** has a small amount of money available to donate to worthy local causes. Please contact either John Bailey on 01935 881227 [jabailey@toucansurf.com](mailto:jabailey@toucansurf.com) or Bill Caswell on 881782 [bill\\_caswell@hotmail.com](mailto:bill_caswell@hotmail.com) if you would like to be considered.

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB** February Main Draw Winners: Shelagh Wickstead (2) , Mary Edmunds Penny Cudmore, Brian Frosdick, Mauvyn Greenham, Mary Morgan, Richard Raven, Roger Webb, Richard More. Pub Draw winners: Dave Brodie Mark Andrews-Urvoy. The next draw will be held on **March 16th at 7.00pm in the Lord Nelson.** Shares for this club are still available @ £1 per month. Please call Roger Webb on 881096 for a form.

**LADIES GROUP** A wonderful evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all at our meeting on 20th February. Speaker Dr. Francis Burroughes gave a talk of his experiences as a conductor and producer of Amateur Dramatics and Operatic Societies. His tales were very amusing, and we shall definitely invite him back. Our AGM will be on **20th March** in the **Reading Room.** We hope to hold a raffle so please bring along anything you wish to contribute towards it. This will also be the opportunity to pay our annual subs which remain the same for this year. We welcome new members and visitors alike at any time. Sue Lowder 881805

**THE READING ROOM AGM** will take place in the **Reading Room** on **Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm.** Everybody welcome. Tricia Walton, Secretary. Tel: 882646.

**SPRING JUMBLE SALE at Norton Village Hall. Saturday March 24th. Doors open 11.00am.** Admission 50p. New/nearly new. Books, toys, shoes, bags . Bric a brac. Cake stall, Raffle, Refreshments and much more. Everyone welcome. ( Proceeds to Hall Funds.) We will be at the hall from 4pm - 8pm on the Friday to receive donations for this sale. Thank you, Any enquiries to Jennie Harris on 881718.

**COFFEE MORNING** The January Coffee Morning, with a Bring and Buy Homemade Marmalade Sale, raised £297.35 The next Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 28th March at 3 Highwoods Close**, when the theme for the Bring and Buy will be 'Easter Goodies'. Other items are acceptable. Richard Terrell

**MILITARY WIVES CHOIR** The Yeovilton Military Wives Choir is coming to **Norton Church on Wednesday 11th April** to give a Concert at **7.30pm**. Directed by professional singer, musician and composer Matthew Rock, the Choir, consisting of military wives, Service women, mums and girlfriends, sings a wide range of musical genres. Their visit is anticipated to be very popular and it is recommended to make early purchase of an Advance Ticket, £7. On the Door entry (no ticket) will be £8 if space permits. A Wine Bar opens at 7pm. Further information on the Choir and the whole Season of Music for the 2018 Norton Festival can be obtained from publicity leaflets and by visiting [www.nortonfestival.org](http://www.nortonfestival.org) Tickets now available from the Norton Community Shop. Richard Terrell

**SCHOOL NEWS** We currently have a **vacancy for Chairperson of FONS** since Esther Lawrence, who did a wonderful job, has moved away. If you are interested please contact Liz Stiddard, the School Office or Emily Waters. The sponsored read in partnership with Usborne Books' Ready Steady Read! has been a popular addition to the half term holidays. The children have been challenged to read in unusual places and a display will be put up in school celebrating their achievements. The pupils will be able to spend half of their sponsorship on Usborne books whilst the other half (plus gift aid value) will be given to the School to spend on Usborne books for the library. Our big fundraising drive has culminated in the installation of musical equipment, whiteboard and activity boards behind the school. The frame for the stage that will eventually have a canvas roof and interchangeable themed backgrounds has also been installed. The cob oven now has a protective cover. This has all been made possible by our fundraising activities as well as support from our local community including grants from Tesco Bags of Help and the Co-op Community fund. A very generous donation from the village Harvest celebrations helped us to purchase the musical chimes. Thank you to everyone that has and continues to support us. Hopefully the children will enjoy the fruits of our labour. It's looking a lot more colourful behind the school now! In due course we will be commissioning Martyn Huxter to make benches to surround the fire pit. The children will be able to create some designs that will be carved into the benches. The pupils will enjoy the annual Easter Egg hunt in the week before the Easter holidays. There will be a clothes collection on **Friday April 13th**, after the jumble sale and School holidays, by Bag2School for which we receive 40p per kilo. Details of what they can accept can be found at [www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect](http://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect) so please start collecting! Also, anything suitable that is not sold at the jumble sale will be sent to Bag2School. Please leave bags at the top of the School steps by **9am on 13th April**. If you have ideas for any of these events, for future fundraising, or you would like to lend a hand, then please feel free to share your ideas with us when you see us in School, message us via our Facebook page: Friends of Norton Sub Hamdon School or email Emily at [ejwaters40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ejwaters40@yahoo.co.uk). Emily Waters (Secretary)

**KATHARINE MULLER** reaches her **100<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **1<sup>st</sup> April , Easter Sunday**, and by way of celebration she asks that a cash donation in lieu of cards or flowers be made – this will be shared between St Margaret's Yeovil Hospice and MacMillan Cancer Support for all their good work. Thank you.

**SPRING MARKET & PLANT SALE Saturday 28th April 11am – 3pm Norton Village Hall** New Road, Norton TA14 6SF Including Farmers' Market, Flower, Vegetable & Herb Plants, Crafts & Gifts, Spring Draw. Free plants and seeds for children with 'grown your own' workshop and instructions for entering them into the August Flower Show. Contributions of plants very welcome. Please deliver to Orchardlea, New Road, **on or before Friday 27th April**. Please label stating variety. To reserve a craft stall, or for any other enquiries please contact Andy Jacobs at [hamdon@btinternet.com](mailto:hamdon@btinternet.com) 07770 998339

**MY THANKS.** This is just to say to those who knew her, Jill Harris (Tintinhull), died peacefully at home on Saturday 27th January. Mum was a great supporter of the WI & I know for sure that she knew past members in Norton. She helped her friend, Rev'd Jim Pulman, to organise the Norton Poetry competitions in the 1990s. Thank you so much to all of you who supported us during her short illness. Simon Harris

**PHIL DAVIES** Many villagers who have lived here for some while will be saddened to know Phil Davies (late of Quince Lodge as it was known then) died on the 25th January aged 89. Phil was extremely active in the village - he helped design our boundary stones, was instrumental in organising the extra bells for the church at the time of the Millennium and in so many other ways. I remember he was always tidying the garden area on the north side of the school car park single handedly. My recollection was enjoying his company for the 5 Nations (as they were then known) International rugby matches. He always brought round two bottles of "prop forward red" wines to Courtfield Cottage for us to enjoy in front of the fire with the two Mikes, Cudmore and Cumberlege. To watch an international game of rugby with Phil was without doubt a great privilege - he made an excellent TV referee and often challenged the one in charge of the actual

match!! Phil made his name with the British Lions in South Africa in 1955, the last tour to South Africa prior to Apartheid. He played centre for the Harlequins, winning 11 caps for England but was always extremely modest about his distinguished playing past. On leaving the village he and Nancy went to live near Bridport, but they always returned to the village for the Church Marmalade Coffee mornings which he actually inaugurated. RIP Phil and thank you for all you gave to the village during your time in Norton. Peter Callaghan

**FLOWER ARRANGING OPPORTUNITY** It is the time of year for a new rota to take us forward to Easter 2019. It would be lovely to hear from enthusiastic flower arrangers to augment the present rota which lists who arranges flowers on the main pedestal. One arrangement lasts for two weeks and your name for that and a minimal bit of brass cleaning comes up only ONCE A YEAR. You don't have to be a professional florist - you could do flowers with a friend. You don't have to be a Flower Lady, you could be a Flower Gentleman - all you need are itchy fingers which long to do some artistic flowers and enjoy arranging them. The flowers are much appreciated by the congregation and visitors. Occasionally we have a Flower Festival when we can really go to town! Please get in touch with either Ruth Cannon 881519 or Christabel Cumberlege 881255. Give us a ring and we will be very happy to tell you what is involved and how we can help.

**RINGING APPEAL** A nationwide appeal is being made to recruit and teach at least 1,400 bell ringers by 11th November to Ring for Peace on the one hundredth anniversary of Armistice. The number represents the lives of bell ringers lost in The Great War of 1914 – 1918. It is hoped that each Tower will take part so an Appeal goes out to the village to recruit new bell ringers. If you have never bell rung and would like to know more or maybe have once rung and would consider returning please indicate your interest to The Norton Tower Captain, Mark Gill on 881128, as soon as possible.

**THIS MONTH Mothering Sunday.** Sometimes known as Refreshment Sunday, this Day in Lent - 11th March this year - was a time when fasting was relaxed. The traditional Common Prayer epistle reading refers to the heavenly Jerusalem as 'the Mother of us all' and on this day people made a point of visiting their nearest big church - their 'Mother Church' in which they were baptised. Young boys and girls who were 'in service' as servants and maids were allowed, on this day, to visit their family. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow them to take a cake, or a gift of eggs or flowers. The most favoured cake was the simnel cake, a fruit cake with a layer of marzipan and decorated with eleven marzipan balls – representing the twelve disciples less Judas (who betrayed Jesus). Perhaps Mothering Sunday is a time to think especially of our mothers and of the Church that has 'mothered' us and is special to us. Richard Terrell

#### **MARCH CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON**

Sunday 4	11.00am	All Age Service
Sunday 11	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 18	6.30pm	Compline
Sunday 25	8.00am	Communion – Palm Sunday
Wednesday 28	7.00pm	Compline
Thursday 29	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 30	11.00am	Good Friday Reflections

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6.30pm Easter Day Communion

#### **SPECIAL SERVICES IN MARCH**

**Lent Sunday Evenings** – services of compline continue. The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is without additions, conversation or noise - **18th and 28th March at Norton**

**Friday March 2nd** Women's Worldwide Day of Prayer. Across the world the first Friday in March is celebrated as the WWDOP. Each year the women of a different country, this year Suriname, prepare a service to be used worldwide. The service for the Ham Hill Villages will be at **All Saints Hall, Stoke at 2.30 pm.**

**Sunday March 4th Education Sunday** A special service in Norton School at 11.00 am and all are welcome, especially those involved in education as pupils, parents, teachers or governors.

**Sunday March 11th Mothering Sunday** There are a number of opportunities to worship on **Mothering Sunday – a 9.30am** family communion at **Norton**, and All Age worship at 11.00am at either Chiselborough or West Chinnock.

**Holy Week – March 25th – April 1st**

**Palm Sunday – 9.30am** service at West Chinnock includes the dramatic reading about the last day of Jesus' life.

**Maundy Thursday** – Evening Communion recalling the Last Supper at **7.00pm at Norton**

**Good Friday** – Reflective services at **Middle Chinnock 10.00 am , Norton 11.00 am & Chiselborough 6.00 pm.**  
**Details of Craft Event 12.30 – 2.30pm** elsewhere in magazine. At **3.00 pm** there is a service on Gawler's Hill – followed by Hot Cross buns at the Rectory (to which you are welcome even if you don't make it up the hill)  
**Easter Day** starts with a sunrise service on Ham Hill (near the Monument) at **6.30 am**, there are services at **8.00am** (Chiselborough), 9.30am (Middle Chinnock), 11.00am (West Chinnock) and 6.00pm (Norton).

**The Church Annual Meeting will be held at Norton - Reading Room 7.30pm on 12th April.**

**Electoral Rolls** People can be on the Electoral Roll of a parish if (s)he is baptised, of sixteen years or upwards, and declares (her)himself either — (a) to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith resident in the parish; or (b) to be such a member and, not being so resident, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment. People can find forms in the churches or from the Electoral Roll officer Martyn Hamlin The revision of the Electoral Roll closes 15 days before the Annual meetings.

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

**Planning:** The Parish Council received one planning application to make their observations on for this month: 18/00020/FUL Cartbridge, Little Street. Erection of a five bay garage – REVISED PLANS

The Parish Council of Norton sub Hamdon discussed this revised planning application at great length at the February Parish Council meeting.

All the Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to OBJECT against this application due to the points raised below:

**Size.** They all agreed that the size of the proposed garage is still far too big. The depth on the plan allows for vehicles up to 8 metres long whereas even large domestic vehicles are only a little over 5 metres long. Reducing the overall depth to 6 metres would also reduce the overall height. The size is also accentuated even more by the proposed wood store running along two sides of the garage.

**Roof:** The roof is still far too high. It was suggested by one of the Councillors (who is a roofer) that the roof should be mono pitch instead of duo pitch. This would reduce the height considerably. This building is meant to be a single storey garage - so why the need for additional height?

**Roof:** It was questioned as to why the applicant wants to use double roman tiles on the roof when they have used slate tiles on both the house and the stables.

The Parish Councillors were concerned that the proposed garage would be turned into future housing/accommodation (I know that this is not a planning reason, however, the Parish Council would like it made).

**Impact on Neighbours:** Due to the size and location of the proposed 5 bay garage, The Councillors felt it would have a large impact on the neighbours light into both their garden and workshop/studio.

**Too close to footpath:** The footpath that runs directly alongside the back of the proposed garage is very narrow and the bank is already eroding into the river. There seems to be no provision for drainage in the application.

The Clerk has now received notification regarding the following applications:

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

17/04124/FUL Land opposite Tinkabee Cottage, Little Norton. Change of use of land, stationing of a log cabin and two shepherds huts for holiday let. This application was considered by the Council's Area Committee on Wednesday 24th January 2018. This application was REFUSED due to:

The proposal, by reason of its scale, layout and materials, fails to respect the rural character, appearance and general amenity of the area, and is therefore considered to be unacceptable in this location, contrary to the aims and objectives the NPPF and Policy EQ2 of the South Somerset Local Plan.

**Annual Village Litter Pick:** The date for the village litter pick had been set for **Saturday 17th March** and will begin at **9.30am (Finishes by 11.15am)** This will start from the **Reading Room**. If anyone could please spare an hour or so of your time we would really appreciate it. It would be lovely to see some new faces. We look forward to your help.

**Change of Venue for Parish Council Meetings: As from April 1st 2018**, all Parish Council meetings will be held in the **Committee Room in the village hall**. Due to the continued success of the Norton Café, the room has now become unsuitable for use as a business meeting room. It is also more financially viable for the Parish Council to use the village hall.

**S137 Donations.** Every year Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council grants £200 in total to local groups, organisations or charities that benefit the village. This year it was split between three charities/organisations that have helped residents in Norton over the last year. £80 was granted to St Margaret's Hospice, £60 to Martock Job Club and £60 to the SSVCA (South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action.).

### **Housing Fair at Westlands Leisure Complex – March 8th**

The SSDC will again be hosting a Housing Fair at Westland's Leisure Complex in Yeovil on **March 8th between 2.00 and 7.00pm**. This is a free public event to highlight housing available in the district. There will be housing developers, Estate Agents, Letting Agents, Housing Association advisers and Land agents exhibiting. The event will also be of interest to first-time buyers, people moving up the property ladder, downsizing or wanting to own their own home through a Shared Ownership property.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 12th March at 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)

## **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

**DR BULLEY RETIREMENT.** We felt you would like to know that Dr Roger Bulley is retiring from Hamdon Medical Centre in April after 35 years of dedicated and caring service to our community. To mark the event, we are planning a tea party for patients and former members of staff to come and say farewell and thank you to him on **Saturday 14 April** between **2.00pm and 4.00pm at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall**. Please drop in, we know he would love to see you. There will be a book available in the Medical Centre reception from **20 February** for those who wish to write him a good luck and thank you message. Any donations towards a leaving gift, to be presented to him at the tea party, can be left at reception at Hamdon Medical Centre no later than **6 April** please. Dr Kathryn Blaydes, GP Partner, Hamdon Medical Centre

**HONEY POT** is open every **Saturday in March 10 -12 noon @ Chiselborough Rectory**. The 'shop' is newly-stocked with pre-loved books, and the Fairtrade stall is piled high with goodies ahead of Fairtrade Fortnight\* - an opportunity to support producers across the world, with additional donations being doubled by the government between now and April. (\*FT fortnight **February 26 - March11**) Anyone wishing to donate Easter goodies to the Yeovil food bank, please bring them to the Honey Pot by March 17th, to ensure delivery in time. There are lists available in the back of church and in the Honey Pot.

**GOOD FRIDAY EVENT FOR CHILDREN Chiselborough Village Hall, 30th March 12.30 - 2.30pm** on the theme 'Rolling Stones' Explore Easter in a different way, with craft activities, games and food. Suitable for children from 3 upwards - plus their parents/carers. Bring your own picnic. Drinks and snacks available. Ring Anne Thomas (881202) with offers of help and to find out more. Book your places or just turn up on the day. Free event but donations welcome.

**'LIBRARY TEAPOT' BOOK CLUB** is reading Umberto Eco's 'Numero Zero'. Come along and join in the discussion over tea and cake, on **Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at Chiselborough Village Hall. 2.30 - 4.00pm**. All are welcome - whether or not you have read the book! Bring your library card and you can use the Library Van - parked outside the hall from about **2.35 - 3.25pm**. Anne Thomas 881202

**CONCERT IN MARTOCK CHURCH - 10th March at 7.30pm.** A second visit by the Clayhanger String Quartet. These Devon-based professional musicians come together several times each year to help charities to raise funds. They will play Quartets by Haydn, Borodin and Dvorak (The American). Borodin is not played as often as pieces by the other two composers, but the third movement of his Quartet in F major was taken as the theme music for the Stage Musical 'Kismet' and has become very well known. Tickets £9 on door, £8 from 822706. **Please note: on 26th April** Martock Church will host the four LYRA Singers from St Petersburg as part of their annual UK tour.

**SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH CHURCH** Jonathan Delbridge plays music for piano and organ on **Friday, March 16th 7.30 pm** Tickets £7.50 from N&D News 01460 249288 or at the door.

**A COFFEE IN CREWKERNE** Why not go shopping in Crewkerne on **Friday 23rd March** and drop into **Crewkerne and District Museum** between **10.30am and 12midday** to enjoy coffee and cake, perhaps meet a friend. You will help to raise funds to aid refugees in camps in Greece, a small country with severe economic problems. Greece is responsible for more than 60,000 refugees in more than 50 camps on the mainland and on some islands. The island camps in particular are becoming increasingly overcrowded and squalid as war rages on in Syria and Iraq and families flee from the bombs. Borders are closed to them and their future is extremely uncertain. Money we raise will go to recently formed specialised charities there which help to meet the practical, psychological, social and emotional needs of those in the camps. Please look out for our posters. Geraldine Downey 01460 271358 Refugee Support Group, South Somerset

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB.** The next event will be on **Wednesday March 28th** in **Stoke Memorial Hall** at **7.30pm** and will be a talk entitled 'Gardens for Pollinators' Gold Club Speaker. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

**ST MARGARET'S SUPPORT GROUPS** Octagon Theatre, Yeovil BA20 1UX **Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm** St Margaret's Support Groups are open to anyone affected by a life-limiting illness - patients, their families and friends As well as providing an opportunity to meet others in similar situations, our trained volunteers can offer visitors a listening ear, provide free information, help signpost to other services. The groups are run on a drop-in basis - there is no need to book or to be referred or perhaps you would like to become a volunteer to help run these groups? For more information please contact Lesley Burgess E-mail: [lesley.burgess@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](mailto:lesley.burgess@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk) Tel: 0845 070 8910

**VILLAGE AGENT UPDATE** Stories are an amazing way to enrich our lives. Whether we watch them as a TV drama, share a sofa and a book with the younger members of the family or curl up and read or listen to a talking book alone. There are plenty of exciting ways to enjoy stories at libraries around the county too. Try a shared reading group, where poems and stories are read aloud together, followed by discussion into which everyone is encouraged to participate. Try **Chard library on Mondays 1.30-3pm, Yeovil is on Wednesday 11-12.30 pm and Wincanton (fortnightly) Tuesday 2-3.15pm**. If you are unable to get to the library, you can ask for a volunteer to visit you on a regular basis, bringing books of your choice and stopping for a cuppa. It is a lovely volunteer position to take too. Contact me or your local library if you are interested. Libraries often have events and groups such as author talks and children story times. Check out local adverts and online. Libraries will also support you with internet access which is necessary for those changing to universal credit and to compare your utility bills. They are also a great place to find local adverts. It is a safe and

welcoming place to visit for all. They are also warm in the winter! Ensure that you have your say in the future of your local library by joining one of the consultations at **Crewkerne 9th March Henhayes 10am,11am,12.00** hourly sessions, **Ilminster Saturday 10th February 9.30-10.30 and 11.30** hourly sessions, For Martock and South Petherton library visit **Martock library on 28th February at 10am,11am and 12am** for hourly sessions, **Somerton on Saturday 17th February 9.30,10.30 and 11.30 am. Yeovil Sunningdale library is at the Monmouth Hall 9th March 9.30 -12.30** for a drop in session. Not sure who to turn to? 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 and email me. [cath@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:cath@somersetcc.org.uk) 07968521746

**THE WATER IS RISING, THE FLOODS ARE HERE.** On the 7th February 'The 'Alley Theatre' at the Lord Nelson in Norton hosted a new play from Wassail Theatre Company - a professional company based in West Coker. RECLAIMED is based on the experiences of Somerset communities during the floods of 2013/14. Uncertain as to what was in store for them the audience was treated to an examination of stress, emotions and other human reactions related to a difficult personal and community situation. It was presented in the round and tackled the issues in a humorous way. In fact it was very funny, all the more so because the cast were willing to engage some of the audience. At the end of the performance there was a short Q&A session when the cast revealed how they set about the play. The whole evening was excellent and we look forward to seeing the Wassail Theatre Company again. Bob Fill

**ONE OFF ADVERTS:** Food is one of my passions including using as much fresh local produce as I can. Before I moved to beautiful Norton, I had started a little catering business which proved to be really popular with friends and family. Having lived here for a year, I've decided to relaunch "**Delicious Delivered**". It really will be a cottage industry, working from our little kitchen at Karibu and potentially the Reading Room as well. **Delicious Delivered** can be : \* Food for your freezer - chilli, fish pie, curries etc \* Supper Party Catering - up to 12 people \* Canapes for Drinks Parties \* Buffet Ideas for small celebrations - up to 24 people As you may know, my main job is working at our Post Office so my catering will always be along side, but I'm confident they can go hand in hand. Let's see? Sara 881866 07586 505986

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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 7 First of Village Walkies Meet Reading Room 9.30am  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8,9 and 10 March Pantomime Village Hall 7.30pm  
Monday 12 March Parish Council Meeting Reading Room 7.30pm  
Tuesday 13 March Norton Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.30pm  
Friday 16 March Wine Club Draw Lord Nelson 7.00pm  
Saturday 17 March Village Litter Pick start from Reading Room 9.30am  
Tuesday 20 March Ladies Group AGM Reading Room 7.30pm  
Wednesday 21 March Reading Room AGM 7.30pm  
Saturday 24 March Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am  
Wednesday 28 March Village Coffee Morning 3 Highwoods Close 10.45am  
Wednesday 11 April Yeovil Military Wives concert 7.30pm  
Thursday 12 April Church Annual Meeting Reading Room 7.30pm  
Saturday 28 April Flower Show Plant Sale 11.00am  
Saturday 19 May Medieval Music Sine Nomine concert 7.30pm  
Saturday 14 July Chris Denman Colours of the Organ Afternoon  
Saturday 18 August Flower Show 2.00pm  
Saturday 6 October The Brue Boys concert 7.30pm  
Saturday 1 December Cantamus concert 7.30pm  
Friday 14 December Ladies Group Christmas Party – Village Hall