

# NORTON NEWSLETTER MAY 2018 ISSUE 415

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**ADVERTS:** See new 'one off' advert at end of newsletter for details of a yoga class in Norton Village Hall

**CHURCH FLAG** The George Cross Flag will fly from the church tower on **Thursday 10th May** for Ascension Day and also on **Sunday 20th May and Sunday 27th May** for Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday respectively.

## NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

**NORTON SHOP** We now stock local milk from Bruton Dairy. We have the usual range of sizes and types, including organic. It is all produced on Somerset farms and is delicious and un-homogenised - so really tastes like 'good old fashioned milk'. In line with Government policy we now have to charge for carrier bags. We are keeping the charge at the minimum allowed. And you can always buy one of our own Norton Shop reusable bags.

**WEDNESDAY WALKIES - Walk and Talk for your health.** These are proving to be popular. However our start time has been put back to meet at **10.00am @ The Reading Room**. We hope this will enable more to join us from the surrounding villages. We return around 11.00am for coffee, teas and cake. This weekly health walk suits all ages, dogs, zimmers and walking poles **Please note:** on the 8 Wednesdays in the year when the Norton Church Coffee Morning is held - we walk the following day, Thursday. Peter Callaghan

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** are moving! From **Wednesday 2nd May** we will be meeting at the Norton Cafe in the **Reading Room** from **2.30pm till 4.00pm**. Further dates are **16th and 30th May**. Come along and enjoy Jo's lovely tea or coffee whilst you work on your project and natter with friends. Tricia 882646.

### **SUNDAY 6th MAY OPEN GARDEN - THE FLAX BARN, BROADMEAD LANE, NORTON SUB HAMDON.**

Jayne English is once again opening her garden for the National Garden Scheme Yellow Book on **Bank Holiday Sunday 6th May from 11.00am to 4.00pm**. Proceeds from the entries will go to various Nursing Charities supported by the NGS. Ruth Canon is running the refreshments and the proceeds from the teas will be going to Norton Church. If you would like to provide a cake for the teas please let Ruth Canon know on 881519. Back in March Jayne's Open Garden day had 150 visitors and raised £750 for the NGS and £250 for Chiselborough Church.

**LADIES GROUP** A warm welcome was given to Karen Stead-Dexter when she gave an informative talk on floral remedies or Bach Remedies. Who'd have thought the humble dandelion could yield such properties. We learned about the healing values of some of our favourite plants - not all of them we welcome in our gardens! We had the chance to make our own floral essences to take away and experiment with. A delightful evening was had by all. A trip to the Somerset Rural life museum in Glastonbury was arranged for 24th April and another outing is to take place on **Thursday 10th May (please note date has been changed from 11th)** to Liberty Fields in Halstock. For more information or if you would like to come along please contact Sue. Our next meeting will be held in the **Reading Room on Tuesday 15th May**, when we will welcome Miranda Pender, a singer song writer who will entertain us with words and music. I think this will be an inspiring evening. We welcome new members and visitors at any time. Sue Lowder 881805

**STAND-UP COMEDY** Next Hamdon Ha! Ha! Is at the **Lord Nelson, Norton on Saturday 12th May**. Resident MC TOM GLOVER will host another laugh-out-loud night featuring some really funny acts including PAUL RICKETTS, DAVID WROE and REGAN MACNEIL. More info on our facebook page where you can win a couple of tickets to join us for live and lively comedy in the Lord Nelson skittle alley. Show starts **8.00pm**. Tickets £9, on sale now at the pub. Tell your friends! ...Lindsay Higgins

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19th MAY.** You are invited to a coffee morning in support of Christian Aid on **Saturday 12th May from 10am to 12:30pm at The Whitehouse, Higher Street**, the home of Bill and Cilla Caswell. There will be no

door to door collection in Norton this year but envelopes will be available at the Whitehouse and the Church. You can also donate via the internet at [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk). Thank you in anticipation.

**SINE NOMINE** A merry band of musicians will be giving a Concert in **Norton Church** on **Saturday 19th May at 7.30pm**. Sine Nomine, in period costume, perform medieval and renaissance music on handmade reproduction instruments. They introduce their instruments and occasionally invite their audience to 'have a go'. The evening promises to be a colourful blend of history and music - not to be missed. It is recommended that an Advance Ticket, £7, is purchased from the Community Shop as on the Door entry, £8, will only be if space is available. Further information on the 2018 Norton Festival Season of Music publicity leaflets, and by visiting [www.nortonfestival.org](http://www.nortonfestival.org). Tickets now available. Richard Terrell

**COFFEE MORNING** The monthly Coffee Mornings are enjoyable social events for all ages – men and women – supporting the Parish Church. The next one is on **Wednesday 23rd May at Shepherd's Cottage, Higher Street** at **10.45am** with a Bring & Buy theme of 'Scents and Sensibility' inviting scents, lotions, herbs and other 'smelly' things.

### THANKS

My family and I wish to thank all those friends who have sent cards and letters indicating their feelings for the sudden loss of Sue. Your support is greatly appreciated including how you have described your own feelings about Sue and your offers of help. The funeral is arranged for **Noon on Friday 18th May at Yeovil Crematorium**. Roger Webb.

The newsletter committee was very sorry to hear of the news that Sue Webb had passed away. She had been the chairman of the committee for some years and was always very enthusiastic and proactive in this role. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara Goddard would like to say thank you for all the cards and good wishes she received when her partner Neil Tomlinson passed away recently. She very much appreciated the kindness of so many people in the village.

### MAY CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 6	11.00am	All Age Worship
Sunday 13	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 20	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 27	8.00am	Communion

**SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH** First of all a deeply appreciative Thank You to all those who enabled such wonderful acts of worship over Holy Week. Those who played, sang, read, spoke, decorated and worshipped.

**May 6th Rogation Sunday** – this year's walk, will be from **West Chinnock** (where we will start with a hymn at **9.30 am**) to **Middle Chinnock** (where we will arrive for sermon / communion from **10.00 am**). The historical tradition was to walk along the parish boundary on the 6th Sunday after Easter – to remind everyone of their sense of responsibility for the land and people in the parish, to give thanks to God for his provision and to pray for the farms and the use of the land.

**May 10th Ascension Day** – this year we celebrate Christ's return to heaven (the 40th day after the Resurrection) with a **10.00 am** Communion service at **Chiselborough** and, at **7.00 pm**, a service on **Ham Hill** (at the Toposcope – off the path that leads from the car park and the monument) for our 7 parishes.

**May 13th Christian Aid Week Service** - a special communion service in **Norton Church** at **9.30am on Sunday 13th May** which includes the Benefice Choir.

**Christian Aid Week.** Every year Christians make a concentrated effort to help the world's poorest people. During the second week of May thousands of volunteers are involved in fundraising. Christian Aid works with hundreds of local organisations in developing countries. Working with poor communities, it trains people to deal with the effects of climate change and prepares them for the threat of natural disasters. These local organisations – or 'partners' – also work on HIV, training and education, health and sanitation and peace and reconciliation. Christian Aid Week this year is **13th to 19th May**. See above re Christian Aid Coffee Morning the previous day - **12th May** - come along to find out more and support this cause. Richard Terrell

**May 20th Pentecost** there are services in each of the 7 churches in the Benefice, and the day concludes with a special service at Montacute Baptist church (the only non-'Church of England' church in the Benefice) to mark the end of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

**The funeral service for Sue Webb will be at the Yeovil Crematorium on Friday May 18th at midday.**

**HAMDON YOUTH GROUP COMMITTEE** would welcome new members to run the HYG. Friendly 2-monthly meeting with ample coffee and biscuits but doing a worthwhile job in organising the Youth Clubs in Stoke and Norton with the

support of Community Youth Projects who provide our qualified Youth Worker. Any age welcome. Please contact John Bailey on 01935 881227 or jabailey@toucansurf.com if you would like to know more.

**SCHOOL NEWS** The Easter Egg Hunt was really well supported despite the weather and we raised £192. Thank you to our helpers and to Class 1 and 2 parents for supplying the cakes to sell. Our Bag2School collection raised £120 so we are grateful for your contributions. We are now 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**. We have grand plans - more details to follow and we shall also be needing help to run some stalls so please let us know if you can! Thank you for your support, Emily Waters (Secretary)

**MORE SCHOOL NEWS** Norton and West Chinnock schools have had another successful year. Both schools are ranked in the top 10 performing primary schools in Somerset out of over 140 schools. This is a fantastic achievement and Ms Stiddard and the staff should be congratulated for their efforts in enabling our small village schools to do so well. The governing board remain busy in ensuring these achievements continue. We are entering a time of change with some of our more experienced governors nearing the end of their terms and so we are looking for volunteers who would like to join the governing board. The specific skills that would compliment the board presently are in finance and/or marketing. If you are interested in becoming a governor please get in contact with the school. There are still some places available in reception at both schools for September 2018. Should you be interested we would be delighted to show you around the schools. Olly Donaldson School Governor

### **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR APRIL 2018**

**Planning:** The Parish Council received two planning applications to make their observations on for this month: 18/00726/FUL Rocklands, Little Street – Conversion, side extension and alterations to existing coach house. The Parish Council had no objections to this.

18/00932/FUL Chinkwell House, Little Norton – Erection of an Agricultural Building. The Parish Council had no objections to this.

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

18/00610/FUL Keepers Cottage, Little Norton – Erection of an oil fuel tank - APPROVED

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

17/04040/FUL Bagnell Farm Cottage, Little Norton Erection of first floor side extension with balcony (part retrospective). APPROVED

**Ham Hill – Friends of Ham Hill: can you help?** The Friends of Ham Hill (FoHH) are a group of volunteers dedicated to helping the Ranger team to look after and improve the park. They act as a focus for community involvement at the park, raise funds for projects and support events and activities such as the Ham Hill Fayre and the many activities for children. Over the past year the FoHH have been particularly successful in gaining grant funding for new projects such as a Geology Trail and the Witcombe Stream restoration. Although SSDC will continue to be responsible for land management at Ham Hill we cannot expect, in these times of ever tighter government finances, that events, activities and new projects will be able to take place without a greater role for the FoHH.

It is for this reason that the FoHH are now seeking a greater involvement of the local community, including those in Norton, in planning for future work, fund raising, event support and other activities. If you'd like to get involved contact Ranger Paul 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

**Change of Venue for Parish Council Meetings:** Just a reminder ... all Parish Council meetings will now be held at **The Committee Room, in the Village Hall from April 2018**. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 14th May** with the **Annual Parish Council meeting** taking place at **7.15pm**, followed immediately after by the **Monthly Parish Council meeting 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

## **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

**BOOK CLUB** is really blessed in May - 2 meetings! One on **Tuesday May 1st** and the second on **Tuesday May 29th**. Place and time: **Chiselborough Village Hall, 2.30 - 4.00ish** (to coincide with the Library Van). Anyone with an interest in books is welcome - just come along and introduce yourself, over tea and cake - and bring your library card if you want to borrow a book from the van. Call 881202 or 881566 for more details.

**HONEY POT at Chiselborough Rectory** is celebrating Spring with an **OPEN WEEKEND 5th-7th May**. There will be lots to see and do - books to browse in our incredible 2nd hand bookshop, open garden - with 'Literary Installations', a stage for 'theatricals', refreshments in the Mad Hatter Pop Up Café, an Art Gallery (with cards and paintings for sale), Fair Trade stall, children's book hut (with creative activities) and places to chat or to just sit and read. **Open 10.00 -**

**5.00pm on Saturday and Monday, 1.00 - 5.00pm Sunday.** The Rectory, Chiselborough TA14 6TT. ['Normal' Honey Pot will then resume service on **May 19th & 26th - closed on May 12th**]

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB.** The next event will be on **Wednesday Monday 7th May** and will be a visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre (No supper at this event). The next talk in **Stoke Memorial Hall at 7.30pm** will be on **Wednesday 23rd May** entitled Ice, Fire and Fjords and will be given by Mike Spencer. On **Monday 28th May** there will be the May Fayre Plant Stall at **Stoke Priory and Memorial Hall** between **11.00am and 4.00pm**. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

**EVENTS AT THE SOMERSET & DORSET FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Saturday 12th May 2.30pm - 4.00pm**  
Reading Old Documents\*\* by Ted Udall Broadway House, Family History Centre. **Saturday 9th June 2.30pm - 4.30pm** The Railway History of Yeovil, South Somerset & West Dorset by Roger Marsh Raleigh Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne. **Saturday 30th June 2.30pm - 4.30pm** All around Milborne Port and area in WWII A film presented by Richard Duckworth Raleigh Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne.  
\*\*Limited number of places, please book in advance. SDFHS Members £3.00. Non members £5.00 Refreshments at meetings included. All events can be booked on line <http://shop.sdfhs.org/> or in person during opening hours at Broadway House, Family History Centre, Yeovil, or by telephone - 01935 429609 Please note the Yeovil Centre is on the first and second floors with no lift access. The Raleigh Hall in Sherborne is fully accessible.

**MARTOCK PARISH CHURCH 19th May at 7.30pm** Renowned International Entertainer JONATHAN VEIRA performs 'Songs and Tales' to raise funds for Martock PCC. Tickets, including refreshments, £12 from Martock News, Martock Gallery or 01935 817759. His visit is part of his annual UK tour. He is a musical chameleon, performing songs of great diversity to an incredibly high standard 'better than anyone else in the UK' according to The Stage. From Billy Joel to Mozart; ballads, blues, rock'nroll, jazz & opera.

**MUSIC IN THE MEADOW** The gentle sounds of the sitar drifted across Hinton St George on a pleasant Sunday afternoon in September last year. It was produced by Ricky Romain and his two accompanists as they performed for a large audience in a marquee in the Secret Garden at the far end of West Street. They were followed by the joyful music of the folk group 'Teasing The Cat' playing their collection of traditional musical instruments and singing traditional songs. The performers, who were outstanding and much appreciated by the audience, gave their services free for a concert in aid of refugees, which was organised by the voluntary group, Refugee Support Group, South Somerset.  
**On Sunday 20th May** Ricky Romain and 'Teasing the Cat' will again be providing an entertaining musical afternoon in aid of refugees from **2.00pm** in the secret garden in **Hinton St George**. All are very welcome. Look out for posters and directional signs in the village. Please bring a chair and your own drinks. Tickets £8 from Amanda 01460 72553 Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358

**THIS MONTH May Day** - the first day of the month, known as May Day, marks the time of the year when warmer weather begins and flowers and trees start to blossom. It is said to be a time of love and romance when people celebrate the coming of summer with lots of different customs that are expressions of joy and hope after a long winter. Morris Dancing has passed down the generations for hundreds of years. There are several ideas as to its origin but it may possibly refer to a form of dancing that came from the Moors of North Africa, or it may have been called 'Moorish' simply because the dancers sometimes painted their faces black and people compared this to the dark-skinned Moors. It is said that the first thing young girls used to do on the morning of 1st May was to rush out into the garden to wash their faces in the May dew which would guarantee them a beautiful complexion for the rest of the year. Who needs facial creams! Richard Terrell

**VILLAGE AGENT UP DATE** Dementia Awareness Week 2018 will take place on **Monday 21 May – Sunday 27 May**. We are all more aware that many more people are living with dementia in our society but we may feel that it doesn't concern us because we may not know anyone who has the condition. However, there are now many more people who are successfully living independently with a diagnosis and so it is useful for us all to know something about the condition so that we can respond appropriately when we meet people who may be struggling. There are many types of dementia. Most people will have heard of Alzheimer's which is where proteins build up in the brain and stop the signals from being accurately transmitted. Vascular dementia is the result of small strokes which damage the brain. Both conditions will get worse with time, but how rapidly can vary between people and condition. Alzheimer's is a smoother process and Vascular can be more stepped. There are many other forms including damage to the brain through excess alcohol consumption. The changes to the person can also vary but you may see a change in personality, mood swings, confusion and frustration. People may start to avoid social situations as they feel anxious and exhausted. Later symptoms can include reduced hand eye co-ordination, visual disturbance and, of course, forgetting the immediate information and living in the past. The memory can be imagined as a wobbly book shelf. The most recent memories at the top are the ones that fall off first. The dementia sufferer will start to forget the recent things and, as the condition progresses, they can move back to living in a previous age. You may come across someone experiencing symptoms when you are out. Someone may suddenly become lost or forget what they were in the middle of doing. They may forget how to count money or the system of how to buy

something. Visual disturbance can be a problem, for example a mat in a shop doorway may look more like a huge lake that needs to be negotiated. There will be added confusion as to why there is a lake in the middle of the shop doorway! There is a huge range of publications available that are all worth a read. Ask me, your surgery and the Alzheimer's society in Langport 01458 251541 for information.

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 or email me. [cath@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:cath@somersetcc.org.uk) 07968521746

**ONE OFF ADS: Yoga classes** in Norton Village Hall on **Thursday evenings 6.30pm to 8.00pm**. Please contact Jane Clarke on 07925148222 or email [clark.retreat.jane@gmail.com](mailto:clark.retreat.jane@gmail.com)

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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 2 May Crafty Critters **Reading Room 2.30pm**  
Sunday 6 May Open Garden The Flax Barn Broadmead Lane 11.00am  
Monday 7 May Duck Race Lord Nelson 12.00 noon  
Saturday 12 May Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10.00am  
Saturday 12 May Ha! Ha! Comedy night Lord Nelson 8.00pm  
Monday 14 May Parish Council AGM and meeting Village Hall 7.15pm  
Tuesday 15 May Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm  
Wednesday 16 May Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Friday 18 May Wine Club Draw Lord Nelson 7.00pm  
Saturday 19 May Medieval Music Sine Nomine concert 7.30pm  
Wednesday 23 May Village Coffee Morning Shepherd's Cottage 10.45am  
Wednesday 30 May Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Friday 15 June Friends of Norton Church Talk  
Saturday 14 July Chris Denman Colours of the Organ Afternoon  
Friday 27 July Friends of Norton Church Talk with cheese and wine  
Saturday 18 August Flower Show Norton Rec 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