

# NORTON NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018 ISSUE 421

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## NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

**CHURCH FLAGS** The George Cross Flag will fly from the Church Tower from **Friday 2nd November until Sunday 4th November** for All Saints Day and All Souls Weekend. The Union Flag will fly on **Sunday 11th November** for Remembrance Day.

**NORTON CAFE NEWS** A big thank-you to everyone who supported us at the Big Coffee Morning last month. We raised £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support. We now have a contact-less credit card machine, so your coffee or cake is just a wave away! We also offer a take-away service so if you fancy a flat white and bacon butty at home either pop in or call us on 01935 881505. We are open from 10.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be serving Christmas Lunches on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December**. 2 Courses £15 including Turkey with all the trimmings followed by Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce. Vegetarian option is Cranberry and Brie Filo Parcels. Booking is essential so please call at the Cafe 881505 or Jo Parker at home 881276. E:Mail [joeccott@yahoo.com](mailto:joeccott@yahoo.com).

**NORTON JUMBLE SALE** The next Jumble Sale is on **November 3rd**. Doors open **11.00am**. We will be at the hall between **4 - 8pm on the Friday** before to receive donations. 50p entry. If anyone could bake a cake for the Cake Stall they would be gratefully received. Thanks for all your support. Proceeds to Hall funds as always. Jennie and helpers. '

**THE NORTON NEWSLETTER AGM** will be on **Wednesday 7th November** in the **Reading Room at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES** at the **Lord Nelson, Tuesday 13th November**. Lady Bird (cert 15, 94 mins). Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf and Tracy Letts star in this tale of coming-of-age in California. A mother/daughter relationship sparkles with superb dialogue and extraordinary acting. "Ronan makes 'Lady Bird' completely believable" (A Film Life). **Doors open 7.45 pm**, film starts **8.00pm**. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Shop. Contact John Bailey with any queries, 881227. Please don't phone the shop, thank you.

**SCHOOL NEWS** Our Christmas Fair is on **Saturday, November 17th, 12.00-4.00pm in the Village Hall**. This will be supported by lots of local stalls, a Grand Raffle with great prizes incl £50 cash, games for children, Father Christmas and a Café. We hope the change of day and venue will encourage a higher attendance than usual. Please spread the word for us; everyone is welcome. **FREE ENTRY!**

**LADIES GROUP** At our meeting on 16th October, we welcomed back Richard Kay from Lawrence's. He did not disappoint when he presented Fakes or Fortunes in the Art World. Highlighting the fake works, comparing them to the originals in his usual, informative and amusing way. A visit to Broadwindsor Craft Centre is planned for **Thursday 29th November** and no doubt we shall find time for tea and cake in the cafe. Please advise if you wish to come along. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th November**. Sue Gooch will talk about her work as a Stained Glass and Fused Glass Artist. She may bring along samples of her work and maybe some for sale. The Ladies Group meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the **Reading Room at 7.30pm**. New members and visitors are very welcome Sue Lowder 881805.

**NORTON "BOUNDS" BREAKFAST WALK Saturday 24th November** Starting at **8.30 am**. at **The Lord Nelson**. Enjoy an early morning autumn walk followed by "Full Monty" breakfast at the Lord Nelson. The walk will start and finish at the Pub and circumnavigate the village following the rights of way nearest to the village boundary, covering about 6 miles and taking about 2 - 2.5 hours to complete. However there are plenty of shortcuts for those who don't want to do the full distance. At the end of the walk (available at 11-11.30 am.) The Lord Nelson will have full English Breakfast including coffee, orange juice and toast at £6.50/head. Please book direct with the Pub beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries contact John Bailey ( 01935 881227)

**CHURCH SUPPORT** The September Coffee Morning raised £163.05 for the Parish Church and thanks are expressed to all who supported it. The November gathering is on **Wednesday 28th at The Hollies, Higher Street from 10.45am**. The Bring & Buy theme, which invites support, is 'All things Christmas'.

**MUSIC FOR CHRISTMASTIDE** A magical mix of the very best music from six centuries of composition, Palestrina to Gibbons; Mozart to Mendelssohn; Bob Chilcott to John Tavener - is promised by Cantamus when they visit **Norton Church** with 'Music for Christmastide', a Concert at **7.30pm on Saturday 1st December**. An Advance Ticket, £7, is available now from The Community Shop. To avoid disappointment don't delay. Richard Terrell

**HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CAKES** : Apologies to anyone who has emailed me with an order. I put the wrong email address in last month's Newsletter!!! Please re-send or order to [sara.chester26@gmail.com](mailto:sara.chester26@gmail.com) Otherwise, you can order your cake from Norton Village Shop. Thank You Sara Vann

**PINT-SIZED** The dictionary describes 'pint-sized' as 'of small dimension; diminutive'. The plays put on by the 'Stage Frighteners' in the Lord Nelson skittle alley in October might have been described as Pint-sized Plays, might have each lasted for only 10 minutes or so, but were in fact a BIG success; nothing diminutive there. Performing to sell-out audiences for three nights the local players put on seven plays, each with humour, each with a twist, each with accomplishment, and each roundly applauded. Well done to the whole team (organisers, directors, players, scene changers, prompters, front of house people, MC, Mark & Helen, technicians .... everybody). Oh, and by the way the play voted as the winner was "Two Woofs for Yes" - just one vote ahead of To Halloumi & Back! One of the play authors Simon Birkbeck who wrote 'To Halloumi and Back' just urned up on the night. He was very pleased with our production. 'Halloumi' will be the one that is performed at Christmas Crackers this year..

**CHRISTINGLE** St. Mary's Norton will be holding their annual Christingle Service on **Sunday 2nd December at 4.00pm - please note the new time of 4.00pm**. Many of you are familiar with this Service and know how delightful it is seeing the children processing around the Church with their christingles. It is a lovely start to the preparation of Christmas. We, along with other Churches and organisations hold these Services in aid of The Children's Society helping them support children who are not so fortunate as our own. This year is special as the Children's Society are celebrating 50 years of holding Christingle Services so please help us raise funds by having a collecting envelope and come to the service and join in the enjoyment of children both young and not so young! For a collecting envelope please contact Phyl Lawrence on 881283 or pick up an envelope from either the Church or the Village Community Shop.

**CAROL SINGING IN NORTON** if you would like to sing carols around the village please meet at the **Church Gate at 6.30pm on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Warm coats, torches and reading glasses will be required. We will collect for Church Funds and Shelterbox, a West Country Charity who provide emergency shelter and tools for families around the world, who have been robbed of their homes by natural disaster or conflict. Thank you in anticipation. Cilla

**CAROL SERVICE NORTON CHURCH**. The Candlelit Village Carol Service, in our lovely church will be held this year on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**, followed by mulled wine and mincepies. This is always a very special part of Christmas celebrations and greatly enjoyed by many from this village and beyond. This year, we would like to find people to read at the carol service, from each part of the village. So if you would like to represent your street or area, or would like to nominate (with their permission of course!) someone, please let Anna (881330) or Tricia (881483) know. The readings will be fairly short and very straightforward and there will be an opportunity for you to practise if you wish. It would be helpful if you could let us know by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Even if you do not wish to read, we hope as many as possible will join us to sing favourite carols and listen to the Christmas story in the beautiful surroundings of our decorated and candlelit church. Anna Terrell and Tricia Kirkham.

**LOCAL HISTORY** The next publication in the Nortonian Series (No 9) is now available to buy. Read about local history and natural history around Norton. Would make good Christmas present for friends or for those who have moved away. £4.50 in the Community Shop.

**ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CARDS** can be bought from Averil Batten – ring 881 446 for details.

**NORTON CALENDAR 2019**. The Friends of Norton Church (FNC) committee have prepared a Norton 2019 Calendar for sale in the Norton Community Shop. With some familiar (and some not so familiar) scenes of Norton-sub-Hamdon. The calendar will be available for £6 with all proceeds being used to support the fabric of the Norton Church. A note to put on your 2019 calendar is the **Friday 18th January** when the Friends of Norton Church will be providing their next illustrated presentation "The Work of the Rhino Rescue Trust" in the Norton Village Hall. Further details will be published in the December edition of the Norton Newsletter/Parish Magazine.

**HONEYPOT** signed off with its last ever AGM and celebration party on October 13th. It was an opportunity to look back over 12 years of fun, creativity and adventure - reviewing what Honey Pot achieved, the many people it touched and the difference its fund-raising has made for a variety of charities and organisations. For those who were unable to be there,

a huge thank you for 12 years of support, encouragement and generosity. It's been a fantastic journey and proved that 'small is beautiful' and that 'start where you are & use what you have' can work! It is our hope that the legacy of Honey Pot will be courage to try new things and to keep looking outwards, serving and embracing the wider world. There may be difficult times ahead, especially regarding Fair Trade, something Honey Pot has always championed. Our plea to you all is to keep the Fair Trade flag flying and to remember all who bring the food to your table, brothers and sisters both down the lane and across the world. Leaflets about Honey Pot's impact are available in the churches and from the Rectory.

**Pilsdon & Lord's Larder collections** Please bring your donations of food and clothing to **Chiselborough Rectory during the week November 17th - 24th**. The food bank donations will be handed over at a celebration on 25th, so make sure you hit the deadline! Food may also be left in the green Safeway boxes at the back of each church. Shopping lists will be made available on request or check out the Lord's Larder website: <https://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/the-lords-larder> Pilsdon will particularly welcome: warm socks, woolly hats, scarves and gloves, fleeces, waterproofs, sleeping bags and rucksacks. Please ensure all clothing is clean. Large sizes particularly welcome. Most clothing is used by men of the road, so women's clothing not required this time. This will go down to Pilsdon during the last week in November. Ask Peter or Anne 881202 for more details.

**FNC Wine Club** – due to unforeseen circumstances 12<sup>th</sup> October draw did not take place. It will be rescheduled and results will be in next month's newsletter. Next draw will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in the **Lord Nelson**.

**CHURCH GUIDE** A reminder that the Norton sub Hamdon Church Guide, produced with text by Professor David Palliser and 18 colour pictures from Roger Webb, is available at £2 from the Church. This 20 page guide explores not only the Architecture of this Grade 1 listed building (which is included in Simon Jenkins 1000 best Churches in England) but also its history and that of the village of Norton. David Palliser concludes that "St Mary's is ... a treasury of heritage and beauty as well as a house of worship".

## NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 4	11.00am	All Age Service
Sunday 11	8.00am	Communion
	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 18	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 25	8.00am	Communion

**SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER** We celebrate All Saints (**November 4th** with baptisms at our **11.00 am** all age worship service) The All Souls service (**Sunday 18th at 6.30 pm Evensong**) includes a special invitation to those who have been bereaved in the past year – and those who have died will be remembered in the lighting of candles and prayers. **November 11th** is Remembrance Sunday with a service at Norton at **10.55am**

**MORNING PRAYER** Most of you will not be familiar with the Canon law of the Church of England – but Canon B11 instructs that each day morning prayer shall be said in the parish church (it also says that the bell should be tolled!). It is impractical to be everywhere every day – but a short form of morning prayer is said each morning at **8.00 am**. and that is in **Norton Church on a Tuesday**. There are people who come regularly, but others would be welcome to join us.

**THIS MONTH Stir-up Sunday** The last Sunday before Advent (this year the twenty-fifth of November) was called 'Stir-up Sunday' because of the words of the Collect, or special prayer, for that day. 'Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people: that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works may, by you, be plenteously rewarded'. It was also regarded as the time when, traditionally, everyone in the family would take a turn at stirring the Christmas pudding and making a wish. The run up to Christmas enables us to contemplate what we are preparing to celebrate. Unlike the children's' paradoxical chant - 'Stir up, we beseech thee, the pudding in the pot; and when we get home we'll eat the lot!' – we are reminded that this is a time when we should become spiritually awake to the true meaning of Christmas. Richard Terrell

## NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW Show Organisers Report 2018: highlights

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's show so successful, to all the Committee Members who worked behind the scenes for many months planning the event, and to our Patrons and volunteers without whom we could not put on the show. There are too many to mention individually - but our sincere thanks go to all those who gave up their time before, during and after the show - putting up and taking down marquees and tables, manning the gates, stalls and activities and organising and serving the refreshments. Thank you also to the professional judges and to our President Manfred Roper for organising for their attendance.

Here are some highlights from 2018 - notes from the AGM will be published in next month's newsletter.

We are pleased to announce a profit for the year of c£900 (to be confirmed after the AGM on 22nd October) We took £476 on the gates, though this only accounts for adults as children go free, so actual numbers attending were significantly higher than the gate totals. Our teas and coffees raised a wonderful £560, so huge thanks to all the

volunteers who made cakes, and served the teas and coffees. The Grand Draw and Tombola raised £525, so thank you to everyone who donated items, it really does make a huge contribution. The number of individual exhibitors were down a little to 121 versus 170 in 2017, but much of this can be attributed to the challenging growing conditions this year. The number of under 8's entries were up again this year - it is wonderful to see the younger members of the community getting involved. We are hoping to add additional classes for 12-18 year olds for next year's show. In addition to our regular attractions and stallholders, we welcomed a number of new local businesses this year including Bagnell Farm and 1610 Sports Centre and hope to include even more next year. It was disappointing not to have music this year, but unfortunately this was a last minute cancellation due to illness.

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018**

**Planning:** The Parish Council received one planning applications for this month.

18/02642/HOU Chinkwell House, Little Norton – Mr & Mrs Richards. Alterations and the erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling. The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application. There were no notifications received.

**Ham Hill:** The Rangers on Ham Hill hold lots of great family events all year round. To see a list of upcoming events please go to their website: <https://www.southsomersetcountryside.com/ham-hill/>

**An update from Somerset County Council:** SCC have been highlighting, for the last 18 months, the pressures they are facing as funding from central government continues to fall and the demands and costs continues to rise. Nearly all local authorities are facing similar challenges, as the developments in Northamptonshire, East Sussex and more recently Oxfordshire, demonstrate. Top-tier rural authorities with responsibility for vulnerable children and adults, (which accounts for over 2/3rd of total SCC budget) are under huge financial pressure. Despite lobbying, there has been no discernible shift in Government policy or funding. Unlike other public services, SCC have to deliver a balanced budget and the funding received now falls far short of meeting the costs of the critical services provided.

The Cabinet Committee agreed in-year savings on 12 September of £12 million affecting over 70 budget lines, in all directorates. The consequences of not taking this action, of not bringing SCC to financial sustainability, would sadly be very much tougher in the medium term.

**Flu Vaccine:** Flu is a serious illness in vulnerable people, potentially causing deaths and complications such as pneumonia. SCC urge all eligible residents to protect themselves and get a flu jab. Flu outbreaks can also cause severe disruption to health and social care services in the winter months. The flu vaccine is still the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus. It can reduce the risk of serious illness. Please check with GP's or local pharmacists for details of vaccination centres.

**Library Services:** Recommendations for the future for Somerset's libraries service will be published this month. During the recent libraries service consultation over 7,000 responses were received including nearly 13,000 comments. These have been carefully reviewed and analysed over the summer and a report detailing the consultation findings and the council's recommendations are expected to be published online on 16 October ahead of discussion by the council's Scrutiny Committee on 24 October.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 12th November 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](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

## **OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS**

**BOOK LAUNCH** Anne Thomas is launching her novel 'At A Stroke' in **Chiselborough Village Hall: 6.00pm Friday November 9th**. Find out about Anne's notorious Great-great-Grandfather (who caused a banking collapse in 1861) and how his story came to be told.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet at **2.30pm on Tuesday 13th November in Chiselborough Village Hall**. Tea, cake and 'Vanity Fair'. All book lovers welcome - bring your library ticket along and use the lovely yellow library van - driven by canny Ken! Further details from Janet 881566.

**MARTOCK CHURCH CONCERT Saturday 17th November 7:30pm:** Dorset Police Male Voice Choir Admission fee Tickets £8 or £9 at the door. Contact number 07955 467896 Website:<http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events>  
<http://dorsetpolicemalevoicechoir.co.uk>

**HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS** On **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30pm** at the **former United Reform Church**, North Street in Stoke Sub Hamdon. The Hamdon Community Arts Project presents a programme of traditional and contemporary folk music with Trio Arquebus ( Sam Patten, Alex Ennis and Sarah Patten ) Come and join us for a fun afternoon in this beautiful building. Tickets £ 8 ( to include finger food refreshments served in the interval ) from the Box Office 01935 824064 ( if answer phone please leave your number and we will get back to you )

**COFFEE MORNING Refugee Support Group**, South Somerset is holding a coffee morning (with produce) in **Haselbury Plucknett Church on Friday 23rd November, 10.30am to 12 midday**, to raise funds for Raft (refugeeaid from taunton.org) to buy, for example, medication, toiletries and new underwear; and for Help Refugees which funds projects which make long lasting sustainable change in the lives of those in camps in Europe and the Middle East who

have had to flee their homes. Their projects include medical aid; nurseries, schools and youth centres; proper housing; and employment initiatives. Come and enjoy coffee and cake while providing essential valuable support. Practical donations for Raft will also be accepted that morning. Geraldine Downey RSG member 01460 271358

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB.** The next event will be in the **Memorial Hall on Wednesday 28th November at 7.30pm** and will be a Social Evening . Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

**VILLAGE AGENT NEWS** Winter can be an expensive time. It is a task to keep the house warm, children fed and entertained and to keep yourself healthy, safe and happy.

**Keep safe** – Have you had your chimney swept or your boiler serviced? Have you got a carbon monoxide monitor? Do you open your windows to change the air? Plants will draw out the carbon dioxide and give you fresh oxygen too. Fire safety checks are available from [www.dsfire.gov.uk](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk). Don't forget to have your free NHS flu vaccination from your surgery if you are eligible. You can also buy one from pharmacies if you do not qualify.

**Help with bills** – Phone your energy company to see if you are eligible for warmer homes discount (benefits and those with ill health) and install a free SMART meter so you can see exactly how much energy you are using. Ask me about our Surviving Winter fund if you are over 60. Buy oil in a group such as Somerset Community Oil Scheme or set up a village scheme and use a comparison site such as boilerjuice.

**Children** - School holidays stretch many family's food budgets. Can you help by popping something in the food bank donation box? Ask at your local church to find out about accessing your local foodbank. Get the children out of the house so you can turn off the heating and keep them entertained all in one go! Children under 12 can go to the cinema cheaply with mini morning tickets ask at your Cineworld or Odeon for information. Look for events at the local museum or library for a few hours or teach a card game to keep them occupied. Using the imagination to go monster spotting will keep them entertained on a walk, or join the geocaching website. For more information please visit [www.somersetccc.org.uk](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk) and [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org) or call me on 07968521746 to see who is your local village agent. Cath Holloway

**CARYMOOR** You can find out more about what you can recycle at the Somerset Waste Partnership website: [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk) Carymoor has a team of volunteers who help out with all aspects of our work from practical conservation, wildlife monitoring to supporting our education work. If you'd like to get involved or just find out more about Carymoor please visit [www.carymoor.org.uk](http://www.carymoor.org.uk) Further information in the next newsletter.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** should be in the box on the POST OFFICE counter, or sent by email to: [nortonnews@hotmail.com](mailto:nortonnews@hotmail.com) by **4.00pm on the 19th of each month** except in December when the deadline is the **12th**.

**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**

Saturday 3 November Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am  
Wednesday 7 November Newsletter AGM Reading Room 7.30pm  
Monday 12 November Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 13 November Norton Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm  
Wednesday 14 November Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Friday 16 November FNC Wine draw Lord Nelson 7.00pm  
Saturday 17 November School Christmas Fair Village Hall 12 noon  
Tuesday 20 November Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm  
Saturday 24 November Bounds Walk Start at Lord Nelson 8.30am  
Wednesday 28 November Village Coffee Morning The Hollies 10.45am  
Wednesday 28 November Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Saturday 1 December Cantamus Concert Church 7.30pm  
Sunday 2 December Christingle in church **4.00pm**  
Friday 14 December Ladies Group Christmas Party – Village Hall  
Friday 21 December Carol Singing – meet at church gate 6.30pm

#### **2019**

Friday 18 January FNC Church Talk Rhino Rescue Village Hall  
Thursday 31 January FNC AGM Reading Room  
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend