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ADVERTS - no new adverts this month

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

CLOCKS GO BACK. Don't forget that the clocks go back by one hour, early on **Sunday Morning, 28th October** when British Summer Time ends.

HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE 'FLU VACCINATIONS - THIS YEAR BY APPOINTMENT This years 'flu vaccinations will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY for patients that are in an 'At Risk' group including all patients aged 65 years and over and those with a chronic disease (such as heart, lung, liver or neurological disease). Patients who have diabetes, a weak immune system, that are pregnant, seriously overweight or are carers are also entitled to a 'flu vaccination together with Health and Social Care staff who work in registered care/nursing homes and registered domiciliary care providers (care agencies). To book an appointment please ring 01935 827003 or 01935 827004 between 9.00am and 10.30am or 4.30pm and 5.30pm Monday to Friday. If you have a pre-booked appointment with a Nurse or Technician from the end of September you can request to have your 'flu jab at this appointment. If you are housebound and cannot attend the surgery (friends, relatives and taxis are unable to bring you), please contact the surgery as above.

HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE Interested in getting more involved with your local healthcare services? Want to know more about recent and future developments? Find out how at our very first Patients Participation Group meeting. Hamdon Medical Centre is launching a brand new Patients Participation Group. The inaugural meeting of The Hamdon Medical Centre Patients Participation Group will take place at the surgery on **Wednesday 7th November at 6.30pm at Hamdon Medical Centre.** The aims and objectives of the group are to become the 'Voice of the Patients', developing a stronger relationship between patients and the practice; which is critical to the provision of modern, high-quality General Practice. The formation of its own Patient Participation Group will enable patients to discuss developments and ideas directly with the practice team and will become a valued and official 'patient voice'. The group will build on the previous virtual Patient Reference Group and will meet approximately six times a year. If you are interested in finding out more about the group, please come along on the 7th. For further details, please contact Kerrie Middleton, Practice Manager, Hamdon Medical Centre Tel: 01935 822236, Email: Kerrie.Middleton@nhs.net

NORTON SHOP You may have heard that our Shop Deputy Manager, Dickon is leaving us. This, obviously, will create a part time vacancy on our staff. If you or anyone you know is interested in a part time position in a lovely, friendly atmosphere, working with our Manager Claire and our wonderful volunteers please come and talk to us so we can explain more about what would be involved.

We will be looking for someone with some knowledge of the retail trade, particularly food retail, and with the ability to work flexible hours including some Saturday mornings. Patience, a sense of humour and a passion for meeting and working with people are also essential attributes. Application will, in the first instance, be by letter enclosing CV and secondly by interview.

BRUE BOYS One of the finest Male Voice Choirs in Somerset will be coming to Norton and presenting a Concert that will appeal to all musical tastes. The Brue Boys present pieces from Gounod to the Beatles and from Spirituals to Monty Python when they give a Concert in **Norton Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th October.** Advance Ticket, £7, is available from The Norton Community Shop. At the Door £8, if space permits.

NORTON MOVIE NITES at the **Lord Nelson, Tuesday 9th October.** *Finding Your Feet* (12A, 111 mins) stars Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie and Timothy Spall among others in a fine ensemble cast. Facing life's challenges with courage and humour, growing older and enjoying it - sort of. **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.

FNC WINE DRAW RESULTS Winners for September 2018: **Main Draw** Jeremy Reid, Jenny Byham, Mauvyn Greenham, Penny Cudmore (3), Mary Morgan, Chris Westwood, Barry Eastley. **Pub Draw:** Kate McBain, Jack Hardisty, Ian Chigwell. To join the Wine Club, please contact Jonathan Binns on 881605 The next draw will take place on **Friday 12th October in the Lord Nelson**

THE FLAX BARN OPEN GARDEN on 14th OCTOBER is CANCELLED Due to unforeseen circumstances my Open Garden Day for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 14th October is cancelled. From 2019 I will be opening my garden to support local Charities starting with Hamdon Youth Group in April for the spectacular Tulip display; the precise date is yet to be decided and will be advertised in the Parish Magazine and Norton Newsletter in due course. It was always my intention to open my garden to raise money for local causes and if you would like me to host an Open Garden Day to benefit your Charity please contact me on 01935 881119. Best wishes, Jayne English

LADIES GROUP A huge thank you to the Parkinsons who were the hosts for our September meeting. David's presentation kept us all enthralled, thanks once again. A group of us sang along to Mama Mia at the Westland Centre. We all enjoyed the outing and will make another visit soon. A group of us became detectives to solve a murder mystery in Beaminster. Once completed it was off to the pub for lunch! **On Tuesday 16th October**, back by popular demand is Richard Kay from Lawrence's Auctioneers - he will give a presentation entitled 'Trick or Treat, Fakes and Forgeries in the Art Market'. This will, I am sure, be delivered in his own amusing and informative way. **On 20th November** we have invited Sue Gooch who will give a presentation on Stained Glass. We welcome new members and visitors at anytime - just come along to the Reading Room on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **7.30pm**. You can be sure of a warm welcome. Sue Lowder 881805

PINT-SIZED PLAYS. Our local am-dram band of STAGE FRIGHTENERS is back with another night of short, easy-watching, funny plays – best enjoyed with a pint! If you still remember our 2016 production - the drunken husband-killers, the adulterous parachutists - you might enjoy the new laughs that 2018 brings. Starts **7:30pm** in the **Lord Nelson Skittle Alley** on **Thursday 18th, Friday 19th, Saturday 20th October**. Tickets, just £6 each, are available from the Village Shop and the Lord Nelson. This year we're raising funds for Norton Village Hall. By arrangement with Pint-sized Plays. ...Lindsay Higgins

FLOWER SHOW. The date of the AGM will be **22nd October in the Reading Room at 7.00pm**. All welcome

COFFEE BREAK The next Norton Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 24th October at The Coach House, Great Street**. There will be the usual Draw and a Bring & Buy theme of 'puzzles and books'. The Coffee Mornings are a great social occasion and provide valuable support for the Parish Church.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL. The committee are very sorry to say goodbye to our Booking Secretary Simon Harris who has been with us since Stuart Maunder was ill. He is leaving to spend more time with his wife Debra, who has recently retired from Norton Primary School after many years. We hope they will spend many happy times together. The Booking Secretary is now Sara Vann. The new contact details are; enquirenvillage.hall@outlook.com. or Village Hall Mobile number. 07493294461. Sara will be pleased to help you.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Our Autumn Jumble Sale will be held on **Saturday November 3rd** at the **Village Hall at 11.00am**. We would be grateful for any donations for this event. Usual requests: Quality jumble, clothes, bedding, shoes, books, toys, Bric a brac and any other items we might be able to sell. Also grateful for raffle prizes, or cakes for the cake stall. We will be at the hall on **Friday 2nd between 4.00pm - 8.00pm** for you to bring your donations. Thanks as always for supporting us. All monies raised go to Hall Funds.

FOOTBALL ON THE REC We are delighted to announce we have football at the rec again. yeh..... The changing rooms are being hired by Montacute under 14's to play their league Home Games. Thanks to the Parish Council for their help with the recreation field for them to use. They have lined out their pitch which is a bit smaller than the men's pitch and have new goal posts. They play their games on some Sunday mornings - so pop up and watch if you are around. Great football. Good luck to them.

ADVANCE NOTICE The Norton Newsletter AGM will be on **7th November in the Reading Room at 7.30pm**.

SCHOOL NEWS Our Summer term finished successfully by raising £590 from the Summer Fete. It was a lovely afternoon, enhanced by the live music and good weather! It is the first time in many years that we have done this and we are pleased that the profits will be able to make a considerable dent in the £4000 required for new school technology. We are organising a disco and film night for the children this term and a Family Bingo on 21st September – hopefully this will become a more regular event. During half term the children will be doing a 'Smartie Challenge' whereby they will each be given a packet of Smarties. In return they will do odd jobs and the 20 pences that they earn will fit into the tube and be split between their own classes and the Technology fund. We'll hopefully have spick and span houses at the end of the week! Our Christmas Fair is on **Saturday, November 17th, 12-4.00pm in the Village Hall**. Supported by lots of local stalls we hope the change of day and venue will encourage a higher attendance than usual. Please spread the word for us.

HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CAKES I was surprised and thrilled by the response to my Christmas Cakes last year - 16 ordered!! As I've already had a couple of people mention they'd like to order again this year, I thought I should get a little more organised! So, if you'd like a Christmas Cake please let me know either by email sara.chester26@gmail.co.uk or at Norton Shop and Post Office. The last date for orders will be November 10th...giving the cakes time to mature with

either sherry or brandy. 2 sizes : an 8" round or a 10" square fully iced and decorated. The 8" cake will be £15 and the 10" £20. Sara Vann

MORE HOBBYISTS INVITED There has been an encouraging response to the invitation to display Hobbies etc at the 2019 Norton Festival Weekend – **11th to 13th October 2019** – but we are sure there's more hidden talent waiting to be revealed! Don't be shy. We would like to be sure we can present an impressive display of community activity, so if you have not yet decided to take part it isn't too late. Contact me, Richard Terrell with details of what you could offer or to obtain more information on 881330.

HONEY POT wishes to thank everyone for 12 wonderful years. So, on **Saturday October 13th** we would like to welcome you to **Chiselborough Village Hall** for our last AGM **6.00 pm** and celebration party **6.30pm**. There will be no charge for the evening, but please RSVP to Anne Tel 881202 / email apthomas@hotmail.co.uk. (Please do NOT just tell her when you meet her - she will almost certainly forget!) This will be an opportunity to celebrate the wide range of projects undertaken over the years, with facts, figures, pictures and memories. In recent news, the Big Breakfast raised a phenomenal £1,000 to be shared between Akamba Aid Fund and the Farming Community Network, on a beautiful sunny morning in September. Huge thanks to all who worked so hard and gave so generously.

OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 7	No Service	
Sunday 14	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 21	No Service	
Sunday 28	8.00am	Communion

HARVEST Our Harvest worship continues through October – including a celebration in Norton at **9.30am** on the **14th** and Norton school harvest service in at **2.00 on Thursday 18th October**. You are, of course, welcome to any of these services.

NORTON CHURCHWARDENS There will be an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners at Norton Church immediately after the Harvest Service (at **10.45 am on October 14th**) for the election of Churchwardens. There have been two nominations – any further nominations must be either with me (Peter Thomas) or the PCC Secretary (Martyn Hamlin) before midnight on October 13th.

ALL SOULS DAY Each year in November (this year Evensong at Norton at **6.30pm on November 18th**) there is a special service to remember those who have died during the past year or so. Within the service there is an opportunity to light candles and to give thanks. If there are names that you would wish us to remember (other than those whose services have taken place in our churches in the past 12 months) can you please let Peter know (or names can be added to the lists in church). This is also an opportunity to remember others who have died in recent years.

PETER & ANNE LEAVING IN 2019 Many of you will know that I am retiring at the start of 2019 – not giving up being a Christian Minister, just no longer being paid or living in Chiselborough! For the last 38 years (including 13 years here) I have had the privilege of being paid to serve churches in 5 dioceses. When we arrived (after 13 years in 3 Worcestershire parishes) it was always with the intention of retiring at 65 – and I will do so a month after that birthday. Our last Sunday will be **January 6th** (Epiphany – arrival of Wise men!) and our last service at **3.00 pm at Norton**; an informal Songs of Praise featuring all our family, and then something to eat in Norton Village Hall. My last communion service will be the united 5th Sunday service at **10.00am on December 30th at Stoke**. People are asking when my successor will come (or indeed whether he or she has already been appointed). There are complex reasons why such appointments often take some time, and cannot be started until I have left. The earliest a person could be in place as Rector of the Ham Hill Villages Benefice would be early next Autumn. However across the 7 parishes there is an excellent team of ministers – Clergy and Lay Readers – who will continue to serve you.

HEALTH WALKS A good start was made when the first two walks organised by the SSDC took place and we even had our blood pressure checked before one session! This was all arranged most efficiently by the SSDC and it would be good if a few more people came along to take advantage of this opportunity to keep fit. The walks will only be short – about an hour long and just in the local area. Dogs welcome. We start from the Reading Room so come along and meet other villagers and keep fit at the same time. We usually stay for a cup of tea in the cafe at the end. Once the walks get going the group can decide which days and times would be best. The next two dates are **Wednesdays 3rd and 10th October – 2.00pm at the Reading Room**.

MISSING PLATE My lemon drizzle cake may have been auctioned by mistake - together with a white china plate - I hope you enjoyed the cake but I would appreciate the return of the plate. Please leave at either No.1 or No.3 Higher Street – thanks David Kiddle - 881408

FAREWELL Nick and Gilly Fox would like to say farewell to all those we did not manage to see before we left Norton. We have loved our time in Norton, it is such a special village and we have many great memories. We are very sad to leave but feel it is the right time to be closer to our daughters and their families. We will be following your activities through the newsletter online so will see what is happening. We would just like to thank everyone for making our years in Norton such happy ones and wish you all the very best for the future.

NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE Welcome to Barry and Caroline Brooks who have moved into Shepherd's Cottage in Higher Street and also to Tim Oldham and Alice Sharp who are now in Orchard View. We hope they will all be very happy in our wonderful village.

FLOOD RESILIENCE In 2016 the Norton Sub Hamdon community and Parish Council worked proactively with the Flood and Water Risk Management (FWRM) team at Somerset County Council (SCC) in response to the flood event on the 6th February 2016 - an event that saw a number of properties in Norton Sub Hamdon suffer serious internal flooding. Although we have had an extremely dry summer this year, the autumn is fast approaching and it would be a good time for the whole community to start thinking about repeating the good community work of 2016/17 - the maintenance / vegetation clearance of all ditches and the Little Norton stream, and the identification and communication of any blocked highway drains in and around Norton Sub Hamdon to SCC's Area Highways team. Therefore, we would like to encourage the community to continue the work towards making Norton Sub Hamdon as flood resilient as possible and recommend that maintenance work / clearance of vegetation from the stream and ditches in and around Norton Sub Hamdon be carried out while the ground is still dry and before the wetter months are upon us with the caveat that vegetation work should not be started until the end of the bird nesting season (February to August). SCC's FWRM team flood resilience work continues and we are currently working with Flash Flood Doors Ltd to procure property level flood protection for some of the properties that were internally flooded. It is hoped that the flood protection products will be delivered and installed by the end of October. If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact the FWRM team at Flooding@somerset.gov.uk or contact Andy Lambart on 01823-359667. Should a member of the public wish to report a blocked highway gully, then may I politely request that contact is made with the local Area Highways Office. Contact can be made via the following email address; countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk or via a call centre on tel; 0300 123 2224.

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Planning: The Parish Council received no planning applications for this month.

Notifications on past planning applications are as follows:

18/00726/FUL Rocklands House, Little Street. Conversion, side extension and alteration of existing coach house to form a separate dwelling house. Approved.

17/04124/FUL - Land Opposite Tinkabee Cottage, Little Norton, Norton Sub Hamdon, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Somerset,, Change of use of land, stationing of a log cabin and two shepherds huts for holiday let. **NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL.** Approved

Defibrillator Training Session: Due to only one person showing any interest in the defibrillator training, this will not be taking place.

Name of New Development: The Clerk had received notification from the SSDC offices regarding the proposed name from the developer of the new development on New Road. The proposal was "Rosebay Close" which the Parish Council felt didn't relate to the site. SSDC asked the Parish Council to come up with an alternative. This was discussed at the meeting in great detail and involved the public that were present. It was decided that due to the land being best remembered as a fruit farm, and renowned for its Bramley apples, the development should be named after these. A member of the public present at the meeting suggested 'Bramley Fields'. It was agreed unanimously.

Seat from tree trunk: A seat will be carved out of the final piece of tree trunk in the recreation ground and will be positioned at the bottom of the field when it is finished.

Update from Somerset County Flooding Manager - Andy Lambart: Mr Lambart has been working hard for the Norton residents that suffered with flooding back in 2016. He sent a report to the Clerk which said, 'We are working with five properties in NsH that flooded internally on the 6/2/16. We are funding/spending £9,600 on the five properties. This averages at £1,200 per household. The total Property Level Protection scheme for the whole of Somerset is approximately £33,000. This money comes from the SCC Flood and Water Risk Management fund. For your information, this has been cut by £80,000 in the recent days cuts, meaning that Norton will have received 29% of the overall PLR assigned budget for Somerset.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 8th October 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

THIS MONTH Punkies Punkie (or Punky) Night, which falls on the last Thursday of October, is a tradition whose origins link it to Chiselborough and Hinton St George. Fair Place, Chiselborough, was the site of an annual Fair which was founded in 1257 and continued until 1894. Sometime in the Middle Ages, it is said, all the men of Hinton St George went off to one of the Fairs but their overindulgence with the local brew left them losing track of time. Their worried wives, anxious for their safe return, set out to search for them and lit their way with candles placed in hollowed out pumpkins (to protect them from the weather). One can but guess that, in an era when Ghoulies and Ghosties were very

real to people, the inebriated men would have somewhat quickened their drunken stagger home to Hinton! Tradition records the event and in Hinton St George children go out, with their carved punkies, in groups singing 'punkie songs'. The traditional one being:-- 'It's Punkie Night tonight, it's Punkie Night tonight, give us a candle, give us a light, it's Punkie Night tonight, it's Punkie Night tonight, Adam and Eve wouldn't believe it's Punkie Night tonight.' Sadly the development of punkies into a decorated art form does not accurately depict the illumination that gave rise to the 'face-like' characters originally seen (and feared) on the road from Chiselborough to Hinton. Richard Terrell

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS

THE YEOVIL ROTARY CLUB invites you to a Last night of the Proms – the British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra on **Friday 5th October** at the **Octagon Theatre at 7.30pm**. Tickets £28 (a £1 levy is included in all stated ticket prices). Phone Yeovil Rotary club on 07724074776 or the Octagon on 01935 422884. In aid of Fiveways School and 'Build a school' in Nepal.

DONATIONS FOR RAFT As autumn continues, planning for winter is probably on everyone's mind, not least the volunteers who run Raft (refugeeaidfromtaunton.org). They are asking for your unwanted clean and washable winter clothing for men (not large sizes), women and children - warm items and rainwear; suitable footwear for cold and muddy conditions; and clean washable bedding and sleeping bags. Their list always includes new underwear, toiletries and off-the-shelf medication for anyone who can contribute. Unwanted portable sewing machines, even broken ones which could be mended, would be gratefully received, to be sent with the other items to camps in the Middle East, Europe and to African countries, eg Uganda, which take in thousands of displaced persons from other parts of the continent.

As a member of Refugee Support group, South Somerset, I am the person in Merriott who receives or, if necessary, collects your donations. My details are at the end of this article. However, if anyone or anywhere in Norton is willing and able to receive donations we should be glad of your assistance, temporarily or permanently. Any other involvement in our endeavours would also be welcome. RSG is holding a coffee morning in Shepton Beauchamp Village Hall on **Saturday 6th October, 10.30am** to 12 midday to raise funds for Raft and various other charities, eg Help Refugees, Safe Passage and Care4Calais, all working for those who have fled conflict, death and destruction in their home countries. Please come and enjoy coffee and cake with friends and family while providing valuable support. Geraldine Downey 01460 271358 3 Gough Close, Merriott

BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday 16th October at 2.30pm** in **Chiselborough Village Hall**, with tea, cake and book talk. Come along and join the fun, use the mobile library and share in the 'group read'. Newcomers welcome. Ring Anne Thomas 881202 or Janet Hutton 881566 for more details, or borrow a group read book. We are currently reading 'Vanity Fair' - alongside the TV series.

LIBERTY SISTERS CHARITY CONCERT IN STOKE SUB HAMDON on **20th October** in the **Hamdon Memorial Hall 7.30pm**. The Liberty Sisters Vintage Vocal Trio. 1940's dress optional. Tickets £15 to include a 2 course supper. Box Office 01935 824784 or more info.

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be in the **Memorial Hall on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm** and will be a talk entitled 'The Medicinal Herb Farmer' by Helen Kearney. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

MARTOCK WW1 PRODUCTION. **Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th October 2018** to mark the centenary of the end of World War One. Doors open **6.30 pm**, 2-course meal at **7.00 pm**. Tickets £15 (including meal and half time refreshments) available from The White Hart Martock Wednesdays 7.30 – 10 pm & Saturdays 12.30 – 3.00pm or telephone 07733 886160. 'Return from the Poppy Fields' The show will depict scenes from the battlefield, as well as at home in South Somerset and will include music from 1914-1918 and contemporary songs which reflect the mood of the time. 1914-1918 Dress optional.

MARTOCK CHURCH CONCERT Thursday 25th October at 7:30pm: Pamela's All Stars Jazz Band. A 6-piece band playing New Orleans and popular tunes and featuring Jeremy Huggett on Soprano Sax; Brian Huggett on Clarinet; and Bob Reynolds on Trombone. Tickets: £9 or £ 8 at 07955 467896 www.martockonline.co.uk/events
<http://newsocietyjazz.co.uk/pamelas-all-stars>

VILLAGE AGENT REPORT Scams! We do talk about them a lot but it is important to do so as they can be really disturbing to receive and potentially very expensive and there has been some recent activity to mention. A recent call is from a well-spoken lady who tells you that there is a court case pending against you. It is often for unpaid tax. She will ask you to call her back on a given number. This is usually a premium number and will be costing you lots of money while they slowly ask for all your details! The advice from us hasn't really changed - put the phone down quickly and don't talk. Chat to a neighbour or call me or citizen's advice if you are anxious about what you did. You can also report it on the Action Fraud website www.actionfraud.police.uk phone number 0300 123 2040. The latter also have information about recent scams to watch out for. You can also tap the phone number into your search engine (google it!) and it will tell you what type of

phone number it is. According to Which, www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/advice/premium-rate-number-scams 'To avoid being ripped off in this way, you should firstly never use numbers beginning with 084, 087, 090, 091 or 098 when calling government advice lines'

Purchases of coin collections and figurines can often be a costly mistake so do your research before buying and also check that the website you are buying from displays the padlock icon before the <https://www>, before sharing details. A new number Call 38 provides you with the phone number 033388888888 (three 3's eight 8's) that you can use when filling out electronic (or paper) forms so that the box is filled. The number will answer and say "TrueCall38 is handling my calls. I prefer not to be contacted by phone, so please contact me via my email address. Goodbye!"

Don't forget that you can buy phones with a call blocker service or use the BT call blocker service. This means that the phone will only automatically answer numbers that you have previously agreed to. It will ask the caller to put in who you are and display it so that the call recipient can decide whether to take the call.

This is also useful if you care for someone with Dementia because they are less likely to share all your bank details with the caller if they have to press the correct buttons to release the call.

The last and most disturbing scam is when people who are helping us by picking up our money from the bank are really helping themselves to your savings. This is called "Mate Crime". Get them to take you to the bank rather than giving them your card and pin. Get help from CAB or Age UK to put your bills on direct debit and use phone or internet access to your bank accounts. Check your statements for any strange activity. Make sure that any private carers have a current DBS certificate. I can support you with this. See https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/reports-and-publications/reports-and-briefings/safe-at-home/rb_april15_only_the_tip_of_the_iceberg.pdf. If you are online, do have a read of the above to reveal the statistics and types of fraud. You can also phone Age UK Advice: 0800 169 65 65 Lines are open seven days a week from 8am to 7pm. www.ageuk.org.uk for one to one advice and to order their really interesting booklet. October is also time to register for your warmer homes discount – phone your electricity and gas supplier. It is also time to book your flu vaccination!

My role in the community has changed. I am supporting unpaid carers in South East Somerset to connect them with community resources, support groups and personal support around benefits and allowances. We have a new team of Community Agents and Village Agents in South Somerset. Two Village Agents are funded by the CLICK federation of Doctors surgeries, 2 Community Agents funded by Somerset County Council and 2 Village Agents funded directly by their parish council. For more information please visit www.somersetcc.org.uk and www.somersetcarers.org
Cath Holloway 07968521746

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER should be in the box on the POST OFFICE counter, or sent by email to: 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 6 October The Brue Boys concert Norton Church 7.30pm
Monday 8 October Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 9 October Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Friday 12 October FNC Wine Club Draw Lord Nelson 7.00pm
Tuesday 16 October Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
18,19 and 20 October - Pint-Sized Plays at the Lord Nelson 7.30pm
Monday 22 October Flower Show AGM Reading Room 7.00pm
Wednesday 24 October Norton Coffee Morning The Coach House 10.45am
Saturday 3 November Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am
Wednesday 7 November Newsletter AGM Reading Room 7.30pm
Saturday 17 November School Christmas Fair Village Hall 12 noon
Tuesday 20 November Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Saturday 1 December Cantamus Concert Church 7.30pm
Friday 14 December Ladies Group Christmas Party – Village Hall
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend