

NORTON NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018 ISSUE 419

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NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

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 from 17 September 2018. 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.

CRAFTY CRITTERS meeting on **Wednesday 5th September** will be in the **Village Hall** meeting room from **2.30 till 4.00pm**. We will be making a start on a quilt in memory of Sue Webb and hope to raffle this in aid of Charity at a concert to celebrate her life planned for next year. Anyone who would like to be involved (even if it's only contributing a couple of squares) is welcome to come along. Don't worry if you're like me and have never done anything like this before as Debbie Hart and Jenny Hillman will be on hand to guide you!. There will be a £1.00 charge towards hire of the room and tea/coffee and biscuits. The meeting on the **19th September** will be back at the **Norton Cafe in the Reading Room**. Tricia Walton 882646

NORTON MOVIE NITES at the **Lord Nelson**. The fifteenth season of Norton Movie Nites starts on **Tuesday 11th September** with Hunt for the Wilderpeople (12A 100 mins). Sam Neill stars as the foster uncle of a rebellious teenager who goes missing in the wild New Zealand bush. Great comic performances and a cracking good storyline, plus some interesting scenery. Doors open **7.45 pm**, film starts **8.00 pm**. Tickets are still £5, the same price as when NMN started in September 2004, in advance only from Norton Shop. Contact John Bailey with any queries, 881227. Please don't phone the shop - thank you. Future dates, all Tuesdays, and films: **9th October**, Finding Your Feet; **13th November**, Lady Bird; **11th December** (tbc), Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool. Looking forward to seeing Movie Nites past, present and future.

Chairman's Review of 2017-18: We ran seven shows this year with audience numbers and profit slightly down against the average. We had a useful contribution from the DVD raffles. We have moved to two film suppliers and hopefully this will reduce the number of changes to the published programme due to problems with the film licences. Many thanks to The Box Office (The Village Shop), Parish Magazine, Hambook, and Norton Newsletter who all continue to provide fantastic support in terms of selling and promoting our events. We have purchased new equipment as needed and have always seen our equipment as a community resource. Hirings have continued to be promoted throughout the year. As always we have made donations from our surplus to the village (this year £375 to five organisations – Norton Newsletter, Parish Magazine, Norton Village Hall, The Triangle Trust, Hamdon Youth Group.) None of this would be possible without the support of a fantastic committee and, of course, you, our audience. Sadly, committee member Geoff Byham passed away earlier this year and I would like to record my personal thanks for his measured counsel, practicality and humour. We are always looking for new members of the team, come and join us. See you all again in September. John Bailey

FNC WINE DRAW RESULTS Winners for August 2018: Nickie Brodie, Chris Brook, Barry Eastley, Mauvyn Greenham, Jennie Harris, Lindsay Higgins, Roger Jewell, Jeremy Reid, Rob Vaux. To join the Wine Club, please contact Jonathan Binns on 881605 The next draw will take place on **Friday 14 September** in the **Lord Nelson**

NORTON LADIES GROUP I hope you have all enjoyed the wonderful summer we have had so far .Our garden

party was a huge success. We invited a few of our old friends to join us, and I think they too enjoyed the evening and the venue. Thanks go to Jayne English for being our hostess for this year, the weather was warm, the food delicious and the drinks flowed - what more could we have asked for.

Some of us will be singing along to Abba when we go to see Mama Mia Here We Go Again. I have booked the seats, girls, and will be in touch. I have a few spare tickets. A Murder Mystery Trail in Beaminster is planned for 11th September, hopefully this will be another opportunity to enjoy a pub lunch, and again I will be in touch with those who have their names down. Our next meeting is on **18th September**. We shall meet at the **Reading Room** as normal for registration and then attend the talk on Antique Maps at the Parkinson's. Thanks must go to Muriel and David for what I'm sure will be a very interesting evening. Our meeting on **16th October** sees the welcome return of Richard Kay from Lawrence's Auctioneers when he will be giving one of his enlightening and amusing presentations, this time the topic 'Trick or Treat' - Fakes and Forgeries in the Art Market. We welcome visitors and new members at anytime. Please contact Sue Lowder 881805.

COFFEE BREAK After a short break for the summer the Norton Coffee Mornings, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, resume with a gathering at **Highwoods House** on **26th September**. The Coffee Mornings, from **10.45am** for an hour, provide a social opportunity and support the Parish Church. Each month there is a Draw and themed Bring & Buy, which invite contribution. The theme for September is 'Harvest Produce'. The organisers are looking for venues for the 2019 Coffee Mornings. If you would like to make an offer, or require further information, please contact either Tricia Kirkham (881483) or Anna Terrell (881330)

TINKERS BUBBLE OPEN DAY Saturday 29th September, 11.00-4.00pm Join us for apple pressing, steam powered saw mill demonstration, tours, delicious cake and tea, charcoal making demonstration, local produce stall and more! www.tinkersbubble.org

BRUE BOYS One of the county's top male voice choirs is coming to Norton to perform a concert in the **Church** on **Saturday 6th October**. Based at Baltonsborough and formed over ten years ago The Brue Boys have developed an extensive repertoire ranging from Gounod to the Beatles, Spirituals to Monty Python and are sure to appeal to all musical tastes. Advance Ticket, £7, now available from the Norton Community Shop. Richard Terrell

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

FLOWER SHOW THANKS A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year's Flower Show - we were thrilled to welcome so many new entrants, particularly in the children's classes, and hope you all enjoyed the afternoon. Special thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly over three days setting up and taking down, to those who donated so many tombola prizes, and to the team who ran the refreshments and made so many delicious cakes. Thanks also to all the stallholders and attractions who made it such a fun afternoon. A full report will be available following the Flower Show AGM next month. Flower Show Committee.

THE LINDSAYS would like to thank everyone who came to "Nortonstock" to help us celebrate our birthdays and for their very kind and generous donations for the British Heart Foundation which totalled almost £500! Particular thanks also to Jen Downing, Chris Westwood, Sara Vann, Rowena Aalsey for helping us to get the hall bedecked with bunting etc, Norton Primary School, Stanchester Academy and Steph Bailey for the loan of the bunting and to US for the music, Harlequin Bar Services and last but not least Mark and the gang for the marvellous food. Our grateful thanks also go to everyone who helped to clean up at the end of the party. What a great evening!

MORE THANKS Kevin and I were recently married at St Mary's church in Norton-sub-Hamdon after which we had our celebrations in the Norton Village Hall – a fantastic venue ! In lieu of wedding gifts we asked for donations be made to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - this was in memory of Kevin's father, Denis who passed away in January 2015, as the Air Ambulance was despatched in an effort to assist him. So far we have raised a total of £760 which we are over the moon with ! Our donations page is still available for contributions at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sharon-mountain so if anyone would like to make a pledge it would be much appreciated. We'll keep the page open until 31st August. Thank you to Rev Peter Thomas for a beautiful service and the community of Norton who maintain the church and the village hall, we had a very special and memorable day ! Many thanks Kevin and Sharon Mountain

CONGRATULATIONS to Debbie & Edward Checkley of Norton House/ The Georgian Wing, Great Street on the safe arrival of their daughter Tabitha born Saturday 21st July.

HONEY POT is back in business (as usual) **10 - 12 noon** on **Saturdays September 1st and 8th**. On **September 15th** we will be holding our (last) annual charity breakfast, on the Rectory drive, in aid of Akamba Aid Fund and the

Farming Community Network. Let's make this one the best ever! Frying from **9.00am** until the food runs out! Gluten free sausages available. The Boys Brigade will again be serving at table, but there are plenty of opportunities to help in other departments - offers to Anne please, as soon as possible. During Somerset Arts Weeks: **16th - 30th September**, the Honey Pot will be open most days - with the aim of clearing our bookshelves, so do come along and grab some bargains. Look out for the OPEN signs. We close at the end of the month, but will be holding a special closing event on **Saturday October 13th** from **6.00pm** in **Chiselborough Village Hall**. More about this next month.

FAIR TRADE. Anne Thomas has for many years worked as a Traidcraft Trader, buying items from Traidcraft plc and selling them in the Honey Pot and elsewhere in our villages. Traidcraft is a company that buys and sells products from small scale farmers and workers so that they get a fair price and can hope to trade out of poverty. Together with their charity wing, Traidcraft does wonderful work with communities all over the world. Honey Pot will be closing this autumn, ahead of Peter and Anne's retirement, so we are hoping to find a volunteer to take up the baton and continue promoting fair trade through this very worthwhile venture. There is not much work involved. Anne will be happy to explain how it all works: Contact Anne on 881202 or email aphomas@hotmail.co.uk for more details

SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES IN NORTON

Sunday 2	11.00am	All Age Service
Sunday 9	9.30am	Communion
Sunday 16	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 23	8.00am	Communion

SPECIAL SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Service in School - we mark the start of the school year with a service in **West Chinnock school** at **11.00am** on **Sunday September 16th**. We welcome all children, parents, Governors and staff.

The 'Harvest season' begins in September (starting at **West Chinnock at 9.30am on September 23rd**) – and each of our churches, and our schools, will be celebrating our awareness of the fact that we live in a world dependent on the generosity of God and the hard work of food producers; and that we have the privilege of living in such a beautiful environment.

The next 'Fifth Sunday' service, when all 7 churches come together, will be at **Middle Chinnock** at **10.00am** on **September 30th** and we will be welcoming a speaker representing the Church Pastoral Aid Society (an organisation that helps Churches and their ministries in many ways).

All Souls - although the service at Norton isn't until **6.30 pm on November 18th** (delayed this year because of a change in worship patterns) I know that a number of people value this occasion when we remember those who have died – particularly during the past year or so. More details next month.

Communion at home. It is the practice of the Church of England to offer people who cannot come to church the opportunity to receive Holy Communion at home. This will apply to people who are housebound or experiencing times of illness. I am happy to undertake these services – it would be good to know of people who might benefit from this ministry. Peter

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Several people reading this will already know the answer to the above question, but for those who do not, I would like to explain the role of an LPA. The formal status of a Lay Pastoral Assistant is a person who is trained and Commissioned in the Ministry of Pastoral Care on behalf of the local Church and or Churches as part of a team of Clergy and Laity. A LPA would offer Pastoral care and use one's particular gifts from God to pray, to listen to others, be compassionate and give practical help to those in need within the community.

This large Ham Hill Benefice has within it seven villages and thousands of residents, so many of them needing help and care. In April 2016, seven of us were asked to train as Lay Pastoral Assistants to assist the Clergy and Ministerial Team in Pastoral Care for these villages. At the end of our comprehensive training we were all Commissioned by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at Montacute Church. We visit the sick in Hospitals, at home and in Care Homes, comfort the bereaved and strive to lift the spirits of those who may be depressed, we are here for those in need. Any of us can be sent to any of the other villages, but sometimes it is good if a familiar face is sent to someone who may already know one of us. Our LPA's are Barbara Aldridge, Coleen Jerrold, Barbara Foy, Susan Laycock, Sam Lewis, Martyn Hamlin and myself Mary Brown. If you need us, do let us know how we may help you. Mary Brown 881474

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

MARTOCK CHURCH TALK Thursday 20th Sep 7:30pm: Fran Sandham – an illustrated talk- 'My solo three thousand mile-walk across Africa' at Martock Church TA12 6JL: £6 at door/£5 @ 07955 467896. Well renowned speaker and author with over 400 much praised presentations to his credit, he has also written for many of the mainstream newspapers. www.martockonline.co.uk/events

BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday September 18th at 2.30pm in Chiselborough Village Hall**. We are reading 'Pomfret Towers' and 'Three Houses', by Angela Thirkell, in readiness for the Angela Thirkell tea the following day. Ring Anne Thomas on 881202 or email aphomas@hotmail.co.uk for more information. All book worms are welcome - but the tea is by RSVP only. Please let Anne know by **Friday September 14th** if you would like to come along.

ANGELA THIRKELL TEA from 2.30pm on Wednesday September 19th at the Rectory, Chiselborough (unless numbers need us to move to the village hall). June Cox, one time President of the Angela Thirkell Society is returning to lead us on another virtual tour of Barsetshire and its characters. Copies of the books are available from Anne Thomas.

BIRDS, OCEANS AND FLOWERS Exhibition by 3 Somerset Artists: Sheila Bowman, Lee Allen & Peter Waterfall will present an exciting exhibition at the Malthouse Gallery, East Lambrook Manor Gardens. Silver Street, South Petherton TA13 5HH; Free entry 3pm to 5pm on Saturday September 22nd and then from 10am to 5.00pm on 25th September to 5th October excluding Sundays and Mondays.

Bird wood carvings, paintings of oceans, flowers, scarecrows and chickens are just some of the subjects of paintings and wood carvings on show at the attractive Malthouse Gallery at East Lambrook Manor Gardens. Sheila Bowman and Lee Allen have painted and exhibited in many locations and previously exhibited their paintings together successfully at this venue 3 times and have been reunited once again- this time together with Peter Waterfall and his unusual woodwork/engravings.

Sheila is inspired by natural forms and her abiding love is painting watercolours of flowers, birds, and scenes including river and sea water- plus some quirky scarecrows!

Lee has painted many portraits of people and animals over the years and now shows a range of subjects from landscape to interiors often including figures and animals- such as chickens!

Peter is a craftsman in wood especially enjoying locally sourced and driftwood to sculpt sea birds, waders, and ducks and engraving wood blocks to create prints of birds, trees and landscapes.

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be in the **Memorial Hall on Wednesday 26th September** and will be a talk on Abbotsbury Gardens Past, Present and Future by Stephen Griffiths. Further details from Sue Winwood on 823671.

GREENSLEEVES NURSERY Greensleeves is not closing! Following the sad death of Mr Grey the nursery will be changing ownership. Negotiations are ongoing and we hope to re open the farm shop and increase stocks soon. Please pop in and see us. The staff will be continuing and are ready to welcome you. Any queries regarding the future of the nursery please phone 07785 111634.

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT VOLUNTEER SERVICE Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a flexible basis? Would you like to volunteer in your community? Could you support our patients and their families in their own home? If the answer is yes, we need you! What is our Community Support Service? It is a home visiting service delivered by trained hospice volunteers and operates across Somerset. How does the service work? Volunteers offer their time depending on their availability, usually this involves a visit once a week for a couple of hours during normal working hours Monday to Friday. Volunteers are assigned a patient who they support over 8 visits, by the end of this time, many patients feel much more confident about living with their illness. Volunteers will use their own cars to visit patients. However it is not necessary to be a car owner, we welcome volunteers who would be willing to walk, cycle or use public transport. Travel costs are reimbursed. What can a Community Support Volunteer do?

The support provided is built around supporting patients achieve identified goals. Everyone's needs are different, but the sort of things you can help with include: helping patients find relevant information about benefits and other services, accompanying patients to a GP, hospital appointments, shopping, taking patients out for a drive or walk, talking about planning ahead, spending time with patients so that carers, family or friends can have a break. They are not able to provide medical or personal care.

Training and support. Full training and ongoing support provided

How can I apply or find out more? To learn more about this rewarding role, please contact Katie Baker by emailing Community.Support@st-marg-hospice.org.uk or calling 0845 070 8 9 10 (Option 2)

THIS MONTH Corn Dollies A Corn Dolly is today occasionally used to decorate the home but its origin comes from rural life and belief. It can take a variety of forms and be used in different ways but it is often not realised that the word 'dolly', is actually a corruption of 'idol'. In pagan culture it was believed that the spirit of the corn lived in the crop so at the time of harvest it was effectively made 'homeless'. Shapes were created from the last sheaf of corn in order to preserve the Corn Spirit. The Dolly would be over-wintered in the home until the time came for it to be ploughed back into the first furrow of the new season. The Corn Dolly was used to enable the Corn Spirit to live on. Maybe there will not be a rush of Corn Dolly making in Norton this month but we still need to remember that the agricultural cycle peaks with the harvest and will restart with the ploughing and sowing of the New Year. The fields, laid bare at the harvest, will come alive again. Richard Terrell

VILLAGE AGENT UPDATE When September comes, the summer fetes end and the regular groups resume. These are a great way to meet people and to share experiences and thoughts. They can be extremely uplifting and can give a great sense of purpose. Most groups will love extra volunteer support if you have time to give. Talking Cafes are often held on a Monday to provide much needed company after a long weekend. You are sure of a warm welcome where you can come and chat to like-minded people and find support and advice from the agencies who come each week. Another great support is the Active Living groups that run for several hours twice a week. They often provide a subsidised healthy lunch so you can skip the washing up every so often! Many villages have a coffee morning where locals can meet up and chat about local issues. These can be monthly or weekly.

There are also gentle exercise groups. You can work on your balance if you are vulnerable to falling, try seated yoga and Tai Chi to stretch muscles and feel peace, seated bowls for fun and gentle exercise and health walks to raise spirits through gentle exercise and conversation.

There are also a network of support groups for those who work as unpaid carers. Here you will find speakers, people who have experience of your needs and a chance for a chuckle.

Perhaps if you drive to a social group, you could consider if there is anyone in your area who can't walk there and give them a lift. Some people would like someone to walk with them, to give them the confidence to join a group. If you struggle to get out of the house, you could receive a weekly telephone call from Age UK or Silver Line or a visit from the Royal Volunteer Library Service.

To find out what is available near you, try your parish magazine, village hall notice boards, or go to www.somersetcarers.org and click on what's on in your area, try your local village website or give me a call and I can direct you. Cath Holloway 07968521746

My role in the community has changed. I am now working with unpaid carers who care for their families and friends. I am supporting unpaid carers in South East Somerset to connect them with community resources, support groups and personal support around benefits and allowances. The funding cycle for Village Agent in South East Somerset has come to an end. CCS (Community Council for Somerset) are looking for new funding opportunities to maintain this Village Agent position. In the meantime 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.somersetccc.org.uk and www.somersetcarers.org

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on **Monday 10th September** in the **Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

Wednesday 5 September Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Monday 10 September Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 11 September Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Friday 14 September FNC Wine Club draw Lord Nelson 7.00pm
Tuesday 18 September Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Wednesday 26 September Norton Coffee Morning Highwoods House 10.45am
Saturday 29 September Tinkers Bubble Open Day 11.00am
Saturday 6 October The Brue Boys concert Norton Church 7.30pm
Sunday 14 October NGS Open Garden The Flax Barn
Wednesday 7 November Newsletter AGM Reading Room 7.30pm
Saturday 17 November School Christmas Fair Village Hall
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