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ADVERTS – One 'one off' advert this month – 'Weddings Ahead' see end of newsletter and one new ad for Greensleeves Nursery and Farm Shop – see end of Ads page.

CHURCH FLAG The George Cross Flag will fly from the Church Tower for Ascension Day on Thursday 30th May.

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

VILLAGE WALK The next walk will take place on **Wednesday 1st May** setting off from the **Reading Room** at **2.00pm**. Please note the earlier time – this is so that we can call in to the Reading Room for a cup of tea and maybe some cake!

SPRING PLANT SALE SATURDAY 4th MAY 2pm – 5pm Norton Village Hall New Road, Norton TA14 6SF. The Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show plant sale is so much more than a just plant sale! Live music vegetable, herb and flower plants for sale. Stalls selling local crafts and produce. Afternoon tea with homemade cakes. Children's activities. Plants please! As you tidy up your garden this spring, dividing your plants and sowing new seeds, please consider donating any unwanted plants or seedlings to the sale. All donations gratefully received! If you would like to help us on the day, or are interested in bringing on some plants for us please contact Sarah Murray on 01935 881883 If you would like to book a stall please contact Sara Vann sara.chester26@gmail.com

SUNDAY 5th MAY 2019 - 7.00pm: Excalibow by comedy quartet, Bowjangles. Legends tell of one 'bow' made more powerful than all others. Many battles were fought in the quest for this bow, for the person to weald it would truly be Lord of the Strings. This bow was known as..... Excalibow! Join Bowjangles as they tell this story of ancient gods, whilst leaping, tumbling, juggling, joking as well as playing their instruments. **Tickets available from April 2019.** This is the new date from the snow postponed 2nd Feb 2019. All tickets will be honoured and many thanks to those who kept faith with us and held on to them. **Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall**, New Road, TA14 6SF TICKETS: £6 child Under 16 yrs / £10 adult, buy 4 tickets or more and get a 10% discount available from: Norton Sub Hamdon Village Shop or from John Bailey 01935 881227 or from www.takeart.org

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP We are now in our permanent home, the Youth and Family Centre, thanks to all the hard work by Stoke PC. The old Methodist Hall will be altered progressively to suit its new use but already gives young people much better facilities at long last. We have been very concerned at the removal by Somerset County Council of the major grant we depend on. We are now delighted to announce that we have been awarded a major grant from Community Awards, part of the Lottery grants organisation. This grant will enable us to continue to provide facilities and a fun place to meet friends for our young people, all due to people playing the Lottery. We have also just heard that we have received a grant from Somerset Community Foundation which will also enable us to continue and improve facilities for our young people. We are very grateful to these organisations. **Our Monday Youth Clubs are in our new home in Stoke.** The May programme is: **6th May - Closed Bank Holiday, 13th May - Sports on Rec, 20th May - Games/ Mug Cakes, 27th May - May Fayre at rec.** Our **Wednesday** sessions in **Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall** will have the following themes: **1st May - Voting what is it?, 8th May - Games night, 15th May - Who am I What am I Doing next, 22nd May – Planning, 29th May – Meditation.** More info is available from Lou, our Youth worker, email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk or 07402987921

LADIES GROUP At our April meeting we enjoyed an entertaining evening with Dr Francis Burroughs who regaled us with stories of his amusing experiences whilst playing the organ. Before our next meeting we have planned an afternoon visit to **Minterne Gardens** near Cerne Abbas, on **Tuesday 14th May.** After strolling through the unique Himalayan gardens and wild woodland gardens we will hope to pause at the café for tea and cake. Ralf Jerram is our next speaker on **Tuesday 21st May.** His talk, *The Pun Is Mightier Than The Sword*, is a humorous look at the English language which should prove to be another entertaining evening. We welcome new members and visitors at any time. Please come along to the Reading Room on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm – you will be sure of a warm welcome. Lynne Jones 881650

COFFEE MORNING FOR CHRISTIAN AID to be held at **The White House, Higher Street, Norton** (home of Bill & Cilla Caswell) on **Saturday May 18th 10-12 noon.** Coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits plus some information on the work of Christian Aid. All are welcome.

TAKE A BREAK A Coffee Morning and social gathering, organised by and supporting the Parish Church, is being held on **Wednesday 22nd May** from **10.45am at Brook House, Little Street** with a Bric a Brac Bring and Buy. An open invitation is extended to everyone.

SUE WEBB CONCERT. A note for your diaries, a Celebration Concert for the life of Sue Webb, someone who is missed by so many, is going to be held at **7.00pm on Saturday 1st June** in the **Village Hall, Norton sub Hamdon**. Many hope the evening will be an occasion to remember, where many of Sue's friends and family will be contributing to make it a special evening. Please make a note of the date- further details of the concert will be published over the coming weeks. Jenny Hillman & Peter Callaghan.

MANY THANKS I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the beautiful flowers and cards received on my 101st birthday. Miss Katharine Muller.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL. We had another successful Jumble Sale this month. Many thanks to all those who helped, donated and supported us. It was mistakenly booked during the School Holidays, by me..... which meant many of our regular helpers were busy. Luckily with Norton being the wonderful village it is, several residents stepped in, some at the last minute to help. And said they enjoyed it, which was great, (their names will be on my list for the next one in October. haha..) We made a profit of £500 for Hall funds, which was amazing. We were very sorry to say goodbye to our Hall Cleaner, Julie Browning who has been with us since the Hall opened in 2006. The Committee would like to thank Julie and family for all their hard work over that time, and wish Julie well in her new venture. I expect some of you have already seen our New Notice Board on the outside of the Hall. This shows Hall contact information, a timetable of regular bookings and future events. This makes a great addition and more people can see what goes on in our wonderful Hall. Thanks again for your support. Jennie Harris for Norton Village Hal

GOVERNOR'S UPDATE FROM NORTON AND WEST CHINNOCK SCHOOL I wanted to inform you of an exciting development across the federated schools. The leadership of our headteacher, Ms Stiddard, across both schools has been excellent with a number of positive changes occurring to help us ensure both schools have a sustainable and prosperous future. Earlier this year, however, Ms Stiddard made a decision to reduce her working hours by September 2019. The governing board, with the support of Ms Stiddard and the diocese assessed the options available to the schools. It was unanimous that we wanted to retain Ms Stiddard's leadership skills and so we opted to advertise for a co-headteacher. This is an innovative approach with only a few schools in Somerset or surrounding areas that have done this. We anticipated though, that 2 head teachers, working in a creative partnership together, would benefit both schools and ensure effective succession planning for the future. The interviews for the Co Headship took place at the beginning of April. We had a strong field of candidates who took part in a rigorous selection process over two days. This encompassed a variety of tasks such as; panel interviews on Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Data analysis and Work scrutiny as well as leading an Act of Worship and being interviewed by some of the school council plus a presentation to all staff. The formal interviewers consisted of myself, governors, staff and a Diocesan Inspector. We are pleased to announce that Jamie Caswell was unanimously chosen to be the new Co-Head Teacher. Mr Caswell is Deputy Head at Merriott and Hazlebury Plucknett and brings a great deal of Leadership experience. Having been associated with our Federation for many years, Mr Caswell is passionate about and committed to the importance of the schools in the community and securing the best education possible for all the children. I hope you will join me in congratulating Mr Caswell on his appointment, and in supporting him to help lead the Federation into a new and exciting future.

I would also like to thank Jan Gamon, Simon Roughsedge and Chris Stock for joining the governing board over the last year. We still, however, have a few vacancies and so I would like to ask members of the Norton community in particular if they would consider becoming a school governor. The schools are vital parts of Norton and West Chinnock villages and being a governor is a rewarding way to support the community. If you would like any further information or are interested in knowing more about being a school governor please get in contact with me through the school office. Olly Donaldson Chair of Governors

MAY NORTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	5	11.00am	All Age Service
Sunday	12	10.00am	Communion
Sunday	19	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	26	8.00am	Communion

Licensing of the Rev Gary Edmunds - Sunday 12th May 10.00am Norton

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH A group of bereaved disciples frustratingly had nothing to show from a night's fishing until a stranger told them where to cast their net. The stranger, Jesus, then prepared breakfast on the beach for them.

Discover the simple gospel message of this event with hymns, prayers and dramatic reading at the **11.00am** All Age Worship Service in **Norton Church** on **Sunday 5th May**.

SERVICE FOR CARERS The Pastoral Care Group will lead a Service to pay tribute to all Carers within the Ham Hill Villages Benefice at **3.00pm** in **St.Mary's Church, West Chinnock** on **Sunday 9th June**. Refreshments will be served after the Service - everyone welcome. Mary Brown Lay Pastoral Group

For details of all other Benefice Services – Chiselborough, Middle Chinnock, Montacute, Odcombe, Stoke sub Hamdon, West Chinnock – visit www.hamhillchurches.org

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW WINNERS FOR APRIL 2019 Pub Draw: Mark Andrews Urvoy (2), Barbara Binns, Beverly Dixon. **Main Subscription Draw:** Charles Campbell, Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Jennie Byham Michael Zair, Penny Cudmore, Myles Wickstead, Mary Batstone, John Ashton, Richard Raven.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR MAY 2019

Planning: The Parish Council had two planning applications to make their observations on:

19/00567/HOU - 5 Little St. The insertion of a new dormer window with Juliet balcony to existing extension and replacement windows to first and second floor rear elevation.

The Parish Council was very split with their opinions on this planning application with 4 with no objections and 3 with objections. However, the majority considered that the installation of double glazed doors and a Juliet balcony is completely out of character within this terrace of 3 character cottages. They also reported that the roof on this part of the house is lower than the main house and it was felt that it looked out of place by placing glass doors and a Juliet balcony here. However, the Parish Council would not object to the installation of a dormer window here instead of the large double doors and balcony.

19/00738/LBC Merle Cotttage, Great St. Installation of Accoya wood slim reveals to replace the existing timber stops and threshold timber to the front garden gate entrance, to accommodate demountable flood barriers when necessary. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

The Parish Council have received notification on the following application:

19/00428/HOU 7, Little St. The erection of garden building for garden gym, games/store/office.

The Parish Council of Norton sub Hamdon objected to this planning application.

Elections: The date for nominations for Parish Councillors has now closed. The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the seven current Parish Councillors were all standing again. As there had been no other nominations received, the Parish Council would remain the same for the next four years. Forms would be signed at the May meeting.

New Dog Bin: A new dog bin will be installed to replace the broken bin at the bottom of the recreation ground.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 13th May 2019** with the Annual Parish Council meeting taking place at **7.00pm**, 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) – nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS

ST GEORGEISH DAY - A Celebration of all things English **3rd and 4th May at 7.30 pm – Martock Parish Hall –** Tickets £7.00 each – available from Martock Gallery, or orderline 07591 290262, or on the door

BOOK CLUB will meet again on **Tuesday 7th May** in **Chiselborough Hall** from **2.30pm**. The Library Van arrives at **2.35pm**. Tea and cake will be served with some bookish chat - all welcome. Ring Janet Hutton on 881566 for details.

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be on **Wednesday 15th May** and will be a visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre (25% discount event). NB: There is no supper at this event but a talk with tea/coffee. On **Wednesday 22nd May** there will be a talk on 'Illegal Immigrants' by Dr Francis Burroughs. On **Monday 27th May** there will be the May Fayre Plant Stall at **Stoke Priory and Memorial Hall** open between **11.00am and 5.00pm**. More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

BLACK CAT JAZZ- MARTOCK CHURCH 30th MAY The Black Cats perform New Orleans "Dance Hall" inspired music created by musicians prominent during the 1940 -1960, traditional jazz revival music with a mixture of trumpet; trombone; euphonium; clarinet; sax; strings & drums, but they will also play spirituals and popular tunes from earlier periods.

Time: 19:30pm Admission: £9 or £ 8 at 01935 829576 <http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events>

THERE IS NO PLANET B We are all aware that the worst crisis of our generation is upon us and that it is partly our responsibility. We understand that it will most seriously affect future generations and that it needs to be addressed and acted upon in small and large way by all of us. Children around the world are protesting and begging governments to honour the pledges they have made to halt this disaster. We can join them but we can also seek out ways of reducing

our own contributions to this complex and dangerous situation which is already affecting peoples' lives and livelihoods in diverse parts of the world. A CLIMATE CHANGE EXHIBITION will take place on **Sunday June 2nd** in the **Secret Garden** at the far end of **West Street, Hinton St George** from **10.00am to 5.00pm**. All are invited. Geraldine Downey 01460 271358 Amanda K-Davis 01460 72553

THIS MONTH Pinch-Bum Day An event/custom that has fallen into oblivion is 'Pinch-Bum Day'. Until well into the twentieth century it was celebrated on 29th May. Pinch-Bum Day, also known as 'Oak Apple Day', was traditionally the time when people would wear oak apples or oak leaves to celebrate the return of King Charles the Second to London after the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. It was a reminder of the King's narrow escape from capture by Cromwell's soldiers by hiding in an oak tree. Should anyone be caught not wearing an oak leaf or oak apple on 29th May they would be pinched (hence the name!), kicked, or otherwise abused. A favourite punishment, in some areas, was to whip the offender with stinging nettles – so there it became known as 'Nettle Day'. Better be careful what you wear on Wednesday 29th May !! Richard Terrell

ONE OFF ADS: WEDDINGS AHEAD. Why spend a fortune on a hat that will never be worn again after the event? You can hire from The Village Salon: A fascinator for £8 or a hat for £10. Also a few Pashminas & Handbags. Many colours. All money raised will be donated to charity. Tel: (01935)881344

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NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE. If you know of anyone who has moved in to Norton, please ring or email the editor with their details so that we can welcome them to our village.

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DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS

Wednesday 1 May Village Walk Reading Room 2.00pm
Saturday 4 May Flower Show Plant Sale 2.00 – 5.00pm
Sunday 5 May Bowjangles Village Hall 7.00pm
Wednesday 8 May Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Monday 13 May Annual Parish Council Meeting Village Hall **7.00pm**
Saturday 18 May Coffee Morning White House 10.00am
Tuesday 21 May Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 Coffee Morning Brook House Little Street 10.45am
Wednesday 22 May Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Saturday 1 June Sue Webb Concert Village Hall 7.00pm
Wednesday 5 June Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 June Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Wednesday 3 July Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 July Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Saturday 17 August Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend

