

NORTON NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019 ISSUE 488

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ADVERTS – No new ads this month.

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

CHURCH FLAG The Union Flag will fly from the church tower on **8th June** for HM the Queen's Birthday and on **9th June** the George Cross flag will be flown for Whit Sunday.

CONCERT IN MEMORY OF SUE WEBB By the time this newsletter reaches your letter boxes it will only be a matter of days before the concert to celebrate the life and works of our much missed friend, Sue Webb will have arrived. As you will have seen from the posters, entry to this concert in the **Village Hall on Saturday 1st June** is totally FREE OF CHARGE. **Doors will open at 6.30pm** and the performance will start promptly at **7.00pm**. Seating will be on a 'first come, first choice' basis. Wines and soft drinks will be available and we are very appreciative to many of Sue's friends who have offered to bring 'nibbles' for the interval. The Trinity Entertainers, The Benefice Choir, Grace and Kenneth Dives and many other local people have been rehearsing hard in order to produce a concert to really celebrate dear Sue. We look forward to seeing you on the 1st of June. Jenny Hillman, Simon Harris & Peter Callaghan.

LADIES GROUP Our outing to Minterne Gardens was very enjoyable. We walked through woodland, with rhododendrons and camellias lining the paths and lots of blue bells and woodland plants enhancing the lakes and waterfalls. An outing would not be complete without tea and cake which we enjoyed on the terrace of Minterne House in the glorious sunshine - a perfect end to the day. Our speaker Ralf Jerram gave a talk entitled, 'The Pun is Mightier than the Sword', a lighthearted, sometimes shameless, look at taking liberties with the English language. We have arranged an outing to Blue Pool for Thursday 13th June - any member who wishes to join us please ensure your name is on the list. We shall depart at 12.30 pm from the shop. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 18th June**. We welcome back Bonny Sartin (formerly of the Yetties folk group) who will give one of his entertaining talks including songs and poems and, this time, the subject will be 'Smuggling in Dorset'. We welcome new members and visitors at any time. Sue Lowder 881805

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH TALK On the evening of **Friday 28th June 2019** commencing at **7:15 pm** Rob and Joan Vaux will present: an illustrated talk on: 'Wigborough Manor – the history and restoration'. Wigborough Manor is located a short distance away in a neighbouring village and the owners, Rob and Joan Vaux, have kindly agreed to host an evening to raise funds to maintain the fabric of Norton church. The evening will include tours of their house and the adjacent Vaux Park Polo Club facilities, followed by two talks that will be presented in the Polo Club lounge. A finger buffet will be provided for all attendees in the Club lounge with a wine and soft drinks bar available. Tickets for the evening, including a complementary drink, are available at £12, from the Norton village shop.

LOST LAPTOP Following the Friends of Norton Church talk on the work of the Rhino Rescue Trust on 18th January in the village hall, the HP Pavilion laptop computer used to give the presentation was mislaid during the clearing up of the hall after the event. The whereabouts of the laptop and power cable etc remains unknown. The Friends of Norton Church would therefore be most grateful if anyone who saw the laptop after the event, or subsequently, could advise the FNC Secretary: Barry Eastley by phone (01935 881043) or e-mail bas.eastley@btinternet.com

LYNN & MIKE ORCHARD were completely overwhelmed by the number of well-wishers and offers of help following their catastrophic Bank Holiday Monday. Our grateful thanks go to everyone and, of course, the wonderful doctors and staff at YDH. Two hairstylists who had been originally trained by Lynn have stepped in to keep the salon open and will continue to be available at the Village Salon in the future.

NORTON CAFE. It is with a heavy heart that I have decided to hang up my apron at the end of June. The good news is we have hopefully found someone to take over running the Cafe after I finish, so please watch next month's newsletter for more details. On the other hand if you and/or your friends are at all interested in considering taking over the business please get in touch with either myself, Peter Callaghan on 8818850 or Sophie Snow on 881099 as soon as possible. I would like to say how much I have enjoyed the experience and thank all my loyal customers for supporting the Cafe over the past two years. It has been really appreciated. Please do drop in over the coming weeks to enjoy some Summery lunches or an afternoon tea. Jo Parker My contact details are 07544307035 01935881276

NEW ARRIVAL We welcome Becky Kerry who has come to live in The Orangery, Great Street and we hope she will be very happy in our lovely village.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW FOR MAY 2019 Winners: Mary Edmunds, Alec Seccombe (2), Jennie Byham (2), Niall Clifford, Mauvyn Greenham, Jennie Harris and Mary Morgan. To join the FNC Wine Club please contact Jonathan Binns on 01935 881063

JUNE NORTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 6.30pm Praise Service

Sunday 9 9.30am Communion

Sunday 16 No Service in Norton

Sunday 23 8.00am Communion

Combined Benefice Service in Odcombe on Sunday 30th June at 10.00am

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

THIS MONTH Whitsun Whitsun (9th June this year) was a day when people were baptised. They were dressed in white and so the day became known as 'White Sunday'. Another name for Whitsun is 'Pentecost'. The word comes from the Greek 'pentekoste' meaning 'fiftieth' and was the day on which the Holy Spirit came and rested on the disciples as they observed the Jewish Festival of Pentecost. It was the occasion when the disciples were empowered to boldly go out to preach about Jesus. It is now observed fifty days after Easter and today Whitsun, or Pentecost, is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Richard Terrell

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

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR MAY 2019

Planning:

The Parish Council had one planning application to make their observations on:

19/00994/COL – Netherhayes House, Higher St. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing residential dwelling. No Objections

The Parish Council have received notification on the following application:

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. Approved

Parish Councillors: The Parish Council met in May and welcomed all the same Parish Councillors back. They all signed their Declaration of Office for the next four years. However, we do have a new Chair. Sue More was voted as the new Chair with Stuart Maunder becoming the Vice Chair. I'm sure many of you will know Sue, who has lived at Little Norton for many years. Sue's email is: nortonpcmore@outlook.com

Annual Meeting: The Parish Council's Annual Meeting took place before the May monthly meeting. The election of officers and representatives took place. The past year's village achievements were discussed at length. A Financial report has been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The Financial Report was approved and adopted, and the Annual Governance Statement was approved.

New Dog Bin: A new dog bin has now been installed to replace the broken bin at the bottom of the recreation ground.

Road Closure: We have a new drain being installed at the beginning of June which will be in Great St. It will run from opposite the shop down to the Little Street junction. The road will be closed to traffic for the length of time it takes to install. A diversion will be in place around Little Street and into Higher Street. Please take care as these are both very narrow lanes.

Yellow Lines at Junctions: The County Council will be installing yellow road lines at both junctions (New Road/Great St and Great St/Higher St very soon. The nearest you can park to a junction is 10 metres (or 32 feet). This is to allow drivers emerging from or turning into the junction a clear view of the road they are joining. It also allows them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists at the junction.

Donation to Norton School for Polytunnel: A donation towards the new polytunnel for £200 has been granted to the school.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 10th June 2019 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

BOOK CLUB will meet again on **Tuesday 4th June** 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 26th June** and will feature a visit to West End Farm in Stoke when Mr R Morris will talk about growing blackcurrants. More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

BATH GILBERT & SULLIVAN PIRATES OF PENZANCE Date: **29th June 2019** Full venue address: **Martock Church**; Church Street; MARTOCK TA12 6JL Performance time: **7:30 pm** Admission fee: £12.00 or £ 10.00 at 01935 829576 Venue contact number: 01935 829576 Website: <http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events> <https://www.facebook.com/bathgands> The Bath Gilbert and Sullivan Society present a performance of one of the liveliest and timeless comic operettas of all time, The Pirates of Penzance. This two-act operetta is set in Cornwall and has some of the most recognisable of all Gilbert and Sullivan's songs. The Bath G&S society can be relied upon to provide an inspiring and exciting evening.

NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT Celebrating Carers! June 10th – 16th is Carers Week – We will be hosting Cake for Carers across many of the Carers Groups we support during this week, and releasing some short films about Caring in Somerset – keep an eye on our facebook page www.facebook.com/somersetcarers or website www.somersetcarers.org

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE EVENT You are invited to attend the biggest Health and Social Care event of the year **Monday 10th June 2019** The Great Western Hotel, Station Approach, Taunton, TA1 1QW – **9.00am – 1.00pm**. This event will have stands of community groups, support organisations and charities. To reserve a stand for your organisation or a place for yourself please RSVP no later than Wednesday 29th May – to info@somersetccc.org.uk Refreshments provided on arrival.

Taking the Pressure off Doctors Surgeries

We are all aware of the GP recruitment crisis affecting many of our surgeries which has a further impact on our Accident and Emergency Departments. It was reported by the County Gazette as long ago as August 2017, that surgeries in the county were facing an impending crisis as they struggled to recruit new doctors. Dr Helena McKeown BMA South West Regional Council Chair wrote a letter to the Gazette stating "Without proper investment in primary care, the knock-on effects on the rest of the health service and society as a whole will cost the government dearly in the long run." So what is the best process for accessing care?

No appointment needed: Pharmacies are a good place to start and some are 24 hour - just ask at the counter for details. As qualified healthcare professionals, they can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains. www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/pharmacies. They can also support you with advice on prescribed medicine.

You may not need a Doctor: Our surgeries are also investing in the employment of a range of health professionals. When you book an appointment you may be able to be seen quicker by someone other than a doctor who has the correct qualifications to treat your symptoms. Find out how your surgery prefer you to book appointments before you need one so you can access help quickly when you need it.

By phone: If you are unsure who you should see, especially if you are concerned during surgery out of hours, dial 111 for instant telephone advice or go online <https://111.nhs.uk>. For other emergency services, you can use 101 to talk to Avon and Somerset Police or use the online reporting forms www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact-us/ as well as dialling 999 for emergencies.

Keeping in touch with the NHS, our hospitals, Somerset County Council and the police is both interesting and easy via their social media accounts such as Twitter and Facebook. You can also call Somerset Direct on 0300123 2224 for advice or South Somerset District council on 01935 462462.

D-I-Y Healthcare Invest in self - care by reading about your own potential health conditions and ensuring that you have the correct diet and lifestyle to keep you healthy. Stock up on simple medication and learn about the symptoms of potential illness such as stroke or heart attack.

Focus on sepsis: Sepsis can affect anyone and can kill quickly. It is the invasion of the blood stream by bacteria. With more resistance to anti-biotics, it is important to get help fast. Dial 999 immediately. Children have different symptoms, please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/sepsis/> Early symptoms of sepsis for adults may include: a high temperature or a low body temperature, chills and shivering, a fast heartbeat, problems or changes to your breathing, feeling or acting differently from normal – you do not seem your usual self.

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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

Saturday 1 June Sue Webb Concert Village Hall 7.00pm
Wednesday 5 June Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Monday 13 June Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 18 June Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
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