

# NORTON NEWSLETTER JULY 2019 ISSUE 489

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## NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

**READING ROOM CAFE NEWS** It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Trustees of The Reading Room can announce that they have offered the cafe licence to Amanda Partington, who will be running the cafe following Jo's retirement. She will take over from **Wednesday 24th July** and her hours will be from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Amanda has worked locally for several years and it has always been her wish to open her own cafe. We are delighted she will be opening the cafe Wednesdays through to Saturdays and during school holidays. She is keen to follow Jo's high standards, but will naturally be adding her mark including comprehensive 'take away' menus including breakfasts! As the Trustees and Committee have to carry out some minor restoration within the Room - possibly laying insulation within the loft area to help reduce heat loss plus some minor alterations to the kitchen - the Reading Room **will be closed for three weeks** but will re open **Wednesday 24th July**. We hope you will support Amanda and welcome her to Norton. Tricia Walton. Reading Room Secretary.

**HARMONY 303 CHOIR** invite you to a 'Drop in Morning' anytime between **10am and 12 midday on Tuesday 9th July** at **Norton Village Hall**. Stay as long as you wish. Take a seat in the hall to join family friends and neighbours. We will be singing songs from around the world unaccompanied in four part harmony. This is the last day of term before the summer break and, as usual, we will finish the morning with refreshments. [www.harmony303.co.uk](http://www.harmony303.co.uk)

**NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL** will be holding a Summer Fete on **Friday July 12th between 3.30 and 6.30pm**, in the school and grounds. There will be lots to do and see. A wonderful way to end the school year with Live Music, Food, Drinks, Wine Tent, Bouncy Castle. Lots of different stalls. Teas, Cakes and Ice creams. Things to buy, Games to play, Tombolas, Grand Raffle and much much more. Everyone welcome. Please come and support your local Primary School, All funds to FONS, who support School Projects. See you there. Jennie Harris for Friends of Norton School. Contact No. 01935 881718.

**The FONS** have had a busy few months planning and fundraising. We are currently raising funds for multimedia equipment the children can use and enjoy at school. Activities coming up are a sponsored fun run taking place at the Rec on the 27th June and the school Summer Fête (see above). Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

**LADIES GROUP** At our meeting in June we were given an insight into a major industry in the 18th century, Smuggling, especially along the coast from Portland to Christchurch. Organised gangs imported brandy tobacco and tea by the ship load, more often than not financed or aided by local gentry. Our speaker Bonny Sartin illustrated his talk with songs and poems, which made the evening very enjoyable. We look forward to our annual Garden Party on **16th July**, this year hosted by Adele at **Quinces**. If any members wish to attend please ensure your name is on the list. As usual we ask you to bring along a plate of food to share, and this year please also bring a knife fork and spoon. We hope to hold a raffle and if you have anything to contribute, this will be very much appreciated. Visitors and non members are welcome to attend for which there will be a small charge of £5.00. Our next outing is on **Thursday 11th July**, when we travel to Tiverton to enjoy a trip along the canal by horse drawn barge. On **7th August** we plan a visit to Willows and Wetlands. Any members wishing to attend any of the outings or the Garden Party who have not added their name to the lists, please contact Sue asap. Sue Lowder 881805

**NORTON CHURCH TOWER CELEBRATIONS** A special Peal will be rung on **Friday 26th July**. The Church Bells will be rung for about 3 ½ hours from 9:30am in preparation for the Celebrations on Saturday. Come along to Norton Church Tower Open Day on **Saturday 27th July** from **1:00 'til 4:00pm**. We will be commemorating the 125th anniversary of the fire that destroyed the bells and celebrating the Tower reopening exactly one year later.

You've heard Church Bells ringing for Special Occasions. Have you ever wondered how they're rung? Well – now is your chance. Come along, see the Bells and have a go on our special training Bell. It doesn't matter whether you're 10 or 110, everyone can ring (if you can get up the tower) and there's always something new to learn no matter how experienced you are. We're running out of Ringers - Norton Tower needs you! We're hoping to have a visit by a fire engine, we will also have an old fire appliance, a video link to the belfry, regular ringing demonstrations so you can see the bells in action, a special practice bell in its own mini tower and tea, coffee and cake.

**PLANT SALE UPDATE** The Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show Committee are delighted to announce that this year's Plant Sale made over £1015. Huge thanks to all our growers, helpers, cake makers and stallholders for all their contributions. A special thank you to Andy Jacobs for taking the unsold plants and raising a fantastic further £315, bringing our total profit to £1330.16.

**NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW Saturday 17th August 2019 2pm-5pm Norton Recreation Ground** Get your entries ready! This year there are over 180 different categories for adults and children to enter so there really is something for everyone - from vegetable and flower growing to photography and creative arts, plus cookery classes including baking, preserves and wines. A list of categories, entry forms and rules can be found in the Flower Show Schedule which is available at various locations including the Norton Shop or from any of the Committee members. Entries should be registered at the Norton Reading Room on **Wednesday 14th August** between **7.00pm and 8.30pm**. If you would like to be part of our wonderful show and can spare an hour or two to help out either before, during or after the show, please contact Sarah Murray 01935 881883 or by email at [murray152@btinternet.com](mailto:murray152@btinternet.com)

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PADDY ASHDOWN** There will be a memorial service held in memory of Paddy Ashdown on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at Westminster Abbey at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to go can apply for tickets from Ian Patrick on [memorial@ashdownoffice.uk](mailto:memorial@ashdownoffice.uk) The tickets are being issued by the Abbey – I'm sorry I have no means of helping obtain tickets. Jane Ashdown

**MANY THANKS** Thank you for the beautiful cards and good wishes for our move to Devon. Roger, Jackie, Molly and Rory Jewell.

Thank you to all those who sent their best wishes to me during my recent stay at Musgrove hospital & after at home. The cards, flowers & gifts have really has been appreciated in speeding up my recovery. Debra Harris Jonathan and Barbara Binns would like to express their thanks to those who attended their Wedding Celebrations on May 25th and contributed generously to the Friends of Norton Church. Over £1800 was raised, and these funds will be put to good use to maintain our Church.

**NEW ARRIVALS** We welcome Laura and Paul Holt who have recently moved in to Rectory Lane and Sue and Steve Cousins who have moved in to Little Street – we hope they will enjoy living in our lively village community.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SUE WEBB** On 1st of June a full village hall was entertained with a variety of concert items celebrating the life of Sue Webb. The concert was attended by friends of Sue and family members many of whom had travelled from far to be there. The evening was compered expertly by Simon Harris and Peter Callaghan. The acts varied from the serious to the light and humorous reflecting Sue's wide range of interests and activities. The Trinity Entertainers and the Benefice Choir performed some moving choral pieces; other musical items were provided by Jenny Hillman and Grace and Kenneth Dives. Particularly poignant was a piece performed by Matthew Webb on the Double Bass which he had specially composed for the occasion. Roger Webb read a poem reflecting Sue's love of gardening. Humorous items included "Pam Ayres" reading some of her poems (thank you Mary), Grace and Jenny performing Rossini's Cat Duet and a rendition of the Flanders and Swann classic "I'm a Gnu" performed by Simon and Peter. The concert ended with a good old community sing song. Special mention must be made of the beautiful quilt completed by Sue's friends under the direction of Jenny Hillman. Additionally 5 smaller quilts were made and presented to family members. The large quilt was raffled to raise money for The Beacon Centre in Taunton a charity which helps in the treatment and support of cancer patients. An excellent total of £950 was raised in donations on the night. Thanks must go to many people who gave their time freely to help organise the event, especially Simon, Peter, Paulina, Jenny Hillman and Roger Webb. Bill Caswell

**MESSAGE FROM ROGER WEBB** My family and I appreciated all the effort put into the production of the 'Celebrating the Life of Sue Webb'. The whole evening was just what Sue would have enjoyed, a very happy evening. A great thank you to all those performers and to the many helpers in the background. I have given the donations raised on the evening of £950 to the Musgrove Hospital.

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW FOR JUNE 2019** **Main Draw:** John Forrest (2), Michael Zair, Penny Cudmore, Janet Hutton, Mary Morgan, Emily Waters, Alec Seccombe and Chris Westwood. **Pub Draw:** Helen Rigby, Ann Brodie, Julian Cole and Richard Parry-Jones To join the FNC Wine Club please contact Jonathan Binns on 01935 881063

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.** Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning here at the Whitehouse for Christian Aid Week. Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised £466. The weight of the chicken was 3lb 13oz! In addition the church collection at Chiselborough raised £85. Bill Caswell

**JULY NORTON CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday	7	11.00am	All Age Service
Sunday	14	9.30am	Communion
Sunday	21	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	28	8.00am	Communion

**For details of all other Benefice Services – Chiselborough, Middle Chinnock, Montacute, Odcombe, Stoke sub Hamdon, West Chinnock – visit [www.hamhillchurches.org](http://www.hamhillchurches.org)**

**THIS MONTH - FRUIT** Now is the time of year when fresh fruit begins to appear in our gardens and shops. We are reminded about needing to have our 'Five a Day' and it's good to reflect upon the fruit that comes to us. Some of us will scan the labelling to discover the origin of our fruit and perhaps it's worth reflecting upon all the people who have been involved in its nurture etc before it reaches the shelves of our shop. Some will consider the vitamins and fibre that will help to keep us healthy. We may even recall the work of nature and of the Creator and thank God for the pleasure we get from eating the fruit and for the good it does our bodies. Fruit is a great image for the good things we do in our lives and the Bible talks about it in terms of 'The Fruit of the Spirit', giving us an important 'Nine a Day' – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5) Fruit takes a long time to grow but it may be worth giving it the time, if we are to become healthy citizens.

**OPEN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** Amazon's Alexa now gives religious readings and prayers etc. It will give a prayer for the day, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and answer questions on who Jesus is and how to pray. It is also linked to 'A Church Near You' enabling users to find churches and events. Simply open the App by saying "Alexa, Open the Church of England." Richard Terrell

**HAMDON YOUTH GROUP** has a lot to celebrate with a new home and grants that have secured its future providing facilities for our young people.

Formed by local residents when Youth Services were cut by the County Council approximately seven years ago Hamdon Youth Group serves the young people of Norton and Stoke-sub-Hamdon with youth clubs in both villages run by a qualified Youth Worker from Community Youth Project in Martock. However, the lack of a stable venue has been a real problem. Also this year the remaining County funding, one of the main sources of money to keep the group going, was withdrawn and the future looked very worrying. Luckily the old Methodist Hall in Stoke was up for sale and with the hard work of Stoke Parish Council it has been bought for the community as the Youth and Family Centre and Hamdon Youth Group and along with other youth groups now have a home in these villages. The Youth Group moved in to the, as yet unmodified, hall in April after many months having to run split sessions in a much smaller hall and are now in the process of moving in equipment that has been stored for so long.

However, HYG still needed the money to pay for the hall and our Youth Worker or the venue was irrelevant. It was, therefore with huge delight that our fundraiser for the group told us of two major successes. The National Lottery Community Fund awarded us £10,000 which was a huge vote of confidence in the work of our group of residents who created HYG and a great investment in our young people. Shortly after the Somerset Community fund awarded us a smaller but hugely valued grant which will help the group so much as they settle in to their new home. It was therefore particularly great to welcome representatives of these funding bodies to Youth Club recently to show them our new home and work in progress. They were welcomed enthusiastically by our young people and the steering committee.

Antisocial behaviour has been dramatically reduced since the Youth Clubs have been running and, with exciting activities such as stop-frame animation in addition to discussion of topics concerning young people, it's easy to understand why. Young people now join in village activities such as the recent Stoke Fayre, contributing to the community that has demonstrated it values them by the determination of the steering committee and the generous support of the two Parish Councils and our county and national fundraisers. Further info available : Prue Biddle 01935881350 [pruebiddle@aol.com](mailto:pruebiddle@aol.com)

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT JUNE 2019**

### **Planning:**

The Parish Council had no planning applications to make their observations on this month.

**New Website:** The Parish Council have now got a new website. You will be able to find the Agendas, Minutes plus contact information for all local groups and other useful numbers, if you need to report things from potholes to faulty street lighting. We hope you find it useful. The link is:

<https://nortonsubhamdonpc.co.uk/>

**New District Councillor for Norton:** Our new District Councillor for Norton sub Hamdon is Mike Hewitson. If you have anything you need to discuss with him his contact details are as follows: Mobile: 07970 012539 and email:

[Mike.Hewitson@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk](mailto:Mike.Hewitson@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk)

**Tree Planting Initiative:** The Woodland Trust are giving away free trees, and there are volunteers available who could do the planting. The only thing they are looking for is land to plant them on. If you would like to know more then please

contact our new District Councillor, Mike Hewitson on 07970 012539 or email him on: Mike.Hewitson@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk

**The next Parish Council meeting** will take place on **Monday 8th July 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 2nd July** 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 24<sup>th</sup> July** and will feature a talk entitled 'Lifting the Lid' by Miranda Pender. More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

**IN DESPERATE NEED** Refugee Support Group, South Somerset (RSG) has one popular fundraising event in August which we very much hope you will attend. We much appreciate your support for donations for Raft and for events to raise money for specialist refugee charities especially in Syria where the situation is still very serious.

**A Fun Quiz Night** Last summer RSG held a very successful quiz, in all senses of the word, in the David Hall, South Petherton, and this year it will be repeated on **Saturday August 17th at 7.30pm**. In Teams of four at £6 per head (light supper included and bar available) you can savour the cut and thrust of competition with teams from other villages. On the other hand, you can simply enjoy a relaxing night with friends with an added interesting component. In either case you will be aiding the practical and emotional support of people who find themselves without home or country, perhaps for ever. Please unite your teams and book advance tickets at the David Hall or online by Wednesday August 14th (info@thedavidhall.org.uk ) There will not be tickets available at the door.

**Coffee Morning at Merriott Church**. However, if you are more interested in attending a coffee morning RSG is holding one on **Friday July 12th at Merriott Church from 10.30 to 12 noon** with coffee and home baking, raffle etc. Please join us, perhaps bring a friend, enjoy a relaxing chat, and support those in desperate need. All are welcome. Geraldine Downey 01460 271358

### **VILLAGE AGENT UPDATE Somerset Praised for its Care Support in Panorama: Crisis in Care.**

You may have watched the Panorama 'Crisis in Care' films that were broadcast on BBC 1 on Wednesday 29 May and 5 June. If not, it's well worth catching up on the BBC iPlayer if you can.

The film crew spent ten months filming Somerset County Council's Adult Social Care teams, shining a light on the incredible work going on in care and the pressures the system faces as growing demand outstrips funding.

We, the Village Carers, Community Agents and Home First Agents, are incredibly proud to be an integral part of the county-wide support for unpaid Carers through CCS – the Community Council for Somerset - and our teams work together to support individuals not only in crisis but who need regular 1:1 support, taking a holistic approach to the needs of the carer and everyone who may be affected in the family and help you to navigate your way through the system and aim to help you to achieve the best outcomes for your situation.

We think there are over 60,000 unpaid Carers in Somerset, a huge number and we thank them for the long hours and hard work they provide every day.

**Free Book for Carers** : Did you know we have recently updated and published our popular free book called 'If Only I Knew That', written by a Carer to give others guidance and support on their caring journey. Call our Carers advice line to get your copy - 0800 31 686 00

**Somerset Good Neighbours**: At CCS, we have also launched the Good Neighbours Scheme .The aim of this is not only to reduce loneliness and isolation in a community but to help people thrive where they live – the scheme is intended to partner willing volunteers and helpers with anyone needing help with small one-off tasks, such as lifts to medical appointments, dog walks, or even simply sharing a cup of tea and a friendly chat. The aim is to bring people together and help build strong relationships and connections within local communities so that they can support each other in a neighbourly way. Get in touch to find out more or to set up your own Good Neighbours Neighbourhood – it can be set up for a whole village or a few streets in a town.

### **ONE OFF ADS:**

**TOM COOPER - HANDYMAN/GARDEN MAINTENANCE**. Lawn-mowing, hedge trimming, weeding, pruning, etc. Heavy lifting, household repairs, decorating, etc. Or any little job you need done. Friendly and reliable, local references available. Tel: 07733175041 email: tommocee@yahoo.co.uk

### **COTTAGE FOR SALE**

Offers in excess of £250,000 For Sale by owner 2 bed cottage situated in the sought after village of Norton Sub Hamdon, 9 Broadmead Lane. \*\* Wood Burner, \*\* Character Features \*\* Large Garden. Ring 07711221082 to view

**THE VILLAGE SALON** is proud to announce that 2 very experienced stylists, Lisa and Jessie, have joined the salon with Lynn. If you're thinking of a new style, or perhaps a different colour, call in and meet them for FREE advice and consultation. 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.

**THE NEWSLETTER** is produced monthly by the Newsletter Committee and is distributed free to every house in the village by volunteers who give their services free of charge. The Editor is Mrs Janet Hutton (881566), email: nortonnews@hotmail.com NB. All emails are replied to as soon as possible - please check if no acknowledgement is received by the deadline date.

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#### **DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS**

Wednesday 3 July Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Monday 8 July Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Friday 12 School Summer Fete School Grounds 3.30pm  
Tuesday 16 July Ladies Group Party 7.30pm  
Wednesday 17 July Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Wednesday 24 July Re Opening of Reading Room Cafe 9.30am  
Friday 26 Church Tower Celebration Full Peal 9.30am  
Saturday 27 Norton Church Tower Open Day 1.00pm  
Saturday 17 August Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show 2.00pm  
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend