

NORTON NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019 ISSUE 490

NORTON SHOP: <http://www.nortonshop.co.uk>

CHURCH WEBSITE: <http://www.nortonchurch.org.uk>

FESTIVAL WEBSITE: <http://www.nortonfestival.org>

ADVERTS – One 'one off' ad this month: Cottage for Sale in Norton – see end of newsletter. Ring 881566 or email Nortonnews@hotmail.com for more details.

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

LIBRARY MOBILE VAN IN NORTON The van comes and parks by Pippins in Higher Street each month from 3.25 until 3.45pm – the next time will be Tuesday 27 August.

Church Flag The Union Flag will be flown from the Church tower on Saturday 18th August for Flower Show Day.

READING ROOM NEWS: Amanda's Cafe has now opened and we hope you find a moment to look at the flyer included with this Newsletter which introduces Amanda, her culinary past and examples of her menus. Of note is that the Cafe is also now open on **Saturday** as well as **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9am to 4pm**. You may already have had a chance to pop in and sample the delights of Amanda's cooking, but if not, why don't you treat yourself? When you do go in, you will immediately notice the kitchen has had a makeover. The SSDC Environmental Health Officer required some improvements before the Cafe could re-open, so the old single sink unit has been replaced with a new stainless steel double sink, a new hand washing sink had to be purchased and wipeable hygiene wall boards installed. All the changes now make the kitchen fit for purpose.

We are extremely grateful to Peter Callaghan and Brian Shrubsole, who together with Amanda and her friend David, have spent the majority of the past two and a half weeks stripping out the old kitchen and installing the hygiene boards – no easy task. Thanks also go to Peter Willsher for his electrical expertise, to Andy Holm and Will, who have kindly given their time in fitting the new water heater and other plumbing works required. All the above have had plenty of support from Celia Dunn (our delightful cleaner) who has had her work cut out with tidying up and the moving of furniture. A word of thanks also goes to those who have supplied regular refreshment to the volunteers during the recent hot weather. None of the above would have been possible without a generous grant from Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council, for which we are very grateful, to three Villagers who have anonymously given us short term 'interest free' loans and the above mentioned Volunteers who have saved the Trustees the cost of employing a firm of builders.

Finally, special thanks must go to Ian Murray, who has designed the new logo, thus giving Amanda's Cafe a brand new image for all the signage and her marketing material. We are extremely lucky to have so many people in the Village who are willing to support the Reading Room and we wish Amanda the best of luck in her new venture. We hope to see you there soon. Thank you. Tricia Walton, Secretary.

LADIES GROUP Our annual garden party was once again bathed in warm sunshine. The food provided by our members was, as usual, amazing and plentiful - thank you all so much. Thanks also to Adele our hostess for this year, for providing such lovely surroundings and pleasant atmosphere. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Our next outing to Willows and Wetlands is on **Wednesday 7th August**. Any member who wishes to go, and who has not signed up, please advise asap. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th September**, when our speaker will be John Crabb the wild life photographer. He may bring along a few of his prints to sell on the night. The Ladies Group welcomes new members and visitors at any time. We meet in the Reading Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. do come along, you will be sure of a warm welcome. Sue Lowder 881805

NORTON MOVIE NITES AGM will be on **Tuesday 13th August, 7.30 pm** in the **Lord Nelson** skittle alley. All are welcome to come along and find out what was achieved during last season and what is planned for the future. Norton Movie Nites at the Lord Nelson starts the 2019–20 autumn season on **Tuesday 17th September** with Green Book (cert 12A, 130 mins, and three Oscars), starring Viggo Mortenson and Mahershala Ali. An engaging tale of a working-class Italian immigrant bouncer driving an African-American classical pianist during his concert tour of America's South in the 1960's. Tickets £5 on sale in Norton Stores from 1st September. Further details in September issue.

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

The 105th Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show is just around the corner - fingers crossed for lovely weather again and a wonderful day for all who attend and for our incredible exhibitors, young and old! Our Committee is really keen to attract some new members to ensure this much loved and anticipated Show is the fantastic annual attraction in our community. Whether you're available to come on board for our monthly meetings and twice yearly events or maybe just as a volunteer to help out at The Flower Show or Plant Sale, we'd love to hear from you! You can contact us on 01935 881866 or by email at sara.chester26@gmail.com. 105 years is remarkable! See you at The Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show on Saturday August 17th for a fabulous day out with your families. Thank you for all your support and contributions, as always, and to our exhibitors - we hope you have a medal winning day! The Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show Committee

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP AGM Thursday 19th September, 7.30 pm, Norton Village Hall Parents and interested parties are invited to come along and see what has been achieved during this year and what is planned for next year for the young people of Stoke and Norton.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH - 2019 PULMAN LECTURE Friday 27th September 7:00pm for 7:30pm in St Mary the Virgin church, Norton-sub-Hamdon. The Reverend James Pulman was vicar of Norton for many years and, in recognition of the wide and full contribution he made to the village and the community, the Friends of Norton Church aim to provide a talk each year on a suitable subject in the church. This year the Committee are seeking to arrange a talk by Jill Channer MA FSA FRSA IHBC and Steve Clare ACR FMGP on: "The Medieval Glass of Norton Church" The proposed speakers are experts in their field and are familiar with the medieval traceries in our church. These date back to the 15th century and have been described as "...echoes of a glorious past". Confirmation of the date and time is awaited from the speakers, but in anticipation, this date is provided now for your diaries. Confirmation of the event and further details will follow in the September edition. All proceeds from the event will be used to maintain and preserve the fabric of Norton church.

HAMSTONELIVE- OUR FIRST YEAR Many thanks to you all for your help and support in making the first year of Hamstonelive a success - particularly for staying with us when snow postponed our first event. We had two amazing acts with D'Click from Zaragoza (we squeezed a 5 m chinese pole into the VH) and Bowjangles who were not only classical musicians but danced and sang while they played. We were pleased to raise £545.74 for the village Hall and the feedback was very positive with lots of comments such as 'amazing', 'brilliant', and 'more please' There will be more in 2020 with two dates for your diary; **6th Feb 2020** – WoR – a 5 piece band from Flanders with rave reviews from their tour this year, - **21st March 2020** – John Osborne with 'John Peels Shed' – a homage to the late great John Peel and direct from Radio 4 and Glastonbury. We look forward to seeing you in 2020 - watch this space for more info.

WILL YOU OPEN YOUR GARDEN? Next year, as part of the 2020 Norton Festival, it is hoped to have three Sundays with up to six Gardens Open each afternoon and one of the gardens serving Cream Teas. The Organisers are looking for owners of gardens, large or small and of any type, who will open their garden to the public from **2pm to 6pm** on either **Sunday 17th May, Sunday 21st June or Sunday 19th July.**

If you would like to take part please would you let us know now so that the Festival may further its plans and you can give whatever thought you wish to your planning. Please send your initial expression of interest, with preferred date, to:- The Festival Coordinator, The Rev Richard Terrell, Meadowcroft, 2, Hamdon View, Norton sub Hamdon, STOKE SUB HAMDON, TA14 6SE. Email: richard.terrell@homecall.co.uk

NEW ARRIVALS IN NORTON We welcome Obaid Sangani and fiancée Alice Hobbs to Broadmead Lane – we hope they will be very happy in our wonderful community. They have said that they like reading the Norton Newsletter and are enjoying settling into the village and have been welcomed by the lovely neighbours they have met.

A KIND THOUGHT Many thanks to the kind person who left half a bottle of sunflower oil (which I needed urgently) on my doorstep. I would be pleased if the mystery good neighbour could make themselves known so I can say thank you and return the oil. The cake has been made! I look forward to hearing from ...?. Sue Westwood 'Hobsons'

PHILIP ANTONY RILEY: 25th October 1973 – 18th July 2019 We are very sad to announce the death of Philip after a brave battle against Hodgkin Lymphoma. Whilst living at home at Peacehaven he was a great supporter of the "Norton Movie Nights" and Flower Show, giving technical support wherever possible. Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the **Church of St Mary the Virgin, Norton-sub-Hamdon, on Tuesday 6th August at 12noon** followed by burial in the churchyard and afterwards at the Lord Nelson.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB Draw for July 2019 Main Draw Mary Morgan (2), Mary Batstone (2), Roger Hardisty (2), Sara Vann, Barry Eastley and J Pond. To join the FNC Wine Club please contact Jonathan Binns on 01935 881063

SILENT THANKS Many people work silently behind the scenes. We often take what they do for granted and fail to express our thanks. Annual Meetings are often used to express appreciation but often it doesn't reach the recipients. So perhaps we ought sometimes to pause and acknowledge those who, in our church and community, are the 'unsung' heroes helping everything to run smoothly. This must include people such as those who edit and maintain websites and

publications; churchyard mowers; people who voluntarily maintain and tidy areas of our community; musicians supporting our church worship (Sunday by Sunday and on special occasions); bell ringers; fundraisers and organisers of many kinds. Without the contribution of these and many more our community would be the poorer. So we say 'thank you' to everyone who goes the extra mile and contributes to the greater good of other people, places and organisations.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL. Can anyone help us with Temporary Storage facilities please. As most of you know, we are lucky enough to have a Youth Football Team, using our changing rooms, which is brilliant! but the new football season is creeping up on us quickly and, while unused, the changing rooms have been used for storing items for the next Jumble Sale on October 5th. We have boxes, bags etc that need to be rehomed for a few months. If anyone can help, could you please let Jennie Harris know asap. Telephone 01935 881718, or see Lindsay or Sara in the Post Office. Many thanks. Jennie Harris. for Norton Village Hall Committee.

AUGUST NORTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	4	No Service	
Sunday	11	9.30am	Communion
Sunday	18	No Service	
Sunday	25	8.00am	Communion

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

REQUEST A HYMN If you would like to sing your favourite hymn at the **Norton 2019 Festival Praise at 4pm on Sunday 13th October** please put your request in writing to Rev Richard Terrell, 2 Hamdon View (richard.terrell@homecall.co.uk) by **8th September** giving the hymn title and, if possible, the tune and hymn number. Requests may be subject to selection.

THIS MONTH ... good heavens! It hardly seems more than yesterday yet it was fifty years ago (on Sunday 20th July 1969) that Neil Armstrong took that 'giant leap for mankind' and walked on the moon. We thought the universe had become ours to conquer but with the passing of time we are simply more aware of its vastness. As we look to the night sky we are reminded of our smallness. It is an incredible sensation to try to comprehend what a huge universe it is. With the naked eye or a pair of binoculars we see galaxies so far away that their light, taking millions of years to reach us, set off even before humans walked the earth. Good heavens, we exclaim, this can be no human creation and we start to understand how people believe and talk about a 'God of Creation'

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JULY 2019

Planning: The Parish Council had one planning application to make their observations on this month: 19/01385/LBC - The Orangery Great Street - Removal of C20th internal partitions and replacement of modern internal doors and single modern external door – The Parish Council had no objections.

Grant request from the Reading Room: The Parish Council received a request for a grant towards the following work that is required at the Reading Room – move the hand wash sink, replace the main sink with a double sink and drainer, and replacing the shelving with hygienic stainless steel. In addition, the current water heater needs replacing with a more efficient /modern one. The Parish Council decided to grant £250.00 towards the costs.

Drone Flying: The Parish Council have now received complaints from several residents in the village, regarding the flying of a drone over their houses and gardens. This is actually an intrusion of peoples' privacy. Consider your surroundings. If you are recording images beyond your home, a drone may intrude on the privacy of others where they expect their privacy to be respected (such as in their back garden). It is unlikely that you would want a drone to be hovering outside your window so please be considerate to others and don't hover outside theirs. If we receive further complaints, then we will have to report this matter to the Police. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 9th September at 7.30pm** in the **Committee Room** in the **Village Hall**. Members of the general public are more than welcome to attend. A reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August. Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS

STOKE GARDENING CLUB. The next event will be on **Saturday 3rd August** and will be the Flower, Produce and Craft Show. More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

BOOK CLUB will meet again on **27th August** 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.

ARK AT EGWOOD CIC Volunteer Evening and Open Day We are really excited to announce that we have just received planning consent from South Somerset District Council. Over the next few weeks we will be preparing the site to formally open our doors in September and we would love our local community to become involved. ARK at Egwood CIC is a not for profit organisation, set up as a therapeutic land-based day provision for adults and young people, where new skills can be learnt such as animal husbandry, horticulture (flower and vegetable production), hedge-laying, dry stone walling, arts activities etc. When we get our first produce, we will start to prepare and serve community lunches in our local village halls and we hope to evolve to become an integral and valued part of our community. We will also offer therapeutic services including counselling and nature and equine facilitated therapy and as we get established hope to expand this area further. Hence ARK will be a safe space to overcome anxiety, stress and generally improve the health and well being of both those using our service and those volunteering with us. Over the next few weeks, we shall need to re-furbish our bus and boat, build a log cabin, set up our polytunnel, establish a wildlife pond, install a track and parking and start to set up the growing areas. We are therefore looking for volunteers! We are looking for a range of different skills, from administration and marketing to woodwork and growing skillsbut enthusiasm is just as important to us! If you think you would like to help (either for the set-up phase, or on an ongoing basis), we are holding a Volunteers' Evening at **Egwood House Field, Egwood, Merriott TA16 5QN** on **Thursday 15th August 6pm-8pm** If you would just like to come and have a look around, we shall be also holding an Open Day **Saturday 7th September 11am until 3pm** For more information, please email office@arkategwood.com Visit our website: www.arkategwood.com Call Nigel on: 07974658782 Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for the latest developments.

NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT I was very honoured to attend the Yeovil Chamber of Commerce meeting with Sue Mountstevens the Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner and Sharon Baker the Chief Inspector for Yeovil. Sue explained how the charge on our council tax bills has risen and this has directly paid for an extra 100 police officers. She is adamant that the police are to be part of our community and doesn't want them to be sitting in offices when they could be visible. To this extent, our council tax money has been spent on providing upgraded equipment such as phones and laptops so that your officer can sit in a public space such as a coffee shop to complete their admin, rather than driving back to the station. This means they are not wasting time and petrol travelling, and are visible in the community. She encourages us all to go and chat and get to know our local police constables and PCSO's - they are there to support us and be a part of the local community. Sue has also employed mental health nurses with access to medical records to support phone calls to the 101 non-emergency number so people in distress can be supported by a network of family, medication and mental health support services. In turn this should reduce the numbers of mentally ill people being put into cells and through the criminal justice system when they need medical support. The Avon and Somerset Constabulary 4 priorities are : 1) To protect the most vulnerable from harm, 2) Strengthen and improve local policing teams, 3) To ensure Avon and Somerset Constabulary have the right people, equipment and culture 4) To work together effectively with other police forces and partner agencies to provide better services to local people. Our Village Carers Community Agents all have great relationships with and work closely with our local police teams.

She also spoke about the need for volunteers. She reinforced the fact that the police are the citizens and the citizens are the police. We need to work as a team to reduce crime. Sharon Baker, our Chief Inspector for Yeovil would love to see growth in volunteers in: An increase in Specials Police (15 hours a month) who will be trained alongside other police officers. More people shadowing a Police Officer. She stated that you are able to join the police for a shift and experience firsthand what the police do. Just fill out the online form. You could join as a speed watch volunteer or join the independent residents panel to monitor people's experience of the police; discuss the use of tasers and stop and search techniques or visit custody units to take views from detainees on their experience. One thing she stated very clearly is that Yeovil, and Somerset in general, are low crime areas and that they are working hard to keep it that way with investment into preventative long term solutions to crime. It was a fascinating meeting and I hope we can help facilitate what I have learnt into the community. Other News: Did you know our latest newsletter is out now for the Somerset Carers? Download it here: https://issuu.com/communitycouncilforsomerset/docs/newsletter_issue_2_final

ONE OFF ADS:

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

TO ADVERTISE in this newsletter the fee is £18 for twelve monthly adverts or £1.50 for single months. Contact the editor on 881566 or email nortonnews@hotmail.com

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**. In December the deadline is a week before.

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.

DISCLAIMER. This edition of the Newsletter contains information which has been supplied directly to the Editor of the Norton Newsletter. None of the information published within expresses the views of either of the Editor or Members of the Norton sub Hamdon Newsletter Committee and should not be relied upon. Any comments should be addressed to the Committee via the Newsletter email address.

DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS

Tuesday 13 August Movie Nites AGM Lord Nelson 7.30pm
Saturday 17 August Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show 2.00pm
Tuesday 27 August Mobile Van in Higher Street 3.25 – 3.45pm
Tuesday 17 September Movie Nites Lord Nelson
Tuesday 17 September Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Thursday 19 Hamdon Youth Group AGM Village Hall 7.30pm
Monday 9 September Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Friday 27 September Pulman Lecture Norton Church 7.00pm
Friday 11 – 13 October The 2019 Norton Festival Weekend

