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

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

ADVERTS – No new adverts this month

DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE: There seems to be a rise in the amount of dog excrement that is being left - particularly on New Road, the Recreation Field and Glebe Woods. Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. Dogs being exercised on the recreation field need to be kept on a lead – as requested on the notice that is situated at the top of the Rec. The recreation field is used by children of all ages and therefore it is essential that all dog excrement is picked up and dogs kept under control. There are 2 bins in the recreation field so there is no excuse. I have spoken to SSDC. They will be increasing the patrolling of these areas with enforcement officers - and at varying times of the day. These officers have the authority to issue on the spot fines – and they will. We currently have five dog bins – the top of the recreation field, the bottom of the recreation field, New Road, Skinners Lane/Minchington Close junction and in Little Norton. They are emptied weekly by SSDC. I will also be speaking to the Parish Council at the next meeting about the addition of at least one new bin in the village and increasing the size of another. Many thanks for your cooperation. Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be back at the Reading Room on **Wednesday 11th September at 2.30pm** and then on the **25th**. I'm sure we'll all have lots of new ideas and projects to start - plus coffee and cake from Amanda! Looking forward to seeing new and old faces. Tricia 882646

HAMDON HA! HA! presents a spectacular comedy night on **Thursday 12th September at 8.00pm** in the **Lord Nelson** with Tom Glover, fresh from Edinburgh with his fantastic show *A Glover Not a Fighter*. [Giving some of the finest stand-up comedy you'll see in years, Tom is our erstwhile Ha! Ha! MC who has entertained us in the past with his quick and clever repartee.] His friend Luke Honnoraty is support act. For £10 you'll have a great evening with two fine comedians. Tickets from the Lord Nelson or jokepit.com (+ booking fee).

LADIES GROUP Our next meeting will be on **17th September** when we welcome back wild life photographer John Crabb. This promises to be a very enjoyable evening. New members and visitors are always welcome -, we meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month in **The Reading Room at 7.30pm**. Do come along - you will be sure of a warm welcome. Sue Lowder 881805

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 Mortensen 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. **Doors open 7.45 pm, film starts 8.00 pm**. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Stores from 1st September. Forthcoming films: **Tuesday 8th October**, *Red Joan* starring Judi Dench as Joan Stanley, exposed as the KGB's longest-serving British spy. **Tuesday 12th November**, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant in a wry comedy about a failing author and a huckster who helps her make some money.

NORTON MOVIE NITES – REPORT OF CHAIR - REVIEW OF 2018-19 We ran seven shows this year with audience numbers and profits up from last year. We also had a useful contribution from the DVD raffles. We have used two film suppliers (Moviola and Filmbank) which has given us increased options, although the Moviola DVDs cannot be raffled. Many thanks to The Box Office (Norton Shop), the Parish Magazine, The Hambook and Norton Newsletter who continue to provide fantastic support in terms of selling tickets and promoting our events. Many thanks also to our wonderful hosts, Helen and Mark, for our great venue. 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. We reviewed our equipment, including replacement costs and storage, and as a result we decided to continue to self insure. None of this would be possible without the support of a fantastic committee and, of course, you, our audience. We are always keen to have new team members, come and join us. Every year we offload any surplus profit. If you would like to receive a donation towards a worthy local cause please contact John Bailey on 01935 881227. Looking forward to seeing our audience members, old and new, in September.

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.

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 24th September**.

TAKE A BREAK – HAVE A COFFEE The monthly Norton Coffee Mornings resume in September after their summer break.

Wednesday 25th sees a Coffee Morning in **Flaxfield, Higher Street at 10.45am**. As usual there will be a Bring & Buy. This tends to be themed and this month is 'Autumn Produce' with such things as pickles, jams, bread, cakes etc. All are invited.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH - 2019 PULMAN LECTURE Jill Channer MA FSA FRSA IHBC and Steve Clare ACR FMGP, two of the UK leading glass conservators, have kindly agreed to provide an illustrated talk on: "St Mary's Church Medieval Glass and the Conservation Challenge" Jill Channer will provide information about our medieval glass iconography and known history - drawing attention to gaps in our knowledge of the recent history of the glass - which members of the parish may well be able to resolve. Steve Clare will describe and illustrate details of the processes involved in the conservation of both medieval stained glass and lead - with particular reference to the challenges presented by the Norton glass that date back to the 15th century. The talk will take place on: **27th September 7:00pm** for 7:30pm in **St Mary the Virgin church**, Norton-sub-Hamdon Tickets @ £6 are available from the Norton shop and at the door. A wine and soft drinks bar will be available. All are welcome with proceeds being used to maintain the fabric of Norton church.

TINKERS BUBBLE OPEN DAY Saturday 28th 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

NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year's Flower Show - which raised a staggering £1922.00 on the day. We were thrilled to welcome so many new exhibitors and stallholders and hope you all enjoyed the afternoon. If you have any photos from the day, please do share them on our facebook page. Special thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly over three days setting up and taking down, to those who gave up their time to run the stalls, to the team who ran the refreshments and made so many delicious cakes, and to all our friends and neighbours who donated so generously to the tombola prizes. Thanks to Jack and Amy of The Marquee Hire Company for another great marquee, Julian of Yeovil Roofing for providing transport for the set up/take down, and to Kelvin of KS Electrics for organising the power for the marquee. Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 1st October** in the **Village Hall Meeting Room at 7.00pm**. All are welcome and a detailed account of the year will be published in the November newsletter.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL. Following our request in last month's newsletter for storage, we have been lucky enough to have received 2 offers of help. Thank you so much, both are greatly appreciated. A few things to tell you this month. The patch of garden by the side of the Hall, has been worked on to make it a more pleasant sight. We were lucky that Committee Members were able to tidy it up and replant. The garden will now be tended and kept up to scratch. We would particularly like to thank Shaun Clayton, who did a lot of the clearing work for us. Unfortunately, Shaun isn't too well at the moment, and the Committee all wish him well, and a speedy recovery. While on the subject, we would also like to thank Lynn Orchard, who looks after the plant holder under the kitchen window, and keeps it planted up. We are also hoping to install a Dish Washer in the next few weeks. This will be funded by the Grant award, which we received from the Cooperative Community Fund last year. We feel this will be a welcome addition to our Kitchen.

A date for your diaries. We will be holding our Autumn Jumble Sale on **Saturday October 5th**. We will probably not be holding a Spring one next year 2020, due to Football club use of changing rooms, and a possible Village Pantomime. Both will be confirmed in the next issue. Any enquiries. Contact Jennie Harris. 01935881718. Many thanks for your support as always. Jennie Harris for Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall Committee.

THE NORTON FESTIVAL Stoke Silver Band kicked off the 2019 Norton Festival with an excellent Concert in March now The Festival Weekend (**October 11th-13th**) will see the church filled with local people exhibiting their hobbies and interests, local musicians at the organ stool, flowers adorning the church and refreshments. On the **Saturday** a fantastic Folk Concert will be given by well-known regional artists: The Four Foot Four, Mitchell and Vincent, Jack and Alison, with tickets now available from the Community Shop. The Harvest Communion is being celebrated on the **Sunday at 9.30am** with David Mangles preaching, while at **4.00pm** you can sing your favourite hymns with Festival Praise. The 2020 Festival is already taking shape with Concerts by The Avon & Somerset Constabulary Choir (**29th February**), Parnham Voices (**4th April**) and Cantamus (**28th November**). It also plans to have Gardens Open on **17th May, 21st June and 19th July**. Richard Terrell

NORTON "BOUNDS" BREAKFAST WALK SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2019 Starting at **8.30 am**. at **The Lord Nelson**. Enjoy an early morning autumn walk followed by "Full Monty" breakfast at the Lord Nelson. The walk will start and finish at the Pub and circumnavigate the village following the rights of way nearest to the village boundary, covering about 6 miles and taking about 2-2 1/2 hours to complete. However there are plenty of shortcuts for those who don't want to do the full distance. At the end of the walk (available at 11-11.30 a.m.) the Lord Nelson will have full English Breakfast including coffee, orange juice and toast at £6.50/head. Please book direct with the Pub beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries contact John Bailey (01935 881227)

6th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday 9th November at Norton-Sub-Hamdon Village Hall 1-4.30pm

Over 20 stalls selling local handmade and homemade gifts including preserves, children's items, shabby chic, cards and more perfect for pre-Christmas shopping! A prize raffle, tombola, refreshments, bottle stall, fun and games for all. This event is not to be missed. We welcome everyone from babies to the elderly there will be something for everyone to enjoy! In aid of West Chinnock Playschool. 50p adult entrance children free!

VILLAGE GARAGE/GARDEN SALE along the lines of the Open Gardens we have had in the past. Drives, garages, forecourts, gardens, sheds etc that are participating listed in advance. Thinking **March 2020**. People sign up in advance; individuals can decide what to do with any money generated (keep/donate/50:50 either to an agreed village charity/charities or not). Do you think it's worth trying? Reduce, re-use, recycle :) Let me know if you are interested in taking part. Can't see it being a big commitment other than you being responsible for your stuff on your property. Let me know your thoughts and if you'd be interested in taking part. Rachel Reid 881621;rachelmreid@hotmail.com

AMANDA'S CAFE AT THE READING ROOM has been awarded a 5 star rating by the SSDC Environmental Health Officer, who congratulated the Committee on its excellent kitchen refurbishment - we understand she didn't recognise it from her last visit! Thanks must go to Amanda for her wonderful first few weeks at the Reading Room (known by 1 or 2 people now as the 'Feeding Room!').

Comments about her food have been superb - those of you who have sampled her fare know what we mean! Those of you who haven't had the chance to visit - treat yourselves! Her breakfasts seem to be especially popular. It's not just locals who are enjoying the food - one resident overheard 2 visitors talking over lunch saying "I didn't know Norton had its own shop and a Post Office. That will save us driving to Ilminster - much closer." Well done Amanda for attracting people to our Village! September has always felt like a fresh start to me.

NORTON READING ROOM CAFE. Well what a month it has been for me, a real rollercoaster ride and you have given me a wonderful welcome. Thank you to all the lovely people of Norton, Chiselborough and the surrounding villages for supporting me in my new venture. The cafe is doing amazingly well and I've been overwhelmed by the very positive feedback you have given me. I have made many lovely new friends and I really love having my own cafe, thank you Trustees and Committee for having faith in me, none of it would have been possible without Brian and Peter who are always there to help me as I settle into the new kitchen. Two News items: Due to Great Street being without electrical power on **Wednesday 4th September** I will be **CLOSED** however **I will be opening Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th that week.** I am currently planning a Bistro Evening in September, please ask me for further details, I shall be taking bookings in the coming weeks. It will be a truly fun evening and naturally you can bring your own wine. Maximum 20 people. I look forward to seeing you during September. Amanda @ The Reading Room Cafe.

NEW ARRIVALS. We welcome back to the village Mark and Jo Gill and family who have moved in to Bramley Fields and also newcomers Anne and Steve Collier who have moved into Higher Street from Cornwall. We hope they will all be very happy in our great village.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW Results for August 2019: Jeremy & Rachel Reid (2), Mary Edmond (2), Penny Cudmore, Rowena Aalsey, Alec Seccombe, Nicky Brodie and Janet Hutton. To join the FNC Wine Club please contact Jonathan Binns on 01935 881063

JEAN DUNKLEY It is with great sadness to tell you that my widowed mother Jean Dunkley of Popinjays, Little Norton, died peacefully aged 90 on 9th August at Ivelhurst Nursing Home in Yeovil. My parents Eric and Jean moved to Little Norton from Scotland in 1994 and had an active and happy retirement in Somerset. They both enjoyed opening their garden for the National Garden Scheme and entering classes at the Flower Show, and mum always said that if she had been 20 years younger, she would have liked to have helped serve in the village shop. Her funeral takes place on **Tuesday 10th September, 12 midday at Yeovil Crematorium.**

SEPTEMBER NORTON CHURCH SERVICES

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| Sunday | 1 | 11.00am | All Age Service |
| Sunday | 8 | 9.30am | Communion |
| Sunday | 15 | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| Sunday | 22 | 8.00am | Communion |

Combined Benefice Service at **Chiselborough 10.00am 27th September**

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

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

THE CHORAL PILGRIMAGE 2019: WELLS THE SIXTEEN Harry Christophers conductor **6th September 7:30pm** in Wells Cathedral. Tickets: £15 – £30 (Booking Fees Apply) www.thesixteen.com James MacMillan continues with a new commission 'O virgo prudentissima' contrasted with music by Fayrfax performed on our very first recording, alongside music by Wylkynson and Sheppard. These fine examples of English polyphony are juxtaposed with stunning music by Tavener and Eric Whitacre in our 40th anniversary year.

TALK AT MARTOCK CHURCH 12th September at 7.30pm 'The End of World War 1 and its Aftermath' A fascinating talk by Dr Rodney Atwood, an eminent historian and widely published author who served in the Royal Tank Regiment. The talk covers major WWI battles; political upheaval during and after WWI; the USA's contribution and impact during and post-war; and the actions that led to WWII. Key issues discussed are the redrawing of the European national borders; the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; and the impact of these changes that led eventually to WW II. Admission: No charge but there will be a retiring collection for service charities. <http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events>

BOOK CLUB will be on **Tuesday 24th September** 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 25th September at 7.30pm** and will feature a talk entitled 'No Dig Gardening' by Stephanie Hafferty. More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT Now is a great time to prepare for the dark months ahead. Isolation can be a real problem in the winter so make a start on finding things to fill those dark cold days before the weather turns and you find yourself sofa bound or box set binging!

Join your local groups. Even if you are working, you can find that you have nothing else once you get home because you have used all your energy in the workplace and don't have much time and energy left to maintain friendships. Websites and parish magazines are packed with local offers. Reduce the length of dark evenings by joining a knit and natter, WI, Men's Shed, art, photography or local history group and keep your body moving even on the worst weather days by joining a gentle exercise class. Ask me for more information.

Small Grants are available to start a community group or perhaps to support yourself when going through a difficult time. We can help you find these, either by contacting me or to access larger community based grants and consultancy for Parishes contact Ade on Ade@somersetccc.org.uk 01823 331 222. For personal funding go to the Turn2us website and tap in your particulars to see if you qualify for something. This could be a small grant for an unpaid Carer to purchase something to enhance their caring role or for improving the insulation on your house.

We are also supporting those who wish to become a self-employed paid carer. Contact project co-ordinator Rhys Davis: RPDavies@somerset.gov.uk or telephone 07788350806 or our Enterprise Agent at CCS Vince Tillman . website www.somersetagents.org. or www.somersetcarers.org 07968521746 cath@somersetccc.org.uk

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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

Monday 9 September Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 11 September Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Thursday 12 September Hamdon Ha Ha Lord Nelson 8.00pm
Tuesday 17 September Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Tuesday 17 September Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Thursday 19 September Hamdon Youth Group AGM Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 24 September Mobile Van Higher Street 3.25pm
Wednesday 25 September Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm
Wednesday 25 September Coffee Morning Flaxfield Higher Street 10.45am
Friday 27 September Pulman Lecture Norton Church 7.00pm
Saturday 28 September Tinker's Bubble Open Day 11.00am
Tuesday 1 October Flower Show AGM Village Hall 7.00pm
Saturday 5 October Autumn Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am
Friday 11 October Festival - Displays, flowers, music, in Church 10.30-4pm
Saturday 12 October Festival Folk Concert Norton Church 7.30pm
Sunday 13 October Harvest Communion Norton Church 9.30am
Sunday 13 October Festival Praise Norton Church 4.00pm
Saturday 9 November Christmas Market Village Hall 1.00pm

