

# NORTON NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019 ISSUE 492

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**CLOCKS GO BACK.** Don't forget that the clocks go back by one hour, early on **Sunday Morning, 27th October** when British Summer Time ends.

## NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

**THE LORD NELSON** will be closed from **Monday 4th November until Wednesday 13th November inclusive** for maintenance. We apologise for the inconvenience.

**HAMDON YOUTH GROUP** are settling into a new school year and are ready to welcome the new Year 7 young people to Youth Group meetings at the Youth and Community Centre in **Stoke on Mondays** and at the **Norton Village Hall Meeting Room on Wednesdays**. We are hoping some kind person has an unused cupboard or small wardrobe they could donate to store HYG equipment in Norton Village Hall. Please contact Lou our Youth Worker (see below) or Prue Biddle on 01935 881350 if you can help. More info is available from Lou, our Youth Worker, on 07402987921 or email [lou.chant@cyp.me.uk](mailto:lou.chant@cyp.me.uk)

**CHANGE OF DAY FOR CRAFTY CRITTERS** will now be in the **Reading Room** on **Tuesday afternoons** from **2.30pm** till **4.00pm**. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st October, then 15th and 29th**. Come and join us to work on any project you have - or just to pick up some new ideas. There is a £1.00 contribution towards room hire, but the good news is that we have hired Amanda to provide us with tea/coffee etc.! Tricia Walton 882646

**AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE.** As I said last month, this will be held on **Saturday October 5th**, at **Norton Hall**. Doors open at **11.00am**. Admission 50p adults. All usual stalls including: New /nearly new Clothes, Shoes, Bags, Books, DVD's, Toys, Collectables, Bric a Brac, and much more. Cakes, Raffle and Refreshments. Everyone welcome. Remember we won't be holding a Spring one next March 2020, due to the Youth Football Club and the Pantomime, " Oh Yes we will - Oh No we won't " haha. We would be grateful for your donations for this sale. Please help us make it a bumper one. Please sort out any bits and pieces you don't want and that others can use. Unfortunately, we cannot take electrical items, or any large pieces of furniture etc. We will be at the Hall on the **Friday afternoon October 4th from 4.00pm – 8.00pm** to receive your donations. If anyone can help at all on the day, or make a cake for the cake stall please let me know. Thanks so much. Jennie Harris, for Norton Hall Committee Contact Number 01935 881718.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES** at the **Lord Nelson on Tuesday 8th October: Red Joan** (12A, 101 mins) starring Judi Dench as Joan Stanley, exposed as the KGB's longest-serving British spy. **Doors open 7.45 pm, film starts 8 pm**. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Stores from 1 October. **Change of date and venue for November: Can You Ever Forgive Me?** starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant **will now show on Thursday 14th November in Norton Village Hall.**

**READING ROOM** September has been a really enjoyable month for me, I'm getting to know so many of you and the comments you are giving really make my work so worthwhile so thank you. Saturdays are really already proving to be successful - Pancake Saturdays @ The Feeding Room as they will soon be known as!! By the way, I am already taking Christmas and Party Bookings - so if you are planning a small Christmas Office Party, do pop in and see me to discuss your requirements.

**My 1st Saturday Evening Bistro will be on Saturday 12th October between 7.00pm and 9.00pm - doors open at 6.30pm.** Booking would be advisable. As I don't have a licence- it will be *Bring Your Own Wine*. There will be a 3 course menu for £24.00 or a 2 course menu for £18.00 (Coffees will be include in the price) See the menu on my Facebook page (Amanda's Cafe in Norton Reading Room) or in the Reading Room cafe. For bookings, please call me on either my mobile number **07713 170058** or the Cafe number **881505**. Thanks once again for your support and lovely welcome to Norton - you really have made me feel at home. Amanda

**LADIES GROUP** A very inspiring talk was given at our last meeting. John Crabb gave an enjoyable and humorous account of his interests. Since retiring he has found time to take up photography of birds in flight, often making improvised additions to his camera from ordinary household items in order to obtain spectacular photos. He has learned to speak French, and is now thinking of writing a book. He has advised that, thanks to donations for his prints from local groups, he was able to send £150.00 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. A few of our members took a trip on the Seaton Tramway to Colyton - a glorious day spent meandering round the village and enjoying a pub lunch. A group of

us will have the opportunity to play with Clay at Barrington on **10th October**. Members who have not listed their name, who wish to come, should contact Sue. Next meeting is on **15th October** - 'Fun ways With Scarves' will be demonstrated by Jan McNeill. Please bring a safety pin and a large elastic band, and of course, scarves. New members and visitors welcome at any time. Sue Loder 881805

**NORTON FESTIVAL** More Norton Festival events get underway on the **second weekend of October**. There is an exhibition in the church of villagers' hobbies and interests, music from a variety of local organists and refreshments from **10.30am until 4.00pm**. A Folk Concert on **Saturday 12th at 7.30pm** will feature The Four Foot Four, Mitchell & Vincent and Jack & Alison. Concert ticket (£7) available from the Community Shop. There's a special Harvest Thanksgiving Communion on **Sunday at 9.30am** with David Mangles preaching and Festival Praise at **4.00pm** with favourite requested hymns. Richard Terrell

**COFFEE BREAK** The October Coffee Break, supporting the Parish Church, is on **Wednesday 23rd October at 10.45am at 1, Broadmead Lane**. Come and enjoy a social hour and support a Bring & Buy that's focusing on tins, bottles and boxes with other items welcome.

**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 22 October**. Come and check out the new van packed with great books!

**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 - 2.5 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)

**NORTON NEWSLETTER AGM** This will take place on **Wednesday 6th November** in the **Reading Room at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

**BOULES for NORTON**. We are delighted to report that since the Boules Court for Norton was first announced it has attracted a great deal of interest. Thank you - its really encouraging to know we have such a wide amount of interest. A meeting has now been arranged for **Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm** in the **Lord Nelson Skittle Alley** to discuss the matter formally. We hope as many of you who have already expressed an interest can come to the meeting. We need to officially form a NORTON BOULES SOCIETY in order to take our proposals to the SSDC and commence applying for grants etc etc. Please come to the meeting and support the efforts we have started. We hope to have plans on display and have some ideas of costings for this exciting project. Rob Letham, Ian Murray, Peter Callaghan, Helen & Mark.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF EVENTS: 17th January 2020 at 7:00 pm in Norton Village Hall** – Friends of Norton Church Travel Talk "GRAND CANYON – 2 MEN on a RAFT" and **31st January 2020 at 7:30 pm** Friends of Norton Church AGM in **Norton Reading Room**.

**NORTON PANTOMIME SOCIETY** are pleased to announce that there will be a Pantomime in 2020. That is the Good news!! We are sorry to have to tell you that Our Director, Liz Maunder, and Stage Manager Stuart Maunder have decided that they will be standing down. We would like to thank them both for everything they have done over the last 16 years - when they were involved in 8 Pantomimes. We hope they will enjoy a break, from all the stress and strains over the years, and enjoy being part of the audience for a change. BUT - Never Fear. We will hopefully carry on the good work. " Oh Yes We Will. " A Pantomime is planned for Spring 2020. Performances will be **March 5th - 7th** inclusive. So put the dates in your Diaries. We are working on scripts etc as I write. There will be an update in this issue every month. So look out for it. Never fear, the Panto is Near. Norton Pantomime Society.

**A BIG THANK YOU**. We would like to thank everyone in Norton for all the best wishes, prayers, positive thoughts, help and support. It's been quite a challenging year and the past few weeks have been particularly stressful however we have been overwhelmed by the kindness we have been shown. Norton is truly filled with lovely people and we have such fantastic neighbours. Shaun is now on the road to recovery and will hopefully be back mowing the churchyard, playing skittles and down the Nelly soon! Lindsay and Shaun

**PHILIP ANTONY RILEY, 25th October 1973 - 18th July 20019** We are writing to thank everybody so very much for the many kind messages of support extended to us following Philip's death in July. He would have loved renewing so many friendships and meeting so many acquaintances from all phases of his life who gathered at his funeral. More than 150 people were seated in our village church and many more gathered at the Lord Nelson during the course of the afternoon! It was a great party of which he would have heartily approved! Thank you for the very many generous

donations received in his memory for the Fortuneswell Chemotherapy Unit at the Dorset County Hospital. A total of almost £1000 has been raised. Again very many thanks Terry and Caroline Riley

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW Results for September:** Main Draw: Rob Vaux (2), Chris Westwood, Liz Fish, Rowena Aalsey, Jeremy Reid, Lindsay Higgins, Barry Eastley and Alec Seccombe. Pub Draw: Will Tate, Lindsay Higgins, Ian Chignell and Dave Rogers. To join the FNC Wine Club please contact Jonathan Binns on 01935 881063

**CHRISTMAS CAKES** - I'm really sorry to say that this year I won't be making my Christmas Cakes for sale through our shop. We are part way through renovating our kitchen/dining room....lots of dust!.... but it will definitely be worth it! I'm also eagerly awaiting the call to say my first grandson has been born which will mean as many trips to Yorkshire for cuddles as I can manage! So, alongside work and everything else, I simply won't have time or the space to make my cakes. Sara Vann

**NEWS FROM NORTON SCHOOL** It's been a busy start to the academic year with lots going on at Norton school. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. If you walk past the school at the end of the day, you will see that we have lots of clubs and activities going on; everything from cookery and gardening to Netball and Football. As part of our bid to be greener and raise awareness of environmental issues with our pupils, we have registered as an Eco-school joining a global network of 52,000 schools. The children will take a lead on how to go about achieving the 'Green Flag award' and are forming an Eco-committee. We are always keen to explore new ways of working with the community. Please do get in touch with me through the school office if you have any ideas. Thank you for your support. Mr Caswell Co-Headteacher

**NEW ARRIVALS** We welcome to Higher Street Paul and Alison Leeson -; we hope they will enjoy living in our wonderful village.

#### **OCTOBER NORTON CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 6	6.30pm	Praise Service
Sunday 13	9.30am 4.00pm	Communion Festival Praise
Sunday 20		No Service
Sunday ` 27	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)**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Planning:** The Parish Council had one planning application to make their observations on this month:

Ref. No: 19/02111/HOU & 19/02112/LBC - The Orangery, Great Street - Demolition of existing garage block. New garage block adjacent with auxiliary accommodation above, associated landscaping works and alterations to existing vehicular access. The Parish Council of Norton sub Hamdon noted the following on this application:

The Parish Council do not support a two-storey building here. They would only support a one storey garage built in hamstone – like for like.

They are concerned that with the plan to have a small studio room providing auxiliary accommodation to the proposed new garage, this will either be used for paying guests, or this whole building will eventually be converted into accommodation, which they will not support. They would like to see a condition added to make sure this can never be applied for.

Another concern is the materials planned to be used. Norton sub Hamdon is primarily a beautiful hamstone village.

Hamstone is obviously the local stone and a big part of this village's heritage. The existing garage is made of ham stone and they would like to see the new a garage built of the same material rather than of timber. There are only hamstone buildings in this area. A wooden building does not fit in at all to the area.

**The majority of the parish council of Norton sub Hamdon have objected to this application – 4/3**

**Footpath Gates:** Unfortunately, people are leaving footpath gates open – particularly on the Higher St, Little Street and footpaths to Chiselborough footpaths. Many of these footpaths have animals grazing. Please remember to make sure the gate has shut behind you when walking through.

**Wild Flower Areas:** Would anyone be interested in seeing some wild flower areas in the village, and be keen to volunteer to help maintain them? If so, get in touch with me – email: [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

**New Dog Bins:** Within the next month there will be two new dog bins installed in the village. The dog bin currently at the bottom of the recreation field will be moved to Gross's wood, Broadmead Lane. A new bin, double the capacity, will

be installed at the bottom of the recreation field in its place. A further large bin will be installed on New Road by the side of the entrance of the footpath to the church.

**The next Parish Council meeting** will take place on **Monday 14th October at 7.30pm** in Village Hall **Committee Room**. Members of the general public are more than welcome to attend. Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

## **OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS**

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB.** The next event will be on **Wednesday 23rd October** and will feature a talk entitled 'Gardening Without Plastic' by Sally Nex . More details from Sue Winwood on 823671

**BOOK CLUB** will be on **Tuesday 22nd October** 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.

**MALE VOICE CHOIR.** One of Cornwall's leading Male voice choirs will be visiting Somerset on **25th October at 7.30pm** to perform a joint concert with South Somerset Community Choir at Haselbury Mill. Four Lanes Male Voice Choir are based near Redruth and sing a wide range of music from popular show tunes to traditional Cornish pieces. Tickets are £6 each, under 18's free. To book contact [info@jonathandelbridge.com](mailto:info@jonathandelbridge.com) or 01460 240025.

**MARTOCK CHURCH** will host Spike's Five & Dime Jazz Band on **24th October 2019 at 7:30 pm** Admission fee: £12 or £ 10 at 01935 829576 Venue contact number: 01935 829576 website:<http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events>

**FROM SOMERSET, WITH LOVE** Raft is now collecting for refugee camps in the Middle East.- washable winter clothing for men (no large sizes, please), women, children and babies; suitable footwear for all; and washable bed linen and blankets. Double duvets are not needed as they are too difficult to dry when the rains arrive, but duvet covers provide useful material. Baby buggies in working order, baby slings, and carrycots and their bedding are welcomed. Also small toy, e.g. a stuffed animal, a ball, a car, a doll (and again generous knitters but also generous children donate these) plus small packets of tissues, boxes of crayons or coloured pencils. Any generous knitter is very welcome indeed - there will, we hope, be a great number of warm children's coats being packed in coming months along with many other needed items. Every winter families living in tented camps suffer snow, icy temperatures and storms leading to flooding and muddy conditions. Many thanks to all of you who help us in any way. Geraldine Downey 01460 271358

**NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT** Now is a great time to prepare for the dark months ahead. Don't forget that this is the time to register your family for a Warmer Homes Discount with your electricity provider. You could get £140 off your electricity bill under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. The 2019 to 2020 scheme will start on 14 October 2019. Eligibility Criteria: you get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit - known as the 'core group' or you're on a low income and meet your energy supplier's criteria for the scheme - known as the 'broader group [www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme) or phone your provider. To find out more about my work and the work of my Village & Community Agent colleagues go to our brand new website [www.somersetagents.org](http://www.somersetagents.org) – we help when others won't, don't or can't! For Carers specifically go to [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org)

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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**

Tuesday 1 October Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Tuesday 1 October Flower Show AGM Village Hall 7.00pm  
Saturday 5 October Autumn Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am  
Tuesday 8 October Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm  
Friday 11 – 13 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  
Monday 14 October Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 15 October Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Tuesday 15 October Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm  
Wednesday 23 October Coffee Morning at 1 Broadmead Lane 10.45am  
Tuesday 29 October Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Saturday 9 November Christmas Market Village Hall 1.00pm  
Thursday 14 November Boules Planning Meeting Lord Nelson 7.00pm  
Thursday 14 November Movie Nites Village Hall 7.45pm

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Friday 17 January FNC Talk Village Hall 7.00pm  
Friday 31 January FNC AGM Reading Room 7.30pm