

# NORTON NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020 ISSUE 495

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

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

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

**ADVERTS – No new adverts this month**

## NORTON EVENTS AND NEWS

**THE UNION FLAG** will be flown from the Church Tower from Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January for Christmas through to Epiphany.

**THE READING ROOM CAFE** By the time this issue arrives you will know the cafe is **closed from Saturday 21st December until Friday 3rd January** when I will be serving a slightly shortened menu. The following evening Saturday 4th January will be my first Special Evening Event. It's a Tapas Evening with a difference - please let me know if you would like a table booked. The cost will be £25 per head (BYOW). Naturally from **Wednesday 8th January** I will be resuming my normal hours but I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported me since my arrival in Norton, and at the same time wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Amanda

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** will be back in the **Reading Room** on **Tuesday January 7th at 2.30pm**. We will have plenty to catch up on and hopefully will have received some 'crafty' gifts over Xmas. I'm sure we'll also find some room for coffee and cake from Amanda! Looking forward to seeing faces familiar and new to start the year. Tricia Walton 882646

**NORTON MOVIE NITES** at **The Lord Nelson, Tuesday 14th January**. Welcome the new year with *Knives Out* (cert 12A, 130 mins), a modern take on the classic whodunnit. An all-star cast is led by Daniel Craig, Chris Evans (not that one) and Jamie Lee Curtis. Nominated three times at the Golden Globe Awards, including Best Motion Picture – Comedy, this cleverly plotted and entertaining film will be just right for January. Doors open **7.45 pm**, film starts **8.00pm**. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Stores from 1st January.

**THE FNC TRAVEL TALK – 17th January** The Friends of Norton Church invite you to a tale of “daring do” by two men of a certain age – not so young but not too old. This illustrated talk by John Forrest and Roger Caesley entitled “GRAND CANYON – 2 MEN on a RAFT” will be presented on **Friday 17th January in Norton sub Hamdon Village Hall at 7:00pm for 7:30pm** with a wine and soft drinks cash bar available. Tickets at £7 are on sale in the Norton Village Shop and will be available at the door on the night. All are welcome and all proceeds from the evening will be used to maintain and preserve the fabric of Norton Church.

**LADIES GROUP** We held another very enjoyable Christmas Party on Friday 13th December - everyone arrived with their sparkly attire - some of our members did a routine to 'Singing in the Rain', whilst others read amusing poems. The food provided by the committee was much appreciated, and mulled wine went down well. It has become a tradition for us to hold a Secret Santa, and the evening ended with a round of 12 Days of Christmas. We shall celebrate New Year on **Tuesday 21st January** with an evening meal at the **Lord Nelson** - any member who has not added their name to the list who wishes to come along should contact Sue asap. On behalf of the Ladies Group, I wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy 2020. Sue Lowder 881805

**THE FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH (FNC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The FNC is an association that aims to assist the Parochial Church Council of Norton church to preserve, protect and restore the fabric of the church. This is achieved primarily by the raising of funds through annual subscriptions from “Friends”, through the operation of a monthly wine draw club, through monthly wine draws held in the Lord Nelson and through the organisation of fund raising talks and other social events. The Association activities are managed through a small committee of volunteers. A report of the activities undertaken is presented at the end of each year at the Annual General Meeting to which all are welcome. The next AGM covering 2019 will be held at **7:30pm** in the **Norton Reading Room** on **Friday 31st January 2020**. If you would like to find out more about becoming a “Friend” or about membership of the wine draw club or simply find out more about the FNC and its activities, please do come to the AGM where the Committee will be very happy to provide more information.

**FNC WINE CLUB.** Results for the Draw on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter. To join the club contact Jonathan Binns on 881063.

**VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING** The next Coffee Morning will be at **10.45am on Wednesday 22nd January**, at **Carpenters, Higher Street** by kind invitation of Christabel and Mike Cumberlege. This is the occasion when marmalade makers are invited to make a donation as the Bring and Buy will be of homemade marmalade.

**LIBRARY MOBILE VAN IN NORTON** The van comes and parks by Pippins in Higher Street each month from **3.25pm until 3.45pm** – the next time will be **Tuesday 28th January**. Come and check out the library van packed with some great books!

**THE POLICE ARE COMING!** The Avon and Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir is in Concert in **Norton Church** on **Saturday 29th February**. It promises to be a sell-out event so make sure it's in your Diary and you've got your ticket, available in February, from the Community Shop. The Choir, formed in 1974, is truly representative of The Force, singing medieval and classical choral music, ballads and operatic choruses, popular songs and songs from stage and film. It has been awarded numerous cups and certificates and their Concert in Norton is something not to be missed.

**WE WELCOME** Amanda Charles and her daughters Megan and Jemma who have moved in to Rectory Lane and Charles, Helen and Eleanor Vaughan-Read who have moved into Higher Street and hope they will all be very happy in our village community.

**THE READING ROOM COMMITTEE** would like to thank Jack Hardisty for once again donating a Christmas tree to go outside the room. We are very grateful to him for his generosity in helping to provide seasonal cheer to the Village. Thanks should also go to the Committee Men who kindly put it up and organised the lighting. Tricia Walton, Secretary.

**UPDATE FROM NORTON SCHOOL** Our Juniors sang brilliantly in Wells Cathedral for the Christmas concert directed and accompanied by music teacher Mr Mitchell. It was a magical evening with many schools coming together to fill the Cathedral with singing and harmony. Inside the school, we are planning to transform the central area, replace outdated computers and make this a more open and flexible place for learning. This will be part funded by a generous Co-op community donation that we recently received (organised by the Friends of Norton School). On behalf of everyone at Norton School, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2020. Jamie Caswell Co-Headteacher

#### **JANUARY NORTON CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday	5	11.00am	All Age Worship
Sunday	12	9.30am	Communion
Sunday	19	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday	26	8.00am	Communion

#### **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT DECEMBER 2019**

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

However, they have been notified on the following 2 applications from the planning department:

19/02438/LBC Rose Cottage Higher Street - The carrying out of alterations to rear internal door/window and the removal of a ground floor partition wall.

19/02868/HOU Masons, Little St. Erection of 1st floor extension with 2 dormer windows and alterations to the driveway. Both applications have been approved.

**CCTV** at the recreation field/carpark/village hall entrance: Following a Village Hall Committee meeting, it was agreed to progress the enquiry more thoroughly with a second site meeting between one of the CCTV companies who originally quoted.

**Boules Court:** The Chairman outlined further concerns that the Parish Council have, especially after being in touch with SSDC. The main concern is regarding health and safety. SSDC have informed the Parish Council in writing that they will only allow the boules court to be constructed on their land at the Minchington Rec with a condition in the agreement that no alcohol or glasses can be taken onto the recreation ground. The Parish Council

informed the boules group that they felt there was no way this could be policed. The Parish Council will also be running a further consultation in the New Year. More details of this will follow in the January newsletter.

**Christmas Tree Recycling** : Once again Norton will be joining forces with SSDC to do the Christmas Tree recycling. Please drop off your tree after Christmas (free from ornaments and stands!) to the drop off point which will be situated in Norton School Car park on the left-hand side of the entrance, the first week of January 2020.

**The Parish Council** would like to wish all the residents of Norton Sub Hamdon and Little Norton a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

**The next Parish Council meeting** will take place on **Monday 13th January 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**

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB – Wednesday 22nd January** this month will feature a talk entitled 'Planning a Border' by a Gold Club Speaker. For details about the club contact Sue Winwood 01935 823671

**BOOK CLUB** will be on **Tuesday 28th January at the home of Pam Horrell, Cross House, Chiselborough TA14 6TR** . Books can be borrowed from the Library Van which arrives at **2.35pm**. Ring Janet Hutton on 881566 for further details.

## **VILLAGE AGENT NEWS**

**A Very Happy New Year and New Decade - Welcome to 2020!**

**Winter Driving** can be tricky with icy roads, floods, potholes and wet leaves. We have many deep ditches on the sides of our roads which fill with icy water at this time of year - not a pleasant place to be trapped in your car! The AA have got great tips on how to drive through a flood and in ice so do look it up. I have included a few preparation tips. <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter> Remember to pack a coat and strong shoes throughout the winter. Enough petrol, a blanket and water are useful for motorway journeys, just in case you get stuck in long queues. Clear snow from the roof – it can fall onto the windscreen and block your view. Replace worn or damaged wiper blades. Keep number plates clean, to avoid fines. Use a cigarette lighter to warm a key for a frozen lock.

**Ten Top Tips for to help keep us in good health this winter** Pressure ulcers often start in the home. If you notice a red spot that doesn't blanch when you press it it could be the start of a pressure ulcer. Do not rub the areas of red skin and this could cause a breakdown of skin. Remember that dehydration does not only occur in the summer. When we turn the heating on we still need to keep hydrated. Try switching to decaffeinated drinks but switch over slowly to allow the body to get used to the withdrawal of caffeine. Keep drinking at regular intervals during the day. Remember good hand hygiene can help prevent against bugs and infections.

I support unpaid carers in South East Somerset to connect them with community resources, support groups and personal support around benefits and allowances. We also have a team of Community Agents and Village Agents across Somerset. They help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs. We can offer advice and support to find local groups and activities available in your community. Please visit [www.somersetccc.org.uk](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk) and [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org) or call me to find out who can advise you. Cath Holloway 07968521746 [cath@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:cath@somersetccc.org.uk)

**As the newsletter has fewer items this month I thought readers might like a bit of local history from days gone by!** Editor

**NORTON NEWS - APRIL 1985.**

**THE VILLAGE DANCE BAND** as recalled by G.H. Sweet. Mr. Harry Virgin was born in Norton and is, in fact, buried in the village churchyard having spent most of his life in the village. He was a talented entertainer, village butcher, smallholder, comedian, vocalist, pianist, usually to be found acting as 'Marshall' at the Crewkerne Carnival and as Ring Master at local Pony Club events; these were a few of his many talents. Now to his Dance Band which I joined in 1936 - at that time it was regarded as very much a privilege to be a member of Harry's band. On reflection, many amusing things happened and I would like to take this opportunity to relate but a few. There was the evening when we were engaged to play at a village in Dorset, Hazelbury Bryan, in fact. On entering the Hall great excitement struck us; we had come across a grand piano expressly for our use but imagine our disappointment when we discovered one of its three 'legs' was an old fashioned milk churn topped off with a book and two Woodbine packets to correspond in height with the other legs. Harry sat down at the piano to 'try it'; having what is known as a heavy touch, he tinkled the ivories as they say, only to discover the strings literally flying out of the instrument all over the place, not being able to withstand the onslaught being administered to it by 'Our Harry' who quickly confirmed the instrument as being 'useless'.

**NORTON FOOTBALL CLUB.** On Saturday, March 16th the Football Club held a very successful Disco in aid of Football Club Funds. As a result of its success I would hope that we can arrange more Discos in the not too distant future. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Anne for the marvellous way in which she organised the evening for us. Thank you Anne Brodie and well done. The Club is lucky to have such nice ladies helping in many ways to make this Club successful. Thanks also to John and Lucy and Terry for their efforts behind the bar, and also to the people who donated prizes for the Draw. Thank you. On the field the Club has continued to do well. Since the last newsletter the club has played four league games and were winners in all of them.

Results: Home to Broadwindsor Won 5-2 Away to Happy Return Won 3-0 Away to Ilminster Utd. Won 12-0 Home to Netherbury Won 7-5

With eleven league games left, the club has gone three points clear at the top of the Perry Street League Div. 3. but with all the harder games left, now is the time to see if we are good enough for promotion. Thank you to Mr. Keith Johnson for loaning out his tractor and roller to enable us to have the ground rolled. Also, thanks to Mr. Jack Warry for the work he has put into the club. Finally, we are delighted at the club to hear that Mrs. Maisie Williams is home again from Hospital. We send her our best wishes and to her family: Roly, Helen and Nicky are tremendous supporters of the Football Club. W. Marks, Manager.

**NORTON OVER 60s CLUB** was formed in October 1974 when, from a small number of members attending the first meeting, membership has continued to grow, until there are 34 members at the present time. Committee members are: Mrs. Goad, Chairman, Mr. W. Morgan, Secretary, Mrs. S. Warren, Treasurer, and Mrs. M. Byham, Mrs. G. Osborne, Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. F. Sweet. Members meet on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30pm in the Village Hall and enjoy various speakers, play games, i.e. whist, darts, bingo, etc. join in quizzes and other items. The aim of the Club is 'to promote friendly meetings, with functions of interest and enjoyment for all over 60 in Norton and surrounding area'. The Club is visiting Bristol on Wednesday, May 22nd and will be visiting Harveys of Bristol Wine Museum. There will be some spare seats on the coach and anyone wishing to go can give their names to any committee member by 16th April. The fare, including the admission to Harveys is £4.25. (Fare to be paid when booking). Next Whist Drive - April 4th at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

#### **NO NEW ONE OFF ADS**

**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 7 January Crafty Critters Reading Room 2.30pm  
Monday 13 January Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 14 January Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm  
Friday 17 January FNC Talk Village Hall 7.00pm  
Tuesday 21 January Ladies Group Meal Lord Nelson  
Wednesday 22 January Coffee Morning Carpenters 10.45am  
Tuesday 28 January Mobile Van Higher Street 3.25pm  
Friday 31 January FNC AGM Reading Room 7.30pm  
Saturday 29 February Male Voice Choir Norton Church  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 5 – 7 March Pantomime Village Hall  
Saturday 4 April Parnham Voices Concert