

# NORTON NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020 ISSUE 503

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**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE** <https://nortonsubhamdonpc.uk>

**THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE** has decided that it was time we resumed distribution of the hard copies of the monthly newsletter to all homes in the village. We are lucky that we have enough people prepared to deliver to each house – they are all volunteers so we are very grateful to them for continuing to do this.

It was great to see the wonderful flower displays that people had created over the 'Flower Show' weekend despite the rather dodgy weather. A few events are starting to take place but as I have not had many entries for the Newsletter this month and we have the space, I thought I would include a few historical items from the 'Good old days'!! See the end of the newsletter. Editor

## **NORTON SHOW SAFARI - FROM 1:45PM, SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2020 - 4 SHOWS AND A STROLL**

It has been a difficult few months with no community events whilst we endure the confines of lockdown. Live performances have been on hold putting many performers out of work. Whilst we are not out of the woods yet, HamstoneLIVE and TakeArt have put together a safe way for you to enjoy 4 high quality performances from professional Somerset performers while taking a stroll around Norton Sub Hamdon.

We have shows from:

\* aKa Dance Theatre - some moves to make you grin from ear to ear

\* Wassail Theatre Company - Pete is doing a survey for the Parish Council and finds the heart of a community

\* The Bluebirds Theatre company - a fantasy tale, with songs, performed in the famous mobile Popera House.

\* Kerchief Theatre - folk songs and a curious tale about thwarted love, loyalty and honour

Numbers are limited, all shows are outdoors and social distancing guidelines will be practiced throughout.

Join us to blow away the COVID blues and support our Somerset talent. Tickets available at the Village Shop from 17th August 2020 – £5 each. Suitable for all ages. Call John Bailey on 01935 881227 if any queries, or check out HamstoneLIVE on Facebook

## **NORTON MOVIE NITES**

Movie Nites starts again on **Tuesday 8th September!** Following Covid guidelines, we will be in the covered **carport at Manor Farmhouse**, Great Street (next to the shop and opposite New Road). Socially distanced seating will give you a chance to clearly see **Knives Out** (cert 12 A, 120 mins, subject to satisfactory licensing arrangements being in place), an ingeniously plotted comedy with a superb cast. Arrive **8.15 pm** for an **8.30pm start**, bring your own drinks, nibbles and suitable clothing for when the night draws in. The DVD will be raffled, so bring £1 if you'd like a chance to win. It has been a difficult and isolating few months for our community, and NMN hopes it can help to bring people together again. Looking forward to seeing audience members of yore and new. Tickets £5 on sale in Norton Shop.

## **AGM CHAIR REVIEW OF 2019-20:**

We ran seven shows this year, finishing in March just before lockdown. Many thanks to The Box Office (Norton Shop), Parish Magazine, Hambook and Norton Newsletter who all continue to provide fantastic support by selling and promoting our events. Also, many thanks to wonderful hosts, Helen and Mark at The Lord Nelson, for our convivial venue. We have purchased new equipment as needed, and consider it to be a community resource, available for hire. Looking forward, we will investigate alternative venues until social distancing rules allow us back into the pub (see notice above for **September film**). None of this would be possible without the support of a great committee and, of course, you, our audience. We welcome new members to Norton Movie Nites, come and join us. John Bailey 01935 881227.

## **NORTON VILLAGE HALL.**

The Hall Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to comply with all the COVID guidelines, and amendments. Sanitiser Gel Units and additional waste bins have been installed at all Entrances. A COVID isolation Room has been set up with all necessary PPE,... should any symptoms be shown. If this happens the Hall will be locked down for 72 hours prior to a deep clean. Everyone entering the hall is required to wear face coverings. All curtains, fabric covered chairs, tea towels etc have been put into storage. Our cleaner has been furloughed, and been supplied with essential PPE. Following an emergency committee meeting on August 11th, it was agreed that the hall will re-open on September 1st to our regular classes only. We will not be taking any new bookings, for any type of event at this time. This will be reviewed regularly. The Committee has taken everything into consideration and feel that this is the safest option for all concerned. The Hall is allowed to be used for Essential Services, as per Government recommendations, which is why we are permitted to host the National Blood Transfusion Service. We will be putting a monthly article in the Newsletter and Parish Magazine, so you are all kept up to date.

We run a very important and popular venue in this village, and more input from residents is needed. We could really use some new blood, and new ideas. Have you moved here recently or maybe not so recently? Would you like to be involved in helping the village, you now call home? Please think about it. We are a friendly bunch, that would appreciate some help. You can contact the Secretary. Jennie Harris on 01935 881718. email: trevorharris55@btinternet.com or our Chairman: Julian Cole. email: julianjdc@aol.com Our contact details. Booking Secretary: ' Sam the Booking Man '. email enquire@nshvillagehall other enquiries: 0749 3380949 Our Website.....Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall. Also find us on Facebook. Many thanks. Keep safe and well. Jennie Harris and Sara Vann for Norton Village Hall Committee.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** The Next date and times for the Mobile Library will be **2.20pm until 3.00pm at Chiselborough** and **3.10pm until 3.40pm in Higher Street, Norton on Tuesday 8th September.**

**HAMDON YOUTH GROUP** will hold its AGM at **7.30 pm on Thursday 24th September at Manor Farmhouse**, Great Street, Norton (next to the shop, opposite New Road). Covid guidelines regarding social distancing will be in place. Come along to hear how our excellent youth workers have been helping the young people in our community, and what plans are afoot for the year ahead. If you would like to attend, please contact John Bailey on 01935 881227 or 07887 483665 or johnbailey19@googlemail.com

**CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE COMMUNITY SHOP and TAKEAWAYS:** **Community Shop** phone number 01935 881200 **Lord Nelson** - email mark@thelordnelson.co.uk or phone 01935 881473 for collection or delivery. **Reading Room Café** 01935 881505 or via Amanda's Facebook page.

## **BEWARE OF SCAMS**

Following on from last month's article about avoiding being scammed, several villagers have had calls saying that an amount has been taken from their bank account and have been asked for bank details. It is a scam and you should never give out personal details without checking with your bank on a separate number and wait some time after before you do so in case the line has been 'hijacked'. Cardholders are also being warned that, to make the scam seem more legitimate, some callers have personal information regarding the account holder. Get Safe Online safety experts have put together some simple tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of social media scams. [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

If you become a victim of a social media scam: Report it to the social media network via the reporting mechanism on the site or app. If you have lost money as a result of social media scams or via any other fraudulent activity, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

## **SEE MARTIN**

Norton Church invites you to an Open Air Harvest Celebration (Evening Prayer) with Martin the Monkey in **the Churchyard on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm**. All ages welcome. Take an item symbolising harvest. For example, a fruit, vegetable, toy tractor or trawler even, gardening tool etc etc – there are endless possibilities. During the Service you will hold this aloft so that it becomes a focus for thought, prayer and thanksgiving. Please also bring something to sit on and a picnic, if you wish, plus, if the weather is dodgy, a 'stiff upper lip'! Donations are invited for Send A Cow, a charity this year being supported by the Diocese. This Service will be subject to coronavirus restrictions. Participants will be required to comply with

social distancing, face covering, no singing etc – whatever regulations are in place at the time. Come and give thanks with Martin the Monkey. Richard Terrell

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.**

The Annual Church Meeting will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Church.**

During the meeting there will be an opportunity to hear about the life of the church during the previous year and how we are hoping to go forward into the future. There will be reports on activities and opportunities to ask questions and give your views.

During this meeting elections take place for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members. Also this year there will be an election for Deanery Synod representatives. All Church members who are on the church electoral roll are invited to attend.

### **REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL.**

The electoral roll will be revised during the period **3<sup>rd</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October**. All persons who are living in the Parish are eligible to be on the electoral roll. If you would like to be on the Church Electoral Roll, there will be forms in a green file on the bookcase at the back of the church, or a form can be obtained from the electoral roll officer: Martyn Hamlin, email: martynhamlin@hotmail.com phone: 07966 364831

**STOKE GARDENING CLUB** Contact the Gardening Club on 01935 829408 for information.

### **NO PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020**

**There is no Parish Council meeting in August.** The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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

### **From the Archives: August 1995**

**NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT** The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1995 and attended by 6 councillors, the clerk, District Councillor and County Councillor, plus two members of the public. The Meeting commenced with Public Time and the question of long term plans for the village was raised. This matter is to be a subject of a special Village Appraisal project which will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Please come along and let us have your ideas for the future of our village. Remember, the results of decisions taken now will be with us for many years to come and it is very important that we get it right. This is the start of many changes with both a new Primary School and a relatively large housing development about to commence. What do you see as the next step to benefit our community? Somerset County Council are preparing final detailed plans for the new Primary School and there are to be submitted to the Environment Committee for deemed planning permission to be granted at their September meeting.

**VJ DAY ANNIVERSARY** This is to be commemorated at a special Evensong Service to be held in the Church on Tuesday 15 August.1995.

**VILLAGE OF THE YEAR** The 'Day of Judgement' was on the 18<sup>th</sup> July and a representative group (Charles Campbell, Prue Biddle, Mauvyn Greenham and Maureen Bale) accompanied the judges around the village. Although the sun didn't shine for us, it seems the overall impressions were favourable; one comment made was 'What a tidy village'! Well done everyone and thank you. Without any doubt, the judges considered the village very fortunate in the wide range of events taking place. Should we be lucky enough to reach the finals, a representative will have to face another panel early October. There are 34 other villages taking part, so to reach the finals would be an achievement in itself.

**VILLAGE FEAST** This is to be celebrated on Saturday 16th September 1995. In order to relieve the hard-working W.I. who have so valiantly run this event unaided for several years, the organising of this occasion has now been passed to various other village groups, under the general umbrella of the Parish Council. Councillor Mike Cumberlege is to act as 'Catering Manager', with Prue Biddle as ticket and 'Entertainment Impresario'. Please support this event – it is a long-standing village tradition and a lot of hard work and preparation will be freely given by organisers, as always. Further details of the supper will be displayed on our notice boards nearer the event. An enjoyable evening is guaranteed and all will be welcome. As the saying goes, 'the more the merrier'.

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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**

Saturday 5 September Norton Show Safari 1.45pm

Tuesday 8 September Mobile Library Van Higher Street 3.10pm

Tuesday 8 September Movie Nites Manor Farmhouse 8.15pm

Monday 14 September Parish Council Village Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 24 September Hamdon Youth Group AGM Manor Farmhouse 7.30pm

Saturday 28 November - Cantamus Concert 7.30pm