

NORTON NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021 ISSUE 508

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Once again the committee feel it is best not to deliver hard copies of the newsletter during the current critical time so the Parish Council will continue to post it on the parish council website site (see above) and on Facebook. If you know of anyone who does not have access to the internet please be kind enough to print out a copy for them or ask them to contact me for a copy (881566). I will also print out a few copies to leave in the shop for those without a computer. Thank you Editor

NORTON SHOP & POST OFFICE See adverts page for update of the advert and changed opening hours.

NORTON CORONAVIRUS HELP is still here to collect prescriptions or other items for you if you are unable to get out or even just for a friendly chat. Phone Prue on 881350 or Martyn on 881437.

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.

URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR VILLAGE HALL NORTON SUB HAMDON VILLAGE HALL. Here we are in 2021, with not much changing. We are in another lockdown, and the Hall is still closed with the exception of use by essential services, which is in our case the National Blood Transfusion Service. They are due to come again in March. With the lockdowns of 2020, most of our Wedding Bookings were re-booked for this year, and 2022. With everything still in the air, we await to see how things will pan out.....one has already been cancelled for this year. We are so sorry for the couples planning their special days.

While we have been locked down, we have managed to get all our servicing and testing done, so we are up to date with everything. Members of the committee are checking the Hall regularly to make sure all is well. We are having our monthly meetings on Zoom to keep up to date with the situation. We have decided to postpone our AGM, which is usually in February until April 13th 2021 in the hope things could be a little better by then and we have found a new Treasurer. Talking about that.....we have a hard working, loyal committee running this amazing facility which we do to the best of our ability.

We have a big ask to you all again. I am sure you all know our fantastic Treasurer Lindsay Elliott has decided to step down at the AGM, and we thank her so much for everything she has done for the Hall over the years. It is vital that we have a replacement to keep the Hall going. Lindsay will be happy to help and assist anyone willing to consider taking this role on. We do not want to lose the Hall, but we must have a full committee, and if anyone would just like to join as a Committee Member we would appreciate that too.... We have a very small group that do everything they can to keep it going. There are only 8 of us, several work full time or part time. Some are on other committees and some are getting older and older (haha). **Please, please if you think you could help us in any way, please contact Lindsay in the Post Office on 07774646401, or our Chairman Julian Cole on 07903989229, or Trevor and Jennie Harris on 01935 881718, or any of our committee members. This is a really urgent request.** The future of Norton Village Hall is on the line here. Maybe some of our newcomers to the village could help. Please think about it, or if you know anyone, who could do this job, and be involved in village life, please let us know. **Norton Village Hall needs YOU..... it really does.....Help itor Lose it.** Many thanks for all your support over the years, we look forward to some good news next month. Keep safe and well. Jennie Harris Secretary Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall.

MOBILE LIBRARY The Mobile Library will not be coming to Norton for the foreseeable future due to the current lockdown.

NORTON MOVIE NITES UPDATE Unfortunately, although we had selected films for February and March 2021, Lockdown has beaten us and we will not be able to have those screenings. However, we will be back, watch this space for future screenings. John Bailey

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB Draw results for January 2021 winners are: Janet Hutton. Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Jenny Byham, Jennie Harris, Rowena Aalsey, Charles & Sophie Campbell, John & Elizabeth Forrest, Nicky Brodie and Jim Pond. To join the wine club contact Jonathan Binns on 881063

THE CHURCH which was open for private prayer is now closed due to the lockdown. See hamhillchurches.org for details of all online services and information about the Benefice.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS RESULT. A huge thank you from Bill and Cilla Caswell, Graham Vincent and Barbara Dale for the generosity of local villagers when we managed to collect £200 outside the Village Shop by playing Christmas Carols and tunes. We have sent £100 to Shelterbox and £100 to Friends of Norton Church.

NORTON FESTIVE WINDOWS Many thanks to everybody. We had a great response with over 30 registered in the Village Shop and a number of other windows on top of that. I hope you all enjoyed dressing your windows and picking up a map to walk around looking at them all. An amazing spread of creativity and effort. Well done. Lindsay Higgins and John Bailey

TWO ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS! Congratulation on the birth of Eira Rose Delaney Edwards 7 lb 10oz born on Saturday 12th December 2020 and the marriage of Joseph Doherty and Danielle White at St Mary's Norton also on Saturday 12 December. We wish them all much happiness.

MRS ENA ALDRIDGE of New Road, sadly passed away on 25th December. Mrs Aldridge had lived in the village for over 64 years and worked at the local Fruit Farm for nearly 20 of those years. She was a regular volunteer each year for the Poppy Appeal and would go around the village with her collection tin. She was a regular supporter of the village harvest festival and always donated to any fund raising in the village. She will be greatly missed by daughter Tina and her family, friends and neighbours.

READING ROOM REFURBISHMENT: At the time of writing (18th January) the refurbishment of the Reading Room is proceeding as planned. Many thanks to the Committee members and Amanda and David who came in between Christmas and New Year to help clear out the room and complete some minor jobs to enable the contractors to start their work straight after the break. The Electrician has completed his work including new lighting and additional power points. The Decorator is currently painting the main room, hallway and main door. New flooring is due to be laid in the week commencing 25th January and hopefully, following further finishing works by the Committee, we will be able to open in mid February for the benefit of all the Community. Unfortunately Covid restrictions are likely to persist beyond the Reading Room's opening and its usage will be limited until those restrictions are lifted. It seems as though Amanda will only be able to offer a Takeaway service for a while yet, but we look forward to being able to offer the room to hire for groups and individuals to use as soon as possible. Subject to Covid regulations we hope to welcome you to view your newly upgraded Reading Room in the near future. The AGM, due to be held in February, has been postponed and a new date will be announced once restrictions allow. Tricia Walton Reading Room Secretary

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOLS After the successful Autumn term, we were so hoping to all be at school together again. However, over the Christmas break it became increasingly clear that cases of coronavirus were rising nationally which led to the eventual government announcement, late on the first Monday of the new term, that schools would be closed. Compared to March, the schools are much better prepared and now have systems in place so that we can swiftly switch to remote learning whilst continuing to provide childcare for those who need it. Fun remote activities this week in the different classes have included an online scavenger hunt, baking rock cakes, reading challenges, ancient Greeks and even space exploration! We're looking forward to all being back at school together soon. Mr Caswell, Co-Headteacher

FRIENDS OF NORTON SCHOOL Although we missed being able to hold our Christmas Bazaar in December, we are delighted to let you know our Christmas Hamper Raffle raised an amazing £808.78! We would like to thank the members of the school and village community for your support - whether through donating prizes or buying tickets, and of course special thanks to Jennie Harris and Norton Community Shop for helping us sell tickets. Your support, especially during these challenging times is greatly appreciated and will help us to provide the children with those 'little extras' to enhance their learning. With many thanks and best wishes Zoe Toornent (FONS Secretary)

A PLEA TO HELP REFUGEES. There are so many people in the UK at this time suffering financial problems and so many different charities seeking our support that amidst it all it is hard to find space for the plight of refugees. So, though refugee camps continue to exist in so many countries there is little information or photographs in the media to remind us of their suffering in tents in terrible winter conditions (cold, rain, snow and ice), nor of all the items needed if adults and children are to survive, and which now include protective equipment against coronavirus. At present Refugee Support Group (RSG) and Raft are unable to provide practical means to pass on goods generously donated by supporters to those struggling in the camps. And neither can RSG hold fundraising events for charities and volunteers working on the ground as we have previously done. Undoubtedly, many supporters will be unable to assist with financial donations, but I believe there may be others who are able to do so. Therefore, for those willing people I am suggesting a few specialist refugee charities, which can be found online and which would use your donations wisely. Help Refugees/Choose Love (helprefugees.org) is present in many countries supporting people in a variety of ways, and individuals are able to choose particular items to be purchased. Refugee Community Kitchen (refugeecommunitykitchen.com) speaks for itself and is highly regarded.

Safe Passage (safepassage.org.uk) helps unaccompanied children and vulnerable adults to join their families in Europe safely and legally. Care4Calais (care4calais.org) is in Northern France and Belgium delivering essential aid to stranded refugees mainly from war torn countries. If anyone wishes to donate but is without internet access please phone me and perhaps we can arrange something. Thank you, Geraldine Downey 01460 271358

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB Regretfully, but not surprisingly, we have had to postpone our AGM which was due to be held on Wednesday 24th February, and also the meeting planned for the 24th March. We will restart as soon as guidelines allow and everyone feels safe in doing so. The committee is still convening monthly via Zoom and will post updates as the Covid situation changes via Newsletters & www.Facebook.com/StokeGardeningClub The contact for the Gardening Club is 01935 829408.

SCAM VACCINATION INVITATIONS. Beware of any telephone calls offering you a Covid 19 vaccination asking you to press a number on the phone keypad or replying to a text which could result in a charge being made on your phone bill. Alternatively fraudsters may offer a vaccine for a fee and then ask for bank details. As with all scams do not respond to unexpected phone calls - always wait and verify the claim via a trusted method. Don't click on attachments in emails or text messages if you haven't checked that it is safe. The NHS will never ask for payment for the vaccine or for your bank details. The vaccine is only available from the NHS and the NHS will contact you when it is your turn.

INFORMATION ABOUT virtual Carers Group for over 18's. The Primary Care Networks in South Somerset are setting up a zoom virtual carers group which will meet fortnightly on Mondays and will alternate between 11am one Monday and 7pm two weeks later. We hope that carers who are working have chance to join us too in the evenings. My colleague Amelia Norton will be facilitating the group and will be joined by myself and Matt Day and others from Spark and the Community Council for Somerset. The content of the group is very much up to the group themselves. When we met with carers before Christmas they wanted lots of time to just meet with other carers – we can have breakout rooms if there are enough people joining and could also possibly have breakout rooms for specific 'types' of carers – such as parent carers or those caring for someone with dementia or mental ill health or substance misuse and so on. The carers also wanted to have information and advice on a range of subjects, so we can be arranging guests to join us in due course.

Please see links for the zoom virtual carers group, from our Spark Somerset Facebook post. It is on the Wellbeing South Somerset facebook page -<https://www.facebook.com/WellbeingSouthSomerset>

Whilst caring for someone is very rewarding, it can also be challenging at times, so we are holding an online meeting to give unpaid carers the chance to connect with other people who are in similar circumstances and really understand. We'll also share useful information on local health and wellbeing support, and members of the Spark Somerset and Somerset Carers Service teams will be on hand to answer any questions. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121> Carers can sign up for the next few virtual meetings on here -<https://www.sparksomerset.org.uk/online-meeting-carers>. Sue Crisfield

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS February finds us back into lockdown, and many people may be struggling to stay active this time round with the cold, wet dark days of winter set in. We have some great tips for you, staying mentally and physically active during these challenging times, helping you to stay fit and well!

Village Agent TOP TIPS keeping your mind and body active in lockdown: 1. We have recently hosted many Talking Cafes to help you – a) Watch this one with advice from a Personal Trainer on what you can do at home: <https://tinyurl.com/yy75mqpe> b) Watch this one on New Year Mental Health and Wellbeing realistic resolutions: <https://tinyurl.com/y3tgdlnr> c) For Gentle Exercises to help your mind & body – easily done at home! <https://tinyurl.com/y4wl8onk> You can see all past Talking Cafe sessions on the subject under the 'Mental Health & Well Being' or 'Health & Medical' sections, available to watch on YouTube if you are not on social media – go to <https://somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/>. Tune in for the live streams weekdays at 11am to join in the conversation, www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset 2. Download some free games apps you can play with friends – in your devices App Store, search for games like Gin Rummy, Scrabble or similar and share with your friends so they can download the same game and play together! If you need help with this get in touch with your local Agent or ask a friend! Sudoku and other mentally challenging games are great for keeping the little grey cells ticking over. 3. Check out what local places are doing within lockdown restrictions – Winter Watch on the BBC is a great place to get inspiration to go outdoors! For local ideas try: <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/> or the <https://www.rspb.org.uk/> 4. Get Creative with the Seed of Sedgemoor Arts project, all about allowing more people to choose, create and take part in arts and cultural activity from home <https://seedsedgemoor.com/> 5. Join Age UK Somerset's Relaxation and Mindful Breathing online programme, starting Monday the 25th January! There are three sessions each week, and full details can be found here: <https://ageuksomersetcoronavirus.org.uk/staying-well/exercises/ageing-well-exercise-sessions/> 6. Fancy a chat with someone? A new friend or a Talk & Support service? We have a new Chat to Connect programme that links people with similar interests so you can connect with new friends! Also, Village Agents can connect you with a befriending or Talk & Support service, or you could call Mind in Somerset listening service if you need a friendly ear <https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/> call 01823 334906 (Taunton & West Somerset) 01935 474875 (South Somerset and Mendip) or 01278 421190 (Sedgemoor & North Somerset). 7. Do something small each day for 10 minutes, whether that's a) mindful exercises whether it's movement, meditation or colouring – ideas below: i. <https://www.freemindfulness.org/> ii. <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/drugs-and-treatments/mindfulness/mindfulness-exercises-tips/> iii. <https://www.happinessishomemade.net/free-adult-coloring->

pages/ b). Go for a walk- even a few minutes each day helps your body and mind. SASP have some great ideas:
c). Try an online free exercise class – so much is free on YouTube! d). Find a new hobby – because of lockdown, so many companies are offering free training or courses – speak to us if you want to find something specific and we can help! e.) Contact Somerset Libraries who can help you with Audio books, films and much more and may be able to offer home deliveries <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/libraries/> Would you benefit from a free food box? We are still here to help you with your food needs, no one should go hungry this winter, or if you are a Carer and would benefit from some respite from cooking, we can provide some respite meal packs for you and the person you care for. If you need help with any of this please do contact your local Village Agent on 01823 331 222 or visit www.somersetagents.org. Please visit: www.ccslovesomerset.org www.somersetcarers.org www.somersetagents.org Cath Holloway Community Agent

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021

The Parish Council managed to have a very successful monthly virtual meeting via Zoom at the beginning of January.

Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss for this month. However, the Parish Council have received notification on the following applications from SSDC:

20/02785/HOU - Portlake House, Great Street, Norton Sub Hamdon - Creation of a standard size tennis court as per LTA guidelines, including 9ft high chain link fencing (part retrospective) - APPROVED

Face Masks in the shop: It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that some people are going into the shop and Post Office and not wearing masks. Please, if you enter the shop or Post Office, a face mask must be worn at all times, unless you are exempt.

Extract taken from the Government website – *'Face coverings are largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus infection (COVID-19). The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others. Because face coverings are mainly intended to protect others from coronavirus (COVID-19) rather than the wearer, they are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing.'* You are expected to wear a face covering BEFORE walking through the door of the shop and Post Office and must keep it on UNTIL YOU LEAVE AND GET OUTSIDE - unless there is a reasonable excuse for removing it. Thank you.

Continued Support for Village Residents: The Parish Council of Norton Sub Hamdon, in conjunction with the church, are still offering community support for anyone who is having to self-isolate or is vulnerable, as the second wave of Covid19 now reaches critical levels. We have a list of fabulous volunteers who are willing to help.

If you require help with food, collection of prescription medicines or any other type of help, then please let us know by contacting one of the phone numbers or email addresses below. Parish Council contact:

PRUE BIDDLE – TELEPHONE 01935 881350 / 07946 592585 nortonpcbiddle@outlook.com

CHURCH CONTACT: Martyn Hamlin on 01935 881437 / 07966 364 831 martynhamlin@hotmail.com

If you require help with medical related transport, please contact the NHS Patient Transport Advice Centre on 01278 727444 between 8.30am and 6.30pm,

Bus Shelter at Minchington: The bus shelter at Minchington is going to have a makeover. It is in need of re-painting due to paint peeling off. Councillor Cumberbatch discussed sourcing some appropriate paint and offered to be in-charge of this project.

Landowners responsibility of Footpaths on their land: Our Footpaths Officer has recently walked all the footpaths in and around Norton and reported to Somerset County Council Rights of Way any defects he has found. However, if you are the owner or occupier of land with a public right of way across it, it is your responsibility to maintain and avoid putting obstructions on or across the route, such as permanent or temporary fences, padlocked gates or barbed wire. It is also important to make sure vegetation does not encroach onto the route from the sides or above. Where a stile or gate on a public right of way is your responsibility, you must maintain it so it is safe and reasonably easy to use. County Rights of Way are currently repairing any fault that they are responsible for. Please could landowners check gate fixings etc. as we have been informed some of them are broken.

Attenuation Pond: As many of you will be aware, in December the level of water in the attenuation pond at Bramley Fields rose to a very high level. The good news is that it did not spill over the top and did its job of holding water back from the lower parts of the village. However, some residents and The Parish Council are extremely concerned by the dangers created with high levels of water being contained in a central position within the village and not being fenced off. The Parish Council have always maintained (right from when the initial planning application was first received) that the attenuation pond had to be fenced off and requested a condition be added to the planning approval that this should happen. In the initial plans it was shown surrounded by a fence and hedge. The attenuation pond is situated opposite a primary school, is visible from the road, and is positioned in a family orientated area of the village. When water has congregated in the attenuation pond, a child could easily be drawn to such a vast contained amount of water and very quickly get into trouble and drown. Having raised the issue with SSDC again in 2019 when the first residents moved into Bramley Fields, this was once again 'brushed aside' by the Head of Planning as being an unnecessary requirement. The Parish Council will once again be raising their concerns with SSDC over this matter and requesting it be fenced off. They would also like to see some lifesaving device installed and a depth marker.

Parking at Junctions: Could we please ask you to park with care and consideration at the road junctions to Higher St to Great St and New Road to Great St (outside the shop). People seem to be parking right up to the entrance of both

of these junctions again. This has been made more dangerous recently with the temporary traffic lights that have been installed to aid Gigaclear to lay cable, making it virtually impossible to turn out of Higher Street safely. Many thanks.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 8th FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.30pm** VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. Meetings are likely to continue via Zoom for at least the first few months of 2021. Members of the general public are more than welcome to attend. (Please email the Clerk for details to login to the meeting) Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) nortonpcclerk@outlook.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.

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DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS

Monday 8 February Parish Council Meeting by zoom 7.30pm

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HAMDON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP under the United Reformed Church North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon. Our qualified, experienced staff welcome children from 2 years. We create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where children are encouraged to learn through their play following the Early Years Foundation Stage. We are open daily term time 9 am until 3 pm. Up to 15 hours early years funding is available for two three & four year olds, also additional hours as required. Please contact Mrs Ann Goad , Manager on 01935 826832 (Playgroup land line) email : hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com. OFSTED inspection outcome May 2015 Good. All staff are pediatric first aid trained, we have high adult child ratios.

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