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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. Katy's Bakes 01935 881505 or ktparsons12@hotmail.com

THE NORTON NEWSLETTER Having had no response to our request last month for new committee members please do consider if you would like to join us and keep the newsletter going. We are very short of members at present and several members would like to retire having been on the committee for a long time. In particular we will be looking for a new editor, which means giving up a few hours each month, and treasurer which involves fewer hours. Please consider contributing to this very worthwhile benefit for the village. Contact the editor Janet Hutton on 881566 or email nortonnews@hotmail.com if you are interested. Thank you

TINKERS BUBBLE are inviting local residents to join us for an afternoon this summer working in our gardens and orchards. A variety of tasks will be available to join in with to suit various capabilities and experience levels, and will focus around horticulture and pasture management. You are welcome to turn up at our car park (TA14 6TF) at 2pm on any of the following Thursday afternoons: **July 8th July 29th August 26th** Tea and cake will be provided. We look forward to meeting you.

LADIES GROUP The ladies group enjoyed two afternoons visiting some of our members' gardens. We are now looking forward to our Annual Garden Party. This year Sue will be hosting at 8 Broadmead Lane from **12.30pm. on Wednesday 21st July**. Things will be a little different as we attempt a picnic lunch so please bring yourselves some special treats. As usual we shall provide the drinks. Please also bring your own cutlery and plates. We hope to hold a raffle so if you have any unwanted gifts or suitable items they will be much appreciated. We hope to be able to give you more information for what's in store if and when we are able to resume our monthly meetings from September. Fingers crossed for a warm sunny afternoon - hoping to see you all there. Queries, Sue 881805

THE SUPERSONIC GLAMOUR OF CONCORDE is coming to you on **Friday 6th August at 7:00pm in the Norton Village Hall**. Commence your evening with nibbles and drinks from our cash wine and soft drinks bar on the balcony before taking your seats for the presentation - no not a seatbelts and lifejackets demo (remember those) but the long awaited presentation by Martin Philpot; former British Airways Pilot and Malcolm Reid, formerly of British Aircraft Corporation Technical Sales covering the story of this unique form of travel and a video of the stars and celebrities who enjoyed the high life on board. Arranged by the Friends of Norton Church and with all proceeds going to support the fabric of the Norton church, **tickets at £7 each will be on sale in July at the village shop** up to the day of the presentation and at the door at £8. If you didn't travel on his flight then come along and find out just what Paul McCartney famously did when flying Concorde !

NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB The lucky winners of The Friends of Norton Church Wine Club draw for June 2021 are: Brian & Marion Frosdick, Mary Edmund (2), John & Elizabeth Forrest, Jennie Byham (2), Rob Vaux and Nicky Brodie. If you would like to support the work of the The Friends of Norton Church and be in with a chance of winning some good quality wine, please contact Jonathan on 881063, or by email at binnsmeister@gmail.com.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be coming to Higher Street in Norton at **2.50pm on Tuesday 27th July**

NORTON CHURCH Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website www.hamhillchurches.org and Church notice boards. **Services for July Sunday 11th July – 10.30 am** Common Worship Holy Communion **Sunday 18th July - 6.30 pm** Compline or Evensong if singing is allowed. **Sunday 25th July – 09.00 am** BCP Communion. Rev Nick Clarke 07842192402

READING ROOM: There are books galore in the Reading Room covering many different types of fiction and non-fiction. Katy's tearoom is closed until 8th July, but if you fancy looking for something new to read, then please contact Sophie Snow, whilst Covid restrictions apply, on 881099 to arrange access. Hoping to welcome groups back to the Reading

Room soon - if you'd like to hire the room for an event or meeting, please contact Gwen Ames at nortonrr.bookings@gmail.com. Tricia Walton, secretary

HANDY HOUSEHOLD TIP I have a copy of the Norton Parish Magazine from January 1945. In it I came across this useful information. " Save Egg Shells. Put in a muslin bag and boil in the copper with the washing. They will make the clothes beautiful and white. As the shells will serve for a dozen times, hang out to dry ready for next week" Diana Wood

NORTON SHOW SAFARI Villagers and visitors were treated to jazz music on the afternoon of June 19th. The music varied from New Orleans style to some traditional church music. This included the distinctive sound of a sousaphone which, rather like Heineken, reached all parts of the village, which other instruments could not. The band was 'The little Big Horns' and was one part of four items of entertainment for which four sets of people visited in turn 'on safari'. A full house (given the restrictions placed by the Covid 19 circumstances) benefitted from the above mentioned music, plus an intriguing tale of two rats assessing hope and ambition (Wassail Theatre Co and Tall Tails), an extremely amusing discourse on nature with a play on words (Shoebox Theatre Co ... a walk on the wild side), and an examination of hope, (does everything that is good come from boxes ... and what of Pandora's box from which little good came?). (Kerchief Theatre). Terrific.

At the end of the safari when all the entertainment had run its course, many, punters and players alike, adjourned to the Lord Nelson to reflect on an excellent afternoon, and, especially in the case of the sousaphone player after all that blowing, to imbibe and restore some energy. The pub's splendid beer which may or may not have been Heineken, helped no end!!

Great entertainment, great fun and we look forward to next year! Thanks go to Lindsay Higgins and John Bailey for their organisation, to the helpers and hosts, and to all who came. HamstoneLive and TakeArt also thank sponsors:- Albert Goodman (Accountants), The Lord Nelson, Holm Heating and Plumbing, Chalmers Accountants, Hamdon Construction, Yeovil Roofing and Norton Community Shop, without whom the safari would not have happened. Bob Fill

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

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

Planning: The Parish Council had one application to consider:

21/01358/HOU Hill Top, Ham Hill, Stoke Sub Hamdon TA14 6RW - Erection of Car Port (Revised application 20/03041/HOU). The Parish Council had no objections.

Vandalism in the village: We seem to have had a rise in vandalism in the village. Glass was smashed and left all over the MUGA, as well as larger pieces of broken glass 'placed' in the grass, pointing upwards. (Broken glass was also found on the playground at the school). Trees have been snapped off in the rec as well. The Parish Council have worked really hard to get these trees and plant them as replacements for the ones that were lost in the dry weather last year. It's very disheartening to see them broken off after everyone's hard work. A glass pane was smashed in the old telephone box and Minchington recreation has also had its fair share of vandalism recently with spray paint painted on some of the play equipment and on the rubber matting and then the cans were set alight (which exploded). Some of the beautiful cherry trees have also been snapped off. The Police are now involved. They are aware of who is causing a lot of the damage and are now patrolling the village regularly.

65.3% of Voters vote for the Stronger Somerset Proposal by the District Councils

The Leaders of Somerset's District Councils have written to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in the wake of the Local Poll which showed overwhelming support for Stronger Somerset from residents in the county.

In the recent Local Poll, 65.3% voted for two Authorities delivering services close to the communities of Eastern and Western Somerset. Just 34.7% supported a proposal for a single unitary with a turnout of more than 111,000. The Parish Council discussed this at great length at the Parish Council meeting and agreed that the people of Somerset have spoken for the second time now saying that they did not want a unitary Authority and that they would like to have two smaller councils that are more local to the people that they deal with. North Somerset and Bath and North East Somerset have already got their own Authorities and it is strongly felt that it would be better if we had two Councils for the remaining area of Somerset. The Parish Council support the Stronger Somerset proposal and hope that Robert Jenrick listens to the people of Somerset.

The Old Telephone Box: The Parish Council are considering buying the old telephone box in Great St and turning it into a resource for the village. It has been suggested as a book exchange. However, The Reading Room have started a successful second hand book sale and the Parish Council feel it should be used for something else. BUT WHAT?? Has anyone got any ideas they would like to put forward for consideration? If you do, please email the Clerk at: nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

Dogs Fouling in Rectory Lane: Once again this has got worse over the last couple of months. It is particularly bad at the far end of Rectory Lane - going towards the recreation field. 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 toxocariasis – 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. The dog warden has been called and is visiting.

Bonfires: I have received complaints about people lighting bonfires in their gardens which are then left to burn, plus people burning items that are illegal to burn, like plastics, packaging and rubber. We would please ask you all to have respect for your neighbours (**and the environment**) when contemplating lighting a fire, especially with the beautiful weather we are experiencing at the moment. People like to have their windows open at night, dry washing outside and sit in their gardens in the evening and all of these simple pleasures are being spoilt by others. It is also extremely dry everywhere at the moment so there is a huge risk to bonfires getting out of control very fast. Please do not leave bonfires just smouldering and never leave a bonfire unattended. If it doesn't burn straight away, please extinguish it. It is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended) to dispose of waste in a way that can cause pollution to the environment or harm to human health, such as by burning it. This means you must not burn certain types of waste that can create excessive smoke and fumes. Thank you.

Dangerous driving in New Road: We have received concerning reports regarding the speed and lack of care people seem to be taking, when driving in/out or near the school/village hall entrance. The Chairman requested another site meeting with Highways and our County Councillor at school drop off time to see what the issues are so they can be addressed in the best possible way.

The Return of Face to Face Parish Council meetings: The Parish Council is aiming to restart face to face meetings in the village hall from September. With some Covid restrictions remaining in place and not being lifted on the 21st June, it has been agreed that the July meeting will be virtual. The date for lifting full lockdown restrictions is now currently going to be 19th July which is after the date of the July meeting. If everything moves in the right direction we will meet in the village hall in September.

Recent Missed Recycling and Rubbish Collections: The current issues are primarily down to the national shortage of HGV drivers. SWP are working hard with their collections contractor, SUEZ, to get services back on track. Rubbish and garden waste routes are being prioritised, though they are making every effort to complete recycling rounds. SUEZ has drafted extra drivers into Somerset from other parts of the country for the coming weeks. This means some crews working unfamiliar rounds and SWP apologise if this results in missed collections.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on MONDAY 12th July 2021 starting at 7.30pm. 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

HAMDON COMMUNITY CHURCH would love to welcome you into our Connect Groups. For more details please contact Hannah and Matthew Page. connect@hamdonchurch.co.uk Find us on Facebook and Instagram @hamdoncommunitychurch

MUSIC IN THE MEADOW Refugee Support Group (RSG) has provisionally arranged its open air musical afternoon in the Secret Garden at the far end of West Street in Hinton St George on **Sunday 25th July from 2.00pm**. As long as all is well we shall enjoy sitar music from Ricky Romain along with folk group Teasing The Cat. all performing freely for charity. There will be a raffle, stalls, hand sanitiser and social distancing. Tickets cost £10 per adult; a donation for children. Please bring your own chairs and drinks. Thank you for all your support. Ticket enquiries Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358 or Amanda 01460 72553

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB Let's get together again! Community event at the Memorial Hall Saturday 7th August Stoke Gardening Club are pleased to be co-hosting a community event at the Memorial Hall and grounds between **10:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday 7th August**. The Gardening Club will be having a plant and produce stall and other local organisations will be joining us too. All participants will be happy to introduce you to the activities of their group, and discuss membership and volunteering opportunities. You may be able to pick up a bargain or two! Please be aware that should the easing of Covid restrictions be delayed, the event may unfortunately have to be cancelled at short notice. The contact number for the Gardening Club is 01935 829408

VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP (VAG) Village Artists Group This venerable group of Artists formed in 1996, became a registered charity in 2003, and continues to be run by volunteers. Since those early days it has flourished as a warm and friendly group of enthusiasts, catering for both beginners and professional artists, whatever their standards or abilities. This pandemic caused a hiatus in the group's activities. However on May 28th 2021 at an EGM, a new committee was voted in allowing the group to fight another day and which will continue to serve the interests of the group's membership and trustees. To that end we need some new blood in the organisation to help run the show. If you are interested please phone Malcolm on 01935 829513 for a chat. Or email malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com Thank you

MOISH SOKAL'S EXHIBITION OF WATERCOLOURS, 'SAFARI', inspired by his trip to Southern Africa, opens both at the Malthouse Gallery at the lovely East Lambrook Manor Gardens (free entry to the exhibition) and online on his website www.moishsokal.co.uk from **June 5th at 10.00am. It runs until July 17th from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 – 5** at the Gallery but of course you can browse and buy original paintings, prints and cards online at any time during the exhibition. In addition to the paintings of Africa there are also a series of paintings Moish did of his walks around our beautiful village during lockdown. Cards of these paintings will also be in Norton Shop. If you wish to collect purchases rather than pay for postage contact Moish on 881350 or sokalart@hotmail.com

NEW ARRIVALS We welcome Julie and Steve Perry who have moved in to Bramley Fields and all the other newcomers to the village – we hope they will all be very happy in our lovely village.

THE POUNDBURY INDEPENDENT MAKERS MARKET. 10-4pm Sunday 11th July. Street market, craft stalls, food, demonstrations. Easy parking. Fun family day out. Babeny Walk and Hessary street, Poundbury, Dorchester DT1 3TR.

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

As Village Agents, we enjoy being able to respond to people's situation quickly and efficiently – we pride ourselves on being problem solving solution finders! This can be from a seemingly simple task of finding someone a gardener to help reclaim an unruly garden that was causing a mental and physical distress, to being able to provide someone escaping domestic abuse the basics they need to start up a new home and keep them safe. To do this we rely heavily on our Crisis Fund – an unrestricted pot of funds we manage that we can use to purchase things for people in need.

The Crisis Fund has proved to be an enormously valuable and valued extra “tool in the bag” for Village Agents to help people facing personal and family crises. We haven't ever actively fundraised for the Crisis Fund before, as the donations we had kept us ticking over, but our team has tripled in size in 3 years in response to unprecedented demand for our services, and as a result we are meeting more and more people in need. The past year has been our most challenging yet, and in this time of crisis and hardship for many in our communities the need is greater than ever, and we **desperately** need donations towards the fund which has been almost depleted. So this month, it is a plea for the #LoveSomerset Crisis Fund. To help people in Somerset get out of crisis, quickly and with dignity -

<https://ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-crisis-fund/> You can donate here:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/> or to District specific pots:

South Somerset <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/southsomersetcrisisfund/>

Taunton Area: <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/tauntoncrisisfund/>

We help when others can't, won't, or don't. Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently are: To buy 2 mattress protectors for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence, To support a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died, To buy children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer, To buy half a tank of oil for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home, To buy a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands, to buy food and drink for a client who had been struggling to get shopping during the lockdown.

Other ways you could help towards the crisis fund are:

Joining our Community Oil Buying Scheme to ensure that you benefit from the best bulk buying discounts on your heating oil. You can find out more here: <https://ccslovesomerset.org/oil/>. We receive 50% of the small annual membership fee, which goes directly into our Crisis Fund!

Shop on Amazon Smile: Visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and select the Community Council for Somerset as your nominated charity. Every time you shop on Amazon we receive a small %! You can shop online or via the app.

Get Involved! Could you #LoveSomerset and raise money for us? From sponsored runs, to bake sales – every single thing you do would directly benefit the services we can offer people, and help get people out of crisis. Visit our page and click 'Fundraise for us!' <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/>

Thank you for supporting the work we do and directly improving the lives of people in Somerset. If you have any questions about the Crisis Fund, please do call 01823 331 222. If you are struggling do get in touch via that number or visit www.somersetagents.org/agent-call-back/

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NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE. If you know of anyone who has moved in to Norton, please get their details and ring or email the editor so that we can welcome them to our village.

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DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS

Monday 12 July Parish Council Meeting via Zoom 7.30pm

Wednesday 21 July Ladies Group Garden Party 12.30pm

Friday 6 August FNC event Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 9 October Wells Cathedral Choir Concert

Saturday 27 November, Cantamus Concert

2022 Provisional Festival Dates Sundays 15th May, 19th June and 17th July ,