

# NORTON NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021 ISSUE 514

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

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

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

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WEBSITE:** <https://nortonsubhamdonpc.co.uk/friends-of-norton-church/>

**CHURCH FLAG** The Union Flag will be flown from the church tower on **21<sup>st</sup> August** for the Flower Show.

**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.

**VACANCY FOR POST OFFICE ASSISTANT** A vacancy has arisen for a **PART TIME POST OFFICE ASSISTANT** at Norton sub Hamdon P.O, starting **21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter**.

**JOB TITLE:** Post Office Assistant **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Part time post, with flexible hours, minimum 12 hours per week. The successful applicant will work in a rota, over 6 days per week. Full training will be given. It is essential that applicants are numerate, computer literate, can work under pressure, work unsupervised and are good communicators. **HOURS OF WORK AND SALARY:** The successful applicant will be expected to cover sickness and holidays, possibly at short notice. Details of salary available on request to the Secretary. Annual holiday entitlement is 5.6 weeks per year (full time equivalent), including Statutory Bank Holidays.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Application should be made in writing, including details of relevant previous experience and qualifications. It should be sent to: Mrs Elizabeth Mauder, Secretary, Norton sub Hamdon CLT Ltd, 2 Church View, Great St., Norton sub Hamdon, TA14 6SG. **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:** Applications must be received by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. **INTERVIEW DATE:** Interviews are expected to take place during the last two weeks of August.

**CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE COMMUNITY SHOP and TAKE AWAYS:** Community Shop phone number 01935 881200 **Lord Nelson** - email [mark@thelordnelson.co.uk](mailto:mark@thelordnelson.co.uk) or phone 01935 881473. Katy's Bakes 01935 881505 or [ktparsons12@hotmail.com](mailto:ktparsons12@hotmail.com)

**THE NORTON NEWSLETTER Good news** – Pam Rastall has volunteered to join the committee and take over the Treasurer's role but we still need a number of new committee members so please do consider if you would like to join us and keep the newsletter going. We are still looking for a new editor. Please consider contributing to this very worthwhile benefit for the village. Contact the editor Janet Hutton to see what is involved in the editorship of the newsletter on 881566 or email [nortonnews@hotmail.com](mailto:nortonnews@hotmail.com). Thank you

**NORTON MOVIE NITES** will hold its AGM on **Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30pm** in the skittle alley of the Lord Nelson. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear what's been happening since last year and contribute to what's planned for the autumn season. Film dates to note are all Tuesdays, starting on **14<sup>th</sup> September, then 12<sup>th</sup> October and then 9<sup>th</sup> November**. More details in the September issue.

**SUPersonic GLAMOUR OF CONCORDE** This is the final call for the take off of the "Supersonic Glamour of Concorde" talk arranged by the Friends of Norton Church. **Gates will open at 7:00pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August in the Norton Village Hall** with a cash Wine and Soft Drinks bar open for business in support of the Church of St Mary the Virgin fabric funds. Enjoy your drinks on the veranda of the Village Hall (weather permitting) before taking your seats for the 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. **Tickets at £7 each will be on sale at the village shop** up to the day of the presentation and at the door at £8.

**FLOWER SHOW TRAIL AUGUST 21st & 22nd** We are sorry we can't hold the Flower Show again this year but we are planning a Flower Show Trail in Norton and Chiselborough **August 21st & 22nd**. Participate by creating a Flower Show inspired display in front of your house or on your front door. Be as creative as you

like - no rules this year! We'll create a map so you can walk around the villages and see how many you can spot. **To be included on the map please let us know, before August 14th, that you are participating** by emailing murray152@btinternet.com, or calling **01935 881883**

**READING ROOM BOOK SALE:** The Family and Executors of John Legg's Estate have generously donated a large number of his books to the Reading Room. John had many varied interests, and his books cover wide ranging subjects from history, gardening and the natural world to technical and cookery, plus lots more. Fiction books range from classics to modern authors including children's books. As part of the Flower Trail Weekend we are holding a book sale in the **Reading Room on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 10am and 3pm**. Come along and find a book or 2 – you never know - you might find a new hobby to take up! Tricia Walton Secretary.

**NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB** The lucky winners of The Friends of Norton Church Wine Club draw for July 2021 are: Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Mary Edmund (2), Myles & Shelagh Wickstead, Niall Clifford, Jennie Harris, John & Elizabeth Forrest and Liz Fish. If you would like to support the work of 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 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**LADIES GROUP** At the time of writing our Annual Garden Party is due to take place and a full report will be in the next newsletter. We wanted to welcome our members back after such a long absence and so a Garden Safari was arranged for the last two Wednesdays in June. This included 6 lovely gardens in the village, each tended by one of our members. We would like to thank Lorna, Rosemary, Diane, Val, Gwen and Jayne for allowing us a peek into their gardens - all so different but equally beautiful. Special thanks to Val and Jayne for the refreshments. The afternoons were very enjoyable and we may make this an annual event. We hope to commence our meetings in the Reading Room from September - new members and visitors will be made very welcome. Sue Lowder 881805

**VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING** Thank you to everyone who came along to the village coffee morning at St Mary's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The bells pealed beautifully, the sun shone brightly and it was wonderful to meet up with old friends and new neighbours. £295 was raised in total and we need to thank both Helen and Mark at The Lord Nelson and Katy Bakes @ The Reading Room for their most generous raffle prizes. Special note must be made of Janet Hutton's uncanny accuracy in "Guess the number of coffee beans in the jar", she was only five out from 3,105 – how did she do it?! The next coffee morning will be at Karen and Barry Eastley's house at **10.45am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Manor House Grounds** in Higher Street with the theme of Harvest from the Garden. More details will follow in future newsletters. Sophie H and Sophie S

**MIKE ORCHARD** Lynn and family would like to thank all the kind people who sent messages and cards of sympathy on the passing of Mike – these have been so very much appreciated. There will be a private family cremation and, in September, a celebration of Mike's life to be held in St Mary's church – date to be announced in next month's publication. Thank you. Lynn

**NEW ARRIVALS** We welcome Hazel and Graham Allinson who have moved in to Higher Barn and Chris and Jo Evans who are in Bramley Fields. We hope they will be very happy in our friendly community.

**THANK YOU** We would like to thank everyone for the cards and the lovely 'Welcome Back' where we belong in our lovely village. We are sorry for the inconvenience whilst building 'Rendell's – our new home and appreciate all the support and patience of our neighbours and surrounding streets. Whoopie - we are home.....Pam and Mike Rastall

**COMMUNITY CARS AND THE SLINKY BUS.** If you have a problem with getting to appointments at hospitals, opticians, dentists etc telephone the staff who organise the transport for such situations. I sold my car late last year thinking I would be able to manage on the bus to Yeovil. Within a few weeks New Road was closed and the bus route through Norton was stopped. I was getting the shopping delivered so I presumed I could just wait and things would get back to normal. Then, a bit of trouble and a bit of a panic, both my husband and I needed hospital appointments. I couldn't drive because not only had I never driven my husband's car I had sent my licence back to DVLA. He couldn't drive his own car because of a stroke. Luckily, there was a notice in our shop with information about Community Cars and the Slinky Bus. I immediately

telephoned for help. The result was amazing. We were taken to Henhayes in Crewkerne for Covid Injections, Yeovil Hospital several times for various tests, Sherborne Eye clinics and so on. The drivers are so friendly and helpful and I can't praise them enough. There is a charge but a very reasonable one. I have been to Crewkerne on the Slinky Bus with two other ladies from Norton twice now and it is fun. There is time to have a coffee after a bit of shopping which is a real treat. Below is information from the Somerset Community Car website. Muriel Parkinson

**"Community Cars, South Somerset** Our Volunteer Car Service scheme is available for local people who have difficulty using public transport or who have no access to public transport. Volunteer drivers use their own cars to provide this service. All our volunteer car drivers have been DBS checked, they provide a reliable friendly courteous service. Again we appreciate how much familiarity means to our clients so we again try and be consistent with using the same drivers each time or at least using only 1 or 2 different drivers. Journeys include:- Long distance Medical journeys to Taunton, Exeter, Bristol and Bournemouth Local Medical journeys to Doctors, Hospitals, Opticians, Dentist and Chiropodist. Hair Appointments We also undertake contractual journeys for clients such as Somerset Sight, where we provide journeys for clients to attend both consultations and workshops." **Telephone 01935 477399 Email - info@communitytransport.org.uk Web site www.communitytransport.org.uk**

**NORTON CHURCH Services for August:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Communion 10.30am, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Evensong 6.30pm, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Communion (said) 9.00am. Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website [www.hamhillchurches.org](http://www.hamhillchurches.org) and Church notice boards Rev Nick Clarke 07842192402

#### **ITEM FROM MIKE HEWITSON DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Somerset Waste Partnership (the body under which the 5 Somerset Councils manage waste and recycling services) has recently launched its 'Recycle More' service which aims to increase the breadth of materials which are collected at the kerbside as this will reduce the amount of rubbish which ends up in the black bin the frequency of collections will reduce to once every three weeks. All households should have had an updated collection schedule delivered by post in June.

The roll-out of the new service has been negatively impacted by the national shortage of HGV drivers, which has meant in some areas there have been missed collections. If you have been missed it is easy to arrange for a collection via the Waste Partnership website: <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/>. You can also order new recycling containers such as a food waste bin or the new blue bags via the same link.

If you have logged a request for a missed collection and you have not received a response within 3 days please feel free to contact me: mike.hewitson@southsomerset.gov.uk and I will do my best to escalate for you.

In the meantime the Waste Partnership has produced some helpful tips if your collection is delayed: Make extra room by flattening cardboard, squashing plastic bottles (put lids back on afterwards) and crushing tins and cans (if safe to do so). Put out extra recycling in a cardboard box or other suitable container. If waste really has to go, take recycling to a recycling site. If that is not possible you can put it into your rubbish bin. If your food waste bin is full you can add it to your rubbish bin (double-bagging reduces smells). It will go to the 'energy from waste' plant in Avonmouth.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JULY 2021**

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

**Planning:** The Parish Council had no applications to discuss this month.

**Attenuation Pond** – A site meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June with District Councillor Mike Hewitson, The Clerk – Louise Brooks, Parish Councillor - Stuart Maunder, Robert Trott the developer of Bramley Fields and The Dares (representatives of the Bramley Fields residents) all present.

The situation was discussed, including the Parish Council's desire to see the pond surrounded with a post and rail fence for safety reasons. The residents of Bramley Fields do not want to see it fenced as they do not see it as being a risk to the public when there is water in the pond. They felt there are few children who live in Bramley Fields who would be affected when the pond has water in it. The Clerk pointed out that although the Parish Council were happy the attenuation pond was working by holding water at times of intense rainfall, the reason they were concerned was because the water had reached high levels on a few occasions now and photo evidence had been given to the Parish Council showing on one occasion, two young boys waist deep in the water and on a separate occasion, two young boys were seen on their bikes in the water. The attenuation pond is opposite a primary school and is viewable from New Road. There are also young children living in New Road, who the Parish Council felt were just as affected by the attenuation pond when water is contained. The Parish Council reiterated that it only takes a small amount of water for a child to

drown. However, the residents in attendance and the developer did not feel it was dangerous to leave it unfenced; in fact they felt it was safer to leave it unfenced, so if a child did fall in they would be visible. They also felt it would be more difficult to maintain with a fence in situ. It was eventually agreed to have an initial package of measures: \* 2 x flotation devices \*Signage, stating DANGER \* Depth marker. If this approach has been demonstrated not to have worked then the fence approach will be revisited.

**Speed issues outside the school** – A site meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July outside the entrance to the school at 8.15am, during drop off time. County Councillor Mark Keating, Highways Manager - Rebecca Vaughn, Chairman – Sue More, Parish Councillor - Barry Matraves, Head Teacher Jamie Caswell and local resident Mrs Harris were present.

An assessment will take place for a 20mph speed limit to be installed. Pyramid Flashing Light signage will be installed and the school 'Keep Clear' signs will be extended along the front of the school entrances. Mrs Harris will also arrange for parents to be wearing fluorescent jackets every now and again, as this made a huge difference during the site meeting. This will take place both at drop off and pick up times. There were also discussions regarding a speed bump just inside the school carpark. Mrs Harris thanked the Parish Council and County Councillor, Mark Keating for organising the site meeting and moving this issue forward.

**Footpaths:** Firstly...PLEASE CLOSE GATES BEHIND YOU. There are an awful lot of gates being left open on footpaths around Norton. Even if there are no animals in the field please shut the gate behind you – there may be a dog loose and if the gate is shut, it could very well stop them from running onto a road and causing an accident. Also, just a reminder, if you are a landowner and have a footpath running through your field, it is your responsibility to make sure it remains accessible at all times. Some of the footpaths are very overgrown at the moment.

**There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm. This will hopefully be back in the village hall committee room – depending on latest Covid regulations.**

**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

**STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB 'Back Together Again' Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021 10.00am to 12.30pm** We will be at The Memorial Hall Grounds with a plant and produce stall, and Tombola. Relax and enjoy tea coffee and home - made cakes available in the Hall. New members welcome. Come and enjoy monthly meetings on a variety of gardening topics for all gardens great and small! Other local groups and organisations will be joining us at this event. Although Covid restrictions may have been lifted let's all still stay aware and safe. The contact number for the Gardening Club is 01935 829408

**VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP (VAG)** Since its early days, the VAG has flourished as a warm and friendly group of art enthusiasts, catering for both beginners and more experienced artists, whatever their standards or abilities. If you are interested in joining us please phone me, Malcolm on 01935 829513 for a chat or email me. malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com

**VILLAGE AGENT NEWS** Cath Holloway is moving to SPARK to help with the Carers Volunteer groups so Village Agent news will be coming from Andrea Male in future. People can make contact by calling 01823 331222 or using the 'find an agent' link or request agent call back on the website <https://ccslovesomerset.org/>

**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 get their details and ring or email the editor 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.

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**DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS**

Tuesday 3 August Movie Nites AGM Lord Nelson 7.30pm

Friday 6 August FNC event Village Hall 7.00pm

Saturday/Sunday 21/22 August Flower Show Trail

Sunday 22 August Reading Room Book Sale 10.00 – 3.00pm

Wednesday 22 September Coffee Morning Manor House Grounds 10.45am

Tuesday 14 September Movie Nites Lord Nelson

Saturday 9 October Wells Cathedral Choir Concert

Tuesday 12 October Movie Nites Lord Nelson

Tuesday 9 November Movie Nites Lord Nelson

Saturday 27 November, Cantamus Concert

**2022 Provisional Festival Dates Sundays 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> July ,**