

NORTON NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021 ISSUE 516

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<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/>

ONE NEW AD – Private Primary Tuition - see bottom of Ad's page

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.

THE NORTON NEWSLETTER Good news again as Chrissie O'Brien has kindly volunteered to join the committee at the AGM as Assistant Editor. We now only need someone to take on the role of Secretary which is not onerous as we don't need many meetings these days. Please consider whether you might be able to help. Contact 881566 or email nortonnews@hotmail.com for more information. Thank you

Donation The newsletter committee would like to thank the Norton Movie Nites for their very generous donation which is much appreciated.

ADVANCE NOTICE Norton Newsletter AGM will be held on **Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**. All welcome

MIKE ORCHARD CELEBRATION OF LIFE. Firstly I would like to thank everyone of you who kindly sent me cards, I had so many, and I will treasure them all, also bouquets of beautiful flowers, and wine. Thank you so much, I really appreciate all your kindness. Mike's Celebration of Life service is on **Saturday 2nd October 12pm in Norton Village Hall**. It will be followed by light refreshments at **The Lord Nelson**. You are all welcome. Please wear bright colours and also feel free to visit Mike's stone whenever you wish to pay your last respects to him. Any donations will go towards a new Village Project to Celebrate our beautiful village and also our Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Lynn Orchard.

TINKERS BUBBLE OPEN DAY – Saturday 2nd October We are glad to welcome our neighbours to our annual open day on **Saturday 2nd October, between 11:00 and 16:00**. There will be tours of our gardens, woodland, and houses, a chance to try your hand at apple pressing, and opportunities to talk with residents about what we get up to. Food and drink will be available for purchase. This is our rough programme: - Arrive from 11am - Tours at 11:30, 12:30, and 13:30 - BBQ food available from 12:30 - The forge and apple press will be running

from around 11am until 2pm - We will end with a Q&A with residents, from 3pm to 4pm. If possible, please arrive on foot or by bicycle to our sawmill/car park area (at the bottom of the hill), and do not drive up our lane as we have very limited car parking and no turning area. If people are travelling from further away, we recommend parking in the Ham Hill car parks and walking down from there. Our car park is along the no-through-road that runs up the valley from Little Norton. From the hamlet, go straight on at the small waterfall and enter the first gate on the left. Everybody is welcome; there is no entry fee. We look forward to meeting you.

CRAFTY CRITTERS: It was good to meet up again after so long! Our meetings in **October** in the **Reading Room** will be on the **12th and 26th between 1.30 and 3.30pm** (£2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits) – please join us if you can. Future dates will be shown on the calendar in the Reading Room Notice board outside the main door. Tricia 882646

NORTON MOVIE NITES AT THE LORD NELSON, Tuesday 12 October. Nomadland (cert. 12A, 108 mins) stars the admirable Frances McDormand in another stellar performance. A tale of positive energy in spite of negative events, with stunning views of the American mid-west. **Doors open 7.45 pm**, film starts **8pm**. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Shop. Please contact John Bailey with any queries, 881227. Forthcoming attraction: Tuesday 9 November, Dream Horse, the true story of an unlikely racehorse bred by a Welsh bartender.

LADIES GROUP first meeting after Lockdown was held on 21st September. Katherine Crouch gave a talk on Autumn planting, a full report will be in the next newsletter. In August we visited Avalon Garden on Wind Whistle Hill. Some of us had an adventure on the way, getting lost in the tiny country lanes. After arriving 20 minutes late we were rewarded with a beautiful garden tour made extra special with a magnificent view towards the hills of Wales. This was followed by delicious tea and home made cakes. A small group visited Westlands to see a recorded concert by Andre Rieu - we all enjoyed his musical interpretation of classical and popular tunes. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th October** when our speaker and author Paula Williams, will give a talk entitled, "Selling My Grandmother". The Ladies Group meet in the **Reading Room** on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month **from 7.30pm**. We usually have an illustrated talk followed by refreshments and enjoy talks, walks, pub lunches, afternoon tea, theatre visits, garden visits and much more. We welcome visitors at any time. You can be sure of a warm welcome. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

HARMONY 303 SALE IN AID OF WATER AID. The Harmony 303 Choir is holding an amazing

sale...(with a large selection of beautiful fabrics and materials for sale, for upholstery and curtains.etc.) also cakes, plants, second hand books, and puzzles. It will be held at Norton Village Hall on **Saturday October 16th from 10 - 12.30**. Come along and pick up a bargain. Everyone welcome. (This sale is held in Memory of Ros Beattie, founder of the Harmony 303 choir.) All proceeds to WATERAID (to help bring fresh water for everyone.)

THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be coming to Higher Street in Norton at **2.50pm on Tuesday 19th October**. Come and see the great selection of books and audio books in the mobile van. Books can be ordered for collection.

PINT-SIZED PLAYS. Yes they're back this year. Another great line-up of short, funny plays designed for viewing with a drink! The Stage Frighteners, our home-grown amateur group, will be putting on 4 performances: three in the **Lord Nelson skittle alley on 21st, 22nd, and 23rd October**; plus one in **Chiselborough Hall on 6th November**. Ticket numbers have been reduced to provide extra audience space and will be on sale in the Village Shop from the beginning of October. £7.50 each. I bet you can't wait.... Lindsay Higgins

NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING Date for the diary – **10.45am on 27th October at Manor Cottage, Great Street**. This month's theme for the table top/bring and buy sale is "Jams and Chutneys", so if you've been preserving and conserving perhaps you could bring some fruits of your labours along. Refreshments will be served and a raffle will take place too. For newcomers to Norton, the monthly coffee mornings are normally held on the 4th Wednesday of each month except June, July, August and December. They take place in different houses around the village and it is a wonderful way to meet other villagers and learn about Norton's varied groups and wide activities. Funds raised are for the church and all are welcome. Sophie Snow and Sophie Hale

NORTON "BOUNDS" BREAKFAST WALK SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2021 Starting at 8.30 am. at The Lord Nelson Enjoy an early morning autumn walk followed by "Full Monty" breakfast at the Lord Nelson. The walk will start and finish at the Pub and circumnavigate the village following the rights of way nearest to the village boundary, covering about 6 miles and taking about 2-2.5 hours to complete. However there are plenty of shortcuts for those who don't want to do the full distance. At the end of the walk (available at 11-11.30 a.m.) the Lord Nelson will have full English Breakfast including coffee, orange juice and toast at £7.50/head. Please book direct with the Pub beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries contact John Bailey (01935 881227)

CANTAMUS CONCERT Cantamus will be performing in Norton Church on Saturday 27th November at 7.30pm.

The Concert, called 'O come, Emmanuel' will comprise of music spanning six centuries of song writing, from William Byrd and Thomás Luis de Victoria to Bob Chilcott and John Rutter. There is even a piece by their musical director and an arrangement by their accompanist of a traditional carol. Cantamus was founded in 2012 and performs a wide variety of sacred and secular music, familiar and not so well known, across the South Wessex region. They rehearse in Bridport and usually give three series of concerts each year, in Lent, summer and Advent. Their conductor, Peter Nardone, is a very experienced Musical Director, singer and organist who lives in West Dorset. We are delighted to be welcoming Cantamus to Norton again after the long Covid-enforced break and trust the concert will be 'diaried' and, in due course, tickets purchased from local sources. Richard CP Terrell Norton Festival Coordinator

GARDENS TO OPEN As part of the 2022 Norton Festival it is planned to have a series of 'Gardens Open' events on the afternoons of specified Sundays. This event had been planned for 2021 but coronavirus cancelled it. Fresh plans are currently being made for **Sundays 15th May, 19th June and 17th July**, but other dates may be considered. Those who had originally agreed to open their gardens have been contacted but we would welcome the participation of other gardens on the publicised or other dates. 'Show Gardens' are not expected! Some will be 'works in progress or 'new' gardens, patio or vegetable gardens etc. Please consider sharing your interest. Expressions of support, further details etc through Anna (annamterrell@gmail.com) or from me at Meadowcroft, 2, Hamdon View. Richard Terrell Norton Festival Coordinator

NORTON VILLAGE HALL We are now fully open for bookings again, with some minor restrictions. We have taken several bookings for Weddings and Parties. Our regular hirers are coming back, these include, Pilates, Ballroom Dancing, 303 Choir, Hamdon Youth Club, Keep Fit, and new Yoga Trapeze Classes. We have unfortunately lost 2 of our groups, Songtime, and Helen Laxton's Dancing Classes, and are sorry to see them go. Our amazing committee have been very busy all through lockdown and since - despite all the obstacles and problems - for which I thank them all. A lot of jobs have been done over the time we were closed, but we still have more to do. Thanks for all your support, and remember we are your Community Hall. Jennie Harris. Secretary. Norton Village Hall.

WILDLIFE MATTERS! During July nights our gate less garden has suddenly become the "in" place for badgers, foxes and possibly other wildlife. Every morning we await with bated breath the arrival of new toys scattered around our garden and often moved from place to place. None of our immediate neighbours at the west end of Great Street are missing these items, but if you were once the proud owner of 2 pairs of blue gardening gloves (one

chewed) a blue sock (arrived intact but has subsequently been chewed!) a child 's smart pink hat (intact but grubby) a tennis ball or a sponge toy (moved around every night!) do get in touch as we are most curious to locate where they come from. We definitely have badgers who at present are redesigning our lawn and in the past have seen a fox trotting along in the evening with a glove in it's mouth, but the advent of the full-scale playschool with bring your own toys, is something new!
Elizabeth Forrest 882881

READING ROOM NEWS: The Committee are pleased to announce our recent book sale raised nearly £200.00. Special thanks to the Family and Estate of John Legg for donating the books and many thanks to you all for supporting the sale.

Breaking news - we are hoping to hold a week long Book event at the end of November in conjunction with Yeovil Waterstones. More details to follow in the next newsletter. There will be plenty of ideas for Xmas presents and it will give everyone a chance to meet members of the Committee and find out about the work we do. Our notice board now has a calendar showing which village groups are meeting and when in the Reading Room. We will soon include further details of these groups' activities and who to contact if you are interested in joining or attending their meetings. Tricia Walton, Secretary. 882646

THE FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE

CLUB: The lucky winners of The FNC draw for September 2021 are: Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Chris & Sue Westwood, Brian & Marion Frosdick, Janet Hutton (2), Jennie Byham, Barry Eastley, Alec Seccombe and Richard More. As always, many thanks to our members for supporting a good cause. 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

NORTON CHURCH Services for October:
Sunday 10th Harvest Thanksgiving Open Air Service 3.00pm in the Churchyard. Sunday 17th Evensong 6.30pm. Sunday 24th Said Communion 9.00am. 31st Benefice Communion Stoke Sub Hamdon 10.30am Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website www.hamhillchurches.org and Church notice boards Rev Nick Clarke 07842192402

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR September 2021

The Parish Council had their first successful face to face meeting back in the hall after 18 months of virtual meetings. Although virtual meetings have worked really well, It was lovely to see everyone again in person rather than through a laptop screen!

Planning: The Parish Council had one planning application to discuss this month. 21/01208/HOU – Quinta, Little Norton, Norton Sub Hamdon. Single Story Extension. The Chairman declared an interest (neighbouring property). The

remaining Parish Councillors had no objections to this planning application.

Ball Games at the MUGA – If you are playing football or any other type of ball game on the MUGA could you please try and not kick the ball over the top fence and into the field behind. The field behind the MUGA is private property. They have very kindly installed a small wooden piece of fencing in case you do need to retrieve a ball. Please only use that area to climb over, if you need to. Please be warned - there are horses in the field. Horses are unpredictable animals and can bite and kick for no reason at all. As this is private land you are not insured if you were to get hurt by the horses. Many thanks.

Increase in Crime: The Chairman, District Councillor Mike Hewitson, and the Clerk, attended a recent meeting to meet the new PCSO, Abby Linaker and the new Beat Manager Andy Stuart, for Norton sub Hamdon. It was a very successful meeting, discussing the recent spate of crime, anti-social behaviour, arson and vandalism within the village, plus the drug paraphernalia that was recently found. The continuing reports of the eco-scooters being ridden on public roads and pavements was also discussed, with the Beat manager confirming that the Police can and will confiscate any e-scooter that they see is being ridden on public roads or pavements. The Police are going to increase their patrols throughout the village and they are aware of the particular areas that are worse affected/targeted.

They also emphasised how important it is for anyone to report any issue they see as soon as possible. If it's not reported then they cannot follow it up. Telephone: Non urgent 101 or if an emergency 999.

Trees at the recreation field: Once again we seem to have certain individuals who've snapped off young trees in the recreation field. These trees cost money to purchase plus people have spent precious time planting them. The good news is, on one recent occasion, a resident has seen two children damaging a tree and has reported it to the Parish Council. The CCTV that overlooks the recreation field will be viewed. The Police are aware of this happening.

If anyone would like to donate a tree (we are looking to replace a liquid amber tree if possible), for the recreation field, please get in touch with the clerk. We would love to hear from you. Many thanks

Parking in Rectory Lane: Rectory lane is very narrow especially in certain areas. There is a single white line along part of this lane which was installed by Highways to discourage people from parking there due to how narrow the lane is here. When you park your car, please be considerate and before you walk away from it, ask yourself the following question...

If a large emergency vehicle (such as a fire engine) needed to get past in an emergency situation, could they easily get past your parked vehicle in the position you have left it? Inconsiderate parking can delay crews attending an incident and have potentially devastating consequences. Please think before you park your car.

The next meeting will be held on **MONDAY 11TH October 2021 at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall Committee Room**. Space will be limited as we are still keeping to the social distancing guidelines. **If you would like to attend please register with the Clerk by emailing her before the meeting on: nortonpcclerk@outlook.com**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Stoke Charity Shop invites you to attend a Jumble / Christmas Sale on **Saturday 6th November 1pm to 3pm at Stoke Memorial Hall**. Admission is 50p. Refreshments will be available. There will be a wide variety of good quality clothing and bric a brac, as well as Christmas items for gifts and to brighten your home during the Festive Season. Covid guidance will apply. Face covering will be required except when eating, hand sanitiser is available in the hall, windows and doors will be open to facilitate ventilation. All proceeds help to fund the Stoke Sub Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust projects that enhance facilities in our village. Secretary, Stoke Charity Shop

VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP Village Artist Group has started back after its summer break and intends to hold a series of workshops at the Memorial Hall, Stoke Sub Hamdon as soon as they can be arranged. We are looking for people, who would be interested in sharing their particular art interest and knowledge for a reasonable fee with a small friendly group of likeminded people in a workshop style format. If you are interested in helping, please phone Malcolm on 01935 829513 for a chat or email malcolmhorn99@gmail.com Thanks

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 Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 27th October at 7pm** in the **Memorial Hall**. An opportunity to chat and catch up with friends but also we are very fortunate to have James Crowden to speak on "Cider Country" – how an ancient craft became a way of life. New members welcome so please contact us on 01935 829408 if you are interested.

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS 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.

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DIARY OF NORTON EVENTS

Saturday 2 Tinkers Bubble Open Day 11.00am
Saturday 2 Mike Orchard Celebration of Life Village Hall 12.00pm
Monday 11 October Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 12 October Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Tuesday 19 Mobile Library Higher Street 2.50pm
Tuesday 19 October Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
21, 22, 23 October Pint Sized Plays Lord Nelson
Tuesday 26 Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm
Wednesday 27 October Coffee Morning Manor Cottage 10.45am
Saturday 6 November Bounds Walk Lord Nelson 8.30am
Tuesday 9 November Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Saturday 27 November, Cantamus Concert 7.30pm
2022 Next year's pantomime: Thursday 10 to 12 March 2022 inc
Provisional Festival Dates Sundays 15 May, 19 June and 17 July