

# NORTON NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE 517

## **NORTON SHOP WEBSITE:**

<https://www.nortonshop.co.uk>

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

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## **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

<https://nortonsubhamdonpc.co.uk/>

## **FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WEBSITE:**

<https://nortonsubhamdonpc.co.uk/friends-of-norton-church/>

**THE CHURCH FLAG.** The Union Flag will fly from the church tower **on 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November** for All Saints Day and All Souls Week and the George Cross flag **on 14<sup>th</sup> November** for Remembrance Sunday.

**ONE NEW AD HOC AD – Childcare needed – see end of newsletter.**

**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.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE SALON**

Thank you all for your loyal custom. Please could I ask the people who would like to have appointments before Christmas if they could give me a few weeks notice. Many thanks Lisa Doble

**THE NORTON NEWSLETTER AGM** will be held **on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.** Please contact the editor on 01935 881566 if you would like to attend.

**NORTON “BOUNDS” BREAKFAST WALK SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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)

**NORTON MOVIE NITES at the Lord Nelson, Tuesday 9th November.** Dream Horse (cert. PG, 113 mins). Partly based on the 2015 documentary, the story of a racehorse bred by a Welsh bartender is the feel-good film of the season! **Doors open 7.45 pm**, film starts 8pm. Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Shop.

## **TINKERS BUBBLE CHRISTMAS WREATHS.**

We will be selling beautiful handmade, compostable Christmas wreaths this festive season to adorn your doorsteps, and also providing an opportunity for you to come and make your own! We will be holding a make your own wreath evening at Chiselborough village hall on the **3rd December from 5-8pm.** Attendance will cost £10 per wreath made, refreshments and merriment included! Alternatively you can order a pre made wreath - £10 for a medium and £15 for a large. Delivery to the surrounding villages by bicycle is available for an additional charge of £2 or they can be collected from our land. If you would also like some of our apple juice and cider with your wreath we can pop that in too! Apple juice is £2.50 a bottle. Cider is £2 a bottle. To order or to book in for our wreath making evening please contact us at [tinkersbubble@riseup.net](mailto:tinkersbubble@riseup.net) or call 07800917463. Best wintery wishes to you all.

## **NORTON FESTIVE WINDOWS 2021 A**

community event for December We hope you will join us again in dressing up one of your windows for Christmas and displaying every night **from 13th December.** If you are interested there will be a sign-up sheet in the Shop. We will produce a map for villagers to walk round and enjoy. People asked last year if they could vote for their favourite so this year there will be a box in the shop for your vote. The most popular will be announced in the New Year. Lindsay Higgins and John Bailey

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY** will be coming to **Chiselborough** opposite the Hall on **Tuesday 16th November at 2.00pm** and to **Norton** Higher Street at **2.50pm.** Come and see the great selection of books and audio books in the mobile van. Books can be ordered for collection.

**LADIES GROUP** Our October meeting welcomed Paula Williams. Paula is a crime writer who loved writing from an early age, starting with short stories for women's magazines and now writing novels which include local surroundings and characters based on family members and people she knows. On **Tuesday November 16th** we welcome back Ian Williamson, who will give an illustrated talk on his trek on Cable Mountain in Tasmania, which helped to raise money for St. Margarets. On **18th November** we shall take a murder mystery trail around Somerton, and no doubt find time for lunch in a pub or cafe. This year we have decided to ring the changes regarding our Christmas Social and will organise an Afternoon Tea, to be held in the **Reading Room on Tuesday 7th December**. On **8th December** we are joining Montacute WI for a trip to Wells for the Christmas Market, lunch, and the WI Carol Concert to be held in the Cathedral. The Ladies Group meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Reading Room from 7.30pm. Visitors and new members can be sure of a warm welcome - just come along don't be shy. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

**NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS** Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning held at the Manor House Grounds at the end of September. It was a wonderful turnout, £360 was raised and we thank Karen and Barry Eastley again for hosting such a successful event on a beautiful day. A note on the October coffee morning held at Elizabeth and John Forrest's will be in the next Newsletter. Another date for the diary - The November coffee morning will be held at **The Hollies in Higher Street**, Francesca and Ian Chignell's home, at 10.45am on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for the raffle and table top/bring and buy sale is "Christmassy!". Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Sophie Hale and Sophie Snow

**CANTAMUS CONCERT** The return of Cantamus has been long awaited. Their first 2018 concert in St Mary's was so well received that their return was immediately booked. Covid unfortunately forced us to wait until now to enjoy them again. Their Choral Concert, under the general title of 'O Come, Emmanuel' will be performed in the **Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Advance Tickets, £7.50, are now available from the Norton Community Shop. We anticipate they will be in great demand so would advise purchase as soon as possible. Cantamus are well known across the South Wessex region for performing a variety of sacred and secular music under their very experienced Musical Director and Conductor, Peter Nardone. The evening promises to be an

event not to be missed. Richard CP Terrell  
Norton Festival Coordinator

### **TRAVEL TALK – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

The Friends of Norton Church are arranging a Travel Talk on the evening of the date shown above in **the Village Hall of Norton-sub-Hamdon**. While we are unable to confirm the speaker at this moment, due to uncertainties on their other commitments, this promises to be a very popular and memorable evening. So please note the date in your diaries and look out for further announcements in the next editions and on Notice Boards around the village.

**CAN YOU HELP ?** The Friends of Norton Church (FNC) was formed in 2005 to assist the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary the Virgin Norton-sub--Hamdon to maintain the fabric of Norton Church. This is primarily achieved by raising funds through the operation of a Wine Club draw with prizes presented monthly, and the organisation of events such as the recent talks on "Rafting through the Grand Canyon" and "Concorde" Outside visits such as to Vaux Polo have also been popular fund raisers. The Committee is about to reduce in numbers and is therefore in need of additional support to help organise and operate the Wine Draw and future events. If you have a few hours each month that you can spare to help in either area (eg by delivering wine bottle prizes locally while walking your dog), do please contact Johnathan Binns (881063), John Forrest (882881) or Barry Eastley (881043) who can provide more information either on the phone or at the upcoming Church Coffee Mornings.

**THE FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB:** The lucky winners of The FNC draw for October 2021 are: Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Mary Edmund (2), Penny Cudmore, Myles & Shelagh Wickstead, Nicky Brodie, Lindsay Elliot and John Forrest. 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](mailto:binnsmeister@gmail.com)

**THE FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH (FNC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The FNC activities are managed through a small committee of volunteers who report on the activities undertaken at the end of each year at an Annual General Meeting. All who share the aims of the FNC are welcome to attend. The next AGM covering 2021 will be held at **7:30pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022** in the Norton Reading Room. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting is invited to

inform Barry Eastley the current FNC Secretary email: [bas.eastley@btinternet.com](mailto:bas.eastley@btinternet.com) ) to enable an estimate of numbers attending to be made.

**READING ROOM NEWS:** The Committee has included a flyer in this month's newsletter about our upcoming book event featuring a wide selection of books from Waterstones in Yeovil. We will update you with times and details of guests via the posters appearing in and around Norton later this month and [nortonr.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:nortonr.bookings@gmail.com). There will also be plenty of opportunities for browsing - giving you a chance to look for books and place orders in time for Christmas. Tricia Walton, Secretary

**THANK YOU** Firstly I would like to thank all of you that attended my husband Mike's Celebration of Life. The weather that day couldn't have been any worse, so I really appreciate you all for making that day so special for me and our family. I must Thank Rev Nick Clarke for making it such a memorable event also Cilla and Bill for their great music, and much time in organising things. For Graham and David for their lovely violin music, which I was sorry to have missed, but heard about it. The Family and I were drying off after laying Mike to rest in his bio degradable cushion. Also Caroline and Terry for all their work on the photos and filming. For Jennie and Trevor for setting out the hall and Jennie keeping everything sorted on the day. For Jack and his workers for erecting the much needed awning to cover the veranda which, due to weather conditions, was most essential. Last but certainly not least for Helen and Mark and their team for the refreshments at The Lord Nelson and making everyone so welcome. Thank you all for your generous donations on that day and also after. This money is for an exciting new Village Project that will benefit everyone, young and oldies. Just watch this space! £1,200 was raised on that day. Fantastic! Job nearly done Mike! Please, if you wish, call into the Village Salon and sign Mike's memory book. Also if you wish to contribute anything to this new project the Charity Post Box is there too. Many Thanks Lynn and Family. PS Please feel free to visit Mike whenever you wish at the East wall of the Church yard. He will be listening, I'm sure!!!

**THANK YOU** Lucy Hawkins and family would like to thank all those who visited and supported the recent Somerset Open Studios event in Norton. It was lovely to meet so many people from near and far, we had around 200 visitors of all ages. Special thanks to Jess from Flaxdrayton Farm "Imagine, Learn and Create" who brought along two groups of adults with learning disabilities for picnics and printing. Also to musicians Sharon

"Lazi-byrd" Martin and Gerry who played us out on the last weekend. We hope everyone enjoyed the event. Lucy will be exhibiting locally again at the Ilminster Arts Centre early next year.

**NORTON CHURCH Services for November:**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service 10.45am**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm Evensong 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am**  
**Said Communion** 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

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR October 2021**  
The Parish Council met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall committee room.

**Planning:** The Parish Council have been notified on the following decisions from SDDC planning department:

21/01358/HOU | Erection of Car Port (Revised application 20/03041/HOU) | Hill Top Ham Hill Stoke Sub Hamdon - Refused

21/01208/HOU | Single Story Extension. | Quinta Little Norton Norton Sub Hamdon – Approved with conditions.

21/02542/COL | Certificate of Lawfulness application for proposed single storey rear extension, loft conversion and internal alterations | Highwoods Skinners Lane Norton Sub Hamdon - permitted

**Local Government Reorganisation:** Following the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) decision to support the move to a single Unitary Council across Somerset the transition programme, lead teams and governance structure have been agreed by the five current Councils. On 17<sup>th</sup> September the Councils responded to the Government's request to look at possible ward boundary changes with a maximum of 85 Unitary Councillors being elected. Whilst a number of options were presented it was almost universally felt that these gave sub-optimal outcomes at such an important stage. A cross-party and cross-authority request was therefore also submitted requesting more time, more flexibility in the warding parameters and involvement of the Local Govt. Boundary Commission ahead of a Unitary election. It is still expected that statutory orders will be laid before Parliament in the late Autumn and a vesting date of the new authority as April 2023.

**Allotments:** Mrs Maunder, who manages the day to day running of the allotments for the Rodbard and Bailey Trust, attended the meeting to give a report for the year. After a hard couple of years with extra maintenance and increasing water bills to pay, the allotments have had a successful year. The rent was increased at the

start of the year. All the plots are now tenanted with a growing waiting list, which has helped boost funds enormously. Also the water bill has been less this year than previous years, due to the inclement summer we have experienced. Mrs Maunder reported that following their successful year, they will have approximately £300.00 to donate to a local foodbank of the Trustees choice.

**The next meeting of the parish council will be held on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 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](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

**STOKE SUB HAMDON JUMBLE SALE:** Stoke Charity Shop has organised a Jumble Sale, Saturday **6th November, 1 to 3pm**, at **Stoke Memorial Hall**. Admission is 50p. Refreshments are available. There is a wide variety of quality clothing and bric-a-brac, as well as Christmas decorations and gift items on offer. Covid precautions will apply, face coverings and use of hand sanitiser required.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** should be in the box on the **Post Office counter**, or sent by email to: [nortonnews@hotmail.com](mailto: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**

Wednesday 3 November Newsletter AGM Reading Room 7.30pm  
Saturday 6 November Bounds Walk Lord Nelson 8.30am  
Tuesday 9 November Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm  
Tuesday 16 November Mobile Library Higher Street 2.50pm  
Tuesday 16 Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm  
Wednesday 24 November Coffee Morning The Hollies 10.45am  
Saturday 27 November, Cantamus Concert 7.30pm  
**2022** Friday 14 January FNC Travel Talk 7.30pm Norton Village Hall  
Friday 28 January FNC AGM 7.30pm Reading Room  
Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 March inc Pantomime  
Provisional Festival Dates Sundays 15 May, 19 June and 17 July

**STOKE HEALTH WALKS:** Next guided group walks: **8th and 22nd November**. Two walks to choose from: A walk on pavement around Stoke for 30 minutes starting at 0930 for those of limited capacity. The second walk at 10:30 is 90 minutes long along paths, bridleways and fields. Both walks start and end at Lighthouse Cafe on West Street.

**VILLAGE AGENT NEWS** Contact the agent by calling 01823 331222 or using the 'find an agent' link or request agent call back on the website <https://ccslovesomerset.org/>

**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](mailto:connect@hamdonchurch.co.uk) Find us on Facebook and Instagram @hamdoncommunitychurch

**ONE OFF ADVERTS: CHILDCARE WANTED FOR AUGUST 2022** - looking for full time help with two girls (age 3 and 1) for month of August for nanny holiday cover. Please contact Nicola 07876 338 660.