

NORTON NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022 ISSUE 519

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/>

BIG THANK YOU. So many people have said to me how lucky we are to have our Community Shop and Post Office in the village with their wonderful staff, so a big thank you to all involved at this busy time of year. We do appreciate all your hard work!

THE CHURCH FLAG The George Cross Flag will be flown from the Church Tower from 24th December to 6th January for Christmas until Epiphany

NORTON CORONAVIRUS HELP is still here – contact Prue on 881350 or Martyn on 881437. @HamdonYouthGroup

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be holding their first meeting after Christmas on **Tuesday 11th January** between **1.30 and 3.30pm in the Reading Room**. If you have a new project to work on, are finishing an old one or just looking for ideas come and join us. £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Tricia. 882646

MONTY HALLS TRAVEL TALK “LESSONS FROM BEYOND THE HORIZON” – Friday 14th January

The Friends of Norton Church are delighted to announce that Monty Halls will be our guest speaker in the **Village Hall of Norton-sub-Hamdon on Friday 14th January commencing at 7:30pm**. Monty Halls, is a broadcaster, speaker, naturalist, marine biologist, travel writer, former Royal Marine, and leadership specialist. His illustrated talk will call on the experience he has gained and lessons learned from over two decades of leading teams in some of the most remote environments on earth, presenting wildlife and adventure documentaries for television and film, and working with blue chip companies both in the UK and overseas. **Tickets at £10 each can be purchased from the Community Shop in Norton-sub-Hamdon.** A wine and soft drinks cash bar will be available with all proceeds from the event being used to maintain the fabric of the Norton Church.

NORTON MOVIE NITES AT THE LORD NELSON, Tuesday 18th January. Start the New Year with this gripping spy drama, based on a true story. *The Courier* (cert. 12A, 112 mins) stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the British businessman who worked with a Soviet officer on crucial intelligence that defused the Cuban Missile Crisis. **Doors open 7.45 pm, film starts 8.00pm.** Tickets £5 in advance only from Norton Shop.

LADIES GROUP In November a small group took part in a Murder Mystery Trail around Somerton. We came to a satisfactory conclusion after 2 hours of hunting for clues around town. Lunch followed, after which we had time to visit the art and craft gallery. Our annual Christmas Party was once again well supported. Everyone enjoyed the Afternoon Tea and later on a table top puzzle and of course Secret Santa. Then, what is now an annual tradition, our own rendition of 12 Days of Christmas. We joined members of the W.I. to attend a carol concert at Wells Cathedral, with time to enjoy a leisurely lunch and to browse the market. New Year's Dinner will be held at The Lord Nelson on **Tuesday 18th January from 6.30pm**, members should contact me if they wish to add their name and join us for this occasion. Wishing our members and readers a Happy Healthy 2022. Sue Lowder 881805

THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be coming on **Tuesday 25th January from 2.30pm to 3.00pm (please note earlier time)** to Norton in Higher Street. Come and see the great selection of books and audio books in the Mobile Van. Books can be ordered for collection.

NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Unfortunately, due to illness, the November "Christmassy" themed coffee morning was cancelled at very short notice, but the first coffee morning of 2022 will be held on **26th January at the Old Rectory in Rectory Lane**. The table top/bring and buy sale theme is "Marmalade" and there will be a raffle. Everyone is welcome, so see you at **10.45am**. Sophie Snow and Sophie Hale

TRIANGLE TRUST. The committee would like to invite you to our AGM, to be held at the **Old Saints Hall (Lighthouse Cafe) Stoke-sub-Hamdon on Wednesday January 26th 2022 at 7pm**. everyone welcome. For those who haven't heard of The Triangle trust, we are a charity founded about 30 years ago to support all patients at Hamdon Medical Centre. Over the years we have bought items, and equipment at the request of the Practice, that would not normally be readily available from the NHS. Lots more to list, but including items like Doppler machines, Blood Pressure Monitors, Bariatric chairs, Treatment couches, Peak flow meters and more. We have also funded Counsellor Services for 2 years, and major improvements to the car park, (as requested by patients in a Survey we sent out.) We have more items planned for next year, and further into the future. We would love to see you. If you would like to go to our Website please do: <https://triangletrust.org.uk> or if you would like anymore Or if you would like any more details, or information, please ring Chairman: Mrs Jennie Harris 01935881718. Merry Christmas, and Happy Healthy New Year to you all. JH for The Triangle Trust committee.

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 28th 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) to enable an estimate of numbers attending to be made,

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 distributed monthly, and the organisation of events such as the recent talk on "Concorde" and the upcoming talk by Monty Halls on his worldwide travels. Outside visits such as to Vaux Polo have also been popular fund raisers. The Committee is about to reduce significantly in numbers at the AGM and is therefore in urgent need of additional support to help organise and operate the Wine Draw and future events. If you have an hour or two each month that you can spare to help, 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.

HAMSTONELIVE 2022 AT THE NORTON VILLAGE HALL In collaboration with Norton Village Hall we have 2 more great national acts coming to our village in 2022. The first is; - **Friday 18 February 2022** – A Night with Tango Calor– For all ages Tango Calor will take you on a journey from the back streets of Buenos Aires to the salons of Paris. The trio has performed for tango milongas (dances) around the country and at festivals such as Womad and Glastonbury, and abroad. Indira Roman is one of the great singing stars of latin music. She is accompanied by Mirek Salmon one of only a few Bandoneon (Argentine concertina) players in the UK. The instrument is the true sound of the tango and this show moves from high energy latin rhythms to the heartbreaking songs of Carlos Gardel. Make a note in your diaries for our next event which is on **Sunday 27 March 2022** – Details to follow. Tickets available at the Village Shop from 23rd January 2022. Adults - £10; Children (under 15) - £5. Contact John Bailey on 881227 with any queries.

READING ROOM NEWS: The Committee are pleased to announce the "Waterstones Books at the Reading Room, Norton" sold over £900.00 worth of books. I imagine a lot of Villagers enjoyed some exciting reading over the Christmas period. Thank you to everyone who supported us in this new venture. Special thanks go to Marcus Bishop (Manager of Waterstones in Yeovil), all our Guests and also to Katy for her lovely mini quiches and putting up with the disruption so calmly! **Our AGM is due** to take place in the **Reading Room on Thursday 3rd February at 6.00pm.** Please join us to find out what we have been doing over the last year and our plans for 2022. Tricia Walton, Secretary.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON VILLAGE HALL. Things are going along nicely. There are a few jobs in the pipeline - painting and repairing the school side of the hall, hopefully in the New Year. We have accepted an estimate. The whole exterior will need to be done too, so lots more to look forward to. We will be having our AGM in February - more details in next month's issue. Finally, on behalf of the Hall committee, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New year.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB DRAW results for Christmas 2020 are: Alec Seccombe (2), Rob & Joan Vaux, John & Elizabeth Forrest (2), Jeremy & Rachel Reid, Nicky Brodie and Mary Batstone A heartfelt thank-you to all participants in the Club throughout this difficult year. We wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year. If you would like to join the FNC Wine Club, please contact Jonathan Binns on 881063

NORTON CHURCH Services for January: Sunday 2nd Morning Prayer 9.30am, Sunday 9th Communion 9.30am, Sunday 16th Evensong 6.00pm (please note earlier time), Wednesday 19th Prayer Book Communion 9.00am Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website www.hamhillchurches.org and Church notice boards. Rev Nick Clarke 07842192402

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! Anyone interested in helping to get the Jubilee Garden off the ground on part of the old school porta-cabin site, please get in touch with me on 01935 882 602, or call and see me. Whether you can be part of a committee, or hands on help, without your help this project can't take place. Hopefully work could get started as soon as weather improves and days get longer. It would make such a difference to the outlook from the West door of our beautiful church. Lynn Orchard.

THE WICKSTEADS HAVE MOVED. We are not far away but, due to current circumstances, have been unable to say farewell properly to all our friends. Norton will continue to be "home" for a long time to come but in the meantime we would like you to welcome Karveh, Lara, Amelia and Max to The Manor House. Wishing all our friends good health and a peaceful Christmas and New Year. Shelagh, Myles, Edward and Kathryn.

HELLO, I AM DAISY - the local tri-colour Border Collie. I would like to thank the kind person who found my missing red collar & took the trouble to return it to me via our nearby public bench. My staff (Jenny & Peter) would also like to add their thanks. Woof woof!

PARISH COUNCIL PARISH REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021

Planning: The Parish Council had 2 planning applications to make their observations on this month: 21/03252/HOU - Hunters End, New Road, Norton-sub-Hamdon. Demolition of single-storey side extensions and rear conservatory and the erection of a two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension,

provision of enclosed porch. The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application. 21/03521/HOU – Rivington, Higher Street, Norton-sub-Hamdon. The erection of single-storey rear extension to dwelling. The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

The importance of reporting crime or suspicious behaviour:

If you see anything that you feel is suspicious behaviour at all, please report it to the Police either using 101 or 999. Whether it's a car that you know (or think) is being driven illegally, a car that is being driven dangerously, ASB, bullying or intimidating behaviour, damage occurring to property, people acting suspiciously, you find drug paraphernalia or anything that doesn't feel right – please report it. The CCTV at the village hall is proving very useful at picking up issues that have been occurring in that area and this information is now with the Police. The more these incidences are reported, the more support we will get from the Police.

Hamdon Youth Group: Mr Bailey attended the Parish Council meeting to talk through their annual review. He thanked the Parish Council for their ongoing support and talked about the challenges they've faced with Covid. During this time, they managed to implement a number of different methods of delivery of their services to make sure all young people were still supported. The aim was not only to ensure that they would support young people in the pandemic but also to ensure that HYG would be able to start again when we were released from Covid 19 Regs. They also supported their staff through lockdown by furloughing them but also paying the outstanding 20% of their salaries. This meant that they had reduced costs for both salaries and venue hire for the year. The numbers of young people attending have yet to get back to pre-lockdown levels but they are rising and they are campaigning to reach out to new members. They talked about the difficulty in finding new volunteers and in order to stay open in Norton they had to employ a youth support worker to support their youth worker. Due to their reduced costs over the last year, HYG came to the Parish Council to propose that they should only ask for 50% of their grant funding for 2022-23 with an agreement to return their normal allotted amount in 2023-24.

The Parish Council thanked them for all their hard work and also for not requesting all the funding they were entitled to, when they felt they did not need it all for the next financial year. The Parish Council were in full support of the agreement to return in 2023-24 to normal. The amount of funding for 2022/23 will be £1,098.07 which will be paid to HYG in April 2022.

Boules Court: Mr Murray who was representing the boules court committee, attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss their proposal. He talked about how

the Minchington Rec site was their preferred location. The Parish Council discussed their concerns for the Minchington site with regards to empty glasses being left on site from the pub, maintenance of the site once it was built, lack of parking, and being positioned off a busy part of road, opposite a pub and a junction where visibility is already poor. The Parish Council were also concerned about what happened to this site when we are under a Unitary Council as the land is currently owned by SSDC. The Parish Council also informed Mr Murray that it was necessary for the group to do some fundraising themselves to raise any outstanding funds that were not covered by grants.

The Parish Council agreed to support it with a grant of £230.00, but only with a condition attached, that all of the above concerns will be met. The maintenance of the site will be the responsibility of the group and it would not be the pub's responsibility to collect any glasses that had been left. It would also be the group's responsibility to keep the site clean and tidy. Mr Murray assured the Parish Council that the group would be completely responsible for the court and all maintenance of the site would be covered.

The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Norton-sub-Hamdon and Little Norton a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year. The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the committee room in the village hall (depending on the latest Covid restrictions). Members of the general public are more than welcome to attend.

Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP WORKSHOP NEW YEAR The Village Artist Group welcomes Artist Mike Jackson on **Saturday 22nd January 10.am-4.00pm** at the **Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon**. He will be giving us an insight and demonstration into his unique, varied, and successful painting techniques. If you are interested in attending the fee will be £25.00 for the day for members and £30.00 for non-members. Phone Malcolm on 01935 829513 for a chat or email malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON GARDENING CLUB We have a full and varied programme planned for the year and the first event will be on **Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.15pm** in **The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon**. This is a presentation by Dr Francis Burroughs, who will speak on "The Victorian Head Gardener". New members always welcome and first meeting is free! The contact number for the Gardening Club is 01935 829408.

HAMDON COMMUNITY CHURCH (HCC) Look out for us during 2022 on posters, newsletters, Facebook and Instagram @hamdoncommunitychurch. You are very welcome to join us for any of our activities. For any further information contact info@hamdonchurch.co.uk Paul & Naomi, Matt & Hannah and Rachel

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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 Events

Monday 10 January Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 11 January Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm Tuesday
Friday 14 January FNC Travel Talk Norton Village Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 18 January Ladies Group Meal Lord Nelson 6.30pm
Tuesday 18 January Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Tuesday 25 January Mobile Library Higher Street 2.30pm
Wednesday 26 January Coffee Morning Old Rectory 10.45am
Friday 28 January FNC AGM Reading Room 7.30pm
Thursday 3 February Reading Room AGM Reading Room 6.00pm
Friday 18 February Hamstone Live Village Hall
Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 March (inc) Pantomime
Sunday 27 March Hamstone Live Village Hall
Provisional Festival Dates Sundays 15 May, 19 June and 17 July