

## NORTON NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022 ISSUE 526

### NORTON SHOP WEBSITE:

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

**FESTIVAL WEBSITE:** [https:// www.nortonfestival.org](https://www.nortonfestival.org)

### PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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

### FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WEBSITE:

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

### VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE.

[enquire.nshvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:enquire.nshvillagehall@outlook.com) Also for booking enquires.

**ONE OFF ADS:** Keep Fit Class, Drama Class and BabySitting/Pet sitting/Dog walking – see end of newsletter

**CHURCH FLAG** The Union Flag will be flown from the Church Tower on **Saturday 20th August** for the Flower Show.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES AGM** at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 2 August, in the Lord Nelson skittle alley. Please come along to hear what's in store for the autumn season. Your ideas and opinions will be very welcome.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 1.40pm** at the home of Pam Horrell in Chiselborough when the mobile library will also call opposite the Hall. Come and join our friendly book club – we are not 'high brow' at all and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake while we try to put the world to rights after discussing our latest 'read'! Contact Janet Hutton on 881566 or Anne Fairweather on 882620. The Library Van will be in Higher Street in Norton sub Hamdon **at 2.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW**  
**Saturday 20th August 2022 Musical parade starts from St Mary's Church 2.00pm Norton Recreation Ground 2.30pm**

We hope you're getting your entries ready for our 105th Show. We have some wonderful new attractions this year, including a promenade band who will lead us from St Mary's Church to the recreation ground. We encourage you to join the parade wearing 1950's inspired outfits to mark the Queen's Jubilee. There will be prizes for the best dressed! We have some amazing stalls, attractions and events and some magical surprises for the children so do make sure you look out for updates on our facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/nshflowershow/> For further information pick up a Schedule from Norton Village Shop, The Lord Nelson Pub and many other local businesses. If you are entering exhibits in the Show, please come and register at the Norton Reading

Room on **Wednesday 17th August** between **7.00pm** and **8.30pm**.

**FLOWER SHOW TEAS/CAKE BAKES** Cakes and helpers to serve teas at the Flower Show on **20th August** needed.

**Helpers** If you can spare an hour or so on the afternoon of **20th August** to help serve teas, your help will be much appreciated.

**Cakes** We will need Cakes and lots of them for the show. If you are willing to bake a cake for us please bring it along to the village hall between 11am and 1pm .We had some splendid bakes for the plant fair, and will need many more for the Flower Show. These opportunities will give our new villagers a chance to get to know, and feel part of, our village community. Your help and your cakes will be gratefully received. Help with Teas contact Sue 881805 or Diane 881529,

**LADIES GROUP** Our annual garden party was not held in a garden this year but in the village hall. We decided to escape the heat and humidity and, judging by the best turnout, we made the right decision. Once again our members provided an amazing spread enjoyed by all. We held a raffle/quiz/and a fascinator competition for the best hat made by some of our members - this was a Jubilee celebration after all. The hall was buzzing with conversation and laughter and everyone enjoyed themselves including our special VIPs from around the village. We have arranged a visit to ARK on **Tuesday 30th August at 2.30pm** Please advise one of the committee if you would like to join us. Our next speaker will be Miranda Pender who had to cancel her previous presentation due to the pandemic and we look forward to hearing her stories and verse of 'Lifting the Lid', an insight into her findings whilst searching for her ancestors with some surprising results. We welcome visitors and new members at any time. Our meeting on **20th September** will be held in the **Meeting Room** in the village hall due to refurbishment of the Reading Room. Queries Sue 881805 .

**JUBILEE BOP. On August 20th**, (the evening of the Flower Show) from 8pm - 11pm DJ Roy will be playing music from the 50s, 60s 70s and 80s. Dress as your favourite decade. OPTIONAL. Prize for best dressed. Cash Bar and Raffle. Tickets £8 each or £15 for 2 from Norton Community Shop. Come and relax and have fun - everyone welcome . All in a good cause. Proceeds to the Norton Jubilee Nature Garden. Enquiries or info please contact Jennie Harris 01935 881718

**NORTON MOVIE NITES** at the Lord Nelson starts its autumn season on **Tuesday 13 September** with *The Duke*, cert 12, starring Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent, followed by *Belfast* on **Tuesday 11 October** and *The Electrical Life of Louis Wain* on **Tuesday 8 November**. Looking forward to seeing audiences old and new in the skittle alley.

**NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING** Date for the diary – **10.45am on 28th September at Luccotts in Higher Street.** The theme for the table top/bring and buy sale is “Harvest Produce”, so if you’ve been busy in the garden over the summer perhaps you could bring some fruits of your labour 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Hale and Sophie Snow

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH - 2022 PULMAN LECTURE** **Thursday 29th September 7:00pm for 7:30pm in St Mary the Virgin church, Norton-sub-Hamdon.** The Reverend James Pulman was a past vicar and resident of Norton-sub-Hamdon and, in recognition of the wide and full contribution he made to the village and the wider community over many years, the Friends of Norton Church aim to provide a talk each year in his name on a suitable subject in the church. Over the years a wide variety of informative and interesting talks have been covered and we aim to recommence the series on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** with the current benefice holder, Reverend Nick Clarke, providing his entertaining, illustrated talk on the “uniform changes” he has made from making “collars” to wearing the same. Further details will be provided in the September editions but for now please reserve the date in your diaries.

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** will be having a break during August, but will be back in the Reading Room in September. Looking forward to seeing everyone then - in the meantime hope you all have a great summer! Tricia 882646

**THE RNLI AND FNC** The Friends of Norton Church Committee would like to thank all those who supported the talk on 1<sup>st</sup> July on the Lifeboat Operations at Lyme Regis and in so doing assisting the work of both the RNLI and the FNC. The RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager, Nick Marks, delivered an entertaining, interesting and, at times, emotional presentation – I think John Lewis has some real competition from the Lyme RNLI with their Christmas video! Nick’s tales of unplanned ‘daring do’ (aka tombstoning) that went wrong without backup plans, to even the very best laid fallback plans of the deaf fisherman who could not talk, and ended up needing the help of the lifeboat crews, were a timely summer reminder of how unforgiving the sea can be. Covering the history of lifeboats at Lyme, the crews and their training and examples of their work, the evening proved highly enjoyable and raised very welcome contributions to the RNLI and towards the ongoing maintenance of St Mary the Virgin church.

**JUBILEE NATURE GARDEN.** So excited and thrilled with the recent news from the Diocese, that they are

generously funding the next stage of work in the garden.

Hopefully the work will take place during the summer school vacation. Two paths with access for the disabled will be installed, and the concrete platform for the picnic tables will be made good.

Also the ground will be prepared ready for the grass seed with wild flowers to be sown in

September/October and more trees to be planted.

Many thanks to Ian Rumbelow and Iain Fifer for erecting the paling fence on a very very hot morning - much appreciated. Also many thanks to Kelvin Morris for sorting the benches and picnic tables, and for all the help from Roger Waters and Chris and Helen for their watering during this heatwave.

A big Thank you! The Woodland Trust will be donating a bare-rooted nature hedge to be planted in November by the paling. Any donations of bulbs and help with planting in the Autumn please! We’re looking for English Blue bells, if anyone has any, to plant near the kissing gate as it is quite shady there. Also needed are a few pallets for the Youth Club to build a Bug Hotel – we would be most grateful. While the contractors are at work the garden will be closed! Hope you will all enjoy this lovely open space. Lynn Orchard. Tel 01935 882 602

**NORTON CHURCH Services for August: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer 9.30am, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Communion 9.30am, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Evensong 6.00pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Said Communion 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 07485789968

**NORTON CHURCH COUNCIL** would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Norton Festival Gardens Open Event on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July which raised £603.96 for Norton Church. This was the last of three Gardens Open Sundays and everyone involved, including Hosts, Stewards and Caterers, together with Visitors, is thanked for their participation. Richard Terrell (Festival Coordinator)

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB.** The draw results for July 2022 were as follows: Nicky Brodie (2), Penny Cudmore, John Forrest, Barry Eastley, David Batstone, Jennie Harris, Rowena Aalsey, Richard Raven and Robert Vaux. To join the club contact Mary Batstone on 882644 or email [marybatstone@gmail.com](mailto:marybatstone@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** Barry and Karen (Eastley) would like to say thank you to the kind person who left flowers and wine on their doorstep in July. Unfortunately a card could not be found so Karen embarrassingly thanked a neighbour who knew nothing about it!! If this was the wrong doorstep please do let us know as we have not yet opened the bottle! Maybe it was to celebrate the birth of our new grandson? Please do get in touch so we can thank you personally - or return the wine!

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JULY 2022

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

**Planning:** There were no planning applications to discuss in July.

**Landowners:** Do you have a footpath running through your land? 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.

**WALKERS - Footpaths: 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.

**Playground:** The upgrade to the play area in Norton Rec is now starting to take shape (in fact, by the time you read this it may well be open!) We currently have a slight delay – due to the heat! (not very often you can say that in this country!!) The new equipment is in but the rubber surface that will be installed cannot be laid in hot weather, hence the delay in re-opening. The play area has to then pass a number of safety tests. Once this is all complete the play area will be open!

**Bonfires:** I have received numerous complaints about people lighting bonfires in their gardens (Higher Street and New Road in particular) which are then left to burn for days. There also seems to be a number of people who are 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.

**Footpath by the church:** Steve Collier has made a magnificent job in restoring the original kissing gate and railings on the footpath that runs beside the church and the jubilee gardens. The Parish Council felt it was important that the area was completed with a larger gate made to match the railings, which would allow easy access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. After much consideration, the Parish Council have therefore commissioned Steve to make the gate.

**Privacy to others with CCTV in your home:** The Parish Council have received concerns from residents regarding neighbours CCTV and their privacy. There are many domestic CCTV systems on the market to help you protect your home. If you're thinking of using one, you need to make sure you do so in a way that respects other people's privacy.

If you set up your system so it captures only images within the boundary of your private domestic property (including your garden), then the data protection laws will not apply to you.

But what if your system captures images of people outside the boundary of your private domestic property – for example, in neighbours' homes or gardens, shared spaces, or on a public footpath or a street? Then the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA18) will apply to you, and you will need to ensure your use of CCTV complies with these laws. This guidance refers to them as the 'data protection laws'.

Regardless of whether or not your use of CCTV falls within the data protection laws, the ICO recommends you use it responsibly to protect the privacy of others. To find out more, please read:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-cctv-using-cctv-systems-on-your-property/domestic-cctv-using-cctv-systems-on-your-property>

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST.** The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022** (a week earlier than normal), starting at 7.30pm. 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 GARDENING CLUB** There's no formal meeting in August, but on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** there's a talk on: "Gardens of the Rich and Famous"! Do come along to find out more - new members always welcome, and your first visit is free. Plant sales; Raffle; Refreshments. Stoke-sub-Hamdon **Memorial Hall; doors open 7.15 p.m.** Enquiries: Club Secretary – [secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com)

**STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP and South Somerset Oil Painters Autumn Art Exhibition** We are pleased to announce that Stoke sub Hamdon Village Artist Group and South Somerset Oil Painters are coming together to hold an exhibition of their members' work. Come and be amazed at the artistic talent in your very midst on view on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022, in the Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon. Some of the art will be for sale and refreshments will be available from 11.00am -16.00 hrs. Spruce up your living room wall with a new painting. Malcolm Uhlhorn 01935 829513

**YEOVIL ROTARY CLUB** invites you to a Charity Fundraising Dinner and Presentation on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm for 7.00pm** at Long Sutton Golf Course, Long Load, Langport TA10 9JU **The Jubilee Pageant Float Build up, Entry and Experience by Guest Speaker Chris Hocking**, Project Director of Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival. 2 course meal and coffee £20pp. Advance Bookings only. Email [brianmurraylls@aol.com](mailto:brianmurraylls@aol.com) or contact a member of the Rotary Club. Proceeds to Bridgwater Carnival, The Rotary Foundation and other needy charitable causes.

**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](mailto:info@hamdonchurch.co.uk) Paul & Naomi, Matt & Hannah and Rachel

#### **ONE OFF ADS:**

**KEEP FIT CLASSES IN NORTON** A fun and enjoyable class for over 50's - 10.00 – 11.00am Thursdays term time starting in September. Contact Nicky Barker on 01458 252429

**DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN** My name is Mika. I'm 17 and I'm an A Level drama student with experience teaching year 6 drama classes at Elmhurst school in Street. I am planning to run some drama sessions during August (exact dates to be confirmed). These will be available for any children around primary school age! The sessions are likely to

take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings and be 2 hours long, including a 10 minute break halfway through (with refreshments provided). There will be an option to stay for the whole session (£10 per child) or just the first hour (£5 per child). The first hour will consist of different drama games and fun acting activities, while the second hour will focus on developing some simple devising skills. Please email [mikariley@gmail.com](mailto:mikariley@gmail.com) or call 07384 618759 if you are interested.

**BABY SITTING / PET SITTING AND DOG WALKING SERVICES** Hello. My name is Georgiana Riley. I am 15 years old and am caring, compassionate and I get good grades at school! I am available any weekday and most weekends, including Saturday nights during August. I charge from £7 an hour. My email address is [rileygeorgiana@gmail.com](mailto:rileygeorgiana@gmail.com) and my phone number is 07493 822748.

#### **VILLAGE EVENTS**

Tuesday 2 August Movie Nites AGM Lord Nelson 7.30pm  
Tuesday 9 August Mobile Library Van Higher Street 2.30pm  
Saturday 20 August Flower Show Parade 2.00pm, Rec 2.30pm  
Saturday 20 August Jubilee Bop Rec Marquee 8.00pm  
Monday 5 September Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 13 September Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm  
Tuesday 20 September Ladies Group Village Hall 7.30pm  
Wednesday 28 September Village Coffee Morning Luccots 10.45am  
Friday 29 September FNC Pulman Lecture Village Hall 7.30pm  
Saturday 15 October Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir Church

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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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