

## NORTON NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022 ISSUE 527

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

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

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**KATY'S BAKES @ THE READING ROOM** Thank you all for your ongoing support. The summer holidays have been busy. Opening hours are **Tuesday-Fridays 10.00-4.00**. I will be **closed 13th of September till 23rd of September. Back open Tuesday the 27th**. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. To book a table phone 01935 881505 or email [ktparsons12@hotmail.com](mailto:ktparsons12@hotmail.com).

**CALL TO ACTION – JUBILEE NATURE PARK VOLUNTEERS.** A dramatic transformation has taken place in the Jubilee Nature Park this year, starting with the clearance of scrub, ash saplings and brambles. This is thanks to the hard work and funding by volunteers, and the Diocese who funded the concrete paths and rough grading of the soil in preparation for seed sowing. The seed mix will be a mixture of short native fescue grasses suitable for summer drought and short growth and mixed with short wildflowers such as daisies, selfheal, white clover and birds foot trefoil. In the central area they will be mown lightly to form a flowering lawn – perfect for picnics. The outer margins of the area will be sown with taller biennials and perennials such as foxgloves, red campion, buttercups, greater willowherb and teasels. The spaces between the benches will be planted with perennial herbs for all to use. The fruit trees are flourishing, thanks to the dedication of Lynn Orchard and helpers watering them regularly. We hope the park will be a sustainable place for both wildlife and people to thrive. We need more volunteers for the next step. Now the weather is cooler, we would like you to join the Saturday work parties with rakes, forks, secateurs and wheelbarrows to break up the clods, rake out the stones, cut off exposed tree roots and level the ground in preparation for seed sowing. We also need donations of native and naturalistic bulbs and plants such as snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, bluebells, cowslips and primroses and herbs such as chives, oregano, thyme and rosemary. Contact Kath Crouch on 07594 574150

or Lynn Orchard on 01935 882602 for further details or turn up with your tools to help on **Saturdays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10am till 12** if the weather is fair.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Tuesday 6th September 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 6 September**

**THE READING ROOM** - Waterstones @ The Reading Room returned to the village over the Glastonbury weekend. Both local residents and visitors to Norton enjoyed browsing the wide variety of books brought along by Marcus Bishop, Manager of Waterstones Yeovil, and all topped up their summer reading. Over £480 of books were sold and the Reading Room will put its share into maintaining the fabric of the building. Please note the Reading Room will be closed from the **12th to 26th September** for renovation work.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES AT THE LORD NELSON.** The autumn season starts at **7.30pm on Tuesday 13th September** with *The Duke* (cert 12, 96 mins), a delightful, gentle comedy starring Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent. Tickets at £5 on sale in Norton Shop from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES, CHAIR REVIEW OF 2021–2022.** We ran a full programme of six shows again. Whoopee! We have two film suppliers (Moviola and Filmbank) available as options, but this season have used only Moviola. Many thanks to the Box Office (Norton Shop), Norton Newsletter, Parish Magazine, and The Hambook continuing to provide excellent support in terms of selling and promoting our events. Many thanks also to Helen and Mark, our wonderful hosts at the Lord Nelson. We have purchased new equipment as needed and have always seen our equipment as a community resource. Hirings continued to be promoted throughout the year, but were minimal due to lockdown. We look forward to getting together again in the skittle alley on **Tuesday 13th September**. None of this would be possible without the support of a great committee and, of course, you, our audience. New members of the team will be very welcome – come and join

us. See you all again in September. John Bailey, Chair, NMN.

**LADIES GROUP** A very big thank you to all who helped serve teas and baked a cake for the flower show - you can always be relied upon to help out when and where you can. Our next meeting on **Tuesday 20th September** will be held in the meeting room in the **Village Hall**, (the Reading Room is being refurbished). We welcome Miranda Pender, who will give us an insight into what she discovered about her ancestors, when she researched her family tree. She will do this not only by word, but song, accompanied by her guitar. Entitled, "Lifting the Lid" this should be an entertaining evening with some surprises along the way. Please come along, visitors and new members are always welcome for a 7.30pm start. Queries Sue 881805

**HAMDON YOUTH GROUP** committee will hold its AGM at **7.30 pm on Thursday 22nd September** in the Meeting Room, **Norton Village Hall**. Come along to hear how our excellent youth workers and volunteers have been helping the young people in our community during these difficult times, and what plans are afoot for the year ahead. If you would like to attend, please contact John Bailey on 01935 881227 or 07887 483665 or [johnbailey19@googlemail.com](mailto:johnbailey19@googlemail.com).

**NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS** The first coffee morning of the season to be held on **28th September at Luccotts**, Jennie and Malcolm Reid's home, and will be reviewed in the next edition. October's date for the diary is **10.45am on Wednesday 26th October at Rocklands House, Little Street**. The theme for the table top/bring and buy sale is "Chocolate" and a raffle will be held too. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. We are looking for venues for next year, please kindly let one of us know if you're interested in hosting a coffee morning. Sophie Hale (881521) and Sophie Snow (881099)

**FROM COCKPIT TO PULPIT** The story of a career that started with patrolling London's streets as a Bobby on the beat, moved to patrolling the world's seas and skies as a pilot and ship's captain in the Royal Navy, moving on to command four Police and Air Ambulance units in the South West before becoming our Rector. The Friends of Norton Church are delighted to confirm that the Reverend Nick Clarke will provide an illustrated account of his passage from "Hendon to Hamdon" on **Thursday 29th September commencing at 7:00pm for 7:30pm in St Mary the Virgin Church, Norton-sub-Hamdon. Tickets at £5 are on sale in the Norton shop and on the door on the night**. A cash wine and soft drink

refreshments bar will be available with all proceeds going to support the fabric of the church

### **NORTON "BOUNDS" BREAKFAST**

**WALK Saturday 22 October 2022 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 1/2 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 £10.00/head. Please book direct with the Pub beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries contact John Bailey (01935 881227)

**FESTIVAL SUCCESS** The 2022 Norton Festival of Gardens ran on three Sunday afternoons in May, June and July. They were a most successful social event for the village and a valuable fundraiser for Norton Parish Church. Individual hosts were informed of the amount raised on their particular day but over the Season the Parish Church benefitted by the magnificent sum of £2,202.66. Sixteen Garden Hosts were involved and three groups of Musical Entertainers. Special thanks go to them for all the effort they made to entertain their visitors and to provide some wonderful garden settings. It is reckoned that for each Sunday more than thirty volunteers were involved either 'up front' or 'behind the scenes' – stewarding, scones baking, cream teas serving etc etc. Our grateful thanks to everyone who gave up so much of their time. Norton Parish Church is most grateful for all the support it receives from the village and beyond. It is pleased to continue to serve the community and looks forward to welcoming you again. Richard Terrell Festival Coordinator. PS Do see the things we get up to by logging on to [www.nortonfestival.org](http://www.nortonfestival.org)

### **NORTON AND CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW**

It was wonderful to have our traditional flower show back again thanks to the heroic efforts of the committee and their helpers. After the very moving musical pageant through Norton's streets what a fantastic array of produce – flowers, vegetables, arts and crafts in the two marquees and the bustling variety of all the stalls. A full report of the Flower Show will appear in next month's edition.

### **FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB.**

The draw results for August 2022 were as follows: Brian Frosdick, Jeremy Reid, David Batstone, Steve Hill, Malcolm Reid, Barry Eastley, Sue More, Peter Prager, Tim & Pam Williams and Don & Jill Berrington. To join the club contact Mary

Batstone on 882644 or email  
[marybatstone@gmail.com](mailto:marybatstone@gmail.com)

**MRS. MARIE KENNY.** It is with great sorrow and sadness that I have to say farewell, to my friendie Marie. On Thursday August 18th, she passed away at her cottage in the village. Marie had not been well for a couple of years, and she slowly went downhill. She had dementia, and other problems. She was determined to stay at home, and not go into a 'B..... Old Peoples 'Home' as she would say. Her family were determined to do what they could and, other than a couple of necessary visits to Yeovil Hospital, they made her very comfortable at home. She had some amazing carers who treated her as if she was one of their family and made her life happy. She also had end-of-life care, and she was treated with love and dignity. There is so much I could tell you about Marie, but I will just mention a few things - her love for her dogs, and her walks with them, meeting people and chatting, working in the Village Shop, again meeting people. Sewing - she enjoyed doing repairs for people, altering, and making etc. She also made all the costumes for Norton Pantomimes from the first one in 2006 up to and including 2018. She loved watching TV, and did a lot of reading and crosswords up until she became ill. She loved going out for meals etc - often at the Lord Nelson, where Mark and Helen always made sure her favourite 'Profiteroles' were on the menu.(or else they would be told off - haha. ) So so much more to say, but finally Marie did like her choc chip cookies, and the 'occasional' cigarette. bless her. This lady will be missed so much, not only by her lovely family, but by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Also by my family, my daughter Zoe and my grandchildren, whom she used to look after, pick up from school, etc, and she will always be Auntie Marie to them. I will miss you so much Mar..... even your moaning, and bossing me about. R.I.P. my friendie - Noel will be waiting for you. All my love to you from your mate Jennie Pennie...xxx

**NORTON CHURCH Services for September**  
**Sunday 4th** Morning Prayer **9.30am**, **Sunday 11th** Morning Communion **9.30am**, **Sunday 18th** Evensong **6.00pm**, **Wednesday 28th** 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

**HYMNS AND FOOD INVITED** Parishioners are invited to request Harvest hymns to sing at the **9.30am** All Age Service of Harvest Praise on **Sunday 2nd October**. Request Forms are in the Shop and Church and need to be submitted by **Friday 23rd September**. Parishioners are also invited to bring to the Service a Thanksgiving Gift of non-perishable food which will be donated to

The Lord's Larder to assist people finding it hard to feed themselves.

**TINKERS BUBBLE SEASONAL HARVEST BANQUET!** A delicious three course banquet will be served on **Friday 23rd September from 6pm** in **Chiselborough Village hall**. Join us for a wonderful evening celebrating the end of summer, coming together to share beautiful food as autumn encroaches. Each dish will be an ode to this season's harvest, with ingredients grown and foraged at Tinkers Bubble or sourced locally. Tickets cost £35 and spaces are limited. To book a place at the table please contact Megan on 07800917463 or at [mwilloughby29@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mwilloughby29@hotmail.co.uk).

**TINKERS BUBBLE OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER** We are glad to invite you to our annual open day on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. There will be tours of our gardens, woodland and houses, and opportunities to talk with residents about what we get up to. We haven't yet planned all the details, but hope that we will also have food and drink available for purchase (including Tinkers Bubble cider and cider vinegar), and demonstrations of some of our crafts. We will publish details, including updated timings, on our website. Have a look at [www.tinkersbubble.org/Events](http://www.tinkersbubble.org/Events)

**COVID VACCINATION MARSHAL VOLUNTEERS.** In September the next phase of COVID vaccinations will start and is expected to run through to the end of December 2022. As in previous programmes, the Martock surgery will act as a vaccination hub for our four local area practices. It will also provide support to the national booking system. It is anticipated the hub will be operating **09:00-13:00 and 14:00-18:00** three days a week on **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays**, with patients being called to appointments in these times. To support the practice and other health staff undertaking the vaccinations, volunteer marshals are being sought. The marshals provide support for car parking, wheelchair assistance, and direction to patients etc in 2 hour slots when they are available and are provided with yellow jackets, and full briefings. If you feel you can spare time to act as a volunteer marshal during any of these periods or would like further information then please contact Paul Harding; the Chair of the Martock and South Petherton Patient Participation Group on his e-mail [chair.msppg@gmail.com](mailto:chair.msppg@gmail.com) and provide Paul with a contact e-mail and telephone details.

**STOKE-SUB-HAMDON GARDENING CLUB**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September:** "Gardens of the Rich and Famous" talk by David Moon. Come along and find inspiration to renew your garden in the cooler Autumn weather. New members are

always welcome, and your first visit is free. Plant sales; Raffle; Refreshments. Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall: - doors open **7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.** Enquiries: Club Secretary – [secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com)

### **STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP and SOMERSET OIL PAINTERS**

**AUTUMN ART EXHIBITION** We are pleased to announce that Stoke sub Hamdon Village Artist Group and Somerset Oil Painters are working together to bring you 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 01 935 829513

### **MARTOCK CHURCH EVENT - Chinese Boxing**

An intriguing one-man show giving a perspective of Chinese history around the Boxer Revolution

from the three characters, all of whom charm the audience in their own way, each present their particular – and authentic – view of the events, without quite realising how interconnected they each are as individuals. **Event:** Chinese Boxing **Date:** Thursday 13 October 2022 **Venue address:** Martock Church; TA12 6JL **Performance time:** 7:30pm **Admission fee:** Tickets: £12 or £10 at: [guardianstickets@gmail.com](mailto:guardianstickets@gmail.com)/ Martock Gallery/ Martock Newsagent **Website:**[www.martockonline.co.uk/events](http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events) <https://chineseboxing.co.uk/>

**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

### **VILLAGE EVENTS**

Saturday 3 September Jubilee Nature Park 10.00am  
Monday 5 September Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 6 September Mobile Library Higher Street 2.30pm  
Saturday 10 September Jubilee Nature Park 10.00am  
Tuesday 13 September Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.30pm  
Tuesday 20 September Ladies Group **Village Hall** 7.30pm  
Thursday 22 September Hamdon Youth Group AGM Village Hall 7.30pm  
Wednesday 28 September Village Coffee Morning Luccots 10.45am  
Thursday 29 September FNC Pulman Lecture Church 7.30pm  
Saturday 1 October Tinkers Bubble Open Day  
Saturday 15 October Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir Church  
Saturday 22 October Bounds Walk Meet at Lord Nelson 8.30am  
Wednesday 26 October Village Coffee Morning Rocklands House 10.45am

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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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