

NORTON NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023 ISSUE 541

Important Announcement regarding this Newsletter

Norton newsletter will finish in its present format at the end of December 2023. If you value the newsletter and all that it means to the village of Norton then consider attending our AGM on **8th November at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**. We are a very small committee who have worked for a considerable time quietly in the background to produce our monthly newsletter and now we are asking for your help if it is to continue. We need you - the people of Norton to come forward with ideas and suggestions on how to avoid losing our monthly village news. Please attend - we are open to suggestions. Thank you. Pamela Rastall Treasurer

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/>

VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE.
<http://nshvillagehall.co.uk>

ADVERTS AT END OF THIS NEWSLETTER:
Accommodation in Norton and Community Caring Service plus a one off ad for help with bins.

MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE SALON I would just like to say thank you for all your constant support at The Village Salon. It's such a lovely and friendly village to work in. Could I remind clients that we are approaching the festive season and it would be a good idea to book your appointments early to avoid disappointment. Many thanks Lisa Doble

NORTON AND CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW AGM 5TH OCTOBER 2023 Fifteen members of the public attended the AGM. There were reports from the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The current Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Event Co-ordinator all resigned. Four new committee members were voted on but no one wanted to take on the "executive" roles. These roles need to be filled if the Flower Show is to run in 2024. The former committee members have all volunteered to be on hand to help, support and guide any new members. If you would like to take on any of the key roles, please email Anne Fairweather, who will pass on your

details to the new committee.
e.fairweather1@btinternet.com

Chairman's report for year ended 2023 The Flower Show year started with the plant sale in May. There were lots of interesting stalls and the beautiful weather drew in a large crowd. We made the impressive sum of £983. The committee worked tirelessly to organise both events. Due to the high costs attributed to having two marquees last year we scaled back to one marquee to make savings to be able to fund a similar level of entertainers as last year. The show started with a spectacular seven foot puppet leading a fantastic samba band "collecting" supporters on their way from the Lord Nelson to the show. The aim of the show was to build on the success of last year which worked well as noted by yet another record gate receipts and a very health tea refreshment total. A special thanks must go to the Ladies Group for their sterling efforts, both at the Flower Show and at the Plant Sale and to all the growers for the plant sale. The show desperately needs support and in particular new committee members to bring new ideas to develop the show and take it to the next level. It is to be hoped that people will come forward for these roles. A list of these posts was made available in the meeting. A special thanks also to our Patrons and their financial contributions to our funds. The show costs a lot to stage and we are going to have to look at extra fundraising next year if the show is to continue in its present format. After all costs and income are taken into account the show made a loss of just over £897.25.

CHURCH FLAG The George Cross flag will be flown from the Church Tower on **1st and 2nd November** for All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Also on **12th November** the Union flag will be flown for Remembrance Sunday and again on **14th November** for the Birthday of His Majesty the King.

IT HELP AT THE READING ROOM. We will be in the **Reading Room on Saturday 4th November** from **10.30 to 12.30** to offer help with any small problems you may be experiencing with your phones/iPads etc. No matter how small the problem may seem, just drop in, have a cup of tea or coffee and hopefully we can help with such things as internet searching, online shopping, and banking, downloading and using apps (eg for parking), using voice if typing is a chore etc etc. There is no charge, but a small donation to the Reading Room maintenance fund would be appreciated. This is a one off session, but if there is demand, it could become a more regular event.

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be in the **Reading Room on Monday 6th and 20th November** between **1.30 and 3.30pm**. Come and join us for a friendly chat whilst we work on our own projects. £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Contact Tricia Walton on 882646 for more details.

THE GODS ARE ALL HERE Sparked by the discovery of a series of letters from his father in Nigeria to his mother in Wales, this is a moving, funny and warm hearted, one-man performance from first-class storyteller, Phil Okwedy. **Friday 10th November, 7:30pm Norton Village Hall.** Tickets £10 from Norton Shop. A HamstoneLive event.

MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB. The Mobile Library will call in **Chiselborough** opposite the Hall on **Tuesday 14th November** from **1.10–1.50pm** and in Higher Street, **Norton** from **2.00–2.25pm**. The book club will meet on that same day but contact Janet Hutton on 881566 or Anne Fairweather on 882620 for venue details and times etc or if you would like to join our friendly book club.

JOHN PEEL'S SHED In 2002, John Osborne won a box of records in a competition on John Peel's Radio 1 show. This highly acclaimed storytelling show is an ode to radio, those records that were once owned by John Peel, and anyone who's ever sought solace in wireless. **Saturday 18th November, 8pm at the Lord Nelson.** Tickets £11 from the shop and the pub. A Hamdon Ha! Ha! event.

LADIES GROUP James Crowden, local author, gave an interesting presentation on Poets and Authors of Somerset. He told us of the many talented people, poets, philosophers, pirates, novelists and even an eccentric clergyman who have graced our county from

1500 to the present day. A boules match was arranged on 10th October - luckily the weather held out and the two teams Reds and Yellows tried enthusiastically to be our first Boules champions. This accolade finally went to the Yellows who scored 12 points, while 8 points were scored by the Reds. We made our own rules on this occasion, as we had to finish before taking tea and cake at Katy's Cafe! This was the last Boules session of the season, but all is not lost as we shall be competing again at 10 pin bowling on **Wednesday 15th November**. Please contact Sue if you wish to come along - non members are welcome too. Our Christmas Party will be held on **6th December** - if any member has not listed their name and wishes to come along please contact Sue. More details will be given at our next meeting in November. Our annual trip to Wells this year **13th December** is very popular, when we can visit the market then have lunch and finally carols in the Cathedral. Please ensure you have your name on the list if you wish to come along - spaces will be subject to availability and Non members will be welcome too. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 21st November** when we welcome back Richard Kay who will give a presentation entitled "How can a pile of bricks be a work of art". This should be very interesting and delivered in his own informative and amusing way. Why not come along, you won't be disappointed. Non members are always welcome -£2.00 per visit including refreshments. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

NORTON MOVIE NITES at the Lord Nelson on Tuesday 21st November. Brighten up the start of winter with **Barbie** (12A, 114 mins), starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling. Barbie suffers a crisis that leads her to question the world and her existence in it. An affectionate satire and comic celebration of the plastic icon. (Please note this is not our usual second Tuesday of the month date at the movies). Tickets at £5 on sale in Norton Shop from Monday 6th November. **Doors open 7.45pm, film starts 8 pm.**

NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE

MORNINGS Thank you to everyone who came along, jigsaws, books, DVD's and games in hand, to the September coffee morning held at Pentle House in Little Norton. It was a terrific turnout, with lots of new faces there, and over £310 was raised. Thank you Nic and Kevin for hosting such a successful event in your wonderful new home; it was a perfect venue. A note on the October coffee morning held at Pam and Mike Rastall'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 22nd November**. The theme for the raffle and table top/bring and buy sale is "It's Christmas!". First prize for the raffle will be a Christmas hamper, so do come along! Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Sophie Hale and Sophie Snow

THE TRIANGLE TRUST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at Stoke Memorial Hall, on **Saturday December 2nd, 11am-2pm**. All usual stalls. Raffle, refreshments, and more. More information from David Warry at Montacute Garage, or phone him on 01935 822271. All proceeds to Hamdon Medical Centre, to buy equipment to support patients of the centre.

TINKERS BUBBLE WREATH MAKING! **Friday 8th December, 6-9pm, AT Chiselborough Village Hall**. Please join us again this year for an evening of merriment and creativity. Together we will be making beautiful 100% compostable festive wreaths. We will learn how to weave hazel withies and decorate them with beautiful foraged foliage. To book a space please contact Meg by emailing mwilloughby29@hotmail.co.uk or messaging 07933 950911. £20 per wreath made, spaces are limited. See you there!

TABLE TOP SALE AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL TA14 6SF on **Saturday December 9th 10 – 1pm**. A chance to sort out your unwanted items in time for Christmas. **Doors open at 10.00 am**. Tables will be provided at £10 each to hire. Contact Jennie Harris to book a table. 01935 881718. Profit all yours. Sellers set up from 9am. There will be refreshments. Teas, cakes etc. Everyone welcome. Proceeds go to Norton Village Hall, towards future decorating costs.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING You are warmly invited to come along and sing/play Christmas Carols in the **Jubilee Garden at 6.30pm on Thursday December 21st**. Please bring a torch and some loose change and help us collect for Shelter Box, an excellent West Country Charity who help to aid the many displaced people in earthquake, flood and disaster zones. You are welcome to continue around a short village route and end by singing in the Lord Nelson, by kind invitation of Helen and Mark. Also, Bill and Cilla and friends will be playing outside Norton Shop on a couple of occasions

during the previous week to start their collection. Thank you

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB. The draw results for October 2023 were as follows: Jane Ashdown (2) Rowena Aley (2), David Parkinson, Jenny Byham, David Batstone, Nicky Brodie, Barry Eastley and Jennie Harris. To join the wine club contact Mary Batstone on 07967604681 or email marybatstone@gmail.com

NORTON CHURCH Services for November: **Sunday 5th 9.30am** Morning Prayer **Sunday 12th 10.50am** Service of Remembrance **Sunday 19th 6.00pm** Evensong **Wednesday 22nd 9.00am** Said Communion. Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website www.hamhillchurches.org and Church notice boards. Rev Nick Clarke 07485789968

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM A special Service of Remembrance will be held in Norton Church at **10.50am on Sunday 12th November** to remember all, from the village, who served their country during two World Wars and other conflicts. This is a Civic Occasion and all are invited.

JUBILEE GARDEN. Once again, many thanks to all that come along and help in anyway. Please feel free to plant bulbs up at the top bank in front of the picket fencing. Hopefully we will have a good show come the Spring. **A date for your diary. Thursday 21st December Carol Singing around the Christmas tree at 6.30pm in the Jubilee garden**. Bring a torch and wear warm clothing, also some loose change for the collection boxes. There will be a short tour around the village finishing at the Lord Nelson for a warming drink and possibly a mince pie or two. Lynn Orchard.

ITEMS FOR SALE There's a short list of items with some photographs advertised in the Village Shop. They cover a wide range of children's ages and the recipient Norton organisations of the proceeds are stated. Malcolm Reid

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023 The Parish Council managed to have a successful monthly meeting at the beginning of October.

Planning: There was one planning application this month.

Notification Only: 23/02204/COL

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed conversion of loft space with the installation of 3 no. roof lights on the front roof slope of the dwelling and no. 3 roof lights to the rear

Location: 1 Bramley Cottages Bramley Fields Norton Sub Hamdon. No objections

Tree in Prue's memory: The Parish Council unanimously agreed to plant a Cox's Orange Pippin tree in the recreation field in Prue's memory. Prue was still an active Parish Councillor when she sadly passed away recently. This was one of Prue's favourite apples. The family will be invited to the tree planting which should take place within the next month. **The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023 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**

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB **Wednesday 22nd November**

Please note: this talk was due to take place in October but had to be postponed. Allan Cavill from the National Allotment Society will give a talk on "No Dig Gardening on Allotments". Even if you don't have an allotment (yet) there are sure to be some helpful tips for hopeful growers! mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the talk; plant sales; raffle ***Visitors very welcome – first visit free!*** Venue: The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS have an exciting Art Workshop with local artist Kate Lynch demonstrating creative work in pastels. November 4th 10.00am until 3.00pm at the Memorial Hall Stoke sub Hamdon, free teas & coffee. All welcome, contact us for more details!!

The Village Artists Group is a very friendly group of amateurs who meet at the Stoke Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30 pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time. We share an enjoyment of traditional art at all levels and seek to develop our artistic skills through discussion and an encouraging environment. Should you wish to learn more about our group, please contact Andrew on (01935) 823691, SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group - We look forward to hearing from you.

MERRIOTT SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB is looking for new members for its club in the Village Hall. We meet on **Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9.30pm** and play matches from time to time with other clubs in the area – we play in a relaxed atmosphere, and play to enjoy the game. The club has three mats and can provide woods for those who wish to try their hand; it is a game for all ages, for both men and women, beginners and experienced alike, we play all year round – in the dry! Prospective players are invited to phone the secretary on 01308 862203 or 07956 598894. Rob

HAMDON COMMUNITY CHURCH (HCC)

Look out for us during 2023 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

ADVERTISEMENTS:

ACCOMMODATION. Annex to charming cottage in centre of Norton sub Hamdon available informally for visiting friends & family of local residents. Double bedroom, private shower room, sitting room & fully equipped kitchen for self catering. £65 a night. Minimum 2 nights. (Small single room also could be available for extra £20 a night) 01935 881233 or email: woodiana39@aol.com

ALISON'S HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CARE AT HOME My name is Alison and I have lived in Norton for nearly 4 years now. I am starting up a Care at Home service, and will be offering services in the home for anyone who is in need of help in the surrounding villages. I am quite prepared to be adaptable and undertake a range of duties to include help around the house, shopping, companionship, dog walking, personal care if necessary and can also help with any administrative tasks. I have a clean driving licence, DBS Certificate, Safeguarding Certificates. If you think you might be interested, please contact me on 07544 683 873 or email Alisonshomecare@outlook.com and I can arrange a visit to discuss your specific requirements.

ONE OFF ADVERT: Wanted - help with bins Any responsible teenagers looking for weekly pocket money (£10 per week) that could help with taking bins in and out on Broadmead Lane. Please call or text Nicola 07876 338 660.

Village Diary of Events

Saturday 4 November IT Event Reading Room 10.30am
Monday 6 November Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm
Wednesday 8 November Newsletter AGM Reading Room 7.30pm
Friday 10 November 'The Gods Are All Here' one-man-show Village Hall 7.30pm
Monday 13 November Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Saturday 18 November 'John Peel's Shed' Comedy Lord Nelson 8.00pm
Monday 20 November Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 21 November Ladies Group Reading Room 7.30pm
Tuesday 21 November Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Wednesday 22 November Village Coffee morning The Hollies 10.45am
Wednesday 6 December Ladies Group Christmas Party
Saturday 9 December Table Top Sale Village Hall 10.00am
Sunday 10 December Festival Christmas Concert 3.00pm
Thursday 21 December Carol Singing in Jubilee Garden 6.30pm

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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