

## NORTON NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023 ISSUE 533

### NORTON SHOP WEBSITE:

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

### FESTIVAL WEBSITE: [https://](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/>

### VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE.

[enquire.nshvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:enquire.nshvillagehall@outlook.com)

**START OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME.** Please remember that the clocks go forward by one hour at **1.00am on Sunday, 26th March.**

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** will be meeting in the **Reading Room on Monday 6th and 20th March** between **1.30 and 3.30pm**. Anyone is welcome to join us for some friendly crafting and a natter. Even if you're not working on anything at the moment you may find inspiration from someone else's work! £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. For more information contact Tricia on 882646.

**MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB.** The Mobile Library will call in **Chiselborough** opposite the Hall on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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 details of venue and times etc or if you would like to join our friendly book club

**THE READING ROOM AGM** will be held in the **Reading Room on Friday 10th March at 6.00pm**. All are welcome to come and find out what the Committee has been doing in 2022 and our plans for 2023. You can see what the Reading Room has to offer for your meeting/group or party, including the fully equipped kitchen. The room will be open from **5.30pm** for you to browse the many donated books (£1.50 - £2.50 for paperbacks and £2.00 - £3.00 for hardbacks) or just to look around. Tricia Walton, Secretary

**THE READING ROOM COMMITTEE** is delighted to announce it has successfully won

a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. Chrissie Way, our fabulous Treasurer, worked hard to win the award which will go towards replacing the sloping roof over the kitchen and hallway. In addition, the ventilation in the kitchen and the outside guttering will be improved. We will be doing some additional fundraising throughout the year – the first event will be a **Pub Quiz in The Lord Nelson on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. Come and join us for what is sure to be a fun evening! The Committee is also hoping to find someone who could help us with our Social Media profile. If there is someone willing to give up a few hours to advise us and help set up these accounts please contact us on [nortonrr.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:nortonrr.bookings@gmail.com). This may be something for one or two of the younger members of the Village! Congratulations to Norma who won the 'guess the number of dog treats in the jar' competition. The exact number was 151. Thank you to all those who entered. Tricia Walton, Secretary.

### NORTON MOVIE NITES at the Lord

**Nelson, Tuesday 14th March.** *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* (cert PG, 155 mins) stars Lesley Manville and Isabell Huppert. A cleaning lady is determined to enter the world of haute couture and get herself a Dior dress. Tickets at £5 on sale in Norton Shop from 20 February. Doors open 7.45 for start at 8 pm.

**JUMBLE SALE.** There will be a Spring Jumble Sale to be held in **Norton Village Hall on Saturday March 18th**. Lots of preloved and unwanted items, inc. clothes, shoes, bags, books, toys, bric à brac, and much more. Also refreshments, tea/ coffee and cakes. **Doors open 11am**. Admission 50p.

Proceeds to be shared between Village Hall, and Norton Community Shop. We will be at the hall on Friday 17th between 4 and 7 to receive donations. Thank you. (Enquiries: Jennie Harris 01935 881718.)

**LADIES GROUP** We enjoyed another successful Ten Pin Bowling trip and we now have a new champion - Diane took over the top spot from Gwen, closely followed by Karen. It was a fun and relaxing afternoon - one we shall repeat more often especially during the winter months. I will report on our February meeting and theatre outing in the next issue - both are a few days away at the time of writing. We shall have a girls night out

to see *Cruising Through the Menopause* at the Octagon on **1st March**, a hilarious (we hope) feel-good musical, a funny heartfelt story to make us laugh (or cry) with popular songs, although not as we know them. On

**Wednesday 15th March** we are off to Somerset Museum and Castle in Taunton, for a little culture in our lives. Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 21st March** in the **Reading Room at 7.30pm** with wine and nibbles. We look back on the previous year and forward to our programme for 23/24. We shall hold a raffle so if you have anything suitable, please bring it along. This will be an ideal opportunity for those thinking of joining, to get an idea of what's in store for the coming year. We shall be taking subscriptions, £10.00 per year for membership then £1.00 per meeting. You may also pay annual membership at our April meeting if you wish. Visitors pay £2.00 per meeting which includes refreshments. On **Friday 31st March** we are off to the Octagon again, to see *Anything Goes*. Anyone who would like to join us and has not put their name on the list, please contact Sue asap. Queries Sue Lowder 881805

**CANTAMUS CONCERT** Beautiful choral music for spring will be on offer when the very popular Choir, Cantamus, returns to **Norton Church** to give a concert at **7.30pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Their singing is described as 'truly transcendent' and tickets are expected to be snapped up early. So don't delay. Buy today. They are available from the Norton Community Shop at £10.

#### **NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE**

**MORNINGS:** Thank you to everyone who attended the first village coffee morning of 2023. "Arks Edge" was warm and welcoming and we thank Heather and Dennis for their wonderful hospitality. £265 was raised in total from the successful raffle, table top sales and generous donations. The February coffee morning held at Sarah and Ian Murray's home will be reviewed in the next edition. We meet again at **10.45am on 22nd March** at Lindsay and Shaun Clayton's (Elliot's!) home, Hamstones, 16 Broadmead Lane, Norton. The theme for the raffle and table top/bring and buy sale will be "Spring & Easter". Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Sophie Hale and Sophie Snow

**THE NORTON & CHISLEBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW.** Dates for the Diary - **Plant Sale Saturday, May 20th 2-5pm**. The plant sale is later this year, due to the additional bank holidays. But this does give us the

opportunity to hopefully offer more bedding plants as well as vegetables. If you have some space in your greenhouse, please consider growing some plants for us. Please contact us for a list of popular vegetables and flowers. If you are dividing your plants this Spring, any donations would be very welcome. Please contact Sarah Murray on 881883

**Duck Race Sunday 9th July** We plan to hold the duck race again this year, subject to the necessary permissions. Ideally starting late morning and finishing at the Lord Nelson for some live entertainment in the afternoon. Details to follow.

**Flower Show Saturday 19th August 2-5pm.** More information to follow in due course.

**JUBILEE NATURE GARDEN.** Spring is well on its way up at the garden, with Snowdrops and Daffodils in flower. Just waiting a little while for the ground to warm up a bit, to scatter more wild flower seeds on the side by the dead hedge. That will then be left for the Bees and Butterflies. The centre grass will be mown when ready. The herb area is doing well, thanks to a very kind volunteer who weeded it out. You are welcome to help yourselves to any herbs for cooking. Any donations of bird food are always welcome - the birds have been quite hungry these cold days. You will see a sign has been placed underneath the footpath signage on the post at New Road, pointing to the garden. The post has also had rust removed and been painted. Thank you. On a nice sunny day the nature garden is a beautiful spot to take a break, perhaps with a tea or coffee or maybe a take-away from Katy's Café, open Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm. The table tennis will be reinstated just before Easter ready for the school break. Any donations of bats and balls would be useful. Another table and benches will also be put in place for the players. All the Garden needs now is for it to be used and enjoyed by all. Lynn Orchard.

**FOOD SUPPORT** Many people are being helped by donations to The Lord's Larder food bag in the Norton Church. Each week it is emptied and the contents taken to The Lord's Larder in Yeovil. During January 899 people (542 adults and 357 children) were supported, thanks in part to the people of Norton. The Collection Bag is found just inside the church and includes a note of current needs. Please note that The Larder cannot accept donations of fresh fruit or vegetables, frozen products or any out of life food items.

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB.** The draw results for February 2023 were as follows:

Nicky Brodie, Robert Vaux, Rowena Alsey, Heather Hawkins, Jenny Byham, Liz Fish, Jane Ashdown, Jeremy Reid, Richard Raven and Janet Hutton. To join the club contact Mary Batstone on 882644 or email [marybatstone@gmail.com](mailto:marybatstone@gmail.com)

**NORTON CHURCH Services for March:**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer, 9.30am**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Communion 9.30am, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Evensong 6.00pm, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</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

#### **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

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

**Planning:** There were no planning applications to discuss this month.

**S137 Payment:** The Parish Council received two applications for S137 funding. One was from the Reading Room and the other from the CLT shop. The Parish Council were unanimous in their decision to split the finding between the two - £100.00 each. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 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**

We are delighted that Arthur Cole, Head Gardener of 'The Newt', Bruton, will be speaking at Stoke-sub-Hamdon Gardening Club's monthly meeting on Wednesday 22 March. Tickets for non-members are £5 and are available from the secretary - [sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com) - or telephone Tricia Toosey on: 01935 823691

Mondays – Fridays. Venue: Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall – **doors open 7.15 p.m., meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS**

We are holding the 2nd of our successful workshops on **Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, at the Memorial Hall from **10.00am-3.00pm** with Heather Ford. Heather lives in Stoke and will be with us for the day. **Heather Ford** taught art and design in the UK for 15 years, then moved to Muscat, Oman in 2010 where she taught art at The Sultan's School. She moved back to the UK in 2018 and now runs portraiture workshops in her community.

**Workshop theme -** This workshop will explore an innovative approach to portraiture and will aim to inspire you to create a self-portrait. In a relaxed and friendly environment at this workshop, you will be encouraged to be instinctive, and creative. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. **The workshop will be free of charge to members** £5.00 to non-members, payment to Village Artist Group to Sandy by BACS, cheque, or cash. Enquiries to Malcolm 01935 829513 [malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com) for further details.

**DOG POO.** Would the person that has a large dog who thinks the patch of grass near the top big gate entrance to the Jubilee garden is a dog toilet please be kind enough to pick up what your dog leaves behind. Sometimes a pile is left right in the gateway to the garden. There are only 10 steps to the dog bin. Please pick up your own dog's mess. It shouldn't be my job to do so. Lynn Orchard.

#### **HAMDON COMMUNITY CHURCH (HCC)**

Look out for us during 2023 on posters, newsletters, Facebook and Instagram [@hamdoncommunitychurch](https://www.facebook.com/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 DIARY OF EVENTS**

Monday 6 March Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.20pm  
Tuesday 7 March Mobile Library Higher Street 2.00pm  
Friday 10 March Reading Room AGM 6.00pm  
Monday 13 March Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
Tuesday 14 March Movie Nites Lord Nelson 7.45pm  
Saturday 18 March Jumble Sale Village Hall 11.00am  
Monday 20 March Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm  
Tuesday 21 March Ladies Group AGM 7.30pm  
Wednesday 22 March Village Coffee Morning Hamstones 10.45am  
Saturday 25 March Norton Festival Cantamus Church 7.30pm  
Saturday 20 May Flower Show Plant Sale 2.00pm  
Sunday 25 June Open Gardens in Norton  
Sunday 9 July Flower Show Duck Race  
Saturday 19 August Flower Show  
Saturday 7 October Folk Night

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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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