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**START OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME.** Please remember that the clocks go forward by one hour at 1.00am on Sunday, 31st March.

**CHURCH FLAG** The George Cross will fly from the Church Tower from 31st March to 06th April for Easter and again on 23rd April for St George's Day.

#### DONATIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER FUND

A big thank you to the person who gave a very generous donation to the newsletter fund, and also to all those who have contributed to the box on the Post Office Counter. This is much appreciated and is a big help in keeping our newsletter going as we do rely on ongoing donations like this.

**FOOTPATH REPAIRS** As many of you will know, especially dog-walkers, part of the riverbank by Andy Holm's house, collapsed during the January rains. The footpath had to be closed for that section of the brook. As Riparian owners, the Holms are responsible for the repair of the damaged section. These works are now complete and this has resulted in considerable unexpected direct cost to the Holm's. As frequent users of the footpath, we feel that we should contribute towards the cost incurred. If anyone else would like to 'chip in', please get in touch with us and we will work out the best way to contribute. Please email or call Mick Way at Bridge House, on 07974 565973 or [mick@theatretech.net](mailto:mick@theatretech.net)

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** Crafty Critters will be meeting in the Reading Room on **Monday 4th and 18th March between 1.30 and 3.30pm.** Come and join us for a friendly chat whilst working on your project, or look for inspiration from other people's work. £2.50 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Tricia Walton 882646

**NORTON SUB HAMDON VILLAGE HALL** Norton Pantomime Society proudly announce their 2024 performance of Puss in Boots. It will be held in Norton Village Hall on **Thursday 7th March, Friday 8th March and Saturday 9th March. Doors open 6.30 pm, performance starts at 7pm.** Bar and soft drinks available. Tickets: adults £10, children under 16 £5 from Norton Shop. Everyone welcome! Proceeds in aid of Norton Village Hall Funds. Jennie Harris, Secretary Norton Village Hall Committee. 01935 881718

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

**Planning:** There was one planning application to discuss: 23/03144/HOU Norton House Great Street Norton Sub Hamdon, TA14 6SJ. Construction of a new Garden Room/Home Office in the Southeast corner of the existing main property (Norton House) curtilage. No objections.  
**Parking in Norton:** Once again we have received reports of irresponsible parking in Norton. The areas of concern that have been reported include the bottom of Little Street, the junction of Great St with New Rd (outside the shop) and outside the pub along Great Street. Many of these vehicles are parked in the same place for days without being moved. Please if you have a garage or driveway then use it. Many thanks.

**Parish Council vacancy:** We currently have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please see the parish council notice board for details.

**£137 grant:** This year's grant has been split between The Norton Newsletter (£250) and the Yeovil Freewheelers (£250).

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11th March 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](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

**NORTON MOVIE NIGHTS at the Lord Nelson on Tuesday 12th March.** One Life (12A) 150 mins, tells how stockbroker Nicholas Winton rescued hundreds of children from certain death in Prague in 1938. After being hidden for years, the true story emerges on television in the 1980s, and Winton's astounding achievement is duly recognised. Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham-Carter, Romola Garai, and Jonathan Pryce star in this remarkable and moving film. **Tickets at £5 on sale in Norton Shop from 29th February. Doors open 7.45, film starts 8 pm.**

#### **THE READING ROOM**

**The Reading Room AGM** will be held on **Friday 15th March from 6pm.** Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what we've been doing in 2023, and our plans for 2024. You can come and browse the large number of donated books which we have for sale too.

**MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB** The Mobile library will be in Chiselborough opposite the Village Hall on **Tuesday 19th March 9.30-10am and in Higher Street, Norton Sub Hamdon from 10.10-10.35am.** The book club will meet on the same day. Contact Anne Fairweather on 882620 for details of time and place.

**LADIES GROUP** At our meeting on 20th February, our speaker Janet Seaton spoke about the Kelways Family and the growth of the Nursery over many decades, how they marketed themselves to be a global, almost luxury brand and earning themselves many gold medals in UK and abroad, most famously at Chelsea for their peonies. On 21st February a small group of us will compete for our Ten Pin Bowling trophy, to be presented to our new champion at the **AGM on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm.** We shall look back on our last year's presentations and outings, and reveal this season's programme. We shall also hold a Quingo quiz with prizes for winners, and hope to hold a raffle, any contributions will be much appreciated. This is an ideal time to come along if you might like to join our small but perfectly formed group. Refreshments will be served and there will be time for an informal chat. Annual subscriptions are due in March or April and this year will be increased to £12.50. From April our monthly sub will be £2.00 for members and £3.00 for non-members. A trip to Westlands is arranged for Thursday 21st March to see Oklahoma, please contact Sue to add your name to the list. Ladies Group meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Reading Room new members and visitors will be very welcome at any time. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

**NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS** Thank you to everyone who attended 2024's first coffee morning. Norton House was a wonderful venue and we thank Debbie and Simon for their incredibly warm and generous hospitality. £351 was raised from the successful raffle, table top sale and generous donations; a great start to the year. The February coffee morning held at Adele and Steven Wassell's home will be reviewed in the next edition. We meet again at 10.45am on **27th March at Sophie and Andy Holm's home, Cartbridge, Little Street, 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.

Following an illustrious list of organisers, we have been running the coffee mornings for four years and will be stepping down at the end of May (the last coffee morning before the summer break). We have greatly enjoyed our tenure, but now are looking for new organisers to take over and bring their own flair to the event. If you are interested, or have any questions about what is involved, please do contact us. Thank you. Sophie Hale (881521) and Sophie Snow (881099)

**NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for March.**  
**Sunday 3rd 9.30am Morning Prayer. Sunday 10th 9.30am Communion.**  
**Sunday 17th 6.00pm Evensong.**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am Prayer Book Communion.**  
**Thursday 28th 7pm Communion**  
**Friday 11am Good Friday reflections**  
**Sunday 31st Easter Day 9.30 Communion.**

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 07485 789968  
**On a Hill Far Away** Many people do not understand what Good Friday is all about. So this year, on **Friday 29th March at 11am, Norton Church** is presenting 'On A Hill Far Away' in which six characters associated with Good Friday – Pontius Pilate, The Roman Soldier, Mary, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene and Simon of Cyrene – convey their thoughts and reflections to help us realise what happened on the first Good Friday 'On a Hill Far Away'. **The Fiesta Cometh!** The Norton Festival Fiesta over the Early May Bank Holiday (3rd-6th May) is rapidly approaching. A variety of activities and events are being planned. It's not too late to get involved. The Church will have an exhibition by local people of their hobbies and interests; floral displays; live music spots; refreshments and teddy bears leaping from the tower, a Community Praise involving local groups and organisations plus an

Owl Trail to get visitors wandering around the village. Full details will appear in the Fiesta Programme still to be published. If you are not yet doing anything for the Fiesta and feel you could offer help and involvement please contact the coordinator, The Reverend Richard Terrell (revrichardterrell@gmail.com)

**NORTON AND CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW** will be holding their **Spring Market and Plant Sale on Saturday 27th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Norton Village Hall.**

Plants & shrubs, dried herbs, wind chimes, crystal jewellery, stained glass, wood turning, recycled metal flowers, sea glass & pottery and much more. Come along and enjoy delicious cake and/or Bagnell burgers!

**NORTON JUBILEE GARDEN SUMMER PARTY**

No ticket for Glastonbury? then come to the **Jubilee Garden on Saturday 29th June 5pm-9pm**. No entry charge, but please give generously to the band who are raising money for the charity Mind. Music by the Yeovil Ukulele band. Wine and beer and soft drinks at a donation bar, proceeds to Norton shop. Paella on sale, traditional and veggie, cooked by our famous Chef, Mark, all the way from our own Lord Nelson. Amazing raffle proceeds to the upkeep of our lovely garden, and possibly a swing ball game for everyone. Stalls available, £10 per table, unless for a charity, then just £5. Enquiries to Lynn on 01935 882 602.

**Help needed:** if you can spare sometime on **Saturday 2nd and/or 9th March between 10am and 1pm** for a bit of tidying in the Jubilee Garden it would be much appreciated. Bring gloves and any tools you think you can use. Also, any donations to help feed the birds would be much appreciated. Lynn.

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB**

The draw results for February were as follows: Robert Vaux (2) Tim and Pam Williams (2) Alec Seccombe, Jane Ashdown, Peter Willsher, David Batstone, Sara Vann, Richard Raven. To join the wine club contact Mary Batstone on 07967604681 or email marybatstone@gmail.com

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH – UPCOMING EVENTS**

The FNC are very grateful for our two guest speakers who will be providing our Summer and Pulman Talks this year. The events and respective dates for your diaries are as follows:

On **Friday 5 July 2024 Dr Sheila Seymour**, an Associate Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, will present a light hearted talk in Norton Village Hall entitled “Four Royal Invitations” covering three invaders we liked to pretend we “invited” to become our monarch.

On **Friday 20 September 2024 Dr John Ashton**, previously of Norton-sub-Hamdon will provide our annual Pulman Talk in the church of St Mary in Norton. His subject will cover the Mills of Norton, the reason for their locations, the operation of the mills, how they worked and the people who owned and operated the mills. Please note the dates in your diaries and look out for further information in future editions.

**STOKE-SUB-HAMDON GARDENING CLUB**

**Wednesday 27th March 2024** Louise Hart from the Castle Gardens Group will give a talk/demonstration on Hanging Baskets. Come along and find out how to brighten up your front (and back) garden for the year ahead.

Visitors are always welcome; there is a charge of £3 which is refundable if you join the Club. Free refreshments; stall (bring or buy) for home grown plants/produce; monthly raffle. The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6PZ. 7.15 for 7.30 pm.

**STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS**

Our next exciting workshop is on **23rd of March with Kate Field, 10.00am until 3.00pm at the Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon**. She will be demonstrating painting animals with acrylics in her own style. Have a look at her website <https://www.artistkatefield.com/>. The fee for the day will be £35:00 which will include materials and painting canvasses, plus free teas & coffees. 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 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, contact Andrew on 01935 823691, SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon. The Village Artists Group we look forward to hearing from you.

**EVENT: THE KINGSBURY EPISCOPI BAND**Date: **Thursday 21st March 2024**Venue address: **All Saints Church,****Martock TA12 6JN.** Performance time: 7:30 pm.

Admission fee: Tickets: £10.00

at [Guardianstickets@gmail.com](mailto:Guardianstickets@gmail.com) /07547

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(CASH ONLY); £12.00 at door. Website:

[www.martockonline.co.uk/events](http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events).<https://kingsburyband.co.uk/>

Kingsbury Episcopi Band, originating from

Kingsbury Episcopi in South Somerset, was established more than 100 years ago, and is a wind band, made up of brass and woodwind instruments. Its repertoire is wide and varied from ABBA and the King and I to Simon and Garfunkel; as well as traditional marches.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF YEOVIL** A Charity Fundraising Dinner. Northover Manor Hotel, Ilchester. Thursday 21st March 7pm. Call Jackie 07784 777017 or email [jackiehenderson01@btinternet.com](mailto:jackiehenderson01@btinternet.com)

**Village Diary of Events**

Monday 4 March Crafty Critters Reading Room 1.30pm

Thursday 7th March, Friday 8th March and Saturday 9th March Norton Pantomime Village Hall 7pm

Monday 11 March Parish Council meeting, Committee Room, Village Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 12 March Movie Nites, Lord Nelson 7.45pm

Friday 15 March The Reading Room AGM 6pm

Monday 18 March Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm

Tuesday 19 March Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10am

Tuesday 19 March, AGM Ladies Group, Reading Room 7.30pm

Wednesday 27 March Village Coffee morning, Cartbridge 10.45am

Saturday 27 April Plant Sale, Norton Village Hall 11.00am

Friday 3 May to 6<sup>th</sup> May, The Norton Festival Fiesta, Early May Bank Holiday

Saturday 29th June, Jubilee Garden Summer Party, 5pm-9pm

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