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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT JUNE Planning: The clerk reported that one previous planning application had now been approved: Application Number: 24/00883/S73 - Hunters End New Road Norton Sub Hamdon

Proposal: S73 Application to vary Condition 02 (Approved Drawings) to amend dimensions relating to planning consent number 21/03252/HOU Demolition of single storey side extensions and rear conservatory and the erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension, provision of enclosed porch
Decision: APPROVED - Application Permitted with Conditions

There was one application for the Parish Council to make their observations on:

Application Number: 24/00691/LBC

Proposal: Replacement of 1 Large Window on Street Front which is Beyond Repair and Replacement of Smaller Inappropriate Modern Window also on Street Front

Location: Reading Rooms Great Street Norton Sub Hamdon Application Number: 24/00691/LBC

Due to Planning time restraints the Parish Council have already responded - no objections

The next monthly meeting will be held **on MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024 at 7.30 pm in the village hall committee room.** A reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August. Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) nortonpcclerk@outlook.com

CRAFTY CRITTERS will be meeting in the **Reading Room on Monday 8th and 22nd July between 1.30 and 3.30pm.** We are hoping to make some knitted poppies for remembrance Sunday and knitted Xmas figures. Come and join us if you'd like to have a go or come and work on your own project. Join us for a friendly couple of hours of crafting and chat – no special skills required! You are welcome to just pop in and say hello and see what we are all making. £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Tricia 882646

MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB The Mobile Library will be in Chiselborough opposite the Village Hall on **Tuesday 9th July from 9.30 to 10am, and in Higher Street, Norton from 10.10 to 10.35am.** The book club will meet on the same day. Anne Fairweather 882 620.

LADIES GROUP A small group visited Burrow Farm Gardens and, although the day was overcast, it was perfect for exploring the extensive grounds and taking in the views. Tamsin Cooke led us in a writing workshop at our meeting last month. We had fun creating a story from a range of questions Tamsin put to us, with some very interesting results. Thank you, Tamsin, for a very entertaining evening. On 2nd July we shall all become detectives on a trail around Bridport, stopping only for lunch and hopefully solving the mystery before returning home. Our **Pimm's Party will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th July from 12.30–4pm.** Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome. Please contact Sue for further details 881805.

READING ROOM NEWS Did you know that the Reading Room has plenty of donated books for sale? Come and browse the large selection while Katy's Bakes Tearoom is open (maybe enjoy a coffee and some cake at the same time!). You can also contact us at nortonrr.bookings@gmail.com to arrange access at other times. Donations of books always welcome. Tricia Walton

NORTON SUB HAMDON VILLAGE HALL

The Cream Tea and Pimm's afternoon on 8th June at Norton Village Hall was a joint fundraising event. We made just over £562 which was shared equally between Norton Village Hall and Norton Shop. It was a lovely event, enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to everyone who donated scones and raffle prizes, Bruton Dairy for cream and milk, Duncan Palmer for strawberries, and all those who helped on the day in any way. Jennie Harris and Louise Matraives for Hall and Community Shop.

NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW

will take place on **Saturday 17th August 2024 at Norton-Sub-Hamdon Recreation Field from 2–5pm**. Schedules are available in local shops. Come and have a go at entering your flowers and vegetables – with two different sections, for beginners and experienced growers, giving everyone a chance of winning a prize – also flower arranging, handicrafts, photography and cookery, as well as children's classes and young adults. We have the bubbleman again to interest the younger ones (and not so young), horse rides and birds of prey, lots of market stalls, tea and cake provided by the Ladies Group, prosecco, raffle prizes and much more – something for all the family. We would be grateful for any volunteers on the Friday and Saturday to help set up this wonderful show. If you can help, please phone Jane Shire 07776 320922, email: janem11@hotmail.com, or Andy Jacobs 07770 998339 email: hamdon@btinternet.com. See you on Saturday 17th August.

CALLING ALL FLOWER SHOW BAKERS

On Saturday 17th August Norton Ladies Group and friends from Chiselborough will be serving tea and cakes. We need as many lovely cakes as possible. If you are willing to bake a cake, or buy one, to donate, then please contact Sue 881805.

HELPERS TO SERVE TEAS We can't serve teas without willing helpers. If you can spare an hour or so during the afternoon of the Flower Show, please let me know. We need as many helpers as possible. It will be fun, busy at times, but above all you will feel part of the community. If we have enough volunteers, the shift will be just one hour, so come on – your village needs you! Please contact Sue on 881805 asap.

NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS The dismal weather forecast on the day meant the May coffee morning was moved at very short notice from the Jubilee Garden into the church. Thank you to everyone who came along. Over £280 was raised, which means in total £1,580 has been donated in 2024 so far – an impressive amount. This was our last coffee morning, and we wish to thank everyone who has hosted coffee mornings for us, everyone who has made coffees and teas, all of you for coming along over the past four years always with donations in hand, and in particular Peter and Marilyn Willsher and Paulina Callaghan for their stalwart support. Janet Hutton 881566 and Debbie Bradley 07710 352194 will now organise the coffee mornings, so please offer them your support and help. The next coffee morning will be in September, following the summer break. Sophie Hale and Sophie Snow

CHURCH FLAGS The Union Flag will be flown from the Church Tower on 17th July for the birthday of the Queen Consort. The George Cross will be flown on 29th July for Tower Day.

ANNIVERSARY YEAR This year sees the 130th anniversary of lightning striking Norton's church tower and causing a fire which sent bells crashing to the ground. This resulted in a restoration of that part of the church, with the whole community pulling together to complete the restoration in under a year. Subsequently the community has held a **Tower Day** at regular intervals in commemoration and thanksgiving. This year it will be held **on Saturday 27th July**, a few days before the date of the actual strike (which was 29th July). All are invited to attend, with events including going up the tower, ringing, and a Service. The order of the day is: **10am-11am the tower is open for visitors, 11am-12pm open ringing, 12pm short service to celebrate our bells**. Tower Day is a reminder of how remarkable things can be achieved when a community works together for the common good. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, during this 'anniversary year', we all could again find ways of getting involved to support our community organisations and church. Richard CP Terrell

NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for July:

Sunday 7th, 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th 9.30am Communion

Sunday 21st, 6pm Evensong

Wednesday 24th, 9am Prayer Book Communion

Saturday 27th, 12pm Tower Day Service

Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website

www.hamhillchurches.org and Church notice boards. Rev Nick Clarke 07485 789968

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB

The draw results for this month were as follows: Rowena Aley (2) Simon Bradley (2) Charles Campbell, Digby Cole, Nick Hale, Jenny Byham, Niall Clifford, Nicky Brodie.

To join the wine club, contact Mary Batstone on 07967 604681 or email marybatstone@gmail.com

KATHERINE MULLER'S D-DAY REPORT, JUNE

2024 Katherine was very active in village matters for most of her 60 years as a Nortonian. This was her report in the June 2004 Norton Newsletter:

Three weeks before D-Day, the Isle of Wight was 'sealed' and no one, service or civilian, could enter or leave. Spithead, the stretch of water between the island and Portsmouth, filled up with all sorts and sizes of ships until one could have walked dry-shod to the mainland from our base, east of Seaview which overlooked the sea forts of Nomans and Horsand, relics of an earlier invasion scare.

The weather in early June was stormy, operation Neptune had to be postponed for 24 hours. At last, the minesweepers passed on their way to safe channels for the Fleet, followed by tugs towing the strangest assortment of apparatus in all shapes and sizes which would form the Mulberry harbours: pipelines for petrol, other vital equipment, and 'kitchen' barges for combating beach obstacles and getting the troops ashore and fed. All day on

June 5th, warships, large and small, landing craft loaded with troops, and other craft continued to pass east between Nomans and Horsand, heading towards Nab Tower lighthouse, then south to St Catherine's point to join the vast armada assembling in 'Piccadilly Circus' from ports all along the south coast, ready to cross the channel to the landing beaches on the Normandy coast. Gradually, Spithead emptied as all ships were logged out from our control room. The weather was still stormy and some of the smaller landing craft never reached their destination and were collected around the island the following day.

As dawn approached on June 6th, the balcony of our first-floor control room, with its good view over the Solent, filled with off-duty officers and tension mounted. (I was lucky with my watches those twenty-four hours). At first sight, a roar rose to a crescendo as wave after wave of planes, many towing gliders, darkened the skies as the RAF set forth to lay down their barrage and deliver the airborne troops.

In the silence that followed, we were left with an empty sea and sky, and time to ponder the fate of friends and thousands of men and machines. Finally, off watch and down to breakfast to hear John Snagge on the wireless report that the long prepared for D-Day had arrived. Katherine Muller, Second Officer WRNS.

IRIS JAMES My aunt who lived in Littlemead passed away on 9th April. Many villagers will have known her. She was a week away from celebrating her 96th birthday and had lived in the village for over half her life. Before Littlemead, she lived on New Road. In memory of her, we have placed a memorial bench in the churchyard. It has an engraved plaque and is situated to the right of the entrance. If you would like to see it, take a stroll that way and 'rest a while and remember her'.

NORTON SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Our local veg supplier provided irresistible strawberries – 250 punnets were sold in three days at the start of May and continue to be available at time of writing. Asparagus and new potatoes also prove popular. We plan to have a coffee machine for delivery drivers, and any thirsty customers, who need a quick drink for refreshment during their day. We continue moving forward with our business plan to improve Shop performance. Accounts indicate that the Shop and Post Office are steady, with free cash withdrawal from the PO an attraction for custom. We now have a strong committee with plans to improve the Shop within realistic time limits and costs. We appreciate our wonderful volunteers, without whom the shop just would not work. New volunteers are always welcome, application forms are in the box on the wall just inside the Shop door.

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP Programme of events every Wednesday evening: **Norton: 3rd July ideas for Norton Flower Show. 10th July painting on wood. Stoke: 17th July cooking tbc, football, pool, indoor games. Norton: 24th July Flower Show project, end of school party. 31st July tbc.**

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

A Gardening Club For All **Wednesday 24th July 2024 at The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6PZ. 7.15 for 7.30pm.** We are delighted to welcome Laura Batt from Prickles Hedgehog Rescue Centre, Cheddar. Do come along and learn more about these delightful prickly natives! £3 visitor fee, refundable if you join the Club. Accompanied children welcome – under 16s free. Free refreshments; stall (bring or buy) for home grown plants/produce; monthly raffle. All welcome!

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS

The Village Artists Group are a very friendly group of local artists at all levels of talent with a keen interest in painting and drawing. We meet at **Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time.** Come and join us once or twice a week for a most enjoyable couple of hours of self-development and enjoyment. FREE first visit to see how you get on! For more information on the group or workshop contact Andrew on 01935 823691 SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group

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HELP IN THE HOME Hello, my name is Melissa and I moved to Norton in February 2024. I offer help for the elderly with tasks around the home that you may now be finding difficult – ie all aspects of housework, food preparation – and care and companionship. I have references available and am very reliable. Please contact me on 07742 988705 Melissa Earle

VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS

- Friday 5 July** Royal Historical Society talk on 'Four Royal Invitations', Norton Village Hall
Monday 8 July Parish Council meeting, Committee Room, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Monday 8 July Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 July Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10am
Tuesday 16 July, Ladies Group Party Norton Village Hall
Monday 22 July Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Saturday 27 July Norton Tower Day in Church of St Mary, Norton Sub Hamdon
Saturday 17 August Norton and Chiselborough Flower Show
Friday 20 September Annual Pulman talk Norton sub Hamdon
Saturday 23 November Christmas Market in Norton Village Hall

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