

## NORTON NEWSLETTER August 2024 ISSUE No 550

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### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT JULY

**Planning:** The Parish Council had no planning applications to consult on and had received no information on past planning applications from Somerset Council. **Fingerpost Signs:** Due to the success of the fingerpost refurbishment last year, we have asked our two lovely residents if they fancy doing the remaining two? The one at Great St (by the junction with New Road) and the one at the Turnpike junction are in desperate need of some TLC. The Parish Council was unanimous in their decision to fund the remaining two. They will undergo a complete transformation shortly!

#### **Street Sign refurbishment – donation request:**

The village street signs in Norton are looking rather tired and some are so faded that people are struggling to read them! We are very lucky in Norton that the majority of the street signs are still the original type and are in the beautifully distinguished green writing with a white background. We have received a quote for the refurbishment of the street signs from the same two residents in Norton who have done a fabulous job with the fingerposts. The signs would remain in green and white. It is looking like the cost per sign would be in the region of £75. However, with 18 village signs dotted around the village, the Parish Council don't have the spare funds to do all of them, especially with the imminent provision of services that will be required from the Parish Council. Would you consider either making a donation or sponsoring the refurbishment of a Street

Sign in Norton? We have already had some interest which is brilliant! Maybe you would consider sponsoring the refurbishment of the street sign in your road? Any donation would be very welcome. If you are keen, or would like more information, please email the clerk - [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com) A reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August. **The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall committee room.**

Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council) [nortonpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpcclerk@outlook.com)

**JUBILEE SUMMER GARDEN PARTY** Thanks to everyone who helped with fetching and carrying tables and chairs, erecting gazebos, and mowing the grass. The weather was perfect – around 200 people came and had fun. Mark's famous paella was very much enjoyed; if you missed it, visit the Lord Nelson where it's on the menu every Thursday evening along with a jug of sangria during the summer. Dr Turberville's Morris Dancers were fantastic and many people joined in the fun. They raised funds for the Air Ambulance. The Yeovil Ukulele band, who were raising money for the charity Mind, were brilliant. The donation bar and ice cream sales raised money for the shop. Money from 'Name the Crocodile' will go towards a new defibrillator to be installed by the Lord Nelson, as well as to the Triangle Trust which donated the crocodile. The Yeovil Oncology stall run by Jenny Thorne and her husband also did well. Thank you so much to all those who donated raffle prizes; the raffle money plus Sarah Bailey's donation from her amazing caricatures will go towards the upkeep of the Jubilee Garden. I have placed a few photos of the event in the notice board at the top of garden. Lynn Orchard.

**THANKS TO LYNN ORCHARD** for a wonderful 'Do' on Saturday 29th July in the Jubilee Garden. Lynn and her team put on a really enjoyable few hours of fun, food and good village company. The Jubilee Garden is such an asset to the village – somewhere you can sit and enjoy the flowers and trees instead of the jungle it used to be. Jane Ashdown

**FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH (FNC)** were delighted to welcome Dr Sheila Seymour to Norton Village Hall in July to present her talk entitled Four Royal Invitations. An acclaimed historian and retired university tutor, Sheila demonstrated a complete grasp of her subject and passion for making history accessible to so many. Her amusing and informative talk covered bits of history we knew (or thought we knew) and plenty of the skulduggery and scandal we hadn't heard about. The audience's delighted reaction proved that gossip is as popular today as it was in centuries past. Sheila also uncovered a

talented linguist amongst those assembled, who rightly received an ovation for her Hanoverian rendition. Our thanks to Sheila and all whose generosity contributed to a most welcome addition to the funds supporting the upkeep of our church.

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

The draw results for this month were:

Jill Berrington (3), Sue Lowder, Brian Frosdick, Janet Hutton, Jennie Byham, Lindsay Elliott, Tim and Pam Williams, Richard Raven. To join the wine club, contact Mary Batstone on 07967 604681 or email [marybatstone@gmail.com](mailto:marybatstone@gmail.com)

**CRAFTY CRITTERS** We will be meeting in the Reading Room on the **5th and 19th August between 1.30 and 3.30pm**. Come and join us to work on your project, make some poppies or just for some inspiration! We are a friendly group who enjoy a chat whilst we work. £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 6th August from 9.30–10am, and in **Higher Street, Norton from 10.10–10.35am**. The book club will meet on the same day. Anne Fairweather 882 620.

**NORTON MOVIE NITES AGM, Tuesday 6th August, 7.30-9pm, Lord Nelson skittle alley.** All are welcome to come and hear plans for the forthcoming season – the twentieth year since our first screening, Touching the Void, in September 2004. Thank you to all our audience who have supported NMN throughout the years, and to Mark and Helen at the Nellie for accommodating us.  
**Dates for the autumn season, all Tuesdays: 10th September, 8th October, 12th November.**

**READING ROOM NEWS:** The current Reading Room Committee has been in place for several years and we would like to encourage some new members to join us. We meet 3 or 4 times a year, so it does not take up much time. If you would like to join us, or just find out what's involved please contact us at the email below. Thanks to lottery funding we now have a small, portable projector available to our users, If you would like to use it, contact us at [nortonrr.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:nortonrr.bookings@gmail.com). Tricia Walton, Secretary.

We are now offering help with basic IT, phones, Ipads etc in the Reading Room 4pm -6pm on Thursdays (Tea/coffee and Katy's delicious cakes will be available). We aim to offer one-to-one and small group sessions tailored to your needs. These can be booked at the email address above or call Chrissie on 07948 379439. We would like to say a big thank you to Jonathan Naughton for his assistance on how best to use the lottery grant monies and also in engaging with ARK at Egwood and Norton Primary School on our behalf to spread the word. Chrissie Way

**CHURCH FLAGS** The Union Flag will be flown from the church tower on Saturday 17th August for the Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show.

#### **NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for August:**

**Sunday 4th, 9.30am Morning Prayer**

**Sunday 11th 9.30am Communion**

**Sunday 18th, 6pm Evensong**

**Wednesday 28th, 9am Prayer Book 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

#### **NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW**

**Saturday 17th August 2024, Norton Recreation Field, 2–5pm.** Have a go at entering your flowers and vegetables – there are different sections for beginners and experienced growers, giving everyone a chance to win a prize. Also flower arranging, handicrafts, photography and cookery for children's and young adult's classes. **Schedules are available in local shops. Entry forms to be delivered to the Reading Room on Wednesday 14th August, 7–8.30pm. The FLOWER SHOW PARADE will start at the Lord Nelson at 1.30pm led by Steve with his Magic Bicycle** and will be great fun. There will also be the Bubble Man, birds of prey, skittles, lots of market stalls, tea and cake provided by the Ladies Group, a bar, raffle and much more – something for all the family! Volunteers are essential in making this a wonderful show. If you can help, please contact Jane Shire 07776 320922 / [janem11@hotmail.com](mailto:janem11@hotmail.com) or Andy Jacobs 07770 998339 / [hamdon@btinternet.com](mailto:hamdon@btinternet.com)

**CALLING ALL BAKERS AND HELPERS** We can't serve cakes at the **Flower Show** if we don't have any! Your contributions will be most welcome and very much appreciated. Please bring your home-made cakes or bought ones to the kitchen in the village hall **by 12.30pm on Saturday 17th August. Final Call for Helpers in the Kitchen** Please could you spare an hour or so between 2–5pm to help with washing up, serving teas, or clearing tables. Contact Sue Lowder 01935 881805 asap to add your name to the list. Thank you so much – we can't do this without your help!

#### **HAMDON YOUTH GROUP AGM, Thursday 22nd August, 7.30–9pm, in the Reading Room.**

Hamdon Youth Group is an important and popular resource for young people in Norton and Stoke. You are welcome to come along and see how things are run, and what is planned for the future. John Bailey and HYG committee.

**LADIES GROUP** Our annual Summer Pimm's Party was a resounding success, with an amazing buffet provided by members and friends. Thanks to everyone for their contributions. We filled the afternoon with a quiz, a raffle, our version of country dancing, and everyone enjoyed singing along to

popular tunes. We now look forward to our next party in December. On **Tuesday 27th August** we shall revisit ARK to try our hand at wood-turning. We also look forward to the André Rieu concert to be streamed at Westlands on 2nd September. We take a break in August, although we shall be serving teas at the Flower Show, along with friends from Chiselborough. Our formal meetings begin again in September. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. New members and visitors will be very welcome. Our programme is posted on the Reading Room noticeboard. Enquiries Sue 881805

### **NORTON COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST**

**OFFICE** Sales and transactions are doing well and overheads are manageable. Your generous donations to the Cream Teas event, Jubilee Garden Party, and collection box on the counter have contributed greatly to funds and are much appreciated. **Volunteers alert!** The shop would not be able to operate without the tremendous input from all our volunteers. Our 'pool' could always do with topping up so that regular stalwarts would be spared covering the odd shift that needs filling. If you haven't already, please do consider becoming a volunteer – even an hour a week would help to keep things running smoothly. It's a good way to meet a wide variety of people and get to know how the shop operates. Application forms are in the box on the wall on the right, just inside the shop door – or pop in to speak to Claire, the manager, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or mornings on Friday.

**COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** Whether you have financial skills, business knowledge, are good at organising things or solving problems, or would just like to help with the successful running of the CLT, in particular with the shop and Post Office, your contribution will be welcome. The board members are keen to share their skills, so you wouldn't be in at the deep end. Monthly meetings are informal and easy-going. Please contact Ian Murray, secretary@nortonclt.co.uk or Simon Harris, cltminutessecretary@gmail.com for more details.

**SUMMER EVENTS AT HAM HILL** From bumblebees to butterflies, to blackberries and bats, there's plenty to keep the kids busy at Ham Hill's events this summer. Join us to hear all about the Barmy Bats that live here, or have a go at building your own den! Visit [www.visitsouthsomerset.com](http://www.visitsouthsomerset.com) for further details and booking.

**GARAGE AUCTION OF FURNITURE, Luccotts, Higher Street, Norton, TA14 6SN, Saturday 3rd August and Saturday 10th August, 10am–1pm.**

Three single beds and mattresses. Three bedside tables/cupboards. Chest of drawers. Large armchair. Four small chairs. Bureau desk. Large desk. Steel filing cabinet. Two trolleys. Fridge H1.45m, W0.55m, D0.55m. Garden bench seat,

wrought iron and wood. All fire regulations compliant. All purchase offer prices will be recorded and the highest bids will be accepted at the end of the second Saturday. Money raised to be shared between Norton Village Hall and Norton Shop.

**ARK AT EGWOOD** It's been busy couple of months. A few things that are happening in August: **8th, 16th and 21st, CIAT children's activity day £3**, to book email [matt@arkategwood.com](mailto:matt@arkategwood.com). **Friday 30th fundraising supper**, please book in advance. Don't forget our regular activities: Tai Chi on Mondays, 9.30–10.30am, £5, just turn up. Yoga on Thursdays, 9–10am, £5, just turn up. Community lunches 12 for 12.30pm, £6 for two courses, please book in advance: 01460 391974 or email [office@arkategwood.com](mailto:office@arkategwood.com) **Saturday 7th September ARK Open Day, 10.30am-4pm**

**PULMAN TALK 2024** Friends of Norton Church are arranging the annual Pulman Talk in the church of **St Mary in Norton on 20th September, 7.00 for 7.30pm**. Dr John Ashton (late of Norton) has kindly agreed to provide his illustrated talk on the **Hamdon Manors and their Water Mills**. His talk will cover the reason for their locations, the operation of the mills, how they worked, and the people who owned and operated them.

### **NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS**

The monthly village coffee morning season will start again on **Wednesday 25th September at Nic and Kevin Boyd's home, Pentle House, Little Norton, 10.45** If you would like a lift there, or if you know of anyone who would, please call Debbie or Janet, numbers below, and we'll arrange for someone to pick you up and return you to Norton. The theme will be **Pets**, but please bring anything else for the sales table that might raise funds. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle too. For newcomers to Norton, the monthly coffee mornings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except June, July, August and December, in different houses around the village. It is a wonderful way to meet other villagers and learn about Norton's varied groups and wide range of activities. Funds raised are for the church. Everyone is welcome. Debbie Bradley 07710 352194 and Janet Hutton 01935 881566.

**CANTAMUS COMING** The 2024 Norton Festival draws to a close with a concert by Cantamus in **Norton Parish Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th November**. This will be the fourth visit of this ever-popular choir so watch out for further publicity and book the date.

### **STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB**

A Gardening Club for all. We are having our members' Summer Party in August, but we would be happy to welcome you when meetings start up again in September. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month for a talk on any aspect of gardening, plus free refreshments, plant sales and raffle. Visitors are very welcome – first visit free!  
**The Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon, 7.15 for 7.30 pm.**

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

Would you like to take up painting? Develop your artistic skills? Then the Village Artists Group is for you! We enjoy all types of visual art but particularly painting and drawing. We meet during school term time at **Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30–9:30 pm, and Friday**

**mornings 10.00–12.00 noon.** Come and join a very friendly group of local artists once or twice a week for a couple of hours. **FREE** first visit to see how you get on! For information on the group or workshop contact Andrew on 01935 823691  
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## **VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS**

- Monday 5 August** Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
- Tuesday 6 August** Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10–10.35am
- Tuesday 6 August** Norton Movie Nites AGM, Lord Nelson skittle alley 7.30–9pm,
- Saturday 17 August** Norton and Chiselborough Flower Show 2–5pm, parade starts 1.30pm
- Monday 19 August** Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
- Thursday 22 August** Hamdon Youth Group AGM, Reading Room 7.30–9pm
- Monday 9 September** Parish Council meeting, Committee Room, Village Hall 7.30pm
- Friday 20 September** Annual Pulman talk, Church of St Mary
- Wednesday 25 September** Village Coffee Morning, Pentle House, Little Norton 10.45am
- Saturday 23 November** Christmas Market in Norton Village Hall
- Saturday 30 November** Cantamus Concert, Church of St Mary 7.30pm

**NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE** If you know of anyone who has moved to Norton, please ask for their details and contact the editors so that we can welcome them to our village.

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