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CRAFTY CRITTERS will be meeting in the **Reading Room on Monday 2nd, 16th and 30th September between 1.30 and 3.30pm.** Come and join us to work on your own project for a friendly couple of hours of crafting and chat – no special skills required and we all work at our own pace. 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 3rd September 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 882620.

NO ONE IS LISTENING. Thursday 12th September 2024, 8pm at the Lord Nelson. HamstoneLive brings a thrilling tale of ghosts, memory loss, and feeling the fear, written and performed by master storyteller Vic Llewellyn. Join us for this joyful, funny, and heartbreaking ride. Tickets £10 from the pub or ticketsource.co.uk. And there's more! Get these dates into your diaries...

Pint-sized Plays. 17th, 18th, 19th October 2024, 7:30pm at the Lord Nelson. Our very own Stagefrighteners group presents another line-up of short, sharp, funny plays best enjoyed with a drink!

Super Chef from Maya Productions. Wednesday 13th November, two shows in Norton Village Hall at 11am and 2pm. Through singing, dancing, and real-life cooking, young audience members (and adults) participate in a unique experience exploring food, gender roles and the Latin American culture.
Elvis in Blue Hawaii. Friday 7th March 2025 in Norton Village Hall. Spitz & Co theatre company presents their version of the classic Elvis film 'Blue Hawaii'. Elvis's long-time tour manager is there to keep the show on the road – next stop: Vegas!
Hags: A Magical Extravaganza. Saturday 29th March 2025 in Norton Village Hall Scratchworks Theatre explores 17th-century witch trials – comedic storytelling, live music & magic tricks.

LADIES GROUP The Ladies Group and our friends from Chiselborough worked hard serving tea and cake for the Flower Show. You were amazing, very busy at times but enjoyable I hope. We have a few outings – a visit to Ark and on 2nd September an Andre Rieu concert streamed at Westlands. **Our Autumn season kicks off on Tuesday 17th September** with a talk by author Dawn Lawrence. She will speak about the Born Free Foundation, started by actors Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers who campaigned to keep wildlife in the wild. Dawn may also bring some of her books to sell at the meeting. Members of the Book Club would be welcome to join us on this occasion. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the Reading Room at 7.30pm. We enjoy talks (mostly light hearted, but informative), and arrange an outing or activity at least once a month. Our programme can be found on the Reading Room notice board, so do come along if something might be of interest. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

READING ROOM NEWS: We have a new Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account you can find us by searching for 'The Reading Room, Norton Sub Hamdon' on Facebook. A date for your diary: are you struggling with the NHS app or Anima? Come along to our workshop to share experiences and work it out together!
Thursday 19th September in the Reading Room 3.30pm. Booking essential, numbers limited to 10. Call 07948379439 or email nortonrrbookings@gmail.com

PULMAN TALK 2024. Manors and Water Mills of Norton and Stoke Sub Hamdon How many manors and mills used to operate in these areas? Who owned which, and what was their place in English and local history? How did the Mills work and who were the families that operated them? If you would like to find out more then come along to **St Mary's Church, Norton sub Hamdon at 7:00 for 7:30pm on Friday 20th September 2024** where

Dr John Ashton FRCGP will provide an enjoyable insight in his illustrated talk. Tickets at £5 are on sale in Norton Shop and on the door on the night. A cash wine and soft drinks bar will be available, with all proceeds being used to support the upkeep of the church fabric.

VINTAGE HORNBY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION Saturday 21st September, 10.30am to 4.00pm, Norton Village Hall 2 and 3 Rail and vintage 0 gauge layouts in clockwork and electric. Admission £3.00 adults, under 16s free. Refreshments available. Further information from Roger 07767 621188.

NORTON MOVIE NITES began in the Lord Nelson skittle alley in September 2004 with Touching the Void, the gripping, true-life story of mountaineer Joe Simpson's terrifying descent after breaking a leg while climbing in the Peruvian Andes. Since then, Norton Movie Nites has shown over 135 films – outdoors in summer, in the village hall for special films, and during Lockdown in a garage in winter. With sincere thanks to Helen and Mark at the Nelly for their great support and help, and for a convivial atmosphere which has prevailed over the years. And thanks to our audience, both the faithful attendees and the new. Most of the crew will be on holiday in September, so our first film for autumn 2024 will be on **Tuesday 8th October, with The Fall Guy**. More details next month.

NORTON 'BOUNDS' BREAKFAST WALK Saturday 26th October 2024 starting at 8.30am at The Lord Nelson Enjoy an early morning autumn walk followed by a "Full Monty" breakfast at the Lord Nelson. The walk will start and finish at the pub and circumnavigate the village following the rights of way nearest to the village boundary, covering about 6 miles and taking about 2 to 2 ½ hours to complete. However, there are plenty of shortcuts for those who don't want to do the full distance. At the end of the walk (11–11.30) a full English Breakfast, including coffee, orange juice and toast at £10.00 per head is available at the Lord Nelson. Please book directly with the pub beforehand to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries contact John Bailey 01935 881227.

TINKERS BUBBLE OPEN DAY Saturday 5th October We're hosting our annual Open Day on 5th October – everyone is welcome to come along, there is no charge to visit. We'll run tours of the land and be available to chat about what we get up to. We'll have food and apple juice for sale, and you can join in with apple pressing. We'll probably also have some other things going on, which we'll work out closer to the time – it might include having the steam engine running, craft demos, and music. You're welcome to drop in between 11am and 4pm. There's no need to book.

Final details will be sorted out nearer the time – hopefully in the October newsletter, as well as on www.tinkersbubble.org/Events

NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for September:
Sunday 1st, 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th, 9.30am Communion
Sunday 15th, 6pm Evensong
Wednesday 25th, 9am Prayer Book Communion
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

LORDS' LARDER HELP Norton supports the Yeovil Lord's Larder with a collecting point in the Parish Church. Some people purchase items through the Norton Shop and there have been many generous donations from local people. In July the Larder helped a total of 731 people (464 adults and 267 children) and a total of 144 families received one of the 340 Food Parcels sent out. The Collection Point in the Church has up to date information and a list of current needs. Thank you to all who support it. Richard Terrell

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB
The draw results for this month were:
Jane Ashdown (2), Peter Prager, Digby Cole, Malcolm Reid, Lindsay Elliott, Chris Westwood, Kevin Boyd, Liz Fish, Janet Hutton. To join the wine club, contact Mary Batstone on 07967 604681 or email marybatstone@gmail.com

JUBILEE GARDEN As summer is coming to a close, hoping you all have had a good time enjoying the Jubilee Garden. Lovely to see young families enjoying picnics on the grass. Great to have two table tennis areas, and the badminton area. I will leave these games available for the time being. Soon the children will be returning to school, some moving on. I wish you all well in the next stages of your lives. Once again, I'm asking for help, as autumn comes, to cut back and tidy the garden as much as possible. We now have a compost area, thanks to the three great guys who constructed it, and the very kind couple who obtained the pallets and delivered them to the garden. Jubilee Garden waste only please. The trees will soon lose their leaves and much sweeping and clearing will be needed. Many thanks to those who have helped all through the year in so many ways – very much appreciated! I'm sure there will be another Garden Party next summer. I've passed on all my contacts to a new committee who will have many more new ideas. I'll be willing to help in any way, but unable now to organise the event. It would be sad to discontinue this event – the fundraising this year helped so many different charities. Love this village. Lynn X

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, at 10.45am**. If you would like a lift there, or if you know of anyone who would, please call Debbie or Janet, see 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.

GUARDIANS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MARTOCK CONCERT– Barnstaple Male Voice Choir, All Saints Church, Martock, TA12 6JN. Saturday 21st September, 7.30pm.

Barnstaple Male Voice Choir is an internationally touring choir that provides a wide variety of music across all genres. A concert not to be missed! David MacLean, Martock Church Guardians. Tickets £10.00 in advance at Guardianstickets@gmail.com, or contact 07547 213992, or Martock Gallery, Martock Newsagent (cash only); £12.00 at the door. www.martockonline.co.uk/events; www.facebook.com/martockguardiansconcerts

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

A Gardening Club for all. Wednesday 25th September 2024. Our first meeting of the Autumn promises to give us some insights into one of the most prestigious of Dorset's stately homes. Andrew Hunt will be speaking on "Kingston Lacy Through the Ages". This lavish family home, re-imagined as a Venetian Palace, boasts a classic English garden with fernery, herbaceous borders, formal parterre and kitchen garden, surrounded by Japanese-inspired planting and colourful woodland. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month for a talk on any aspect of gardening, 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.**

SIGNS OF AUTUMN ON HAM HILL

September is a transition month between seasons and can sometimes leave you wondering where has all the wildlife gone? As the stunning pinks and yellows of the flowers fade to seedheads, and the gentle hum of insects silences, the changes in nature remind us that winter is on the way. But Ham Hill is still full of life. Why not take a woodland walk

and challenge yourself to look for three signs of autumn this September – one type of berry, one type of nut and some fungi? Share your photos and tag us on Facebook and Instagram @HamHillCountryPark

A SPECIAL OCCASION AT RAFT One sunny summer afternoon I visited RAFT by invitation. I was there to attend the presentation of The King's Award for charities to Raft (refugee aid from Taunton) by the Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, Mohammed Saddiq. Trustees and some volunteers were present to greet the Lord-Lieutenant, accompanied by the Mayor of Taunton, to applaud as the former presented the scroll and glass sculpture on behalf of the King to Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts, founder of the charity in 2015 in her own garage. It is now in its third home, a rental unit in Enterprise Park, Taunton. Its trustees and volunteers are as enthusiastic and hardworking as ever in providing aid to refugees overseas and to those settling in the Taunton area, including to local homeless people. As I write in August, they have sent off shipment no.600 for overseas refugee charities in, for example, Syria and Ukraine. After the short presentation, tea was served and the main guests were able to view Raft's operation. Photographs were taken and an enjoyable event drew to a close. Subsequently, each time I visited I delivered good clean indoor and outdoor clothing for men, women, children and babies, footwear for all, hygiene supplies, toiletries and blankets, mostly suitable for summer conditions. I shall be there again this month with further donations and am most grateful to the compassionate residents of South Somerset who donate to us. In addition, we raised almost £700 from our aid concert in Merriott in May. From September we require and request good clean winter clothing and footwear for all ages and sizes, plus all other items mentioned. Blankets are always in demand. Raft's Facebook page often has mention of specific goods currently needed. With thanks for your generosity. Geraldine Downey 01460 271358 Refugee Support Group

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS

Are you looking for a new challenge and have a little spare time? The Village Artists Group's Autumn term commences on Tuesday 3rd September at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall. Come and join a very friendly self-guided group of artists for painting, drawing etc., on **Tuesday evenings, 7.30 to 9:30pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time.** FREE first visit to see how you get on! For information on the group or workshop, contact Andrew on 01935 823691 SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com. Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group

VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS

- Monday 2 September** Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 3 September Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10–10.35am
Monday 9 September Parish Council meeting, Committee Room, Village Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 12 September Hamstone Live No One Is Listening, Lord Nelson 8pm
Monday 16 September Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 September The Ladies Group, Reading Room 7.30pm
Thursday 19 September Workshop NHS App and Anima Reading Room 3.30pm
Friday 20 September Annual Pulman talk, Church of St Mary 7.30pm
Saturday 21 September Model Railway Exhibition Village Hall, 10.30am–4.30pm
Wednesday 25 September Village Coffee Morning, Pentle House, Little Norton 10.45am
Monday 30 September Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 October Norton Movie Nights Lord Nelson 7.30pm
Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 October Pint-sized Plays Lord Nelson 8pm
Saturday 26 October Breakfast Walk Lord Nelson 8.30am
Saturday 26 October Tinkers Bubble Open Day 11am-4pm
Wednesday 13 November Súper Chef 3 shows Village Hall 11am and 2pm
Saturday 23 November Christmas Market in Village Hall
Saturday 30 November Cantamus Concert, Church of St Mary 7.30pm
Friday 7 March 2025 Elvis in Blue Hawaii, a show in Village Hall
Saturday 29 March 2025 Hags, a show in Village Hall

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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