NORTON NEWS

NOVEMBER 2020 ISSUE

Please email NNEditor@nortonparish.com Deadline for next month's issue: 13th Nov 2020

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Exciting times ahead as Norton Parish Council now have a planned start date for the **Play Space (see plans below)** of 26th October 2020. This will adjoin the Parish Field.

The work will take a few weeks to complete, but once the area has passed inspection, it will be open for business and we hope that all of our residents will find it a welcome and enjoyable addition to the Parish.

We would like to thank all who supported the fund raising events that have taken place and **Gloucester Clay Shooting Club** for their support. Hopefully we can have an official opening celebration as soon as possible, given current restrictions.



Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for: 18th November 2020.
All Parishioners are most welcome.
This will be held online and access can be requested by emailing the Clerk: nortoncouncil@gmail.com

STOP PRESS:
Highways have announced that due to high water levels last week impacting the works, Wainlode Lane will remain closed till 23rd Oct

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

http://nortonparish.com

http://seventowers.org.uk/

nortoncouncil@gmail.com

Norton History

Norton Village Hall

NHS 111 online

Police Non-Emergency: 101

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A WHATSAPP GROUP FOR NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH? PLEASE EMAIL: NORTONCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE DETAILS

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Gloucester foodbank

There is a regular collection of donations for the **Gloucester Food Bank** at St Mary's in Prior's Norton. Please drop any food items and toileteries on a Wednesday morning. For ideas on what to donate, please see: https://gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ (if you can't get to Prior's Norton, please email NNEditor@nortonparish.com).

FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please don't let your dogs foul paths and pavements. Apart from being deeply unpleasant to step in, it can cause toxocariasis (a nasty infection) and can cost you a fine of up to £1,000!
PLEASE BAG IT AND BIN IT



COVID-SAFE COBALT CHRISTMAS & GREETINGS CARDS: SALE IN SANDHURST

Sadly we won't be able to hold our usual sociable card sale day this year. However, we have still made lots of lovely cards which we hope you will buy in aid of Cobalt.

Please phone 01452 731519 to arrange an individual appointment to come and choose your cards at a time to suit you from mid-October onwards.

The cards will have been "quarantined" for a couple of weeks before being made available for sale, and you are requested to wear a face covering and a new pair of disposable gloves while looking at the boxes of cards.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL

The AGM is on Wednesday 28 October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. This is a Parish Asset so it would be good to have as many Parishioners as possible attend the meeting. Please email PPembridge@aol.com, so that Zoom meeting details can be forwarded.

NORTON AND THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP.

It has been a great disappointment that we have had to cancel our meetings for the rest of the year.

As this is the 25th anniversary of the History Group, we had planned to mark this special occasion during the summer - hopefully next year.

The good news is the Journal is still being produced, Steve is working on next year's Journals and is always looking for local photographs and items to include. If any one has anything you would like to share please let me know: Sue Phelps 07754 668898



WAINLODE WALKERS

At the moment we are only walking in groups of 6.
We walk every Friday, come wind rain or sunshine, occasionally all 3 together!
We are very lucky to have such a variety of landscapes to explore so close to home. Our walks are between 3-5 hours, depending on the group and the conditions.
Call Sue Phelps on 07754 668898 for details

NORTON RFC

Obviously the 2019 -20 season came to a premature end in March. This meant the **Warpigs** couldn't complete the league campaign, no cup competition, no dinner & dance and no rugby tour!

The club are working closely with the RFU and following their, and the government's guidelines for the return to playing. As an organized sport, we can return to training Stage D on the Return to Community Rugby Roadmap. Non-contact training with regular breaks to sanitise hands and equipment is allowed. The club have been back training on the playing field since the beginning of September and following these protocols. The RFU have launched a new game **Ready4Rugby.** This is effectively a form of non contact rugby that will allow us to play competitive fixtures when appropriate.

The club had a successful **Rugbyforce** weekend in early September. This allowed a working party to improve our facilities in preparation for the new season, whenever it does start. Thank you to all who turned up and contributed their time and expertise to improve the facilities for the club, and thanks to the **RFU** and **NatWest** for sponsoring this.

We always welcome members of the community who want to be involved with the club, not just as players, but that can be as supporters or sponsors. We have some great club kit available from the club shop for players and supporters. Please get in touch if you want to join the **Norton Warpigs** family

To stay fully up to date with the latest news from the Norton Warpigs, follow the **Norton RFC Community** on Facebook. We hope we can welcome supporters to the touchlines at some point in the 2020-21 season.