NORTON NEWS

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PLAY SPACE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with planting trees in the field with the Play Space. It has been a great show of community spirit! We are hoping to have the delivery of the trees in April and will be in contact with you all to arrange days and times to suit you, to complete the planting.

With some better weather of late, we are soon hoping to complete the finishing touches to the Play Space itself. We then need to let the grass seed settle and grow for our Play Space to be open to all.



NORTON SCHOOL UPDATE:

"Every challenge is an opportunity in disguise." We safely welcomed our families back with open (yet socially distanced) arms in March. Having our children back in our classrooms has been the highlight of our year so far. Moving on from the pandemic has given us an opportunity to recalibrate and prioritise the curriculum. Our planning and lessons take into account the disruption to teaching, and the need to secure firm foundations before moving on to new learning. The future is bright at Norton C of E Primary School!

If anybody feels able to offer assistance in identifying and applying for educational grants on a voluntary basis for our village school, please could they contact admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk

FOOTPATHS

Norton Parish Council is to promote a survey of the Parish's footpaths in conjunction with the school and local walking groups. One objective of this survey is to identify any ancient paths not marked on the Ordnance Survey map. Communities like Norton have until 2026 to identify these paths, otherwise the rights of way might be lost.

Walking groups interested in helping with the footpath survey are invited to contact the Parish Clerk.

BUSINESS PLANNING

The Council is to document its long-term strategy and prepare an annual business plan containing the Council's objectives for 2021/2022. It's intended to start the new Council year in May with a plan for the next 12 months and present a progress report to the annual meeting in 2022. This will give the Council's work some structure and provide a level of public accountability.

NORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1924-2021?

"We had very much hoped to celebrate our 97th birthday in February, but a global pandemic rather changed things this last year. With many of our decreasing number of members in the vulnerable category, and the closure of the Village Hall, we have been unable to continue. Most of our members do not 'do' Zoom.

Failure over the previous two years to attract new members to join and take on roles within our WI has led to the very difficult and sad decision to close.

It is a real shame to do this, just 3 years before our centenary! With so many new people in the Parish, perhaps there are some that would like to revive the WI in Norton? With that hope in mind, funds will be held over for the next 3 years. Should that be the case, please feel free to contact me and I will happily give further information."

Margaret Edwards, on behalf of Norton WI

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NORTON RFC

In accordance with government and RFU guidance, the club can now plan the return to training. The club is pleased to announce that we will resume rugby on Tuesday 30th March at 18.30. For the time being, Tuesday evening training will be Touch Rugby, therefore we can welcome all members of the community who want to be involved with a non-contact version of the game that is great fun and good fitness.

Join us on the playing field at 18.30 (19.00 once evenings get light enough)!

The Warpigs Trotters Running Club will resume on Thursday 1st April at 19.00. This will be a 5km run at a gentle pace. Please get in touch with Sam on 07761 758284 if you want to be involved.

To keep up-to-date with our news, please follow the Norton RC Community page on Facebook.

GLOUCESTER CLAY SHOOTING CLUB LTD. NORTON

"I have decided to retire from the GCS Club Ltd., as a Director and Company Secretary. I have been a Member for 46 years and will continue to be one, although perhaps not so active as before. My place has been filled by Blane Boon from Longford who is the local Gunsmith. I am in post until the end of May 2021.

I would like to thank all the folks in Norton Parish who helped us through the difficult times with Tewkesbury Borough Council - a matter which has now been resolved. I am pleased to say that work will commence on the sound proofing that we agreed to, as soon as the weather and COVID restrictions on social distancing allow.

I am still available for help to the Club when asked, I'm only at the end of the phone. Thank you everyone in Norton for your support and help."
Best wishes, Peter Woolmer.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Did you know there is a Norton branch of Neighbourhood Watch? With over 60 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact in these difficult times. Please email to join:

christine1williams@btinternet.com

NORTON CHURCH

Although we are not having any services in the church at the moment, we are open on a Tuesday from 10am-4pm for private prayer.
There is also a 10am Benefice service on Zoom every Sunday. Call 07774 803177 for details.
For services in the Benefice please go to: seventowers.org.uk



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 toiletries every other Wednesday morning. Food is collected from the church between 1-2pm.
Upcoming dates are:
Mar 31
Apr 14, 28
May 12, 26
If you can't get to Prior's Norton, please email: NNEditor@nortonparish.com

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

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Norton History

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NHS 111 online

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