NORTON NEWS

OCTOBER 2021 ISSUE

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PLAY SPACE UPDATE

Thank you to all who came along to support Norton Rugby Club's 10th Anniversary on 4th September, and the opening of the Parish Play Space (photos below).

We were blessed with great weather and it was wonderful to see the children finally get to play on the equipment. We appreciate the support of all those involved in the planning and installation, and the patience shown by all the children whilst they waited for the official opening. A special thank you to Gary Edgecombe for all his work to make the day a great success, it was wonderful to see so many from the Parish able to enjoy the day.

We hope that all Parishioners will enjoy the Play Space which is a place for all to enjoy.

The next Parish Council meeting is 17th November at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

Your Parish Needs You!

Calling all Parishioners. As part of our approach to enabling activity within the Parish, we are looking for volunteers to lead/participate in the various projects that have been established as part of the Norton Nurturing Nature programme. Key areas we are seeking volunteers for are:

- Norton Nurturing Nature project lead
- Seed Exchange
- Pond and Village Green
- Public Rights of Way

If you are interested in getting involved, please email the Parish Council Clerk (nortoncouncil@gmail.com) by Sunday 31th October 2021.







NORTON RFC

Thank you to all who came and supported us for our 10th anniversary celebrations on the 4th of September. It was great to see so many people support the club and the opening of the play area. We would like to make this an annual event, with a family fun day/village fete accompanying the first home game of the season.

The Warpigs won their first league fixture of the 2021-20 season 20-0 with a win against Cheltenham 2nds on the 25th September, the same day the 2nds then followed this up with a win against Chipping Sodbury 2nds. The Warpig Trotters running group will be resuming in October and the Norton Warthogs Veterans will be playing their their first game this Autumn. Please get in touch with the club if you would like to be involved.

Please follow the Norton RFC Community page on Facebook for fixtures, news and events from Norton RFC.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Parish Council discussed speeding and anti-social driving at their September meeting and agreed to:

1. Consult local agencies including the Highway Authority, Police & Crime Commissioner's Office and Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership on the most effective traffic calming measures for our village roads, and prepare a draft improvement plan.

2. Discuss a joint approach with Down Hatherley and Twigworth parishes to push for effective enforcement of the speed limits on the A38.

3. Encourage parishioners with road safety concerns to record them on the community hub set up by the Police & Crime Commissioner at http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub in order to collect evidence to help persuade the County Council and the Police to take action. (Further information about the community hub can be found on the Parish Council website.)

BUSINESS PLAN

The Parish Council agreed a Business Plan for 2021 to 2023 with strategic objectives rated Red, Amber or Green, depending on their priority. A copy will shortly be posted on the Parish Council's website.



NORTON CHURCH

The church is open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm for private prayer. We are opening our church again for services.

For services in the Benefice please go to: seventowers.org.uk



COVID SAFE COBALT CHRISTMAS AND GREETINGS CARDS SALE IN SANDHURST

Sadly, for the second year running, we still don't feel it is safe enough yet 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 onward.

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 through the boxes of cards.

NORTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings will resume on the second Wednesday of each month (where possible), starting on Wednesday 13 October in the Committee Room at Norton Village Hall.

Tea/coffee, cake and biscuits are provided (minimum donation of £1.50), along with a welcoming and informal atmosphere.

Drop in any time between 10 – 11.30am to meet old friends and new neighbours. All proceeds go to the Village Hall.

Further sessions will be on Wednesday 10 November and Wednesday 15 December.



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 toiletries every other Wednesday morning. Food is collected from the church between 1-2pm.
If you can't get to Prior's Norton, please email:
NNEditor@nortonparish.com

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. Please email to join:

christine1williams@btinternet.com

NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

After a long break, we are happy to announce that we are starting our meetings again.

Norton Village Hall, main hall
Doors open 7.15pm, talk starts 7.30pm.

Monday 25th October 2021
Lt. Col. Bernard Barton-Ancliffe "The History of Imjin Barracks and the British Army"

Monday 23rd November 2021
Richard Chatham "Tewkesbury in Bygone Day

The chairs will be well spaced and, weather permitting, the doors and windows will be open.

Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser provided.

Further details from Sue Phelps 07754 668898



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