NORTON NEWS

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PLAY SPACE UPDATE

The Parish Council would like to thank all Parishioners for their patience whilst we made sure that the Play Space was ready for opening. Following a final fix and review on the 27th August, we are very pleased to confirm that the Play Space will have an official opening, alongside the Rugby Club's 10th Anniversary on 4th September. The event starts at 12:30 with the ribbon being cut at 13:00, when the children can then put the equipment through its paces.

There has been a lot of support throughout the Parish from helping with the unloading of equipment when it was delivered, fundraising and events, donations, tree planting and grass cutting. Thank you to all who have played their part in making this exciting new Play Space possible. With a special thanks to Jo Robson for her relentless work on supporting the fundraising project, and Eirwyn Jenkins for his knowledge and support in making the dream a reality.

We are working with the County Council on access via Wainlode Lane, this will be completed without affecting access to the space.

Thank you all again, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the opening and hope you enjoy this new community space.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

I regret to announce that Fran Bussey has resigned as a Parish Councillor for family reasons with immediate effect.

Fran joined the Parish Council in 2019 and led the Council's Norton Nurturing Nature project. Working with local residents, Fran developed a long-term plan for the parish, which included a joint venture for the maintenance of The Green and the Village Pond, and encouraged tree preservation and the planting of native species in the village. She was also a key member of the Play Space project team.

Fran brought energy and enthusiasm to her role as a Councillor and I want to thank her for her many contributions to the work of the Council and to the community she represented.

Richard Page

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



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

NORTON RFC

The 10th birthday celebrations of Norton RFC and fete will be held on Saturday 4th September. Starting at 12.30pm on the playing field, the afternoon will provide entertainment for all the family.

Featuring:

- **The Warpigs taking to the field in the green and gold of Norton at 2pm, showing off their champagne rugby against old rivals Widden Old Boys.**
- **Catering of quality locally sourced food**
- **A fully stocked bar from the amazing British Polo Gin**
- **Live music supplied by Major Entertainment and MusicLab**
- **Local stalls supplying cakes, sweets, coffee and an ice cream van plus more**
- **Two bouncy castles and face painting**

Come along and enjoy the day!



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



NORTON AND 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 27th September 2021
Chris Witts "The Severn Bore"

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

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

WHAT ARE SMART METERS? - AN UPDATE FROM CITIZENS ADVICE

Smart meters are being rolled out to all homes to meet the future demands of the gas and electricity system brought about by the changes in the way we live over the next 25 years.

Picture A is a smart meter. It looks like a normal digital meter and you can still take a reading from the meter which will be shown in the green window in the middle of the meter. Picture B, although often incorrectly called a smart meter, is an In-House Display Unit (IHD) giving a digital display of the data being measured by the meter.

The smart meter via the IHD provides information not currently available with a normal meter. It provides information on the customer's usage and costs on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Some IHDs enable customers to monitor their daily usage against a customer set target. And the IHD also sends meter readings to the energy supplier directly.

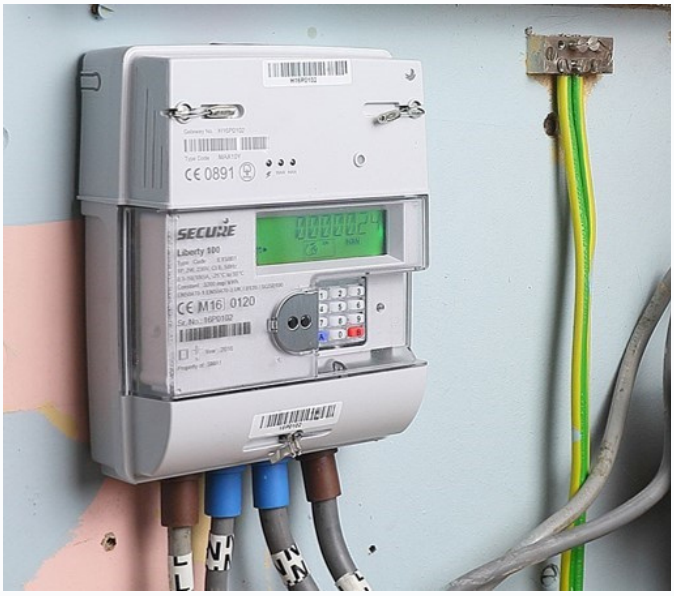
There are a wide range of estimates as to how much money smart meters could save the customer. The main lesson is that smart meters provide information which can help customers to alter the way they use their gas and electricity. By changing what they do in the home, savings could be made. If, after having a smart meter installed, the customer takes no action on the information of cost and usage provided, there would be no savings.

However, if you see the effect on your IHD when you switch on, for example, a 150-watt bulb in a light - you will never have such a large wattage bulb in the home again and will switch quickly to low energy bulbs everywhere in the home. These sorts of actions could save money.

Smart meters, via the IHD, provide the customer with usage information at any time. It is no longer necessary to scrabble under the stairs to read the meter. Additionally, the smart meter sends the customer's meter readings directly to the energy supplier when required without any intervention from the customer. This eliminates the need for estimated bills. Customers with smart meters only receive bills based on actual readings.

In the future, smart meters will provide a wider range of electrical tariffs such as a cheap night-time charging tariff and maybe a mid-afternoon `top-up` tariff – all supportive of the increased use of electrical cars. We can expect increasing use of Smart Appliances like fridges and freezers which can be controlled by the smart meter to take electricity when it is cheaper due to lower demand. Increasingly, new houses will be predominantly fitted with smart meters, and when old meters are replaced, smart meters will be fitted preferentially. Eventually most homes will have smart meters.

(Note that eligibility may vary to the details shown in this article and savings require customer action) (For further information on smart meters, contact Citizens Advice on 01452 527202)



PICTURE A



PICTURE B