NORTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2021 ISSUE

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council are now in a position to co-opt a new Parish Councillor at the January meeting, to fill the vacancy left following F Bussey's resignation. The date of the meeting is 12th January 2022.

Please can anyone wishing to apply for the role email the Clerk: nortoncouncil@gmail.com by 17:00 Friday 7th January 2022. When applying, please include details of your background / experience and why you'd like to become a Councillor.

Applicants are required to attend the Council meeting on 12th January, so that the Parish Council has an opportunity to speak with them prior to the co-option decision. If you would like to know any further information or have any questions please do get in touch.

NORTON NURTURING NATURE

We are still looking for Parishioners to support the Norton Nurturing Nature initiative. If you would like more information or to offer help and support please contact the Clerk.

We are very lucky to live in a beautiful area with plenty of walks to enjoy, part of the enjoyment is being negatively affected by owners not picking up after their dogs. Not cleaning up after a dog is and offence under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, introduced in 2014.

We respectfully remind owners that by law when walking your dogs you must have means to clean up after them. We are working with Tewkesbury Borough Council as well to introduce new dog waste bins in the parish. Please help by reporting any dog fouling so that it can be monitored by Tewkesbury Borough Council via the following link Report a dog fouling problem - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

NORTON CHURCH

There is a Carol Service at 4.00pm on 19th December - everyone welcome!

Christmas services are as follows:
Midnight Mass at Sandhurst church starting at 11.30pm on 24th December.
Christmas morning - communion service at Boddington church.
On the 18th December a Scarecrow Nativity display will be held on the Norton Playing field. Starting at 1.00pm Hopefully a number of scarecrow nativity figures will be brought from members of the Benefice. Carols will be sung at 2pm and 2.45 before the main blessing of crib at 3.00pm.

Norton church is open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm for private prayer.
For services in the Benefice please go to: seventowers.org.uk



Can you help us build our Benefice nativity scene?!
We have *Mary, Joseph and Jesus* but the rest of the people and animals haven't arrived yet!

Come and join in with a nativity built of life-size scarecrows! We would really love it if you could create your own life-size nativity character and display it in your garden during December to create a whole village nativity!

Then on Saturday 18th December, we are asking for your nativity scarecrow to make the journey to Norton Playing Field, where they will find the stable with Mary, Joseph and Jesus inside. (We can't wait to see your kings and camels, shepherds and sheep, angels and stars and stable animals!)

From 12.30pm there will be people from the church to welcome you and your scarecrow. Then ...
Join us for carols at 2pm and 2.45pm and listen to children from Norton School sing at 2.30pm before the main blessing of the crib at 3pm.

In-between there will be free craft activities and refreshments for everyone to enjoy!

Any queries? Call Jean (07471 207327) or Simon (07774 803177)

(Please make sure your scarecrow is able to stand without you and that you are able to secure it yourself! Thank you!)

Norton Villiage Hall

Local Author D.D Holland (BA 1st Hons. Creative and Professional Writing, shortlisted for the Black Pear Press Prize and the V Press Poetry Prize) presents:

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Conference Room, Norton Village Hall
£4 per person
For more info, email Dee on:
d.d.hollandwrites@gmail.com, or call: 07568728986



Norton + The Leigh Historical Society

Programme for Spring 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

"Invincible faith triumpheth" Malcolm Watkins
(the story of the Siege of Gloucester, based on the diary of the Town Crier of the time)

Monday 28th March 2022

"Medieval builders and building techniques" John Putley

Monday 25th April 2022

"The landscape legacy of the Normans" Alan Pilbeam
(Churches, deer parks, the establishment of the Forest of Dean etc.)

Monday 23rd May 2022

[To be arranged]

Meetings will be held in the main hall of Norton Village Hall
Doors open at 7.15pm, talks start at 7.30pm prompt
Everyone welcome. Entrance £3

While it continues to be advisable to keep Covid-19 safety precautions in place please wear a mask to these meetings. Chairs will be well spaced and the windows and doors will be kept open if it warm enough to do so.

Contact: Sue Phelps 01452 731280

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), 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.

Our next session will be on Wednesday 15 December and then on 12th January, 9th February and 9th March.



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.
Please note that there will only be one collection this month on 8th December and then this will revert o 2 collections a month from January.
If you can't get to Prior's Norton, please email:
NNEditor@nortonparish.com

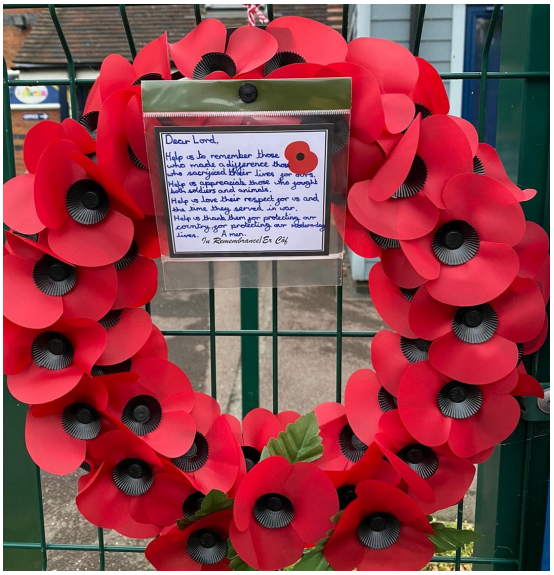
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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 CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school held a small service for Remembrance 2021, ringing the school bell to start a minute silence for reflection, followed by the children reading the names of the Norton Soldiers who died in WW1 and the reading of a prayer.





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