NORTON NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Gary Edgecombe, Chairman of Norton Rugby Club, and Martin Griffiths, a resident of The Green, have been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill two vacancies. They will serve as parish councillors until the local elections in May 2023. Congratulations to Gary and Martin on your appointment.

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2022/23

At its January meeting, the Parish Council approved a budget of £13,580 for the 2022/2023 financial year. This represents a 2.30% increase on the current year's figure.

PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

It has been drawn to the Parish Council's attention that the Village Hall Car Park may be being used by people other than those using the Hall, the playing field or the Play Space.The car park is restricted to users of these facilities and therefore anyone wanting to use the car park for any other purpose must make alternative arrangements. Anyone who would like to use the car park for any other reason is welcome to contact the Parish Council to request consent.

As well as this, we would like to remind users that when parking they do so in a considerate manner, and if this is within school hours to park in a way that will mean that they can pull out of spaces to reduce the risk of not seeing passing children.



TREE PLANTING ON THE GREEN

As reported last month, the Parish Council intends to replace a fallen tree on The Green to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Council proposes to plant two trees - a field maple (a native British species) and a silver birch (a non-native species from the Commonwealth) in a formal planting ceremony. The name of each variety includes the word "Queen" which makes the choice particularly appropriate.

However, as this is a parish commemoration of the Jubilee, the Council invites parishioners to comment on this proposal before a final decision is made. Comments should be emailed to: nortoncouncil@gmail.com by Monday 7th February at the latest.

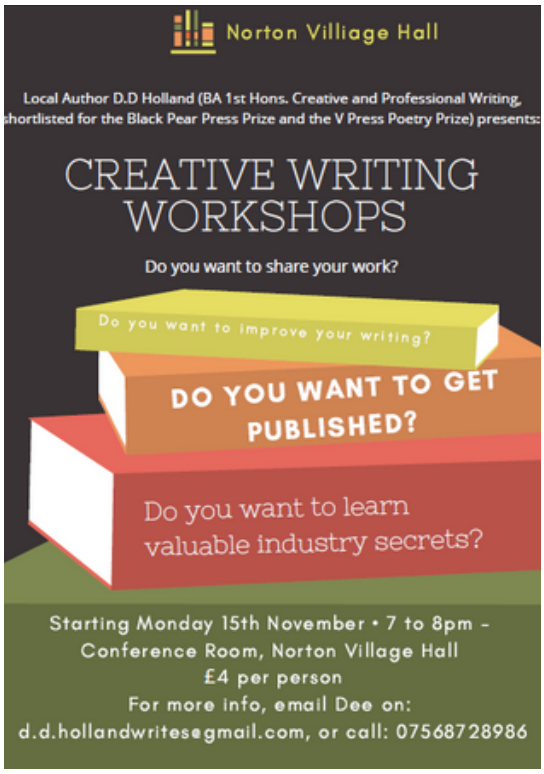
JUBILEE CELEBRATION NEWS

The Parish Council are organising a Village Fete in June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The fete will be a mix of fun activities for the whole family and a celebration of our heritage. Everyone's invited!

But we need to choose a date. Should the fete be held on 4 June, the Saturday of the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend, or on the following Saturday, 11 June? What do you think? Please email the date you'd prefer to nortoncouncil@gmail.com asap.

Watch this space next month for more details about the Jubilee Fete.







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

The history and plants of Westbury Court Garden Jerry Green

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 07754 668898

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

HTTP://NORTONPARISH.COM
HTTP://SEVENTOWERS.ORG.UK/
NORTONCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM
NORTON HISTORY
NHS 111 ONLINE
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY: 101
NORTON VILLAGE HALL

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 sessions will be 9th February and 9th March.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Did you know there is a Norton branch of Neighbourhood Watch?
With over 80 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact. Please email to join:

christine1williams@btinternet.com

NORTON CHURCH

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

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.

"POP-UP EVENTS" IN THE VILLAGE HALL



IF ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WANTS TO RUN A TRIAL CLUB OR EVENT PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AS FAVOURABLE HIRE RATES ARE AVAILABLE:

please email: norton.booking@gmail.com for more details



NORTON RFC

The Warpigs finished 2021 on a high with three back to back wins. It's now a crucial part of the season as the team pushes for playoffs and promotion. After the league season finishes, the club has entered two squads into the Cheltenham District Combination Cup competition, who will be hoping to bring silverware back to Norton after the finals in May.

During January, the team and the Warpig Trotters have been supporting the incredible initiative of two ex-Norton players, Danny Davis and Mike Hagan, who every evening during January, have been running 5km as a campaign against knife crime and in memory of Danny's nephew Ramarni Crosby, who was tragically killed in December. #ramarnicrosby #puttheknivesdown #IncreaseThePeace

Upcoming fxtures:
2th Feb Vs Bredon (home)
19th Feb Vs Cheltenha CS (away)
5th March Vs Old Crypys (home)

Please come and support the Warpigs if you get a chance, it is really appreciated by the squad. Please follow the Norton RFC Community page on Facebook for fixtures, news and events from Norton RFC