NORTON NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: RESIGNATION OF SIMON HOLDEN

Regretfully, Simon Holden has resigned from the Parish Council following a house move outside the area.

On behalf of the whole community, I want to thank Simon for his commitment to parish affairs, particularly during his time as Chairman. Many of the Council's recent initiatives came to fruition due to his efforts, notably the setting up of the Norton Nurturing Nature project and negotiations to resolve Rugby Club and Play Space issues.

We wish Simon and his family all the best in their new home.

The Parish Council intends to co-opt a replacement councillor at their meeting on 12 January. Any parishioner wishing to be considered should email the Clerk at nortoncouncil@gmail.com by 10 January.

Richard Page

FALLEN TREE AT THE GREEN

Residents of The Green recently came together to cut down and remove a Red Chestnut tree which was badly damaged by Storm Arwen. (See photographs below).

The tree was rotten and a large branch has been put on the pond's island to provide a home for insects and food for birds. Thanks guys, for all your hard work, especially the tree helpers!

The Parish Council intends to replace the fallen tree as part of the Green Canopy initiative to commemorate the Queen's 2022 Jubilee. The current plan is to plant a group of three Silver Birch varieties with contrasting bark which would leaf at slightly different times to maximise colour and interest.

A decision on the trees will be made at the Council meeting on 12 January. In the meantime, any suggestions about suitable replacement trees should be emailed to nortoncouncil@gmail.com.



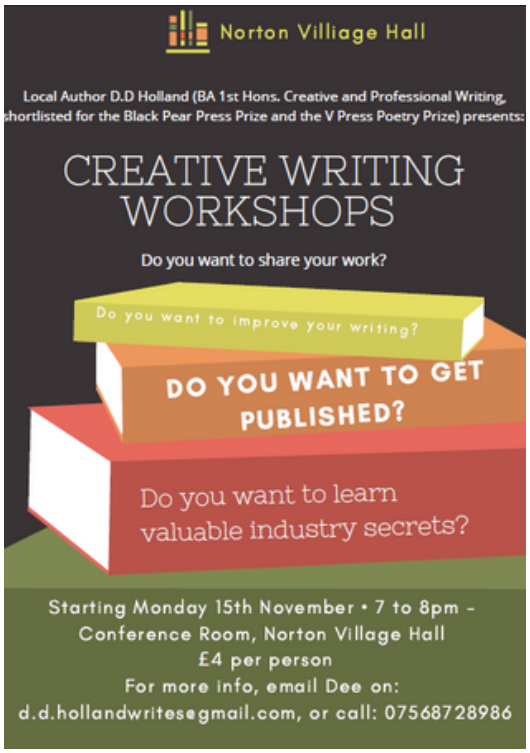


SPORT FOR ALL ANNOUCEMENT

The Parish Council is keen to promote the well-being of the community and organise events which could bring the parish together. With this in mind, the Council will be joining with the Rugby Club, and possibly the School, to organise a Sport for All weekend in 2022 to encourage sporting activities and healthy living for everyone.

This could include taster sessions for activities like yoga and keep fit in the Village Hall, rugby and team sports on the playing field and tennis lessons on the MUGA. A 5K or 10K village run and a shorter, but similar run for children involving circuits of the field would also be held, with medals for the finishers. An evening social event is also being considered.

This could be a major event for the village once Covid is on the run. Planning is at a very early stage and further announcements will be made in due course. Anyone willing to get involved, or with suggestions for events or activities, should email: nortoncouncil@gmail.com





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

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 12th January, 9th February and 9th March.

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 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.