NORTON NEWS

OCTOBER 2022 ISSUE

Please email NNEditor@nortonparish.com Deadline for next month's issue: 21st Oct 2022

NORTON VILLAGE HALL - AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Norton Village Hall charity will be held in St Mary's Church, Norton on Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 7.30pm. Residents of the Parish and any other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

A new Management Committee and set of officers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer & Bookings Secretary) for the charity will be elected at the AGM and nominations will be invited at the meeting. The new Committee will face two major tasks - supervising repairs to the building so that it can be reopened as soon as possible and fund-raising to help pay for those repairs. None of the existing officers will be standing for re-election so it's particularly important to elect a strong Committee to see these tasks through.

VILLAGE SIGNS

Residents will be pleased to hear that the Council now have the "go-ahead" to erect the new Village Nameplates on the A38 at either end of the village. These will be going up in the next few weeks - so look out for the new signs.



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ACCESSION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III



REPAIR OF PATHWAYS IN THE PARISH

Following a meeting with the County Council's local Highways Manager, the Parish Council have been asked to submit a list of pathways and pavements in the village that are in need of repair or renewal. Items on that list will be repaired by County Highways in order of priority.

The Parish Council is therefore inviting residents to contribute to this list. Residents should send details about relevant pathways and pavements, clearly describing both their location and the repairs needed, to nortoncouncil@gmail.com by the end of October. Progress with these repairs will be reported to future Parish Council meetings.

NORTON PLAY SPACE

To ensure that the Play Space continues to be a place for all to enjoy we are looking for volunteers from the parish to help keep an eye out for any potential issues. This would include a free training session on how to check the equipment, and full support from the council. There is no advanced knowledge needed and you would not be expected to make any adjustments to the equipment. The only requirement is to report back any findings to the clerk. If you would be interested in finding out more please email the clerk: nortoncouncil@gmail.com.



COVID-SAFE COBALT CHRISTMAS AND GREETINGS CARDS SALE IN SANDHURST

Sadly, for the third year running, we still don't feel it is safe enough yet to hold our usual sociable card sale day. However, we have still made lots of lovely cards which we hope you will buy in aid of Cobalt.

To arrange an individual appointment, to come and choose your cards at a time to suit you, from mid-October onwards, please phone 01452 731519 and leave a clear answerphone message if no-one is available to answer your call.

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 COFFEE MORNING

The October Village Coffee Morning will be held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 12th October. Call in anytime between 10am and 11.30am for tea/coffee, cake and biscuits and of course plenty of friendly conversation. (Minimum donation of £1.50 please, all proceeds to the upkeep of St Mary's).

FOODBANK DONATIONS

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.

NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Saturday 1st October. Please note the change of date..
Phil Pembridge has kindly offered us a talk about his grandfather's war, and a tent pegging display on horseback.
He hopes to have some people bringing some WW1 equipment.
Meet in Phil's field, about a quarter of a mile down Wainlode lane.
Saturday 1st October, 3pm to 5.30pm.
If it rains we will be in Phil's barn. You may want to bring a garden chair.
Entrance £3 everybody welcome, but please contact me to book a place.

Monday 24th October at Down Hatherley Village Hall
Our spreaker will be Nick Herbert who will talk about Medieval Gloucester.
Talk starts at 7.30pm. Entrance £3. Everyone is welcome.

SUE PHELPS 07754 668898



NORTON HISTORY - HELP PLEASE

I am looking for some help with village history. I have recently been told that in the late 1950s there were jazz nights held at Norton Court. This was the first that I had heard of this and was wondering if anyone could add any more details, memories, etc

Also, inside the church at St Mary's are a couple of frames containing a series of black & white photos taken at various houses around the village, I would guess the same day and in approx. 1970. Can anyone add any information about these please ?

Steve Maidment, norton_history@hotmail.com



NORTON HARVEST CELEBRATION

Bring and Share a Harvest Celebration on Friday 21st October at Norton Church at 6.00pm to 8.00pm Everyone is welcome to come and bring a plate and/or glass of something to share. It will be a time to come together to celebrate this time of harvest.

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

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

FIRE WALK

Longfield Community Hospice is looking for brave daredevils to take part in its fundraising Fire Walk on Friday 9 December.

The challenge is scheduled to take place in the hospice's grounds in Minchinhampton, from 6-9 pm, where participants will walk 15ft over hot coals at 550 degrees Celsius.

The event will be supported by one of the UK's leading Fire Walk companies, UK Fire Walk. Fire walkers will receive training from Scott Bell, who is a two-time Guinness World Record holder for the 'Greatest Fire Walking Distance'.

Registration is £30 per person and the hospice is asking fire walkers to raise £150 or more in sponsorship. Numbers are limited so people are advised to register soon to avoid disappointment.
For more information about the fire walk challenge, and to register, visit:
longfield.org.uk/event/fire-walk

