NORTON NEWS

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NORTON VILLAGE HALL - AGM

The Norton Village Hall charity held its Annual General Meeting earlier this month.

Geoff Pollard, the charity's Chairman, presented his annual report and announced that he was retiring after 15 years of service to the community. The meeting thanked him and the retiring Treasurer, Jon Dring, for all their hard work. It was reported that the County Council had commissioned a survey to examine whether temporary repairs to the roof are possible in order to get the Hall re-opened quickly. (The survey has since been carried out and the structural engineer's report is awaited.)

A new Management Committee was elected: Chairman - Richard Page, Treasurer & Bookings Secretary - Helen Costin, Secretary - Gary Edgecombe, Committee members - Richard Hine, Paul Scott and Isiah Young, plus representatives from the school and the rugby club.



PIZZA AND GIN!

We are delighted to welcome back our good friends and sponsors of Norton Rugby Club, British Polo Gin. The team will be offering their usual stable of fantastic drinks alongside takeaway sourdough pizzas. This will be the same set up as the queen's jubilee Summer Party this year. A contribution from every sale will go to NVH to help fix the roof. Why not come on down to the Village Hall, order a takeaway pizza and enjoy a draught Peroni or an organic G&T whilst you are waiting for collection? Alcohol free options also available.

Date: Friday 28 October
Location: Norton Village Hall (outside)
Timings: 16:30 to 21:00
What they will be offering: Locally produced sourdough pizzas alongside a full bar service
Exclusive offers: Buy three pizzas and receive 50% off on the fourth



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.

FLOOD AWARENESS WEBINARS

Parish councillors will be attending a series of webinars on flood awareness being organised by the Environment Agency throughout the first week of November. The information provided by these sessions will help the village to prepare for any flooding events which may occur over the winter.

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

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUB LAUNCHES

The County Council has launched a "Support Hub" to help residents get faster access to any support they might need to cope with cost of living challenges.

The Hub is split into five areas - money, food, energy, warm spaces, and protecting health and wellbeing. It's based online at http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/support-hub with hardcopy alternatives available very soon.

Warm and welcoming spaces will also be provided within libraries, offering:

- Warm places to relax
- Hot drinks
- Free access to internet and Wi-Fi.
- Charging points for devices
- Signposting to further advice and support
- Free activities such as homework help, knit and natter, and library clubs.

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

Our next meeting is on Monday 28th November.
7.30pm in the Education Center at Nature in Art.
Our speakers will be
David and Verginia Adsett.
Those were the days: The Swinging Sixties.
This promises to be a great talk with lots of items on display to look at.
Entrance £3. Everybody is welcome.
Sue Phelps 07754 668898.

2022 Gift and Craft Fair

Taking place at Nature in Art, Gloucester:

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October 2022, 10am – 5pm

Admission: £3 entry, Children under 16 FREE

Nature in Art: The first UK museum and art gallery dedicated to art inspired by nature, in all media and forms. **www.natureinart.org.uk** This event has been held for over 20 years and is always well attended, in 2019 we welcomed over 1500 visitors across the two days and raised essential funds for the Nature in Art Trust. This year it will be taking place on the weekend of Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th October 2022, 10am-5pm both days. Here at Nature in Art we are extremely passionate about supporting local artists and craftspeople, helping to highlight the array of crafts available and the creativity of the people in the local area. Our event strives to have a large selection of stallholders showcasing a variety of crafts, from woodwork & ceramics to glassware & photography.



CHRISTMAS TREE CAMPAIGN

Longfield Community Hospice in Minchinhampton has launched its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign, where, for a donation, local volunteers will pick up your tree at the end of the festive season and take it to be recycled.

The hospice is hoping to collect and recycle more trees than ever this year and needs volunteers with vans to collect Christmas trees from Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 January 2023.

·Are you a local person with a van who can get involved?
·Can your business volunteer the use of vans and staff teams to collect the trees?

This year, the Longfield fundraising team hopes to raise in excess of £35,000. In previous years, as many as 2,800 households from across Stroud District, Cirencester and Gloucester have taken part in the scheme. All money raised helps to fund the hospice's vital work supporting patients, families and carers across Gloucestershire.

To volunteer either with your time or if you have a van, then please contact the fundraising team on 01483 886868 or email fundraising@longfield.org.uk.

To arrange collection of your tree, visit www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree and make a suggested donation of £10 or more. Registration opens on 15th November 2022.



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