NORTON NEWS

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SPEED LIMITS ON THE A38

As reported in December, the Parish Council has asked the County Council to reduce the speed limit on the A38 between Down Hatherley Lane and the junction with Old Tewkesbury Road (adjacent to the primary school) from 50mph to 40mph. The County Council has referred the matter to its road safety team for further investigation.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE LOCALLY

At its January meeting, the Parish Council recognised that it should be giving a lead and promoting and supporting moves that help to mitigate climate change. The Council intends to set up a dedicated climate change section on its website where parishioners can go for information, and co-ordinate the production of a "Climate Pack" containing simple things each household can do to reduce their carbon footprint, with some data to show the effect those changes could have on the local environment.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN NORTON - 2023

Following the success of last year's Jubilee Fete, the Parish Council is looking at ways of promoting more community events in the village.

Suggestions being investigated include a street party to celebrate the Coronation and introducing the old custom of "Beating the Bounds" - parishioners and their children armed with sticks would strike local local landmarks to beat or mark the bounds of the parish. (In the days before maps it was important for each generation to know the physical boundaries of their parish.) Watch this space for further details.

PHOTO ID FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS IN MAY

Borough and Parish Council elections will be held in Norton on Thursday 4 May. Parishioners are encouraged to vote at these elections, but you need to remember that following a change in the law you must now show photo ID at the polling station in order to vote. The Electoral Commission will be running a public awareness campaign to remind voters.

If you don't already have photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. More information can be found here: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Now that the Hall has re-opened, the Management Committee is planning to improve the facilities so that the Hall becomes an effective community hub. Proposed improvements include:

- Partitioning off part of the kitchen area to create a coffee bar;
- Installation of a new kitchen;
- Refurbishment of the toilets;
- Upgrading of electrics, including LED lighting;
- Improved heating system; and
- Installation of fibre broadband.

Grant applications are being submitted for all these items. Expect regular progress reports!

Photo of the original village hall



NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Monday 27th February in the committee room at Norton Village Hall. Richard Chatham will talk about "The fascinating history of Stoke Orchard airfield."
Doors open 7.15pm and the talk starts 7.30pm.
Entrance £3 and everyone is welcome.

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HARTPURY DRAMA

Hartpury Drama Group is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023. Come & join us at our Easter Panto, Mother Goose, which was the inaugural group performance in 1973. There are 4 shows including a Saturday matinee for the younger children. Tickets are available now!



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

LONGFIELD'S ALE AMBLE

Longfield Community Hospice is organising the perfect day out for beer and rugby fans, with its popular Ale Amble returning to Stroud Brewery on 11 March from 11 am-3 pm.

Starting and finishing at Stroud's iconic brewery, the Amble will follow a scenic four-mile circular walk, with pit stops for a tipple at two pubs along the way. The route takes in the majestic hills of the Heavens surrounding the parishes of Thrupp and Lypiatt. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and exercise with family and friends.

Walkers will be welcomed back at the brewery with a free pint (or soft drink for under 18s) before catching up with a Six Nations rugby match on the big screen. Food will also be available on the premises.

To sign up for the event, visit www.longfield.org.uk/event/ale-amble

An early bird discount will apply to all registrations made before 30 January. Registration will be £15 for an adult or £10 for a child and you can choose to make a donation or raise sponsorship. You will also receive a Longfield t-shirt to wear proudly on the day!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Did you know there is a Norton branch of Neighbourhood Watch?
With over 90 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact. Please email to join: christine1williams@btinternet.com