NORTON NEWS

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NORTON
CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

EVERYONE COME AND CELEBRATE!

06 MAY 2023

- LIVE SCREENING OF CORONATION FROM 10.30AM
- BOOK AN INDOOR TABLE WITH "KING CHARLES" CELEBRATION CREAM TEA & FIZZ (PRICED FROM £18.75pp).
- SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO BOOK
- POLO GIN BAR & LOCAL CATERERS
- INFLATABLES & FAIR RIDES
- SPORTS & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH LIVE MUSIC & DJ!



FREE ENTRY*

NORTON VILLAGE HALL
AND PLAYING FIELDS



*NORTON VILLAGE HALL WILL BE SPONSORING THIS EVENT. YOU WILL ONLY PAY FOR FOOD AND DRINK

Email to book indoor table with cream tea and fizz:
bookings@nortonvillagehall.co.uk

www.nortonvillagehall.co.uk



SPEED LIMIT ON THE A38

The Parish Council's campaign to reduce the speed limit on the A38 through the village gathers pace!

The police carried out a survey last month to measure traffic speeds at a point close to the Broadclose Road junction with the A38. This established that approximately 5,000 vehicles per day passed through in each direction. The survey data showed that compliance with the 50mph speed limit at this location was very high and that the great majority of vehicles travelled at a speed below the posted limit. The mean speed was 41mph towards Coombe Hill and 42mph towards Twigworth.

This is important evidence which supports a reduction in the speed limit. The police intend to rerun the survey in the next few weeks to validate this result, after which the Chairman of the Council will meet the police and the Highway Authority to discuss the next steps. Watch this space!

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

SPRING LITTER PICK UP!

This coming Easter weekend the Parish Council is encouraging all Norton residents to help pick up litter around the village. Bags and grabbers will be avaliable from the Village Hall Carpark at 11am Friday 7th or from 9 The Green but any time you and your families can give over the weekend to help keep our lovely village clean would be appreciated by all!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Good progress has been made with the Management Committee's improvement plans for the Hall and the car park. A grant of £5,000 has been awarded for refurbishing the toilets: work will start soon. But this is only the start. Decisions on four, much larger, grant applications are awaited.

A range of exciting community events are planned in and around the Village Hall to celebrate Coronation Day on 6 May. These include a live showing of the Coronation ceremony, cream teas, hot food and an all-day bar, stalls, sports events, live band and disco, plus a children's bouncy castle - something for all the family to enjoy!

Full details are on the front page of this newsletter and will be published on noticeboards, the Village Hall's website and on social media. Make Saturday 6 May a day to remember - Come celebrate and support your village!

If you would like to get involved with any of the organisation, please email: bookings@nortonvillagehall.co.uk.
Any help greatly appreciated!

NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Monday 24th April at Norton Village Hall
Humphrey Chamberlayne will tell us about "The History of Markets in Gloucester"
Doors open 7.15pm, talk starts 7.30pm.
Entrance £3
Everyone is welcome.
Sue Phelps 07754 668898

NORTON RESIDENT TURNS 100

Mr Engelbert Knickenburg (Billy) celebrates his 100th birthday on 28th March 2023. Born in Kallenhardt, Germany (a small town but perhaps a little bigger than Norton), he had a good childhood and has many fond memories of his early life. He went to school just a few yards from his home and enjoyed the outdoors and winter sports. He recalls that from the age of 10, he was also expected to work on the farm to help support his family.

Like a lot of young men, he and his brothers were in the age group to have served in the German army and Billy became a British POW in 1942. He was sent to a POW camp near London (Spring Hill) and after the war he decided to stay in England. He worked hard (often outdoors) in various places around the country including Cardiff, Liverpool and Basingstoke. His final work before retirement was for Fairclough, where he was involved in making concrete.

He met his late wife Marjory, who was from Longtown near Hereford, and they were married on 25/9/1954. They moved to Norton in 1963 where they had 4 children, Geoffrey, Phillip and Jack (twins), and Hazel. Billy has 9 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Since his retirement Billy has travelled back to Germany each summer to help his family on the farm.

Billy has lived in the same house on the green for the last 60 years. Many Norton residents may not know Billy personally but will almost certainly have seen him as he walks from the green to the bus stop by the village hall most days to go to Gloucester (and keen to stop and talk whenever he can!).

Billy's hobby is following horse racing, his favourite being the Cheltenham festival, and he admitted to liking a little flutter. When we pushed him to ask how he gets on he thinks his biggest win was £250 but he says that he only bets small and does it for just the fun and enjoyment! We asked him if he had any special memories and he remembers meeting the Queen Mother at the Henley regatta one year… they obviously had a horse racing connection!

When asked about how he's managed to stay so fit and healthy for 100 years we were expecting him to say something like a tot of schnapps every day, or only drinking tea, but he says that he doesn't know! He does say that he's always been active and has always walked a lot so maybe it's as simple as that?

What an amazing life! Norton Parish Council, on behalf of the entire village, sends you best wishes on reaching this milestone birthday.
Congratulations and good luck Billy!





Images taken at Billy's party in the church 28/3/23

Workshops

LOUISE LEWIS GARDEN DESIGNER





Saturday 22nd April - Create an outdoor Kokedama
Saturday 20th May - Planting containers for sun & shade
Saturday 14th October - Planting bulbs for Spring '24
Saturday 2nd December - Christmas wreath making

at Coombe Hill Farm Shop, GL19 4BH

Please call or email me to book your place





Coffee and cakes available from The Baking Bird

garden creative

Time to browse in The Cow Shed Garden & Antiques

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NORTON CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

This term has been another busy and wonderful one at Norton C of E Primary School. Every class took part in a Samba rhythm workshop and we finished the day with an incredible (and loud) performance from Years 5 and 6.

World Book Day saw us celebrating our love of books with a range of activities and a character costume catwalk! At Norton, we love reading everyday, but it was very special having an entire day dedicated to books.

Years 3 and 4 were fortunate to experience a Hinduism workshop: they were able to explore the sacred texts and resources. They also learnt a traditional dance!

We have also been celebrating Science Week at Norton. The theme this year is "Connection". Year 3 and Year 6 joined forces to create a fair test exploring the connection between the amount of salt in water and whether an object floats or sinks. Year 4 and Year 6 teamed up to create a miniature representation of the water cycle to observe the connection between precipitation, collection, evaporation and condensation.

At the end of March, the finals for the 'Look Who's Talking' competition took place. This competition involved pupils talking about something of interest to them for 2 minutes in front of an audience. Terra and Hazel made the finals, representing Norton. Both pupils were incredible- we couldn't be prouder. They spoke clearly and engaged the audience brilliantly. Reaching the finals is a great achievement; a very well done to them both.

We ended the term with a visit to Sandhurst Church for our Easter Service. Rev Joe and our Year 6 Worship Squad shared the Easter Story and why this time of year is special for Christians. We hope you have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to the summer term.



NORTON CHURCH

There will be a Coffee Morning on 19th April at Norton Church 10.30-12.00. Everyone Welcome!

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 Marys in Prior's Norton. Please drop any food items and toiletries every other Wednesday morning. Food is collected from the church between 1-2pm.



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