NORTON NEWS

MAY 2023 ISSUE

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FREE KIDS DRINKS**

NORTON
CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

EVERYONE COME AND CELEBRATE!

06 MAY 2023



FROM 10.30
- LIVE SCREENING OF CORONATION

FROM 13.00
- PIZZA"FOOD TRUCK" AND BAR OPEN
- INFLATABLES & FAIR RIDES
- SPORTS & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- CAKE SALE



15.30
- TREE PLANTING

FROM 16.00
- LIVE MUSIC

WET WEATHER PROVISION

FREE ENTRY*

NORTON VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS



*SPONSORED BY NORTON VILLAGE HALL.
** FREE KIDS DRINKS WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A PICNIC AND INVITE FRIENDS/FAMILY FROM FAR AND WIDE!

www.nortonvillagehall.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: No cream teas as there were no bookings!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Only four nominations were received for the five seats available on Norton Parish Council. Therefore Anne Marie Delaney, Martin Griffiths, Jennifer Richardson, and Richard Page will be re-elected without the need for a parish election. The remaining vacancy will be advertised once the new parish council takes office on 9 May.

However, elections for the Severn Vale South Ward of Tewkesbury Borough Council and the Highnam Division of the County Council (which both include Norton) will be held on Thursday 4 May. Voting will take place at the Village Hall and residents are reminded that they need to product photo ID or a Voter Authority Certificate to vote in person.

SPEED LIMIT ON A38

As reported last month, the police decided to conduct a second speed survey on the Norton section of the A38 in order to confirm the results of the original survey. That second survey was carried out in the middle of this month (April). The box collecting mean speed data was installed outside the entrance to "Brookelands". The result of the survey are expected shortly.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

Now that spring is finally with us, residents should remember to keep their hedges in trim. Hedges shouldn't be allowed to overhang pavements and obstruct pedestrians, or grow more than 2 metres (6 1/2 feet) high as this could impair your neighbour's enjoyment of their property.

Severn Trent have asked us to remind householders about the importance of not flushing wet wipes down the toilet as they can easily cause blockages. Wet wipes don't bio-degrade and should always be thown away in your green refuse bin - not flushed away.

NEW DAWN INN - ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE APPLICATION

The New Dawn Inn (formerly the KIngs Head) has been a public house since at least 1827 and, like most village pubs, it plays a prominent part in the social life of Norton. Recognising its importance both to Norton and the wider community, Tewkesbury Borough Council designated it as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) so that the building's use as a public house and restaurant was protected. However, that designation only lasts for five years and runs out in August this year. The Parish Council is anxious to retain the New Dawn's ACV status (and avoid the possibility of the site being redeveloped for housing) and is applying to the Borough Council to renew the ACV designation for another five years.

But the application's outcome isn't a foregone conclusion. Resident's views will play an important part in the decision and therefore if you want to see the New Dawn's ACV status retained, please send an email of support to the Parish Clerk at nortoncouncil@gmail.com, quoting your name and address, as soon as possible.

The tree at the entrance to the New Dawn Inn from the A38 was planted by the village in 1935 to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee. Because of its historical significance, the Parish Council will be applying to have the tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.



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

SPRING CACTUS SHOW

The Gloucester Branch of the British Cactus & Succulent Society (BCSS) are holding their annual show at Norton Village Hall on Saturday 3rd June. This is an ideal opportunity to see a superb range of these fascinating plants. Cultivation advice, sales plants and refreshments will also be available. The show is open to the public from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is only £1 and children are admitted free but must be accompanied by adults.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings held at Longford Village Hall on the second Saturday afternoon of each month. For more information please visit our web site at www.gloucester.bcss.org.uk or ring John, our Chairman, on 01242 621452 or Jean, our Secretary, on 01452 503983.



SPRING LITTER PICK UP!

Well over ten bags of litter were collected from around the village during the Parish Council's Easter Spring Clean. Many bottles, cans and fast food containers were collected along with used nappies and a pregnancy test kit! Thanks to all those who helped, especially the Mason, Guest and Harvey families and TBC who supplied the bags and kit.



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 CHURCH

After the successful April get together, there will be another Coffee Morning on 17th April at Norton Church 10.30-12.00. There will be a "bring and buy" sale as well as coffee and cake. 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.

NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be Monday 22nd May.
Barry Simon will give us a guided walk around, and a talk about Swindon Village.
Meet at 7pm in the car park at Swindon Village Community Hall, Church Road.
GL51 9QP
£3 entrance. Everyone is welcome.

Please let me know in advance if you will be coming to this walk and talk.
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