NORTON NEWS

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CORONATION AND FUTURE VILLAGE EVENTS

Thank you to all the Norton residents who braved a wet Saturday to celebrate Coronation Day at the Village Hall. Cancellation of the outside events because of the weather didn't seem to dampen spirits and the Hall buzzed with conversation and laughter while residents enjoyed the bar, pizza and homemade cakes.

The day was such a success that the Village Hall Committee are thinking of holding an annual village event, either on one of the May bank holidays, or perhaps a Christmas party. Resident's views on the timing of such an event will be sought in due course.



TREE PRESERVATION ORDER PROPOSED

The tree at the entrance to the New Dawn Inn from the A38 was planted in 1935 to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee. Because of its historic significance, the Parish Council is requesting Tewkesbury Borough Council to make a Tree Preservation Order to protect the tree.





TREE PLANTED TO MARK CORONATION

Despite the rain, one Coronation Day event took place as planned. The children of the village planted a walnut tree on land between the play area and Wainlode Lane to commemorate the Coronation. A plaque will be erected shortly to mark the event. (Apologies to the parents of the children who took part. They got a bit muddy: but had fun!)

CLIMATE CHANGE GUIDE

The Parish Council has approved the text of a Climate Change Guide showing how Norton's households can make a real difference, reduce their carbon footprint and save money. Once some design work on the document has been completed, the Guide will be formally launched and posted on the Council's website

PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10 May, Richard Page was re-elected Council Chairman and Anne Marie Delaney was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

NORTON CHURCH

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 28th June 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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Did you know there is a Norton branch of Neighbourhood Watch?

With over 100 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact. Please email to join: christine1williams@btinternet.com

A LITTLE VILLAGE HISTORY...

The village celebrations for King Charles' coronation in May brought the following to mind. When Edward VII died in 1910 his youngest son ascended to the throne and he was crowned King George V on 23 June 1911.

His coronation was celebrated at Norton by a bonfire on top of Norton Hill in the field that is known as 'The Park'. Once the bonfire had been cleared away a small group of trees were planted and a commemorative stone placed on the spot to mark the occasion.

I cleaned the stone and took this photo a few years ago now but the stone and trees are still there.
Steve Maidment, 4th May 2023



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

Do you know the next parish councillor for Norton...

lets get it right for our Parish!

There is a seat available on the council following the May election, so now is the perfect time to step forward and join our engaging and supportive parish council. We would encourage all parishioners to consider whether this would be a role that they would like to take on, or maybe you have a friend or family member in the parish who would fit the bill, hopefully the following will help get you wanting to find out more -

What does a parish councillor do?

- They are responsible for representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet local needs
- Work as a member of the council to improve quality of life in the parish

What is the commitment needed?

Norton parish council meets bi-monthly at the Village Hall, where they discuss relevant matters relating to the community. These include our nurturing nature project, installation and maintenance of the Play Space, planning matters that affect the parish, planning community events and more.

You would be expected to attend the meetings and also respond to emails, and would be fully supported in the role by our clerk. Training is available via our local town and parish council association, so no further experience is needed, just a desire to work for a better Norton for everyone.

Can anyone be a parish councillor?

The following defines who can be a councillor—

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

  a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community
  b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
  c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
  d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

So if you would like to help shape the community in which you live, making sure that it is a positive place for you, your family and all parishioners to live then this could be the perfect role for you.



If I'm interested what do I do next?

This role will be appointed by the council during the next meeting on Wednesday 12th July 2023, via a co-option vote taking place at the meeting.

Contact our clerk Selina by phone 07725 852062 or email nortoncouncil@gmail.com
To discuss the next steps and to put your name forward vacancy.

We look forward to working with you.