NORTON NEWS

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CHANGE IS COMING!

Tackling climate change is a subject that affects us all. But actions always speak louder than words, and the Parish Council decided earlier this year that rather than just talk about a climate emergency, it needed to show residents what "good" actually looks like. Consequently the Council has compiled an easy-to-follow guide containing simple ways in which Norton's households can make a real difference, reduce their carbon footprint, and save money at the same time.

Norton News has reproduced the guide's title page to give you a flavour of what's to come.

The guide is at the final design stage and will be ready to be published during October. The launch will be announced on social media and on the Parish Council's website, along with details of how to get your copy. Don't miss this opportunity to do your bit for the planet and for your pocket.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CAR PARK CLOSURE

The Village Hall car park will be closed from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December inclusive for re-surfacing. The works will also include the remodelling of the garden area and the construction of a new entrance and exit to the car park, which will improve visability for drivers. The new entrance will also include a height barrier to prevent unauthorised commercial vehicles from using the car park.

Warning notices will be erected nearer the time and the closure will also be advertised on social media. Residents who normally use the car park should make other arrangements during this period.

CELEBRATE THE CLASH OF THE TITANS

Norton Rugby Football Club will be holding a social event on Saturday 28 October, which will include a live showing of the Rugby World Cup Final. A full bar and refreshments will be available. And the whole village is invited. Join your friends and neighbours for a pint and a pizza while you watch the biggest game in men's rugby. Will one of the home nations make it to the final? We do hope so!

REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON A38

Down Hatherley and Norton parish councils have submitted a joint application to the County Council requesting them to conduct a feasibility survey to decide whether there is a case for reducing the speed limit on the A38 from 50 to 40mph between the entrance to the Golden Castle site and the junction with Old Tewkesbury Road, adjacent to the primary school.

As part of this process, the two parish councils will be consulting local residents on these proposals. Residents' opinions will have an important impact on the outcome, so watch this space for details of how to submit your views.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Village Hall's AGM will be held on Wednesday 29 November at 7.30pm in the main hall when elections for the Management Committee will be held.

The current Committee will also be presenting their plans for future improvements to the building and residents will have an opportunity to express their preference for a number of different options. Don't forget that this is your Village Hall so make sure that you come along and have your say about the future of our Hall.

Residents are also needed to join the Committee and help manage the Hall. So don't just talk about the way the Village Hall should be run - stand for election to the Management Committee and shape the way it's run!

RUGBY
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NORTON CHURCH NEWS

Please come to the coffee morning on the 11th October at the church 10.30-12.00. A bring and buy table will be there.

On 7th October we are holding Ring out the Bells Discovery afternoon at the church.
It will be a talk and demonstration of the bells with afternoon tea and scones. 2.30-4.00pm.

In November, Tuesday 7th we are holding a film night in Norton village hall called
Against the Tide. 7.30-9.30pm. An interesting film. All these events are to raise money for repairing the bells in the church.

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

COBALT

CHRISTMAS & GREETINGS CARDS SALE

10.30am - 6.30 pm
Thursday 12th October
at
The Dovecote
Sandhurst Lane
Sandhurst
GL2 9NR
(past church and follow signs)
Complimentary coffee and cake
Please come and bring your friends!

If there is a major resurgence in Covid infections, the sale will be cancelled.
If in doubt, please phone or text 07880 703583 to check



Gloucester foodbank

There is a regular collection of donations for the Gloucester Food Bank at St Marys in Priors Norton. Please drop any food or toiletry items every other Wednesday morning.

GLOS AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Parish Council now has a representative on this Consultative Committee. Anyone who has any concerns or complaints about aircraft flying over the village is invited to submit their comments to nortoncouncil@gmail.com so that they can be brought to the Committee's attention.

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

GET TO KNOW YOUR VILLAGE HISTORY

With historically important trees very much in the news this week, we wanted to share the story of one of Norton's.

In 1935 King George V celebrated his Silver Jubilee as King and amongst a number of events to commemorate the occasion Norton planted a tree on the grass verge between the entrance and exit roads to the King's Head Inn (now the New Dawn Inn). Mrs Walker of Norton Court is shown here formally planting the tree.

A modern day shot of the tree is shown below.

There is lots more to discover regarding the history of the village and the Kings Head Inn here on Norton & The Leigh Historical Society's Website.





NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next talk will be on Monday 23rd October: Cider making in Gloucestershire - Foxwelps to Firkins With Andy Mellor.
Committee room, Norton Village Hall
Doors open 7.15pm, talk starts 7.30pm
Entrance £3
Everyone is welcome
Sue Phelps 07754 668898



LETS TREASURE OUR HEDGEROWS

Traditional hedgerows, which feature a range of native trees such as Maple, Hazel and Hawthorn are not only an attractive, varied and colourful feature of our agricultural landscape but also have a positive impact on wildlife habitats, biodiversity and air quality.

A cared for, traditional hedgerow adds character to our landscape and lives. Lets all plant, treasure and protect them.

A traditional Norton hedge (shown opposite) makes an excellent wildlife habitat.

Martin Griffiths. Norton Nurturing Nature

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT RESULTS

If you took part in this survey earlier in the summer, the results are in and can be found on www.butterfly-conservation.org Butterflies and moths are excellent indicators of the impacts of climate change and other human environmental factors, so collecting data on their numbers is really important!



No need to book any of our events - just come!

Come to the Village Hall for ...

FILM NIGHT: Against the Tide

Tuesday November 7th 7.00pm



Against the Tide is an award-winning travelogue, an examination of modern science, an excursion into history, an autobiography, and more. It is a well-polished and engaging documentary at heart, fast-paced to keep you alert and deep enough to make you think! It is the story of one man's daring stand against the tide of contemporary atheism and its drive to relegate belief in God to society's catalogue of dead ideas.

In the warmth of the Eagle and Child pub, where C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien once gathered, veteran Hollywood actor and director Kevin Sorbo and Prof. John Lennox begin a journey to discover how the Christian faith stands against atheism. As the conversation continues through the university hallways of Oxford and Cambridge, Lennox talks about the intersection of science and Christianity. He examines the consequences of an atheistic worldview, as he recounts his travels in Soviet Europe. He brings this experience to his debates with prominent atheists, including Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins.

As Kevin Sorbo and Prof. Lennox walk where Jesus taught - from the top of Mount Precipice to the Sea of Galilee - they dive deeper into the story of Christianity. Standing at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, they reach the crux of their conversation: do science and history refute the Bible?





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

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8/11/2023

The next meeting of Norton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8 November in the Village Hall's Committee Room at 7.30pm. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.