NORTON NEWS

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England issued its proposals for Gloucestershire last week.

The boundaries for Norton parish and Tewkesbury Borough Council's Severn Vale South ward (which includes Norton) remain unchanged, but Norton will be in a new division for County Council elections.

Norton is currently part of the County Council's HIghnam division which, if the proposals are adopted, will be divided into two parts - Highnam with Haw Bridge and Severn Vale (which will also take in part of Bishop's Cleeve village). The proposed Severn Vale division will include Norton and be bounded by Tewkesbury to the north, Apperley to the west, Bishop's Cleeve to the east and Norton to the south.

The proposals may be inspected on the County Council's website:
http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
or the Boundary Commission's website: http://www.lgbce.org.uk
with a public consultation period open until Monday 11 December 2023. Have a look at the proposals for both Norton and other parts of the county and see what you think.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8/11/2023

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.

Residents are needed to join the Committee and help manage the Hall. 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!

The Committee will be presenting their proposals for the future improvement and renovation of the building and residents will have an opportunity to comment on a number of different options, including:

- Installation of a full catering kitchen, which means the Hall can be hired for a wider range of events and enable school meals to be cooked on site for the first time.
- Renovation of the toilets, including a new entrance from the main hall.
- Turning the stage area into an additional meeting room and possible extra classroom for the school.
- External make-over (including landscaping the site) to modernise and improve the appearance of the building.

This is your Village Hall so make sure that you come along and have your say about the future of our Hall and how the grant money should be spent.

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.

NORTON CHURCH NEWS

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

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?

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.

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.

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

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LONGFIELD CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

The new stocks of Christmas cards are already selling like hot mince pies! There are 39 designs, priced from £3.50 to £4.50 for a pack of 10, all proceeds will help support Longfield's hospice care. Available from longfield.org.uk or in any of their shops.

Also coming Up....

1st December, Minchinhampton – Ice Walk & Christmas Fair
10th December, Minchinhampton – Light Up A Life memorial celebration
January 2024 – Christmas tree collections





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 & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Monday November 27th
The history of Christmas and wassailing.
By Robin Burton.
The committee room Norton Village Hall
Doors open 7.15pm, meeting starts 7.30pm.
Entrance £3
Everyone is welcome.
Sue Phelps 07754 668898

COBALT CARDS

A big "Thank you!" to everyone who came to the card sale in Sandhurst in October. Your support is very much appreciated. £454 was raised on the day from card sales and generous donations.

If anyone couldn't make it to the sale but would still like to buy some cards, please phone 01452 731519 to make an appointment.
The money we raise this year will go towards funding Megan Willsher, the full-time specialist Teenager and Young Adult Cancer Nurse for Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire, whose role is to support and guide young cancer patients aged 16 - 25 through their treatment. Cobalt currently provides £27,000 per year to jointly finance this service in partnership with the NHS.