NORTON NEWS

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Parish Council meeting

40 residents attended the latest meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 17 July - perhaps the largest number to have ever attended such a meeting!

Representatives of Wain Homes attended to present their proposals to build 45 houses on land adjacent to the A38 and answer questions. A lively discussion followed in which residents raised important concerns about the effect of the proposed development on highway safety on the A38 and flooding in the area.

Similar concerns were also put forward when the meeting came to discuss Centaur Land's planning application to build a further 46 houses at Lime Close. The application included a proposal to lay a sewer pipe across the playing field and the village hall car park to connect with the main sewer beneath Old Tewkesbury Road. The Parish Council voted unanimously to refuse permission for this pipe to cross parish land.

The Council also agreed to submit a robust objection to the Lime Close development and a copy of the objection sent to Tewkesbury Borough Council will be posted on the parish council's website shortly and may be viewed at nortonparish.com.

If you haven't commented on this planning application yet - it's not too late - but be quick. Go to the Planning section of Tewkesbury Borough Council's website (tewkesbury.gov.uk) and submit your views quoting reference 24/00331/FUL.

Speeding concerns on the A38

Following concerns raised by the Parish Council about the speed of traffic and the increasing number of accidents on the A38, the Norton section of the A38 has recently been classified as one of Gloucestershire County Council's traffic "hot spots" and is currently under investigation by the County Council's road safety team to identify suitable improvements.

Village Hall car park

An extension to the front of Norton's primary school is being built during the school's summer holidays. To avoid parking construction vehicles on Old Tewkesbury Road, five car parking spaces will be used temporarily by the builders and have been cordoned off.

Ring out the Bells!

Sunday August 25th

St Mary's Norton from 11am



Bring a picnic and come and join us for a barbecue, entertainment and activities to celebrate the return of the bells to St Mary's Norton following their restoration

A celebration for the whole community!

11am - 1pm
Tower tours and ask the experts.
Climb the tower to see the bells *(Sorry, no children)*.

11am - 1.45pm
Watch a 10 minute presentation about the story of the project on the screen in church

11.00am - 2pm
Family activities and bell hunt in the churchyard

11.45am
Welcome gathering

12.15pm - 2pm
Find out about hand-bell ringing

12.15pm - 2pm
Picnic and barbecue

2pm - 5pm
Listen to bell ringers perform the first ever major peal of the restored bells. Watch what the bells are doing live on the screen in church
or stroll to the Leigh Church to hear the Norton bells from a distance (2.30pm)!

4.00pm - 5.30pm
Join us for a cream tea and give a huge round of applause to the ringers!

No need to book - just come!
Call in and pop back at any time!
We look forward to seeing you!

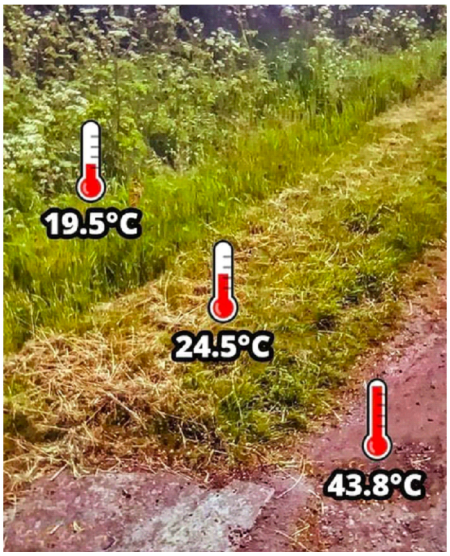
This is a free event. *(Donations to the bell fund appreciated!)*
Toilets & free parking
www.facebook.com/ringoutthebellsnorton
www.seventowers.org.uk Info: 07774 803177

Norton Nurturing Nature

There are of course many good reasons for cutting the grass, especially if you want to play golf, cricket or bowls on it. However, while monoculture lawns might look 'neat' to some people and are better environmentally than concrete or paving there are many areas of grass, which would be better for nature and biodiversity if it wasn't cut throughout the spring, summer and autumn. Long grass provides a home for a multitude of insects, provides food for butterflies, moths and birds and can look very beautiful if native wild flowers are planted amongst it.







Longer grass can also help keep the world cool. So please, when you consider cutting the grass, ask is it really necessary and wouldn't it be better to leave it, plant some more wild flowers therefore help nature thrive in

Useful Links and Contacts

https://nortonparish.com
https://seventowers.org.uk
nortoncouncil@gmail.com
Norton History
NHS 111
Police Non-Emergency number : 101
Norton Village Hall Website

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

There is a Regular Collection of donations for the Gloucester Food Bank at St Mary's in Priors Norton. Please drop any food or toiletry items every other Wednesday morning.