Norton News

April 2025 Edition

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A Big “Thank You” To Residents

Following the Special Planning Edition of the Norton News about the proposal to build a further 46 houses at Lime Close, the Parish Council would like to say a very big "thank you" to the 33 (yes, 33!) local residents who submitted objections to the plans. This is a tremendous response which is bound to make Borough councillors sit up and take notice when the planning application comes before Tewkesbury's Planning Committee for a decision in due course.

However, if you haven't commented on the proposals yet and would like to do so - it's not too late! Go to the Tewkesbury Borough Council's website and select the "Planning" section, click on the "Commenting on planning applications" box and follow the links to leave your comments. You'll need to quote the planning application reference: 24/00331/FUL.

Parish Council's Response To The Proposed Lime Close Phase 2 Development

Following a lively debate at the March Council meeting, with valuable contributions from parishioners who attended, the Parish Council has submitted detailed objections to the developer's revised highways and drainage proposals for LIme Close phase 2. A copy of the Council's response has been posted on the Planning section of the parish council's website.

A Sad Farewell To Selina

Selina Bostock, Norton's Parish Clerk, attended her last Parish Council meeting in March. Selina has been our Clerk since 2017 and was the driving force behind the creation of the village's play area. The Chairman and councillors paid tribute to Selina's professionalism and her dedication to both the parish and its residents, and presented her with a gift and a bouquet of flowers as a token of their appreciation.

Selina's successor, Daniel Hinde, was introduced at the Council meeting. Daniel lives in Tewkesbury and is an experienced Clerk who also works for two other parish councils. He will formally take over from Selina on Tuesday 1 April.

GRCC Housing Needs Survey

As mentioned in our February edition, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council's report on the Housing Needs Survey they conducted in the parish late last year was presented to the Parish Council at their meeting on 12 March. A copy of the report may be inspected on the parish council's website.

Norton And The Leigh Historical Society

Monday 28 April at Norton Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15 for a 7.30 start. Entry £3 all welcome

"A grim poetical justice" : Smallpox in Gloucester in 1896 . The speaker is Dr Toby Thaker

Any queries please phone Neil Davies 07789 711068.

Ring Out The Bells!

Bank Holiday Monday April 21st

Join us for an Easter celebration with the bells at Norton Church. Come and listen to the ringers ring out a 3 hour non-stop peal from 10am.

Bring a picnic lunch from 12pm and listen in the churchyard. 1pm Help us give the ringers a round of applause! 1.15pm - 2.30pm Hot drinks and cake available in church plus a chance to talk to some ringers 2.30pm - 4pm Take a tour up the tower to see the bells and learn all about them.

Everyone welcome!

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

The Norton Village Hall charity held its AGM on 10th March. The Chairman reported on the previous year's activities and the continuing programme of improvement works, with the two sets of toilets and the changing rooms being renovated over the summer and a new heating and hot water system being installed. The Treasurer reported that the charity's finances were in good shape with bookings having returned to pre-Covid levels. Special thanks was given to Lynne Berry who is now responsible for all Hall and Committee Room bookings.

The following Management Committee was elected:

Chairman - Richard Page

Treasurer - Helen Costin

Secretary - Fran Bussey

Committee members - Gary Edgecombe, Nick Hine, Rich Hine, Craig Jones and Brad Smith.

Norton Village Sign On Wainlode Lane

Sharp-eyed residents driving into the village from the Apperley direction will have noticed that the Parish Council has erected a "Norton" sign close to the parish boundary on Wainlode Lane. This is an identical village sign to the ones recently erected on the A38 at either end of the parish.

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

Plant Sale

Friday 2 May 2025
7pm - 7.45pm

NORTON VILLAGE HALL

Everyone Welcome
Free Admission

Cash Only



MISS BUSSEY'S Busy Bees

THE HOLIDAY CLUB WITH NATURE AT ITS HEART

FOR AGES 5 - 12

HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES 5 -12

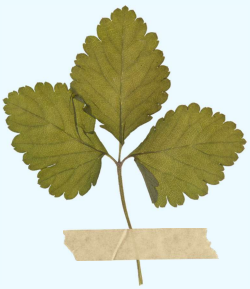
8/9AM - 3:30 PM — £40 PER DAY, PER CHILD

8/9AM - 5:30PM — £55 PER DAY, PER CHILD

12 SPACES

NORTON OR SANDHURST VILLAGE HALL





25' EASTER HOLIDAY DATES:

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

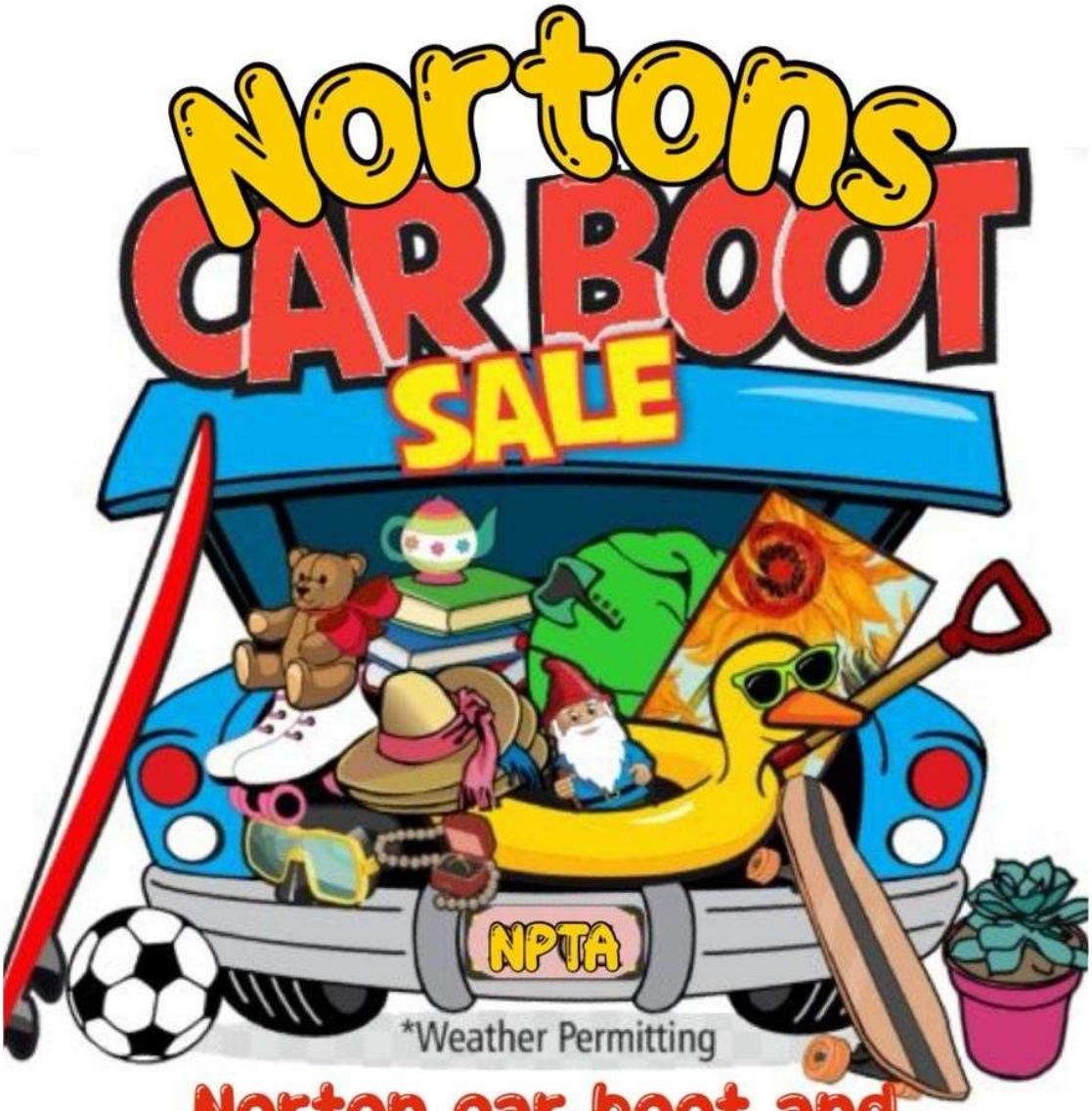
THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

Fran Bussey xoxo



Scan to Book

@MISSBUSSEYSBUSYBEES



Norton car boot and table top!

£10 per table/car to sell

£1 entry for buyers

Sunday 18th May 10am-12noon

@ Norton Village Hall and Car Park.

pre-book a table or car pitch

by emailing :

norton.sch.pta@gmail.com

Refreshments available

Teddy bears picnic trail

Friday 11th – Sunday 24th April



Follow the directions to find each of the teddies who are lost on the way to the picnic. Keep your eyes peeled for clues along the way.

Maps are £3 and can be bought from The New Dawn inn during opening hours. (Cash only)

Full route is approx 3.2km however a shorter 1km route is available.

New Dawn Inn

Norton

GL2 9LR

OPENING HOURS

Monday

17:30 – 21:00

Tuesday – Saturday

11:30 – 14:30 & 17:30 – 21:00

Sunday

12:00 – 16:00

NORTON PTA

Many helping hands

Thankyou as always for your support

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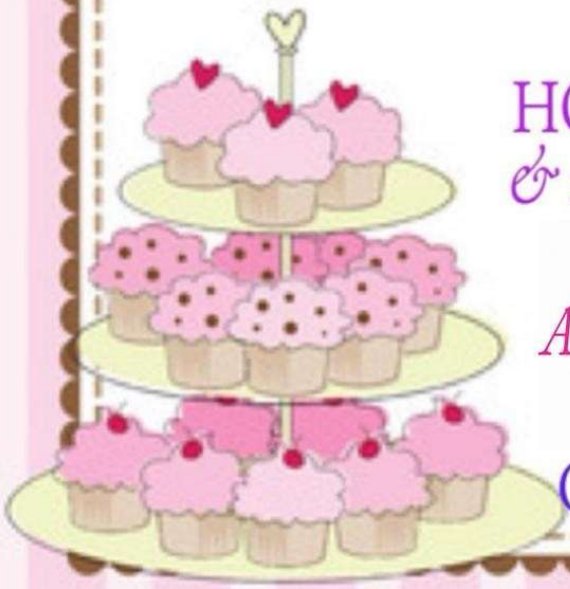
NORTON SCHOOL

cake sale

Location.. COOMBE HILL
farm shop

Date.. SATURDAY
5th April

Time.. *9am - 2pm**



Tea, coffee,
HOT CHOCOLATE
& squash also available

All sales go to Norton pta

CASH ONLY PLEASE.

** till stocks last*



Useful Links and Contacts

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

Norton Nurturing Nature



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

GLOUCESTER FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

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.