

Norton News

November 2026 Edition



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Are you interested in playing Boules / Petanque?

Several residents have approached the Parish Council about the possibility of installing a Boules court in Norton. Boules (also known as Petanque) a form of bowls played widely on the continent, is becoming increasingly popular in the UK, but before the Council considers this request it needs to establish whether there is sufficient interest in the parish.



If there was a Boules/Petanque court in the parish, would you be interested in playing with your friends, or even forming a team to play against other residents? If so, please email the parish clerk at clerk@nortonparish.gov.uk to register your interest.

Latest news on application for 46 houses at Lime Close

This is a particularly contentious planning application, which is perhaps why it has been under consideration by Tewkesbury Borough Council for over two years. During that time, the developer has submitted several sets of revised plans, but none of them appear to have met the highway objections.

The Parish Council has been informed that the developer (Centaur Homes) is having new discussions with Tewkesbury's planners and the County Council (in its capacity as Highway Authority) to see if a solution can be found. This may result in the submission of further revised plans - which must be sent to the Parish Council for comment. The Council understands that nothing is likely to happen before the New Year.

Any definite news about this application will be published in the Norton News and on the Neighbourhood WhatsApp group. Watch this space!

Call for a Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy for a Norton parish councillor to serve until the parish council elections next May. This is an important community role, especially with so much happening in Norton at the moment and local government reorganisation on the horizon. Consequently, it's vital to have a full complement of parish councillors so that residents' views are properly represented.

If you're interested in parish affairs and want to help make important decisions affecting your local community, then you should consider becoming a parish councillor. Any resident wanting to get involved is invited to email the Council's chairman at rfnpage@yahoo.co.uk for details, as the Parish Council would like to co-opt a new councillor at its next meeting.

Next Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 11 November

The next meeting of Norton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11 November in the Committee Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All residents welcome.

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Norton Village Hall – Community News and Updates

It has been a busy time at Norton Village Hall, with improvements to our facilities, new groups using the Hall and exciting plans for the New Year. We are committed to making the Hall an even more welcoming, efficient and valuable resource for everyone in our village.

Improvements to the Hall

We have upgraded our gas meter and installed a new heating and hot water system, linked to our new booking system. This allows heating to be managed around bookings, helping improve energy efficiency, reduce unnecessary energy use and keep running costs under control.

The Hall floor has also been refurbished, helping to improve the appearance of the main hall and maintain the facilities for our users.

New notice boards are also being introduced and will be updated regularly to keep residents informed about activities, events and news from the Hall.

We have ordered new curtains for both the stage and the Hall windows, which will be installed soon. These improvements will help freshen up the Hall and create a more welcoming environment for our users.

A Potential In-Post Parcel Locker

We know that deliveries in the village often cause much consternation for residents. We are therefore exploring a proposal to locate an In-Post parcel locker at the Village Hall. If approved, this could provide a convenient local service for residents wishing to send or collect parcels. We will share further information as the proposal progresses.

Supporting Local Sport

It is great to see our facilities being used by local sporting groups. Longford Under-10s football team are now using the pitch and changing rooms for their matches, alongside the continued use of our facilities by Mixed Ability Rugby.

We are delighted to support these groups and hope to welcome even more clubs, activities and community organisations in the future.

Our New Website and Social Media

We are working on developing a new Norton Village Hall website and improving our social media presence. These will help us keep residents informed about upcoming events, activities, room hire availability and the latest news from the Hall.

Our aim is to make it easier for everyone to find out what is happening, discover the facilities available and get involved in village life.

Looking Ahead to the New Year

Our Committee Room will be available for hire in the New Year. It could be ideal for small meetings, clubs, community groups, workshops and other activities. If you are looking for a suitable space for your group or organisation, please get in touch for further details.

We are also pleased to announce that Yoga classes are planned to start in the New Year.

We are still looking for a Pilates instructor interested in running classes at the Hall. If you are a qualified instructor, or know someone who might be interested, we would love to hear from you.

Have Your Say – Community Survey

We want Norton Village Hall to continue meeting the needs of our local community. Your views and suggestions are important in helping us decide what facilities, activities and improvements would be most valuable.

Please take a few minutes to complete our community survey using the link: Click here to take the survey

Your feedback will help us plan for the future and ensure the Hall remains a valued resource for the whole village.

Volunteers Needed – Help Secure the Future of Our Village Hall

Norton Village Hall needs the support of our community to secure its future. Like many village halls and community facilities, we rely on volunteers to help keep things running, develop new activities and ensure the Hall remains available for everyone to enjoy.

We are looking for people who can spare a little time to help, whether by joining the committee, supporting fundraising, organising social events, assisting with maintenance or bringing fresh ideas to the table.

You do not need previous experience or to commit to large amounts of time. Even a small contribution can make a real difference, and sharing responsibilities among more people makes the work more manageable for everyone.

Without additional volunteers, the future of the Hall and the valuable community services it provides could be at risk. We want to avoid that and continue building a thriving, welcoming venue for current and future generations.

Join the Village Hall team (paid opportunity)

Would you be interested in helping to keep our Village Hall clean, tidy and welcoming for everyone who uses it? We are looking for people who might be interested in joining a small team to share the hall's cleaning duties on a rota or flexible basis.

This would involve general cleaning and tidying to make sure the hall is ready for its next users, cleaning and restocking the toilets, sweeping and mopping floors, dusting and wiping down surfaces, including the kitchen.

This is a paid role with hours and arrangements to be discussed. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with the Chair, Aad, for an informal chat.

Contact Norton Village Hall

Whether you are interested in volunteering, joining the committee, hiring a room, organising an activity or finding out more about our plans, we would love to hear from you.

Aad Nasrat – Chair
Email: chair@nortonvillagehall.co.uk

Cathy O'Donoghue – Social and Community Activities
Email: social@nortonvillagehall.co.uk

Liz Spiers – Secretary
Email: secretary@nortonvillagehall.co.uk

Please get in touch if you would like to help, have an idea for a new activity or simply want to find out more about what is happening at the Hall.

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Event Sponsorship at the Village Hall

The Social Committee at the Village Hall are currently planning a number of events through to Christmas and are inviting local residents or businesses to support us through event sponsorship.

Your sponsorship would help us cover the costs of hall hire, refreshments and raffle prizes, allowing us to keep these events affordable and accessible to everyone in our community.

Sponsorship packages range from £50 to £150 depending on the event

If you would like to sponsor one of the events, or would like further information, please contact social@Nortonvillagehall.co.uk

We have the following events planned:

- **Children's Halloween Competition and Spooky Pumpkin Trail**: Saturday 31st October
  Sponsored by Thomas & Thomas Property
  - 5.00pm Children and Parents Arrive
  - 5.15pm Fancy Dress Competition
  - 5.30pm Trick Competition
  - 6.00pm Commence Spooky Pumpkin Trail

NB: Free squash and Cakes available for children. No booking required, just turn up on the night.

- **Pub Social Night**: Saturday 21st November
  - Norton based British Polo Gin Events will be returning to NVH on Saturday 21st November to run the bar and catering for our social and pub night.
  - Bar and Pizza available from 5.30pm; **Adults Only from 7.30pm**
  - Bring your neighbours and friends along, chat to other residents in the village. Raffle and table quizzes.

Please pre-book your table to help us set up for the evening.

- **Coffee Morning**: Saturday 28th November
  - 10.00am -11.30am
  - Our coffee morning on 24th October raised £150.

- **Christmas Party:** Saturday 5th December
  - 5.00-5.50 – Reindeer Hunt and Christmas lights trail
  - 6.00pm – The countdown to switch on the Christmas tree lights
  - 6.00-7.15pm – Gloucester Brass Band: Sing Along to Christmas Carols and Songs

Mulled wine, bar and mince pies supplied by British Polo Gin Events

Norton Village Hall Regular Events

What	When	Where
Norton History Group	2nd Monday of each month 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Committee Room
Line Dance	Every Tuesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Main Hall
Fitsteps	Every Wednesday 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Main Hall
Balboa Dance	Every Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Main Hall
Art with Nick	Every Friday 6.45pm to 9.00pm	Committee Room



Norton and The Leigh History Society

Forthcoming Dates for the History Society:

Date: Monday 16th November
Topic: Shepherd Crook Folk Choir. Local Gloucestershire Carols and Christmas songs (sung in four-part harmony)

Venue: Committee Room, Norton Village Hall.
Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start
Entrance: £3.00
Everyone is welcome.

Wainlode Wombles

Norton litter pickers recently collected all this rubbish in about 1.5 hours. They left 30 nitrous oxide canisters, 2 bollards, a car wing, 1 large paint bucket and a 25-gallon plastic water bottle for the council to collect. Well done to the 'Wainlode Wombles' for keeping our village tidy.



Norton Court Farm

We are excited to announce the Butchery at Norton Court Farm will officially open for the festive season.

To celebrate this milestone, we're hosting with local bar and catering favourites PoloGin right here on the farm. Come pick up your pre-ordered Meat Box and spend the evening enjoying:

- Food & Drink Stall: Meat from the butchery cooked over open fire
- Butchery visit: See the new setup and meet the team behind your food
- Cosy and warm atmosphere: Perfect for a festive family outing on the farm

Saturday, 12th December 4.00pm onwards at Norton Court Farm. Booking and further details: https://nortoncourtfarm.co.uk/butchery

Norton School Christmas Fair

Please come along to celebrate Christmas with us at Norton School. We would love to welcome our Norton community to kick off the festive season.

Can you offer a raffle prize? We are looking to local businesses, companies and individuals to donate prizes for our annual raffle. This is a huge hit every year and any donations would be very gratefully received. Please contact norton.sch.pta@gmail.com

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Friday 20th November.

Next Edition

Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk Sorry, no commercial advertising. Please keep text and images separate attaching any images as .jpg or .png files.

The deadline for submitting items for the December issue is Friday 27th November.

If anyone wishes to be added to the mailing list for Norton News, for data protection purposes they must either email me directly from the email account that they wish to be added, or you can sign up at nortonnews.uk/sign-up-to-the-e-mailing-list.



Join us at Norton Village Hall
for a

WINTER SOCIAL

MUSIC - FOOD - GAMES - DRINKS - RAFFLE

NOVEMBER **21** FROM 5:30PM

Everyone welcome from 5:30 - 7pm
Adults only from 7-9:30pm

TO BOOK YOUR PLACES EMAIL
SOCIAL@NORTONVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK

NORTON VILLAGE HALL, NORTON, GLOS
GL29LJ

JOIN US FOR

VILLAGE

COFFEE

Mornings

SATURDAYS
24/10 & 28/11
10AM-11:30AM

£2 ENTRY

EVERYONE WELCOME

COME AND TELL US WHAT ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE VILLAGE

COFFEE • TEA • CAKES
CHAT

NORTON VILLAGE HALL
Norton Glos

Join Us at Norton Village Hall for a

Christmas Party

Reindeer Hunt
Christmas LIghts Trail
Christmas Tree lights switch on
Sing along to Christmas Carols
with the Gloucester Brass Band
Bar, Mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 5th December 5-8pm

ALL WELCOME!
Free for Villagers
£2 non Villagers

NORTON COURT FARM

Save the date!

Saturday 12th December

A festive celebration at our new
Farm Butchery

Local catering company **Pologin** will be cooking the very first dry-aged beef from our butchery over an open-fire BBQ!

A bar serving drinks **Delicious local food** **Festive atmosphere**

Wrap up warm, gather round the fire, and celebrate with us!

More details and RSVP at Nortoncourtfarm.co.uk





[Download a Sponsorship Form]

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 regarding emergency and security issues.

Please email to join: christine1williams@btinternet.com



Do you have something you no longer need or use but is too good to throw away and could be of use to someone else in the village? Maybe you have something to sell or some local news or knowledge to share. There's a Whatsapp group for that.

Please message group moderator Andrew Mason to join: +44 7767 610497



Did you know there are two walking groups in Norton? Just pop along and meet us.

The Tuesday Trotters meet each week at 9:30am in the village hall car park for a 5-6 mile walk. We try to keep these walks easy so that everyone of all ages can enjoy some fresh air and exercise as well as to enjoy some good company.

The Wainlode Walkers has a long history and also meet weekly on Fridays at 9:30am at the village hall. The walks are a little more demanding and most weeks include a hill (or two) and are more likely to be about 8 miles, so a good level of fitness is required.

Gloucester Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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.

TIRED OF POTHOLES
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?
REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH FixMyStreet
FixMyStreet.com

www.FixMyStreet.com is a powerful website for reporting common street problems like - potholes, broken streetlights, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, missing or unreadable road signs, abandoned road works or traffic signs, overgrown hedges and trees, blocked footpaths, dog fouling, dead deer etc. - to your local council.

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
Norton Village Hall Bookings