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CRAFTY CRITTERS hope that you had a great time at the Flower Show on 16th August and enjoyed seeing our decorations. We certainly had a fun time making them all! We will be meeting in the **Reading Room on Mondays 1st and 22nd September from 1.30 to 3.30pm**. Why not come along and join us for a couple of hours of friendly chat while you work on your project, or pick up some inspiration for the next one. No special skills required! £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Tricia 882646

NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for September

Sunday 7th, 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th, 9.30am Communion

Sunday 21st, 6pm Evensong

Wednesday 24th, 9am Communion

Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website:

www.hamhillchurches.org and church notice boards.

LADIES GROUP A visit to Barcroft Hall landscaped garden was enjoyed by many. We strolled along the pathways surrounding the seven lakes and took in the wonderful views. We had tea and cake in the barn, served by the lovely owners and very much appreciated. We served the teas at the Flower Show on 16th August. Although very busy and we were all exhausted by the end of the day, it was fun and we managed to make just under £1000. A big thank you to all the ladies, and our friends from Chiselborough, who helped with the refreshments on the day. Thanks also to the many villagers who baked or bought cakes so that we could have a successful outcome. Our first meeting after the summer break will be held **on Monday 15th September from 2.30pm-4pm in the Reading Room**. We shall be treated to a charcoal drawing demonstration by local artist Kate Lynch, and afterwards we can have a go and take home our masterpieces. Boules will take place, weather permitting, on **Tuesday 23rd September at 2pm**, for a friendly game. On **Monday 20th October**

at 2.30pm in Reading Room we have a talk on **The History of Nursery Rhymes** – all is not as it seems. We are a small friendly group who meet every third Monday in the Reading Room. We enjoy talks, outings and social events. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB The Mobile Library will be in Chiselborough opposite the Village Hall on **Tuesday 16th September and in Norton from 10.10–10.35am**. The book club meets the same day. Anne Fairweather

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP AGM Tuesday 23rd September 7.30pm Norton Village Hall.

Hamdon Youth Group (HYG) is an important and popular resource for young people in Norton and Stoke. You are welcome to come along and see how things are run and what is planned for the future. The committee needs more volunteers who can support the future of our community. Please contact me for a discussion. John Bailey 881227

NORTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS Now that we are coming in to the Autumn season we are starting off the season with a coffee morning at **Pentle House in Little Norton on Wednesday 24th September** by kind invitation of Nic and Kevin Boyd. The theme will be Harvest and anything related! Thinking ahead, we are now looking for two venues for next year, February 25th and March 25th. If you would be able to help, please contact Debbie or me for more information. These events do not involve a lot of work for hosts – our team of helpers do all the serving of coffee and washing up! Thank you. Janet Hutton 881566 Debbie Bradley 07710 352194

THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST **Rescuing, Repairing and Reusing Churches, Friday 26th September, 7:00 for 7:30 pm.** The Friends of Norton Church are delighted to announce that Meriel O'Dowd, a Churches Conservation Trust project manager, will provide an illustrated Pulman talk on the Trust's management and upkeep of the 365 churches in their care, including innovative re-uses as a circus training school, and testing hot air balloons. **Tickets at £7 are on sale in Norton Shop** and on the door on the night.

NORTON COMMUNITY MATTERS would like to thank everyone who came along to our very first AGM. We hope we were able to explain a little more about our work. Our committee remains the same, but we welcome as new Chair, Sue Lowder who we are sure will be amazing and keep us all in check! Jennie Harris, our past Chair has been invaluable in terms of knowledge and experience and we thank her for her time and efforts over the past year. We are

proud of our achievements in our first 12 months and are looking forward to another productive year. Dates for your diary: **Quiz at the Lord Nelson, Sunday 28th September and Christmas Market on Saturday 22nd November 11am to 3pm.** If you have any ideas or suggestions for projects that need funding and will benefit our lovely village, then please email helloncm@outlook.com or drop a note in the letterbox at 16 Broadmead Lane.

The Committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Lisa Parsons and Angies Cakes 2 Crumbs and everyone involved with Party at the Cross for their donation of £2152.87. This fantastic amount will go towards several projects we have in the pipeline. We are truly grateful for the support.

Norton Community Matters Treasurer's Report: We have had a very successful first year of fundraising and would like to thank the residents of Norton sub Hamdon for their generosity and support. Special thanks must go to Pint Sized Plays who got us off to a great start with their generous donation of £1208.27. Total income = £3304.47

Total expenditure = £1205.06

A detailed breakdown of our income and expenditure can be requested from the committee, but the highlights are as follows: We purchased a defibrillator and the necessary signage; made donations to the boules court and the skittles team. We have also purchased a gazebo which can be used at village events. We hope other village groups will come forward with requests for funding. We currently have a bank balance of £2179.41; this includes £80 of deposits for the Christmas Fair. Anne Fairweather, Treasurer for Norton Community Matters

NORTON MOVIE NITES AGM Chair's report.

After another season of screening six films for your entertainment, our thanks go to the Box Office (Norton Shop), Norton Newsletter, Parish Magazine, The Hambook (no longer published) and all who help promote and support our evenings in the Lord Nelson skittle alley. Mark and Helen and the staff are wonderful hosts and their help is greatly appreciated. Our equipment is a community resource and can be hired for local events. New members will be very welcome to join the committee. John Bailey 881227

NORTON MOVIE NITES in the Lord Nelson

Tuesday 9th September. The new season starts with **Mr Burton**, which follows the early years of Richard Burton and the teacher who saw the potential he had to become someone special. Great performances from Toby Jones, Lesley Manville and Harry Lawty. Tickets £5 cash on sale only at Norton Shop. Bring £1 for your chance to win the DVD! Doors open 7.45, film starts 8 pm.

NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW

A huge thank you to everybody concerned who made our annual Flower Show yet another marvellous success. Thank you for all the messages of support received by our amazing committee of just seven members; the fantastic ladies group with their delicious refreshments, and the host of volunteers

headed by Martyn Shire. The colourful displays within the marquee and the lovely art work from children of all ages made the Show a delight. We were of course also blessed with wonderful sunshine. The day ended in the marquee with a flashback to the past at the 70s/80s disco party with over a hundred attendees. Thank you to Jackie and her team for organizing this. For those of you interested in statistics, the total entries in all classes came to 568 which is 1% down on last year (571 in 2024 and 596 in 2023). The number of individual exhibitors was 136, 10% down on last year (151 in 2024 and 108 in 2023). There were 42 children under 8 entering the classes, an increase of 56%. The entries for the children's classes 8-12 and 13-18 had fallen by 28%. Despite the very dry season and high temperatures this summer, we had a brilliant display of produce in the marquee. My thanks go to Manfred Roper, president of the Show, who certainly leads the way with his high standards of horticulture both at the Show and at the Plant Sale. Thank you also to Jane Shire, the Show secretary, who is tireless in her efforts to attract new patrons, sponsors, advertisers and attractions. Our MC Peter Callaghan was brilliant in making the afternoon flow – both he and Kath Crouch made an excellent team. The children were so thrilled to welcome back the Bubble Man and Steve on his Magic Bike with all the flags and excitement of the procession. If you would like the Show to continue, please save the date: **Saturday 1st November Flower Show AGM** and bring your ideas along (venue to be confirmed). Details to follow, along with the final accounts. Caroline Riley Chairman/Treasurer

NORTON BOUNDS BREAKFAST WALK Saturday 25th October, starting at 8.30am at the Lord Nelson.

Enjoy an early morning autumn walk followed by a 'Full Monty' breakfast at the Lord Nelson. The walk will start and finish at the pub, and circumnavigate the village, following the rights of way nearest to the village boundary – about 6 miles and taking about 2 to 2 and a half hours to complete. There are plenty of shortcuts for those who don't want to walk the full distance. At the end of the walk, about 11–11.30, the Lord Nelson will provide a full English breakfast including coffee, orange juice and toast at £12.00 a head. Please book directly with the pub to avoid disappointment. Any queries contact John Bailey 881227

TINKERS BUBBLE - OPEN DAY/CIDER NIGHT

Saturday 4th October, 11am 'til late. Tinkers Bubble welcomes you to our annual Open Day leading to a Cider Night. We are an off-grid intentional community based near Ham Hill. We work the land without the use of fossil fuels, produce timber from our woodland using a steam-powered sawmill, and press our own apple juice and cider by hand. Come and visit us to find out more! There will be tours, a Q&A, steam engine and green craft demos, tea and cake, followed by live acoustic music, campfire, and bar. Fresh, organic lunch and dinner will be available, and a bar serving up our hand-pressed cider and apple juice. Tours will be at 12, 1, and 2pm, with a Q&A at 3.30, and a bar open from 3pm. Camping available for a £3

donation. Please keep dogs on leads. Parking is available in the Ham Hill car parks and in Norton Village Hall. Please bring cash! We will be down in the barn area, the postcode is TA14 6TF. For more information contact Tinkersbubble@riseup.net. Feel welcome to come and visit!

JUBILEE GARDEN Here's hoping you all enjoyed our lovely summer, but all good things must come to an end. The children will soon return to school, some moving on to new ones, and young people off to colleges and universities. I wish them all good luck and enjoyment for their future. Now I must ask for help once again please, to tidy the garden and get it in shape for the winter months to come. Rather than give any specific day or time, just turn up and do what you can. You will find some tools by the compost bins, and secateurs in the big black box up on the platform. Otherwise bring your own, but remember to take them home. Many thanks in anticipation – the owls will keep you company. Please give me a call on 882602 for any further ideas to keep the Community Garden a happy place. Lynn Orchard

NORTON SHOP

A second round of locally grown strawberries is expected during the second week of September, enjoy with luscious cream or rich Greek yogurt. Thanks as always to our customers for their continued support. The volunteers love seeing you, and we hope the feeling is mutual. Do please consider becoming a volunteer, it's great way to be in the community and is also very helpful! Forms are in the box by the door.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB

Winners for this month are: Jill Berrington, Heather Hawkins, Mike and Pam Rastall, Richard More, Jackie Campbell, Roger Webb, Tim and Pam Williams, Jayne and Jonathan Dart, Rowena Alsey, Liz Fish. If you are interested in joining the wine club, contact me on 07943 971566 or email simonbradley@gmail.com

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

Would you like to have a go at drawing with charcoal, pencil or pen? How about exploring pastels, watercolour, acrylics or oil? There's so much choice! Do come along when our autumn term commences on Tuesday 2nd September at Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall. **The Village Artists Group meets on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.30 noon during school term time.** FREE first visit to see how you get on! For more information on the group contact Andrew on 823691, SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com
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VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 1 September, Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30–3.30pm
Monday 8 September, Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall committee room 7.30pm
Tuesday 9 September, Norton Movie Nites, Lord Nelson skittle alley 7.45
Monday 15 September, Ladies Group, Reading Room 2.30–4.30pm
Tuesday 16 September, Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10am
Monday 22 September, Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30–3.30pm
Tuesday 23 September, Hamdon Youth Group AGM, Norton Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 24 September, Coffee morning, Pentle House, Little Norton 10.45am
Friday 26 September, Church Conservation Trust, Norton Church 7pm
Sunday 28 September, Quiz at Lord Nelson 7.45pm
Saturday 4 October Tinkers Bubble Open Day/Cider Night 11am
Monday 20 October, Ladies Group, History of Nursery Rhymes, Reading Room 2.30pm
Saturday 25 October, Norton Bounds Breakfast Walk, start Lord Nelson 8.30am
Saturday 1 November, Flower Show AGM, venue tbc
Saturday 22 November, Christmas Market, Village Hall 11am–3pm

NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE If you know of anyone who has moved to Norton, please ask for their details and contact the editors so that we can welcome them to our village.

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