

NORTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Alas we are unable to have certain events this past year, but we have a couple of provisional things that are scheduled to happen. Covid permitting

Easter Egg Hunt -Monday 4th April- church grounds and village hall.
Parish Elections - Thursday 6th May - village hall.

Norton Billionaire Text Bingo.

Just text your name to 07800 752027
(no marketing, just fun)

Is anybody up for a game of text bingo? Just send me your name and mobile number and you can play the "free" daily text Norton Billionaire Bingo. Massive prizes are available including a signed photo of me.

You will receive bingo cards and every day you will be texted four numbers to mark off your card, first full house wins a prize. Details of entry will be supplied if you apply to play. You could win a guided tour of Jacks Patch or even chocolates .Have a bit of fun and see if you can be a winner.

If you need help with your shopping, prescriptions collecting or any small jobs, we have a team of Norton Buddies that can help. Give me a call if you need any assistance.

Times may be boring and hard, so if you have a joke or funny story let me know, a smile brightens up the day.

The NVCA doesn't just organize events, they also look after the playground, Jack's Patch, and the Village Hall. We are looking for people to come forward and help us with just one, or all of those things. Maybe there are a few of you who would be prepared to take on Jack's Patch or the Hall please Contact Roger Saunders who would be delighted to hear from you.

Did you know April 2021 should be the date of the next 10 yearly census?

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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P.C. MEETING DATES 2021

Tuesday 9th February
Tuesday 13th April Tuesday 9th March
Tuesday 11th May

All meetings commence at 7.00pm on Zoom– All welcome
See the Agenda on the website (below) for joining details

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NORTON CHARITY

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NORTON NEWS

Winter/Spring 2021



BINGO!!!!!!
N.V.C.A.
PARISH COUNCIL
WHO OR WHAT IS SID?
COVID-19
JACK'S PATCH
ALL SAINT'S CHURCH
BOOK GROUP
NORTON CHARITY
ELECTIONS

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The Speedwatch Group in the village approached the Parish Council requesting they consider funding a SID. They thought this may be useful in reducing the speed of vehicles coming through the village. The Clerk made enquiries and several other clerk's said they had made a difference in their villages.

At the PC meeting in January the Council looked at the budget to see if this could be financed. The cost will be approx.. £3000. With some budget tweaks it was decided this could be done, without increasing the precept more than had been planned.

The device will be moveable to different sites around the village and will be mounted on P C owned lamp posts. The Speedwatch group will take responsibility for the device, charging and moving it regularly around the village. It is able to flash the speed of the approaching vehicle in green if under the speed limit and in red if over, it can also display a short message.(????)

We have to apply for a permit (£321) to use the SID and, depending on how long that takes, we hope to have it up and running as soon as possible.

The device we hope to buy also records speeds and volumes of traffic in both directions, and whilst this cannot be used to prosecute a driver, it will be useful in proving we need traffic calming.

If this works in reducing speed perhaps we could fundraise for another one?

NORTON CHARITY TRUST

COVID is causing a lot of hardship for people, from just managing day to day living to providing for children who currently have to be educated at home.

Norton Charity (Church and Town Estate, Norton) is able to make small grants to help you make ends meet.

If you think we can help, then please email Karin at karin.poolton@outlook.com (07584 255745) telling us about your need and how a grant could help ease your load. Applications will be handled in strict confidence and our privacy policy will be shared with you.

To qualify you have to be a resident within the Norton Parish.

Grants will normally be limited to £100, the decision of the trustees will be final.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Jack's Patch Playground

Unlike the first lockdown the playground can remain open. It had its RosPA inspection in January and, as we already knew, the bark needs to be topped up and some small posts replaced. This work is scheduled to take place in the Spring.

Footpaths and Bridleways

A couple of problems have been brought to our attention, the first is that the surface of the footpath running from the bend on Weedon Lane to Borough Hill, FA4, the surface has been churned up by vehicles and this has been brought to the attention of the land owner. The Bridleway FA3, near Borough Hill Farm, is very overgrown. The Clerk has been chasing this and we have been told it has been caused by badgers. Highways thought the badger sett was inactive, but last Spring found an active sett close by the old one. They will be reviewing this again when Covid restrictions allow, although they do say they are very far behind with all work due to the Covid pandemic.

Elections – May 6th

Elections for the new Unitary Council and the Parish Council

Anyone interested in standing for the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, Erica Fothergill.

Covid

As this pandemic continues many have lost close family members and friends. Our thanks go to all those who are helping Parishioners with shopping, prescriptions etc. Many of our older residents have had their vaccinations, if anyone needs help getting to an appointment please contact Roger. If anyone needs to borrow a wheelchair we have one available.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

To keep regularly updated with what's happening in this area by receiving emails directed from your local PCSO and Regional Police, send an email to:- andree@gemacq.co.uk

ALLOTMENTS

The allotments are managed by Alison Buller, please give her a ring if you are interested in renting one on 01327 879245.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHURCH SERVICES

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
Reverend Andrea Watkins

The Rectory

Great Brington

Tel: 01604 771338

revawat@gmail.com

Patrick pmfarrell@hotmail.com

We welcome Rev'd Andrea Watkins back after her illness

Would you like to help the church at no cost to yourself? Then please register with All Saints and a donation will be made to the church when shopping online. For details contact Lisa on 07774468413 or email lisakjones@msn.com

CHURCH OPEN

A team of volunteers opens and closes the church every day, so that villagers and visitors alike can enjoy the peace and history of the wonderful grade 1 listed building. MORE PEOPLE NEEDED, The more there are the less you do i

BOOK GROUP

Do you enjoy reading? If so would you like to come along to Norton book group and discuss what you have read.

We are looking for new members to swell our dwindling numbers, so please join us if you are interested. We are meeting once a month on zoom at 7pm.

Please send an email to:

nortonbookgroup@gmail.com for joining instructions

The next books we will be reading are:-

27th January – The Potters House, Rosie Thomas

24th February – Dear Mrs Bird, A J Pearce

24th March – The Golden Compass/Northern Lights
Philip Pullman

28th April The Pursuit of Love, Nancy Mitford

26th May – Small Pleasures, Clare Chambers

30th June The Giver of Stars, Jo Jo Moyes

