



Norton News

October 2025 Edition



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Important Public Meeting about the Village Hall

Following a lack of interest in the vacancies on the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council will be holding a Public Meeting to discuss the future management of the Village Hall. The date and time of the meeting will be announced shortly and published on social media, including the Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group.

Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiative

At its meeting last week, the Parish Council agreed to take part in Gloucestershire County Council's "Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiative". This is a three-year project to implement lower speed limits intended to enhance the safety and quality of life in the county's rural areas. The project is in two parts:

"Community 20s" seeks to understand a parish's appetite for 20mph limits to be standard on roads in their area, particularly on roads which are used by vulnerable residents, such as children and older people.

The "Safer Roads Initiative" will focus on reducing speed limits on roads where there have been casualties in the past. In most cases, particularly for 20mph speed limits, these will be signage-only schemes. Any traffic calming works (such as vehicle-activated speed awareness signs or speed bumps) will be the Parish Council's responsibility and require the County Council's approval.

Watch this space for further updates on this subject.

Mobile phone coverage in the parish

The Parish Council has agreed to enter into discussions with the Atlas Tower Group about the erection of a phone mast in Norton to improve mobile phone coverage and reception in the parish. The Council's chairman will be meeting representatives of Atlas later this week. Progress on this matter will be reported in the future editions of Norton News.

COBALT

Christmas and Greeting Card Sale

Date: Wednesday 15th October

10.30 am - 6.00 pm

Venue: The Dovecote, Sandhurst Lane
Sandhurst GL2 9NR

(past church and follow signs)

Complimentary coffee and cake

Please come and bring your friends

Norton and The Leigh History Society

Pursuit to Mons - A ride of remembrance 1918-2018.

Local historian, Phil Pembridge, retraces his grandfather's terrifying horseback journey during WW1

Date: Monday 27 October 7.15pm for 7.30 start

Venue: Committee Room, Norton Village Hall.

Entrance: £3.00

Everyone is welcome.

Benefice Harvest Collection

Thinking big, giving smalls!

Last year many of you were involved in our wonderful 'Harvest of Tools'. As part of our giving thanks for our own harvest and the abundance that we enjoy. You might remember that we collected hundreds of tools to help people in Africa reap a better harvest for themselves. The charity 'Tools with a Mission' checked all our gifts over and made sure that all were in working order before they distributed them in communities where their impact would be transformational. As well as demonstrating our commitment to recycling and reuse and promoting environmental sustainability here at home, these tools equipped individuals elsewhere with the skills needed to completely transform their lives and communities. They also boosted people's self-esteem and dignity, so important in all our lives.

So, this year, our harvest collection is both practical and dignity-enhancing. We are making a collection of items to donated to the charity 'Smalls for All'. They collect underwear for people in Africa and the

UK who can't afford or can't get any. Because dignity matters.

Like Tools with a Mission, they only send the best. So they collect only brand new pants and new or gently worn bras. They support charitable organisations in both Africa and the UK who are able to transport and distribute the underwear they collect to those in need. Smalls for All recently celebrated their 15th anniversary and in that time 606 of their partner organisations have distributed 2,349,155 items of underwear in 28 countries!

We really hope that you will support this harvest initiative! Unlike last year, each of us are likely to have to buy something new specifically for this collection – we do hope you'll feel able to do so.

Just think how that simple gesture could not only help someone in a really practical way, but do wonders for their confidence and ability to shine too.

So please start collecting now! We'll be gathering all our smalls together for what we hope will be a really big gesture of care and support at our Benefice Harvest celebration on 5th October at The Leigh.

Any questions? Call/text Simon on 07774 803177.

Norton Walking Groups

Did you know there are two walking groups in the village and anyone is welcome to join either group.

The Tuesday Totters aim for about 5-6 miles and try to avoid serious hills, it is quite a social group and always look for 'coffee and cake' whenever possible.

The Wainlode Walkers meet on Fridays and are a more serious group with walks that are usually 8 miles and over, so walkers need a good level of fitness. A coffee stop at 11:00 seems to be part of the non-existent rule book and is often under a tree but if at some point the walk ends at or near a pub.... well anything goes!

Both groups meet at the village hall before 9:30am and if travelling somewhere try to share transport as parking at the start point may have limited parking.

Requests to join either group should be sent to Andrew Mason at Masonap@me.com

Call My Bluff Wine Tasting Evening **Wine tasting with a twist**

Final Call

Do you know your Malbecs from your Riojas? Can you sniff out a Sauvignon Blanc? Join us for a relaxed and informative evening as we sample a selection of wines with an added fun element. No wine knowledge required, just come along and enjoy.

Date: Saturday 11th October 7.30pm to 10.30pm

Venue: Norton Village Hall

Price: £16 per person

[Buy your tickets here.](#) Limited Availability

Next Edition

Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk

I am away at the end of September so the deadline for submitting items for the November issue is Thursday 30th October.

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.

Norton Call my Bluff Wine Tasting



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Do you know your Malbecs from your Riojas? Can you sniff out a Sauvignon Blanc? Join us for a relaxed and informative evening as we sample a selection of wines with an added fun element. No wine knowledge required, just come along and enjoy.

At £16 per person this is intended as a purely social event and non-profit-making. A sell-out would help us to achieve this. Pay by Paypal, credit/debit card or bank transfer.

We will supply samples of 6 different wines and a modest selection of cheese and biscuits but feel free to bring some snacks if you like.

Availability is limited.



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:



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
POTHOLE
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?**

**REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH**
 **FixMyStreet**
[FixMyStreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com)

Useful Links and Contacts

<https://nortonparish.com>

<https://seventowers.org.uk>

nortoncouncil@gmail.com

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[NHS 111](#)

Police Non-Emergency Number 101

[Norton Village Hall Website](#)

[Norton Village Hall Bookings](#)

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.

It is run by the UK charity mySociety and it covers all of the UK. The great thing about FixMyStreet is that you don't need to know who's responsible for fixing the problem; you just put a pin on a map, and FixMyStreet does the rest, a 'one stop' reporting site.