

# Norton Newsletter

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Over 60's canal trip  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> – Village Hall Committee meeting  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> – Car Boot Sale  
 & Walled Garden Tea Party  
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### Norton Over 60's

We had our usual meeting bingo tea and biscuits everyone is looking forward to the trip let's hope the weather is kind to us our June meetings are 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

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### Stockton Parish Council

The Annual meetings of Stockton Parish Council took place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Norton Village Hall, Norton. The Parish Council has re-elected Lord Gavin Hamilton of Dalzell as Chairman and Kathryn Ward as Vice Chairman for 2016/17 Cllr Barry Spittle also joined the meeting for the first time as a new Parish Councillor. The Parish Council also received a very informative presentation from Gary Higgins from SmartWater who talked about the Village Scheme being prompted at present across West Mercia. The Parish Councils next steps are to consult with local parishioners and if there is 80% take up a project can be developed which could provide huge community benefit if householders 'buy into' the scheme. The Parish Council will also be looking into potential reducing the costs of membership so watch this space. The accounts have been successfully audited, signed off and will be submitted for external audit to Mazards. This information in due course will be exhibited in the notice board and on the new web site. Items discussed included the distribution of household medals commemorating the Queens 90<sup>th</sup>

Birthday, the continual speeding issues on the A442 and the long awaited works and local footpaths around the village of Norton which will discussed further at the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 meeting If parishioners have any concerns please contact one of your Parish Councillors or email the Clerk Graham Bould at [gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk),

## NORTON VILLAGE HALL CAR BOOT SALE



The Queen's Birthday Boot –  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
 The Other Boot  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Cars £7, Vans £12, Parking £1, all proceeds towards the running of the Village Hall.  
 Gates open at 7am

Come and join us for our next Car Boot on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Whether you need to declutter or just want to make a bit of extra cash, or come for just for a mooch come along and enjoy the atmosphere. No need to book a pitch with homemade refreshments available.

If anyone has a free hour or two to come along and help or donate a cake for the refreshments please contact Helen on 730489.

All donations of time or cake will be gratefully received.

## A Tea Party to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday

in aid of St Chad's church Stockton  
 Apley Walled Garden, Apley Park  
 Sunday 12th June 2016  
 3pm-6pm

Tickets £20  
 from Hilary Blakeley,  
[hilary1@cheswardine.com](mailto:hilary1@cheswardine.com)  
 6 Cheswardine Lane, Norton,  
 TF11 9EQ  
*Strictly pre booked tickets only*

## DEBATE

Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?

St Mary's Church, East Castle Street, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AF

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, 7pm

Chairman: Rev'd Prebendary Simon Cawdell

### Remain

Philip Dunne  
 MP

Liz Lynne  
 (no charge)

### Leave

William Cash

Bill Good

## NEW SHROPDOC NUMBER

**0333 222 6655**

### NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Please have any articles or notices in to me in writing or e-mail only by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Contact me at: 13 Bridgnorth Road, Norton, TF11 9EE, Tel: 730823 (Queries only)

E-mail: [kathryn.ward17@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.ward17@gmail.com)

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Ronnie Raymond Clarke son of Ross and Helen who was baptised at Badger Church on 8<sup>th</sup> May

Please pray for them that with help and encouragement they may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Martin Spencer and Rebecca Dimmock who were married on 6<sup>th</sup> May at Stockton Church

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mrs 'Barney' Turner aged 91 of Kemberton who was buried at Kemberton Church on 19<sup>th</sup> May

### DIARY DATES for JUNE 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Norton Over 60's Llangollen Canal Boat Trip  
Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Kemberton WI, Kemberton Village Hall  
Thur 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Norton Over 60's in Norton Village Hall

#### CELEBRATE the QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00am Gates open for the Queen's Birthday Car Boot, Norton  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am United Service & SPOCKS Choir at **Badger Church**  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 12-5.00pm Ryton Church – 12 Ryton Gardens Open  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 3-6.00pm Stockton Church Tea Party, Apley Walled Gardens\*\*\*

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club at Beckbury Village Hall  
Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm Norton Over 60's in Norton Village Hall

### CHURCH NEWS

....**Food Bank Donation Boxes** are at the back of our 6 churches. If you wish to make donations please check the suggestions list on the box as well as the use by date on your contributions.

....The **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations** are on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Badger Church hosts a special 10.30am **united service**, when we will hear about some of the Queen's beliefs from her Christmas messages;

....Ryton are having **Open Gardens 12pm – 5pm** with a dozen gardens open and teas at the church. Tickets £4 on the day; Stockton Church, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Hamilton, are arranging a tour of the **Apley Walled Garden at 3pm** followed by tea. Tickets £20 available by email from [hilary1@cheswardine.com](mailto:hilary1@cheswardine.com)

....**The Bishop of Shrewsbury** is our speaker at the deanery meeting 7.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> June at Albrighton Church Centre. We look forward to hearing his views on the way forward for the Church in this area.

#### KEMBERTON WI

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7.30pm**  
**at Kemberton Village Hall**

Karen Van Hoff : The Knitted Necklace, a Hat and a Tiara  
Contact Carol Wynes on 01952 680110

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for the Queen's Birthday)

Heavenly Father,  
as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen,  
receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years  
and for all that she has given to her people.

Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her,  
and as you gather us together in celebration, unite us also in love and service to one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**

**Dear Friends**

Here is a quiz night question for you: what was Queen Anne's Bounty ?  
And in keeping with quiz nights the answer comes at the end !

Queen Elizabeth II is head of the Church of England, but the arrangements for providing salaries for the clergy is very different now to how it was in Queen's Anne's time. Clergy "stipends" (as our salaries are called, a word which strangely comes from old Latin meaning a soldier's pay or a tax !) are now paid by the dioceses. In my case this is the Diocese of Lichfield, whose budget of £15 million includes income from its churches and congregations. These contributions are called "parish shares" and make up nearly 70% of the total diocesan income. From this, £12.5 million goes to clergy housing, salaries and pensions.

But as with so many business and family budgets, costs rise while income decreases. The Church of England does not sell a product like businesses, though weddings and funerals may be seen by some as such. There are fewer weddings and funerals taken by the Church year on year with other options and venues available and also with society's changing beliefs and practices. The Church is not a business but a charity, and depends mainly on voluntary donations. These are our "parish shares" made up of voluntary Sunday gifts and collections and also with fund raising by local church members. Our six churches contribute a total of £39,000 though it is estimated that the cost of having a vicar (with training ; house; pension; salary ; diocesan support ) is about £55,000.

Our 2015 AGMs showed that four of our Six Parishes were in deficit last year and had to use reserves to balance the accounts. Budgets range from £6,000 to £11,000 for running costs, without major repairs or improvement projects. Our churches cannot keep on using up their reserves.

So my letter this month is an appeal to parishioners to consider either making regular donations to your local church (and thanks to those who already do) or consider making arrangements to leave a legacy in your will. One church in our deanery has recently received a very generous legacy from a resident which will enable the church council, not only to cover shortfalls in its annual running costs for many years to come, but also to look at improvements to its church building and facilities.

Contact me or your local church treasurer if you wish to discuss this further.

With best wishes

*Keith Hodson*

*Queen's Anne's Bounty was a scheme set up in 1704 to supplement the income of poorer clergy, at a time when there was no standard salary, but a variety of parish incomes which made some clergy very well off and others very poor.*

*Keith Hodson*

**SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

In the absence of David and Beryl, who were in Scotland on holiday, the afternoon was organized by John Whitham and Anne Hodgins and again much fun was had by members present, playing games of old. For our June meeting John will be presenting us with one of his fiendish quizzes, he says that it keeps us young to get the old grey matter working.

For our **JULY** meeting we are once again visiting Llangollen, but this time to include a 2 hour motorised cruise on the Llangollen Canal, crossing en-route the famous 126ft high aqueduct built by Thomas Telford in 1805. Our itinerary for the day will start from Beckbury at 9am and arriving at Llangollen at about 10.30am. We then spend some time sight-seeing including lunch. We board the coach again at 1.30pm for a ride to our barge trip starting at Froncysyllte, and after a 2 hour boat ride we again meet our coach for the trip home, arriving in Beckbury at about 5.30pm.

Quite a busy and very full day for everyone, but should be very enjoyable.

The cost for the day, including the boat trip, is £15.00 for members and £18.00 for non-members. A £10 deposit is required at the time of booking

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm Beckbury Village Hall**

**Contact: David and Beryl Tooth 01952750324**

## **Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – June 2016**

	<b>Badger</b>	<b>Beckbury</b>	<b>Ryton</b>	<b>Kemberton</b>	<b>Stockton</b>	<b>Sutton Maddock</b>
<b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>		9.30am Matins (TD)	9.30am Communion New (KH)	6.30pm Evening Worship (KH)		11.00am Communion New (KH)
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>All are invited to BADGER CHURCH at 10.30am for a UNITED SERVICE</b> <b>Singing with SPOCS CHOIR</b> <b>(KH)</b>					
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>		9.30am Communion new (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (TD)	11.00am Morning Worship (LT)		11.00am Matins (KH)
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am Communion Trad (KH)	<b>5.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b> <b>with the</b> <b>SPOCS</b> <b>CHOIR</b>		11.00am Communion New (KH)		

**Abbreviations:** KH=Rev Keith Hodson; TD=Tina Dalton; NM= Nene Mason

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## **SECRET GARDEN SUNDAY Ryton TF11 9JL**



Time: 12.00 till 5.00 pm

## **OPEN GARDENS**

People within the village of Ryton are to open their gardens for one day to raise money for the maintenance of the structure of Ryton church.

The gardens are all within walking distance of the church.....do join us and enjoy a Queen's Birthday tea and cake at the church.

Each garden will be someone's favourite.

A 'Spot and Name the Gnome' competition will be included for children!

Tickets £4.00 per person. Children under 12 free.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016**