

Norton Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Aug 10th – Village Hall Meeting

Aug 14th – Car Boot Sale

Norton Over 60's

We had our last meeting before our summer break it was a very enjoyable meeting Mrs Roberts was there it was lovely to see her back with us again. Sue and Paula had put on a lovely Birthday Tea for her it very much enjoyed by everyone. We gave her a plant and a card from the members. We hope she will be able join us again when we start our meetings on the 15th of September, hope everyone has an enjoyable break.

Rene

NORTON VILLAGE HALL CAR BOOT SALE



The next boot is on
Sunday 14th Aug 2016
then Sunday 11th Sept 2016

Cars £7, Vans £12, Parking 50p,
all proceeds towards the running
of the Village Hall.
Gates open at 7am

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.

For more information on events
at the Village Hall you can now

find us on Facebook and we have
a website –

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/norton-village-hall-12901/about-us/>

Safer Neighbourhood Information

West Mercia Police is appealing to the communities of South Shropshire to remain vigilant following a spate of rural burglaries in the area, which have targeted outbuildings, insecure barns and sheds during the hours of darkness.

Tools, farm machinery, and diesel are just some of the items which have been stolen by the criminals, and Crime Prevention Officers are urging residents to follow these simple security measures in order to reduce the risk towards their property.

- Ensure that all outbuildings are locked when not in use. Try using weatherproof padlocks and reversing the hinges on shed doors so that they cannot be unscrewed.
- Ensure tools and machinery are locked away and out of sight when not in use. As well as being at risk of theft, tools can be used to gain access to surrounding buildings.
- Do not leave keys or valuables in farm vehicles/machinery.
- Keep gates padlocked shut.
- Install solar-powered dusk-to-dawn lighting on outbuildings to deter intruders.
- Ensure any tools or valuables are security marked and display signs around your property to inform potential thieves.

Sgt Murdoch of the Shropshire Harm Reduction Team stated "The police are conducting extra patrols in these areas to provide reassurance to the victims and the communities as a whole. To assist us in our efforts to apprehend these criminals I would appeal to the residents of these

rural areas to be extra vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or vehicles they see to the police" In an emergency call 999, For non-emergencies call 101.

Dear Residents of Norton,

A group of concerned residents got together on the 12th July in the Village Hall and formed the **NORTON ROAD SAFETY ACTION GROUP**. Various ideas were discussed and actioned, two of these we put to you-

- 1) To call **101** and report incidents of dangerous driving through Norton on the A442 as they happen and is safe to do so.
- 2) A petition will be circulated round the village. Your signature and comments would be appreciated. As a community our voice must be heard – together we can be very loud.

Proposed date for next Action Group meeting Monday 5th September 2016 in the Village Hall. *Let's try and make Norton a safe place to drive in and around for both driver and pedestrian.*

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 20th of the preceding month. Contact me at:
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Stockton Parish Council

The Parish Council held their by-monthly meeting on the 6th July 2016 at Norton Village Hall with a full public gallery of twenty plus Parishioners wanting to express their frustration in terms of the continual speeding along the A442. Those present agreed to look at forming a campaign group to keep the pressure on those in authority to reduce the speed of vehicles. The Parish Council continues to play its part and has responded to Shropshire Councils consultation to regularise the speed limits so the Police can better enforce both the 30mph and 40mph speed limit on the road. The A442 will remain as a constant feature of the agenda until resolved with regular feedback from those concerned with the issue.

Cheswardine Lane also featured in the public discussions in terms of the speed at which both delivery vehicles and farm contractor traffic appear to 'wiz' down the lane, it was agreed in the first instance to raise this as a matter of urgency directly with Apley Estate to see what could be done to resolve the speeding matters.

Several Parishioners had contacted the Parish Council to place on record their thanks for the free Queens Birthday Medal, and Parishioners are reminded to return the Smart Water forms to the Village Hall as the Parish Council has only to date received 15% return to date.

Dog fouling around the village and on the football field was discussed. Dog owners are reminded that it is a fineable offence whilst walking a dog not to clear any deposits up and dispose of them in the appropriate way.

The by-monthly report was received on the condition of the Jubilee Play Park, some items of equipment are in need of refurbishment and works will commence over the next few months. The Parish Council agreed to support the Princess Royal Hospital campaign and would encourage Parishioners to do so at **#PRH4Me** campaign.

The Parish Council have also supported the planning application for the development of four older people's properties within Norton. This support is in line with the Parish Action Plan developed in 2014. If Parishioners have any concerns please contact one of your Parish Councillors or email the Clerk Graham Bould at gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk,

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Stuart Eveson and Nathalie Watson who were married at Kemberton Church on 23rd July

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Doreen Tomlinson age 78 of Ryton whose service was held at Wednesfield Church on 7th July

DIARY DATES for AUGUST 2016 OUT & ABOUT

Thur 4th 7.30pm Kemberton WI, Kemberton Village Hall
Tues 9th 2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club at Beckbury Village Hall
Sat 13th 10.00-12noon Coffee Morning at Kemberton Church

CHURCH NEWS.

....At **Kemberton Church 10am – 12pm Saturday 13th August** there will be a **coffee morning**
....At **Beckbury Church 2pm Saturday 10 September** the Shropshire Association of **Bell Ringers** are holding their annual striking competition. We wish our local team from Beckbury every success.
....With the **Beckbury Show on 24th September**, the day before the Sunday **Harvest Thanksgiving** service at Beckbury Church, the church will be open on Saturday for visitors to come in and enjoy the flower and produce displays in church.
...At **Kemberton Church** have a **Pet Service 3pm Sunday 9th October**. All pets welcome – but tame and manageable please !

.....FROM the RECTORY

Dear Friends

Congratulations to two local churches - Tong and Boningale – who have received grants for roof repairs from the government scheme. Only 10 churches out of 37 who applied from the Diocese of Lichfield received grants, so to have two in our local area is remarkable.

Sadly Stockton Church was one of the 27 which did not receive a grant. This is the third time that St Chad's Church has been unsuccessful with funding requests for its £100,000 roof repairs project, despite the hard work put into the application by Lord Hamilton and our architect. Ryton Church received a grant from English Heritage four years ago, and the fund raising team ("FOSACRAG" = **F**riends of **S**t **A**ndrew's **C**hurch **R**yton and **G**rindle) have just organised a very successful *Open Gardens* afternoon last month.

We now wait to see what the 'new' government offer by way of grants and funding for historic buildings. All of our six church buildings are 'listed' and therefore deemed to be of historical interest. But there is only so much money available with government cut-backs. Of the Church of England's 16,200 parish churches and 43 cathedrals, 12,500 of these are listed; nearly half of all the country's Grade 1 listed historic buildings are churches or cathedrals. Tong Church and Shifnal Church are both Grade 1 listed, and compared with them our local six parish churches are not so grand nor full of historical features as them.

It is a huge challenge for our small congregations to raise the funds for building repairs. Indeed they are now beginning to struggle with paying all the annual running costs which I outlined in the June newsletter. While there are discussions about toilets and/or kitchenettes being put into our churches (Kemberton is the only one to have a kitchenette, and that was only because it was generously funded by the Eric Lea Trust), the cost of installing such facilities in a listed historic building are high.

Guests for weddings, baptisms and funerals at our churches sometimes need a toilet if they have travelled a distance. So it is understandable that, for other reasons as well, the Church now has fewer special services than in previous years.

This in turn reduces church income, so regular annual costs fall even more heavily on the Sunday service congregations.

Thank you for your support

Keith Hodson

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

We pray, O Lord, for all those on holiday, and for those who travel that they may be kept safe on roads, at sea and in the air, and may be refreshed in their time away; in Jesus name. **AMEN**

SIX PARISHES OCCASIONAL CHOIR SINGERS (SPOCS)

The choir concluded its Summer Term in a most enjoyable style when singing for a very special event. On Sunday the 12th June the choir joined a congregation from all six parishes at Saint Giles' Church, Badger for a Service to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

As refreshments were served the Rev Keith Hodson presented each member of the congregation with a specially produced book, "The Servant Queen and the King she serves", illustrating the importance and the strength that Her Majesty has found in her religious belief.

The final event of the season was that of Sung Evensong, which many will remember with some fondness from their younger days. This took place at Saint Milburga's, Beckbury on Sunday the 26th June when David Smith a well-known and superb organist from Albrighton joined us. This allowed, Choir Master, Rock Battye to take up the conductor's baton, which he did with his usual enthusiasm. It was with much delight that we also welcomed to the congregation Bob Hodgins, whose idea of a six parishes choir it originally was.

Refreshments were again served giving time for all to socialise afterwards.

The choir together with some spouses and other friends then joined up for a day on the Severn Valley Railway on Monday the 27th June.

This coincided with the WW2 re-enactments that were present at all stations from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster and back. Both lunch and cream tea were very acceptable. A real bonus and a great day out.

The choir now rests until the autumn when rehearsals recommence.

All who may wish to join in the pleasure and satisfaction of singing are most welcome to join.

Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – August 2016

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
August 7th			9.30am Communion New (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (KH)		6.30pm Evensong 1662 (KH)
14th	9.00am Communion Trad (KH)	9.30am Morning Worship (TD)		6.30pm Evening Worship (KH)		11.00am Communion New (KH)
21st		5.00pm Evening Worship (KH)	9.30am Matins (KH)	11.00am Communion New (KH)	11.00am Morning Worship (TD)	
28th	9.30am Matins (LT)	9.30am Communion Trad (KH)		8.15am Communion Trad (KH)		11.00am Morning Worship (KH)

Abbreviations: KH=Rev Keith Hodson; TD=Tina Dalton

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