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June 2016 Issue 14

Norton Canes Village News

Happy Birthday Ma'am

The theme of this year's Best Kept Village competition is red, white and blue – in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday.
Norton Canes Parish Council has entered the village into the competition again - following the successes of the last two years.
And in honour of the Queen's birthday, the village centre is already decorated with Union Jack bunting.
The village garden areas are also displaying summer plants in these colours.
Local schoolchildren have already played a part in the countywide competition by providing pictures and posters plus poems for submission.
Parish councillors are now appealing to residents to help make this year's effort a success for the village. They are asking villagers to deal with any litter in their own immediate area.
And they would like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer help in any way.
A parish council spokesperson said: "We would like to thank pupils from Norton Canes Academy, Jerome Primary School and Norton High for their involvement in the competition.
"The Best Kept Village competition is a platform enabling the parish council and the community to focus on the presentation of the village."
Anyone wishing to volunteer can email the parish council clerk on nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk or ring 01543 276812.
Judging takes place in the village in May and June. The results will be known in August.

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Hi everyone

Welcome to edition 14. I hope this newsletter finds you well.

And I hope you have been enjoying our springtime – complete with sun, rain, wind, snow and hail. Hey ho.

No wonder they say 'mad dogs and Englishmen', we have to dive out of our houses as soon as the sun peeps through don't we?

As you will see from this packed newsletter there are plenty of village activities in the pipeline where we can all meet for a catch up. The annual Family Fun Day at the Community Centre is always a popular event. Hope to see you there in the bright sunshine.



Loves
Janet Lee
Editor

Items for edition 15 which is due out in September are required by the end of July. Please sent to cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk *Thank you*

<u>Potholes – aarrggghhh</u>



The parish council has received numerous complaints from residents about potholes in the village.
A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said councillors meet regularly with Staffordshire County Council's liaison officer and a schedule of works has been agreed – which includes the potholes.
The parish spokesperson said: "You will all be aware of the poor state of the roads in our village.
"As a village we do receive additional support from the Highways Team due to our close working relationship with them. But we are governed by their ability to address all issues we raise due to funding.
"We are always discussing these issues with the Highways Department at Staffordshire County Council - and have in recent months contacted local MP Amanda Milling in an attempt to highlight the problem and request that some prioritising of our area be considered."

NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL 2016 ~ 2017

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Cllr J. Hampshire	01543 279850

Clerk to the Parish Council Mrs L Florence 01543 276812
(between 10am-2pm)

Useful contacts for district and county and other matters

Residents may wish to keep a note of local councillors' contact numbers if they have any Cannock Chase District or Staffordshire County Council matters to discuss.

The district councillors are:

Cllr Mrs Zaphne Stretton on	01543 276959
Cllr Mike Hoare on	01543 279989
Cllr John Preece on	01543 278872

County councillor: Diane Todd on 01543 278778

Member of Parliament: amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk

LOCAL WORSHIP

St James The Great

Services:

Our main service is Mass, celebrated in response To Jesus' command to 'do this in memory of me'.

Sunday: Mass 8am.

Family Sung Mass 10.30am.
(Sunday School is held during the service).

Weekday Mass on Wednesday 11am and Thursday 7pm.

Rector: Fr. Neil Hibbins 01543278969 email: neil_hibbins@lycos.co.uk
Church Clerk is Mary Carpenter 01543 275296 email: mary.carpenter@tiscali.co.uk
Church Wardens: Meg Crossland 01543 685069,
Kim Lloyd 01922 413718

Trinity Methodist Church

Poplar Street, Norton Canes. WS11 9SG

Morning worship Sunday 11am
Minister Rev C Parkes 01543 682277
Senior Seward: Ian Straughan 01543 276695

Norton Canes RVS – Darby and Joan Club For over 50s

Every Wednesday from 1.30pm-3.45pm at Norton Canes Community Centre

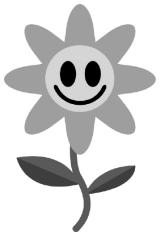
Come along and enjoy live entertainment, bingo and parties for special occasions

We also arrange outings and holidays

Cllr Zaphne Stretton MBE and the committee look forward to welcoming new members and anyone prepared to give 'a helping hand'

Ring 01543 276959 for information

Our beautiful village gardens



Have you noticed how pretty our village garden areas are looking this year?
Parish councillors wish to express their thanks to Gerry Kean and John Titley for kindly donating bulbs.

Annual Summer Family Fun Day and Fayre

July 2: 12 noon-5pm. Community Centre and Field
Football tournament
Free inflatables for children
Lots of indoor and outdoor stalls
A big thank you to Chisholm Wallace of Wallace Estates for his kind donation again this year.

Fancy your own allotments patch?

A new housing development in the village will provide 35 allotments.
The allotments are part of the Red Lion Lane/Brownhills Road development. And they are available to any resident of Norton Canes.
If you would like to be considered for an allotment ring Norton Canes Parish Council clerk at the parish office on 01543 276812 or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk.
The allotments will be managed by Norton Canes Parish Council.

Your Invitation to the Civic Service

Norton Canes Parish Council chairman John Preece hosts the annual Civic Service in September.
Make a diary note – because you are invited.
The Civic Service is a celebration of the chairman's year of office.
A parish council spokesperson said: "More importantly it is in recognition of the work that community groups undertake on a voluntary basis.
"All community groups are invited to attend - and there is an open invitation to any resident."
The service will take place on Sunday September 11.
Dignitaries from Cannock Chase Council and other parish councils will be attending.
More details will be available nearer the date. Information will be placed on the parish council notice board outside the village Co-op.

Sprucing up for Her Majesty – Invitation from the Parish Council

Norton Canes Parish Council is delighted to team up with the Lido Working Men's Club for this year's Clean for the Queen event.
Clean for the Queen is a nationwide event designed for local communities, allowing them the opportunity to run events that help spruce up their local areas in time for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations this June.
Our event will be held on Sunday June 6, a week before Her Majesty's official birthday on June 11.
It will consist of a walk connecting our village parks, beginning at the Lido at 3pm, continuing along the old railway track to Norton Park, through the Brambles and on to the Mount.
From there we will head to the Betty's Lane Park then a short walk along Betty's Lane, to Norton Green Lane, through Pennycress Green and then to the Cema.
From the Cema we will head to Norton Square, the Millennium Garden, to the Jubilee Garden and library garden, through School Road, then back to the Lido where the club will generously be providing refreshments.
You do not have to follow all of the walk if you don't wish to - and you are more than welcome to join us on the way.
The event is scheduled to last two hours. You don't have to bring any equipment apart from gloves and wellies depending on the weather. Bin bags are optional.
This is a great way to burn off your Sunday dinner, a great day out for the family and a good way to meet new friends. All welcome.

Thank you – whoever you are

A villager would like to say heartfelt thanks for an act of kindness which made her day.
Pensioner Margaret Elkington had not had a good day on April 2. And things could have got even worse when she lost her purse on the night.
But the following morning she had a phone call from staff at Norton Canes Co-op.
Margaret was informed that someone had found her purse in the Co-op car park and handed it in to a shop assistant at the store.
"The shop assistant must have looked at my bus pass and recognised me," Margaret said.
"I would like to thank whoever not only found the purse, but handed it in to the shop. As it was late my purse was locked into a safe and I was notified next morning. Thank you, whoever you are. God bless you."

Put on Your Dancin' Shoes



Brand new kids' dance sessions have been set up at Norton Canes Community Centre.
L'Rhythmix Dance Academy takes place every Saturday.
There are separate sessions for two age groups.

'Cheer Bears' sessions, for youngsters aged three to six, take place from 10.30am-11.30am.
And 'All stars', for ages seven to 12, features a mix of different genres.
'All Stars' sessions are held from 11.45am-12.45pm.

For more information ring 07821 774 456.

Future Community Centre evens for you diary:

Sunday December 4: Christmas Fayre and Lantern Parade, 3pm-6pm. Lots of stalls, Santa in his grotto. Parade leaves the Centre at 5pm.

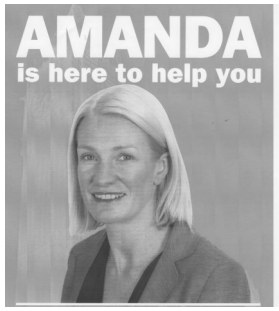
Sunday December 11: Community Carol Service, 6pm. Free tea/coffee and mince pies.

Saturday December 17 and Sunday December 18: Dick Whittington panto, 3pm and 7pm both days. All tickets £6. To book email ncca@hotmai.co.uk or ring 07845 678 003.

Congratulations to Matthew



Matthew Ellis has been returned to his post as Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner.
Anyone who would like more information can visit www.matthewellis.org.uk or ring 01785 500178.



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Norton Canes Community Centre: user groups

Monday	Smarties	8.15am-1pm	07891 149 381
	Watercolour Club	10am - 1pm	01543 275013
	Sewing group	2pm - 4pm	
	Norton Canes Judo Club	6pm - 8pm	
Tuesday	Smarties	8.15am-1pm	07891 149 381
	Ladies' fitness	10am-11am	
	Rainbows	4pm-5pm	07958 127 489
	Brownies	5pm-6.30pm	07958 127 489
	Poundshedders	7pm-8pm	01543 278534
	Indoor bowls	7.30pm-9.30pm	01543 279185
Wed	Smarties	8.15am-1pm	07891 149 381
	Phyllis' cards	11am-1pm	
	RVS	1.30pm-3.30pm	01543 276959
	Karate	5pm - 6pm	
	Zumba	7pm - 8pm	07894 947 334
	Line dance	8pm-11pm	07894 947 334
	Parish council meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month 7pm		
Thurs	Smarties	8.15am-1pm	07891 149 381
	Chris's cards	10am-12 noon	07964 578 545
	Ladies' fitness	2.30pm-3.30pm	
	Norton Canes Judo Club	6pm-7pm	
Friday	Smarties	8.15am-1pm	07891 149 381
	Tea dance	1.30pm-3.30pm	
	Jenny's social	7.30pm-10.30pm	01922 415232
Saturday			
	L'rhythmix	10.30 – 1.00 pm	07821 774 456
1st & 3rd	Jenny and Terry	8pm till late	01922 415232
2nd & 4th	Nev's line dance	7.30pm-12 midnight	07894 947 334

For more details email: ncca@hotmail.co.uk

Norton Canes Community Centre
As from 25th July the following times will be available in the Hall:
Monday 9 – 4 pm, Tuesday 9 – 3 pm,
Wednesday 9 – 1 pm and Friday 9 – 1 pm
For more information email: ncca@hotmail.co.uk



St James Church, Norton Canes, was packed to capacity for the funeral of villager Rob Sayer.

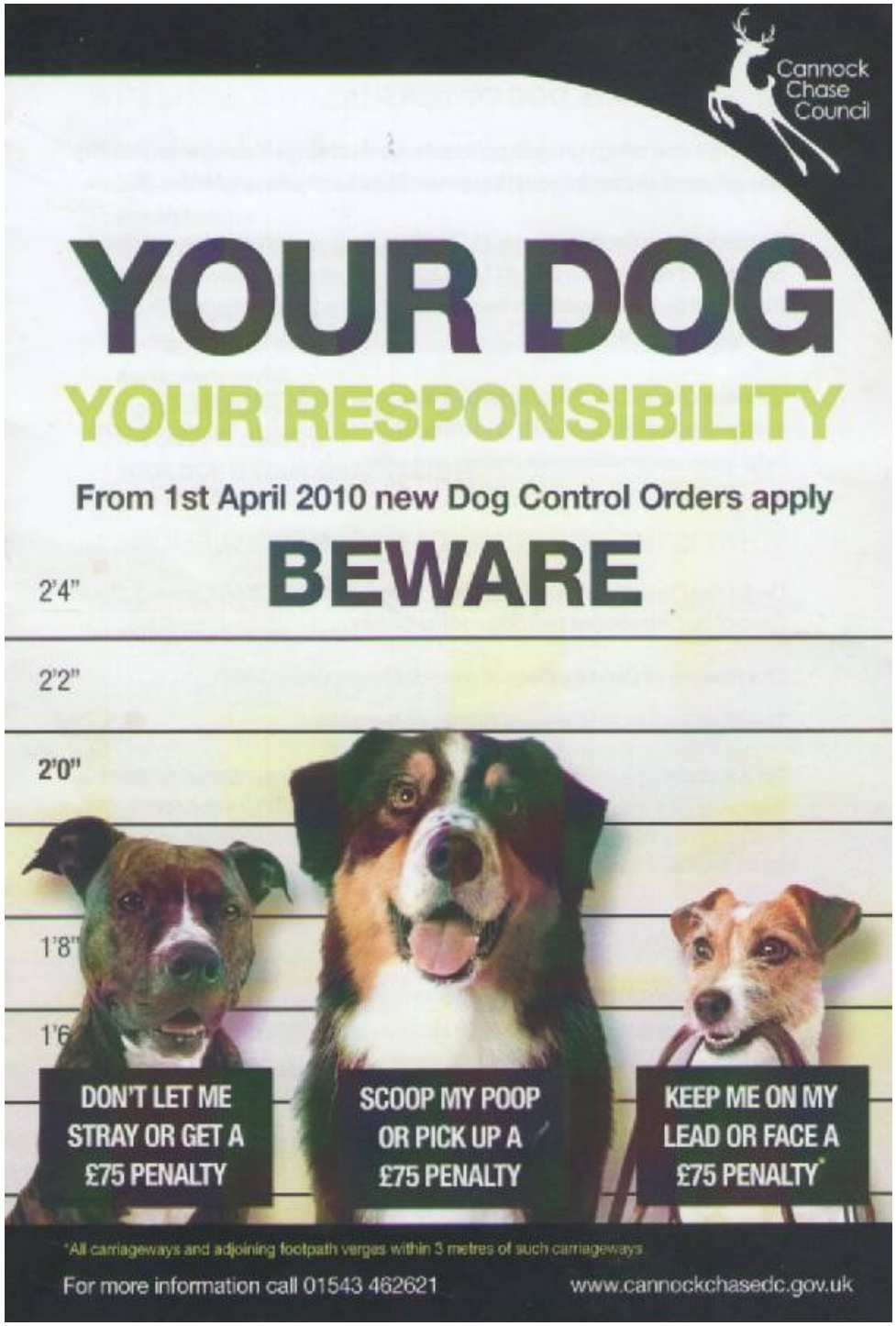


Rob, from Pinfold Lane, lost his long battle with cancer on April 18. He was 67.
Born in Norton Canes, Rob was the eldest son of the Sayer family who were well known for carpet supply and fitting in the village and surrounding area.
He leaves a wife Jan, sons Nick and Jamie, daughter Angie and grandchildren Skye-Lily and Oliver.
Rob's wife Jan said: "We were overwhelmed by the amount of people who came. Rob was a man of few words, quiet and very kind. He would have been truly humbled to realise the amount of people who wanted to pay respects to him.
"Rob was part of the family who ran Washbrook Fishing Club for over 10 years. Many local people enjoyed the peace and tranquillity of the pool as well as the social aspect with Rob, family and other villagers."
Rob's funeral was held on May 5. About £1,200 was raised by donations for St Giles Hospice and the total is still rising.
Jan and Nick would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind words of comfort, support and donations.

Fond memories

Norton Canes Parish Council has announced the death of two prominent local characters who will both be sadly missed.
A parish council spokesperson said: "It is with sadness we inform you of the death of past chairman Neil Booth at the very young age of 49.
"Neil was always very passionate about the local community."
Neil was a parish councillor for many years and was Norton Canes Parish Council chairman in 2010. He left the council in 2011.

The council has also announced the death of its 'stalwart supporter' Peter Ashton.
Peter attended most of every parish council meeting for years.
He was also a volunteer who delivered the village newsletter.
Peter passed away after a short illness.
A parish council spokesperson said: "Peter will be missed at our parish council meetings."



Norton Canes Community Centre: make a diary date

Tuesday May 31: Pirates and Princesses, 12. Noon-3pm. £4, includes boxed lunch. Disco with Captain Jack. Lots of pirate fun and games. Prizes for best costume. Booking essential on ncca@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday June 12: 'Street party' to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Afternoon tea and singalong from 2pm. Tickets £5 from Community Centre committee members.

Saturday July 2: Summer Fayre and Fun Day, 12 noon-5pm. Free inflatables for the children. Lots of indoor and outdoor stalls.

Saturday July 31: Afternoon tea and dance with Larry Green from 2pm. Tickets £6 from Jenny.

Tuesday August 2: Wizards and Witches of Hogwarts, 12 noon-3pm. Lunch and disco with Harry and Hermione. Children £4. Booking essential on ncca@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday August 23: Disney Character Party and Disco, 12 noon-3pm.Lunch and disco with our characters. Come dressed as your favourite Disney character. Children £4. Booking essential ncca@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday September 11: Civic Service.

Saturday September 24: Fashion Show, 7.30 pm. Entry £2 on the door (includes tea/coffee and biscuits).

Sunday October 9: Autumn Fayre, 12 noon-3pm. Lots of stalls.

Sunday October 22: Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz night, 6.30pm. Tickets £6 from committee members or ncca@hotmail.co.uk.

Tuesday October 25: Toy Story (Woody and Jessie Party and disco), 12 noon-3pm. £4 per child. Includes lunch with Woody and Jessie, disco and games. Booking essential ncca@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday October 30: Halloween disco, 4pm-6pm. Children £2 on the door. Prizes for best costume. Lots of games.

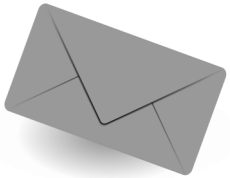
Sunday November 6: Jam and Spam (a wartime memory). Dancing to Jenny's wartime music. Starts 2pm. Tickets £6 from committee members.

Saturday November 26: Christmas party singalong and afternoon tea with Val and John, 2pm. Tickets £6 from committee members.

Sunday November 27: Mickey, Minnie and Friends Christmas party, 12 noon-3pm. Lunch and disco with our characters. Tickets £5, includes present from Santa. Booking essential ncca@hotmail.co.uk

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Dog Poo – Getting the Message Across



Norton Canes parish councillors and park users have welcomed the appearance of posters warning dog owners to clean up after their pets.
The posters, which have appeared at the entrance to village parks, make it clear that irresponsible owners are not welcome.
A parish council spokesman said: “A big thank you to the person who has taken the trouble to post these notices on our park entrances.”
And the parish council has a message for pet owners: “It is not only an offence to leave dog poo around, it is also a serious danger to humans.
“Please see the following information and think of all the small children and young people using our green spaces and footpaths.”

Toxocariasis causes serious illness and even blindness. It is caused by a parasite known as toxocara canis (also known as roundworm).
These parasites live in dogs’ digestive systems. Eggs are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminated soil. If someone ingests infected material, the eggs may hatch into larvae and can lead to toxocariasis.
Toxocariasis usually affects children aged between one and four years. But cases of toxocariasis have been reported in people of all ages. Young children are most at risk because they are more likely to put things into their mouths and less likely to wash their hands properly.
Symptoms of toxocariasis can include seizures, breathing difficulties, a very red and painful eye, and clouded vision, usually only in one eye. Left untreated, toxocariasis can cause permanent loss of vision in the affected eye.

Norton Canes Primary Academy News

The village school is all-dancing

Academy pupils shone like stars at a recent performance at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre. And it all began when the school was selected for a pilot scheme called REAch2 TRY5 last year. Years 5 and year 6, some dancers, some beginners, opted to perform in a dance 'flash mob'. What staff and pupils did not foresee was that the venture would grow so much that they would perform at the theatre. The whole school began to get involved and a weekly dance club, called Norton Canes All Stars, was formed. Members even have their own branded T shirts. The All Stars started dancing in the school assembly hall, then refined their routines. They were invited to perform at the Cannock theatre in a show featuring schools and dance academies – part of a the national 'Gotta Dance' challenge.



Headteacher Karen Amos said: "To say the 'All Stars' wowed their audience would be understatement. "Matching outfits, stage makeup and hair complemented the professionalism of their dancing. "Leaving the venue, echoes of rapturous applause and cheers were still ringing in their ears. "Each child had no doubt they had been a credit to the school and performed beyond their own expectations."

The school's partnership with Cannock Community Fire Station

'Stop, drop and roll' may not mean much to you.
But thanks to a fun and informative visit from Cannock Community fire fighters, Years 1 and 2 now appreciate how this simple mantra, combined with calling 999, could be instrumental in saving someone's life.
The reception class toured the Fire Station – and everyone got to spray the water hose.

Fundraising for Guide Dogs

Year 2 pulled out all the stops to fundraise for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They were inspired to fundraise by a visit from Carol and her guide dog Flora. Carol explained to the pupils that Guide Dogs for the Blind rely on donations. One pupil raised more than £300 by undertaking a sponsored bike ride; another raised £75 by selling some of his toys; and the whole class completed 10 laps of the school field (over three miles) - bringing the total to more than £700.

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Carpets Direct 2U is easily accessible to everyone in the area with retail premises in **Aldridge** and **Pelsall** and a huge warehouse in **Norton Canes** which is open to the public and has thousands of rolls in stock ready for customers to take away. Most recently, **Carpets Direct 2U** is proud to have opened a new retail store at **10 Cannock Road, Swan Island, Burntwood** where the family look forward to serving both existing and new customers in **Burntwood** and the surrounding areas. **Carpets Direct 2U** has established a reputation for providing customers with good service and quality floor coverings, priced to suit everyone's pocket.

Great Value, Great Quality

So how do they do it? Generally, when buying a carpet to fit your room, this price will include other costs such as storage and distribution by the stockist.

Carpets Direct 2U buy and sell in a different way. In simple terms they buy full rolls of carpet in bulk direct from the supplier, then cut them into standard room sizes and hold the stock themselves at their warehouse in **Norton Canes**. The savings they make are then passed **Direct 2U**. Discounts apply to all ranges. In addition to the vast range of stock they hold, they have hundreds of pattern and sample books to browse through in their showrooms or, you can take away samples to check and match against your individual colour scheme in the comfort of your own home.

Vinyls

The vinyl selection is endless at prices to suit everyone. In the store they stock remnants of all sizes: **2,3** and **4** metre widths with discounts of up to **75% off** normal cut length prices. Any time of the day, every day you can go to **Carpets Direct 2U** and buy a cut-price piece of vinyl, 2m x 2m for **£25**.

If you want a particular range or you don't see what you're looking for, you can order just what you want from a number of sample books and normally get it delivered the very next day.

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"Everyone's tastes are different whether it be 100% wool carpets or 100% polypropylene stain resistant carpets. The one thing every customer wants is quality carpets at the best possible price and that's what we give at Carpets Direct 2U." **adds Robert.**

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Community Draw results

Staffordshire County Council

A grand draw in aid the village Community Centre and Trinity Methodist has been hailed 'very successful'.

Organisers say they are 'very grateful' for the money raised.

The money will be shared equally between the Centre and the church.

The draw took place during an Old Tyme Music Hall event on April 10 at the Community Centre – a show performed by professional artistes.

Organisers say the draw was made even more profitable thanks to help from county councillor Diane Todd who sponsored printing of the tickets.

They also thank Mid Counties Co-Operative for 'a sizeable donation.

Thanks are also due to private donors, everyone who gave prizes or sold tickets and those who helped prepare food for the Olde Tyme Music Hall Show.

Chase Arts for Public Spaces (CHAPS)



CHAPS has announced the final phase of Hednesford Mining Memorial.

The organisation's vice chairman Sheila Harding said there are already 3,600 bricks naming people who have worked in the Chase area coal mining fields.

"This must be the final phase," she added.

Application forms for named bricks to form part of the memorial must be returned by August 31. The cost is £25.

The forms are available from CHAPS secretary Trish Mellor or can be downloaded from www.chaseartsforpublicspaces.co.uk. For more information ring 07583 655 199.

Norton Canes Royal British Legion – Celebrations for the Queen's Birthday



The branch is holding an indoor street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on June 11.
The event will take place at the Lido club, Norton East Road, from 12 noon. Kathy Perry will be singing and there will be lunch in honour of our longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth ll.
The branch is also helping arrange the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign due to take place on June 5. It will start from the Lido at 3pm and meet back at the club for light refreshments around 5pm. A branch
spokesman said: "We are proud to help Norton Canes Parish Council with this worthy event."
Branch members meet on the second Tuesday of every other month. Anyone with military service or family in the military is welcome. Details are available from the Lido club secretary, at 58 School Road, Norton Canes, WS11 9SQ.

Come and Join us for Gift Day

Trinity Methodist Church will be hosting a special 'Gift Day' on Sunday June 12.
Gift day is an annual event when people can donate money towards the upkeep of the church.
The event, at Poplar Street, Norton Canes, starts with a service at 11am.
Favourite hymns chosen by those attending will be sung on the day.
After the service there will be tea or coffee. This will be followed by a meal at about 1pm.
Anyone can attend the Gift Day service free of charge. Tickets for the meal are £6.
Church spokesperson Pat Littler said: "We hope people will come to the service first - but they can turn up about 1pm for the meal."
Tickets for the meal must be pre-booked so organisers can assess how many to cater for.
Anyone who wishes to request a favourite hymn to be fitted into the service/anyone wishing to book tickets for the meal should ring Pat in advance on 01543 276371 or Jean Goode 01543 276601.
*The church is open on Saturday mornings from 10am-12 noon. Pop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. All welcome.

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

Now we are finally getting towards summer and looking forward to days out, holidays and barbecues. But for some it is just a season of suffering with **hay fever**.Hay fever can often be controlled using over-the-counter medication from your pharmacist. But if your symptoms are more troublesome it's worth speaking to your GP as you may require prescription medication. Here are some tips which may help:
Avoid cutting grass, playing or walking in grassy areas and camping particularly in early morning, evening and night, when the pollen count is at its highest. Wear wraparound sunglasses to stop pollen getting in your eyes. Take a shower and change your clothes after being outdoors to remove pollen on your body. Keep car windows closed. You can buy a pollen filter for air vents in your car, which will need to be changed every time the car is serviced. Apply a small amount of vaseline (petroleum gel) to the nasal openings to trap pollen grains.
New GP. Now Dr Parekh has retired we are looking to employ a new permanent GP to fill the gap. Until then we have a female locum GP Dr Chandra who will be working on Wednesdays and Fridays.
Facebook. We now have a Facebook page on which we will be posting up to date information about the practice and services we offer. Please check this out. Practice Manager Carl welcomes any feedback.
Annual Reviews. Those of you who receive annual review check-ups, please don't forget to book for annual reviews around your birthday with the nurses. It is vitally important for patients with long term conditions to attend their review so we can monitor their health to improve quality of care and safe prescribing.
Patient Access. Do you want the convenience of booking doctors' appointments or ordering repeat prescriptions without having to phone or visit the surgery? With Patient Access, you can now access your GP services at home, work or on the move - wherever you can connect to the internet. Because Patient Access is a 24-hour online service you can do this in your own time, day or night. If you would like to be set up for this service, please ask our receptionists.
Pharmacy First for Minor ailments. If you do not have to pay for your prescriptions, local pharmacies are able to offer advice and medicines for a wide range of minor ailments without the need for a doctor's appointment. These include: allergies/hay fever, vaginal thrush, constipation/diarrhea, athlete's foot, earache, hemorrhoids, acute bacterial conjunctivitis, teething, threadworm, warts and verrucas. Pharmacies are open Saturday mornings when doctors are closed.
Health awareness sessions. Our last Health Awareness session on dementia was cancelled due to lack of numbers. But we still want to offer the local community the chance to learn more about conditions which may affect them and what support is available. Our next session is yet to be confirmed but please check our website and Facebook page for more information.

Give a dog a gift

Family Funday

Saturday 6th August 11am onwards.

Novelty dog shows, dog demonstrations, lots of stalls and refreshments

Fun for the whole family including the dog








Stalls include: raffle, tombola, cakes, hoopla, plus visits from the rescue centres that GADAG have supported

Novelty dog shows including: waggiest tail, fancy dress, best trick, dog most like owner, biggest smile

Dog demonstrations, flyball, obedience and 'have a go' agility for visitor's dogs.

A refreshments stall with fresh food, hot and cold drinks and snacks.

Lots of activities for the children.



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Enquiries contact Yvette Jones on 07779 175383

www.giveadogagift.org

An invitation from Norton Canes
Historical Society & Family History Group

Society members meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Norton Canes Library at 7pm.
Speakers attend and the topics are varied and interesting.
Admission is free and at the end of each evening light refreshments are served and there is a chance for members to chat or ask questions.
We also meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the library,10am, for an informal coffee morning.
At these meetings society chairman Roger Knowles brings various artefacts, newspapers, scrap books etc which we find very informative and interesting.
There is no charge and we welcome present and new members alike.
(There are no meeting dates for the holiday months of July and August but we recommence on Tuesday September 13 at 7pm).
Sunday May 1 saw the first 'Staffordshire Day' and we were invited to the Museum
of Cannock Chase in Hednesford to showcase Norton Canes.
The day was well attended and gave a chance for local societies to get together and pool resources for ideas and speakers.



If you could host a fundraiser to help towards printing costs of this magazine please contact the parish council clerk
Linda on 01543 276812 or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

2nd Norton Canes Rainbows and Brownies – come and join the fun

The Rainbows and Brownies meet every Tuesday during term time at Norton Canes Community Centre.

The girls enjoy working towards a variety of fun badges, playing games, craft-making - and making lots of new friends.

The organisers run trips during the holidays. These have included: Legoland Windsor, Blist Hill Victorian Village, Beaudesert , Wolseley Visitor Centre and Dudley Zoo.

The girls were even due to sleep in the Sealife Centre tunnel in April.

They enjoy local sleepovers with both units. And the Brownies take part in themed Pack holidays throughout the year.
If your daughter is aged between five and 10 years and you would like to find out more, ring Helen (Brown Owl) on 07958 127 489.

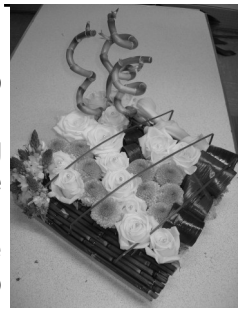




NORTON CANES WI

Here's a run-down of what our local ladies have been involved in so far this year.
In **February** members enjoyed an after-Christmas meal at the Rag pub. This was enjoyed by all.
At the **March** meeting members hosted a fashion show and were able to purchase items as well - so the evening was really enjoyed by those who found a bargain.
In **April** our speaker Paul Tabberner talked about 'Real Scene of Crime Investigations'.
This was a really fascinating evening - even though he pointed out the errors in televised crime and detective programmes!
*Norton Canes WI members meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the village library at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome.
For more details ring 01543 279039.

Norton Canes Flower Club



The March meeting saw John Spires talking to members about 'Orchids'.
He told us about orchids' natural habitat - including species native to this country some of which are endangered and some are thriving.
John spoke about the orchids we are used to as house plants, about their natural habitats and how to keep them healthy in our homes.
He also demonstrated how to re-pot one.
In April it was the Open evening held at Norton Canes High School.
Shirley Henderson was the demonstrator and her title was 'Out of Africa'.
The flowers used for the arrangements included those native to Africa.
Shirley produced some stunning arrangements. It was a good evening enjoyed by all.
May 6 was National Flower Day and members put arrangements around the village. We hope these were enjoyed by everyone.



Future meetings
June 15: Alison Glover will be demonstrating with the intriguing title 'You Never Know'.
July 15: A talk/practical on photography.
August 24: Members visit the Excelsior Warehouse.
September 21: Demonstration by Sandra Gunnell.
Members meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes at 7.30pm.
New members and visitors are most welcome.
For more details ring 01543 278370.

See picture page 1

Message to Dog Owners

This is a message for owners who allow their dogs to foul village footpaths – particularly those outside our schools.
I would ask you to read the article on page seven and note the fines that can be imposed (see page six).
If you can afford a dog you can afford bags to pick up after them. It is not the responsibility of school crossing wardens or anyone else to do this for you.
Sheila Harding+

Trinity Methodist Church

Poplar Street, Norton Canes

A warm welcome to our
Sunday services at 11am
followed by tea, coffee and chat.

Bible Study is Tuesdays, 3pm, fortnightly

Girls Brigade Thursdays
Juniors 6pm-7.30pm
Seniors & Brigaders 7.30pm to 9pm
Contact: Chris Straughan 01543 276695

Accordion Group Saturdays 8.30am
Contact: Peter Howard 01543 270627

Morning Coffee Saturdays 10am-12 noon

Periodical **social events** include quiz night, barn dance, skittles evenings.

Other activities: wood turning, Trinity Toddlers, Keep Fit, Flower Club.

Minister: Rev Christopher Parkes 01543 682277
Senior steward Ian Straughan 01543 276695
Organist Pat Littler 01543 276371



Norton Canes Watercolour Club 2016 Exhibition and sale of work will be held at Trinity Methodist Church in August, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 10am - 4pm
The usual excellent refreshments will be available. This is a free event. We look forward to seeing you.

Invitation to the Over 60s



The Over 60s Club meets at the Lido club, Norton Canes, every Tuesday – and you are invited to join in the fun.
Members meet at the Norton East Road club for a friendly chat, bingo and lunch from 12 noon until 2.30pm.
They enjoy monthly trips to new places. Transport is available if required.



For more details ring Glenys Hardware or David Smith, 58 School Road, Norton Canes, WS11 9SQ or ring 01543 275714

Norton Canes Judo club trains at Norton Canes Community Centre, Brownhills Road, Norton Canes WS11 9SF

Monday 6pm-7pm and 7pm-8pm
Thursday 6pm-7pm

Children and adults from the age of 5 welcome to all sessions – some suits available to loan.

Some drinks provided free of charge for participants and spectators (including tea and coffee).

Just turn up on the day or for any more information please contact us:

via our facebook page

Email - nortoncanesjudoclub@hotmail.com

Norton Canes Judo Club

Or drop in and see us at Norton Canes Community Centre on Monday or Thursday night.

Judo is a sport suitable for male and female of all abilities including partially sighted, special needs etc. It is a good form of self defence, discipline and keeping fit.

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