Norton Canes Watercolour Club and Friends

Annual Art Exhibition
Trinity Methodist Church
Friday and Saturday August 18 and 19
Event opened by Norton Canes Parish Council vice chairman Councillor Clive Preece





Members with Cllr Clive Preece.



Sam Dewally and county councillor Johnny McMahon

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Norton Canes Village News



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What an Achievement

Norton Canes has been awarded first place in the Best Kept Village Competition.

The award is recognition of the hard work that the parish council and the community have put in to enhance the village.

A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said: “A big thank you to our lengthsman Ken Dixon and the Community Payback Team who have helped us with work in the village.

“The local Rainbows, Brownie and Guide groups have been working hard on the area at the junction of Norton Green Lane/ Butts Lane and making a real difference. Their enthusiasm and commitment should be applauded and is a great example of how community groups can get involved in projects.

“The work here is ongoing so you will see more improvements during the year.”


COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE

2017

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

This certificate is awarded to

NORTON CANES

which was placed

FIRST

in the

LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY

LICHFIELD/CANNOCK CHASE AREA

The Best Kept Village Competition is organised by the Community Council of Staffordshire.

Norton Canes won the best large village in the Lichfield/Cannock Chase category. Forty six villages entered the competition this year. In the first round judges visited all villages twice in May and June. The village was then put through to the area final. Second and third places went to Stonnall and Longdon/Longdon Green.

A big hello – and welcome to the 19th edition of your newsletter. Well, I'm positively bursting with pride about our Best Kept Village success and boring the pants off anyone who will listen about it. The real credit goes to those who had the vision to transform the village and those who actually went about physically doing it. Thank you from me personally.

This edition is busy as usual. Please keep your contributions coming. We need light-hearted contributions as well as serious articles. The aim is to make the newsletter 'a good read' overall.

Please make a note of the date when articles are due. We don't issue reminders as a matter of course and we would not want your group or organisation to be disappointed if you miss the deadline. See you around the village.



Loves
Jan x
Editor email: cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

Best Kept Village Competition 2018



Norton Canes Parish Council is now working on plans for next year's entry which will focus on developing other areas in the village.

Parish clerk Linda Florence said: "We encourage residents to help us by taking pride in the village. We will be arranging community litter-picks. Look out for dates on our notice boards and website".

* We can make a difference together *

If anyone has any suggestions for village improvements for next year's entry please email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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(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 270789

County councillor: Jonny McMahon 07584638356
Email: Johnny@localconservative.org.uk

Norton Canes RVS (Darby and Joan)

This fun club meets at Norton Canes Community Centre every Wednesday.
There is room for more male or female members (no upper or lower age limit).
Members enjoy trips, celebrations and birthday parties throughout the year.
They meet from 1.30pm-3.30pm. You are invited to join the fun.
For more details, ring **Zaphne or Mike on 01543 276959.**

Norton Canes Football Club: Game On

The club has 23 teams with members aged from four to 40 plus.
There are junior, youth and adult teams, plus two disability teams.
Members meet every weekday 6pm-9pm and all day Saturday and Sunday.
The club, the largest organisation in the village, needs players for all age groups.
For details ring 07950 593 082.



Any questions?

If you have any questions or concerns relating to Norton Canes you can take them directly to your county councillor.

Councillor Johnny McMahon, who is county councillor for Cannock Chase Villages will be holding a surgery at Norton Canes Library on the last Saturday of every month,

10.30am-11.30am.

Festive Lights

The village will have more Christmas lights this year – thanks to the parish council being able to fund them.

Due to financial cuts, Cannock Chase Council will no longer fund lights for the district.

Norton Canes Parish Council has looked at ways of funding lights for the village and increasing the display this year.

A parish council spokesperson said: “We have been able to fund a further three lights so in total there will be six in the village this year rather than the previous three provided by the district council.
“We felt the provision of lights is an important part of the village. We will review this each year and hopefully we can increase the number of lights to other areas of the village”.

The three lights which were provided by the district council have now been transferred to the parish council.

Battle for a Bus

The battle for a better bus service in the village continues.

Norton Canes Parish Council is working with Arriva to improve the service - particularly in the Norton Green Lane, Church Road area.

Staffordshire County Council has come up with four options for proposed new bus routes in the county.

But following consultation with the county council, parish councillors have rejected all four proposals.

A parish council spokesperson said. “The options do not meet any of the needs of the residents of our village.

“We will keep residents informed of the outcome of the consultation. Parish councillors are continually meeting with Arriva to find a solution to the issue of bus services in the village.”

Date for your Diary



The popular annual Lantern Parade will take place on Sunday December 3.

The parade will leave Norton Canes Community Centre at 5pm.
There will be a short parade route which will incorporate the switch-on of Christmas tree lights at Trinity Methodist Church.

Local groups and schools will be undertaking workshops to make the lanterns.

This year Norton Canes Parish Council would like to incorporate more streets in the parade route. But a parish council spokesperson said: “We do have to be mindful of small children who walk the route.

“We ask residents to take note of the route and come out and support us in what is the first event of the festive season. Details of the final route will appear in the November newsletter and on the parish council’s website and notice board at the end of September.”

Potholes – Work in the Pipeline

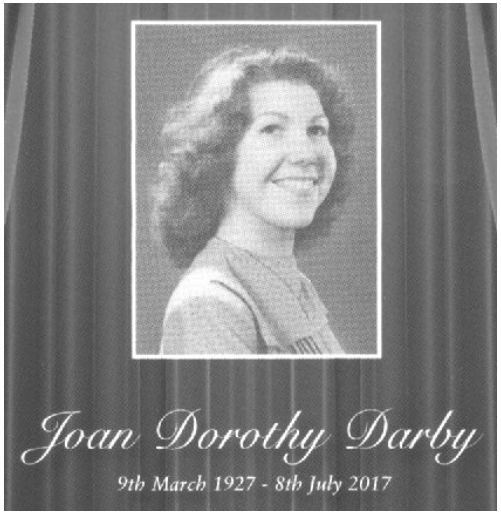
Road resurfacing near the Norton East Road/Brownhills Road island is due to take place during September/October.

There are also plans for resurfacing of Church Road before the end of the year.

A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said: “The junction by the small island at Brownhills Road is particularly bad.

“We have continually been in communication with Staffordshire County Council Highways Department and we hold regular meetings with the liaison officer for our village to highlight issues regarding potholes and other general items.”

Tribute to Joan



Popular villager Joan Darby passed away on July 8 at the age of 90.

Joan, who died peacefully in her sleep, was well known in the community having spent many happy years working with Norton Canes High School Parents and Teachers Association producing numerous shows with her late husband Ken – a former Norton Canes parish councillor.

Joan leaves sons Ian and Keith, daughter Sue, four grandchildren and one great grand-daughter.
A family spokesperson said Joan was ‘loved’ in the community and will be ‘dearly missed and remembered by all who knew her’.



Art Exhibition



Norton Canes Community Centre

Sunday October 8

10.30am - 4.30pm

Featuring: Great Wyrley Wesleyan Church Arts Group,
Cannock Photographic Society,
Norton Canes Watercolour Club
and friends from the village.

Please come and support us. You could pick up a future masterpiece - or just enjoy a chat and a cuppa.

Remembering Two Village Friends



Two Norton Canes friends passed away within a week of each other.
Elizabeth Irene (Rene) Fereday and Ada Jones were dinner ladies together at Norton Canes High School. They were also members of the village WI Darby and Joan Club and were on the village Community Centre committee together.
Rene, from Park Road, died on July 28 aged 94. Ada lived in Burntwood Road.

Rene, who had three brothers and a sister, left school at the age of 14 and went into service with a family at Sutton Coldfield.
When war broke out she worked at GEC, Birmingham.
Rene met Richard (Dick) Fereday at a dance in Wimblebury. The couple married at St James Church, Norton Canes, in 1943, and had three sons.

Dick passed away in 1986 at the age of 63.

Rene devoted her time to raising money for the old and new village community centres. She enjoyed gardening, dancing at the centre and holidaying abroad with friends.

The parish notice board outside the Co-op contains information which is updated regularly on parish matters.
You can also find information on the parish council website

www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk

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Broadband Works in the village

Work is being undertaken in Norton Canes by Kelly Communications Ltd as part of its network expansion plans in the village.

The company is working in conjunction with Virgin Media. There has been some disruption in the area whilst this work has been carried out.

A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said: “We are aware there have been various complaints which we have taken up directly with Kelly Communications.

An Invitation to Villagers

Norton Canes Parish Council chairman’s Civic Service takes place on Sunday September 17 – and all village residents are invited to attend.

The service will begin at St James’ Church at 3pm, followed by light refreshments at Norton Canes Community Centre.

The event is to recognise the work of the parish council and local community groups.

We are always looking for people to help deliver this newsletter.



If you could deliver in your road or near please contact the parish council clerk Linda on 01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her at

nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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Full page £50, half page £25, double page £100.
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Norton Bog – a Treasure on our Doorstep



Would you like to help conserve a local treasure?
Staffordshire County Council's Ranger Service works with local volunteers Friends of Norton Bog to conserve and maintain the area for everyone's enjoyment. And they could always do with an extra pair of hands for conservation and maintenance tasks.
Volunteers help with woodland and heathland clearance, grass cutting, heather burning - and generally being eyes and ears of the Norton Bog site.
Work parties take place on the first and third Sundays of the month.
If you would like to find out more, meet volunteers at the small car park on Burntwood Road near the Burntwood Business Park island, at 10am. Work finishes about 1pm.

Norton Bog was once just 'a huge black hole in the ground'.
For about 100 years it was one of the largest coal mines in the South Staffordshire Coalfield. Cannock Chase Number 3 Colliery opened in 1859 and was in operation until 1960.
After nationalisation of the coal industry, it was used for storing and washing coal from all collieries in the West Midlands region. This continued for about another 30 years.
Then the Coal Board (or UK Coal as it became) landscaped the site, put in paths and moved tonnes of soil and colliery waste. They also bulldozed buildings, fenced off the lagoon and prepared the site for planting.
In about 1993, Staffordshire County Council took over the site and the regeneration team spent months planting the trees and shrubs you see on the hill today.
Norton Bog is now part of Chasewater and South Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) - a large landscape-scale project that links former heathlands from Hednesford Hills, Gentleshaw Common, Bleakhouse Opencast , Norton Bog, Chasewater and Brownhills Common.

As befits an SSSI nature reserve, there are a number of species of rare or unusual plants and animals on the site.
There is a herd of red and muntjac deer, a 'good population' of weasels, foxes and rabbits, and many shrews. It is also a noted area for dragonflies and damselflies with over 15 species recorded.
Many rare birds such as bittern, Pomerine skua and northern diver use the lagoon. There are large flocks of mixed finches in the woodland areas comprising goldfinches, siskins, linnets, greenfinches and redpolls plus many woodpeckers.
There are many orchids and their hybrids including the rare bee orchid, southern marsh and early varieties.



There is also a lot of wild parsnip - only recorded in two sites in Staffordshire and the West Midlands.

A Staffordshire County Council spokesperson is appealing for more volunteers. He said: "All help is gratefully received."

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In later years her social life revolved around Methodist Chapel functions such as coffee mornings, skittles nights and quizzes. Maisie and John were part of the often successful 'Hasbeens' quiz team.
Maisie's involvement with the Methodist church was a thread that ran through her life. She attended Bethel Methodist Church in the 1940s. She was a Sunday School teacher at the old 'Tin tabernacle' Methodist chapel, where she married.
Maisie helped with jumble sales and bazaars and made countless cups of tea at many functions. She was treasurer and chapel steward for 30 years and ran the luncheon club for 13 years. She was key holder and took bookings for the chapel rooms.



Maisie also paid for the restoration of the chapel's memorial window.
All of this was achieved quietly and diligently.
This devotion to service was recognised when she was asked to lay the foundation stone for work on the Sunday School extension.
Maisie lived in Norton Canes all her life until her last few weeks at a nursing home.
Her husband passed away before her in February this year. Sadly the last time John and Maisie saw each other was in hospital.

Trinity Methodist Church



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

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

In Memory of Maisie



The village remembers Maisie Bentley, from Norton Canes, who passed away, aged 86.
The following tribute was written by her daughter Janet Bentley.

Maisie was born in Hednesford Road, Norton Canes, the youngest daughter of Thomas and Mabel Bakewell's seven children.
Later, the family moved to Burntwood Road in Norton Canes which became the centre of their family life.
On her first day at school in Norton Canes, reception class teacher 'Pol' Rock informed her that she 'had taught Thomas, Marjorie, Dorothy and Clarence, had no trouble from them - and expected no trouble from Maisie'!
At school Maisie met the boy she would later marry, John Bentley.
They married in 1954 and started married life with a brief spell in rented accommodation in Burntwood Road then made their home in Railway Street, Norton Canes, where they lived for the rest of their 62 years together.
Leaving school at the age of 14, Maisie worked at Richmond's department store in Walsall on the haberdashery counter. She was amused by TV's 'Are You Being Served?' She thought it perfectly replicated the status-driven, hierarchical structure of Richmond's store.
Maisie's first promotion was being allowed to lunch at the same table as the buyers.
As was usual at that time, Maisie left work when she married but when I was born (her only child) and started at grammar school, Maisie returned to work part time at Emery's drapery shop.
She really enjoyed this time, hearing all the village news and making a life-long friend of her colleague Marg Watson.
Maisie loved young children. The happiest I ever saw her was the first time she held her grandson Ben. Little did she know then that the tiny, hard to feed, premature baby would develop a voracious appetite for 'nanny's egg and chips'. The time she spent with Ben was very precious to her. She loved visits from all her family.
Maisie enjoyed music and dancing. She played the piano and the organ. She liked visiting the theatre, especially to see musicals and her favourite poet Pam Ayres. Although John didn't dance, Maisie attended local dances and afternoon tea dances, partnered by her sister Marjorie and later her friend Kath.

In Memory of a Special Lady



Yvery Wallace, from Little Wyrley Hall died on July 1, aged 92, at her Scottish home.
She was the wife of the late Hamish Wallace. Together they were huge supporters and benefactors of Norton Canes.
Born in 1924, Yvery was brought up in Leicestershire. She started married life in Scotland, but moved with Hamish to Little Wyrley Hall in the early 1980s after the death of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Wallace.
Yvery immediately threw herself into local life and supported activities at St James' Church, Norton Canes.
She was a very keen gardener and always more than happy to share produce of her garden locally.
Yvery died after a long illness. Her funeral was held at Inverness Crematorium on July 13.

St James The Great Parish Church



Harvest thanksgiving is Sunday October 1, 10.30am

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Services:
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:maryofnorton@talktalk.net

Come and Join Us at the Lido

Norton Canes Royal British Legion branch congratulates Norton Canes Parish Council and villagers for their hard work in achieving the Best Kept Village award. Members say they are also committed to ensuring the village wins again.

The branch has ‘a major project’ in the pipeline which members hope will be agreed on ‘very soon’. They say it promises to be ‘a huge asset to the village’ and the message is: watch this space.

The Branch was recently involved in the open day at the Defence Medical School at Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, which was attended by several hundred people who enjoyed re-enactments and bands performing in the centre square.

A branch spokesperson said, “Hopefully this will become an annual event.”

The RBL ensures serving personnel, ex-service and their families are given the support they need to live day to day.

The branch holds monthly meetings at the Lido Club (58 School Road, Norton Canes) on the second Tuesday of every month at 3.30pm. All welcome.

The branch is actively seeking new members to help with charity events: poppy appeal collecting and village community projects. Anyone interested in becoming involved in branch projects or events can ring branch secretary David Smith on 01543 275714.



The Over 60s Club meets at the Lido every Tuesday for good company in friendly surroundings.

Members enjoy bingo, raffles, chatting, singing, a sandwich and a cuppa. They also enjoy days out and a Christmas Party.

They meet from 12.30pm-2.30pm. Transport can be arranged. For more information ring Glenys or Annie on 01543 275714.

Norton Canes Chess Club meets at the Lido every Tuesday from 7pm. The club is open to experts, beginners, Masters and ‘interested onlookers’. Members compete in local tournaments – the ‘unstoppable’ Mike Hoare winning most matches. New members are welcome. The message is: anyone interested in joining should turn up and enjoy a social but strategic night.



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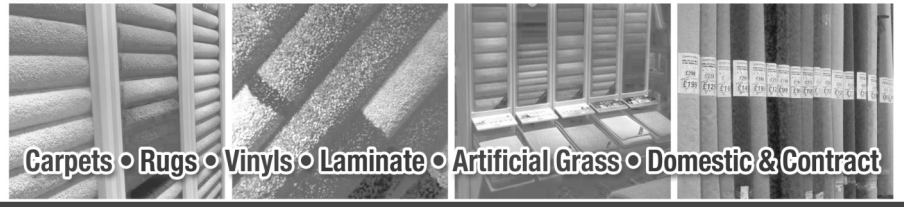
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If you want a particular range or you don't see what you're looking for, you can order just what you want from a number of sample books and normally get it delivered the very next day.

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Cannock Photographic Society Comes to Norton Canes

The popular photo society is relocating to Norton Canes Community Centre.
Anyone interested in photography is invited to join.
A club spokesperson said: "We welcome all visitors and prospective new members - from beginners through to advanced workers."
The varied programme includes illustrated talks on a variety of subjects such as travelogues, landscape, and natural history.
Members can view interesting images and pick up ideas/inspiration for their own work.
Internal Club competitions give members an opportunity to show their work and receive comment and critique from visiting judges.
An annual exhibition gives members the opportunity to exhibit their work to the public.
Members also enjoy social events such as meals and trips.
The practical group provides a forum for sharing ideas/techniques to improve photography. There are also occasional workshops.
Members meet every Thursday from 7.45pm-10pm from September-May.
The photo society was established in 1953 by a small group of enthusiastic photographers.
In the early days the local Labour Party allowed the Society to use its premises.
As the Society grew, it moved to larger premises.
For the past 12 years meetings have been held at Mill Street Methodist Church Hall in Cannock.
But due to issues with parking members started to look for alternative premises.
After considering many locations they settled on Norton canes Community Centre.
Anyone interested in joining is promised 'a warm welcome'.

CPS Cannock Photographic Society
(Affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain through the Midland Counties Photographic Federation)

Invitation from Your Local Library

Welcome to Norton Canes Community Library. Why not come and see what we have to offer?
We have had a few changes to our groups and clubs as follows:

Mondays: Norton Canes Music and Drama Group, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Tuesdays: Story Time with Lesley, 10am-11am
New Sewing Group, 11am-1pm
Knit 'n' Knatter, 1pm-4pm

Thursdays: Baby Stay and Play, 10am-11.30am
Coming Soon - Afternoon Card Group
Fridays: Get Together, 10:30am-12.30pm

Monthly Group Meetings

1st Wednesday: Women's Institute, 7pm-10pm
Last Thursday: Afternoon Tea, 2pm-4pm
Last Saturday: Councillors' Surgery, 10.30am-11.30am.
Last Saturday: Norton Canes Reading Group, 11am-12 noon.
2nd Tuesday, 7pm-9pm and **3rd Thursday**, 10am-12noon: Norton Canes Community Partnership Local History Group.

For Bereavement Support ask for Val.

We are looking to start a **Pre-School Craft Group** in September, day and time still to be decided.

We still have room for more bookings if anyone is interested in hiring our rooms.

New Opening Times for Your Library

We are looking to make changes to our opening hours from October 1. The new hours would be:

Monday: 11am-6pm
Tuesday: 9am-5pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9am-5pm
Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm.



Norton Canes Community Centre Events – Come and Join Us

Sunday September 3: Fish and Chip Supper/quiz night £7.
Saturday September 30: A Night at the Dogs: Fun greyhound race night. Admission by ticket only £8. Includes chicken and chips supper. For ticket information contact a committee member.
Sunday October 8: Art exhibition and sale, 10.30am to 4.30pm. Refreshments available on day.
Sunday October 29: Family Halloween Disco, £2 per child, adults free. Refreshments on sale. Lots of fun and games. Prizes for best kiddies' fancy dress.
Saturday November 18: Christmas Party and Singalong with Val and John. Tickets £6. Starts 2pm. For ticket information contact a committee member.
Sunday December 3: Victorian Christmas Fayre and Lantern Parade.
Stalls from 1pm-5pm. Santa will be in his grotto from 2pm. Lantern parade leaves Centre at 5pm.
Sunday December 10: Community Carol Service, 6pm
Saturday December 16: Sleeping Beauty panto
Sunday December 17: Sleeping Beauty panto
Performances 2pm and 7pm both days. Tickets £6. (Panto has sold out in the past so early booking and purchase of tickets essential). To reserve tickets/ arrange payment email nccabookings@hotmail.com

An Invitation for You

Norton Canes Community Library invites you to an afternoon tea on the last Thursday of the month.
There will be tea, coffee, cakes and scones (a small charge is payable).
The afternoon tea, at the Burntwood Road library, is held from 2pm-4pm.

Norton Canes Community Centre Committee

Wendy McGreevy and Lesley Hunwick have resigned from the centre committee.
Many villagers will wish to join committee members, regular groups and casual hirers of the centre to thank them for their hard work in the past and wish them well for the future.



Chair: Maureen Hopley 07814 184 587
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Committee Members: Jenny Dunn, Josh Mills, Clive Preece, Alex Reeves, Zaphne Stretton

All the above give their time and effort free of charge to manage and maintain the centre for the benefit of villagers of Norton Canes and surrounding areas.

*For booking information email Jackie on nccabookings@hotmail.com

*For other information email Ian on nccasecretary@hotmail.com

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For details ring the parish council clerk Linda on 01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Yew Tree: Absolutely Classic



Something quite magical happens on our doorstep on the first Wednesday of every month.



A host of beautiful classic cars roll up onto the car park of the Yew Tree pub, Norton Canes – and they create quite a spectacle.



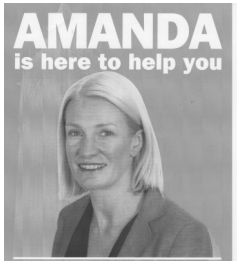
Word has been getting around and the impressive display is now attracting members of the public keen to admire the vehicles.
The classic cars turn up from 7pm. So if you fancy a tipple in a unique atmosphere the Yew Tree is the place to be.

Fancy Some Gentle Exercise?



An exercise group for the over 60s is inviting new members to join.
The Silver Sneakers have lost some members so there are now places available.
The aim of the group is to help older people in the community to stay fit and well.
Classes re-start after the summer break on Thursday September 7.
The one-hour classes take place at Trinity Methodist Church, Norton Canes, from 12.45pm.
The invitation is: please come and see what we do and join in.
The first week is free so visitors can decide if the group is for them.
Wear loose comfortable clothing and flat shoes.
A Silver Sneakers spokesperson said all that is required is ‘a desire to improve your health little by little’.
“Please come and see the difference small movements can make,” she added.

Message from your MP Amanda Milling



It is currently the Parliamentary recess and I am back home in Cannock Chase spending my time attending events and meeting community groups and constituents.

Over the last months I have attended many community events across the constituency and have seen the best that our strong community spirit has to offer.

A great example of this was Norton Canes winning a Staffordshire Best Kept Village award. Huge congratulations to everyone in Norton Canes who made this outstanding achievement possible.

You may also have noticed roadworks going on across the area, one of the biggest being the resurfacing of Five Ways Island, a busy route in and out of Norton Canes.

The repairs are long overdue and the island is one I have repeatedly raised with Staffordshire County Council. I am delighted it is being resurfaced and brought up to a standard we all expect. I will continue to put pressure on the county council to ensure roads in Norton Canes are also improved.

I have, once again, recently met with Rob Cheveaux, area managing director of Arriva, to discuss reinstating a bus service to the Norton Green Lane area of the village and I hope to have some more news very soon.

As always, if you have any issues that you need my help with, please email me amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk or ring 01543 877142

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

Hopefully we still have some warm weather left, but it is never too early to start thinking about protecting yourself from the flu virus.

Flu vaccinations

Flu is an unpleasant but not life-threatening illness. However, it can be very serious for older people and those at risk of developing complications which include those with weakened immune systems, neurological disorders, liver, lung or renal disease, heart problems, diabetes and pregnant women. You are 11 times more likely to die from flu if you are in a clinical at-risk group.

We urge everyone who is eligible to get the vaccine at your GP surgery and help protect themselves and their families this winter.

If you haven't already had your vaccination or booked an appointment, it is important that you make your appointment as soon as possible.

Who is eligible? Anyone aged 65 and over; anyone who is pregnant; anyone aged six months-64yrs and on the at-risk register; anyone aged two and three (but not aged less than two or aged four or over on August 31 2017 i.e. born on or after September 1 2013 and on or before August 31 2015).

Children aged two to 17 at risk will have nasal spray at the surgery.

We hope to have the vaccinations in surgery from the first week in September so check our Facebook page, website or information in the surgery for further details of flu clinics.

Pneumococcal vaccinations

Certain patients will also be offered the pneumococcal vaccination. Pneumococcal infection is caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae - a common cause of pneumonia which can also lead to invasive disease including meningitis and septicaemia.

Who is eligible? Anyone aged 65 and over; anyone aged two to 64 years and defined as at-risk.

Patients are eligible only if they have not had a previous vaccine since the age of two.

Book appointments and order repeat prescriptions online

Do you want the convenience of booking your appointments or ordering repeat prescriptions without having to phone or visit the surgery? With Patient Access, you can now access your local 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. If you would like to be set up for this service, please ask our receptionists.

Text reminders

If we have your mobile phone number, we will be able to send text reminders for your appointments with all our clinical staff. We can also send you reminders when your annual review is due. If you would like this service, please check with a receptionist that we have your correct mobile number.

What's On at Norton Canes Community Centre

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	10am-1pm	Watercolours	07443 892 313
	2pm-4pm	Crafty Quilters (Sewing group)	01785 603255
		Guides	
	6pm- 8pm	Norton Canes Judo Club	07800 845 523
Tuesday	4pm-5pm	Rainbows	
	5.15pm-6.15pm	Brownies	
	7pm-8pm	Poundshedders	01543 278534
	7pm-9pm	Indoor Bowling	07716 356 907
Wednesday	11am-1pm	Norton Canes Craft Group	07968 291 694
	1.30pm-3.30pm	RVS/Darby and Joan	07899 905 779
	5pm-6.30pm	JGM Karate Academy	07548 424 280
	7pm-10pm	Line Dance	07515 931 389
Thursday	9am-4pm	Crafty Sew and Sews	07412 191 439
	9.45am12.15pm	Crafty Cards	07845 678 003
	4pm-5pm	L'Rythmix Ballet Class	07821 774 456
	6pm-7pm	Norton Canes Judo Club	07800 845 523
	7pm-9pm	Sugar Craft	
	8pm-10pm	Cannock Photography Society	07792 549 307 Cannockps.co.uk
Friday	1.30pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Dance	07716 356 907
	5pm-6.30p	JGM Karate Academy	07548 424 280
	7.30pm10.30pm	Jenny's Social Dance	
Saturday	10.30pm-1pm	L'Rythmix dance class	07821 774 456
	8pm till late	1st and 3rd Saturday each month - Jenny's dance	07980 327 325
	8pm-midnight	2nd and 4th Saturday each month – Nev's Line Dance	

Norton Canes Flower Club Report



The club has enjoyed a variety of evenings this summer.
In May we were treated to a talk by Diane Perry about English roses. We learnt how roses developed over the centuries and about different types of roses. Diane showed slides to illustrate her talk and there were some beautiful examples. We heard how new roses are produced and how long it takes to get a commercial new rose.

June was a practical evening and we went 'back to basics' with an asymmetrical triangle arrangement. The evening was led by Chris and members produced wonderful variations.

In July we were pleased to welcome back Kerry Artiss with her demonstration 'Oranges and Lemons'. A good evening was enjoyed by all.

There was no meeting in August but some members went on a visit to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham.
Future meetings
September 20: demonstration by Dawn Keitley entitled 'Good Enough to Eat'.
October 18: talk by Gordon Malt 'Bulbs I Grow and Love.
October 25: annual general meeting.
November 15: Christmas workshop.
Special Event
Tuesday November 21: the club will present 'A Cheshire Christmas' - an evening of flowers with Ian Lloyd at the Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock, 7.30pm - a good way to start Christmas celebrations.
Tickets (£8) are available from the theatre box office or ring 01543 279133.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, 7.30pm.
New members and visitors are always welcome. For details ring 01543 278370.

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Norton Canes Women's Institute Report

We have been having an eventful time of late.
The Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of May, with Christine Mason opening proceedings and Margaret Shirley reading the minutes. The meeting included a review of the past year.
There were significant changes to the committee with three members stepping down and two new members welcomed.
Our thanks go to the ladies for all their hard work and efforts over the years.
Events concluded with social time, glass of wine and cheese and biscuits coupled with the usual quiz.

At the end of May there was a visit to Bakewell, the small market town and civil parish in the Derbyshire Dales.
Of course it rained most of the day but in true British style, the ladies got their umbrellas out and all concerned had a good time, particularly in view of the famous Bakewell Pudding shop. Thank you to Jenny Berry for organising the event.

The theme for June's meeting was 'Chasing Paper Skeletons', a talk by Marion Armstrong who told us of her time as a registrar and how she became interested in genealogy.
Marion told of her efforts in tracing her own family tree and how to get started tracing your own.
It was a very interesting discussion and Marion explained that you couldn't always believe what was written in older documents as they were not always truthful.

We end with very sad news. Our oldest member Rene Fereday passed away at the age of 92.
Rene was there at the start of Norton Canes WI and all members were very fond of her.
She will be very sadly missed.

Margaret Scothern

Keep this newsletter to hand – so you won't forget any dates!
Items for December Newsletter to the editor by November 1 at the latest.
cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

Norton Canes Health Centre: Dr W Nilar & Dr W Htike

GP Trainee
We are pleased to announce the addition of Dr Anthony. He is a GP trainee and will be with us for six months.

NHS Health Checks
We provide a health check for people aged between 40-70 without any pre-existing conditions to assess risk of developing coronary artery disease, diabetes, hypertension and stroke. If you have not already had an invite please enquire at reception.

Influenza
The flu immunisation programme will be with us before we know it (mid-September) so please make sure you book your flu injection as this offers protection against influenza and is vital for at-risk patients. If you think you qualify or are not sure then ask one of our reception staff who will be happy to help.

Pneumonia
Pneumonia immunisations are available throughout the year. If you are at risk there is no need to wait. Please speak to a member of staff.

Meningitis ACWY
This is offered to all 18-25 year olds especially those who will be going to university. Please enquire at reception

Early and late appointments
We offer early morning surgery at 7am Wednesdays; late evening surgery on Tuesdays.

Online booking of appointments and ordering of prescriptions
If you would like to join the patient on line services please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help. You will need proof of identity e.g. driving licence, utility bill or passport. This will enable you to request repeat prescriptions and make appointments with the GP. This service is very popular amongst our patients.

Our reception opening times are 8am-6.30pm Monday to Friday. Please note appointments are released at 8.30am for morning and 2pm for afternoon bookings.
If you have any queries please contact the surgery on 01543 450222 or speak to practice manager Jane Potter.

Norton Canes Historical Society

The first meeting of the new season takes place on Tuesday September 12.
Meetings take place at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, from 7pm.
The speaker will be Sue Bray from the Samuel Johnson Museum. Her talk is History of the Dictionary which will be followed by a short word quiz. Admission is free. Members and non members are welcome.
October 10: Speaker Margaret Smallman will tell us about her experiences as a 'trolley dolly on the buses'
November 14: Michael Glasson from Walsall Leather museum will be giving a talk about the Walsall leather industry.
December 12: 'Xmas Social' evening.
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the library, 7pm-9pm, unless otherwise specified. Admission is free. All welcome.
Informal coffee mornings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 10am-12 noon. All welcome. The new programmes of 2017/2018 events will be available at the first meeting.
For more information ring the secretary Maureen Garbett on 01543 275416.

Come to the Fair



A Charity Shopping Fayre takes place at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday January 20.
The event, at the Poplar Street Church in Norton Canes, is in aid of St Giles' Hospice.
It takes place from 1pm-5pm. It is £5 to book a table.
If anyone has any bric a brac, raffle or tombola prizes contact Clive Preece on 01543 899785 or clive_preece@sky.com

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