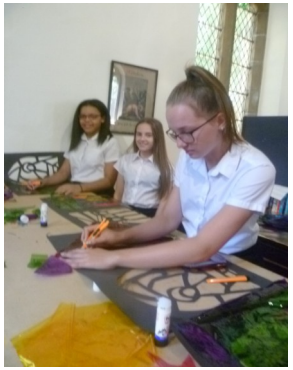
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Jenny Woodman (centre) with students

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‘Celestial Light’ by Peter Clark



‘Evening Light’ by David Byrne



‘Final Approach’ by Tony Stamp



‘Winning Smile’ by John Cartlidge

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Norton Canes Village News

Charity Bike Ride Challenge

Three adventurous ladies from a Norton Canes salon will be braving a gruelling charity bike ride.

Tracy Krzyszowski, Amy Large and Samantha Grace, from It’s All About You, on Burntwood Road, are now in training for their 27-mile challenge.

And you are invited to support their effort which is in aid of St Giles’ Hospice.

On September 2 the ladies will set off from St Giles and ride through Walton on Trent, Rosliston, Netherseal, Clifton Campville, Haunton and Harlaston before returning to St Giles in Whittington.

They have collection buckets at their salon, at the Yew Tree pub, the village chip shop and the Lido Club in Norton Canes.

If you would like to make a donation please call into any of those venues.



Pictured with their cycle ride leaflets are (from left): Tracy, Samantha and Amy.

Tracy, aged 56, from St James Road, Norton Canes, runs the tanning and sunbed part of the salon.

“We have been cycling for a bit of fun to get fit,” she said. “We started at the end of March and we are getting better. We decided to push ourselves to do something.”

Tracy works with Amy, aged 26, from Wolverhampton who has been the salon’s barber for about nine years; and Samantha, aged 40, from Burntwood, who is the nail technician.



BKV results
see page 3



New Zen Garden at the Library *see page 8*

Hello – and welcome to your latest newsletter.

Well, you really do keep me very busy. Thank you for all the contributions. There would be no newsletter without you. Please keep them coming.

I'm very proud that our village has achieved a 'highly commended' award in the Best Kept Village competition. Having moved here about 45 years ago (yes, I am that old) I have personally witnessed the village evolve into the pleasant environment it is today.

As a Brummie expat I had to embrace a completely different lifestyle in the village when I bought my first house for £6,950! In order to buy the house a couple had to earn at least £60 a week between them. We scraped through with £58 a week between us but only because we had a firm's van which was taken into account.

Mine was the only house built in Gainsbrook Crescent as it was attached to the semi detached show home. I was surrounded by muddy roads and fields. As a lonely new mum with a baby I got used to prospective buyers peering through my windows! It was quite a contrast to life in bustling Brum.
Well – I'm still here. There's no place like home.

Loves and summery hugs

Jan
Editor

To avoid disappointment items for the December newsletter must be sent to Jan by November 1:
email: cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Editor,

Each morning I take our large dog onto the 'Rec'.
I expect to clear up his droppings. I do not expect to have to clear up to six or seven droppings from other people's dogs that I would otherwise have to step on or over. (This doesn't include the ones that I don't walk by).
You know who you are. Please think of the people, most of them children and also the footballers who use the Rec too.
Stepping into or slipping on dog mess is very unpleasant to say the least and a real health hazard – particularly to children.
Please scoop the poop!
Eileen Scott

*Editors note: if you have anything you would like brought to villagers' attention please email cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk or take your letter to the parish office at the rear of the Co-op.

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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' and MP 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: Johnny McMahon 07584 638 356
Email: Johnny@localconservative.org.uk

Amanda Milling MP on 01543 877142 or email amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk

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

Influenza immunisation programme starts early/middle September.

Pharmacy First

Did you know you don't always need to see your GP with minor health problems? The local pharmacy can recognise and treat many common illnesses. They can give advice and where appropriate recommend over-the-counter medicines. If they think you need to see a GP they will advise you to do so. If you are eligible for free prescriptions you will not have to pay for medicine that the pharmacist suggests. Below are examples of some common problems that a pharmacist can treat: allergies/hay fever, vaginal thrush, constipation/diarrhoea, athlete's foot, earache, headache, migraine , haemorrhoids, teething, threadworm, warts/ verrucas, acute bacterial conjunctivitis.

Minor eye conditions

This service is available for the diagnosis of minor eye conditions. You do not need to be referred by your GP for this service. You can contact your local optician regarding the following minor eye conditions: dry eye, watery eye, mild to moderate ocular pain or discomfort, red eye, corneal conditions, distorted vision, in-growing eyelashes, eye lumps and bumps, flashes or floaters, blurred vision, retinal lesions.

Bowel Scope Screening

This service is offered to people when they reach the age of 55-60. You will receive an invitation to take part in bowel scope screening. You can call the freephone helpline for advice on 0800 707 60 60. This service is free. We encourage patients to participate if invited.

Patient on-line services

If you would like to join the patient on line services please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help. This will enable you to request repeat prescriptions and make appointments with the GP. This service is very popular amongst our patients.

Early morning and late night appointments

Do you find it difficult to attend during our normal appointment times? If so, we are open 7am Wednesdays with Dr Nilar; 6.30pm-7.10pm Tuesdays with Dr Htike. Reception opening times are 8am-6.30pm Monday-Friday. Booking of appointments open at 8.30am for morning appointments, 2pm for afternoon appointments on 01543 450222. If you have any queries ring the surgery and ask to speak to practice manager Jane Potter.

Didn't We Do Well?

Norton Canes has earned a Highly Commended award for the Best Kept Village competition.

The parish council decided our 2018 theme should be linked to the commemorations for the 100th Anniversary of World War 1 – hence you will have seen a lot of poppy displays around the village which formed part of our entry.

The Guide and Brownie group worked hard in developing the garden area on Norton Green Lane/Butts Lane junction, under the guidance of group leader Helen Jenkinson.

A parish council spokesperson said: "We have received some very positive comments from residents about this garden area. The Best Kept Village (BKV) judges made particular reference to this development which they felt showed good practice in involving community groups in the enhancement of the village.

"We must say a special thank you to Gerry Kane and Ron Stephenson for kindly donating bulbs which contributed to our garden areas, this is much appreciated."

"We will now plan for next year's BKV event and look at areas where improvements can be made."

"If any resident has any ideas which they feel could contribute to the initiative please ring Linda on 01543 276812 or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk.

Welcome to Councillor Newbury

Norton Canes Parish Council is pleased to report that following the July council meeting Josh Newbury was co-opted to the council. A vacancy became available due to the resignation of Councillor Clive Preece.

A parish council spokesperson said: "We look forward to working with Cllr Newbury who is enthusiastic about the future of the village He has a particular interest in taking the Community Speedwatch initiative forward."

The notice board outside the Co-op contains information which is updated regularly on parish matters.

Parish council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (no meeting in August). Public participation is from 7pm-7.30pm. All welcome.

You can also find information on the parish council website**www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk**

New Cemetery - Update

Work continues on plans for a new cemetery adjacent to St James churchyard.
Norton Canes parish councillors have been taking part in ongoing negotiations about the access pathway to the site. Its location has now been agreed.
The pathway will be by the internal wall between the old and new churchyards.
The existing planning application expired on July 15 but the council could not achieve all the conditions of the planning application by that date.
Councillors decided to submit a new application which mirrors the previous one but also includes the pathway, now the issue has been resolved.
A council spokesperson said: “We are hopeful this project can move forward - but there is still a lot of work involved.”
If you have any queries regarding the project ring parish council clerk Linda on 01543 276812 or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Lantern Parade – A Diary Date



The annual village lantern parade will take place on Sunday December 9.
The parade will be linked to the Community Carol Service which takes place at Norton Canes Community Centre.
Villagers are invited to make a note in their diary.
A parish council spokesperson said: “We are always looking at ways to improve this popular event and would like to take the route further round the village. But unfortunately we cannot consider this due to the age of the children attending and being unable to deal with a longer route.
“We hope that residents will come and support the event, which has grown each year. It is always a good start to the festive season.
“We are now planning this year’s event. Details about the route etc will appear in this newsletter later in the year.”

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Please contact: **Helen Borton**
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Locality Officer for Cannock Chase

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Village Joins National WW1 Centenary Beacon Event

Norton Canes will be taking part in an event to recognise the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Parish councillors have been looking at national events which would be suitable for the village to link into.

They have decided to hold an event where a beacon will be lit on November 11 at 7pm.

Residents will be invited to join in by bringing a candle, torch or lantern – a show of community spirit in support of the anniversary.

More details will be available on the parish council's website www.norton canes parish council.co.uk, on village notice boards and in social media.

The Royal British Legion

The aim of the RBL is to ensure that serving personnel, ex-service and their families are given 'any support needed to live day to day'.

Membership is open to anyone. The branch is actively seeking new members to help with charitable events, the poppy appeal collecting and village community projects. Junior members, aged 14-18 would be particularly welcome.

For more information ring David on 01543 275714



Keep Norton Canes Litter Free

Volunteers can be seen out and about picking up rubbish with special hand held litter pickers.

Parish councillors say they are grateful to those who have already come forward and they would welcome any more offers of help.

A parish council spokesperson said: "This is a great help. Litter is an ongoing problem for the village and we do not have resources to deal with this on a large scale - so every little helps. We welcome all the help we can get. Our aim is to keep the village looking tidy."

The parish council will also continue to organise community litter picks on set dates. The next one will be on Sunday September 9 at 2pm setting off from the parish office at the rear of the Co-op.

Further litter pick dates will be announced later in the year.

If anyone is interested in having a litter picker, ring parish council clerk Linda Florence on 01543 276812 or call into the parish office, Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm, where a picker and bags can be provided.

Neighbourhood Plan for Norton Canes Parish Explained

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The purpose of the Plan is to provide a statutory framework to manage and control future development and use of land in a community. It gives local people the opportunity to decide the future of places where they live, work and spend leisure time. Operating in the context of the overall planning policies contained in the Cannock Chase Local Plan, which sets out the strategy for the future development of Cannock Chase district as a whole, it enables decisions to be made by the local community on the amount of new development and where it should be built - provided it is not proposing less development than the districtwide Local Plan.

The plan can contain policies identifying location and type of new housing and proposals for new retail, leisure and employment opportunities. The Plan can also contain policies aimed at protecting and enhancing the local built and natural environment, including buildings, open spaces and footpath/cycle routes of importance to the community. The time period a Plan should cover would normally be 10-15 years.

The plan must include evidence to justify its polices and proposals. Some of this evidence will be statistical information about the characteristics of the local community in terms of the social, economic and age structure of the population. Another important part of the evidence will be information about existing uses of land, what opportunities are available to develop or redevelop sites and what commitments already exist in the form of planning permissions granted but not yet implemented. The key source of evidence is an understanding of the local area obtained from seeking the views, aspirations, wants and needs of local people. Once the Plan has been produced it has to be submitted to the district council, then be the subject of an independent examination. After these processes have been completed a public referendum is held where necessary for the Plan to be supported by more than 50 per cent of those voting. The local community has the final say in the process.

Norton Canes Community Centre: It's all Happening

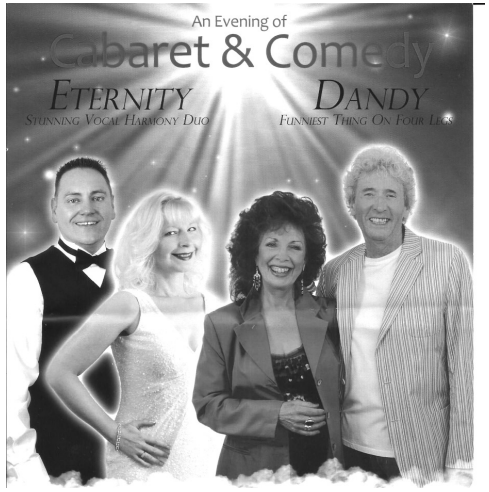
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Monday	10am-1pm	Watercolour	07443 892 313
	2pm-4pm	Crafty Quilters (sewing group)	01785 603 255
	7pm-8.30pm	Guides	Helenjohnjenkinson@gmail.com
	6.30pm-8pm	Norton Canes Judo Club	076800 845 523
Tuesday	4pm-5pm	Rainbows	Helenjohnjenkinson@gmail.com
	5.15pm-6.15pm	Brownies	Helenjohnjenkinson@gmail.com
	7pm-8pm	Poundshedders	
	7pm-9pm	Indoor Bowling	01543 278534 / 07716 356 907
Wednesday	11am-1pm	Norton Canes Craft Group	07968 291 694
	1.30pm-3.30pm	RVS/Darby and Joan	01543 279751 / 01543 274216
	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
	9.45am-12.15pm	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	07792 549 307
	8pm-10pm	Cannock Photographic Society	Cannockps.co.uk
Friday	1.30pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Dance	07716 356 907
	5pm-6.30pm	JGM Karate Academy	07548 424 280
	7.30pm-10.30pm	Jenny's Social Dance	
Saturday	10.30am-1pm	L'Rythmix Dance Class	07821 774 456
1st & 3rd	8pm till late	Jenny and Terry's Social Sequence Dance	07980 327 325
2nd & 4th	8pm-midnight	Nev's Line Dance	
Sunday			

Norton Canes Performers Shine

Two Norton Canes husband and wife teams will be taking to the stage for our entertainment.
Popular comedy duo Dandy, who are celebrating 45 years in show-business, will be performing at local theatres in the autumn as part of a Black Country Night Out theatre tour.
Dandy are Allan and Glynnis Briscoe. Their versatile comedy/vocal act mixes stories, jokes, songs and observations.
Dandy's experience and insight ensures the couple can match suitable material for the right audience.
Born in the Black Country, they have performed in various venues throughout the Midlands.



Tickets are now available for their night at Norton Canes Community Centre September 29. Doors open at 7pm, tickets are £7.50 and you can bring your own refreshments. For tickets call 07570452948.
The Black Country Night Out theatre tour will be visiting the Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock; Sutton Town Hall; Artrix in Bromsgrove; the Core Theatre, Solihull; and the Grand theatre, Wolverhampton.
Dandy will also be performing an evening of cabaret and comedy with Norton Canes vocal harmony duo Eternity.
Eternity are Cliff Thomas and Nicky Moran. The couple enjoy solo careers as well as working as a duo.



Eternity perform music from classic West End shows such as Les Miserables and Aspects of Love; standards such as Blue Moon and Wonderful World; and favourites from the 1960s and '70s.
For more information/to book tickets ring 01543 277563 or visit www.eternityduo.co.uk

Advantages of having a Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan is produced locally by the parish council with the engagement of the wider community right from the start to ensure that it genuinely represents the needs and wants of the local area, provided these can be expressed in policies relating to use and development of land.

When the Plan has been 'made' after a positive referendum outcome, it becomes part of the statutory Development Plan for the area. This means that decisions on planning applications are normally required to be made in accordance with its policies, giving the local community more influence and control over the development of the area.

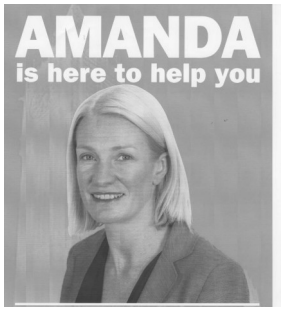
There are also financial benefits to the local community. Some infrastructure required to support new development, for example: open spaces, leisure facilities, schools, health facilities and transport (including road and public transport improvements) are partly funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). CIL funds are collected by the district council from developers of new housing and some new retail schemes. Currently 15 per cent of funds originating from a local area such as Norton Canes parish have to be passed by the district to the parish. The amount of funding received by the parish increases to 25 per cent where there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place, thereby increasing opportunities for spending on infrastructure which is needed in the local area.

Starting the process

The parish council is proposing to start the process with a consultation event at Norton Canes Library on Saturday October 13 from 10am-2pm. This will be the first of a series of consultations and aims to provide an initial opportunity for people to put forward ideas about the content of the proposed Plan.

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
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Message from your MP Amanda Milling

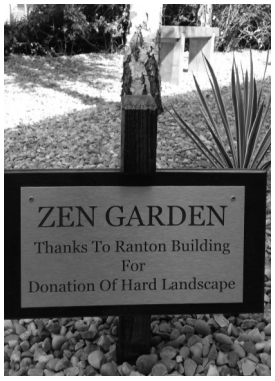


Norton Canes has been a hive of activity in recent months and it has been a pleasure to be part of some of these activities.

I recently opened the new Katherine House Charity Shop in Burntwood Road. The new shop looks fantastic and there is a modern drive-thru donation point for residents to easily drop off items they wish to donate. It really is a great asset to Norton Canes. Staff have worked extremely hard to prepare the shop for opening. It was great to see the local community come out to support the new addition to the village - with people queuing to come in once the shop had opened.

Funds raised in the shop support vital work of the hospice. It really is a wonderful cause that makes a real difference to people's lives in the most difficult of times. I wish the team the very best of luck with their new venture.

I also had the opportunity to drop in on the Tolkien Exhibition whilst it was on display in Norton Canes Library. The exhibition commemorates Tolkien's time in Staffordshire during the First World War. It was fascinating to see how local landmarks and Cannock Chase played such an important part in Tolkien's life. The exhibition demonstrates Tolkien's fondness of the Chase and it quickly became apparent how our surrounding area heavily influenced his writing. The exhibition has now left Norton Canes but is on display in Hednesford Library until September 1.



While at Norton Canes Library, I also saw the work that volunteers have undertaken to improve the garden at the front of the building. The garden now looks wonderful and, with the new water feature, is a place of calm and tranquillity. Well done to all the dedicated volunteers who created this little local sanctuary.

If I don't see you while I am out and about over the summer, if you need my help with any issues or problems, please contact me on 01543 877142 or email

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Silver Sneakers Club in Jeopardy



The popular Silver Sneakers club, which is held weekly in Norton Canes, could be in danger of closing. Members, who enjoy gentle exercise at Trinity Methodist Church each week, were saddened to hear their trainer is moving to pastures new. New they have launched a desperate appeal to save the club.
Club member Pamela Louies said: "We would like to stay in Norton Canes so finding a new trainer is a priority."
Pam is appealing to anyone who can help (or who knows someone who can) to get in touch with her.
Members meet on Thursdays at 12.30pm at the moment.
If you can help, ring Pam on 01543 899367 or Jan on 01543 495796.
County Councillor Johnny McMahon said "I am delighted to have supported this organisation. Beating loneliness and taking exercise is vital for our health as we get older. I found the enthusiasm of the group an inspiration "

Norton Canes Chess Club – Come and Play

Chess season will be starting in the next few weeks.
Norton Canes is again entered for the Cannock League Division 3 which begins in September.
We will have eight games and hope to do as well as last year where we topped the division.
But we need more players - or we may not be able to cope.

In addition to league chess we also have 'friendly chess' and competitions. We can teach chess to anyone who is interested. Young people need to be accompanied by a responsible adult .

We play at the Lido, Norton Canes, every Tuesday at 7.30pm.
It is possible to improve to any level once you know the moves.

For more information please contact me on 01543 279989.
Mike Hoare.

Invitation to Music Festival

Norton Canes residents are invited to Chadsmoor, Hednesford & District Competitive Music Festival.

The event takes place at Staffordshire University Academy, Marston Road, Hednesford, on October 13.

One of the organisers said:
"We are an extremely popular festival with competitors and adjudicators. They all say we are one of the friendliest festivals and many return year after year."

There are classes for all ages in singing and instrumental.

Spectators are welcome.

For more information/entry form visit
www.chadsmoormusicfestival.co.uk

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 to avoid disappointment.
cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk



Dancing @ Norton Canes Community Centre



FRIDAY TEA DANCE

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. £2.50 inc's Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.

Sequence, Line, Ballroom and Party Dancing.

Come along and give it a try!

We play all kinds of music, you can Dance/Sing to.

Nice Friendly Atmosphere Make New Friends, Meet old Friends.

Why not join us for our
MacMillan Coffee/afternoon tea
September 28
Help us raise funds for this very worthy cause

Celebration Time



Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Voice Choir celebrates its 50th anniversary with a concert in Hednesford.
The event will take place at the Aquarius ballroom, on October 6 at 7pm.
Tickets are £15 (includes buffet and drinks).

In addition to the choir's performance there will be 'fun, jokes and solo songs'.

Families welcome.
Watch out for posters nearer the time or ring Mike Hoare on 01543 279989.





Join Jenny and Terry for
Social Sequence Dances at
Norton Canes Community Centre
WS11 9SF
1st and 3rd Saturday in the month,
Sunday afternoon Tea Dance once a month
plus Sunday Lunch Dances four times a year

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St Matthew's Club, Burntwood WS7 9EP

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dancing to: **' Top Keyboards '**

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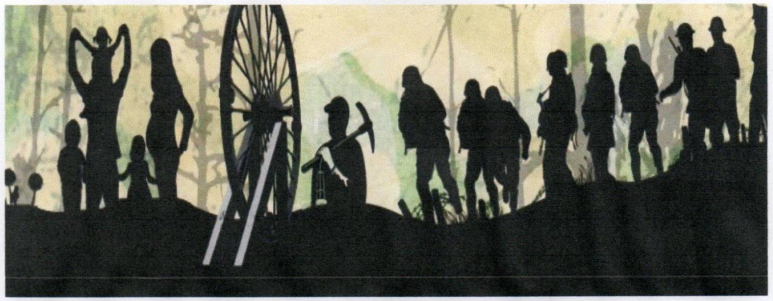
To commemorate the anniversary of the end of the First World War,

CANNOCK CHASE ARTS COUNCIL

presents

THE LAST DAY

by Peter Sidgwick



at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 10th November at Staffordshire University Academy, Hednesford

at 7.45 p.m. on Sunday 11th November at the Prince of Wales Theatre Cannock

and at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 17th November at the Rugeley Rose Theatre

Through music, song and drama, The Last Day tells the moving story of November 11th 1918 from 12.00 midnight until the fateful hour of 11.00 a.m.

In addition to performances by musicians, singers and actors from the district, there will be displays of photographs, paintings , floral art and tapestry

by our local non-performing artists.

This production is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund,

Cannock Chase District Council and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles.

For more information, call 01543 422300

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

A Health Awareness Session takes place at Norton Canes Practice, Brownhills Road, on September 12 at 4.30pm. The subject will be diabetes, its treatment and symptoms. All practice patients and anyone interested is invited to attend. External speakers will attend the session.
For more details/to book a place ring 01543 279232.

Bowling for Fun



Members of an indoor bowling club invite you to join them.
The established group meets at Norton Canes Community Centre every Tuesday from 7.30pm-9.30pm.
A group spokesperson said: “If you enjoy meeting new people and having fun while keeping fairly active then indoor bowling may be the answer. You do not need to have any knowledge of the game. Learning is part of the fun. We have more ladies than men - so come on gents!”
For more details ring Frank Betts on 01543 279185.

Trinity Methodist Church: Useful Info

Sunday worship 11am

There will be a Harvest Festival Service on Sunday October 7, 11am.

Girls Brigade takes place at the church on Thursdays: Explorers 6pm-7.15pm; seniors and brigaders 7.30pm-9pm. For details ring Chris Straughan on 01543 276695.

Accordion group is on Saturdays, 8.30am. Contact Peter Howard on 01543 270627.

Morning coffee on Saturdays 10am-12 noon; Food Bank Saturdays 10am-12 noon.

Other events include quiz nights, barn dances, skittle evenings, Wood turning, Trinity Toddlers, keep fit and the Flower Club.



Church contacts:
Rev Christopher Parkes 01543 682277;
senior steward Ian Straughan 01543 276695;
organist Pat Littler 01543 276371.

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.

Mondays: Kiddy Kraft, 11am-12:30pm. - New Group
Lego Club, 3:30pm-5:30pm.
Drama Group, 7:30pm-9:30pm.



Tuesdays: Sewing Group, 11am-1pm.
Knit 'n' Natter, 1pm-4pm.

Thursdays: Yoga, 10am-11am - New Group
Baby Stay & Play, 11:30am-1pm
Painting Group, **1:30pm**-4:30pm. Please note time change
Open Arms Coffee Morning, 11am-1pm.



Fridays: Get Together, 10:30am-12:30pm.



Saturdays: Jamming Sessions, 11am-Onwards
Play the guitar, out of practice or still learning? Then come along & get some extra help.

Monthly Group Meetings

1st Wednesday: League of Ladies, 7pm-9.30pm
4th Saturday: Councillors Surgery, 10:30am-11:30am.
Last Saturday: Norton Canes Reading Group, 11am-12noon
2nd Tuesday: Historical Society, 7pm-9pm.
3rd Thursday: Historical Morning Coffee, 10am-12noon.

For Bereavement Support ask for Val.

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

Opening Times for Your Library

Monday: 11:00am – 6:00pm.
Tuesday: 9:00am – 5:00pm.
Wednesday: **CLOSED**
Thursday: 9:00am – **5:00pm**.
Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm.
Saturday: 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

Protect yourself and your family from flu We urge everyone who is eligible to have the flu vaccine at their GP practice. We hope to have vaccinations in the practice from the first week in September. Check our Facebook page, website or information in the surgery for further details of flu clinics and to book your appointments. Those eligible are: anyone aged 65 and over; anyone who is pregnant; patients aged six months-64yrs on the 'at risk' register; children 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.

Pneumococcal vaccination Certain patients eligible will also be offered the pneumococcal vaccination: anyone aged 65 and over; 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 on-line 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, without having to phone or visit the practice. Because Patient Access is a 24-hour online service you can do this in your own time. Please ask our receptionists to set this service for you.

Text reminders If you give us 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 of the due date for your annual reviews. If you would like this service, check with a receptionist that we have your correct mobile number. How to cancel appointments Please remember to cancel your appointment if you no longer need it. You can cancel appointments by text, online or by phoning the practice. Please note when you do not cancel your appointment it will not be available to book for someone else who may need to be seen on that day.

Requests for repeat prescriptions may be made in the following ways:

In person at the surgery by completing the form and placing it in the brown prescription box; on-line via PC, tablet or mobile phone once you have registered for on-line services; by post addressed to Norton Canes Practice, Brownhills Road, Norton Canes, WS11 9SE; via your nominated chemist who will contact the practice and order on your behalf. Housebound patients can phone the surgery if they are unable to request a prescription any other way.

The Lido Working Men's Club – the Village's Best Kept Secret?

The club has been in constant use since 1889,
supporting the village and its community.
It has been updated and is now 'a warm and comfortable environment', with lounge, games room and large function room available for parties.



Most activities can be catered for. The club also has resident DJ Liam to provide entertainment. There are in-house caterers (Entirely Yours Catering) who can accommodate most requests.
The Lido also has a skittle alley for parties and can assist if customers want something different, such as a charity event or horse racing night with big screen.
Crib takes place on Mondays, darts (Mondays and Fridays), chess and card craft club Tuesdays, prize bingo Wednesdays, Ladies darts and karaoke Thursdays and entertainment throughout the year on Saturdays.
Customers can also enjoy a quiet pint whilst watching BT Sport.
The games room has a pool and snooker table (snooker is free on Sunday nights). Darts nights and family nights are organised throughout the year.

Anyone can join as a club member.
If you have a function you would like to arrange, ring bar manager
Natalie Ayre on 01543 275714 or call in and see her.
Follow the club on Facebook to see forthcoming events.

Would you like to advertise your business in this newsletter and reach every home in the village?
A half page ad' costs just £25, full page £50,
double page spread £100.
For details ring the parish council clerk Linda on 01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Have Some Pride in our Village Amenities

Wooden benches at the village skate park have been removed after they were deliberately damaged.

Norton Canes parish councillors took the decision to remove the benches because of the cost of repair.

When the skate park was installed, councillors agreed to provide seating for young people to enjoy while they were at the venue.
A parish council spokesperson said: "The benches have been deliberately damaged and we have had to take the decision to remove them from the skate park.

"We accept that it is the minority group that cause these problems that affect those genuine users of the skate park. But we do not have the resources to keep maintaining the benches - only for them to be damaged again."

A Colourful Event for Norton Canes Watercolour Club

Our annual exhibition was held at Trinity Methodist Church on August 17 and 18.



Our productive club members filled the hall with examples of our work. We were also pleased to welcome contributions from other local artists.

At this event we also held a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research UK (as Norton Canes is a 'dementia friendly' village and part of Cannock Chase Dementia Alliance).



From Left : Maureen Garbett Norton Canes Community Champion 2018/19 with Peter Sidgwick Chairman of Cannock Chase Arts Council who opened the exhibition.

Club members have had a busy year in which we produced work for the Best Kept Village competition. Members have also been involved in charity fairs and fundraising events in and around Norton Canes.

Members meet at Norton Canes Community Centre every Monday during term time.

Sheila Harding

A Fun Fundraiser

A group of St Giles receptionists past and present enjoyed a catch up in Norton Canes – and raised money at the same time.
The receptionists and friends held a garden event in Norton East Road in June.
The aim was 'to catch up, eat cake and raise money for two good causes'.
Money raised was for St Giles Day Hospice and Stafford Branch of Parkinson's UK.



Jean Hodson, Sue Baker, Carole Shelley.



One of the organisers, Alison Heath, said: "The weather was very kind, the cakes plentiful and there was plenty of jam and cream courtesy of Rodda creamery."
The event raised £230 which was shared between the two charities.

Thanks to All Concerned

A donation of £1,700 has been sent to St Giles Hospice.
The money was raised by a charity fair organised by former parish councillor Clive Preece.
The fair took place earlier this year at Trinity Methodist Church.
St Giles group chief executive Emma Hodges thanked Mr Preece and asked him to 'pass on sincere thanks to everyone involved'.

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 4th Saturday of every month,

10.30am-11.30am.



What's on at
Norton Canes Community Centre



September 29 Local comedy duo Dandy back by popular demand.
Admission by ticket (£7.50). Doors open 7pm.

October 21 Quiz Night with resident quizmaster John Preece. Entry £2 per person, maximum team of six. Prize for winning team. Starts at 7pm. Bring own refreshments.

October 28 Family Halloween Disco. Fun, games and prizes. Prizes for best Halloween outfit. Adults invited to wear Halloween costume too.
Admission children £2, accompanying adults free.

December 2 Christmas Fayre. Many stalls selling a wide variety of hand crafted and manufactured goods, 12 noon until 4pm.

December 9 Lantern Parade and Carol Service. Children from the village will be parading with lanterns from the Centre and around the village. Bring your little ones to join in or support the youngsters en route.
The parade will be followed by a community carol service at the Community Centre.



December 15 and 16 Jack and the Beanstalk with Backstreet Theatre Company's 'lively, traditional panto'.

*Monday night Judo now starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 8pm.

Norton Canes Judo Club members would like to thank Todd Engineering for funding a day out at Drayton Manor Park for them on August. 19.

Club members train at Norton Canes Community centre on Mondays, 6.30pm-8pm and Thursdays, 6pm-7pm.
New members welcome. The first night is free.
For more details see Norton Canes Judo Club Facebook page or email nortoncanesjudoclub@hotmail.com

Help with Dementia Research

A popular ‘Forget Me Not’ event at Norton Canes Library was held on May 26.
Among those attending were members of the Midlands Partnership Foundation NHS Trust’s Research and Innovation Department.
The team boasts an experienced and dedicated research team who are working on academic and commercially sponsored studies.
The aim is ‘to help develop a strong research culture among health professionals, enabling them to make the best clinical decisions for their patients, supported by the best evidence based practice’.
The research department is also dedicated to collecting information which will ‘assess current treatments and practices in healthcare’.
The ultimate aim is ‘to develop better practices and new treatments for patient conditions in the future’.
The research team is recruiting for a number of studies in dementia, mental and physical health.
If you would like to find out more information, contact the Research and Innovation Department on 01785 783170 or email research@mpft.nhs.uk
The team is based throughout South Staffordshire, Shropshire & Stoke on Trent.
Join Dementia Research (JDR)
JDR is a national service which makes it easy for people to register their interest to take part in dementia research.
Dementia affects 850,000 people in the UK and it is only through research that we can understand what causes the disease, develop effective treatments, improve care and hopefully one day find a cure. Anyone with or without dementia can register as a volunteer. You can sign up at https://www.joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk/

Norton Canes Royal British Legion Branch



The RBL holds monthly meetings at the Lido in School Road and also meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 3.30pm from November to April; (7.30pm from May-October) All are welcome.

Norton League of Ladies – Cash Boost

The newly formed Norton League of Ladies received a boost from county councillor Johnny McMahon.
Cllr McMahon gave a grant to the ladies from his Community Fund.
The group was formed by ‘a group of enterprising ladies’ after the closure of Norton Canes Women's’ Institute.
The ladies now meets at Norton Canes Library on the first Wednesday of every month (except August). They invite speakers and arrange various functions.
Their last meeting attracted almost 40 ladies.
A spokesperson for the ladies said: “This bodes well for the future.”
Cllr McMahon said: “ I am delighted to support this new organisation. The enthusiasm is commendable and the ladies make all newcomers very welcome. In an age when many people are isolated and lonely, I think the Norton League of Ladies offers a great service to the community.”

More details about Norton League of Ladies are available from the village library.



Pictured are: Cllr Johnny McMahon, Martine Bevan, Clare Page, Jenny Berry and Anne Page.

Norton Canes Historical Society

The society members meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7pm-9pm, at Norton Canes Library.
There are also meetings on the third Thursday of the month for coffee mornings 10am-12 noon at the same venue.
The new season begins on Tuesday September 11 with a talk by local British Legion secretary Dave Smith. His subject will be ‘The Great War, a War to end all Wars’.

Members and non members are welcome to the meetings. Admission is free.
Programmes for follow-up talks and dates will be available at this meeting.
Mo Garbett -Secretary

Norton Canes Flower Club Report

Summer is almost over and what a super season it's been - except for having to water all the plants.
Members are looking forward to autumn (and dare I say it?) Christmas.
In June we had a practical evening led by Jude entitled 'Boxes and Bags'. Jude showed us several examples of how to use different boxes and bags as a base for arrangements and members then did their own arrangements. We all learnt something new.
In July we enjoyed a demonstration by Dean Sharpe entitled 'At this time of Year - Summer'. Dean produced some stunning arrangements using lovely flowers. It was a great evening and some lucky members won an arrangement to take home.
In August members will be going on a visit to Peonies Silk Flower Factory.
Forthcoming events:
September 19 Demonstration by S J Smithson called 'My World of Flowers'.
October 17 A talk 'Garden Birds in Autumn and Winter' by David Tideswell.
October 24 annual meeting.
November 19. Special Event at the Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock, at 7.30pm. The club will be having an open evening for Christmas. The demonstrator is David Rylands with 'A Christmas Wish'. Tickets will be on sale from September.
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, at 7.30pm.

Chairman's Civic Service Time For Change



Norton Canes Parish Council chairman Councillor John Preece has reviewed the format for his annual Civic Service.

Cllr Preece said he feels it is time for change.
His view is also driven by the use of public funds - which he feels could be used for other village projects instead.
Consideration is now being given to holding a Charity Night later this year instead of the Civic Service.

More information will be available nearer the time.

A Photographic Treat

Cannock Photographic Society, which meets in Norton Canes, has shared these stunning photos with us.
The photos were submitted as part of an inter club championship for projected digital images which took place at the Arts Centre, University of Warwick in July.

The club is affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain through the Midlands Counties Photographic Federation (one of 15 federations in Great Britain).

For the championship, each federation nominates two clubs to represent them along with eight finalists from the previous year.
Entries this year included Celestial Light by Peter Clark, Evening Light by David Byrne, Final Approach by Tony Stamp and Winning Smile by John Cartlidge. *See pictures on page 36*

A club spokesperson said: "Cannock Photographic Society was once again honoured to represent the Midlands Counties Photographic Alliance in this prestigious event."

The club's new season has now started. The highlight of the year is the annual exhibition which all members have the opportunity to enter. Their work will be displayed in the exhibition at Chasewater Innovation Centre in October.
Over 200 prints will be on display in the foyer which is open from 9am-4pm each weekday.
There will also be a display of projected digital images on a small screen.
Admission to the exhibition is free. The message is: come along and have a look at some of our work.

Meetings are held at Norton Canes Community Centre on Thursdays, 7.45pm-10pm from August-May. The club welcomes visitors and prospective new members, from beginners to advanced.

There is a varied programme of illustrated talks on a wide variety of subjects plus competitions. For the full programme visit cannockps.co.uk *see pictures page 36*

Here's a beautiful poem by Brenda Benton from Chapel Street, Norton Canes. Maybe we should all follow her example.

Welcome

Do come right in and take the best seat.
If you're feeling hungry
I'll make something to eat.

If you're feeling worried I'll pour you some tea.
Then I'll sit and listen
as you share with me.

I might not have answers
but I'll listen and care.
And if you need a friend then I'll always be there.





St James Church News



Fr John Underhill catches up with locals

The church hosted a successful Open Door event during what proved to be 'a busy, hot summer'.
A church spokesperson said: "The event was a huge success once again with a smashing group of hard-working, polite pupils who were a credit to Norton Canes and the High School.
A patronal festival took place on St James Day. Sung Eucharist was held with visiting priest Father John Underhill.
A church spokesperson added: "Fr John was at one time a member of St James. It was lovely to have him back to help us celebrate. We also welcomed his wife Emma on her first visit to St James."
The service was followed by a barbecue in the rectory garden which was 'enjoyed by all'.
Forthcoming events include a harvest thanksgiving service on October 7 at 10.30am. Harvest gifts will be donated to the local Food Bank. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share Supper at the Rectory.

St James the Great Norton Canes
(weekly services are on the church notice board).
Sunday Mass at 8am.
Sung Eucharist 10.30am (Sunday School held during this service).
Weekday Holy Communion: Wednesday 11am and Thursday 7pm.

Rector Fr Neil Hibbins 01543 278969, email neilhibbins@gmail.com
Church clerk Mary Carpenter 01543 275296, email: marycarpenter243@gmail.com
Church warden Ann Eden 01543 278737.

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