Photography Workshop Group
Norton Canes Library

@ Burntwood Road, Norton Canes, Cannock, Staffordshire. WS11 9SQ







Les Arnott and some of his published work
Left: Practical Photgraphy Magazine
Right: Front cover of Country Life









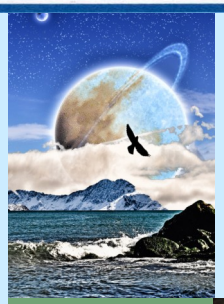
Naomi Howe
A highly awarded photographer with some of her work

Cannock Photographic Society

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



A little light music
Kevin Boycott



Rising Moon
Rob Albutt



Jokulsarlon Glacia Lagoon Overview
Peter Clark



Time for Another
Les Wiggin



Orange Bloom
Graham Orgill

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Norton Canes Village News

Desperate Appeal to Save our Community Bus

Organisers of Norton Canes' Community Partnership Minibus have issued a heartfelt plea for volunteer drivers.

The bus, which transports pensioners to the village's Over 60s and Darby and Joan clubs, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, is a lifeline for the elderly - who otherwise would find themselves completely isolated and lonely.

The community bus has been running since the 1990s; and in its present format since 2002. Its chairperson Beryl Hall said she would be 'devastated' to see the service go.

Beryl and her team of volunteer drivers have worked tirelessly over the past 14 years to keep the service going.

The bus was bought brand new for £30,000 thanks to grant aid from Norton Canes Community Partnership and others. Beryl, her daughter and committee members also embarked on many fundraisers to get the service on the road.

As well as taking the elderly to their village clubs and back on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the bus also takes pensioners on a weekly shopping trip to Sainsbury's, at the Orbital Centre on Thursdays. The help which pensioners receive to load their shopping on board and have it carried to their door is priceless. In return, pensioners put a £1 in a pot to help towards the bus running costs. (The driver is allowed £5 expenses to visit Sainsbury's café while waiting for the pensioners to return).

The Mercedes 15-seater bus, which is used every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, is also available to hire for local community groups.

But the service is now down to a team of just two drivers – and one of those has a problem with his shoulder so looks set to retire.

Beryl, aged 75, from Norton Canes, said: "A lot of the elderly rely on the bus. They look forward to going out and are very upset about the situation. It would be so sad to take the service off them. We have worked so hard to keep this bus on the road. I don't want to think about seeing it go."

If there is anyone out there, male or female, aged 25 plus, who holds a clean D1minibus licence please get in touch with Beryl if you have a minimum three hours a week to spare.

If a few drivers come forward, shifts can be spread so that volunteers may not even have to work every week.

On Tuesdays pensioners are taken to and from the Lido Club, Norton Canes; and on Wednesdays to and from Norton Canes Community Centre.

Beryl can be contacted on **07974 569 482**

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the 29th edition of your newsletter.

At the time of writing I am blown away by the support which this newsletter receives from contributors – yes, literally blown away – thanks to two storms battering the house as I write.

As well as listening to the wind I also have the added sounds of skip lorries and HGVs careering over the new speed cushion outside my house in Church Road.

I keep getting up to look out of the window, convinced there has been an accident but the crashing and banging is the result of skip contents leaping up in the air a few feet and crunching back down as the driver careers his vehicle over the speed cushion.

I try not to complain as I was one of those residents calling for traffic calming measures. And at least **most** car drivers slow down to negotiate the speed cushion.

The traffic calming has worked to a degree, now I just need nerve calming measures. (Even more wine methinks).

In addition to shredded nerves I also have severe withdrawal symptoms thanks to the closure of the village's Voujon Indian restaurant. Let's hope it's temporary…

Thank goodness for the good humour of Sheila Harding who puts this newsletter together uncomplainingly as I bombard her with emails and stories.

Lots of loves
Frazzled editor
Jan x

To avoid disappointment items for the June 2020 newsletter must be sent to Jan by May 1.
email: cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

New Cemetery Update

Plans for a new cemetery adjacent to St James' Church go before planning chiefs on March 4.

The application will be considered by Cannock Chase Council's planning committee.

Norton Canes Parish Council will continue to provide updates about the application via this newsletter.

For more information ring the parish clerk Linda Florence on 01543 276812 (Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm) or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL 2019 ~ 2020

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

Norton Canes Parish Council meetings 2020

March 18
April 2 Annual Parish Assembly - Venue Norton Canes Library
April 16
May 27 Annual Meeting
June 19
July 22
August - No meeting
September 18
October 21
November 18

*All meetings take place at Norton Canes Community Centre unless otherwise notified. Public participation starts at 7pm; full council business, 7.30pm. There will be no fewer than 11 Ordinary meetings in any calendar year.

Keep this newsletter to hand so you won't forget any dates.
Items for June 2020 newsletter to the editor by May1 at the latest to avoid disappointment
cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

Useful Contacts for District, 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	01543 276959
Cllr Josh Newbury	07884 111282
Cllr John Preece	01543 270789

County councillor: Johnny McMahon 07584 638 356
Email: johnny.mcmahon@staffordshire.gov.uk

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

Festive Window Competition



from left: Ann Twist, Leslie Twist from Ann's Cafe and Cllr John Beddows

Winners of the festive window competition can now be announced.
The Christmas creations by village shops and businesses were entered into the competition organised by Norton Canes Parish Council. Judging took place in December.



Sandra Hopkins from J D Nevells and Cllr John Beddows

The 2019 winners are: first place Ann's Café; second J D Nevells; joint third NSD General Store and CK Hairdressers.
A parish council spokesperson said: "We would like to thank all who entered the competition and appreciate your continued support in this event. It contributes to the festive season in the village."

Cema Park and Playground Revamp

Long-awaited improvements at Norton Canes' Cema park now look set to go ahead.



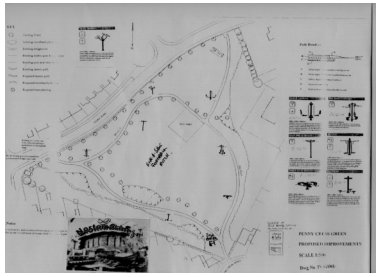
At Cannock Chase Council's recent cabinet meeting it was confirmed that the Cema park between Chapel Street and Pennycress Green will be undergoing a revamp.

The scheme will be funded by money that housing developers in the village pay as part of their contribution to sport and leisure facilities in Norton Canes. An estimated £100,000 will be spent on a number of improvements to the park.

These include: an upgraded playground, a circular path encompassing the park connecting all three entrances, re-laying of the small football pitch, a disabled friendly entrance on the Church Road/Chapel Street side of the park and more dog-friendly bins. There is also the potential to include outdoor gym equipment and to plant trees along the pathways. Norton Canes Parish Council will also be working with Chase Arts for Public Spaces to include a sculpture and arts feature.

There will be a series of consultations. Residents, including children, will be invited to open days to discuss what they would like to see at the park.

This latest development follows a great deal of lobbying to Cannock Chase Council by district and parish councillors.
A parish council spokesperson said: "This stems from a previous unsuccessful lottery bid. We are delighted that this park will be one of the first of many improvements to sports and leisure infrastructure in our community."



For more information, ring parish clerk Linda Florence on 01543 276812.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Norton Canes Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well.

Work continues to take place by members of topic groups: transport, youth engagement, businesses and heritage.
Members of these groups meet regularly and feed back into an overarching Steering Group to take the Plan forward.

The Steering group and topic groups membership consist of parish council representatives, consultants for the Plan and local residents - who volunteer their time and energy in taking this Plan forward. The Steering Group met on February 26.

A presentation is being given to local schools together with a questionnaire for pupils to complete about what they feel is important for the village.

Local businesses will also be contacted with questionnaires to enable the Plan to incorporate their views on what their business needs to thrive - whilst also recognising the employment opportunities for local people.

A parish council spokesperson said: "The Neighbourhood Plan is important in shaping the future of our village and you have a say in what is included."

To find out more, see the extensive information on the parish council website www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk

If you have any questions about the Plan email nortoncanes.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Over 60s Club – Come and Join the Fun



Had enough of staring at four walls?

Why not come to the Lido Club, Norton Canes, every Tuesday at midday for fun and a friendly chat?

We have bingo, raffles and a cup of tea. We also enjoy day trips and hold parties for birthdays and anniversaries.

We can arrange transportation if needed and would love to see you soon.
For more details ring 01543 275714 and leave a message for Glenys or Annie.

Darby and Joan Members Know How to Party

Darby and Joan members enjoyed a Christmas party with a traditional festive meal. The meal was provided and served by Ann's Cafe, Walsall Road, Norton Canes.
Special guests at the party were West Midlands Royal Voluntary Service community development and operations manager Abigail Hurrell, Norton Canes Parish Council chairman Councillor John Preece and parish councillor Sheila Harding.



Abigail thanks Maureen Hall and the committee for inviting her to the party. She presented members and guests with a Christmas hamper kindly provided by Asda.



Cllr John Preece introduces local singer Nicky Moran who entertained members with her Christmas arrangement of songs.



Raffle prizes and Christmas hampers donated by Asda

New Members always welcome - Contact Maureen 01543 279751 or Eve 01543 274216

Welcome to the
Lido Working Men's Club & Institute
- the best kept secret
in the village!
The club has been in constant use since 1889, supporting the village and its community.



Luckily, the club has been updated since then and is now a warm and comfortable environment, with a lounge, games room and large function room available for most parties.

If you have a function you would like to arrange, please speak to bar manager Natalie Ayre on 01543 275714 (answer phone) or pop in and see her. We can help with most activities and also have our resident DJ, Liam, to provide the entertainment. We also have in-house caterers (Entirely Yours Catering) that can accommodate most requests. The club also has a skittle alley available for parties and can assist if you want something different, such as a charity night or horse racing night with our big screen.

We have a busy week with crib on Mondays; darts (Mondays and Fridays); chess and card craft club Tuesdays; prize bingo Wednesdays; karaoke and ladies' darts Thursdays; and entertainment throughout the year on Saturdays.
But we can always find time for a quiet pint and watch our BT & Sky Sport.

The games room has a snooker table (snooker free on Sunday nights) and we organise darts nights and family nights throughout the year.

If you like the idea of becoming a member of this friendly little club, why not come and join us? You can follow us on our Facebook page and see our forthcoming events.
See you soon

Urgent: Save our Village RBL Branch

This is an urgent plea for volunteers to save the village's historic Royal British Legion (RBL) branch from closure. The branch has been running from different venues in the village since being set up by the Rose family in the 1920s. But lack of volunteers prepared to stand on the committee could now lead to closure.

If only two people come forward that would at least fill the roles of branch secretary and treasurer to replace those who are standing down. (The long–serving current chairman is in his eighties). If those two roles are not filled there will not be enough members to form a committee.

Branch secretary/standard bearer David Smith said the only other option is for the branch to be run by Stafford county headquarters (which would mean lack of autonomy and the possibility of losing the village standard). But, if HQ are not prepared to take over the branch, that would mean complete closure.

An emergency meeting was held in February to try and resolve the issue. It was decided that the Membership Support Office would contact RBL members in this area asking if they wish the club to continue. This second plea to members is a last ditch bid to fill the vacant posts.
David said: "Many local branches are struggling because of ageing membership. Please do not let this branch close down. Everyone is downhearted at the moment. The branch is still relevant. It is coming up to the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day."

Although membership has dwindled, local members are still active in Norton Canes: fundraising, helping with village projects and manning information stands at local events.
David goes into local primary schools giving talks about the First World War and explains how the Legion helps ex service people.
There are 18 members in the village branch (over 50 if you include those who transferred from Burntwood branch).

They meet at the Lido Club, School Road, Norton Canes, bi monthly and enjoy trips out. Recently members visited RAF Cosford and the National Memorial Arboretum.
If anyone can help, ring David at the Lido on 01543 275714. Leave a message for him or drop a note into the Lido for David's attention.
*You do not have to be ex services to be a Legion member.

Come and Play With our Display



Pictured with the interactive display are: Kerry Hutchings from Staffordshire Libraries (left) and Niamh Mahon from Rugeley Town Council

An interactive display of Childhood Memories is coming to Norton Canes Library. The display, compiled by Rugeley Town Council, will be at the library throughout March - as part of a tour of voluntary led Cannock Chase libraries.
The project is being led by Kerry Hutchings from Staffordshire Libraries.
Members of the public are invited to call in and 'have fun on the machine'.
Visitors can compare their memories to those of Rugeley wartime children.
*Also look out for details of the May 8 Library 'Street Party' to commemorate 75 years since the end of war in Europe.

Norton Canes Historical Society

Members will be enjoying a busy few months. Their programme is as follows:

March 10: Humorous Postcards 'I do like to be beside the seaside' with speaker Peter Cadman.
April 14: Norton Canes Workhouse with Sam Whitehouse.
May 12: How to Make Money out of Murder with Sally Jenkins. (Books will be on sale).
Members meet at Norton Canes Library on the second Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free for members and non members.

Come and Join the Sneakers



The Silver Sneakers gentle exercise group has space for new members in 2020.

We are a group of ladies - but would welcome gentlemen.

Members, who are of retirement age, meet every Thursday at Trinity Methodist Church hall, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, from 12.30-1.30pm.

The aim is 'to stay as active as possible for as long as possible' under the guidance of our trainer Carol who has 30 plus years of experience.

The first week is free, then a £5 subscription is payable per week. Just wear loose clothing and flat shoes. There is parking available. Please try us. You will be very welcome.

For more details ring on 01543 495796 or call me on 01543 899367.
Pamela Louies



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.

In Memory of 'Somerset Pam'



'Somerset Pam'

The village remembers Pam Edwards who passed away on Christmas Eve.
Pam, who was 88, married her late husband Cliff at St James Church, Norton Canes, in 1951 and lived in the village ever since.
But she was originally from Somerset and despite living in Norton Canes for many years, she never lost her accent.
She was a member of the Over 60s group at the Lido Club.
Pam also attended Norton Canes Community Centre Social Dances run by Jenny Dunn.
Jenny, from Churchbridge, paid the following tribute to her:
"I first met Pam on my first Friday night Social Dance at the old Community Centre. She had talked her grandson and granddaughter into coming with her for support as she was just getting over an operation.
From that first meeting Pam became a close and loyal friend. She was full of wisdom and was a hard-working mum, nan and friend. She loved her garden and amazed me with her knowledge of plants.
She made some lovely things for her home (they all had to match!) and was wonderful with a sewing needle.
Pam still had a strong Somerset accent and she laughed sometimes when we weren't sure what she had said.
She loved shopping and playing bingo but over the last few years was unable to get about because of health problems.
Pam gave me so much support with our dances and fundraising at both community centres: baking, making items and shopping. She also gave me so much help when I became a widow."
Jenny, her family and friends wish Pam's family well.
"They have been wonderful to Pam through a very hard time," she added.
Pam lived in Jerome Drive, Norton Canes.
She passed away at a nursing home in Great Wyrley.
Her funeral took place at St James' Church on January 13 followed by a service at Stafford Crematorium.
Pam leaves two daughters Jacqueline and Tracy, a son Barry, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

BKV 2020

This year's Norton Canes entry into the Best Kept Village (BKV) competition looks set to be a colourful occasion.
The 2020 entry, spearheaded by Norton Canes Parish Council, will be linked to the 75th Anniversary of VE Day - so the village will be decorated in red, white and blue.

Community groups are already working hard on making items for display on the colourful theme. Youngsters at village schools and groups will be creating posters which will be displayed around the village.

Parish councillors are now appealing to residents for help in focusing attention on presentation of the village.

Judging will take place in May and June - but there will be changes to this year's competition relating to involvement of the local community.
A parish council spokesperson said: "Once we are aware of all the details we will post an article on the parish website and display details on local notice-boards. Please keep an eye out for further information.

"We are busy planning our entry and looking at tasks to be carried out. Litter is always one of the key targets that judges look for. Any help you can give in ensuring the area where you live is tidy would be greatly appreciated.

"The competition provides us with an opportunity to look at what areas of our village can be improved - whilst also maintaining areas that we have already developed. We are always keen to hear any suggestions about improving presentation of the village."

Community litter-picks will be taking place. Watch out for dates on social media and on the parish notice-board.

If you are interested in being involved please let the parish clerk know by ringing 015432 276812 (weekdays 10 am-2pm.) or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Bid to Save Grove Colliery

Norton Canes Parish Council is working to save the historic Grove Colliery as a heritage asset.

Some of the buildings from the colliery still survive on site today and the aim is to save them for posterity. The buildings are the only known examples of mining structures surviving from Cannock Chase coalfields.
They are situated within the boundary of Norton Canes Parish just off Lime Lane.

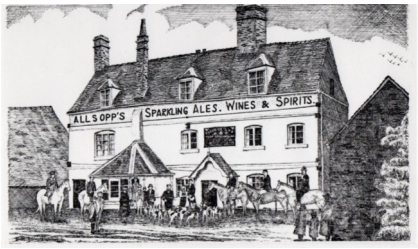
The coalfields were extensive at one time employing 5,800 men and many Norton Canes residents would have worked at the Grove.

The parish council is now working with other interested parties such as Little Wyrley Estates to save the structures. District and parish councillors were pleased that the planning application proposed for this site was refused in January.
The Grove Colliery site has many links to Norton Canes village and Chasewater due to the various mineral railway lines built to move coal from the colliery.

The aim is to save the buildings which could be turned into 'a valuable asset for local people for leisure and learning'. Grove Colliery, situated between Norton Canes and Pelsall, opened in 1852 as Wyrley Grove Colliery.

It was served by barges on the Cannock Extension Canal until the arrival of a mineral line from Norton Junction.

In 1930, a mining explosion (caused by a methane gas build up) occurred, which killed 14 miners. The explosion is thought to have taken place beneath the area previously occupied by the Fleur De Lys pub.



The Fleur-De-Lys Inn circa 1926 courtesy Norton Canes Historical Society

Norton Canes Community Centre: It's all Happening

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	10am-1pm	Watercolour	01543 275013
	4.15pm-6.15pm	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	07821 774456
	6.30pm-8pm	Norton Canes Judo Club	nortoncanes-judo@hotmail.com
		Tots O'clock	Info. facebook@totsoclock
Tuesday	9.30am-11.30am	Simply Crafting Card Class	07570 452948
	12noon-1pm	TIA CGI	07724 183091
	5pm-6pm	Rainbows	email: girlguiding.org.uk
	7pm-8pm	Poundshedders	01543 278534/07716 356907
	7pm-9pm	Indoor Bowles	Community Centre 07845 678003
Wednesday	10.30am-11.20am	Pilates	
	11am-1pm	Norton Canes Craft Group	07986 291694
	1.30pm-3.30pm	RVS/Darby and Joan	01543 279751/01543 274216
	5.45pm-6.45pm	Zumba	
	7pm-10pm	Xaquarians Line Dance	07515 931389
Thursday	9am-4am	Crafty Sew and Sews	07412 101439
	9.45am-12.15pm	Crafty Cards	07570 452948
	4pm-5pm	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	07821 774456
	6pm-7pm	Norton Canes Judo Club	07800 845523
	7pm-9pm	Sugar Craft	07792 549307
	8pm-10pm	Cannock Photographic Society	www.cannockps.co.uk
Friday		'tots o'clock' Toddler Group	See facebook for details
	11am-12noon	Chair Based Exercise	Community Centre
	1.30pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Dance	07716 356907
	4pm-6pm	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	07821 774456
	7.30pm-10.30pm	Jenny's Social Dance	07980 327325
	Starting Sept.20	Spanish for Fun	07904 050334
Saturday	10.30am-1pm	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	07821 774456
1st & 3rd	8pm till late	Jenny and Terry's Social Sequence Dance	07980 327325
2nd & 4th	8pm-midnight	Nev's Line Dance	
Sunday	Morning	WW	(Formerly Weight Watchers)

Invitation from Your Local Library

Welcome to Norton Canes Community Library.
Why not come and see what we have to offer?



Mondays: Kiddy Kraft: 11am - 12.30pm.
Lego Club: 3.30pm - 5.30pm.
Drama Group: 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Tuesdays: Sewing Group: 11am - 1pm.
Knit 'n' Natter: 1.30pm - 4pm
Wednesday Photography: 7pm - 9.30pm
Thursdays: Baby Stay & Play: 11.30am - 1pm
Painting Group: 1.30pm - 4.30pm.
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 and get some extra help.

Monthly Group Meetings

1st Wednesday: League of Ladies: 7pm - 9.30pm
4th Saturday: Councillor's Surgery: 10.30am - 11.30am.
Last Saturday: Norton Canes Reading Group: 11am - 12noon
2nd Tuesday: Historical Society: 7pm - 9pm.

Home Readers service

If you or someone you care for finds it difficult to access the library, please get in touch with us in regards to our Home Readers Service.



Computer Access

Opening Times for Your Library

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



We also have books!

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The colliery was closed in 1952 and all traces of it were swept away by 1964.

Today, an industrial estate stands on the site of the former track bed and the canal is popular with residential barges.

The Grove was one of the last collieries around Brownhills to go. Many local people worked there and were involved with the colliery and the Harrison empire that ran it for many years.

Grove Colliery Basin is a minor waterways area on the Birmingham Canal Navigations system (i.e. Cannock Extension Canal) situated between the junction of Wyrley and Essington and Cannock extension Canals (Pelsall Junction).

For more information visit Norton Canes Collieries History at https://www.nortoncaneshistory.co.uk/collieries/



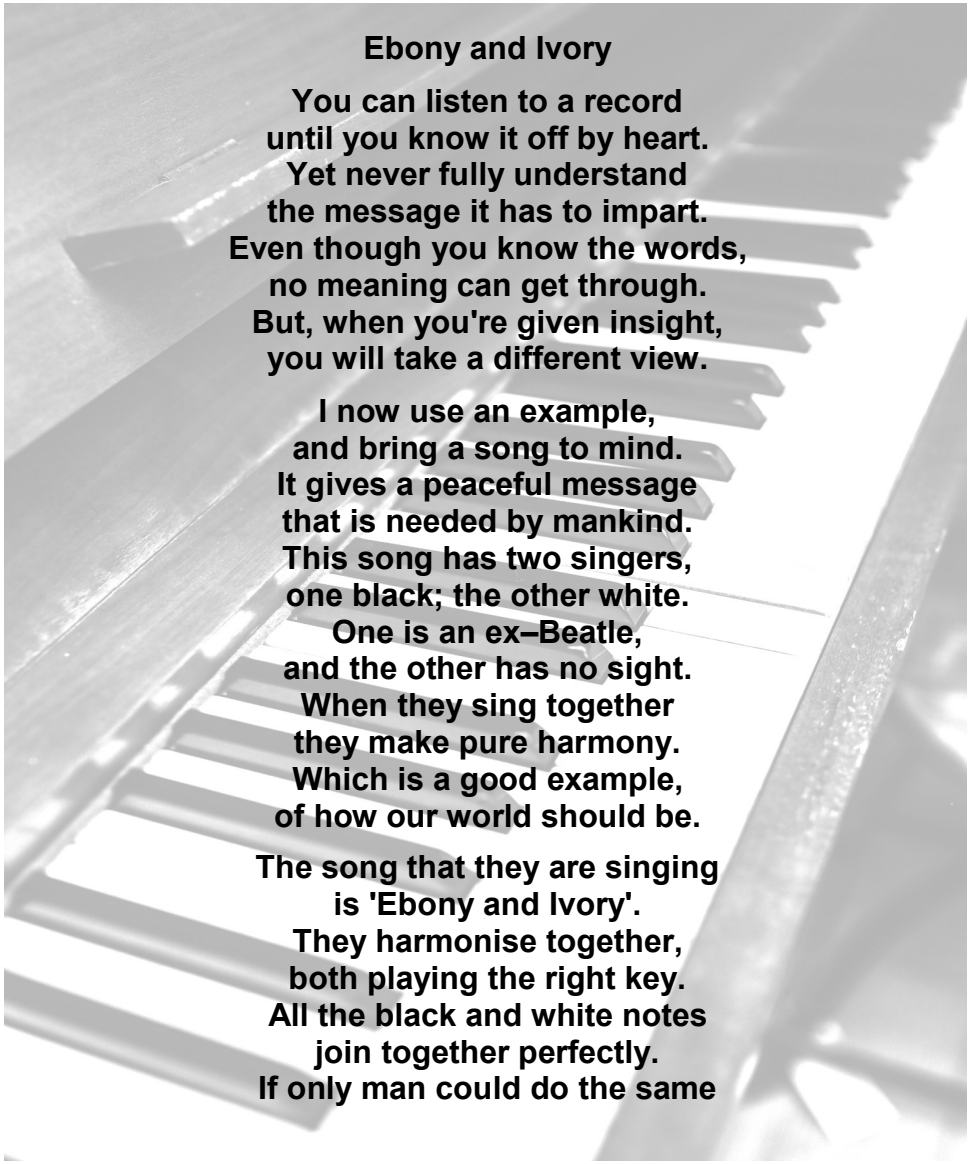


Images of Canal Basin at Grove Colliery and the current state of buildings at Grove Colliery

Your Heritage: What is Precious to You?

Norton Canes Neighbourhood Plan team is asking villagers what local features they would like to see protected.
There is already a move to protect the Grove Colliery site – but what else would you like to see saved for posterity?
Members on the Plan team are creating a list of important Norton Canes features to treasure.
Villagers are invited to share your suggestions on the parish council Facebook page.

Here is a poem by our talented Norton Canes writer Brenda Benton: enjoy



Ebony and Ivory

You can listen to a record
until you know it off by heart.
Yet never fully understand
the message it has to impart.
Even though you know the words,
no meaning can get through.
But, when you're given insight,
you will take a different view.

I now use an example,
and bring a song to mind.
It gives a peaceful message
that is needed by mankind.
This song has two singers,
one black; the other white.
One is an ex–Beatle,
and the other has no sight.
When they sing together
they make pure harmony.
Which is a good example,
of how our world should be.

The song that they are singing
is 'Ebony and Ivory'.
They harmonise together,
both playing the right key.
All the black and white notes
join together perfectly.
If only man could do the same

The notice boards outside the Co-op and on The Bridge crossroads contain information which is updated regularly on parish matters.

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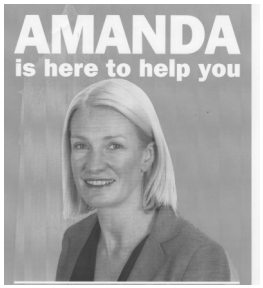
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Message from your MP Amanda Milling



I would like to start by thanking everyone who voted for me in the General Election. It is truly humbling to be returned to Parliament. As always, I am here to help all my constituents with any issues that they face.

The great part of the General Election was getting to spend far more time in Norton Canes. I really enjoyed the few weeks of campaigning because I was able to chat to local people about their issues and spend more time in our community. I enjoyed it so much that I have spent the first few Saturdays of 2020 out in Norton Canes again delivering surveys and chatting to local residents.

The biggest issue that I have faced since being returned to Parliament is the odour being emitted from Poplars Landfill site. I have already met with Biffa and the Environment Agency to discuss the measures they are taking to address this issue. I am returning again next week to see if the plans put in place by Biffa to reduce the smell will be effective. Please be reassured I will continue to put significant pressure on both organisations to get the matter resolved.

As always, if you need my help with any issues or concerns, please do contact me on 01543 877142 or email amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk. You can also pop into my office to speak to a member of staff - no appointment is necessary. It is open for drop-ins between 12pm and 4pm on Monday to Friday.

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.

Onwards and Upwards for Local Comedy Duo



Happy New Year to you all from Dandy.
Hope you all got through the Christmas festivities unscathed. The Christmas Madness infects us all. We react as if they'd announced rationing and find ourselves saying 'I'll be glad when I've eaten all this chocolate and got back to normal'!
Warming up all the red wine and calling it 'punch'...saying 'just one more piece of Stollen'.
Sainsbury's mince pies were on sale £1 a box for a couple of weeks after Christmas. Allan kept buying them when I turned my back. We had to eat two at every meal!

The new fitness regime and diet hasn't kicked in yet. My friend has started jogging. She says it's the only way she is going to hear any heavy breathing again.
Hard to motivate in January. My body has already gone winter stiff and won't bend. Already had to go to Nicky Snazell's pain relief clinic for TLC.
Father Brown, life insurance and funeral arrangements every afternoon on the telly. Curtains closed and jimjams on as soon as it gets dark.
We've done a slow amble round Stowe Pool twice and I've done a few fast runs between the Co-op and St Giles Hospice shop when I've misjudged the lights.

We have all seen plenty of disagreement over Brexit and still it continues. These days it's hard to know who or what to believe. So much scamming! Some worries from the Government about the Chinese firm Huawei or as Allan calls it 'Hooamwee'. He's got one of their phones. Came in the other day. I whispered: "Really concerned. Anybody could be listening in on us….Zuckerman, Putin, Trump."
Allan laughed, I laughed, Siri laughed, Alexa laughed! Ooer matron!
Lots of talk about shortages after Brexit. We got back Friday night after the 'big Exit'. Allan looked in the fridge and said: "It's started already. We've run out of milk!"

Annual Parish Assembly Invite

Norton Canes Parish Council's annual parish assembly takes place on Thursday April 2.
It will be held at Norton Canes Library from 7pm.
A parish council spokesperson said: "This is a forum whereby the parish council reports on activities and achievements during the last year and also gives an opportunity for residents to raise any questions relating to the business of the council. The awards of grants to community groups together with the Community and Youth Endeavour Award are also presented at the meeting.
"Come along and hear what we do and have your say if you have any issues/matters to be put to the council."

New Year Prize Draw

Norton Canes Library is hosting a Prize Draw.
Prizes include afternoon tea for two at Catherine Care; a £20 Hollybush voucher; a hamper of goodies; two crocheted single blankets; a foxy book pillow; and 'lots of alcohol'.

Tickets are £1. All money raised is for an on-site defibrillator.
The draw will take place at Easter.
Winners will be contacted by phone.



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- Cold call you or ask you to sign up to anything you don't want to be involved with.
- Share your details with other agencies (unless there is a safeguarding concern).

Tel: 0330 123 1937

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)

email: nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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Allan is Captain Grumpy Knickers at the moment because he has just had to acknowledge he's another year older. I tried to cheer him up a bit. I said: "Harrison Ford is even older than you and he's still acting. He's been offered a new film - Indiana Jones and the Stannah Stairlift of Doom. He didn't feel much better when he got a call to say that his blood group had been discontinued.
Felt very sorry for Her Majesty in the light of all her family problems. I'd have had them all adopted by now. Andrew has had his perks removed but at least he has been offered a job at the Pizza Place in Woking.

Who would have thought Brexit would have been replaced by Megxit? The Harry and Meghan argument causing fresh division.
Dandy worked very hard in December, got very overtired and kept losing and misplacing things. Allan said: "What's the first sign of madness?"
I said: "It's when you see Suggs walking down your garden path!"
Boom boom!

Our own tour this year will be in honour of Sir Elton John. It'll be called the "I'm Still Standing - But Only Just!" tour.



The Black Country Theatre Night Out tour will be back in spring and autumn this year. Dates in this area include Lichfield Garrick on April 2. In October local venues (with more to be announced) include Core Theatre, Solihull on October 7 and Walsall Football Club, Bonser Suite, October 8.
All the best from me and himself.

*Visit dandycomedy.co.uk

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Life at Norton Canes Community Centre



Come and join any of the following fun sessions:
Tuesdays: Tai Chi, 12 noon-1pm.
Wednesdays: zumba, 5.45-6.45;
Wednesday: pilates 10.30am-11.20am.

February 29: A night at the dogs.
March 8: quiz. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm.
May 27: annual meeting, 7.30pm.
June 21 : afternoon at the races with afternoon tea. Times to be confirmed.
July 5: summer fair, 2pm-5pm.

August 29: barn dance. Times to be confirmed.
October 31: local comedy duo Dandy. Times to be confirmed.
December 6: Christmas fair and concert. Times to be confirmed.
December 12 and 13: pantomime
*Changes to regular hirers, karate not in on Wednesdays
Please see diary on page 33.

Community Centre Details:
Telephone 07845 678 003
Email: nccabooking@hotmail.com
Facebook: nortoncanescommunitycentreevents

Norton Canes Chess Club

Members are back to their winning ways.

They won their first match of the season 3-1 against Coleshill in January.

Club spokesman Mike Hoare said: "This means after half the season we have four points out of 12. Our wins were performed brilliantly by Brian Jones and Barry Hanford after a good battle against their opponents."

Mike said the youngsters are 'going from strength to strength' after just one year's practise and 'might play for England one day'.
He is appealing for more members to join the club.

Members meet every Tuesday at the Lido Club, Norton Canes.
For more details ring Mike on 01543 279989.

Businesses – the Need to Succeed

Norton Canes Neighbourhood Plan team members are asking business folk if they are receiving all the help they need to succeed.
A team spokesperson said: "We want local companies to thrive and are asking what support is required to boost business."
If you run a business in Norton Canes you can let the Plan team know what would help your company via a questionnaire on the parish council website.
Visit www.nortoncanesparrishcouncil.co.uk

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Join Jenny and Terry
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Cannock Photographic Society

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

Photo Exhibition Invitation

Cannock Photographic Society proudly presents an exhibition of members' work.
It will take place at the Museum of Cannock Chase, Hednesford, from March 9-April 26.
The exhibition, entitled Through a Lens, will feature 'an eclectic and exciting mix of photographs, demonstrating the skill and quality of photographers'.

Members meet at Norton Canes Community Centre on Thursdays, 7.30pm for 8pm start.

They welcome new members, beginners to advanced.
The club's programme includes illustrated talks on a wide variety of subjects such as travelogues, landscape and natural history.
Members also take part in competitions.

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Norton Canes Judo Club

Norton Canes Judo Club is not all about fighting and training. Members have fun too.



Here are some of the younger members enjoying a special visit from Santa at their Christmas party.

Members train at Norton Canes Community Centre Mondays, 6.30pm-8pm (£3 charge); Thursdays, 6pm-7pm (£2.50). The first night is free.

Norton Canes Flower Club

Well here we are in 2020, the Golden Anniversary year for the Flower Club, a year to celebrate with members and friends.
A lot of thought and effort has gone into the special programme for this our 50th year. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings and we would especially welcome any former member who would like to join us.
It started in January with the 'Celebration of 50 years in Flowers' when five long-standing members each did an arrangement representative of a decade and told about what the club meant to them.
It was a lovely evening and was greatly enjoyed by us all with the super arrangements being raffled at the end, so some of us had a memento of the occasion
On February 19 Simone Squire gave her talk 'A lot more than a slab of Chocolate' followed by a buffet supper. We were looking forward to this event.
The anniversary programme continues on March 18 when there will be a demonstration by Susan Henderson entitled 'A Touch of Gold'.
On April 15 Byron from Curborough Garden Centre will give 'A Garden Talk'.
This will be the second time at the club for Byron who gave a most interesting and informative talk on his previous visit with lots of tips and advice.
May 20 is an open evening at Norton Canes High School - another special event with Lorena Dyer and her demonstration 'Lipstick, Powder and Paint' - an intriguing title.
Tickets for this (£10) will be available soon from 01543 279133 or you can pay at the door. Please come along and join us for a lovely evening.



Members meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. New (and former) members/visitors are most welcome.
For more information ring 01543 278370.

Trinity Methodist Church Information

Sunday worship 11am.



Girls Brigade takes place at the church on Thursdays: Explorers and Juniors 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:

Reverend Margaret Eales
senior steward Ian Straughan 01543 276695

Youngsters: Come and Join the Fun

The 2nd Norton Canes Brownies and Guides meet at Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street.

Brownies meet from 5pm-6.15pm; guides from 6.40pm-8pm every Tuesday during term time.

Calling all Patients and Carers

Would you be interested in sharing your experiences of the NHS with healthcare staff – participating in current learning programmes?
As part of their learning, participants are asked to listen to voices of patients and carers and consider the impact of positive and negative experiences of the NHS.
The NHS Leadership Academy is currently recruiting patients and carers willing to share their stories.

A Plea from Local Rangers

Norton bog needs you.

It's that time of year again. Hedgehogs, bugs and other wildlife are looking for a home for the winter. No birds are nesting so it's a good time to start lopping, chopping, slashing and burning. Log piles can then be left for hibernating creatures. Staffordshire county rangers would love your help.

The rangers host work parties from 10am-1pm at the following: Norton Bog, meeting at Burntwood Road car park near the Burntwood/Chase Terrace roundabout on the 1st Sunday of the month; Hatherton Reservoir on the 2nd Sunday of the month and Chasewater Country Park, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month meeting at the Innovation Centre at 10am.



Volunteers will be taking part in woodland and heathland restoration including coppicing, selective thinning, scrub control and hedge laying. They will also be carrying out routine maintenance such as track repairs, cutting back overgrowth and installing bollards and benches.

If you would like to help (bring waterproofs, boots and gloves) ring Rob on 07855 336 907 or Nigel 07772 132 896.
Staffordshire County Council rangers for more information.

Norton Canes Watercolour Club

Club members were invited to exhibit their work at Chasewater Innovation Centre

The pictures were proudly on display for the whole of February.

Members meet at Norton Canes Community Centre every Monday during term time, 10am-1pm



Watercolour Club Treasurer Maureen Garbett with some of the work on display

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St James' Church - Activities and Services for Easter



Passion Sunday March 29: 8am Mass; 10.30am Solemn Mass; 12 noon: Annual Church Meeting of Parishioners

Palm Sunday April 5: 8am Mass. 10.30am Palm Procession and Solemn Mass

Monday April 6: 7pm Mass

Tuesday April 7: 7pm Mass

Wednesday April 8: 11am and 7pm Mass

Maundy Thursday April 9: 7pm Solemn Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday April 10: 10.30am Children's fun activity to include hot cross buns. All welcome to join. 12 noon: Stations of the Cross. 1pm: Lent Lunch in aid of Let the Children Live. All welcome. 7pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.



Holy Saturday April 11: 7pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.

Easter Sunday April 12: 8am Mass; 10.30am Solemn Mass of Easter.

St James the Great Norton Canes

Weekly services

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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A public auction of mining memorabilia was held at Lee Hall Miners Club, Rugeley, on February 2.

We raised £850 thanks mostly to former Littleton miner Paul Ridgway, from Cheslyn Hay, who donated his collection of mining memorabilia plates depicting mines from across Great Britain. Some were sold at the auction and we have a few left for future events.

We also received a donation from Erica Higgins who organised the auction.



At the auction event are (from left): CHAPS secretary Sheila Harding, CHAPS president Mike Mellor and Amanda Milling MP.

Erica also designed and had lapel badges manufactured which depict a miner’s lamp and a poppy – to remember miners who served in the two World Wars.

Erica also has a collection bucket for CHAPS National Mining Memorial in her shop, Erica’s, in Albion Street, Rugeley town centre.

Chase MP Amanda Milling and CHAPS members were invited to attend the auction event where CHAPS members provided and displayed information about the project.

The mining project group has two forthcoming events at Norton Canes Community Centre.

On Easter Monday (April 13), 1.30pm-4.30pm, there will be a Tea Dance with Eric Black on keyboards performing free of charge. Thank you to the Community Centre committee for allowing us the room free for this event. Admission is £4 on the door.

On November 3 author Kenneth Valentine will be giving a light-hearted talk about characters from the first and second World Wars. This will be followed by an afternoon tea and raffle. The event starts at 1.30pm Tickets are £7.50 on the door.

We want everyone to know about the National Mining Memorial to be installed at the National Arboretum at Alrewas and for people to share our hopes and excitement. We know the project is very personal to a lot of people.

Robert Ford
Miners Monument Fund Treasurer

*For more details ring Robert on 07748 677 905; visit www.facebook.com/ChaseArtsForPublicSpaces; email info@chaseartsforpublicspaces.co.uk or visit www.chaseartsforpublicspaces.co.uk You can also donate at www.justgiving/crowdfunding/chapsnationalminersmemorial

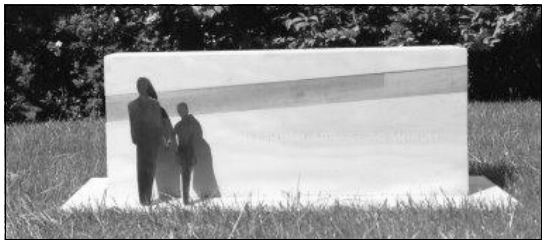
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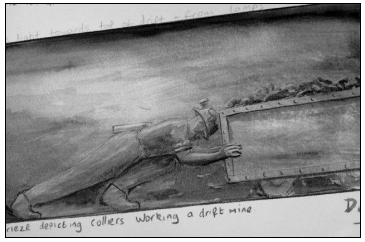
Miners' Monument Fund Progress Report

As part of a group called Chase Arts for Public Spaces [CHAPS] our latest project is to install a mining memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas.

We need to raise £100,000 to fund the memorial which will commemorate men, women and children who worked in the mining industry and served or died for their country.

The 5m high, 2m high and 1m wide monument will be made from Derbyshire stone. The monument will be sculpted by Andy de Comyn, creator of the Shot at Dawn memorial at the Alrewas site as well as the mining monument on Rugeley's Globe island.





Pictured (left): a model of the miners' monument. The diagonal line will depict scenes above and below ground, such as the photo on the right.

As of February 10 the project fund stands at £4,567. Small donations are coming in all the time. I would like to say thank you to those who have supported us in any way.
Jenny Dunn and Robert Ford organised a Dance Holiday event to Lytham St Anne's. About 100 people enjoyed the trip which combined dancing with fundraising such as raffles. The profits, boosted by donations, covered the cost of producing a commemorative Cannock Chase calendar which depicts 12 local monuments including Norton Canes' coal truck opposite the village library.
I would like to thank everyone who bought and sold the 250 Calendars. Thanks to the sales and donations we made a profit of over £2,000.

A lot of local groups and events have helped to raise cash. These include: the Self Help Diet Group at Harrisons Great Wyrley; a Coffee Morning with a raffle at Wesley Chapel, Great Wyrley; the Friday Afternoon Tea Dance at Norton Canes Community Centre; and Bridgtown Local History Society.
Lady members of the CHAPS sub-committee responsible for fundraising for the monument knitted 100 Christmas themed socks which contained a numbered token. Entrants were invited to pick a sock. Prize money was donated by Jenny and Terry's Saturday Dance Group for the five winning numbers.

A practical photography group for all levels and abilities



Photography Workshop Group
Norton Canes Library
@ Burntwood Road, Norton Canes, Cannock, Staffordshire. WS11 9SQ

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Are you looking for a place to go where you can meet up with like-minded people?
Classes run three times a month (every Wednesday except the 1st Wednesday of every month), 7pm - 9.30pm, £5 per session.

For all levels and abilities

You will receive hands-on expert help and guidance from Norton Canes photographer, Photoshop tutor Les Arnott (whose images have been featured in publications worldwide) assisted by award-winning photographer Naomi Howe.
They will guide you, whatever your skill level, towards being able to take professional looking images. At the same time you will meet other people and most importantly have fun doing so!
Les Arnott's wife Sally will also be assisting with projects, administration and guidance to members.
This is a community non-profitable group. A £5 charge per session membership is required which helps towards the cost of room hire, equipment, drinks, refreshments, website payment and Adobe software licensing.
If you would like to join ring Sally on 07508 237 004 or email: mel64uk@yahoo,co,uk or leave your contact details at Norton Canes Library desk to express and interest.

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