





As you can see from the flyer, CEPINK (now Friends of Norton Parks and Open Spaces), asked for help planting trees on Chapel Street playing field - known as the Cema. If you were there on the day thank you and please let us know how you feel about the beautiful hedge now it has matured.
'Friends' will be carrying our further projects to make our playing fields more inclusive for all ages. If you can help with planning or just lend a hand when we acquire more trees etc please ring John Preece on 01543 270789 or Sheila Harding 01543 275013.



Some of the art work submitted to the Best Kept Village Competition by Norton Canes Watercolour Club members

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Norton Canes Village News

Time to Spruce Up the Village

Norton Canes has again been entered into the Best Kept Village competition.

The first round of judging has already taken place and judges are set to return in June.
If Norton Canes succeeds in getting through the first two rounds, judges may also be back in July.
Norton Canes Parish Council is now appealing for villagers' support.
A council spokesperson said: "We ask residents to help keep the village tidy throughout this period. We are striving to get a top three placing this year.
"There will also be a display around the village of children's' posters which are a feature of the Best Kept Village (BKV) competition.

"Thank you to Norton Canes Academy; Jerome Primary School; and local Guides, Brownies and Rainbows groups for entering into the spirit of BKV."

Posters created by three different age groups will be entered as part of the competition.
Norton Canes Watercolour Club has also entered 'impressive' paintings/poems for the over 18 group competition. (*See page 36)*



Guides, Brownies and Rainbows gardens in Norton Green Lane.

Summer plants will be available from the end of May so residents are promised 'a real colourful display' in garden areas.

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A big HELLO and welcome to the 26th edition of your newsletter.

Thank you so much to all the contributors and thank you to sub editor Sheila Harding who puts up with a barrage of emails from me.

I love our new 'Welcome to Norton Canes' sign at Norton Hall Lane (see photo page 3). I think we have a really classy entrance to the village now!

Let's keep this newsletter lively. If you have something to celebrate or a story/picture to share with us, please get in touch.

We are happy to receive any contributions: happy, serious or quirky. I'll be looking out for you in my inbox…

Loves

Jan
Editor

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

Volunteers: Thank You for Everything

Norton Canes Parish Council has issued a big 'thank you' to volunteers who support local initiatives.

Councillors wish to thank those who deliver this village newsletter, operate Community Speedwatch or take part in litter picking.

A council spokesperson said: "We are always looking for more volunteers. If you feel you could spare time to help ring the parish council clerk on 01543 276812."

NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL 2019 ~ 2020

Cllr J. Preece (Chairman)		01543 270789
Cllr J. Beddows (Vice Chairman)		01543 279991
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Cllr M. Holder		01543 279475
Cllr M. Stretton		01543 276959
Cllr J. Newbury		07884 111382
Cllr Mrs D. Todd		01543 278778
Cllr R. Wilkinson		07956 994199

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

Useful contacts for district and county and other matters

Residents may wish to keep a note of local councillors' 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 Josh Newbury	07884 111282
Cllr John Preece on	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.uk

Norton Canes Parish Council
Meeting Dates 2019-20

2019
April 4: Annual Parish Assembly at Norton Canes Library,7pm.
April 17: parish council meeting.
May14: Annual Meeting. Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street, 7pm. Please note change of venue.

June 19: parish council meeting
July 17: parish council meeting
August: No meeting – summer recess
September 18: parish council meeting
October 16: parish council meeting
November 20: parish council meeting
December 18: parish council meeting

2020
January 22: parish council meeting
February 19: parish council meting
March 18: parish council meeting

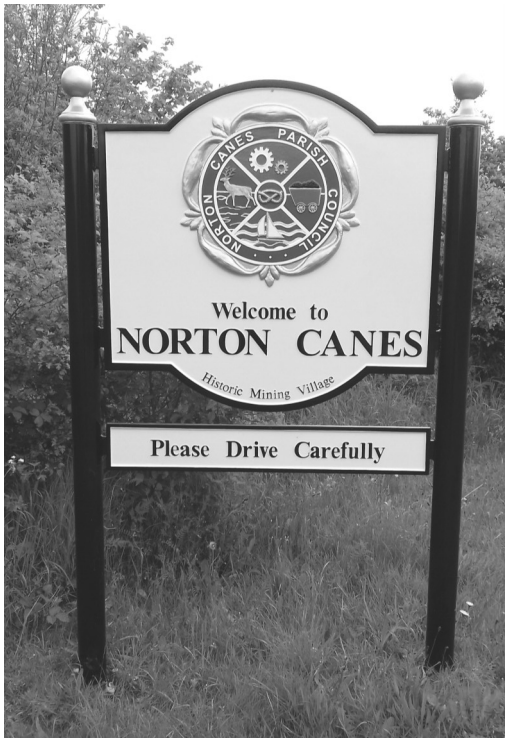
*All meetings take place at Norton Canes Community Centre unless otherwise notified. Public participation starts at 7pm; full council business, 7.30pm. There will be no fewer than 11 Ordinary meetings in any calendar year.

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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Parish councillors have been looking at more ways of enhancing the area.
Villagers may have noticed the new attractive welcome sign which has been installed in Norton Hall Lane.
A new parish council notice board has also been installed at the junction of Burntwood Road/Brownhills Road by the traffic lights – replacing the old one at the Co-op. Councillors believe this location provides better access for residents to view notices displayed.



On the downside, councillors say despite their best efforts the problem of dog poo on parks, open spaces and paths remains. As part of an awareness campaign, the council has bought three poo bag dispenser units which contain black bags. These are located at the Cema entrance from Penny Cress Green; the old mineral line (the 'batter') and the entrance from Norton East Road leading to Chasewater.
The pilot scheme will be monitored and if successful may be extended to other areas of the village.



Beacon Recognises Village Event

A beautifully designed replica beacon is proudly on display at Norton Canes Library.

The beacon was donated to the village as a thank you to Norton Canes' working groups who commemorated the centenary of the Great War 1914–1918.
The gift, which is made of metal, is a miniature replica of the commemorative beacon lit in Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford on the day.

It was presented to Norton Canes by Cannock Chase Council and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles.

A plaque, placed nearby recognises the part the village played in the Centenary events - which saw beacons lit across the whole country on Sunday November 11, 2018, at 7pm.
Volunteer Val Brabazon accepted the beacon on behalf of the library.

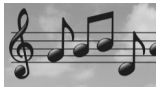


Val is pictured with the commemorative beacon.

New Cemetery – Slow Progress

A new planning application has been submitted for a cemetery adjacent to St James' churchyard in the village.
Norton Canes Parish Council has submitted the application for the new cemetery.
A parish council spokesperson said: "This has been a long and drawn out process and a lot of barriers have caused the delay.
"But we are now hopeful this will move forward in a more timely way.
"Updates will be given in this quarterly newsletter."
Anyone with any queries is invited to contacted the parish council clerk on 01543 276812.





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

Twice a year Hot Sunday Lunch/Charity Dance
St Matthew's Club, Burntwood WS7 9EP

always
dancing to: **' Top Keyboards '**

Telephone: 01922 415232 or 01922 478425
for more details



Dancing @ Norton Canes Community Centre



FRIDAY TEA DANCE

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

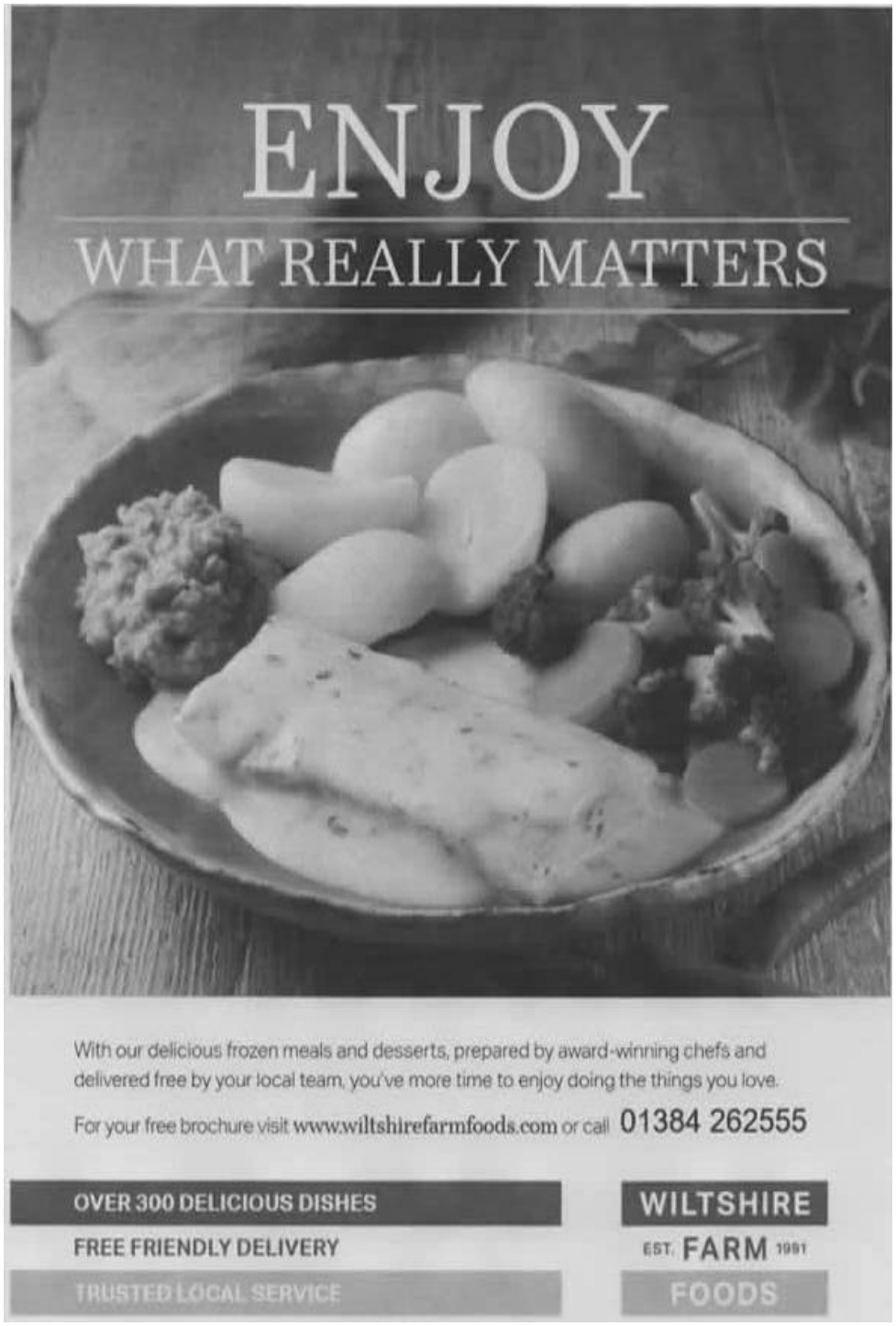
Sequence, Line, Ballroom and Party Dancing.

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.



Speedwatch: the Results

The village's new Community Speedwatch scheme has already unearthed some startling results.

Motorists have been caught driving up to 51 miles an hour on 30mph roads.

Over 70 drivers' details have been reported to the police.
So far six Speedwatch sessions have taken place. This resulted in other issues being recorded such as: driving while using a mobile phone, failing to wear a seat belt and heavy goods vehicles using unsuitable roads.

Information gathered so far has been forwarded to Staffordshire Safer Partnerships who then follow this up by writing to the driver.

A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said: "Our aim is to carry out monthly sessions on roads which have been identified as having speeding problems.
"We are always looking for volunteers to help with Speedwatch. Our group of volunteers is small at present so we rely on them to do most of the sessions."

If you can spare some time, please contact the parish council clerk on 01543 276812.

Neighbourhood Plan

Norton Canes Parish Council is taking forward the village Neighbourhood Plan.

An information meeting for residents was held on April 18. Following the meeting it was decided to set up a steering group of parish councillors, local residents, community groups and businesses.

Further updates will be available in this quarterly newsletter.

If you have any queries relating to the Plan ring the parish council clerk on 01543 276812.

Grants and Awards for Village Champions

The work of individuals who make Norton Canes a better place was recognised at the parish council's Annual Parish Assembly on April 4.

The chairman presented local groups with grant aid.
A full list of recipients can be seen on the parish council web site: **www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk**

Local resident Jean Hill was presented with the 2018 Community Award for her dedicated work for the British Legion and involvement in local groups and village events.

Certificates were also given to other nominees as councillors felt they deserve to be recognised too. These were: Helen Jenkinson for her work with Guides/Brownies and the Best Kept Village competition; Val Brabazon for her work at Norton Canes Library; and Julie Bullock for her help and support at community events.

The Annual General Meeting took place on May 14.

Councillor John Preece was elected as chairman; Cllr John Beddows vice chairman.

Cllr Beddows presented a gift of a new vice chairman's chain to the parish council.
The gift was given in relation to his community work and in memory of his late wife Maureen.



Parish council chairman Councillor John Preece (right) is pictured with Cllr John Beddows wearing the new chain of office.

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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'Tawny Owl on Wheel' and 'Barn Owl Landing' by Dave Tucker



'Tawny Owl on Post' by Angie Tucker



'First Day Fears'
Digital Print by Angie Tucker

*Cannock Photographic Society meets at Norton Canes Community Centre from September to May on Thursdays, 7.45pm-10pm. See www.cannockps.co.uk

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

Cannock Photographic Society

Photo society members took fifth place in a Midlands print competition.

They took part in the Midland Counties Photographic Federation Annual Print and Digital Championships.

The contest, which was open to affiliated clubs in the Midlands region, took place in Leicester. It included a print and digital section and was based on the overall points per section.

In addition to their fifth place for the print section, Cannock Photographic Society came 9th in the digital image section.
In the first round each club entered 15 prints and 15 digital images. The eight top scoring clubs in each section then went into the second round.

In the digital competition, two clubs tied for eighth place so nine clubs went through. For this round each club entered 10 prints and 10 digital images (which could include their five top scoring images from round one and five new images).

A Cannock Photographic Society spokesperson said: “The overall quality of the images was excellent, so the three judges had a hard job to do. It was a close fought battle, there being only a few points separating the placings.”

In April Cannock Photographic Society organised an ‘owl shoot’ on Cannock Chase. The owls were supplied by a local owl sanctuary and all money raised from the photo shoot went towards the owls’ upkeep.

Three owls were supplied by the sanctuary: a scops owl, tawny owl and barn owl. The owls’ handlers brought props including posts, a wheel and moss-covered branches. The shoot lasted over three hours. Experienced photographers were on hand to help and advise less experienced members to get the best from their photos.

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Elections

As you are aware local elections took place on the 2nd May. The District Councillor for Norton Canes Ward is Josh Newbury who is also a Parish Councillor. Contact details for District and County Councillors together with Parish Councillors are included in this Newsletter page 35

The Parish Council election for Norton Canes was uncontested. There were 11 nominations for 13 places. We have received one resignation before taking up office which means that we have 3 vacancies which will be advertised shortly. Should you feel that you have the time, experience, want to contribute to your local village then information about the vacancies will be displayed on the Parish Council notice board and on the Parish Council in website at www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk.

The eligibility criteria for applying to become a Councillor is as follows:

· Be on local electoral register

· Own a property or land in the area for the past 12 months

· Work in the parish for the last 12 months

· Live within three miles of the Parish for the last 12 months.

Get in Touch

If you have any issues you feel Norton Canes Parish Council should know about you can:

Attend the public participation part of parish council meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month) at Norton Canes Community Centre, 7pm.

Ring the parish council clerk on 01543 276812 or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Contact a parish councillor direct. Contact details page 35.

NAME THE OWL WINNERS

Norton Canes Community Library is pleased to announce the winners of the name the owl competition.

The first prize winner is Eris Arblaster who named the owl Ozzy. The runners up are Oliver and Sam Finnegan with Twit Two; and Jessica Deakin with Oscar.

A library spokesperson said: "We'd like to thank everyone who entered as well as Jean Hill for donating the prizes and Valerie Bellamy for drawing the winners."



First prize winner Eris with Ozzy the owl

Norton Canes Historical Society

June 14: the speaker will be the popular Mary Bodfish – recounting 'The way we were'.

July and August: No meetings.

September 10: new season begins. New programmes will be distributed.

Society members meet at Norton Canes Library on the second Tuesday of the month, 7pm-9pm.
Admission is free. Non members are welcome.

*For more details ring the chairman Roger Knowles on 01543 279313 or secretary Maureen Garbett 01543 275416.

Norton Canes Community Centre: It's all Happening

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	10am-1pm	Watercolour	01543 275013
	2pm-4pm	Crafty Quilters (sewing group)	01785 603 255
	4.15-6.15	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	07821 774 456
	6.30pm-8pm	Norton Canes Judo Club	076800 845 523
Tuesday	9.30-11.30	Simply Crafting Card Class	07570 452 948
	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 Dance Academy	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		'tots o'clock' Toddler Group	See facebook for details
	1.30pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Dance	07716 356 907
	4pm-6pm	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	07821 774 456
	7.30pm10.30pm	Jenny's Social Dance	
Saturday	10.30am-1pm	L'Rythmix Dance Academy	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	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?
We have had a few changes to our groups and clubs.

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:	1pm - 4pm.
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.
	Photography:	1.30pm - 4.30pm.
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.



Computer Access

Opening Times for Your Library

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



We also have books!

Norton League of Ladies

After the festive season county councillor Johnny McMahon gave a talk about the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. We were invited to sign a petition regarding social media for children.
March: Holly Reynolds entertained us singing 1960s music. It was also our first anniversary so we enjoyed tea, coffee and an anniversary cake which went down very well with a good singalong.
April: A very enjoyable quiz evening with Nicky Griffith.
Margaret Jones asked the ladies if we could help provide sanitary products for Norton Canes High School pupils. There was concern that some children were unable to supply their sanitary needs. There was a very big response from the ladies so three bags full of products have been delivered to the school.
We had a visit from Carol and her guide dog Flora. Her talk and slide show was very interesting and made us realise how lucky we are to have our sight. Flora was a dream.
May: trip to Trentham Gardens. Unfortunately a lot of ladies had commitments or illness, but the aim was still to have a good day.
August: day trip to Llandudno. We are limited to space, due to health and safety, but can put names on a waiting list.
Several events are planned for every month.

*Members meet at Norton Canes Library on the first Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm-9.30pm, (except August)

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

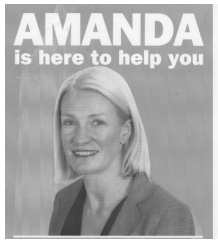
Parish council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (no meeting in August).

Public participation is from 7pm-7.30pm. All are welcome.

You can also find information on the parish council website

www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk

Message from Your MP Amanda Milling



As ever the last few weeks have been very busy - but not just in Westminster with Brexit debates and votes.

Back here in the constituency I have visited many local businesses, sports clubs and community groups and helped hundreds of constituents with their issues. Our transport infrastructure has been a key issue locally and one that I have been working on since being elected as your MP. It is very topical at the moment, so this column will focus on transport issues.

I am delighted we will now see electric trains running along the Chase Line. The electrification of the Chase Line is something I have worked hard on since being elected as your MP. Thanks to the investment into our line by the Conservative government we will finally be able to enjoy a much improved service. The line speed upgrade, which was part of this project, has already meant that we now have a half hourly service throughout the day. The electrification and platform extensions will mean that from mid-May we will have four carriage electric trains running along the line, with a half hourly service from Hednesford and Cannock to Birmingham International and an hourly service to London Euston. Be reassured though I will continue to lobby for further improvements, such as upgrades to our stations' facilities.

Turning to our roads, in many ways we have good access with the M6 Toll, the M6 and A5 on our doorstep but we often face lots of congestion particularly on the A5. So I recently met with Midlands Connect, the body working to build up the region's transport infrastructure, to discuss the need to secure funding to upgrade more sections of the single carriageway on the A5 to dual carriageway in order to remove many of its traffic hotspots.

Sticking with roads, over the last few years, potholes have been a key issue that residents have raised with me. Working with your county councillor, Johnny McMahon, we have seen some much needed improvements but I would urge you to keep reporting any faults so that we can get them fixed. To report faults please email highways@staffordshire.gov.uk, phone 0300 111 8000 or contact Johnny or myself.

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CARPETS DIRECT 2U

Your Local Discount Carpet Store

Carpets Direct 2U is owned by **Robert** and **Mandy Freeman**, and their son **Richard**. The Freeman family have been serving customers throughout the Walsall and West Midlands area for four generations. Their years of retail experience have helped them to identify a niche in the market and come up with an idea that allows them to buy and sell carpets to the public at discounted prices.

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

Great Value, Great Quality

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

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

Vinyls

The vinyl selection is endless at prices to suit everyone. In the store they stock remnants of all sizes: **2,3** and **4** metre widths with discounts of up to **75% off** normal cut length prices. Any time of the day, every day you can go to **Carpets Direct 2U** and buy a cut-price piece of vinyl, 2m x 2m for **£25**.
If you want a particular range or you don't see what you're looking for, you can order just what you want from a number of sample books and normally get it delivered the very next day.

Fitting Service

Carpets Direct 2U offer a fully comprehensive fitting service, provided by a team of self employed professional fitters with vast experience in the flooring industry. If you require underlay **Carpets Direct 2U** stock a variety and sell it at discounted roll prices, which is half the normal cut length price.

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

Measuring Service

Carpets Direct 2U offer a free no obligation measuring service and are happy to provide written insurance quotations on request.

Rugs RUGS DIRECT 2U

Whilst you can find a great selection of rugs in store, you can also shop online at **www.rugsdirect2u.co.uk** or order over the telephone on **08454 501221**.
Rugs Direct 2U offer quality rugs at the lowest prices. They have rugs to suit all tastes and budgets from retro designs to timeless classic styles from their traditional collections. They offer a wide variety of colours in materials ranging from luxurious wool to durable manmade fibres.

Customer Satisfaction

Carpets Direct 2U/Rugs Direct 2U are delighted to have been voted 'Most Loved Carpet & Rugs Business in the UK' (as voted for by local people) for the fifth year running. See what customers have to say about their service and products on the Best of Walsall website. Log onto the Best of Walsall website to read the numerous testimonials and see for yourself why **Carpets Direct 2U** and **Rugs Direct 2U** are so highly recommended as UK's most loved carpet and rugs business, an accolade they are proud of.

Sincere thanks to all customers, old and new, for taking time to forward your recommendations.

- Web: www.rugsdirect2u.co.uk
- Email: info@rugsdirect2u.co.uk



visit our website at **www.carpetsdirect2u.co.uk**

Norton Canes Judo Club –What a Year So Far

Club members have already earned 10 medals in 2019 – including one in a national competition.

After competing in competitions in Kidderminster and Birmingham, club coach Keri Pritchard won a medal at a national competition which meant she qualified to compete in Holland.
She fought in the 24th Houvast Judo Tournament on May 12.
Club coach Lewis Butlin said: "It is a very tough competition and she had to fight higher grades. Although she didn't win a medal the club is very proud of Keri for competing at this event."



Judo Club coaches Keri Pritchard and Lewis Butlin are pictured in new club T-shirts printed by sponsors Todd Engineering.

Members train at Norton Canes Community Centre with Lewis on Mondays, 6.30pm-8pm; and Thursdays, 6pm-7pm. Anyone from the age of three can join.

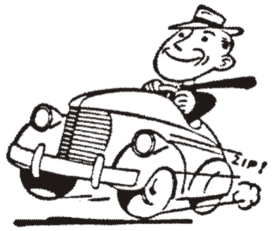
Lewis, who is a qualified personal trainer, also runs Fit2box sessions at the Lido Club, Norton Canes, Sundays from 6.30pm-7.30pm. The cost is £3 per person. No booking required. Just turn up.

*For more details visit the club's Facebook page or email nortoncanesjudoclub@hotmail.com

Thinking of the chaos of traffic on almost all roads surrounding our village I selected this particular inspiring poem from our very own poet Brenda Benton, from Chapel Street. Ed'

MOTORWAY MADNESS!

The motorway is built for speed,
in this land so full of greed.
Where people live at such a pace,
in what we now call the rat-race.



Years of life in the fast lane
cause themselves and others pain.
Only stopping to refuel,
leaving no time for renewal.

When they see road works ahead,
which have come to stop them dead.
They push in between the cars
and leave behind all sorts of scars.



In the end they must slow down,
so then they fret and wear a frown.
Whilst road works are carried out,
maybe they will start to doubt…

That they are king of the road,
weighed down with a heavy load.
But God and His maintenance crew,
stand by to show them what to do.

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.

Chess Champs

Norton Canes Chess Club members are Cannock Chess League champions again.
The club finished top of Division 3 by winning four matches, drawing two and losing two.
New members have been welcomed, most who enjoy social chess. Membership is still open for different types of players.

Club spokesman Mike Hoare said: "Well done again to everyone who took part and thanks to the Lido Club, Norton Canes, for hosting the club every Tuesday at 7.30pm."

In May the club held a charity event where proceeds went to the British Legion.
The tournament was a 'quick play' where each move has to be made every 10 seconds.
National arbitrator Mathew Carr ran the competition and organised the evening. "Everyone enjoyed chess being played at a very quick rate," Mike said.
The event was the brainwave of Ray and Eunice Dolan who also organised the advertising.

The chess night raised £84 for the British Legion. Mr Grey thanked everyone for the money raised - and for their enthusiasm .

For more details ring Mike on 01543 279989.



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.

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 pool and snooker table (snooker free on Sunday nights) and we organise darts nights and family nights throughout the year.



Hello from Police Community Support Officer Willis

A few people around the village told me they heard there are no police or PCSOs for Norton Canes any more. Let me reassure you this is not the case. You have PC David Redmond 25894, PCSO Laura Bainbridge 6482 and myself PCSO Karen Willis 16303.

We are aware of a few issues around the village and these are being dealt with. The main issues are: off-road bikes, anti social behaviour and suspected drug dealing/taking. There are regular visits made to the Co-op and the car park behind to try and identify offenders. Youths have been identified and spoken to who are causing issues in the Co-op. Vehicle registrations are being taken and checked to see who is there with no apparent reason.
We are proposing to carry out an operation soon in relation to off-road bikes. We are aware how they are getting in and out the area behind the school so will target these areas. We are also trialling the use of a drone which has been very successful catching off-road bikes over the Chase so we may be able to use this in Norton Canes soon.

Sneak In Some Exercise



Gentle exercise class Silver Sneakers continue to have a steady membership.
Members meet at Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, on Thursdays, 12.30pm-1.30pm.
New members are always welcome. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes.
Weekly subscription is £4 (first week free).
For more information ring Pam on 01543 899367 or Jan 01543 495796.

Norton Canes Royal Voluntary Service and Darby and Joan Club

Are you fed up, lonely or looking for somewhere to socialise with friendly people?
If so, why not join us for two hours a week at Norton Canes Community Centre?

April 17: we had an Easter bonnet parade won by Maureen Hall. Rev Christopher Parks opened the event and the judges of the bonnets were Norton Canes Parish Council chairman Councillor John Preece and Councillor Sheila Harding.

Members must be 50+ but volunteers can be any age.
You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Volunteers are needed to help make and serve simple refreshments and to assist with the many activities and outings.

For more details ring Maureen on 01543 279751 or Eve 01543 274261.



Lido Life



Norton Canes Chess Club meets at the Lido, Norton Canes, every Tuesday from 7pm.
The club is open to experts, beginners, Masters and interested onlookers. Members play in local tournaments with 'the unstoppable Mike Hoare' winning most matches.
New members are welcome to join the 'social but strategic' night.

Norton Canes Royal British Legion Branch (RBL)
The branch has a major project in the pipeline, which hopefully organisers hope will be agreed on 'very soon'.
Lido branch secretary David Smith said the project will be 'a huge asset to the village - so watch this space….'
The RBL holds monthly meetings at the Lido and also meets on the second Tuesday of every month from November to April, 3.30pm (May-October, 7.30pm). All welcome.
The aim 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 everyone.

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.

Forthcoming events:
June 8: Stacy Green performs her 'fab' Cher tribute show 'CHERished'. Ticket only. Apply at the Lido.

June 13: Cupcake Day in aid of Alzheimer's UK, 12noon-2pm. Open to non-members.

July 27: Charity Darts Night with food. Fundraiser for defibrillator for the club. Open to non-members.

August 10: Carl Ryder: a tribute to 'The King & Queen' Elvis Presley and Freddie Mercury. Ticket only. Apply at the Lido.

September 21: Rock Stewart – a tribute to living legend Rod Stewart, voted best in the UK. Ticket only. Apply at the Lido.

New Group at Trinity Methodist Church

Devotion Arts present:

Children's Acrobatics Classes

Age 3—12 yrs.

Every Friday 3.50pm—5.40pm





Classes for 3—6 year olds 3.50pm—4.35pm £4.50

7—12 year olds 4.40pm—5.40pm £5.50

For information and to book telephone
Denise on 07720 683 210



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Norton Canes Practice
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Primary Care Extended Access

We now offer appointments up to 8pm weekdays; and weekends at Cannock Chase Hospital GP suite and Springfield Health Centre, Rugeley. If you do attend one of these appointments, the GP will have access to view your medical record just as if they were in the surgery. Choosing to accept one of the extended access appointments is your way of giving your consent for your records to be used in this way. To book an appointment for the extended access, contact Norton Canes Practice.

Carers

Carers' meetings started again on May 8. Eight carers attended the meeting. They received a talk from Carers' Association health liaison worker Liz Tolhurst. We will be arranging regular monthly meetings unless we have a planned health awareness session.
From May 21, the practice will be holding one-to-one appointments with Liz, who can provide advice, support and guidance in your role as carer. Please contact the surgery and ask for Ann if you would like an appointment.

New phone system

We have listened to patients' comments about getting through on the phone. Doctors have invested in a new phone system for the surgery. If all goes well we should have it installed by the end of May. We hope the new system will help in accessing the surgery. Please remember you can book appointments and order repeat prescriptions on-line via a personal computer, tablet or mobile phone. Please ask a receptionist if you would like to sign up to this service.

Keep this newsletter to hand so you won't forget any dates.
Items for September 2019 newsletter to the editor by
August 1 at the latest.

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Norton Canes Community Centre



Family prize bingo takes place on the last Sunday of each month, 6pm. Tea, coffee and squash available in the interval. Bring your own refreshments if you wish.



August 4: quiz night with resident quizmaster John Preece. Entry £2 per person, maximum team of six. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Prize for winning team.
Bring your own refreshments.

*All proceeds from these events go to help maintain the Community Centre

Trinity Methodist Church Information

Sunday worship 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.



Why not give John a call on: 07400232666

Norton Canes Flower Club

Here we are in June already and nearly half way through the programme for 2019.

In March the club had an open evening at Norton Canes High School when Beverley Artis demonstrated ‘A Night at the Oscars’. Beverley took her inspiration from the music of well known films. There was La La Land, Saturday Night Fever, Jaws!, Mary Poppins - and of course The Sound of Music. Beverley used lovely flowers in her imaginative arrangements and produced some beautiful results. She also included hints about arranging flowers without the use of flower foam.



In April members enjoyed a talk entitled ‘Spring Plant Showcase’ by Byron from a garden centre. He bought along many varieties of suitable plants available in spring, along with a lot of information about where to plant and how to look after existing plants.

May 3: was National Flower Day so members placed arrangements around the village. We hope you saw and enjoyed them.

May 15: a demonstration by Sofie O'Keefe entitled ‘New York, New York’.

Future Events
June 19: we have a workshop entitled Twigs, Leaves and Wires which will be led by Jo Davis.
July 17: members will be going on a visit to David Austin Roses at Albrighton. We are looking forward to seeing the gardens there.
September 18: Alison Suffolk will be demonstrating on the theme of ‘Woodstock’.

*Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. There is no meeting in August.
We meet at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more details ring 01543 278370.

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

Extended Access Primary Care Services
This service continues to provide additional appointments on weekends and after 6.30pm weekdays. To book an appointment, contact the GP surgery. You will be required to visit a nearby practice other than our GP practice. The clinicians delivering care to patients, even those registered with another practice, will be able to view patients’ medical records to ensure effective clinical care.

Carers
Are you a carer? If so please make our staff aware as we keep a carers’ register.

New phone system
The practice will be having a new phone system which goes live on May 22. I know many patients get frustrated with the current phone system. We hope to make a massive improvement that will be of great benefit to patients. Please note there will be no change to our current phone number.

Minor Eye Conditions (MECs)
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.

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 popular service will enable you to request repeat prescriptions and make appointments with the GP.

Early morning appointments
Do you find it difficult to attend during our normal appointment times? If so, we do early morning which starts 7am on Wednesdays with Dr Nilar and also Friday morning from 7am with the practice nurse.
Reception opening times are Monday-Friday, 8am-6.30pm. Booking of appointments open at 8.30am for morning appointments; 2pm for afternoon appointments.

If you have any queries please contact the surgery or ask to speak to practice manager Jane Potter.
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