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Kevan Godfrey and son of KSG Masonry Ltd. The manufacturers of the stone.



Parish Councillors and clerk celebrate the completion of the monument stone project. The base was completed by the lengthsman Ken Dixon.



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Norton Canes Village News

Relocation of Memorial Stones to Accommodate New Cemetery

Some memorial stones at St James Churchyard may have to be relocated so plans for a new cemetery can progress.

Norton Canes parish councillors are appealing to relatives of those affected to let them know if they have any objections.

The graves would be undisturbed, but the memorial stones would be sited elsewhere in the churchyard.

The project would require clearing part of the old churchyard left of the church gates (looking onto Church Road from the direction of churchyard) where a new pathway is proposed.

But relocating the memorial stones can only be done with permission of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Lichfield - and with the consent of memorial owners.

Planning permission for the new cemetery behind St James Churchyard in the village has already been granted.

But the parish council is now working on conditions as required by Cannock Chase Council.

The parish council was also required to lodge a faculty application through the Lichfield Diocese – which has received approval to proceed with the project.

The parish council is duty bound to inform village residents that if they are aware of any family member who may have a memorial stone in this location they should put their views in writing to the parish office.

The parish council has issued the names relating to the memorial stones that could be affected by the new pathway (see page 2).

The council will also be placing notices on these memorials so family members who may visit the graves from outside the village will be aware of the issues.

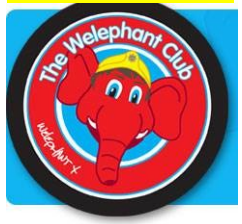
Since the consultation process took place last year, the parish council has been working with the project consultant and has commissioned reports from Arboreal Consultants.

If you or your family are affected by proposals to relocate one of the memorials write to the parish council clerk Linda Florence at Norton Canes Parish Council office (rear of the Co-op) Burntwood Road, Norton Canes, or take your letter to the parish office any day between 10am-2pm by the end of May.

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NEW CEMETERY, ST JAMES THE GREAT, NORTON CANES
FACULTY APPLICATION – INSCRIPTIONS ON GRAVES AFFECTED BY PROPOSED FOOTPATH

These notes of inscriptions were taken from existing graves on November 22 2015 by Sam Whitehouse. These amount to 15 visible graves. There may be other graves affected, but for which any trace of has disappeared over time.
Some graves were initially omitted from the list, but subsequent further inspection showed that these could be affected – such graves were later included and are indicated by a suffix eg A, B, C. Such annotation does not indicate any familial connection.
Introductory phrases or eulogies are generally excluded.

GRAVE 1: **Thomas Caddick** of Clayhanger, died November 13 1805 aged about 80.

GRAVE 2: **Elizabeth Caddick**, who died in 1816 aged 62, also **William Caddick**, her husband, who died May 14 1842 aged 82.

GRAVE 3: **William Smith** who departed this life May 5 1838 aged 61; also **Anne**, wife of the above who departed this life November 29 1811 aged 25. Also **Caroline** their daughter who departed this life April 28 1806 aged 10 months, also **Mary** second daughter of the above.....*(there follows three or four lines which are illegible)*

GRAVE 4: The following inscription appears upon a memorial within a large kerbed enclosure, and whilst this kerbing is affected, the memorial itself is not:
Richard Hussey, who was buried October 23 1774 aged 52 years. Also **Anne**, wife of **Richard Hussey**, who was buried July 17 1789.
On another facet appears the following: This tomb was erected by their affectionate relative **Phineas Hussey** Esq of Wyrley Grove, AD 1832.

GRAVE 5: **John Bettson** and **Lydia Mary** his wife. He died April 3 1835 aged 40.

GRAVE 6: Treasured memories of little **Eric** who passed away January 1 1930 aged 2 years 11 months.

GRAVE 6A: **William Gidwell** of Norton Canes who died January 10 1899 aged 65; and **Phoebe** his wife who died April 6 1932 aged 88.

GRAVE 6B: **Robert Hall**, who entered into rest, July 19 1899 aged 67. And of **Maria** his wife who entered into rest February 24 1900 aged 67.

GRAVE 6C: **Roseannah**, the beloved wife of **Daniel Daw**, who departed this life December 15 1903.

GRAVE 7: **Charles Teece** of Heath Hayes who departed this life November 10 1902 aged 62. Also of his beloved wife **Julia Ann Teece** who departed this life February 2 1908 aged 66.

GRAVE 8: **Jane**, the beloved wife of **William Mansell** (of Norton Canes), who passed away October 6 1902 aged 53.

GRAVE 9: **Emma Blakemore** who died December 29 1899 aged 45. Also **Thomas Blakemore**, her husband, who died January 10 1915 aged 65.

GRAVE 10: **Emma**, beloved wife of **James Hackett** (of Norton Canes), died March 7 1902 aged 73. Also **James Hackett** who died September 14 1911 aged 83.

GRAVE 11: **George Cartwright** who died December 8 1900 aged 60. Also **Grace Elizabeth Clough**, daughter of the above, who died September 27 1922 aged 34.

GRAVE 12: **Gertrude Emily**, eldest daughter of **J & E Bott** of Little Wyrley, who died February 20 1901 aged 23.

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

Useful contacts for district and county and other matters

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

The district councillors are:

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

County councillor: Diane Todd on 01543 278778

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

LOCAL WORSHIP

St James The Great

Services:

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

Sunday: Mass 8am.

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

Weekday Mass on Wednesday 11am and Thursday 7pm.

Rector: Fr. Neil Hibbins 01543278969 email: neil_hibbins@lycos.co.uk
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Trinity Methodist Church

Poplar Street, Norton Canes. WS11 9SG

Morning worship Sunday 11am
Minister Rev C Parkes 01543 682277
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Norton Canes RVS – Darby and Joan Club For over 50s

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

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

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

Ring 01543 276959 for information

Loss of Popular Village Character

Popular local character Dennis Wall has died.

Dennis, who was disabled, was known to many villagers who stopped to chat to him when he was out and about in his wheelchair.

He was a regular customer at the Croft Bakery, Norton Canes, where he would meet customers and passers-by as he sat outside enjoying his breakfast.

Dennis, who was 77, was also a regular at the Yew Tree pub in the village.

A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said: "Dennis lived in the village all his life and was a real character. He will be really missed by the staff at the café and its customers. He was very friendly and always had time to say hello. He's another one of Norton's characters who will be sadly missed."

A regular at the Yew Tree added: "He was a nice bloke, very pleasant."

Dennis was very involved in local football as a referee years ago. Sadly he had his legs amputated due to diabetes.

Dennis, who lived at St James Road, died in hospital. His funeral took place on February 11.

A widower, he leaves two daughters Carol and Sandra, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Norton Canes Library – Volunteer Appeal

Norton Canes Library looks set to be run by volunteers.
The facility has been included in a bid by Shropshire and Staffordshire NHS Trust to take over the running of eight libraries in the area.
A Norton Canes Parish Council spokesperson said: "It is envisaged this transition period will take place between the months of April and June - with Norton Canes Library probably being towards the latter end of that date."
The parish council and other stakeholders in the village were invited to a Stakeholder Event on January 26.
There they were given information relating to the future of library services in the village.
They were told the Trust is 'very keen' to run the library in its current format - with additional services provided in the future.
The Trust is appealing for volunteers to help run the library. A Trust spokesperson said volunteers are 'key to this service'.
Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer will receive support and training.
If anyone would like more information about volunteering at the library ring 01785 278311 for an informal chat or email volunteeringinyourlibrary@staffordshire.gov.uk

Hi everyone,

The newsletter is so busy this edition that I've squashed myself into a little space.

Thank you to all those who sent in contributions for this bumper edition and thank you to all those who keep us informed what is happening (good and sad) in the village. We welcome all contributions.

This is the 13th edition – so if your organisation hasn't been mentioned so far please get in touch.

You can email me cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk or drop the details into the parish office at the rear of the Co-op by April 30 at the latest.

It feels as if we are all coming out of hibernation right now. Here's to lighter nights, kind weather and a glass of wine (or 2) in the garden.



Loves x
Janet Lee

Best Kept Village Competition – Please Play Your Part

Following successes of the last two years, Norton Canes will be entered into the Best Kept Village Competition again in 2016.
Parish councillors believe the competition 'provides a platform to develop community spirit' by involving local schools and community groups.
A parish council spokesperson said: "The competition gives a pride in the presentation of our village and enhances the village as a better place to live."
The village has been 'highly commended' for the last two years and Norton Canes High School received awards for pupils' involvement.
Anyone who would like to be involved in this year's competition is invited to ring the parish council clerk Linda Florence on 01543 276812 or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk
This year's theme is in celebration of our Queen's 90th birthday and all decorations will be in red, white and blue. If you are able to sew, knit or crochet and would like to contribute please let us know.



Check mates



A brand new chess club is being set up in Norton Canes.
And the organiser is appealing to anyone interested to get in touch.

The club, for players at all levels, is being set up by Mike Hoare.

"I need to know the interest in the area," Mike said.
"Beginners would be most welcome and I would like to encourage league chess and other competitions."



Members would meet every Tuesday (except in the summer).
Anyone interested, please ring Mike on 01543 279989.



Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

The last few months have been very busy with the appointment of new practice manager Carl Bradley and also having our inspection by the Clinical Quality Commission (CQC). Overall, we received a rating of 'good' which we as a practice, and you as patients, can be very proud of. However, we will continue to work to improve our service. The full CQC report will be available to view on our website once we receive it.
We also have to sadly announce that Dr Parekh will be retiring from general practice as from March 31. She has been working at the practice for 15 years and will be greatly missed by staff and patients. We wish her well for the future.
Annual reviews. Those of you who receive annual review check-ups, please don't forget to book your review around your birthday with the nurses. It is vitally important for patients with long term conditions to attend their review so we can monitor your health to improve quality of care and safe prescribing of medicines.
Carers. Did you know if you care for someone (paid or unpaid) you are entitled to an annual health check and flu jab? just book an appointment with the practice nurse.
Smoking. We have been running a smoking campaign since October to help anyone who wants to stop smoking. If you need help, book an appointment with our practice nurse or health care assistant.
Pharmacy first for minor ailments. If you do not have to pay for your prescriptions, local pharmacies are able to offer advice and medicines for a wide range of minor ailments without the need for a Dr's appointment. Such ailments include: allergies/hay fever, vaginal thrush, constipation/diarrhea, athlete's foot, earache, haemorrhoids, acute bacterial conjunctivitis, teething, threadworm, warts and verrucas. Just call in. The pharmacy is also open Saturday mornings when the doctors are closed.
Visit our website. We have listed all community based services on our website drbksingh.co.uk such as out of hours services (CAHMS) for children, COPD admission avoidance line, AIDS helpline, Carers' advice line, falls referrals etc. It has a wealth of information about services you can use close to your home. Please read the information on our website about our services as well.
Health awareness sessions. We are organizing health awareness sessions on Dementia and Caring for Someone With Dementia at Norton Canes Medical Centre on April 12 at 5pm. If you want to know more, you are most welcome. We request, if you could give us your name at our reception, so we know how many people will be attending. This is open to all the local community not just patients of the practice.
SMS text reminders. The practice sends text reminders for appointments with our doctors and nurses. If you would like to receive reminders please ensure we have your correct mobile telephone number. For information about our practice visit www.drbksingh.co.uk.

ST JAMES THE GREAT NORTON CANES
ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LEADING TO EASTER

Passion Sunday	**March 22**	
	8.00am Mass	
	10.30am Solemn Mass	
	12.00 Annual Church Meeting	
Palm Sunday	**March 20**	
	8.00am mass	
	10.30am	Palm Procession and Solemn Mass
Monday	**March 21**	7.0pm Mass
Tuesday	**March 22**	7.00pm Mass
Wednesday	**March 23**	11.00am Mass, 7.00pm Mass
Maundy Thursday	**March 24**	
	7.00pm Solemn Mass of the Last Supper	
Good Friday	**March 25**	
	10.00am Children's Activity with short Service	
	To include distribution of Hot Cross Buns	
	12.00pm Stations of the Cross	
	1.00 pm Lent Lunch in aid of Christian Aid	
	7.00 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	
Holy Saturday	**March 26**	
	8.00pm The Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter	
Easter Sunday	**March 27**	
	8.00am Holy Communion	
	10.30am Solemn Mass of Easter	

Norton Canes Historical Society

March 8	Phil Griffiths	History of Coins
April 12	A Curator from the Samuel Johnson Museum	Samuel Johnson 'A Man of Many Words'
May 10	Tony Hunt	Hednesford Horseracing History

Why not join us at our Coffee Mornings
Held on the third Thursday of each month 10 - 12am?

Festive Window Competition winners

Winners of the 2015 festive window competition in the village were as follows.
First place was awarded to Mr Snips hairdressers; second to Ann's Café and third to Nevell's.
Judges Councillor John Bernard and County Councillor Diane Todd toured the village in December to select the winning displays.
A parish council spokesperson said: "Thanks to all the people who take part in this competition."

Congratulations to our Community Award Winners

Each year the parish council makes an award to people who make a difference in our village.
Nominations were received from various groups in Norton Canes for the 2015 award scheme.
The award is 'for someone who has worked for the benefit of the village and other good causes'.
There were three nominations this year and parish councillors felt that all of the nominees deserved to be recognised for their work and volunteering in the village.
Jenny Dunn was presented with the Community Award for her work at Norton Canes Community Centre and other charities.
Glen Brookes and **Ron Hall** received certificates of recognition for their volunteer work in the community.

There was also a nomination received from Norton Canes High School for Millie Edwards and Francesca Russell.
The girls were nominated for the work they contributed to the 2015 Best Kept Village Competition.
The girls were presented with a Youth Endeavour Award.

Thank you – from Jenny



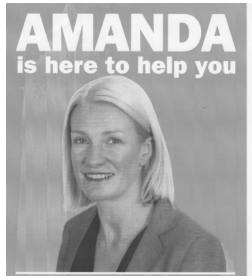
I was given the 2015 award from the parish council chairman for the work I had done at the old and new Community Centre, plus my charity work – that I can do with the help of a lot of friends and family at this community centre.
In 1983 I had a map to come to Norton Canes when I came to a tap dancing class at the old centre.
Since then I have worked, played and had some wonderful times. At both centres – and with the help of a lot of people – made quite a lot of money for all charities.
I would like to say a big thank you for all the support I've had.
Jenny Dunn
Churchbridge x

Defribrillators: Norton Canes Leads the Way

Norton Canes is leading the way in the Cannock Chase district – by having five defribrillators in the village.
Defibrillators are now located at: Norton Canes Community Centre; Trinity Methodist Church, Poplar Street; The Railway Tavern, Norton Green Lane; the One Stop Shop, Norton East Road and the Yew Tree pub, Jerome Road.
All have 24 hour access on an outside wall (except at the community centre which is available indoors when the building is open).
Villagers are reminded that in the event of an emergency they should ring 999 for the location of the nearest defibrillator and access code.
Some training has been made available through West Midlands Ambulance Service but NO training is necessary to operate the equipment.
Instructions on how to use it begin on activation.
A parish council spokesperson said: "The defribrillators in the village have been possible through the hard work of fundraisers let by Mort Bakewell, generosity of donors, the parish council and the British Heart Foundation.
"Thanks also to Paul Dadge from the Community First Responders for his support."

Message from your MP Amanda Milling

I would like to start by wishing you a very happy new year.
Since my last update I have had a very busy few months.
At the end of last year I attended several excellent local Christmas events in Norton Canes - making for a great start to the festive season.
I also visited Norton Canes High School and Norton Canes Primary Academy to speak to pupils and teachers.
Over recent weeks I have also been delivering my 'street issues' survey across Norton Canes. If you have any issues you would like to raise with me I would urge you to complete and return the survey.
In addition to my work in Parliament, one of the things I have been focusing on locally is helping local businesses create more jobs.
At the end of last year I held an apprenticeship event to encourage businesses to take on more apprentices and, more recently, an export event to help local businesses learn more about exporting their products and services overseas.
I have also spoken at several local career advice events to help local young people decide their choices after school.
If you have any community events planned please let me know. I enjoy attending and supporting the community in any way I can.
My constituency office is open on Market Street in Hednesford. If you need any help or have any issue you need to raise please pop in.
Tel: 01543 877142 email: amanda.milling.mp@ parliament.uk



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An Invitation to Norton Canes Methodist Church Events



Lent Bible studies start at the church on Tuesday February 16. The studies will take place from 3pm-4.30pm. They will then be held fortnightly (taking place in between weeks at Chasetown Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 2.30pm-4pm).

The **Skittles** evening is on March 11 at 7.30pm. The £6.90 price includes fish and chips.



A **Quiz** will be held on April 15 at 7.30pm. Admission is £3.

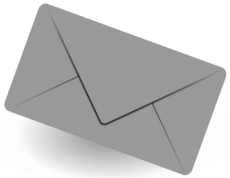


A **Norton Memories** event will take place on Friday May 13 at 7 pm. There will be pictures of children 'from way back'. The organisers still need names for some of those on the pictures.

We are always looking for people to help deliver this newsletter. If you could deliver in your road or near please contact the parish council clerk Linda on 01543 276812 (10am-2pm) or email her nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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Message from Norton Aluminium Liaison Committee Chairman

Norton Aluminium has been a feature of the local area for many years and is likely to be so for more to come, providing employment to a number of local residents. Like many industrial concerns operating close to residential areas, it has not been without its environmental problems. Complaints ranging from noise, odours, dust, etc have been received by the council.

In 2013 a new company was established, which whilst operating under the same trading name, has adopted a more positive approach to these environmental issues. Improvements in processes and practices have been implemented, which along with work on the structure of the buildings, have resulted in a significant fall in the number of complaints.

A Liaison Committee has now been formed offering the opportunity for local residents to hear about the work the company is doing to improve its environmental performance and reduce any impact on the local community, to raise any concerns or queries you may have about its activities and to find out how your council is involved in regulating the site.

As chair of this committee I would invite you to come along and welcome you to take part in the next meeting which will be held at 6pm on Thursday June 16 at Norton Aluminium, because your views are important.

If you wish to speak to someone about the work of the committee please ring 01543 462621 and ask for the Environmental Protection Team, or email environmentalhealth@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

Copies of the agendas and minutes from previous meetings are available at http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/environmental-health/environmental-protection/environmental-public-consultations

John Bernard
Norton Canes parish councillor/chair of Norton Aluminium Liaison Committee

New Karate Sessions

JGM Karate Academy is now held every Wednesday at Norton Canes Community Centre.
There are 'Little Samurai' sessions from 4pm-4.45pm and 'family karate' from 5pm-6pm.
For details ring 07756 676 859
or email
jgmkarateacademy@googlemail.com







For this quarter's newsletter we would like to look at three things and hopefully give you some clarity on issues that we get asked about frequently.

Firstly we would like to appeal to all of you who are parents to be mindful of where your children are and what they are doing whilst out and about in the village unsupervised. Towards the end of last year we had a spike in issues of anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the village. Several offenders were identified and parents spoken to. We will always try to deal with ASB issues by engaging with parents first and try to avoid formal processes if appropriate to do so. We have however been given a raft of new powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 to help deal with persistent offenders.

The next issue we have raised constantly is parking. In Staffordshire the responsibility for illegal parking (yellow line offences) was taken over by the council approximately five years ago. Unfortunately we are not able to deal with any yellow line offences any more. One offence we can deal with however is obstruction. Many people make a complaint of obstruction when vehicles have two wheels on a footpath or what they deem to be parked too close to a junction so we will clarify these points:

If a vehicle is parked on the footpath we would only deem this as an obstruction if a pedestrian, double buggy or mobility scooter cannot get past.

If a vehicle is parked within 32ft (10m) of a junction this can be deemed as an obstruction.

If a vehicle is blocking a dropped kerb this can also be deemed as an obstruction.

For parking complaints please contact the Parking Enforcement Team at Cannock Chase Council on 0300 111 8000.

Finally, we would all urge all members of the village to report any crimes or issues they are aware of directly to us on either 101 or 999. If you wish to give information anonymously please tell us this. Alternatively you can use CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111 **www.crimestoppers-uk.org** and make an online anonymous report. We are being asked all the time by residents of the village what are we doing about issues in the village. We often will look at people blankly because it is assumed people are calling us and reporting issues but in reality this is not happening. If you believe we need to know something please call. Do not assume other people are contacting us because unfortunately they are not. We are more than happy to look at any issues in the village that you wish to raise. As mentioned above, this can be done in various ways.

Many thanks for reading.

Norton Canes Beat Team

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

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In Recognition of Brenda

A special celebration event was organised to mark the extraordinary service of Royal British Legion (RBL) member Brenda Rose.

Brenda started raising funds for the Legion alongside her mum at the age of eight - and now at the age of 83, she still continues to do so.

Brenda is chairman of Norton Canes Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section.

When the branch realised she has been actively involved for 75 years they decided they couldn't allow this phenomenal dedication to pass without some sort of public recognition.

The Lido Club, Norton Canes, was chosen as the venue for a surprise presentation which would be made at one of the Over 60s Club days, a club of which Brenda is a member.

A special embroidered banner was made and Norton Canes Parish Council chairman Councillor John Preece agreed to make the presentation and speech.

A representative from RBL county headquarters, Alison, attended and presented Brenda with a 75-year service bar to attach to her long service badge given to her previously. Brenda was also presented with a framed certificate of merit.

A buffet was provided for everyone who attended. There were specially made cupcakes decorated with poppies - and edible photos of Brenda in her uniform and carrying the RBL Women's Section standard.

A branch spokesperson said: "The Legion is not the only organisation Brenda has been involved with. People will remember her for her work with jazz bands, the girl guides and the 'wooden school' along with many more too numerous to mention.



"Brenda is an inspiration to everyone she talks to. She has always been there for anyone who needs help and would never turn anyone away.

"If there were more Like Brenda and Trevor Rose in this world then it would be a far better place. It is a privilege and a pleasure to know this wonderful couple."

Keep this newsletter to hand – so you won't forget any dates!

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What's on at Norton Canes Community Centre 2016

Saturday March 19	Easter Fayre and Easter egg hunt 12noon-3pm. We will also have a children's Easter Bonnet parade.
Sunday April 10	Olde Tyme Music Hall singalong with Val. Doors open 7.30p. £6 (includes food). Tickets from the committee.
Saturday April 16	Afternoon tea and bingo. Starts 2pm. £5
Saturday April 23	Pirates and Piratesses of the Caribbean. £4 includes boxed lunch. Disco with Captain Jack and lots of pirate fun and games. Prizes for the best costume Booking essential. Email ncca@hotmail.co.uk
Sunday June 12	'Street Party' to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Afternoon tea and singalong. Starts 2pm. Tickets £5 from the committee.
Saturday July 2	Summer Fayre and Fun Day 12noon-5pm Free inflatables for the children. Lots of stalls inside and outside.



Come and Dance With Us

You are invited to an Afternoon Tea Dance which takes place every Friday at Norton Canes Community Centre.
The fun includes sequence, ballroom and line dancing – with tea/coffee and a biccie.
Dancing takes place from 1.30pm-3.30pm.
The cost is £2.50.
All welcome.
The invitation is: "Why not give a try? Meet old friends and make new ones.
"Look forward to meeting up on a Friday."



USER GROUPS AT NORTON CANES COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	SMARTIES	8.15 - 1.00 pm	07891 149381
	WATERCOLOURS	10.00 - 1.00pm	01543 275013
	SEWING GROUP	2.00 - 4.00 pm	
	JUDO CLUB	6.00 - 8.00 pm	
TUESDAY	SMARTIES	8.15 - 1.00 pm	07891 149381
	RAINBOWS	4.00 - 5.00 pm	07958 127489
	BROWNIES	5.00 - 6.30 pm	07958 127489
	POUNDSHEDDERS	7.00 - 8.00 pm	01543 278534
	INDOOR BOWLS	7.30 - 9.30 pm	01543 279185
WEDS	SMARTIES	8.15 - 1.00 pm	07891 149381
	PHYLLIS CARDS	11.00 - 1.00 pm	
	RVS	1.30 - 3.30 pm	01543 276959
	JGM KARATE ACADEMY	4.00 - 6.00pm	07756 676859
	ZUMBA	7.00 - 8.00 pm	07894 947334
	LINE DANCE	8.00 - 11.00 pm	07894 947334
THURS	SMARTIES	8.15 - 1.00 pm	07891 149381
	CHRIS'S CARDS	10.00 - 12.00 pm	07964 578545
	JUDO CLUB	6.00 - 7.00 pm	
	SUGAR CRAFT	7.00 - 9.00 pm	
FRIDAY	SMARTIES	8.15 - 1.00 pm	07891 149381
	TEA DANCE	1.30 - 3.30	
	JENNY'S SOCIAL	7.30 - 10.30 pm	01922 415232
SATURDAY			
1st & 3RD	JENNY AND TERRY	8.00 - LATE	01922 415232
2ND & 4TH	NEVS LINE DANCE	7.30 - 12.00 mn	07894 947334

Rainbow Meet



The 2nd Norton Canes Rainbows meet at Norton Canes Community Centre on Tuesdays.
If anyone would like more information, ring Helen on 07958 127 489.

Grand Draw Appeal

Norton Canes Community Centre and Trinity Methodist Chapel will be running a Grand Draw in the new year to raise funds.

The draw will take place during an Olde Tyme Music Night at the Community Centre on Sunday April 10.
(Tickets will be available early 2016).
Now the organisers are appealing for prizes.

If anyone has anything suitable or if anyone is willing to help sell the draw tickets please contact Jenny Dunn, Wendy McGreevy at the Community Centre or
Pat Littler at Trinity Methodist Chapel.

High School Pupils Play it Safe

Norton Canes High music students won a competition to write a song promoting fire safety in the county.
The challenge was to write a piece of music on the theme 'stop, drop and roll' – what you are advised you do if your clothes catch fire.
Students spent a day at Cannock Fire Station on February 11 where they made a music video with Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service mascot Welephant.
The video will be featured on the fire and rescue's website promoting fire safety to young people.
Year 9 students involved in the project were: Lewis Thompson on electric guitar, Joe Ball (bass) and Mia Smith (keyboard).
Year 8 students involved were: Harry Cooper (acoustic guitar), Ellie-Jo Platt (vocals) and Kelsey-Jo Mardell (vocals).
From year 7: Mia Pennant (sax), Bethan Crosby (keys) and Melody Hayward (drum machine).



Norton Canes Primary Academy Mining Quest

Norton Canes Primary pupils have been on a real learning quest.
Year 3 and 4 children's learning quest was on the topic 'Cannock Clues' so the youngsters learned about local mining history. The children experienced crawling through a mock-up of a coal mining tunnel. They also made traditional mince beef pasties and handled real coal.
Then they produced intricate and creative models, posters and folders packed with facts, pictures and maps. One ingenious large model arrived in school that had been cleverly created to show surface, open cast and underground mines.
Some of the children had grandparents who worked in the mines who are remembered in local memorials.
One pupil bought in his great, great grandfather's pick axe which was actually used in the mine when he was a young man. Another brought in her granddad's mining lamp, battery and protective clothing for children to see.
A school spokesperson said: "Everyone learnt that mines were closer to school than they thought, with Conduit Colliery just around the corner. Some children looked into the mines that our House teams are named after to find out where they came from. Parents were invited in for the 'fantastic finish' of this learning quest to share all the projects and their own experiences with the children - with squash and biscuits.

NORTON CANES FLOWER CLUB

The year 2015 finished with a flourish for the Flower Club.
We held an Open Evening at the Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock - when demonstrator Andrew Grisewood produced stunning arrangements.
His arrangements represented scenes from the pantomimes Cinderella and Mother Goose. It was a truly lovely evening.
We also held a Christmas party in December where we enjoyed a buffet and entertainment.

The New Year began on January 20 with a demonstration from Kerry Artess entitled 'New Beginnings' which was enjoyed by all.

February 17 was a practical evening –
'Can Spring be Far Away?' led by Christine.

The programme for the club for March to June is varied:
March 16 - John Spires will give a talk entitled 'Orchids'.
April 20 - an Open Evening. Shirley Henderson will be giving a demonstration entitled 'Out of Africa'. This will take place at Norton Canes High School theatre and is open to all. Tickets are available from Margery on 01543 279133. Non members will be most welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.
May 6 is National Flower Day. Members will be putting arrangements around the village to celebrate. We hope you enjoy seeing them.
May 18 will be a practical evening - 'Maytime' led by Jose.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome.
For further information please phone 01543 278370.

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Norton Canes Backs Alzheimer's Research Fundraiser

A Norton Canes company is backing two men who will be embarking on an ambitious charity fundraiser.
Car Friend, based at Norton Canes Business Park, Norton Green Lane, is helping two Stafford step brothers taking part in the 10,000-mile Mongol Rally from Britain to Mongolia - by helping out with their car and calling on other businesses to show support.
Adam and James Rowley, aged 19 and 28, hope to raise at least £1,000 for Alzheimer's Research and for awareness of the disease which affected both of their grandfathers.
Their trip, which sets off in July, will be in a VW Polo. The rules are: they can only take a small vehicle and they have to raise £1,000 for charity. The rally goes through 16 countries crossing mountains and deserts with no back-up or support ending in the Russian city of Ulan Ude.



Car Friend owner Gemma Mynes said: "It seemed a great thing to get involved in. We're helping them with their car and passing on contacts in the business. It's a very worthy cause"
"Car Friend is prepping them and the car as best we can with the help and support of Norton Canes companies."
Gemma is also arranging a charity event at Norton Canes Community Centre to raise money in support of the fundraiser. The 'fun-filled event for all the family' will be held on Sunday May 29.
Adam and James are appealing to other businesses to sponsor them or for supporters to make a £1 donation towards fuel, food, visas and other expenses. See www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mongolrowley
Also supporting the fundraiser are the M6 Toll which donated £1,000, Midland Signs and Graphics (generated a visual aid for fundraising), Midland VW (helped with repairs), CES (supplied parts) and Chase Tyres (donated tyres and puncture repair packs).
Norton Canes is applying to become a 'dementia friendly community' in response to a national campaign by the Alzheimer's Society. The aim is to help the UK to be 'a better place to live for people with dementia and their families/carers'.
*If you would like to become involved in the village's dementia friendly plans contact a local councillor listed in this magazine or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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Seniors & Brigaders: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
Contact: Chris Straughan 276695

Accordion Group Saturdays 8.30 am
Contact: Peter Howard 01543 270627

Morning Coffee Saturdays 10.00am to 12.00

Periodical social events include Quiz Night, Barn Dance, Skittles Evenings.

Other activities: Wood Turning,
Trinity Toddlers, Keep Fit, Flower Club.

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



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

Norton Canes WI



Last year was a good year for Norton Canes WI.

The year ended with a shopping trip to Solihull where members shopped until they dropped.
It was a good day enjoyed by all.

For our Christmas party we were entertained by Ingrid Wagner - who is quite a character. She showed us how to knit a rug in one hour.

We had quite a few new members during the year. They are very welcome and they have brought new ideas to our institute.

In January our speaker Judy Hubble talked about Shugborough, in particular about Patrick Lichfield's ancestors, the Ansons. The talk was followed by tea and biscuits.

We enjoyed our annual winter meal at The Rag restaurant in February and we have an outing planned for the spring.
We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the village library.

If anyone would like more information ring our president Jill Crutchley on 01543 279039.

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

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

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

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

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

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Norton Canes Judo Club

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