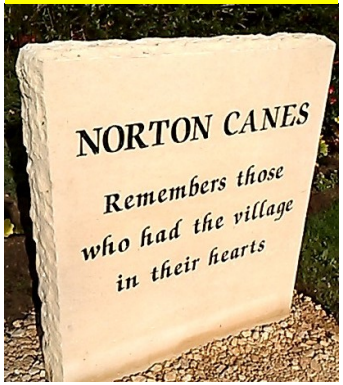


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Norton Canes Village News

Prize Helicopter Ride Takes off from High School



Norton Canes High students received an unforgettable gift for helping the parish council in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Norton Canes received its second 'highly commended' this summer. And this was partly thanks to the efforts of a group of High School pupils.

As a reward, the six were treated to a helicopter flight from the school to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, courtesy of James Leavesley Ltd.



The whole school turned out to experience the dramatic take-off from the school field on September 30.

The six pupils created prizewinning Remembrance ceramics and wrote about VE Day 1945. They also created poetry on the theme of Remembrance.

Leavesley Group director James Leavesley said the students' work was 'absolutely outstanding'.

"The students have not only intricately interwoven fragments of words into their work but took time to visit Norton Primary Academy to explain what they were doing - and how they linked in to the archaeological discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard," Mr Leavesley said. "This made it much more topical."





The six students were Millie Edwards, Francesca Russell, Alexandra Sutton, Steven Schnabel, Aime Drury and Ella-Jay Anslow.

Story continues on page 2

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the 12th edition of our Village Newsletter.

I hope, like me, you were pleased to hear Norton Canes earned 'highly commended' in the Best Kept Village competition for the second year running. Let's keep up the good work. The village is certainly looking brighter which is a real 'feel good' factor.

Now – it feels really odd to say this - as I'm writing this in October – but I sincerely wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year by the time you receive this newsletter.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this edition. If you have any articles you would like included in the next newsletter please get in touch.
Apologies to those who received the last edition slightly late. We have now changed publication dates to avoid this in the future.

Winter drawers on.....

Loves

Janet Lee
Editor

cannockp@yahoo.co.uk

Please make a note: from 2016 the Village news will be produced for delivery in March, June, September and December.
Please let us have 'letters to the editor' or any other articles by January 31 for inclusion in the March 2016 Newsletter.
Let us know about any Easter events.

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The pupils' ideas were linked into a community art project led by Millie Edwards (Year 9) and Francesca Russell who co-ordinated art projects by High School students and local community groups.

Students across several year groups created two mosaic panels to celebrate the Best Kept Village 2015 competition. In one panel Norton Canes is represented as it is now. The second panel reflects on the village's past - in particular its mining heritage.

The idea of printing poetry on ceramic panels came from year 11 pupil Steven Schnabel who was inspired by engravings on a war memorial and burial stone.
As a result of the pupils' hard work, the village was able to stage an art exhibition.

Best Kept Village judges described the pupils' submissions as 'outstanding'.
The helicopter was piloted by Capt Phil Speachley who flew two separate trips.

The school's Head of Art Alexina Evans and Learning Resource Centre Manager Sam Dewally joined pupils on the flight.

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(between 10am-2pm)

Useful contacts for district and county and other matters

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

The district councillors are:

Cllr Mrs Zaphne Stretton on	01543 276959
Cllr Mike Hoare on	01543 279989
Cllr John Preece on	01543 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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Every Wednesday from 1.30pm-3.45pm at Norton Canes Community Centre

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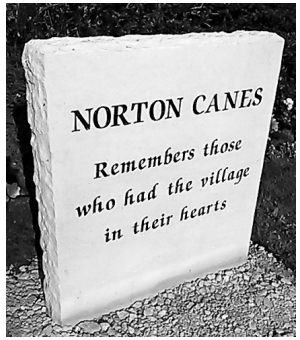
We also arrange outings and holidays

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

News from your Parish Council

Monument on Millennium Garden



You will no doubt have now seen the stone monument located on the Millennium Garden. For some time the parish council has been looking at something that identifies Norton Canes and also recognises people who have worked for the benefit of the village.
Thanks to a generous contribution from the Wallace Estates the parish council have been able to commission the stone.
It is not a war memorial - but something that recognises people's commitment in the past and the future. The words on the stone have been carefully chosen so they will not become outdated. We feel the stone, at the Burntwood Road/Walsall Road junction, enhances the village.
We would like to say a special thank you to stonemason Kevin Godfrey of KSG Masonry Ltd who lives in the village. He kindly donated his time and services free of charge.

Resignation of Councillor

After much consideration Councillor Sean Felton has resigned from the parish council. This is due to his work commitments with his charity and because he did not feel he could give the time needed to fulfil his councillor duties.

Lantern Parade

We are organising another Lantern Parade this year which will form part of the Christmas Fayre being held at the Community Centre on Saturday December 5**.** The parade will leave the Community Centre at 5pm. Local schools and Brownie groups are involved in making the lanterns so please come along and enjoy this festive event.

Festive Window Competition

We will again be inviting businesses to enter into the spirit of the festive season by decorating their shop windows as part of the festive window competition.

Best Kept Village Competition 2015

Norton Canes was awarded Highly Commended in the Best Kept Village Competition for the second year running.
The parish council will continue to work on this project and enhance the village - hoping in the future we will receive a placement in the competition. We are the only village in Cannock Chase to receive Highly Commended recognition. Pupils from the High School did extremely well in this competition - and as you can see from the front page of this newsletter were rewarded for their efforts.
A spokesperson for the parish council said that they were at the school on the day and the students were a credit to the village. Although all were exuberant and excited by their experience they still went out of their way to make us visitors feel welcome.
Thank you to Mrs Sam Dewally at the High School for her enthusiasm/involvement in the competition. This recognition has certainly put Norton Canes on the map.

Tribute to a real Gentleman



A character familiar to many in Norton Canes has died.
Richard Evans, aged 64, ran Load Z Discount in the village for many years.
He died after a short illness at Walsall Manor Hospital on August 30.
Richard lived in Norton Canes until he married in 1976. The couple spent their married life in Brownhills.
Before running Load Z Discount Richard worked for local companies Binks Bullows and Bonded Motor Spares then as a manager for Willenhall wholesale company Cash and Carry.
His Norton Canes business partner Carol Betts said: "Richard was always very kind and got on with all the customers. He was a gentleman."
A collection at his funeral raised £1,200 to buy two new wheelchairs for the ward at Walsall Manor where he was cared for. The wheelchairs will display Richard's name on them.
Richard leaves his wife Christine, two daughters Louise and Emma and grandchildren Leo and Eve.

Fundraising is continuing for defibrillators for Norton Canes. If you can offer any help or have ideas please contact one of the following:

Cllr John Preece 01543 278872	email: johnpreece77@hotmail.com
Cllr Sheila J Harding 01543 275013	email: ashinnorton@btinternet.com
Norton Canes Parish Council	email: nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk
Mort Bakewell 01543 278368	email: mortbakewell@talktalk.net

The Parish Notice board outside the Co-op contains information which is updated regularly on Parish matters. You can also find information on the parish council website at **www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.co.uk**

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Norton Canes Historical Society

The society hosts various talks at Norton Canes Library.
The talks take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm-9pm.
Upcoming are:
November 10: Tim Burgin - The Battle of Waterloo.
December 8: Christmas Social Evening.
January 12: Ian Bott: The Midlands Zepplin Outrage
February 9: Alan and Joy Lewis: Sapper Norman

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

Archaeological Excavations

The Old Turf Inn excavations have now been concluded and the excavation report is being prepared.

A small excavation will be taking place in a Church Road garden, the site of the village medieval water-mill.

Message from Norton Canes Health Centre
Dr W Nilar and Dr W Htike

This is our first entry into Norton Canes Village News so thankyou for inviting us to take part.
We have had a very busy year but a fruitful one. We have had the introduction of a new computer system, patient on-line services, electronic prescribing and a visit from the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
All the above are providing a better service for our patients.
Our CQC report was rated as good overall. Please feel welcome to read the report which is available on reception.
We offer early morning surgery with our practice nurse and also a late evening surgery with our GPs.
If you would like to join the patient on-line services please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help. This will enable you to request repeat prescriptions and make appointments with the GP. This service is very popular amongst our patients.
Flu and pneumonia season is here once again. Please make sure you book your flu and pneumonia injections which will offer protection.
Our reception opening times are 8am-6.30pm Monday to Friday, phone 01543 450222.
If you have any queries please contact the surgery on the above number or ask to speak to practice manager Jane Potter.

Keeping our communities safe and reassured

Watch out - rogue traders about

As the summer months approach Staffordshire Police, Trading Standards and Neighbourhood Watch are warning Staffordshire residents, especially those who are particularly vulnerable, to be wary of rogue doorstep traders offering home improvement services.

If cold callers don't succeed in your area, they are less likely to return. Although you may not be at risk there are vulnerable neighbours in every area that may fall prey to unscrupulous callers.



We can all help by saying no to doorstep callers.

The Office of Fair Trading offers the following advice to people:

- If a trader knocks at your door do not agree to on-the-spot house repairs or sign anything under pressure
- Be wary of special offers or warnings that your house is unsafe
- Do not make snap decisions. Take time to talk to someone you trust before you make a decision.

Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Work or services carried out by these traders is sometimes unnecessary, of poor standard, much more expensive than originally quoted or not done at all. **You can report matters to the Trading Standards 24 hour Emergency Rapid Response number on 07773 792 252.**

If you are suspicious of any callers, please inform the police right away. **Staffordshire Police non emergency number is 101 or in an emergency dial 999.**

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE 101 IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

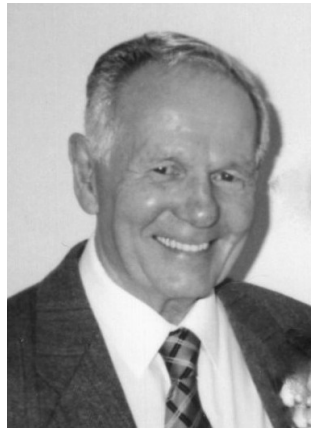
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A Tribute to George



Sadly, we announce the loss of a popular Norton Canes character.

George Hindley has died at the age of 82 following a long illness. He died of a heart attack on September 28 at Walsall Manor Hospital.

As many villagers may know, George was a keen sportsman. Before coming to Norton Canes he played football for Wimblebury, Hednesford Town and even trialled successfully for Wolves. George was also an active member of Chase Athletic Club.

Originally from Wimblebury, George moved to Norton Canes following his marriage to Marrian nearly 60 years ago.

He continued his involvement with football and could often be seen marking up the pitch on Norton Rec – and later in the day playing, running the line or refereeing matches. After approaching Brownhills council for permission, a football pitch was marked out and goal posts raised on Norton Cemma and the Sunday League was started.

George was involved in Cannock Athletic Club, giving his time freely and happily to coach, not only his daughters, but also many other youngsters. He was also a fundraiser for the club.

When his children reached teenage years he recognised there was a lack of activities for that age group. He ran discos on Friday evenings at the old St James Church Hall and later, with Marrian, ran a sports club for up to 60 village children at Norton Comprehensive School.

George was involved in the organisation of the annual Guy Fawkes Run in Norton Canes, which ran for six years, raising funds for St Giles Hospice. He also helped to organise a Coast to Coast run to raise £3,000 for a boy from Great Wyrley to send him for treatment at the Peto Institute.

George leaves a wife and children: Vivienne, Marian, Elizabeth and David. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren: Sharon, Tony, Michael and Robert and great grandchildren Aoife and Philip.

The family have kindly said that any contributions donated in Geoge's name will be donated to the village defribrillator fund.

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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.

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

Do you know someone who has had a stroke - or you are a patient who has had a stroke?

Have you experienced a transient ischemic attack (TIA)?

Are you a smoker?

Are you being treated for high blood pressure, diabetes or atrial fibrillation (AF)?

If the answer is **YES** to the questions above, you are invited to attend a

HEALTH AWARENESS SESSION for PATIENTS AND CARERS

At Norton Canes Medical Centre (Norton Canes Practice patients' waiting area on November 11 at 5.30pm.

The speakers will be stroke nurse specialist J Williams and consultant histopathologist Dr R Singh.

Norton Canes is applying to become a Dementia Friendly Community



Dementia Friendly Communities is a national campaign led by the Alzheimer's Society and the aim is to help the UK to be a better place to live for people with dementia and their families/ carers.

If you wish to become involved please contact any parish councillor (see page 27) or email nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Flu Vaccination: It is the time of the year when we invite everyone for flu jabs. For more details of why all at-risk patients, young and old should take the flu jab, please visit our website: drbksingh.co.uk under the heading 'Eligible for Flu vaccination'. If you have not had your flu jab yet, book an appointment at the practice.

Annual Reviews: Those who receive annual review check-ups, don't forget to book your annual reviews around your birthday with the nurses.

Carers: Did you know if you care for someone (paid or unpaid) you are entitled to an annual health check and flu jab? Book an appointment with the practice nurse.

Smoking: We have been running a 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.

Minor ailments: The pharmacy in the medical centre (called 'Well') can see patients with minor ailments (sore throat, colds etc). If you receive free prescriptions you will not have to pay for medicines given by the pharmacy. Just call in and see them. They are also open Saturday mornings when the doctors are not available.

Community based services at Cannock Chase Hospital: 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 close to your home. See information on our website about our services as well.

Accident & Emergency Services: The Health authority has advised us that hospitals are struggling to cope with A& E attendances. Where possible, use an alternative service such as 111 for advice or the pharmacy.

Electronic prescription service: We are now using the electronic prescription service where most prescriptions are sent to your nominated pharmacy.To use this service, go to your usual pharmacy and sign up. The pharmacy is also able to order prescriptions from the doctor on your behalf.

Health awareness sessions: We are organising health awareness sessions on 'stroke' at our Norton Canes Medical Centre. We are putting posters around the village showing the subject and times of sessions.If you want to know more about this disease/illness, you are most welcome. But we ask that you tell us your name at reception so we know how many people will be attending.

Dementia friends: Most of our staff have received 'demential friends' training. If you or someone in your care needs help, please speak to reception staff.

Did not attend (DNA): Please remember to cancel your appointment if you don't need it. There are days when we have over five DNAs in a day. Five or more patients would have taken those slots which they needed desperately.The NHS is losing billions of pounds due to people not keeping appointments.

Message from your MP

Your MP Amanda Milling held a street surgery in Norton Canes.
She has taken up issues brought up by villagers such as the state of roads, speeding and local bus services.

Here is a message from Amanda to you:

It was a real privilege to be elected as Cannock Chase's MP.
I feel incredibly lucky to be representing the communities of Cannock, Hednesford, Rugeley – and of course Norton Canes.
I am always working hard to ensure local residents are heard loud and clear in Westminster.
I am also here to help local people with any issues they might have.
It has been a very busy time since the election.
I have spoken in many debates, asked lots of questions and helped with hundreds of local people's issues.
Amazingly, the biggest challenge has been getting a constituency office up and running.
This has proved much slower and harder than I imagined or would have liked - but finally I am very pleased to say I now have a constituency office open.
My office is on Market Street in Hednesford. If you have any issues please drop in.
The shop is open from 12 noon-4pm Mondays and 10am-4pm Tuesdays to Fridays.
You can also call me on 01543 877142 or e-mail me on amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk



Norton Canes Watercolour Club

Thank you to everyone who came to the exhibition at the Methodist Church in August. It was a pleasure to show some of the work we do on Monday mornings at the Community Centre. Other local artists also brought pictures and it was good to see pictures in other mediums such as oils and acrylics.

The exhibition was opened by Mr Peter Sidgwick chairman of Cannock Chase Arts Council. Rev. Christopher Parkes welcomed guests and said that it was hoped that this would become a regular event.



We have to say a big thank you to the team at the Methodist Church who made everyone so welcome and provided such wonderful food.

We are pleased to say we have been invited back again next year for a two day exhibition. The dates are August 12 and 13 so please make a note in your 2016 diaries. We would love to see you and I know you will enjoy the food and the warm welcome from us and the Methodist Church team.

We will be at the Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre December 5 with a selection of Christmas cards - so we hope to see lots of you there. Kind regards and happy Christmas from all at the Watercolour Club.





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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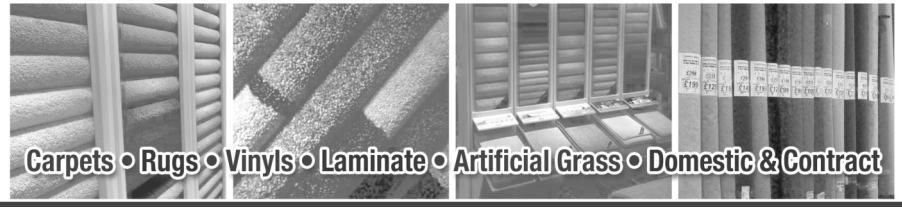
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Carpets Direct 2U is easily accessible to everyone in the area with retail premises in **Aldridge** and **Pelsall** and a huge warehouse in **Norton Canes** which is open to the public and has thousands of rolls in stock ready for customers to take 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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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**.
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NORTON CANES FLOWER CLUB

Members enjoyed a demonstration with a difference at their July meeting.
Demonstrator Jackie Charnie produced an arrangement entitled 'Melody of Contrast'.
Members said Jackie used various colours, textures and forms together - which were different - but encouraged them to experiment and try something new.
In August some members enjoyed a day out at Trentham Gardens.
The September 16 meeting was a practical, led by Christine.
Members enjoyed taking part and seeing each other's work on the theme 'Autumn's Bounty'.
This year the club celebrates its sapphire anniversary - 45 years and still going strong.
On September 30 members and guests celebrated with a special dinner.
On October 21 there will be a demonstration by Julia Mitchell entitled 'Champagne Afternoon Tea' which promises to be another enjoyable evening.
Members hold their annual meeting on October 28 at 7.30pm.
On November 18 the winter practical session is entitled 'Season's Greetings'.
It will be led by Jose. More details will be given at the October meeting.
Members will host a special Open Evening on November 25 at the Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock, from 7.30pm.
The demonstrator will be Andrew Grisewood. His demonstration is entitled 'A Touch of Fantasy'.
Tickets (£8) are available from Marjorie on 01543 279133 or the theatre box office.
Members meet at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.
Visitors and new members are welcome.
For more information ring Jose Aulton on 01543 278370.

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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."



Pay a Visit to Norton Canes Community Centre

Sunday November 15 Remembrance service starts at 6pm.



Saturday November 28 'Frozen' party and disco, 12 noon-3pm. Lunch with Anna, Elsa and Olaf. There will also be a visit from Santa. £5 per child (includes a present).

Saturday December 5 Christmas Fayre, 3pm-6pm includes lantern parade which leaves the Community Centre at 5.00pm.
'SANTA' will be in his grotto.

Sunday December 13 Community Carol Service,6pm.

Saturday December 20 Pantomime 'CINDERELLA'
Performances at 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Tickets £5 available from Wendy 07845 678003

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
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USER GROUPS AT NORTON CANES COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	PLAYGROUP	8.15 - 1.00 PM	07891149381
	WATERCOLOURS	10.00 - 1.00PM	01543 275013
	SEWING GROUP	2.00 - 4.00 PM	
	JUDO CLUB 6 -7.00 &	7.00 - 8.00 PM	07800845523
TUESDAY	PLAYGROUP	8.15 - 3.00 PM	07891149381
	RAINBOWS	4.15 - 5.00 PM	07958127489
	BROWNIES	5.00 - 6.00PM	
	POUNDSHEDDERS	7.00 - 8.00 PM	01543 278534
	INDOOR BOWLS	7.30 - 9.30 PM	01543 279185
WEDS	PLAYGROUP	8.15 - 1.00 PM	07891149381
	PHYLLIS CARDS	11.00 - 1.00 PM	
	RVS	1.30 - 3.30 PM	01543 276959
	ZUMBA	7.00 - 8.00 PM	07894947334
	LINE DANCE	8.00 - 11.00 PM	07894947334
THURS	PLAYGROUP	8.15 - 3.00 PM	07891149381
	CHRIS'S CARDS	10.00 - 12.00PM	07964578545
	NORTON CANES JUDO CLUB	6.00 - 7.00 PM	07800845523
	SUGAR CRAFT	7.00 - 9.00 PM	
FRIDAY	PLAYGROUP	8.15 - 1.00 PM	07891149381
	TEA DANCE	1.30 - 3.30	
	JENNY'S SOCIAL	7.30 - 10.30PM	01922 415232
SATURDAY			
1st & 3RD	JENNY AND TERRY	8.00 - LATE	01922 415232
2ND & 4TH	NEVS LINE DANCE	7.30 - 12.00 MN	07894947334

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

Festive invitation



Trinity Methodist Church will be hosting its Christmas Tree Festival again this year.
The festival will take place at the Poplar Street church in Norton Canes on November 28.
The church will be open on Friday November 27 from 12 noon for people to bring and decorate their tree.
Everyone is welcome: businesses, shops, groups, schools or individuals.
The trees can be viewed the following day (Saturday) from 10am-4pm.
Admission is free.
The invitation is: come along and have a cup of tea or coffee, mince pie and a chat.
If anyone would like more information ring Jenny on 01543 277459 or 07754 706 441. Or ring Sue 01543 276432

Norton Canes WI Fun in the Sun



WI members enjoyed a seaside break in August.
And as an added bonus – the weather was kind.
WI spokeswoman Margaret Scothern said: "We had fun in the sun at Llandudno and everybody enjoyed the day."
At their September meeting members celebrated the centenary of the WI movement with a tea party and quiz.
"Kath Dutton told some amusing stories. It was a good night," Margaret added.
For details about Norton Canes WI ring Gill on 01543 279039.

Would you like to advertise your business in this newsletter and reach every home in the village?

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Volunteers are offered a variety of opportunities to suit their own lifestyle:

- Could you spare a few hours to visit (or phone) and chat to people on a regular basis?
- Check that people are eating?
- Help cook simple meals with people in their own homes?
- Attend events and talk to people about the project?

Full training will be provided

Please phone Amanda on 01785 788483 for more details

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Trinity MethodistChurch

Poplar Street, Norton Canes

A warm welcome to our Sunday
Services at 11.00 am
Followed by tea, coffee and chat.

Bible Study, Tuesdays 3.00 pm Fortnightly

Girls Brigade Thursdays
Juniors: 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
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

Advance notice

There will be another 'Norton Canes Memories' event
Tuesday December 29 commencing 4pm
'Bring and Share' Meal



Happy Memories

This picture, taken in December 1979, brought back fond memories.
It shows the late Stan Tew of Norton Canes High School Parents Teachers Association handing over keys for a new mini-bus to headmaster Rod Thomas.
The occasion was the culmination of fundraising efforts by the school, parents and the Music and Drama Society.
I found the picture in a scrap book whilst visiting the Historical Society exhibition held at Norton Canes Library on October 2 and 3.
It was a wonderful display of Norton Canes history.
Thank you to Roger and June Knowles and Maureen Garbett secretary for their hard work.
And thank you to all the people who passed on these photographs and memorabilia over the years.
It was a pleasure to chat to residents who remember the 'old days' - people like Peter Clifton - born and bred in the village.
Peter told me in his day 'folks were more rough and ready'.
I quote: "It was said if you wanted to hide some money - **put it under the soap!**"
Please let Jan or myself know if you are in the picture.
Let us know if you went to the drama society's performance of the pantomime 'Snow White' which helped to raise the funds.

Sheila Harding
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