Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Disco

At

Norton Canes Community Centre

Thursday 13th August

1 – 4pm



Children £4 (adults and under 1's free)

Includes: Lunch with all the characters, games, pass the parcel and Disco

Fancy dress optional

Entrance by ticket only

For more details and to book tickets: email familyfunclub@hotmail.co.uk

MINNIE AND MICKEY'S HALLOWEEN MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday 27th October

12 – 3 pm



Includes:

Magic Show, lunch and Disco with Minnie and Mickey, games with prizes.

Kids £5 (adults and under 1's free)

Entrance by tickets only.

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Norton Canes Village News

Norton Canes Cemetery – permission granted

Planning permission for a new cemetery behind St James churchyard has been granted. Work can now start on landscaping the land ready for consecration.

The cemetery, which could be in use in two years' time, will provide about 500 burial spaces for at least the next 50 years. A pathway will link the old churchyard to the cemetery.

The new development will be run and managed by Norton Canes Parish Council which applied for the planning permission.

News that plans had been passed by Cannock Chase Council has delighted parish councillors. Council chairman Councillor John Preece described the news as 'great'.

He paid tribute to the 'overwhelming level of support' from villagers during consultation. Villagers responded in droves to a questionnaire placed in this newsletter.

Out of about 780 villagers who gave their views, more than 90 per cent of them supported the plans.

The land is being bought by the parish council from a local landowner.

Cllr Preece said councillors are 'immensely proud' of their efforts.

"For nearly a decade people have expressed concerns they would not be able to be buried near to their loved ones," Cllr Preece said. "And as the plots began to fill up, the parish council felt some action was needed.

"One of the most comforting thoughts is that you can be buried close to home. Generations of Norton Canes families have been buried at St James. We are extremely happy this project can now move on."

The current churchyard has approximately four years' worth of burial space left. The only alternative would have been burial at the district cemetery in Stile Cop, Rugeley or at a new cemetery on the Heath Hayes/Norton Canes border near Five Ways Island if built in time.

There has been concern from some residents about a potential spring being close to a section of the new cemetery land. Cllr Preece said this will be fully investigated, but 'at worst' it would only affect a small part of the development.

The land is already the final resting place of a relative of the landowner. A memorial is located there.

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Hi everyone,
A big welcome to newsletter 11.
First of all thank you to all those who returned questionnaires inserted in the last newsletter.
What an extraordinary response. It just shows how much the issue of the burial ground means to many of you. And I'm pleased the newsletter was able to play a part in that response.
In this edition we have tried to incorporate as many village organisations as possible.
If you are a part of any village activity which you feel has not been included please send us details for the next edition. We are always pleased to include something new and different.
We would also love to receive any photos to go with the article if possible.
I hope you find time in your busy life to sit with a cuppa, put your feet up for a few minutes and read about what is going on in your friendly village.
Until next time,
Hugs and a piece of cake
Janet Lee
Editor



Email: cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

Please let us have 'letters to the editor' or any other articles by September 30 for inclusion in the November Newsletter.
Let us know about any Christmas events.

Exciting News

A brand new brownie group is starting in the village.

The 2nd Norton Canes Brownies will start at Norton Canes Community Centre in September.

Youngsters aged seven to ten are invited to join.

For details ring Helen on 07958 127 489 or Samantha on 07760 253 369

NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL 2015 ~ 2016

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Cllr C. Preece	01543 899785

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

Update from Norton Canes Parish Council

Garden areas

You will note that garden areas in Norton Canes are now full with summer plants which look lovely and enhance the presentation of the village.

Norton Fun Day

This annual event was held on June 20. Despite some heavy showers the event was very successful.

There were lots of craft stalls, children's activities, a football tournament and Zorb football. It was a free event for all the community to enjoy.

Chairman's Civic Service

Parish council chairman Councillor John Preece will be holding his Civic Service on Sunday September 13 at St James' Church, 3pm.

There will be light refreshments at the Community Centre afterwards. Any resident of the village is invited to attend.

St James' Churchyard

The planning application for the new churchyard at St James' Church, which will be the responsibility of the parish council, was put before the planning committee on July 15 and as you will see from page one this was successful. The plans will include the parish council becoming the burial authority for the new cemetery.

Parish Office

You may have had difficulty contacting the office over the past few weeks due to the clerk's illness. We wish Linda well and ask that you contact one of the councillors if you have any urgent enquiries or email: nortoncanesparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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

Introducing - your parish council chairman

Hello. My name is Cllr John Preece - the new Norton Canes Parish Council chairman.

In May we voted to elect 13 new members of our council and we have now started a new four-year term. I am extremely honoured to have been selected as chairman for this next year. I thank previous chairman John Bernard for all the work and effort he put into this role over the previous two years.

I would also like to thank former parish councillors who unfortunately did not get re-elected in May.

John Hampshire was a big help to Norton Canes. He did a lot of work sprucing up our gardens and islands, particularly the islands at Blakeney Way (off Norton Hall Lane) and the island on Brownhills Road (on the way to Brownhills West). He also took the lead keeping note of potholes and roads in need of repair and liaised with the county council. This role will now to be taken on by Cllr Sean Felton.

Ryan Horton was Norton Canes' youngest ever parish councillor. He played a big role trying to get sports facilities in the village and working with young people. He runs Norton Canes Football Club and ran the football competition at the summer fete at the Community Centre in June. It is hoped Ryan will still work with the parish council on developing young people and sporting projects.

Roger Knowles is a regular attendee as a member of the public to our parish council meetings. He was co-opted as parish councillor half way through the four-year term. Roger is Norton's chief historian and has a wealth of knowledge about the village. He pushed the parish council to keep lobbying the county council to address specific problems experienced along Blakeney Way (on the way to Kingswood Lakeside), Newlands Lane, Church Road, the Chapel Street/Walsall Road junction and many others.

Robert Wilkinson was our latest co-opted member and was only on the council for several months. But he came up with good ideas trying to improve youth facilities in the village which we hope to carry on in the new term.

I thank them for the work they put in to the council and welcome new members Cllrs Chris Cox, Sean Felton, Mike Holder, Clive Preece and Mike Stretton.

Norton Canes Parish Council has had some great projects come to fruition over the past few years and hopefully these will continue. We had a successful Best Kept Village result in 2014 receiving a commendation on our first attempt. We hope to go one better this year and get a placing – fingers crossed. We hope to get more defibrillators in the village in addition to those already in the Chapel, Community Centre and The Tavern.

I would like to issue a plea. Parish council meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm, usually in the Community Centre. We post details on the notice board outside the Co-op and in this newsletter. I would like to encourage members of the public to attend meetings as they can be an invaluable source of information about what is being done to improve the village. There is a half hour public participation session at the start of the meeting where any member of the public can ask questions or talk about problems or issues in the village. Whilst we may not be able to solve problems by ourselves we have the ability to seek answers and set the ball rolling on getting a solution.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next meeting in August.

Over Sixties Club

The Over 60s Club meets at the Lido club, Norton Canes, every Tuesday at 12.30pm.

Members enjoy socialising, bingo, chats and raffles. A warm welcome and cup of tea is always available.

The club also offers day trips during summer months. Recently we have been to Bury Market and Llandudno - and we still have Blackpool, Liverpool and a boat trip on the River Trent to come.

If you have had enough of your four walls come and join us. Details are available from the Lido or ring Natalie on 01543 275714.

Norton Canes Flower Club

Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Poplar Street, from 7.30pm.

At the meeting on July 17 there was a demonstration by Jackie Charnock called 'Melody of Contrast' - an intriguing title.

There is NO meeting in August. However some members are going to Trentham Gardens.

There will be a practical evening on September 16.



On November 25 there will be an open demonstration at the Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock by Andrew Grisewood entitled 'A Touch of Fantasy'. Tickets are £8 from the theatre box office or ring 01543 279133.

For more information about the club or the open evening ring Jose on 01543 278370.

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
Church Clerk is Mary Carpenter 01543 275296 email: mary.carpenter@tiscali.co.uk
Church Wardens: Meg Crossland 01543 685069,
Kim Lloyd 01922 413718

Trinity Methodist Church

Poplar Street, Norton Canes. WS11 9SG

Morning worship Sunday 11am
Minister Rev C Parkes 01543 682277
Senior Seward: Ian Straughan 01543 276695

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

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

Norton Canes Practice
Partners in Life

Hello everyone. We are into glorious summer and Norton canes practice (Dr BK surgery) has been busy making improvements to our services.

New Improvements

Telephone

Hurrah! At last our complaints to contractors on your behalf have been auctioned on. We hope this will improve your access to the surgery. You can still phone for appointments between 8am-6.30pm, but please be aware the busiest time for appointments is between 8am-10am.

Computer System

Our old computer system has been replaced with EMIS web which hopefully will help staff provide better service to the patients.

We would like to thank patients who accepted disruption of services and co-operated with staff which helped doctors continue providing patient care.

Patients' **on-line appointments and on-line repeat prescriptions** are still available.

We encourage patients to use this service. Come into the surgery and register so that you can receive your password. Patients who already use this service will need to come to the surgery and re-register on the new computer system. This service, if used by the majority of patients, will reduce phone calls and waiting on the phone to get through to the surgery. We do keep appointment slots for on-line bookings.

We have an updated **revamped practice website.** If you need to know any information regarding the practice services or practice news visit www.drbksingh.co.uk.

Patients' participation group

We have a group, which has been running for five years, where patients and practice staff meet to discuss needs of patients and how we can work better to improve services. We are looking to increase our numbers by inviting patients to become 'virtual' members. This means we contact them via email and they don't need to attend meetings. If you wish to have a say in the practice workings then please visit our website and complete the PPG member form for submission.

Flu vaccinations

The Flu season is fast approaching and we will start giving flu jabs in September. Please book your appointments nearer to the time.

Did not attend

We are still getting a high number of patients not attending their appointments. Those patients who do not attend are depriving other patients of their appointments. Please remember to cancel your appointment if you cannot keep it.

Royal British Legion Norton Canes Branch

The branch has been fairly busy over the last few months.
VE Night on May 8 at the Lido Club, Norton Canes, was very well received and an excellent night was had by all.
We visited the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas on May 29 and had a very enjoyable day despite the weather.

Branch members are organising more trips with the help of Beryl Hall and the community bus. The next one will be to Great Wyrley Fun Day at the Star pub on Sunday August 2. Details are available from the Lido.

Norton Canes Community Fun Day on June 20 was a great success again despite the weather.
The sale of British Legion items raised over £60 for the Poppy Appeal and the Women's Section raised about the same for the RBL Benevolent Fund.
A huge thank you to all who donated.



Serving personnel/ex-service or those who had family in military service were invited to a Welfare Day at the Lido Club on Saturday July 25.
The Royal British Legion welfare section and military speakers gave advice and guidance on aspects of welfare and help available. The aim was to highlight current and future needs and explain what the British Legion can do for you.
A meeting also took place at the Lido on July 21.

Norton Canes Watercolour Club
has pleasure in inviting you to a FREE
exhibition of pictures and art work at Trinity Methodist Church
On Friday 21st August and Saturday 22nd August
10am - 4pm each day
Work on show will include a special World War One display
Refreshments will be served and there will be a craft table for children to 'have a go'

St James Church – Open Door

Once again the church welcomed Year 7 from Norton Canes High School to a day of fun activities and a chance to learn more about the parish church.
Helped by members of the congregation they undertook activities in art, stained glass, glass painting and much more, examples of which can be seen below.



The pupils were as usual a credit to the village and thanks go to Father Neil, church members who so willingly gave up their time to help and Mrs Merry who arranged for the pupils to take part .



Pay a Visit to Norton Canes Community Centre

Thursday August 13 Mad Hatter's Tea Party, 1pm-4pm. £4 per child (includes food, disco and games and Alice in Wonderland characters). Fancy dress optional.

Saturday September 5 Afternoon tea and bingo. £5 for six games.

Sunday September 6 Holistic fayre, 12 noon-4pm.

Saturday October 3 Autumn fayre, 12 noon-3pm.

Sunday October 25 Hallowe'en disco, 4pm-6pm.

Tuesday October 27 Minnie and Mickey's Hallowe'en Magic Show, 12 noon-3pm. Includes lunch with Mickey and Minnie, disco and magic show. Admission £5.

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.

Sunday December 13 Community Carol Service, 6pm.

Attention – Guides and Rainbows!



A reminder: the 2nd Norton Canes Rainbows meet at Norton Canes Community Centre on Tuesdays.
Anyone interested in joining can ring Helen on 07958 127 489 for more details.

And good news for Norton Canes Guides:
A new Valley Guides Unit is opening soon in Hazelslade.
It will be open to all girls in Norton Canes aged 10-14.
For details ring Michelle on 07568 150 924.

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



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 – 5.15 PM	07958127489
	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

Norton Canes Historical Society

The society hosts various talks at Norton Canes Library.
The talks take place from 7pm-9pm.
Upcoming are:

September 8: Tony Hunt - Hednesford's Horse Racing History.

October 13: Mary Bodfish - You can't Abdicate and Eat it - Wallace Simpson and Edward VIII exploring the background to the abdication.

November 10: Tim Burgin - The Battle of Waterloo.

December 8: Social Evening.

News from Norton Canes Primary Academy

The 2014/15 academic year has been a great success.

As well as raising standards in core areas we have also enhanced our 'Creative Curriculum'.

In the Autumn term we were given the fabulous opportunity to take part in a pilot scheme with REAch2 Academy Trust – TRY5.

Within this, our Year 5 and 6s took part in a 'Flash Mob' and the whole routine was choreographed by local dance teacher Gillian Booth-Lyons. The performance was a success and has led to the school forming two dance troupes – our KS2 Dance Stars and our KS1 Dance Starlets.

Since Christmas the children have performed to parents, have appeared at the local Norton Fun Day and took part in their final performance of the year at the school on July 7.

Four lucky children were selected for a scholarship at Gill's Class One Dance Academy. We hope for further success next year.

As part of the TRY5 program Year 2 children had the opportunity to ride horses.

They had a selection of activities to choose from: including sleeping under the stars and building a raft. Despite a few jitters on the day, a great time was had by all.

The learning that came out of the experience was second to none as the practical activity allowed the children to engage fully when we got back to school. The quality of work from the Year 2 children was brilliant; however it was the sheer joy on their faces when they had accomplished such a big challenge that really made the day so worthwhile.

Karen Amos, headteacher.

An invitation to you all

Trinity Methodist Church opens its doors for you to view a special Art Exhibition by Norton Canes Watercolour Club.

The event will take place at the Poplar Street church in Norton Canes on Friday and Saturday August 21 and 22 from 10am-4pm.

The invitation is: come and have a look.

Tea and coffee will be available. Admission is free.



The church also hosts a 'Norton Canes Memories' event on Friday September 25.

You are invited to 'bring memories and old photos' of the village.

The social event, which starts at 7pm, will provide an opportunity to chat and share memories with others. All welcome.

We have been asked by Mr Coleman to include the following poem written by his late wife Mrs V. A. Coleman:

Life

Down life's road we travel
Till the crossroads loom in sight
Which way do we turn?
Do we carry on or go left or right
One road is a cul-de-sac
The others are heaven and hell
But until we start to walk down them
We humans cannot tell
A part of us says carry on
Another says turn back
But sometimes we can't turn around
And have to walk down the dark and lonely track

V.A. COLEMAN

Food Bank Update

Norton Canes Food Bank, based at Trinity Methodist Church is part of Cannock and District Food Bank.

The service is run by Trussell Trust.

At a recent Trussell Trust national conference, latest figures reveal there are now over 400 Trussell Trust food banks operating across the UK.

The main issue now, is to focus on the **causes** of food poverty and how

the need for food banks can be reduced.

A major thrust of the conference was on the need to be offering **more than food** and how this might be achieved in partnership with other agencies.

In the Cannock district a range of schemes is being looked at to help people eat well and spend less.

The aim is to: provide practical support for families with very young babies

Offer school holiday feeding programmes and a clothes bank.

The organisation is now looking for volunteers 'with real passion and enthusiasm' to help with these schemes.

If this is you - and you would like to be involved – ring the admin office on 01543 422394 with details of your interest and experience.

*In Cannock and District, latest food bank statistics reveal 3,718 food bank vouchers were issued from November 2012-June 2015. Your local food banks fed 7,797 people – which included 2,557 children.

More Trinity Methodist Church dates:

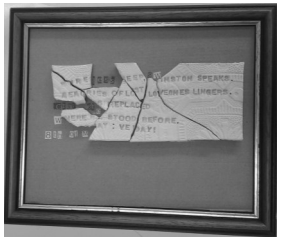
August 14: skittles night with fish and chip supper, 7.30pm.
October 16: quiz night, 7.30pm.
November 8: Remembrance service, 6pm.
November 15: Remembrance service at the Community Centre, 6pm.
November 27: Christmas tree festival.

Norton Canes High School News

Norton Canes High has won a prize for the second year running in the schools part of the Best Kept Village competition.
Last year the school won £75.

Poetry

This year, as well as an overall prize, each student who entered a poem into the competition has been awarded a £20 prize for their 'outstanding submissions'.
A school spokesperson said: "We are very pleased."
Pupils Ella-Jay Anslow, Aime Drury, Millie Edwards, Francesca Russell, Steven Schnabel and Alex Sutton have been invited to an awards evening at Stafford College in September.



A small group of students, led by Millie Edwards in Year 9, created poetry on the theme of Remembrance, looking back at VE Day 1945.
The students used the story 'Waiting for Peace' by Michelle Magorian as a stimulus.
Poems were printed on ceramic panels. This idea was inspired by a presentation given by year 11 pupil Steven Schnabel about engravings on war memorials and burial stones.
The poetry competition is run by the Community Council of Staffordshire, the organisation which organises and judges the Best Kept Village competition.
The Best Kept Village competition aims to encourage community spirit and stimulate pride in villages.
The Community Council is actively engaged in protecting and improving quality of life for people living or working in Staffordshire communities.
It promotes self-help initiatives in communities, especially those in rural areas.

T shirts - You may remember from the Christmas newsletter - the British Legion invited pupils to design a t-shirt to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1. These designs are on display in the Health Centre in the village.
We are very proud that Lewis Bott in year 8 has been nominated as regional winner for the West Midlands.
Lewis will feature in the British Legion newsletter. He received a t-shirt printed with his design.
We have one of these limited edition t-shirts to raffle, all proceeds going to the poppy appeal. Details will be given in the Autumn term.

By Mrs Sam Dewally

Co-op excitement

What a big day it was for the village in 1979 when the Co-op's 'Hi Save' discount store opened.
Just look at that queue!
Crowds gathered outside the store for the opening ceremony on May 22.
The store was officially opened by Lynda McMurray.



Were you one of those in the queue? Or can you spot anyone you know?

Invitation from Norton Canes W I

You would be most welcome to join our group.
We have entertaining speakers followed by a chat and refreshments, trips, cream teas and evening meals.
We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Norton Canes Library at 7.30pm.
Come along and see what it's all about.

Norton Canes Neighbourhood Network

The meeting, held at Norton Canes Library, on June 2 was attended by a representative from the following organisations: Support Staffordshire, Healthwatch, Norton Canes Parish Council, Longford Centre, N Power Customer Relations, Victim Support, Hednesford Post Office and Age UK South Staffs. A Norton Canes Resident was also present.

A presentation was given by a representative from the recently launched Longford Centre, Cannock, detailing the excellent facilities open to members of the public. These include a community hub, café, pharmacy and meeting rooms for hire. All are welcome.

Support Staffordshire detailed plans to develop Norton Canes as a 'dementia friendly' village. The inaugural meeting was held at Norton Canes Library on June 30 where all interested parties from the village agreed an action plan to become an accredited community as part of a national campaign. Shops and community organisations signed up to recognise and offer support to people with dementia using village facilities. Awareness training is available to members of the public to become 'dementia friends'.

Age UK 'dementia champions' offer talks to any group interested in becoming dementia friends - showing how dementia can affect people and how to approach and support them if they are in difficulty. The meeting covered: common misunderstanding about dementia, how family and friends need support, different types of dementia and how it may affect an individual. If you are interested in having an informative and entertaining talk for your group, lasting just under an hour, a speaker can be booked via David Tordoff via xbun80@hotmail.com

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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.

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.

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The next meeting of Norton Canes Neighbourhood Network, which is open to all, will be at Norton Canes Library on Tuesday September 1 at 10am. Guest speakers will include: Nadeem Mahammed (Birmingham City Council Loan Sharks Advice Service), Victoria Cotton (Development & Engagement Officer/DP's into Residential Care project manager Older People and Market Development Commissioning Team SCC) and Oliver Mawdsley (Pensions Carers' Allowance Unit outreach manager, Department of Works and Pensions).

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