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Norton Canes Village News

Celebrate the Coronation Together

Norton Canes residents are invited to join in celebrations to mark the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday May 6.

Organised by Norton Canes Parish Council, the special event will take place at the village Community Centre, Brownhills Road.

The big day starts at 11am with a screening of the coronation.

There will be buffet style food and drinks available (visitors are also welcome to bring their own drinks).

The event includes a special performance by Backstreet Theatre Company with an interval in between.

The finale of the event will be lighting of a beacon to the chorus of 'God Save The King'.

Parish council clerk Ginetta Adams said: "We will be celebrating in style with decorations, bunting, flags and give-aways."

This will be a ticketed event for Norton Canes residents. There is a limit of 150 tickets which will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Tickets (£2) will be available from the parish office at the rear of the Co-op from March 27.

For more information on this and future events visit *Norton Canes Parish Council Facebook page.*

Hello – and welcome to the 41st edition of your village newsletter.



As you will see from the article below about changes in publication of the newsletter I will only be speaking to you twice a year via this column in future (miss you already).

So that makes it all the more important that if you have an article you would like to submit please make a note of the deadline dates.

We love to have a mix of articles to make the newsletter a lively read. So if your organisation or your ideas have not been highlighted in the newsletter yet, please get in touch.

I am grateful that the parish council continues to support publication of our newsletter. There are many villages that aren't so fortunate.

There are also many groups and activities detailed in this publication which you could get involved in if you wish.

I hope you can join in some of the events taking place in the village this year – especially if the sun shines.

As ever – loves (twice a year).
Jan
Editor



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Important notice about Your Newsletter

Parish councillors have decided that due to printing costs there will only be two editions of the newsletter printed each year in the future.

This means that anyone contributing to the newsletter will need to bear this in mind if they wish to let villagers know of anything which is time imperative.

The newsletter will now be published in March and September.

We love to receive your articles – so please keep them coming. You can send them to Jan any time at **cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk** and they will be saved for the next edition.

Have Your Say on the Local Plan



Councillor Josh Newbury

Residents are invited to have their say on Cannock Chase District's Local Plan when public consultation opens.

District Councillor Josh Newbury is encouraging residents to put views forward.

"Far from being a dry strategy which does not affect us, the Local Plan is a blueprint for development, residential and commercial, up until the year 2039," Cllr Newbury said.

"Between 2018- 2039, there needs to be 6,016 new homes built across the district - about 300 per year. There also needs to be up to 50 hectares of new employment land."

Over the last few years, Cannock Chase Council has already been through several rounds of consultation. The final 'regulation 19' public consultation takes place this year.

Due to hold-ups with some documents for the Local Plan, it is not possible to say when the consultation will open.

Cllr Newbury added: "As district councillors we will let you know when it begins. It is vital that you have your say.

"Over the last seven years or so, it is fair to say that Norton Canes has seen far more than its share of development.

"Around 700 new homes have been built and the Kingswood Lakeside Employment Park has added several huge warehouses.

"We know local infrastructure is struggling to cope with increased demand, particularly primary schools and GP surgeries.

"Throughout this Local Plan process, Councillor John Preece and I have taken part in dozens of working group meetings, consistently arguing that we need time to build Norton Canes' infrastructure - and that we cannot take more large estates.

"Nothing is set in stone but it looks like that message may have got through."

When it comes to identifying land for development, sites can be 'allocated' or 'safeguarded', Cllr Newbury explained.

'Allocated' means the council expects the site will be developed within the period covered by the Local Plan to meet nationally set targets. If this land forms part of the protected Green Belt, it is formally removed from it.

'Safeguarded' means the land is a back-up option – the council does not expect it to be needed in the Local Plan period but it may be required if allocated sites are not developed.

The current proposal is for **NO** allocated sites on the edge of the village.

There will be one safeguarded site surrounding and including Norton Lodge Farm off Hednesford Road. This site could take around 150 houses.

There is also a large site in Lichfield Road, Heath Hayes, which although within our village boundary, would be an extension of Hawks Green rather than Norton Canes.

There are plans for more expansion of Kingswood Lakeside. Safeguarded land could also see Watling Street Business Park expanded.

"Whilst the signs are positive, we cannot assume current proposals will make it into the final Local Plan when sent to the Government for review," Cllr Newbury said.

"When consultation opens, we need to let the district council know we support the proposal for **NO** allocated sites around the edge of Norton Canes and we need the next 15 years to be focused on building infrastructure to cope with recent growth in the village.

"Keep an eye out for further news on this in the spring."

Library Garden Project



An overgrown area of land at the rear of Norton Canes Library has been cleared to make way for a new community/ sensory garden.

The project, due to be completed by the end of April, will involve volunteers and community groups working together.

The aim is to have the new garden completed in time for the 2023 Best Kept Village competition. Library co-ordinator Will Bird is now appealing for help.



"We will be holding working party days," he said. "We also need all sorts of items donating: a wheelbarrow, compost bins, compost, planters, large pots, slabs, sleepers, garden tools, plants and materials to create beds and pathways."

Will said the project is 'progressing well'.

Clients from two Norton Canes organisations will also be working on the project. These are Catherine Care and MilestoneZ. Both organisations are for adults with learning difficulties.

Will is now appealing for sponsorship, donations from local companies – and more volunteers.



Councillor Will Bird
Library coordinator.

I went into our local B & Q store and asked for a length of rope. "How long do you want it?" the sales assistant asked. I replied, "I was thinking of keeping it."

Thank you, Councillor John Bernard



It's Rubbish Isn't it?



No-one should have to pick up rubbish left by other people – but thank goodness there are volunteers who do just that.

Here is a photo of seven bags of rubbish collected by local councillor Steve Loundes in Lime Lane.

While some people chuck their rubbish on the floor, others try to make this a clean, safe, picturesque place to live.

All of this rubbish was collected from just one 800 yard stretch of the road.

Thank you Steve.

If you would like to join Steve's efforts, you don't have to be a councillor.

Litter pick grab sticks are available from Norton Canes parish office at the rear of the Co-op.



Councillor Steve Loundes

Recycle!

Need a second bag for your paper and cardboard recycling?

You can order another blue bag by ringing 01543 462621 -

or visit

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Pete's Fundraiser

A Christmas tree appeal launched by a Norton Canes family raised £275 for St Giles Hospice.

The tree, decorated each year by the late Peter Matthews, was the focal point for a fundraiser for Christmas 2022.

Pete's family arranged for a special sign depicting a code to be placed in front of the tree.



Passers-by were invited to scan the code and make a donation via Justgiving in memory of Pete.

The tree, at the Church Road/Norton Green Lane junction has become an annual festive sight enjoyed by villagers and passers-by.

In addition to the £275 raised, donations were also collected at Pete's funeral in November, which raised £250 for the British Heart Foundation.

Pete's widow Marg said: "I was really pleased with the amount of money raised – especially in these difficult times. Thank you to everyone who donated."

Change to Staffordshire Police Online Reporting System

Staffordshire Police have changed the way they accept online crime reports.

Previously, the police accepted messages to their official pages on Facebook and Twitter - but this is no longer the case.
Instead, the police have added a 'LiveChat' function to their website which will be available 24/7.

LiveChat will be staffed by Force Control Room operators, who have recently expanded in number, so residents will always be speaking to a person not a robot.

The move does not change the way the police communicate news through social media or their email 'Smart Alerts', nor does it change the 101 phone number which will still be accepting calls, alongside 999 for emergencies.

Residents are encouraged to use the LiveChat system if they are able to as this will help to reduce waiting times for 101.

The LiveChat system is the fastest and most secure way of reporting non-emergency crime. Where there is a threat to life, 999 should always be used.

Message From Your MP Amanda Milling



I would like to start by congratulating Just Blinds who won Norton Canes' 'Best independent business' at the end of last year.

The 'Best of Cannock Chase' is an annual competition which I run to find your favourite independent high street businesses.

Well done to Just Blinds on defending their title and thank you to everyone who voted in the competition.

The 2023 competition will return later this year.

This year is already turning out to be busy. It's been great to be in the House of Commons chamber flying the flag for Cannock Chase and raising important local matters with ministers - from improving our healthcare services to ongoing issues with train services.

I was particularly pleased to welcome the news that the Government has again committed millions of pounds of investment in Cannock Chase.

Following the £20m allocated to regenerate Cannock town centre in the first round of the Levelling Up Fund, Staffordshire County Council has secured investment from the Government in the second round too.

The government has awarded Staffordshire £20m for a number of local transport projects - some of which will benefit us here in Cannock Chase. This is a very welcome announcement and demonstrates this Government's commitment to levelling up.

I'm personally thrilled to see Cannock Chase benefiting from this investment.

As ever, if there is anything you need my help with or you want to raise an issue with me, please do get in touch by phone on 01543 877142, via email at amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk or in writing to 11a Market Street, Hednesford, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS12 1AY.

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Norton Canes Library: Something for Everyone



Groups using the library weekly are:

Monday: Little Chicks,10.30am-11.45am (parent and toddler group for children aged six months to five years).

Tuesday: Craft Group, 10am-12 noon.

Wednesday: Rhythm Time, 9.30am for babies, 10.30am toddlers. (Details at www.nortoncanescommunitylibrary.co.uk or pop in during normal opening hours and ask volunteers for details).

Thursday: Card Craft,10am-12 noon.

Friday: Let's Get Together Craft Group,10am-12 noon.
'Open Arms' (pop in if you fancy a bit of a natter and tea or coffee). All welcome, 11am-1pm.
Knit & Knatter,1pm-4pm.

Saturday: In these difficult times a warm welcome awaits you at our Burntwood Road library. Why not join us for a free cup of tea/coffee toast, biscuits and a natter, 10am-12.30?
There will be local councillors there to give advice and answer questions you have about our village.
Story time (20 minutes) for two to five-year-olds from 10.40am.



Councillor Will Bird
Library coordinator

Groups using the centre monthly::

1st Wednesday: League of Ladies, 7pm-9pm.

2nd Tuesday: Norton Canes History Group, 7pm-9pm.

I've been learning meditation.
It's better than sitting around doing nothing.



Library Success Story

Norton Canes Library is fast becoming a community hub with extended opening hours and numerous activities.

Thanks to volunteers, from February 23 opening hours include Thursday afternoon.

The new extending opening hours are : Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-5pm; Tuesdays and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

(Wednesday open for Rhythm Time baby/toddler sessions only); Sunday closed.

Library co-ordinator/parish councillor Will Bird said: “All volunteers at the library are pleased it is being used a lot more for all sorts of activities and meetings.

“We are delighted to increase opening hours again to continue providing a service at this central hub for the local community.

“Thank you to all the volunteers who are prepared to give up their time. It is down to their efforts and community spirit that we are able to keep this valuable village community resource going.”

Home Reading Service

Norton Canes Community Library offers a free home reading service for the elderly, vulnerable and less mobile members.

The service, run by volunteers, is available to residents who are perhaps homebound or unable to visit the library due to mobility issues.



Volunteers work on a particular set day (decided by the library) on a fortnightly basis during daytime only. No timed service can be offered.

The delivery/collection service is not generally available to all library members and is offered at the discretion of the library. Users must meet certain criteria.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this service, ring the library on 01543 279592 for more details.

Did you know Jan your editor is a published author?
Her books are in the Library just ask for books by Janet Lee.
I have read them and can confirm that they are a fun, thought provoking read.
Sheila (Sub editor)

Oh Deer

How lucky are we?

Look at this magnificent stag strolling through Norton Grange!

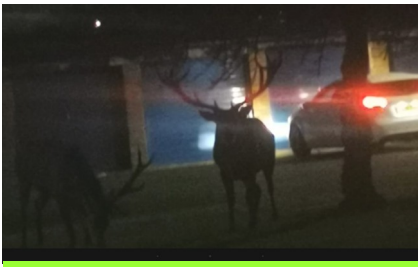
A local resident peered out of the window – and there it was in broad daylight at about 10am.

And that is not the only road in Norton Canes where residents have recently been treated to the site of deer ambling around.

A friend of local resident Ron Dadge took a photo of a stag grazing in a small glade between Breeze Avenue and Hope Drive at 8pm at night. There were three other stags in close proximity.



Strolling through Norton Grange

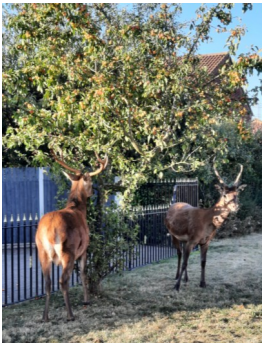


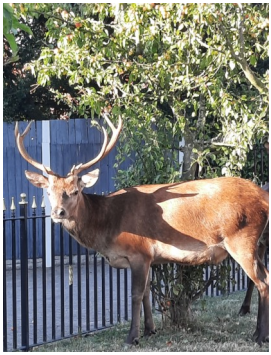
Evening stroll in Breeze Avenue

Local resident Will Bird also sent us these gorgeous pictures of deer at the bottom of Beaumont Way in the village.

"They regularly come over for windfall apples from two trees," Will said. "I have seen a stag on his hind legs reaching further up for the apples still on the branches."

If you manage to capture one of the beautiful creatures on camera in or near our village please send us your pictures to cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk







Apple scrumping in Beaumont Way

Celebrate the Brigade's 40th Anniversary

Norton Canes Girls Brigade is looking to welcome girls over the age of four.

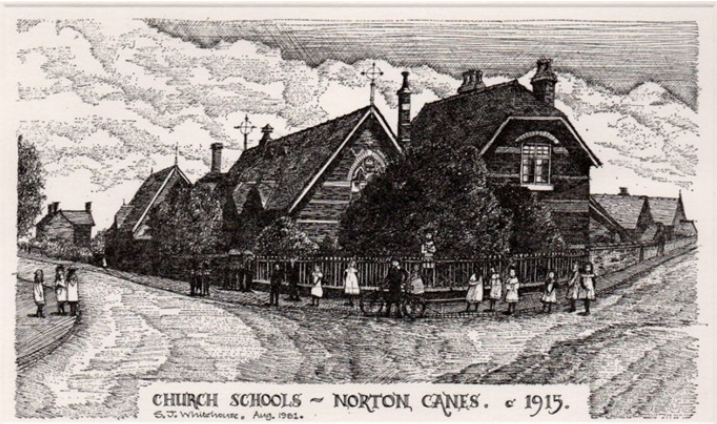
A Brigade spokesperson said: "The company celebrates 40 years in Norton Canes this year and we would love more girls to join us."

Members meet at Trinity Bourne Methodist Church, Poplar Street, on Thursdays during term time.



Girls aged four to 10 meet from 6pm-7pm; girls aged 11 plus meet from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Blast from the Past



Enjoy this beautiful artwork by former Norton Canes resident Sam Whitehouse.

The drawing and information relate to the site at the junction of Norton Green Lane/ Church Road where the old Church Hall was replaced by a block of flats.

*Do you have any historic photos or information about the village you would like us to use? If so, send details to the editor at cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk or drop a letter into the parish office at the rear of the Co-op.

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Your Parish Church St James the Great, Norton Canes



Weekly services
Sundays: Mass at 10.30am. All welcome.
Tea, coffee and cake afterwards.
Wednesdays: Mass at 10.30am.

Other services as announced.

Lent and Easter
Stations of the Cross: every Friday in Lent from February 24, 7pm (hot cross buns and drinks after) – a time to pause and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice to save us all.

Palm Sunday April 2: Mass at 10.30am.

Maundy Thursday April 6: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm.

Good Friday April 7: Liturgy of the Passion, 7pm.

Holy Saturday April 8: Easter Vigil, 7pm.

Easter Sunday April 9: Mass, 10.30am; Easter egg hunt, 12.30pm. Children's liturgy, crafts, light refreshments.



Many thanks to all who enjoyed our wreath-making and children's Christmas crafts sessions. See the wonderful pictures at www.facebook.com/stjamesnortoncanes

We will have further events for adults and children in future.

For those with questions about what it all means, we will be running the Alpha Course soon. Please email for further details.

To register your interest/for more information email stjameschurchevents@gmail.com

Whether you are old or young, new to the area or a long-time resident wishing to rekindle your faith, we look forward to welcoming you.

We wish you a very happy and holy Easter.



Father Neil Hibbins



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My hobby is repairing/re-building/restoring vintage record players to full working condition.

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For details contact Will on 07400 932929

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Good Health

Invitation from Norton Canes Practice – Dr Chandra

Nurses at the Brownhills Road practice are inviting patients with a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart disease or asthma to book an appointment for a check up around the time of your birthday.

Check-ups will take place with a nurse.

Patients are also asked to check that the doctors' surgery has their up to date address and phone details.

A Warm Invite



Rev Chris Ambler

Trinity Bourne Methodist Church offers a warm welcome.

Sunday worship takes place at 11am.

The church is in Poplar Street, Norton Canes.

The minister is the Reverend Chris Ambler who can be contacted on 01543 876610.

Senior steward is Ian (01543 276695).

For more details about the church's social events, see *Norton Canes Methodist Church on Facebook.*

Silver Sneakers Limber Up

Norton Canes Silver Sneakers exercise class has welcomed new members – but there is still room for more.



Members meet every Thursday – and now the weather is getting warmer they will stay behind after class to enjoy a coffee/tea break.

Member Pamela Louies stressed the importance of staying mobile and active.

The class meets at Trinity Bourne Methodist Church, Poplar Street, from 12.30pm-1.30pm.

For more details ring Pam on 01543 899367 or Jan 01543 495796.

Can you Help?

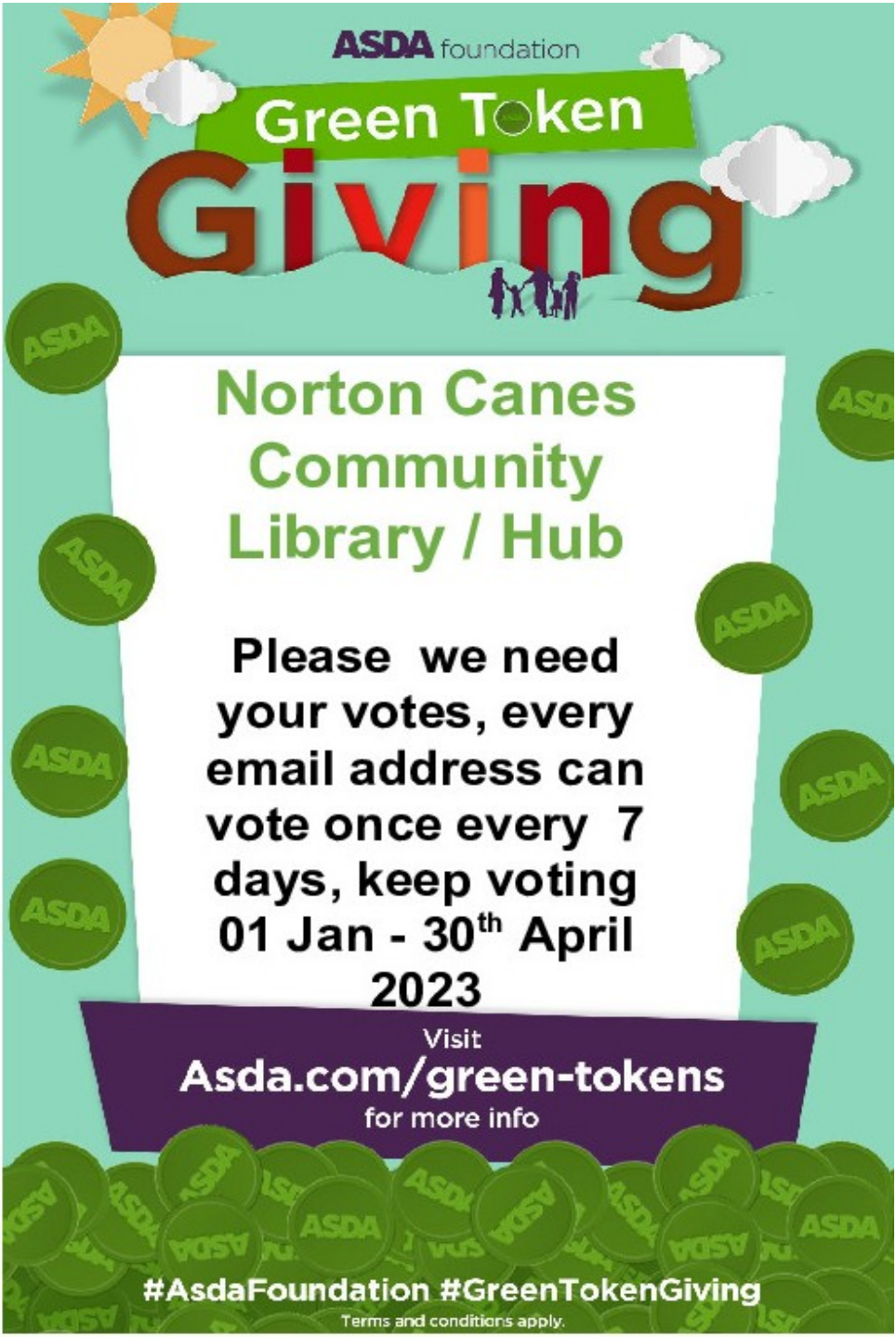
As you can see in this newsletter there are many celebratory events due to take place in the village this year.

Would you like to help?

Norton Canes Parish Council is appealing for volunteers to help man the events.

Anyone over 18 years is invited to come forward.

For more details email the parish council clerk at clerk@nortoncanesparishcouncil.gov.uk


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Neighbourhood Plan Update

As mentioned in our Neighbourhood Plan article in the December Newsletter, the Steering Group has now met to consider how to take the Plan forward.

Members looked at what you said when we consulted you on our first ideas about what might be included in the Plan (there was a summary in the September Newsletter).

We will put the results on the website and let you know when this is done so you can see what your community said and make more comments if you want.

Thank you to all those who took the time to get involved in the surveys and make comments.

We will be pressing on with the next draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, taking account of what local people have said to us through the consultations.



We aim to have the next draft of the Plan in the spring and will be asking for your comments again.

Keep a lookout for public notices and information relating to events on the draft Plan and please take part.

Our Plan for the parish has to fit with the district council's planning strategy for Cannock Chase in their new Local Plan.

We have been waiting for the next version of that plan to be published since last Autumn.

We can move forward once we have more details from the district council.

The Neighbourhood Plan belongs to the local community. Please get involved with consultations and help shape the village for the future.

For more information ring the parish clerk on 01543 276812 or email clerk@nortoncanesparishcouncil.gov.uk

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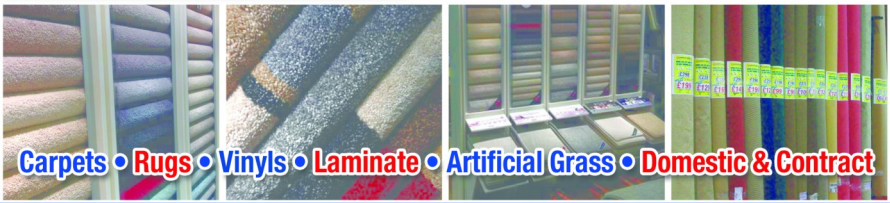
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The vinyl selection is endless at prices to suit everyone. In the store they stock remnants of all sizes: **2,3** and **4** metre widths with discounts of up to **75% off** normal cut length prices. Any time of the day, every day you can go to **Carpets Direct 2U** and buy a cut-price piece of vinyl, 2m x 2m for **£25**.

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.

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"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.**

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By signing up to Staffordshire Smart Alert, you'll receive localised messages from your local officers about engagement events, appeals, crime, prevention advice and general policing activity. You can also be kept informed about what your local policing team is up to, including public events and meetings they are attending within your community. This messaging system allows you to reply and feed back information to your local policing teams to help look after your neighbourhood.
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Signing up to Staffordshire Smart Alert is free, quick and simple. You'll be given the option of what you want to receive alerts about, and how often. You can opt to receive alerts via email, text message, voice message or on your smart phone via the Smart Alert app.
It's simple to use and you'll only receive alerts local to your area and chosen interest.

You can change your preferences or stop receiving messages at any time.

What sort of alerts will I receive?
The types of messages you receive depends on the interests you select.

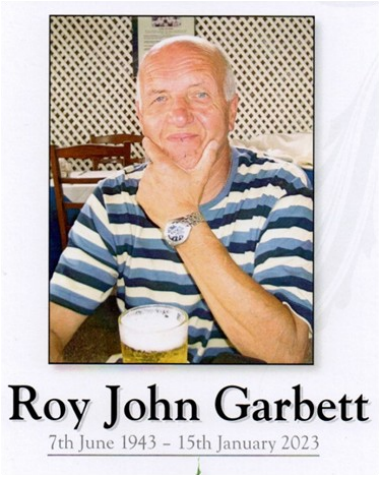
For example, if you choose 'Rural Watch' as a topic of interest, we'll send you information relevant to rural policing and incidents. You can pick multiple areas of interest, such as business, community messaging and more.

Alerts are posted directly by Staffordshire Police to keep you informed about what is happening in your area, helping us to work together to make Staffordshire safer.

Please note: *This community messaging platform is not for reporting crime or incidents. Report these online here, call 101 or direct message Staffordshire Police via Facebook or Twitter. In the case of an emergency, always call 999.*

Norton Canes Historical Society

We are sad to announce the passing of Roy Garbett a society committee member and late husband of Maureen Garbett secretary to the society. A service in celebration of Roy's life was held at Cannock Chase Crematorium on February 10.



There has been no meeting of the group in January or February but it is hoped to hold an informal meeting on the second Tuesday in March.

This informal evening gives everyone a chance to ask about/discuss Norton Canes historical issues such as mining, old shops, street names etc.

You are welcome to join us and let us know what speakers you would like for future meetings.

Admission is free. Doors open at 7pm. The event ends at 9pm.

The society meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road.

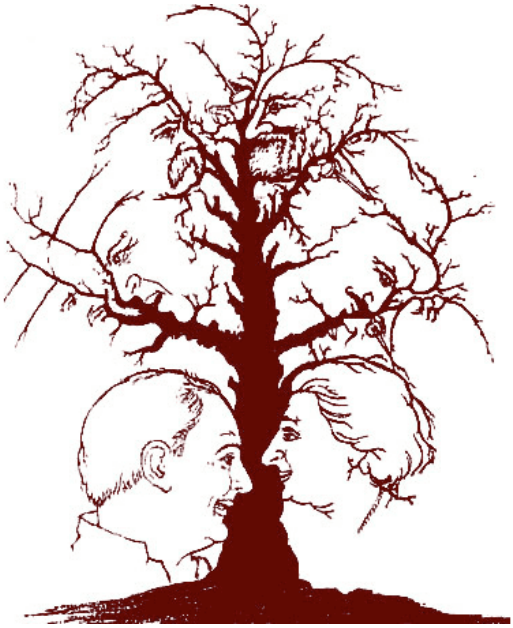
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Follow on Facebook - Norton Canes Parish Council

The Mind Boggles

When is a tree not a tree?

When it's full of faces.

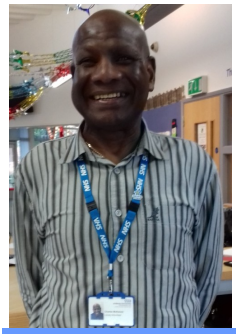
How many faces can you see in this tree picture (sent to us by local resident Ron Dadge)?



Well Done Charles!

Charles is a volunteer at the Library and he has just reached his first 'Mile stone'

You have to complete 50 5k runs to qualify for a Milestone award.



Charles McKenzie
Library Volunteer

He joins the walkers, joggers and runners at Chasewater and on Cannock Chase.



Enquire at the Library for details

Norton Canes Flower Club

The days are getting longer, snowdrops are out in the garden and Spring is just around the corner.



We are looking forward to flower club meetings in 2023.

Last November members had a Christmas workshop - making an advent or welcome ring and Christmas table decorations. It was a really good meeting.
In December we had afternoon tea for our Christmas celebration.

This was a lovely afternoon with a delicious tea followed by a Christmas quiz - the winners receiving chocolates for their efforts.



January 18 was the start of the new programme. It was a workshop which included using fabric flowers and was greatly enjoyed by members.

On February 15 members enjoyed a demonstration entitled ‘Serendipity’ by Jo Davis.

The 2023 programme continues with a variety of topics:

March 15: Easter workshop.

April 19: outing to Middleton Hall. (Members looking forward to this).

May 17: talk, courtesy of Hillview Hardy Plants.

June 21: demonstration by Elaine Stoner entitled ‘Bee Kind to the Planet’ - an intriguing title and learning experience for members.

July 19: a practical to create an arrangement inspired by Elaine.
There will be no meeting at the Chapel in August. Instead, members will be going on an outing to Ashwood Nursery on August 16. More details will be given at meetings.

September 20: practical afternoon (details later).

Monthly meeting are held at Trinity Bourne Methodist Church, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, on the third Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm unless otherwise stated.

We look forward to seeing you. New members and visitors are most welcome.
For more details, ring 01543 277492 or 01543 278370.

Norton Canes Community Centre



05th March 2023 - Table top Sale - Bookings for stall holders now being taken

29th April 2023 - A night at the dogs Bookings now being taken

30 Sept 2023 - Cabaret night with Black Country Duo Dandy plus other acts Booking to open closer to date

19th November 2023 - Craft Fayre - Booking for stall holders now being taken

Keep checking back for more details including booking information

More Events to be announced soon!!!!!!

Find us on Facebook
Norton Canes Community Centre

Keep An Eye on the Notice Boards

Notice boards outside the village Co-op and on The Bridge crossroads contain information which is updated regularly on parish matters - including dates and times of parish council meetings.

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

You can also find information on the parish council website www.nortoncanesparishcouncil.gov.uk and on our Facebook page.

To avoid disappointment items for the September newsletter must be sent to Jan by the first week in August 2023
email: cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk

Invitation to Join RVS Darby & Joan Club

Come and join us.

We are a friendly social group which meets at Norton Canes Community Centre on

Wednesdays, 1.30pm-3.30pm.

We have lots of planned activities taking place this year including in-house entertainment such as a visit by the 'Wild Actors' group in March (who are bringing in a selection of animals).

In May we will have a floristry demonstration, cards for sale, board games and a singer with a medley of songs for a sing-a-long. Easter will be celebrated with hot cross buns and an Easter bonnet competition.

We are also having days out to garden centres, shopping centres, the seaside and an afternoon tea at Catherine Care.



Our afternoons include a game of bingo (three strips for £1), cup of tea and a biscuit and a free raffle.

Members pay weekly subs of £2.

Our age range is 55+. New members will be made most welcome. If you need transport from your house (local area) this can be arranged via the Community Minibus.

For more details ring Karen Ball on 01543 897996 or 07977 995408.

Elections 2023: Get Involved?

Local elections will be taking place this year.

Do you have an interest in local politics or feel you can make a difference to where you live?

This year, elections will take place for Norton Canes Parish Council. For more information on local elections visit Cannock Chase Council's website.

A warm welcome awaits you at The Lido



WE ARE HERE
School Road
Norton Canes



A welcoming club with a lounge, games room, family garden area and a large function room you can hire.

The games room has a pool table, dart boards and juke box.

The club has Live Sports TV and affordable variety of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.

We have free entertainment every 2nd Friday of the month followed by a game of ‘Play Your Cards Right’ with cash prizes.

There is monthly Saturday night live entertainment.

Details can be found on the club notice boards, and at www.lidowmc.wixsite.com or our Face book page Lido WMC



It was good to see new faces at our Wednesday Warm Spaces evenings in February. Our way of giving back to the community.

Jenny and Terry's Dances

Norton Canes Community Centre
Brownhills Road
WS11 9SF

1st and 3rd Saturday each month
Terry and Jenny's Social Dances
Dancing to *Jenny's Music*
8pm-11pm, £5 pay on the door.
(No Dance Saturday May 6, 2023)

1st Tuesday in the month Charity 'Light Bite' Lunch Social,
Fun Bingo, Dance a bit - Talk a lot. 1.30pm-4pm,
£8.50 includes food.
Bring your own drink. A Lovely Afternoon

2nd, 3rd and 4th (5th) Tuesdays Social afternoon.
Dancing to *Jenny's Music*
Bring your own food and drink and enjoy a chat and a 'tipple' 1.30pm-4pm, £4 on the door

Special Charity Party Afternoon Tuesday May 2, 2023
Our early celebration for the Coronation
Tickets £8.50 includes food
With Great Guest Singers - All welcome to come and enjoy

Book your tickets early from Jenny 01922 415232 to avoid disappointment

What's On At Norton Canes Community Centre

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	10am to 12 noon	Well Being in Mind	07563 516 121
	10.30am to 3.30pm	X'Aquarians Line Dance	07459 473 519
	4.15pm to 6.15pm	L'Rythmix Dance Class	07821 774 456
	7pm to 9pm	Simple Crafting	07570 452 948
	7pm	Kano Judo Club	07549 108 829
Tuesday	9.30am to 3.30pm	Little Group of Sewers	07958 484 271
	11am to 12noon	Tai Chi	07724183091
	1.30pm to 4pm	Jenny's Social Dance	01543 415 232
	4.45pm to 6.15pm	Rainbows and Brownies	07711 822 291
	7pm to 8pm	Poundshedders	01543 278 534
	7pm to 9pm	Indoor Bowling	07716 356 907
Wednesday	11am to 1pm	Norton Canes Craft Group	07968 291 694
	1.30pm to 3.30pm	RVS/Darby and Joan	01543 279 751
	1.30pm to 3pm	Living springs community church bible study group	07593 850 112
	5.45pm to 6.45pm	Zumba	07894 947 334
	7pm to 10pm	X'Aquarians line dance	07459 473 519
Thursday	9am to 4pm	Crafty Sew and Sews	07412191439
	10am to 12noon	Crafty Card	07845 678 003
	7pm to 9pm	Sugar Craft	07792 549 307
	8pm to 10pm	Cannock Photography Society	Cannockps.co.uk
Friday	10am to 12noon	Tot's O'Clock	Janiv18@yahoo.co.uk
	1.30pm to 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Dance	07716 356 907
	5.30pm	X'Aquarians line dance	07459 473 519
Saturday	10.30am to 1pm	L'Rythmix dance class	07821 774 456
	8pm until late	1st and 3rd Saturday each month - Jenny's dance	07980 327 325
	8pm to midnight	2nd and 4th Saturday each month - Nev's Line Dance	
Sunday	9.30am - 10.30am	Weight Loss and Being Group	07742 336 815

KANO JUDO CLUB

Norton Canes Staffs

Kano Judo Club is a friendly, family orientated club which caters for all ages from five years old to adults of any age.

We run sessions at Norton Canes Community Centre on Mondays, 7pm, for younger children and 8pm for older children and adults.

We charge £3 per session with discounts for family members.

All our coaches are qualified instructors with the relevant insurance and are DBS checked.

We are a totally not for profit organisation and none of our instructors or other officers receive any payment or help with any expenses they incur as part of the club.

If you, or someone you know, would like more information about what we do or think you would like to give judo a try then come along on a Monday evening.

If you are under 18 please bring a responsible adult along with you.

For more details ring 07549 108 829.



Message from County Councillor Samantha Thompson

If residents would like to report any potholes, please report them via the mystaffs app or Staffordshire County Council website in the first instance.

Residents can email me with any other concerns on samantha.thompson@staffordshire.gov.uk or ring 07817 265 435.

**The app can be downloaded free on IOS and Android devices and from the App Store or Google Play.*



Councillor Samantha Thompson



Well, the impact of rising inflation has started to affect the local economy. The firm my friend works for, which manufactures dog kennels.....
Has had to call in the retrievers.



Terrible jokes in this newsletter courtesy of parish councillor John Bernard.

NORTON CANES PARISH COUNCIL 2022 ~ 2023

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Parish Clerk: Ginetta Adams

Parish Council Office: 01543 276812
Between 10am-2pm Monday to Thursday
If the office is unattended please leave a message and someone will get back to you.
https://nortoncanesparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Norton Canes Parish Council follow us on Facebook

Useful Contacts for District, County and Other Matters

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

The district councillors are:

Cllr Josh Newbury	07884 111382
Cllr John Preece	01543 270789
Cllr Mike Hoare	01543 279989

County councillor: Cllr Samantha Louise Thompson 07817 265 438
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Party in the Park

Join in a grand celebration to mark 75 years of the National Health Service.

Norton Canes will be hosting a special event - a fun Party in the Park on Saturday July 8.

Make a diary date for the event, which will be held at Norton Canes Community Centre.

The event is being organised by Norton Canes Parish Council and party preparations are well underway.

The afternoon will start with fun and games for the younger generation, followed by live music – all free of charge.



Kids will love this year's new attraction: The Chase Play Bus.

Parish council clerk Ginetta Adams said: "Councillors are keen to build on the success from previous years by bringing more activities and entertainment to this event. We look forward to seeing you there."



Watch bands on the new stage.

This year there will be two new attractions: a new stage and the Chase Play Bus for kids.

**This party is in the early stages of preparation - so keep your eyes open for flyers and banners or follow Norton Canes Parish Council on Facebook for updates.*