

## Spring Planting

At this time last year the village open day was taking place. It was unfortunate that there was little evidence of the spring flowers that had adorned the village earlier in the year. This year, the daffodils have delayed their show and are only just reaching their best. More care is required by the grass cutters as they are presented with clumps of blooms around the verges. The blossom on the trees make for a welcome sight after a long winter. How varied our British weather?

Councillors were around the village in March planting snowdrops to add to our display next spring.

## Speedy Response – Update

The action group have had meetings with both Northamptonshire Highways department and the local PCSO. They have discussed the problems associated with parking and speeding in the village. A more detailed report will be in the next newsletter.

## Village Fun Day

This year the NVCA are organising a Village Fun Day on the afternoon of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. There will be stalls including books, tombola etc. Village ladies will be serving tea and cake. There will also be lots of games and challenges for the children culminating in the legendary adult tug of war. Medals will be presented after the auction at the White Horse Inn. Look out for members of the NVCA who will visit your door to ask for donations of goods and your time. A flyer will be circulated with more details closer to the date. Enjoy the day!

## Our Parish Council

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## P.C. Meeting Dates 2013

Annual Parish Meeting – May 7<sup>th</sup>  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 18<sup>th</sup>

All meetings commence at 7.30pm in  
Norton Village Hall – All welcome

## Norton Village Community Association

Roger Saunders 01327 879204  
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## Any news?

Is there any news you'd like to see included in the next issue please send a word document by email: [nortonvillagenews@btinternet.com](mailto:nortonvillagenews@btinternet.com) Or write to any of the Parish Councillors.

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# NORTON NEWS

May 2013



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## Parish Precept

When your Council Tax Bill hit the mat you may have been surprised to find that the Norton Parish portion of the bill had risen by 5%. The amount claimed by NPC from DDC remained the same as the previous 5 years. The reason for the increase? There are less residents to qualify for the full rate.

## Jackson Grundy

### Community Support Initiative

If you are considering leaving this beautiful village and have a house to sell you may be interested to know that Jackson Grundy are launching a new scheme to support village life. This estate agent is operating the Community Support Initiative where a percentage of the fee charged to the home owner is donated to a nominated organisation within the village. The home owner will be asked to choose from one of three organisations based in the village. This is a new venture for Norton and details are being finalised. If you are about to approach an estate agent please consider Jackson Grundy and mention this scheme. Thank you.

### Interested in Village Life?

A vacancy has arisen for a Councillor to represent Norton Parish. If interested please contact any of the Councillors listed under 'Contacts' on the back page.

### Village Hall for Hire

Having a Party and no room at home?  
Please contact Roger Saunders 01327 879204

### Parish Meeting

The annual Parish Meeting takes place on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is NOT a Council meeting, but for all to come along and air any views about the Parish that concern you.

## High Teas go on sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, scones and jam to the afternoon but especially those who gave of their time to either serve or eat a delicious tea. If you would like to help in the future please contact Kim Russell. More dates for the diary are Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30pm- 5.30pm. (We particularly need help for June 30<sup>th</sup>)

### Part-time help required

Would you have a few hours a week spare to clean for a couple in the village of Norton. A paid position for anyone interested. Please telephone 01327 871290

### Village Website [www.nortonvillage.org](http://www.nortonvillage.org)

The website is of interest internationally. Did you know last week the village website received 34 hits with visitors from UK, USA, Canada, France, Netherlands and Russia? Information is constantly being added to the website. Why not visit [www.nortonvillage.org](http://www.nortonvillage.org)? Do you have a business in the village? If you wish to include an advert on the website there is no charge.

Please contact [kimrussell@btopenworld.com](mailto:kimrussell@btopenworld.com) or 01327 312036

### Jacks Patch

Several parishioners have commented on the animal excrement found in the play area at Jacks Patch. This is believed to be deposited by cats. If you are the owner of a cat in the area please consider any options that may be possible to prevent this.

### Protect your pets!

NPC were recently contacted by a villager whose pet chicken met an unfortunate end by a fox, who had entered the garden. It may be wise to take preventative measures to protect your animals.

## Dates for Your Diary

**May 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>– High Tea in the Village Hall**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup> Village Fun Day - more details to follow**

## Neighbourhood Watch

To keep regularly updated with what's happening in this area by receiving emails directed from your local PCSO and Regional Police, send an email to:-  
[andree@gemacq.co.uk](mailto:andree@gemacq.co.uk)

## Norton Charity

Secretary Jean Thompson 01327 702877

## Church Services at All Saints

May Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> May 10am Benefice service, 12<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am Worship for all, 19<sup>th</sup> May Messy Church in the Village Hall, 26<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Evening Communion. . More dates available on the website [www.nortonvillage.org](http://www.nortonvillage.org)

## Coffee & Chat

Every second Thursday morning in the month the Village Hall Doors are open to meet with friends and have a chat. A cuppa with biscuits is £1. So come and join us between 10.30am – 12.30pm. Next date May 9<sup>th</sup>. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Mums and Tots

Every Friday morning in the Village Hall. 10.30-1pm  
Come and join us for fun and play. All welcome.

## Allotments

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