

Norton and Lenchwick Parish Magazine



Competition Time!

At the last Parish Council meeting, it was voted to give the bus shelter near Kings Lane a much needed refurbish. Not only is it time for the red handprints to be painted over but we also wanted the next paint job to be something different! We are opening up a competition for artwork or design ideas for the interior of the bus shelter. The winner will get to see their designs immortalised in the bus shelter by a professional artist. There are also gift voucher prizes for the winners of each category kindly donated by The Valley, (Evesham Country Park).

The Competition is in three categories, which are:
Younger children up to 8 years old, with a prize of a £25 Works Voucher; Older children up to 16 years old, with a Prize of a £50 Mountain Warehouse voucher. Adults with a Prize of a £100 Evesham Garden centre voucher.



Entries can be submitted via email, Norton and Lenchwick Facebook page or hard copy sent to the clerk's address. (See back page of newsletter for contact details.) Please make sure you put your name, age and address on entries. Any entries without these details will not be accepted. Competition is only open to residents of The Parish of Norton and Lenchwick.

The Competition, will close on the 31st December 2015 with finalist to be picked at Januarys Parish Council meeting.

Any inquires, please contact clerk at scope.nortonlenchwick@hotmail.co.uk



Repairs and Renewals



The council has replaced the bench outside St Egwins Church after the old one was removed as it had become unsafe. The new bench is made from recycled plastic and resin and should not rot or need to be refurbished.

We purchased the bench from a company employing long-term unemployed, disabled, disadvantaged, army veterans, ex-offenders, parents and carers and those who for whatever reason - just haven't had their fair share of breaks in life.



The Lengthsman is in the process sanding and staining the benches in the park as well as repainting the frames with a rust proof paint. This is taking longer than expected due to the wet weather. If you notice benches disappearing and reappearing again it is due to the Lengthsman working hard and not fairies or goblins!

St Egwin's Church

The Parish church of St Egwin remains as always a focal part of the community and despite being battered by the weather and being eaten by Death Watch Beetles is responding well to much TLC kindly provided by members of the community. Our heartfelt thanks as always go out to everybody who has come forward to offer their services to help maintain and preserve this wonderful building.

I am preserving the anonymity of all those concerned but already the impact can be seen with the exterior and interior treatment given to the ancient oak doors which no longer get stuck due to swollen wood and uneven floors. The tool shed has reappeared from behind overhanging brambles and the view of the church from the road now restored following the trimming of boundary hedges. The wooden notice board is also due to be restored following years of decay and the gardens along the north wall and around the Lychgate have also received patient and much needed attention. As well as practical help we have also received donations to put towards the restoration fund. We cannot thank you all enough. Of course we have a long way to go to raise the £100,000 needed but we remain optimistic and hope that by providing evidence of the desire and practical/financial support from the local community we will eventually be successful in obtaining a match funded grant to reach our target.

We are now opening the church for teas, coffees and cake on the third Saturday of each month between 10.00am and 12.30pm. This gives everyone a regular opportunity to have a look around the church outside of worship hours and see for yourselves the work that is being carried out and the level of repairs that are outstanding. If anybody feels that they would like to become part of the community support team please contact myself or Caroline the Churchwarden, on



01386 870068. We are also looking for support for our volunteer cleaning team so if you could spare an hour or two every couple of months we would love to hear from you.

There are a number of special Services approaching following our Harvest Festival in early October. At 3.00pm on Sunday 1st November we will be holding the annual All Souls Service where those near and dear to us who have passed away will be remembered. The names of those whose funerals or memorials have been held at St Egwins or All Saints, Evesham within the last twelve months will be read out during the Service. Everybody is welcome to attend and if you also wish to have the names of any loved ones read out and are able to attend please let us know. This includes those who have passed away many years ago whether their funerals were held at St Egwin's or not.

The following week on Sunday 8th November the annual Remembrance Sunday Service will take place commencing at 10.00am. Wreaths will be laid near the Lychgate followed by a minutes silence at 11.00am after which The Last Post will sound. All are welcome to attend the Service and or the wreath laying as we maintain this annual tradition for Norton and Lenchwick. If you wish to attend the wreath laying ceremony only, please be at the church car park by 10.50am.

Finally look out on the village notice boards for information about the Christmas Fayre during late November early December.

Best wishes to all

Andy Green
Authorised Lay Minister

Parish Notice Board



Worcestershire County Council "Report It" System

Worcestershire County Council has a new system for reporting overgrown hedges, pot holes and other repairs that are needed to the county's roads and paths.

With the Winter months coming, if there are new pot holes, empty grit bins and broken street lights, please report it on the new system.

Having used the system, I found it is very easy to use and you will be sent email updates about the problem reported.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it



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Partners and Communities Together

The Parish council has taken full ownership of the VAS (vehicle activated sign) machine. So you will be seeing it around the village a little more often.

The Parish Hall Retirement

The Norton & Lenchwick Parish Hall Trustees recently awarded John Smith the title of Custodian Emeritus of the Parish Hall to honour his long and faithful service from 2004 to 2015, as a committee member, trustee and Hon. Treasurer. John retired as Trustee of the Hall this past August.

We wish John well in his retirement and expect we will see him about attending hall functions and church events.

The Parish is looking for a Public Footpath Warden. The Parish Paths Warden role is a voluntary position, working with the Countryside Service to help maintain, improve and promote Worcestershire's public rights of way network, using their local knowledge.

Parish Paths Wardens are Parish based and are nominated by the Parish Council and appointed by Worcestershire County Council following an informal interview with the Countryside Access Maintenance and Improvement Officer.

Parish Paths Wardens are expected to survey all the paths within their Parish on a yearly basis, way-mark routes, carry out minor vegetation clearance, assist the Parish with applying for grants for annual clearance as well as act as a local contact.

Parish Paths Wardens would receive training in all aspects of their work and receive advice and support from their Countryside Access Maintenance and Improvement Officer.

If you love to walk, enjoy the out of doors and would like to help maintain our Parish footpaths, contact us via our Clerk and we can give you more details.



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