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COMMUNITY NEWS

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FROM THE CHAIR

I think we're going to have that long, hot summer that we've been promised for so long but Wimbledon is coming up, so it usually rains then!

Bassetlaw District Council have taken over the emptying of the bins in Cuckney, Their team has always previously emptied the bins in Norton and Holbeck. I would like to thank Cllr. Conor Marples for locating every bin in the village and assigning it a 'what 3 words' location in order to assist the team from BDC. The Parish Council is aware that some bins are being missed and have made BDC aware of this, so hopefully this should all settle down soon.

I'm sorry to say that there has been further vandalism to the fencing near the river on the playing field. Several of the posts have been kicked and are now like 'wobbly teeth'. We hope to get these reset and the fence repaired at the earliest opportunity. We also aim to give a facelift to the community garden in Cuckney as it is looking rather overgrown.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed articles this month regarding the VE Day Commemoration on the 8th May. It was a memorable and a very busy day and the flowers festivals at St Winifred's and St Mary's were wonderful community events.

May I also bring your attention to Lee-Ann Morton's update on the progress with Steve Pemberton's memorial bench on Page 5. Additionally, there is news of a selection of new exercise classes coming to Norton and Cuckney Village Hall. Details of these can be found on Page

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BROADBAND SURVEY UPDATE

The parish council recently undertook a survey about broadband connectivity in the Holbeck area. Whilst Norton and Cuckney are served by a part fibre connection from the Warsop Exchange, Holbeck is served by the Creswell Exchange and has historically experienced difficulties due to the remote location of some of the properties.

The survey identified that Holbeck Woodhouse and Holbeck do now have a decent part fibre to cabinet service available through the Openreach Network, through which many mainstream broadband providers can provide speeds of up to 70mbps. However, High Holbeck and some of the outlying farms and properties remain on the copper cables, and speeds are unlikely to go above 7mbps or more. Greater speed packages are available through BT but these are very costly and are not available through other mainstream providers such as Talk Talk, Sky and Utility Warehouse etc.

High Holbeck is mainly served by Sharpe IT Services, a local provider who buy in a service to Lady Margaret Hall and it is then beamed to the various properties via dishes on the old radio mast near the church. Speeds of up to 20mbps are available but users have reported slower speeds at times and have had varying difficulties.

Cllrs Nancy Wright, Gemma Palmer and I met with Darren Cooling, the

Managing Director of Sharpe IT, to discuss the service and future developments. Darren was able to explain to us how the service worked and how the company can speedily deal with any technical issues. They do have a decent relationship with local users and recognise their needs.

There was a recognition that the service has its limitations and delivering broadband services to rural locations was not without challenges. I would like to place on record thanks to Darren for taking the time to meet with us and be open and honest about the logistics of operating the service.

The Council has limited powers other than to act as an advocate for the residents but has agreed that it is our ambition to see equality of broadband services throughout the parish. To that end, the council agrees that the best long-term options for High Holbeck would be an expansion of the part fibre from Holbeck.

The Council will be writing to Openreach to request a meeting and to the MP for Bassetlaw (Jo White), as she has expressed a desire to see rural broadband expanded. We will be liaising with our newly elected County Councillor Kelvin Wright and our current District Councillor Charles Adams as well.

The council will continue to liaise with Sharpe IT regarding the current service and will endeavour to see service levels maintained and sustainable in the immediate future.

Cllr James Palmer

A SEA OF PURPLE

I don't know about you but I have been struck by the sea of purple flowers in the surrounding fields. At first I thought they must be lavender but actually they are phacelia. Never heard of them? They're also called lacy phacelia, blue (or purple) tansy or fiddleneck.



Phacelia is used in agriculture as a cover crop - (crops which are not harvested but increase soil fertility and quality and suppress weeds and pests), a bee plant and as a green manure.



Whatever their practical use, I think we can agree that the fields of purple flowers are utterly lovely at this time of year.

INTRODUCING - YOUR NEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Kelvin Wright commenced medical training in 1987 at Kings College London and then Kings College Hospital. Early on he developed an interest in trauma and spent his elective in Washington DC at MedSTAR – Uniformed Services Trauma Centre.

After completing a surgical training programme (FRCS) he decided that a career in Emergency Medicine facilitated his interest in trauma, critical care and teaching. A decision to extend training and become dual accredited as a Consultant in both EM and Critical Care led to his post as a Consultant at Frimley Park Hospital.

While he was training programme director for Acute Care he decided to join the military and commissioned in 2010, leaving RMA Sandhurst in January 2011 and deploying in October 2011 to Afghanistan and then again in 2012.

He was the Clinical Director of the South West London and Surrey Trauma Network, leading the network for 9 years in the top quarter of major trauma networks in the UK.

He was appointed Commanding Officer 335MER in November 2018 as a Lt Colonel.

The Advanced Staff and Command Course developed an interest in the wider military system and the role of the military in the branding of UK PLC. He was invited to return as a member of the directing staff and it also helped nurture an understanding of staff matters.

He was then appointed as CO 306 Hospital Support Regiment with effect from October 2020 at the rank of full Colonel. He retired in 2023.

After a 15 year career as a consultant in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care at Frimley Park Hospital, he has now moved to Mansfield post COVID. Kelvin is employed as a Specialist and Head of Service in Critical Care at Kingsmill Hospital.

Kelvin became County Councillor for Worksop South in May 2025 and holds the position of Vice-Chair for Adult Social Care in the Cabinet. He is also the Armed Forces Champion, leading a team of veterans.

Kelvin is married to Nancy and enjoys model making, walking and fish keeping both marine and outdoor. The house is also occupied by two rescue cats and a rescued pet royal python.



Summer Fayre at Worksop Library



Mark the start of summer with a community celebration at your local library. Browse goods from local makers, explore what your library has to offer, and enjoy refreshments from The Coffee Terrace.

Saturday 28 June
9:30am - 2:30pm



STEVE PEMBERTON MEMORIAL BENCH

I would first like to thank everyone who has kindly donated towards the bench.

I would like to make you aware that an application has been made to Bassetlaw District Council for permission to install the bench.

However, at the moment there is a long backlog of other applications and it could take several months for the permission to be granted.

Please be assured that as soon as permission is received, the bench will be ordered and installed.

Thank you.

Lee-Ann Morton



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THE HISTORY SOCIETY

At the May meeting a talk entitled 'The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest' was given by Adrian Gray and in June members enjoyed Afternoon Tea at Worksop Golf Club, kindly organised by Tony Cockayne.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th August when Gareth Howell is to give a talk about 'The Fishpool Hoard Ravenshead' at Norton and Cuckney Village Hall, start time 7.30pm with admission fee of £5 to include light refreshments, everyone welcome.

Richard Bower, Treasurer.

A CELEBRATION OF VE DAY 80



The hall set up for a long day of festivities. We wanted to show off the wonderful new village hall heating system but it wasn't needed in the end as the 8th May 2025 was a lovely, bright spring day.

The day started off with a fabulous buffet lunch made by Cathy Brown, Margaret Little and Judy Elliott. Possibly the poshest village hall buffet many of us have enjoyed. And a special shout-out to Sally Ann Parr for that amazing Victoria Sandwich. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped with teas and the washing up. It's much appreciated.



We then watched 'A Royal Night Out' - which turned out to be a sweet and funny film and well worth watching. Thanks once again to 'Cinema for All' for supplying the equipment. Well worth the drive to Sheffield to get it. Thanks are due to all of the Parish Councillors and volunteers who made this event run so smoothly.



A quick turn-around and we were into the evening event organised by the Trustees and friends at Norton and Cuckney Village Hall.



The evening saw a 'themed quiz' which finished with a three-way tie-break. Edge of the seat stuff. The 'Victory' bingo saw our compere, Conor, struggle with - and nearly be beaten by - his bingo machine. I suspect the village hall will be purchasing a new machine at some point....



The end of a lovely day saw the lighting of the new community beacon to the strains of 'I vow to thee, my country'. Thanks to Josef Daves and Joe Brailsford, who between them came up with an asset that can be used by the community for years to come.



ST WINIFRED'S CHURCH, HOLBECK WOODHOUSE - VE DAY 80

A service of commemoration was held celebrating the end of the war in Europe on 8th May 1945 conducted by Rev Nigel Stones.

A special thank you to members of the committee who helped in the preparation of the Church prior to the event and many thanks to those who prepared the fabulous floral tributes adorning the Church.

Members of the congregation and the local community allowed us to display some of their cherished memorabilia of family members engaged in the conflict.

Many thanks to all

Sheila Smith



NORTON AND CUCKNEY VILLAGE HALL

It's been another busy couple of months at Norton and Cuckney Village Hall. Between our regular bookings, there have been fundraising events and refurbishments, to meet our aim of providing a hall fit for use by all the community.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to our VE Day events. The atmosphere in the Hall was brilliant, with £515 being raised for the Royal British Legion from ticket sales and donations. Individual donations and sales from the raffle contributed to the village hall funds for which we are very grateful.

Over the last two months, the hall doors have been renovated and replaced. The old internal doors have been stripped back to their original woodwork, which has given them new life, and everything is being done to make sure all the work is in keeping with the rest of the building. This work has been fully funded by community fundraising and on behalf of the Trustees, I'd like to thank you for your continued support!

The Fashion Show is almost here, so don't forget to buy your tickets before the event on Friday 4th July. This is a joint fundraiser held with St Mary's Church, who's aisle will be turned into a catwalk for our fantastic volunteer models. This will be a fun packed evening, with the opportunity to buy clothes from some of the best fashion

September will soon be here and with it our Plant and Craft Fair at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th. As well as the hand-made and home-grown themed stalls, we will also be providing refreshments. Please come along and support our talented stallholders, as well as relaxing with a tea, coffee and a cake. I look forward to seeing you all at these events over the summer.

I'd also like to give everyone advanced notice that the next quiz night will be in early October. The final preparations are taking place and further update will provide the exact date as soon as possible. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and our Facebook page!

The quiz nights and craft fairs have been popular events, which we could not have put on without your continued support. As always, the Hall is for all of the community, so please contact me or a trustee and share your views.

We're always open to suggestions regarding events and renovations, so please let us know how the Village Hall can continue to reflect the people who it serves.

*Conor Marples
Chair
Norton and Cuckney Village Hall*

NEW! FITNESS CLASSES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

From the beginning for July Positive Progress will be holding group fitness classes at Norton & Cuckney Village Hall.

At Positive Progress, our mission is to empower every individual regardless of age, background, body type, or fitness level to feel strong, supported, and confident in their wellness journey. We believe fitness should be inclusive, uplifting and accessible.

We will be holding the following classes;

Chair Aerobics - Chair aerobics is a functional aerobic workout performed while sitting in a chair or using it for balance. It is designed to be accessible for everyone, helping to increase heart rate, burn calories, and build strength. Chair exercises are particularly beneficial for individuals with limited mobility, as they can improve blood flow, keep joints active, and strengthen muscles.

Our classes will be starting on Wednesdays at 10.30am-11.15am from 2 July

Circuit Training - **Circuit training** involves a series of exercises performed in succession with minimal rest. Each exercise targets a different muscle group, providing a full-body workout that keeps your heart rate up and metabolism revving.

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Our classes will be starting on Wednesdays at 9.45 - 10.30 am from 2 July

Boogie Bounce - Experience fitness like never before with our **Boogie Bounce Fitness Class**—the ultimate fusion of fun, rhythm, and high-energy movement! If you're looking to jazz up your workout routine while getting a full-body workout, this is the class for you!

What is Boogie Bounce?

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POPPY DRIVE UPDATE

We now have a bags of poppies and could do with more. If you have any purple wool, we need more purple poppies to commemorate the animals who served.

Now is the time to think about what displays we are going to create in our villages. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

I am also hoping to get together a group to do some planning. If you'd like to be involved, I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you to everyone who has given up so much time so far to knit, crochet and felt. It is much appreciated and I'm sure that the end result will be worth all that hard work

Cllr Nancy Wright

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CHURCHYARD 100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners in April were
Jo French (no. 15) and Ron Smith
(no. 45)

WELL DONE!

The winners in
May were Jean Poucher (no. 23)
and Andrew Morris (no. 79)

RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual subscriptions of the Churchyard 100 Club become due in July with the first draw of the coming year taking place in August.

Those who are currently members are welcome to renew their membership. This year we are looking to recruit new members which will increase the value of the prizes each month. The scheme helps to pay for the maintenance of the churchyard. A payment of £12 per year for each number held offers members a chance to win one of two prizes per month. Members must be a minimum of 16 years of age. Subscriptions can be handed to Sheila Brailsford and Margaret Rowson. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Cuckney PCC.

VE DAY COMMEMORATION AT ST MARY'S

St Mary's Church was decked with stunning arrangements of red, white and blue flowers - together with Union flags, artifacts, photographs and memorabilia of the time, reminding us of the austerity endured during the war years.

However, the displays also showed how much the celebrations at the end of hostilities was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks go to all who gave their time and energy in displaying the amazing variety of interesting objects which were set off perfectly with a backdrop of colourful flags of many of the countries which helped to achieve peace in Europe.

A special service of morning prayer led by lay reader Lianne Stones was held on Sunday, May 11th as the finale of the week of commemoration.

Special thanks go to all who organised the celebrations in the village hall - making it a very memorable afternoon and evening

Cllr Sheila Brailsford

PARISH DIARY

Wednesday, 2 July 7.00 pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Friday, 4th July 7.00 pm	SOS Fashion Show	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday, 6th July 10.30 am	Holy Communion, Trinity 3	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday, 13th July 10.00 am	Morning Prayer, Trinity 4	St Mary's, Cuckney
Wednesday, 16th July 2.00 pm	The Villagers Group	Cuckney Cricket Club
Sunday, 20 July 10.30 am	Holy Communion, Trinity 5	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday, 20 July 10.30 am	Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer - Trinity 6	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday, 27th July 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Trinity 6	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday, 3 August 10.30 am	Holy Communion, Trinity 7	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday, 10 August 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Trinity 8	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Monday, 11 August 7.30 pm	The History Society	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday, 17th August 10.30 am	Holy Communion, Trinity 9	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday, 17th August 10.30 am	Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer - Trinity 9	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Wednesday, 20th August 2.00 pm	The Villagers Group	Cuckney Cricket Club
Sunday, 24th August 10.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday, 31 August 10.30 am	Joint Benefice Cafe Church	TBA
Wednesday, 3rd September 7.00 pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Saturday, 13th September 10.00 am to 2.00 pm	Homemade and Homegrown Craft and Palnt Sale	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall

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The Officers will patrol areas that receive the most reports via the Bassetlaw website. The more incidents that are reported, the more likely it is that something will be done. The system is simple to use; **bassetlaw.gov.uk/report-a-problem** or call the dog-fouling and fly-tipping reporting line on 01909 533533

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