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**For Norton,
Campsall
and Sutton**

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Here's your
bin, lady,
emptied by my
own two
(straw) hands!

This amazing fellow is
actually, believe it or not,
a scarecrow, built for the
**Norton Annual
Scarecrow Festival** in the
summer!

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the MAGAZINE

This is a true story about a 6 year old girl called Esmae Levitt, who was so devoted to her best friend Erin that when Esmae heard that Erin was very seriously ill and that her parents had appealed to crowd funding to try to find a cure or at least prolong her young life, Esmae, without any prompting from anyone, decided to ride her cycle for an hour each day for a week and hope that people would sponsor her so she could donate the funds to Erin.

Esmae did this for an entire week regardless of the weather and succeeded in raising a total of £2,732.

Esmae certainly qualifies for the **Norton Parish Council Community Award** for people who do things to make our community a good place to live in.

Esmae Levitt



RENEWED HIGHWAY!

The long-anticipated major works on Sutton Rd and High Street, Campsall are finally complete – what a treat – smooth passage along the street! Parish Council persistence pays off.



Let's Play Out



The new play equipment for little people is now fully installed in Campsall Country Park. Funded by Norton Parish Council, this has been a joint venture with the Friends of Campsall Country Park with assistance from DMBC.

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NEWS & EVENTS

FOR ALL THE VILLAGES

Recommended Local Businesses – current arrangements shown in pink boxes

CLOSED at present but after lockdown by appointment only. Please ring 01302 700565 or text : 07540437299 to book an appointment



Barber Hairdresser

East View, Campsall, DN6 9NT

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Gents' cuts, beards and shaves

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Mob: 07802 705240 or 07970 613745



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Whilst village halls are closed during the Covid Pandemic, Group Pilates is available via ZOOM

The on-line sessions take place in the safety and comfort of your own home.

Contact Caroline on 07752 587600 for details of current and future availability or by e-mail ;

[caroline @flexibleexercise.co.uk](mailto:caroline@flexibleexercise.co.uk)

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An epic journey for two local cyclists ...



Bern Jurejko & Gerry Holliday are neighbours in Campsall who in their 60's took up cycling a little more seriously. Over the past 12 years they have cycled regularly together covering over 6,000 miles in and around Yorkshire, Derbyshire and various regions in Spain.

A few years after starting the pair agreed that they wanted a more exciting and adventurous cycling challenge and decided to attempt the world-famous **Camino de Santiago** (Way of Saint James) pilgrimage route. It is the world's third most important Christian pilgrimage destination after Jerusalem and Rome. The route has many starting points in Europe that all end in the city of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia Northwest Spain, where it is believed that the body of the apostle Saint James is buried in the city's cathedral.

They both had different reasons for attempting this challenging pilgrimage. However, the main aim was to complete the journey together and experience views of breathtaking landscapes across southwest France and in Spain, the regions of Navarra, La Rioja, Castille y Leon and Galicia, as well as seeing ancient monuments, villages and cities along the way.

For the successful completion of such a journey, they knew that they would need personal self-belief, curiosity, a wish to learn and the determination to push themselves physically and mentally on a route where "pilgrims" of all types are united by their own journeys.

Bern and Gerry knew that meticulous preparation would be key to their success and so planned every aspect of their Camino which would begin in Biarritz, South West France. This ensured they had a detailed route/itinerary with pre-booked hotel stops that allowed adequate time to cycle achievable distances between overnight stops, rest periods as well as time for sightseeing. All aspects were very important as they had no back up or support vehicles, so their bikes had to carry all personal belongings along with emergency provisions for the trip.

Their journey would take them along a cycling route of some 620 miles (1000 kilometres) and pass through some very mountainous terrain (total elevation climb of 18,500 metres which is the equivalent of cycling up Mount Everest twice!) before arriving in Santiago de Compostela. Due to the severity of the route and the extremely high temperatures of the Spanish summer climate, they planned to complete the route in two stages within a 12-month period.

This is our Camino

After flying into Biarritz and building up our bikes, the first leg of our journey was to cycle to St Jean Pied de Port, a popular start point for many "pilgrims" who have for over 1,200 years passed through to visit the remains of St. James (Santiago, in Spanish).

Here we each bought our Pilgrims Passports (Credencial). This important document officially recorded our journey with Sellos (stamps) gained in the many towns and villages along the Camino and entitled us to spend nights in the pilgrims dormitories and hostels. It also provided proof that we had at least either walked the last 100 kilometres, or cycled the last 200 kilometres of the Camino to enable us to receive our Compostela (certificate) from the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

Our first major challenge on leaving St Jean Pied de Port was to cross over the Pyrenees Mountain range into Northern Spain. After a testing 1400m ascent we were pleased to cycle into the grounds of the awesome historic Monasterial complex in Roncesvalles, Navarra in Spain for a well-deserved rest.

As we left Roncesvalles there was a stark reminder of the size of the task ahead when we passed a road sign showing that it was 790kms to Santiago de Compostela. Road signs were a regular and welcoming sight along the route as we cycled through open countryside, vibrant big cities and countless delightful small towns and villages, all with at least a bar, a shop and historic buildings where we could collect our Sellos.

Our route took us through beautiful countryside, villages, towns and cities, which gave us the opportunity to experience the myths, legends traditions and history of the Way of Saint James. Finding our way was easy as the signed pilgrimage route took us through the historic centres with the clearly marked scallop shell symbols showing us the way.

Entering Pamplona at the time of its annual San Fermin Fiesta was a real highlight. Here, 'running with the bulls' is a spectacle and the town was full to capacity with people celebrating a week of fiestas. The next place of interest after leaving Pamplona was the historic bridge of Puente de la Reina. It is at this point that all of the various Caminos meet and join to form one single Camino into the city of Santiago de Compostela.

Highlights and Reflection.

It is not possible to do justice to all of the sights, experiences and highlights of such an epic journey but here are a few:

- Arrival in Biarritz with trepidation, excitement and anticipation ahead of our first leg to St Jean Pied de Port.
- Experiencing the spectacular and varied landscapes,
- Cycling over three big mountain climbs, the Pyrenees at 1200m, near Manjarin at 1440m and O'Cebreiro at 1300m.
- Drinking at the free wine fountain at Irache Bodega
- Seeing hens in the main church at Santa Domingo de la Calzada
- Visiting cities of Burgos, Leon and seeing the Episcopal Palace in Astoria built by Gaudi
- Stopping at the pilgrims' monument, the Cruz de Ferro near Manjarin, the highest point on the Camino. Then following tradition by leaving our engraved stone to symbolize our journey and taking time to reflect on the pilgrims from all over the world who over many years also left their mementos.
- Meeting many people from all over the world and hearing their individual experiences encountered on their journeys
- Reaching "Monte de Gozo" (the hill of joy) and the delight of our first sighting of the Cathedral of St James, Santiago de Compostela in the distance.
- The excitement and anticipation of arriving at the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela when we cycled into Praza do Obradoiro, the main square.
- Us all shaking hands in celebration of the completion of our Camino adventure.
- Visiting the tomb of St James in the cathedral and receiving our last Sellos.
- Being awarded our Compostela (certificate) endorsing the completion of our quest.

Our initial investment in good preparation and planning enabled us to gain an appreciation of the Camino history, myths and legends.

As a bicycle trip it was a great tour and completing our "pilgrimage" was very rewarding. It was mostly good fun and at times there were moving experiences. It was certainly challenging but such a good way to meet some interesting people and savor the Spanish traditional regional cuisines, excellent wines and culture from the regions we travelled.

Our thoughts are with Lister Wilson who despite having a terminal illness completed the whole Camino with us but then sadly passed away shortly afterwards.





Nancy and Tayla Goodwin (U5s)

Back when things were more normal, the Campsall 4A Trust were organising a Fairy Door Trail and Easter Egg Hunt for the Easter weekend. Lockdown happened and the events were cancelled but that wasn't going to stop our community! A few fairy doors appeared in Campsall Park followed by a few more and suddenly there were hundreds together with tributes to the NHS. People came from miles around to see them.



Neve Singh

Max and Jessie Gill (over 5s)

We were so moved that we decided to hold a competition for the best fairy door or fairy themed entry. The standard was incredibly high and the judges had a tough job deciding on the winners. However, they did finally decide on Nancy & Tayla Goodwin for the under five category and Max & Jessie Gill for the over five category. A special prize was awarded to Neve Singh for her story called the Fairy Quest.'



Let's Play Out

Staying with Campsall Country ParkThe Parish Council is pleased to announce the completed installation of the play equipment for toddlers and younger children in Campsall Park. The equipment is very high quality and affords good access for young people whilst still providing a suitable challenge to develop their physical skills and confidence. The installation has been designed to fit sympathetically within the contours of the park and nearby, but separated from, the larger equipment for older children.



Campsall Country Park has received **The Green Flag** award for the variety of provision in a well-kept environment. This is a prestigious award and congratulations to the Friends of Campsall Country Park (FOCCP)

The park has also received considerable funding from the Sports Council to develop the park provision. The FOCCP are now seeking local suggestions about how they will allocate the funding.

Suggestions so far have included: accessible paths everywhere, improvements to the car park, more seating, Information - routes around the park with distances plus way markers, renovation of the ha-ha, on site facilities and exercise equipment,

But what are YOUR suggestions?

Call Brenda McLaughlin on 01302 708058 or Sue Walker on 01302 709546 and let them know!



Norton Scarecrow Festival 2020 – Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to get involved in this year's Scarecrow Trail which I am sure you will agree was once again a magnificent success, despite the changes as a consequence of COVID-19.

This year there were no entry fees or maps for sale, the funds raised were purely from donations given by those who made entries and the generous community, who took the time to walk around the village over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity, particularly during these difficult times.

A total of **£450** was raised this year, which was donated to Erin Moran's Go Fund Me Page, the link to which is still open in Loving Memory of Erin Moran (<https://gf.me/u/x9s5ru>)

One of the aims of the scarecrow festival is to continue to generate a community spirit in the village. Although a socially distanced event this year, we still received positive feedback from many of the people on the scarecrow trail about how much they enjoyed the social interaction afforded by the event, whilst out and about on the trail. Long may Norton's Scarecrow Festival continue.

We hope that next year we will be able to return to the usual format of selling maps. Next year's charity will be Dementia UK, as chosen by the Robson family, who were the 2019 Scarecrow Festival winners.

Julie Armstrong



UPDATES



The **former Old Bells in Campsall** has now had all the interior/exterior structure work completed and is now receiving the interior fit out. The main interior areas are complete with a new bar, flooring electrical fittings, heating system and a vast amount of wall and ceiling lights. The kitchen and preparation rooms are being fitted out with new wall panels and counter tops and the process is now well under way and looking super

I am sure we all look forward to the re-opening - which should be in early spring 2021- and giving our continuous support to this new local business.

With great sorrow we have to announce the recent death of Madge Dyson at the age of 101 years, Madge has lived all her life on The High Street Campsall in 2 cottages which were next door to each other, her dad had lived to be 102 years old

Safari Trail



John Parkhouse had seen activity in another village that had decided to try to make the kiddies smile during the first Pandemic lockdown, so he pinched the idea! John and his wife Amanda were then approached by Sarah Winkley who told them about Erin Moran and asked us if they could maybe work together with Honeybees Pre- School and try raise some funds for Erin.

They didn't want to charge people for taking part as that's not what was intended, but thought they could ask for voluntary donations. They were overwhelmed by peoples' response of very generous raffle prizes and donations. Around £4,500 was raised over the weekend. John, Sarah and Amanda were immensely proud of such a caring and generous community that we live in.



UPDATES

- Thank you very much to **Neil Nash** for cutting the grass at The Garden of Rest in Campsall, Campsall Churchyard and Norton Community Hall this year.
- After the 'retirement' of the old wall light 'Santa' on the end of the barn in Sutton last year, we are pleased to announce that this Christmas there will be a new, larger, twinkling 'Santa' plus an equally twinkling star at his side.
- Speaking of which....the large star that goes on the wall at the Wellingtonia Centre will be joined this year by a new twinkling 'Rudolph the Reindeer'.



Comings and goings

- We say THANK YOU VERY MUCH to **John Gilliver** who has been a very active Parish Councillor for a number of years as well as being a Doncaster Borough Councillor at the same time. John has now found that his many commitments leave him with little time, so has decided to retire from the Parish Council. We are grateful for his service to the parish and sharing his insights and knowledge with us.

We give a warm WELCOME to the Parish Council to a new representative for Campsall, **Lindsay Shearman**. Lindsay is already very active in the community and has a lively interest in Campsall Country Park.

- We have therefore a Casual Vacancy now on the Parish Council for a resident to represent Sutton. If you may be interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact Dave Telford, our Parish Clerk on 01320 883496 or for a conversation about the role, call Mike Morgan, Chair of the PC on 01302 700149.



IN REMEMBRANCE – LEST WE FORGET



The poppy display in the park was put together by Brenda McLaughlin, Sue Walker, Sue Wroe and Jill Shaw (all Friends of Campsall Country Park) with Janet Millward doing most of the printing. Thanks also to Roy for sweeping the bridge yesterday morning, and Colin who did a bit of heavy lifting.

We've been working on the materials for a month or so, starting in Jill's front garden when it was OK to meet in gardens. The one made of painted plastic bottle-tops and attached to the bridge was created by Brenda and Sue Wroe, the bottle-top poppies in the grass and the purple wreath for war animals by Sue Walker, and the crocheted poppies on white voile was created by Jill with a few added left over felt poppies when it was in situ.

The group were also responsible for a War Poetry Trail with selected poems mostly from World War 1 poets, typed out on laminated boards for walkers to read as they pass around the trail towards the bridge with the full poppy displays.



Thank You too to all those residents in the three villages who displayed their giant poppies on gates, doors and fences to show how we remember those who died in active service.

Members of the Parish Council laid wreaths at restricted ceremonies near the War Memorial at the Royal Hotel, and at the Cemetery on Rycroft Road, led by Rev Richard Walton who also opened the Church for private prayer on the Saturday. The Chair of the Parish Council and his wife laid a wreath on the war memorial and were joined in prayer by the vicar.

A Poem for Christmas

by local poet, Don Rennison

*I sat in the window with other toys
Stared at by people, little girls and boys
There to be sold for all to see
Longing to be rescued, with a home and free.
My fellow friends were removed and sold
To be cared for by children with stories to be told*

*It was Christmas time and all was gay,
I cried inside, buy me today
A fabric face and golden hair
My light blue eyes could cry or just stare
A ribbon of green, a dress of red
I'm no trouble to keep, don't have to be fed*

*Buy me, please buy me, oh please I beg
But who wants a doll with a broken leg?
Months ago I was made and packed
But sadly damaged in the way I was stacked
It doesn't hurt I'm glad to say,
Oh please little girl, buy me today.*



*With saddened heart and a silent moan
Others were bought and I was left alone.
I cried inside, even though I've no heart
But who wants a doll with a broken part?
I was left alone, a look of fear and fright
Passers-by laughed at my anguish and plight.*

*They made fun of me and I am so sad
I've never harmed anyone or done anything bad
And then, one day when it seemed all was lost
On that Christmas Eve, with a glint of frost,
A little girl with a friendly face
Smiled at me and stepped forward a pace*

*She waved to me and with a shout of glee,
Said "Mummy buy that lovely doll for me"
They repaired my leg with loving care
Jane called me Kate and we're a happy pair.
She once said, "My Kate you have a life to live"
I will repay my Jane with the silent love I can give*

A copy of the leaflet shown below was delivered to every household in the parish at the end of October. We hope that you will just keep it to hand, or pin it on your kitchen noticeboard for reference if you need support of any kind. Clearly things are changing all the time but we will help where we can.

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Norton Parish Council is concerned that people residing in the Parish are supported during the Coronavirus Pandemic. There are serious concerns that the situation may deteriorate throughout the winter period and could mean, once again, restricting our movements in respect of shopping, for example, particularly for the more vulnerable and elderly residents.

The provision of shopping and medical supplies is essential for anyone who does not have local contacts or family to provide support.

If we should find ourselves in a lockdown situation, the Parish Council wishes to make sure that no one finds themselves feeling alone and without support. Therefore, this leaflet, besides giving the Doncaster Community Hub contact number, also sets out the telephone contacts of our local Parish Councillors who would be able, in these circumstances, to either provide support or direct you to appropriate support.

We are hoping that there will not be a further lockdown, but please keep this leaflet safe just in case.

Please note for specific support with issues relating directly to COVID-19, please contact the Community Hub on:

01302 430300 (open 7 days a week from 8.00am to 6.00pm)

Email : enquiries@dncommunityhub.org.uk

Website: www.dncommunityhub.org.uk

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The Parish Clerk is **Dave Telford**. He can be contacted on all matters relating to the work of the Parish Council and enquiries about hire of the Ryecroft Road Community Building.
Phone: 01302 883496

Parish Council Meetings take place on the **second Tuesday of every month**, starting at 7.00pm at **Ryecroft Road Community Building**
Parishioners welcome usually, but only virtual meetings at present



At the time of writing, we are all under special restrictions due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We don't know how things may change, but we wish you all a very

HAPPY & PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

Hello, Norton residents!

The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have been felt right through our community and has led to lots of people, particularly older people, experiencing feelings of loneliness or isolation.

The EFL (English Football League) and Club Doncaster Foundation have launched the new tackling loneliness together project, designed to help people re-connect and engage with their local community.

A care package can be delivered to your door which will include a range of armchair activities – puzzles, sudoku, quizzes, befriending phone calls, on-line social groups, a pen-pal scheme, social action from young people taking part in NCS and socially distanced 'garden gate conversations' to reach the people who need this vital support right when they need it most.

We'd urge anyone who's feeling lonely, or is worried about someone else who may be, to get in touch. Some regular contact could make all the difference.

For further details, please get in touch

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