

# the MAGAZINE

## NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Incorporating the villages of Campsall,  
Norton and Sutton*

# Spring



### The Boxing Day run

A splendid 65 competitors took part in the 27<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Run around much of Norton and attracted both older and young runners competing for a Trophy in the various categories. Full details on Page 3 >>

### DEFIBRILATORS IN THE PARISH



All the latest spring and summer FASHIONS at the Fashion Shows on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Norton Community Hall And Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Campsall Village Hall

Quality at bargain prices!

## THE NEWS HEADLINES

### COMING SOON - Speed Reduction Signs for Sutton

Following the success of speed reduction signs already in place around the parish, next to be installed – two more in Sutton. See pg 4 >>



We now have **FOUR** life-saving Defibrillators in the Parish.

For details – see page 4 >



Thank YOU to all the volunteers who have offered to look after our village planters! See more on page 4 >>

### LITTER- PICKING



YOU can help!

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# FLEXIBLEEXERCISE

Have you been recommended to **Pilates** by a health professional or someone who has seen an improvement to their health from Pilates?

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# Local Business, local matters ...

## NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Have YOU ever grumbled that things don't get done locally, or said that the Parish Council is just a group of old people??

If you want to influence things or have ideas to make a difference, then why not *join* the PARISH COUNCIL?



**Are YOU the next Parish Councillor ?**

The Parish Council has 12 members but there are currently 3 vacancies and YOU could make a real difference ...

It isn't just that you attend a meeting and do nothing in-between... it's getting involved following up on what residents raise as concerns and keeping Doncaster City Council on their toes to respond to concerns raised.

Being a Parish Councillor is an important role – it's the first layer of government.

Don't just think someone else will do it, because THEY WON'T! longstanding members have undertaken the role for long periods and some have now retired – we need new blood, new faces with new ideas.

Parish Councillors really get things done – Electronic Speed reduction signs, improved children's play areas, ensuring that planning rules are observed, and much more....

Have a think about it and if you'd like to know more about what the role actually involves, you can contact the Chair of the Parish Council, Mike Morgan for an informal, no-commitment conversation. Just call 01302 700149 to find out more.



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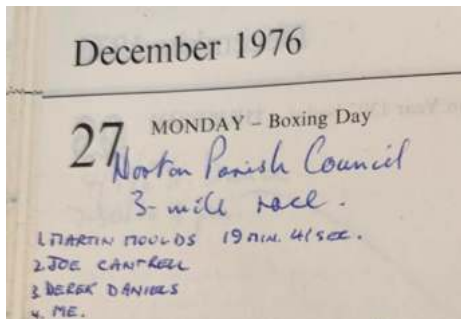
# The <sup>27th</sup> Boxing Day Run



At 11 am on Boxing Day just gone, 65 people stood at the top of Park Drive Campsall, just as others have done all the way back to Boxing Day 1976. Some were there to maintain a tradition, some to burn off Christmas excess, others simply to test themselves physically. Whatever their reasons they were all there to move as quickly as they could over a 3-mile (5 km) course, taking in tarmac roads and muddy, rutted lanes around our parish.

The idea for a run came from my Dad, Pat O'Grady, sometime in the mid 70's. He and a group of other individuals had formed an informal running group which was christened the Campsall Cardiacs. This was the era of the great running boom and they would regularly meet at our house (55 Park Drive) to enjoy running, keeping fit and also to improve their times in established races.

Pat being a big advocate of maintaining footpaths decided to arrange a race over local paths to encourage others to value their use too and so, on Boxing Day 1976 - which paradoxically was the 27<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas Day being a Saturday - 8 people completed the 3-mile course and started what has been a tradition maintained by him and my Mum, Ann O'Grady.



< An entry from Pat O'Grady's desk diary 1976

As a member of the Parish Council at the time, Pat managed to persuade them to donate a perpetual shield to record the 1st finisher which it has done every year since.

There are many local names which grace this shield and the other shields which have joined it so that we could celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> woman, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Under 16.

In 2022 we were kindly donated 3 new shields by the family of the late Eileen Shaw who worked for so many years at Norton Infant School.



Eileen had been a keen runner and from the money raised in memorial, it seemed fitting to remember her and encourage others to do what she had loved doing. The three new shields will now collect the names of 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, 1<sup>st</sup> U16 girl and 1<sup>st</sup> U 16 boy.

Another tradition is a collection of donations from those who run and this year we raised £300 which was sent to the Red Cross.



So, back to this year and...

...the first runner back was Laith Flanagan from Badsworth in 19m 28s. Second runner back was the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Poppy Cooke from Carleton 19m 33s. 1<sup>st</sup> Under 16 boy was Lewis O'Grady 20m 49s and 1<sup>st</sup> Under 16 girl was Daisy Hatfield 32m 35s



**First runner back – Laith Flanagan from Badsworth in 19 min 28 sec**



**Second runner back – Poppy Cook from Carleton in 19 min 33 secs**



**1<sup>st</sup> Under 16 boy was Lewis O'Grady in 20mins 49 secs**



**1<sup>st</sup> Under 16 girl was Daisy Hatfield in 32min 35secs**

Thanks to Lee Collingwood, Ann O'Grady, Charlotte O'Grady, Chris O'Grady, Joe O'Grady and Graham Werrett who helped make it the success it was. **Daniel O'Grady**

### The first 10 home were:

1	Laith Flanagan	Badsworth
2	Poppy Cooke	Carleton
3	Joe Worthington	Brierley
4	Richard Ward	Kinsley
5	Steve Barber	Campsall
6	Sam Lockett	South Elmsall
7	William Collingwood	Norton
8	Jody Murray	Norton
9	Andy Moore	Toll Bar
10	Charles Limes	Ackworth

Thanks also to the Parish Council for use of the parking on Ryecroft Road.

# WHAT'S GOING ON? EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## NEW Defibrillator in Sutton

Sutton now has a defibrillator in the village located at Anne Arms.

Thanks to Annie Tranter-Rushton Trust, Danum Financial Services Ltd, Mr. J. Witcher of Keltbray and Matt from AUTO medic as well as the many local people who raised £1,108.82. Norton Parish Council added to this to purchase the defibrillator and its storage box.

Special thanks to **Anne Arms** who have allowed the location of the defibrillator in an accessible place on their premises. This now brings the number of defibrillators in the area to 4 located at:

- Norton Village Hall
- Norton Coronation Club,
- Campsall Village Hall
- Anne Arms.

Your Parish Council funds the replacement of Pads and batteries for the defibrillators and volunteers manage with 'The Circuit' regular checks and replacement of the consumable equipment.

This equipment makes an invaluable contribution to saving lives in our community.

**Cllr Dave Harle**



Campsall Country Park in spring sunshine

This is how we like to see our Parish ...

## Calling Volunteers!

*If you care about your environment (and I'm sure you do), could you help practically for an hour or so a week, by joining the Litter-Picking Volunteers?*

*Hand Litter-pickers, bags, disposable gloves, hi-vis jackets provided along with the company of like-minded people!*

*All you need is a stout pair of shoes and depending on the weather, a warm woolly hat.*

*Contact Cllr Val Greaves for details of dates, times and places. Call on 07813 599793*

*You will really be making a difference to the look of the three villages in the Parish. THANK YOU*



## Speed Reduction Signs For Sutton

Following the installation of Electronic Speed Reduction Signs at various places in the parish and their success in reminding motorists to observe the speed limit, the Parish Council is providing funding for two more signs.

These next signs like these shown below, will be installed on High Street, one facing traffic from Askern and one close by, facing traffic from Sutton Road.

Presently, some traffic from both directions travels much too fast and is clearly hazardous, in particular, to people on foot where the road narrows.

BE SAFE!



**MANY THANKS** to the people who have volunteered to take care of the village planters.

Starting from May, after the spring bulbs have died back, each planter will be restocked with summer flowering plants and looked after by the 6 sets of people who have volunteered to take care of them.

We look forward to a colourful display through the summer months.



# ... AND AT OUR VILLAGE HALLS ...

## NORTON COMMUNITY HALL

*- at the heart of the community*

THANKS to the support we have received from charity funders and especially the **NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND** we have been able to get under way with our major refurbishment programme.



We have already installed an insulated suspended ceiling with new lighting – more energy-efficient - and along with a new heating boiler, reduced our heating bills. Renewed damp-proofing, plastering and painting will follow along with newly installed toilets. **WATCH THE SPACE!**

**The FITNESS AND FUN** group can now take a few more participants who wish to keep themselves mobile and able. **Every Tuesday morning 9.45 to 10.30** for a gentle workout with music and good company. Come and join us! Contact Gill on 01302 700149 or e-mail: [morganz.ivy3@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:morganz.ivy3@yahoo.co.uk)

**CHAT 'N' DO** continues to thrive with its varied programme of Quizzes, Beetle and Domino games and practical activities like painting and crafting. You are assured of a very WARM WELCOME boosted by home baking treats, tea, coffee and buns and biscuits. **Every Wednesday morning** from 10.00 to 11.30am. And...we are just planning a day's outing to Cleethorpes – sea, sand, plus fish and chips for all!

The group also like to contribute to the wider community and actively donate weekly to the Askern Food Bank.

**KNIT AND NATTER** The group meets in the hall **every Thursday** from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. If you would like to take up knitting or crochet, improve your skills or just come for a natter – you will be very welcome! THANKS to everyone who helps us with donations of yarn, needles and patterns.

**PILATES** happens every Friday from 9.30 to 10.30am. Flexible Exercise. This popular group has grown and grown, so you will need to check if there is a space for you at the moment. but it's a fine way to stretch into fitness, led by qualified instructor, Caroline Hopkins. Call her on 07752 587600 or e-mail [caroline@felexibleexercise.co.uk](mailto:caroline@felexibleexercise.co.uk)

Norton Community Hall hosts a selection of one-off events throughout the year such as Quiz and Bingo Nights, Race Nights, varied Coffee Mornings and Fashion Shows of High Street Fashions all for sale at bargain prices.

**The next FASHION SHOW will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 for 7.30pm**

**HIRING THE HALL** The hall is a busy place but there are times you can hire the large hall for your children's party or for a group meeting. We have a very comfortable smaller meeting room as well. Rates are very reasonable, just contact Gill on 01302 700149 or Val on 07813599793 for more information or to make a booking.

## - CAMPSALL VILLAGE HALL -

**Looking Back....**During 2023 we organised two Bingo Nights and two Quiz Nights which were good, fun evenings, all being very well-supported. A Fashion Show took place in May, offering High Street items of clothing and accessories at very reasonable prices. A coffee and cake morning took place on a Saturday morning in August, successfully raising funds for Age UK (Doncaster).

The Christmas Fayre took place at the end of November and had a steady flow of visitors who were able to make some lovely purchases from the stallholders. There was an 80's Night in May, a Halloween in October and a New Year's Eve event. All were fabulous fun evenings, enjoyed by all, but we would love to see more people attending these party nights – cheap night out, no taxi required!

**Looking Forward....**The Hall's Annual General Meeting was held in May last year and will take place this year on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

New faces are always welcome, along with any new ideas!

The community draw is obviously a regular income, with us giving five cash prizes totalling £95 per month to subscribers. We currently have 164 ticket holders, paying £15 per annum (due in March, with April being Month 1). If you do not have a ticket and would like one, then please get in touch. Got to be in it to win it ! As you can see, we were quite busy during 2023.

The eleven Committee Members are all volunteers and we try our best to host different events which will be suitable for all tastes and ages. If you have any ideas or suggestions or a particular event you would like to see take place at the hall, then please contact us ( for example, Race Night, Karaoke, Campsall's Got Talent, Campsall Bake-Off, Ceildh – all possibilities).

As a village, Campsall is very fortunate to have this fabulous facility, and now as the hall is the only event venue in the village, as a community your support is much needed to help maintain and run it.

All events are advertised on our Facebook page – Campsall Village Hall, and on our webpage. Posters are displayed around the village ( and surrounding villages) on various notice-boards, and inside the Post Office.

If you have any queries, suggestions, thoughts, please contact a committee member : e-mail [campsallvh@gmail.com](mailto:campsallvh@gmail.com). Or you can phone on 07561 868017, or leave a message with Elaine or Lesley at the PO, and one of the committee will contact you.

### EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN 2024:

**QUIZ NIGHT – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm start**

**AGM – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm start**

**Complete Clothing Company Fashion show, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – doors open at 7.00pm, start 7.30pm**

More details of these events will be advertised nearer the time.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

**CAMPSALL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

# SPRING TERM BEGINS AT NORTON INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Children at both Norton Infant and Junior school returned to school after the Christmas break eager to find out what their new expeditions and learning would be about.....

**In the Early Years Foundation Stage**, the children were delighted to learn of their expedition title and guiding question: *Once Upon a Time -Who is hiding in the pages of this book?* Here, they will use the popular traditional tales to learn about morality, problem solving and conflict resolution.... *How can the goats and the troll be friends? How can Goldilocks show that she's sorry? How can we help the gingerbread man to cross the river?*  
Answers on a postcard please!

**In Key Stage 1** the expedition title is *The Blue Planet* and the guiding question *How will what I do today impact the world tomorrow?* During this expedition, children will use the story of The Blue Giant to explore the oceans and the impact of pollution. From this, they will create a bespoke information booklet about the river bank in our local area that will contain examples of beautiful artwork, activities for children to complete and a map of our local area.



Making Pancakes in the Early Years



Children from Years 3 and 4 carried out a little litter pick with Mr Chadwick

We held a campus wide reading competition raising a phenomenal £3303 and when supplemented by Usborne Books reaches a jaw-dropping £5,318 to spend on new books across our schools...

Finally, in Years 5/6, the children are learning about local British history guided by the question: *How has the Industrial Revolution influenced lives today?* Here, our pupils will make connections to characters who worked in the workhouses to gain understanding and empathy for those who lived through the Industrial Revolution and also look at the development of railways linked to Doncaster.



And....we were part of the small matter of the largest children's concert in the world - YOUNG VOICES 2024!



Already over half way through our term, our children have made quite amazing progress in their learning and are excited to share their work in the upcoming presentations of learning. We hope to see you there.

Mr G Chadwick (Deputy Headteacher)

# NEWS AND UPDATES



## NORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Norton WI meet on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) in Campsall Village Hall.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and we have a variety of demonstrations, speakers, quizzes and social activities throughout the year. Meetings are open to non-members for a small charge of £5 which includes tea/coffee and cake.

We also have a regular coffee and cake club, a lunch club, as well as organising day trips and theatre outings.

Upcoming events include:

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2024- The Plague Doctor A tongue in cheek take on living in the 'plague village' of Eyam with David Bell**

**29<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Felt Succulents Crafting felt succulents with Sarah Van Eijk**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Edible Flowers A talk on edible flowers together with a tasting session with Martin and Hannah Lamb of Yorkshire Edible Flowers.**

We'd love to see you- if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact **Val Greaves** on 07813599793 for further details.



## Welcome, Alison McCardle, our new Parish Council Clerk

With Dave Telford's imminent departure, (see the article below) we have been through a very thorough recruitment process to seek Dave's successor. To our pleasant surprise, we had over 20 enquiries about the job and 11 very good applications which included strong candidates amongst them.

After much discussion, we finally selected Alison McCardle, an experienced Parish Clerk and Financial Officer from Wroot. Ours is a part-time (although demanding) job and Alison will be home-based but keen to get to know the locality and its residents well.

Alison will be taking up her role in early April with her first Parish Council Meeting on the second Tuesday in the month.

Dave's is of course, a hard act to follow but we are confident that Alison will pick up the baton well and keep all us volunteer Parish Councillors in good order!



## Farewell, Dave and THANK YOU

After over 20 years of service, our Norton Parish Council Clerk, **Dave Telford**, is reluctantly retiring shortly. Dave is a native of Norton and spent most of his boyhood and youth living in the village. Originally a senior employee of the then Doncaster MBC, Dave accumulated a huge amount of local administration knowledge and experience before leaving his job with the Council to become our Parish Clerk.

Dave has been an outstanding Clerk and supported the members of the local council with his knowledge and skills and especially, from time to time, with sound judgement and advice on local matters.

Dave has not been in the best of health lately and has decided now to spend a little more time looking after himself after looking after all of us on the Parish Council for so long!

He is a dedicated gardener and has a large half acre plot to deal with to keep him busy.

We shall certainly miss Dave's hand on the council business tiller and wish him all the very best in his very deserved retirement.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS!



Coming in the summer...the

## PARISH SUMMER GALA

On **SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY** at Rycroft Road playing fields  
12noon to 5.00pm

**Games for children, Face-Painting, Brass Band, Devon's Kitchen, stalls of all kinds, Ice cream delights, competitions, Secret Tombola, Coconut Shy, Huge Bouncy Castle, refreshments....**

**Something for everyone!**

## BYGONE DAYS – a poem by local poet Don Rennison



The memories of yesteryears, and the sound of distant feet  
Are captured in nostalgia down a sleepy village street  
Farm gates on stone pillars, and the solid-built stone wall.  
The distant Parish Church, the Village Green and Village Hall  
Sheaves of corn, stook and stack, with fancy spires of thatch  
Farm buildings and farm cottages, built of local stone to match.

Majestic Shires plod their way, to work and till the land  
Gentle royal, loyal giants, they pose and proudly stand  
Martingales and shiny tack, brass and leather, they look the part  
With plaited mane and polished feet, with plough or disc or cart.  
Horse-drawn cart or carriage are part of every day, Animal paths, so often trod, they seem to know the way.

Cattle graze in pastures green, the smell of farmyard and sty!  
Partridges in their startled flight and the skylark with song on high  
Blackbird or thrush with evensong, or magpie with its will to steal!  
Chickens wander wherever they wish, scratching that endless meal.  
Stone cottages with honeysuckle and perfumed climbing rose,  
The cockerel with its morning call, and sleepy dogs that doze.



The smithy at his anvil and the cobbler at his last  
Echoing sounds of bygone days, of the so distant past.  
The butcher with his fresh-cut meat, the smell of baker's bread  
The postman collecting letters from a pillar box of red  
Harvest time and littered straw on path and leafy lane  
The miller toils the long hard day to mill the flour from grain.



Scythe and hoe and hedging bill, the tools that workmen need  
To control the nettle, dock or thorn and other things that seed,  
Daisy dandelion and celandine, buttercup and trembling grass.  
Violets hiding under hedge rows green, the bluebells in shady mass.  
Orchards lined with apple trees, with Victoria plums and pears.



Flat caps, waistcoat, belt and braces and trousers tied at the knees  
Whip and top, hoop and kite and swings that hang from trees.  
Dutch barns filled with harvest straw, in need for winter's cold. The Sunday morning church bells sound and the Christian story told.  
Wood smoke curled from chimney tall, into a star-filled sky till dawn.  
Dim gas lamps lit the path I trod, in the village where I was born.

Don Rennison

## Norton Parish Council

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Doncaster MBC Norton and Askern Ward Councillors team are, **Cllr Austen White** (07909 892845), **Cllr Iris Beech** (07751 658697) & **Cllr Thomas Noon** (0753 5562380)

The Parish Clerk is **Alison McCardle**. She 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 483769

Parish Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 7.00pm at Ryecroft Road Community Building  
Parish residents welcome

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