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Spring Offensive	1,539,715	casualties:
Battle of the Somme	1,219,201	37,000,000
(including 60,000 British on one d	lay)	representing
Battle of Verdun	976,000	57% of
Battle of Paschendale	848,614	mobilised men.

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FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

(through new blinds!)

Hi Everyone

The other day I was out and about in St Matthew's graveyard in Twigworth rededicating the memorial stone in memory of Herbert Howells and his family. As I placed some fresh flowers on that gravestone I was drawn to look at Ivor Gurney's gravestone, which lies just in front of Herbert Howells'.

It had no bunch of fresh flowers on it just two red poppies. The poppies reminded me of the personal cost of war and especially that of Ivor's, gleaned only too vividly from some of his poetry.

I wonder what you think when you see a poppy?

A symbol of a charity fund that still cares for

those who were bereaved or injured in wars? A way of remembering the sacrifice made by many who fought against those who would take away democratic freedoms from our world? A sign of hope, inspired as it is by the poppy fields in Belgium, where the flowers grew on the very land that had during the First World War been battlegrounds? Or maybe a 'vote for peace'.

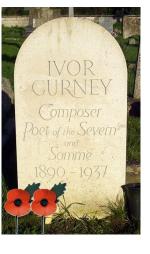
Maybe all four and more!

As Remembrance Day approaches, I am reminded that for Christians each Sunday is a Remembrance Day when we call to mind the sacrifice of Jesus, who for all of us won a different and deeper kind of peace.

May be you'll buy a poppy and wear it, may be you won't, but when you see one, take a minute to also remember that God's peace gift to us is Jesus, we only need to receive this gift. As Jesus makes peace with God for us, so we can learn how to pass this gift on to others, we can become peacemakers and peace givers, so that people like Ivor will no longer have to experience the pain and horror of war.

PEACE

Suzanne



PRAYER DIARY — NOVEMBER

Friday	1	Those who have been recently bereaved
Saturday	2	Those attending the men's and ladies' breakfasts
Sunday	3	People living in Down Hatherley
Monday	4	Our churchwardens
Tuesday	5	The staff, children and governors of Norton School
Wednesday	6	Those being confirmed this autumn in the Diocese
Thursday	7	Diocese of Western Tanganyika
Friday	8	Those who work in our hospitals
Saturday	9	Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow
Sunday	10	People living in Sandhurst
Monday	11	The work of the British Legion
Tuesday	12	Those being brought to baptism in our Benefice
Wednesday	13	For those who tend our churchyards
Thursday	14	Diocese of El Camino Real - USA
Friday	15	For Bishops Michael and Martyn
Saturday	16	Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow
Sunday	17	People living in Coombe Hill
Monday	18	Our Rector
Tuesday	19	For home carers
Wednesday	20	Those who lead and attend Messy Church
Thursday	21	Diocese of Karnataka Central - India
Friday	22	The work of CMS, the Church Mission Society
Saturday	23	Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow
Sunday	24	People living in Twigworth
Monday	25	For the Open the Book team
Tuesday	26	For our assistant clergy and reader
Wednesday	27	The Brinkman School project in the Diocese of W. Tanganyi
Thursday	28	Diocese of Dornakal - India
Friday	29	For PCC members
Saturday	30	Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow

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Readings to 1st December 2013: Year C / A

Sunday 3rd November	Red A	l Saints' Day
First Reading	Ephesians 1.11	-23
Gospel	Luke 6.20—31	
Psalm	149	

Sunday 10th November	Red	Remembrance Sunday
First Reading	1 Thessa	lonians 4.13—18
Gospel	John 14.	1—8
Psalm	23	

<u>Sunday 17th November</u>	Red 2nd Sunday before Advent
First Reading	Malachi 4.1—2a
Gospel	Luke 21.5—19
Psalm	98

Sunday 24th November	Red	Christ the King
First Reading	Colossians 1.11—20)
Gospel	Luke 23.33—43	
Psalm	46	

Sunday 1st December	Purple	Advent Sunday
First Reading	Isaiah 2.1—5	
Gospel	Matthew 24.36—44	
Psalm	122	

NOVEMBER

- 2 Ladies' Breakfast Group (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 11)
- 2 Men's Breakfast Club (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 10)
- 2 All Souls' Day Service (See Page: 8)

Saturday 2nd November		All Souls' Day	
Twigworth	All Souls' Service	6:30 pm	Rev Suzanne

Sunday 3rd November		All S	All Saints' Day	
Sandhurst	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Team	
Twigworth	Morning Prayer	10:30 am	Chris Lane	
Down Hatherley	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Rev Suzanne	
Norton	Holy Communion	11:00 am	Canon David	
The Leigh	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Chris Lane	
Staverton	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Canon David	
Boddington	No Service			

9 Norton RFC (H) Smiths Industries 3pm



Sunday 10th November		Remer	Remembrance Sunday	
Sandhurst	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Fr David	
Twigworth	Holy Communion	10:45 am	Rev Suzanne	
	& Act of Remembrance	With Norton		
Down Hatherley	Evening Prayer	6:30 pm	Chris Lane	
Norton	Combined service with Twigworth			
The Leigh	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Rev Suzanne	
Staverton	Morning Prayer	10:00 am	Team	
Boddington	No Service			

- 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony (See EVENTS Page: 19)
- Neighbourhood Development Plan for Down Hatherley, Norton & Twigworth & the Joint Core Strategy, Norton Village Hall (See **EVENTS** Pages: 18/19)
- 14 Evening Home Group (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 11)

NOVEMBER

16 Longford Flower Club (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 10)

Sunday 17th November		2nd Sunday before Advent	
Sandhurst	Family Service	9:30 am	Team
Twigworth	Morning Prayer	10:30 am	Chris Lane
Down Hatherley	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Canon David
Norton	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Rev Suzanne
The Leigh	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Team
Staverton	No Service		
Boddington	Holy Communion	11:00 am	Rev Suzanne

19 Staverton & Boddington Thursday Club meet

(See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 12)

- 20 Afternoon Home Group (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 11)
- 20 Sandhurst WI (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 11)
- 20 Police: Keeping in Touch: The Leigh 16:00-16:30
- 21 Norton WI (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 11)
- 22 'Ladies' Pamper Evening' (See EVENTS Page: 23)
- 23 Norton RFC (A) Tredworth 3pm



3:00 pm

Norton Village Hall

24 Messy Church (See EVENTS Page: 22)

Messy Church

Norton



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NOVEMBER

- 25 Local History Group meet (See MONTHLY MEETINGS Page: 11)
- 29 Sandhurst Christmas Fayre (See AROUND THE PARISHES Page: 15)

December etc.



***	Mr. Mr.	All Indian	***
Sunday 1st December		Advent Sunday	
Sandhurst	Advent Carols / Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Chris Lane
Twigworth	Morning Prayer	10:30 am	Team
Down Hatherley	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Canon David
Norton	Holy Communion	11:00 am	Fr David
The Leigh	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Team
Staverton	Holy Communion	9:30 am	Rev Suzanne/Chris Lane
Boddington	No Service		

- 7 Norton School Christmas Fayre (See **EVENTS** Page: 20)
- 7 Norton RFC (H) Minchinhampton 3pm
- 7 Comic Medieval Mystery Play and Supper in Down Hatherley (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** Page: 17)
- 9 Longford Flower Club Charity Evening (See EVENTS Page: 22)
- Tewkesbury Chamber Choir Concert in Boddington Manor (details next month)
- 13 Gloucester Brass Band at Down Hatherley
 (See AROUND THE PARISHES Page: 17)
- 14 Norton RFC (A) Hardwicke & Quedgeley 3pm
- 14 Longford Christmas Bingo (See AROUND THE PARISHES Page: 14)
- 18 Police: Keeping in Touch: The Leigh 18:00—18:30
- 'The Snow Queen' Sandhurst Village Hall
 (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** Page: 16)

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." (John 11:25)

Ed: Our sincere apologies to the Gisby family for the incorrect entry in the Registers in the October magazine. The entry should have read:

Patrick Gisby

24th September

St. Mary Magdalene, Boddington

ALL SOULS' DAY

2nd November 6:30pm St Matthew's, Twigworth

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(Door at left side of church)

2013: Nov 7

2014: Jan 9; Mar 6; May 8 (AGM); July 3; Sept 4; Nov 6

Members of the public and press are cordially invited to attend. There is a chance for public participation at the beginning and

at the end of every meeting.

Down Hatherley: Meetings held on a Wednesday in the village hall at 7:00pm.

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at the end of every meeting.

Dec 4

2014: Jan 15; mar 5; April 16 (APM); May 21 (AGM)

Sandhurst: Meetings are held in Sandhurst Village Hall, starting at 7:30 pm

on the first Monday of each month (unless this is a Bank Holi-

day). All parishioners are invited to attend.

The Leigh: Meetings have now been altered so that there are 4 planned

meetings a year, one of those will be the Annual General Meeting each May where Councillor Officers are appointed to Parish Council roles. Meetings are held in St Catherine's Church, on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Nov 13

2014: Feb 12; May 14 (AGM)

Longford: Meetings are held in Longford Village Hall, first Tuesday of the

month, starting at 7:30 pm. All residents are invited.

Norton: Meetings are held in the Village Hall committee room starting

at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Nov 13;

2014: Jan 8.

Staverton:

Boddington: The Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every other

month at the Cheltenham West Community Fire Station at

Uckington.

MONTHLY MEETINGS ROUND UP

LONGFORD FLOWER CLUB

16th Nov



9th De



'CHRISTMAS CRAFTS' CLASS'

'Christmas Door Decorations' with Beryl Griffiths or 'Cards' with Ruth Glover will be on offer. Tea and coffee provided—please bring your own lunch. The class commences at 10:30am in the village hall. For further information contact June West on 01452 525121.

LONGFORD FLOWER CLUB CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENING

(See EVENTS Page: 22)

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB



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Our next gathering will be at the home of Edmund McClure—Church House, Staverton—on 2nd November. So that we can order the right amount of sausages, please let Edmund know if you're coming! (Tel: 01242 681139).

SANDHURST COFFEE MORNINGS



In Sandhurst Village Hall on 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am:

11 Nov;

9 Dec.

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CHRIS'S CORNER

Suddenly there is a darkness; the nights draw in and the working day shortens. The air is filled with the mustiness of a season in decline. There is a chill to the early morning and a dampness in everything. The leaves have turned, dropping everywhere and nature considers slumber. Which just leaves us with the tidying up and the restoring of order. We reload the compost heap with every bit of debris we can gather. I tend to pile the last lawn clippings, shrub trimmings, fallen leaves, blown cabbage and all into mine. It is important to keep a good mixture of material to ensure great compost. It is staggering across the year just how much can be generated. I have emptied mine this autumn, salvaged from the bottom of the bin and reloaded. It's an energetic task and a real joy, so get tidying, disturb the debris and reduce the hiding places, the pests too are looking for somewhere to hibernate. As the leaves have dropped, I have slipped some grease around the fruit trees in an effort to thwart the spring rampages of harbouring pests and may yet even give the plums a swill with winter wash. I have had so much fruit damaged this year. I have been a bit complacent about squaring away one or two of my tender garden plants for winter.

With the seasons so much out of step and growth continuing well into October, one just stood in awe as flowering continued on Dahlias, Fuchsias and Geraniums. There is security in lifting these things if you want to be sure of keeping them through a cold run, so get it done if you haven't yet. As I have freed up space I have continued to push in more bulbs, I do enjoy the triumphalism of a good spring show. The bold showiness, a laughter at the winter beaten. On the vegetable front I have just popped in some broad beans, hopeful that with the ground just a little cooler, I will not, as last year, be dealing with too much pre Christmas leaf growth. Plenty of root is fine, but stalky plants at the close of the year I don't want. I am already going around firming over wintering onions which are showing a lot of green.

And finally, if you have set out winter greens, get them netted. With field harvesting done and the weather on the turn, the wood pigeons have decided to revisit my plot. What voracious creatures they are.

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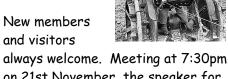
LADIES' BREAKFAST GROUP



The Ladies' Breakfast group will meet again on 2nd November from 8:30am - 10:00am at the home of Helen Nicol: Yew Tree Cottage, Down Hatherley Lane, GL2 9QB. More ladies are always welcome and if you'd like to come, please contact Helen on 01452 730025. If you're able to make a donation to help cover costs that would be good (but not essential!).

NORTON WI





on 21st November, the speaker for the evening, Fiona Warin, will talk on 'The Land Girls'

SANDHURST WI

Meeting at 7:30pm on 20th November, the AGM will be followed by the speaker for the evening, Vanessa Hearn, who will give a 'Making Glass Beads' demonstration. New members and visitors always welcome.

Home Groups

We have two home groups which meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

The afternoon group will meet at the home of the Godwin's on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3 pm. This month's meeting will therefore be on Wednesday 20th November.

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The evening group will next meet on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 pm at the Rectory.

NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meeting at Norton Village Hall on 25th November at 7:00pm. Speaker for the evening, Malcolm Watkins, and the topic is 'The Birdlip Grave Group'. Admission: £2 includes coffee. All welcome.

MONTHLY MEETINGS' ROUND UP

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My Word!

If you bought a new PC in the last year or so, it may have been one which came with Microsoft Office Starter already installed as well as a link to use if you wished to buy a fuller version of Microsoft Office. "Fair enough," you may have thought, "and actually the Word Starter part of Office Starter is all I want. It works OK and it even handles Microsoft's latest .docx format for Word files. I see no reason to buy a new version of Office or Word, full of features I probably don't need".



That was certainly the view of a friend of mine up to a few weeks ago when he rang me for help. Suddenly, he said, he could no longer open Word documents sent to him by email. Not only that, but he could not open any of his stored Word documents - the familiar blue coloured icon had changed to an orange coloured one which led to a dialogue box offering the chance to buy a fully featured Microsoft Word program, or download a free 30 day trial version of it. I guessed

that my friend's Word Starter had somehow become corrupt. There was no way to download Word Starter from Microsoft - it was only available preloaded onto new computers, so together we experimented with trying to tell Windows which word processing program to use to open .doc and .docx file.

Then I recalled that it was always worth outlining the problem in a search engine (yes, Google) and swiftly found my way to a discussion in, ironically, a Microsoft forum, of our exact problem. One of the forum contributors was wild with anger "Microsoft gets me to put all my files on Word Starter and then holds them hostage.... I will not pay Microsoft hostage money..." A calmer contributer said wittily "Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity..." Overall it seemed likely that the Windows default program for opening word processing files had been changed (perhaps accidentally) by a Word Starter update to lead to a fully featured Word program (which not everyone would have or want) or to a link to buy it. Hmm....

Oh yes, and the forum revealed how to solve the problem by associating document files with the program "Microsoft Office Client Virtualisation Handler". I don't think I would ever have thought of that as the default for opening documents in Word Starter!

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

Healthwatch Gloucestershire



Your independent consumer champion for health and social care On April 1st 2013, Healthwatch was launched all over the country and replaces the previous Local Involvement Networks (LINks) and in this case, Gloucestershire LINk. Healthwatch gives the public a powerful voice locally and nationally. Local Healthwatch works to help people get the best out of their local health and social care services. Whether it is improving them today or helping to shape them for tomorrow, Local Healthwatch is all about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local services. Not just people who use them, but anyone who might need them in the future.

About Healthwatch Gloucestershire

Healthwatch Gloucestershire does this by having a visible local presence out in the six districts of the county on a regular basis, listening to your views and experiences of health and social care and sharing them with the people who plan and deliver those services locally. We will also pass your views onto the Care Quality Commission as regulator and Healthwatch England, who will use them to identify regional and national issues and trends. In addition, we have built upon the legacy of the GUIDE Information service to provide or signpost people to information, advice and Independent Health Complaints Advocacy, to help you make informed choices about health and care services or raise concerns/complain about your experiences.

Your voice really does count and can change health and social care for the better. <u>Join us and make a difference today</u>. Tel: 0800 652 5193 | 01452 504989 info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

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FEEDBACK



CHRISTMAS AND GREETINGS CARDS SALE

'As a result of card sales and many generous donations, £444 was raised on the 18th October to help Cobalt continue their vital work of purchasing specialist state-of-the-art scanners as well as funding education, research, dedicated nurses and many other services which supplement NHS provisions in our local area to help people with life-threatening conditions.'

Yvette Mattes

The County Wide MacMillan Nurses Appeal held on 27th September at Down Hatherley Village Hall raised £196. Thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

The United Benefice Service held at St Mary and Corpus Christi, Down Hatherley on 29th September raised £105.50 which will be donated to the Syrian Refugee Appeal.

Staverton and Boddington Harvest Supper - Thank you

A very big "thank you" from Staverton with Boddington PCC for the magnificent sum of £720 which was raised at the above Supper.

A capacity crowd enjoyed this annual event and we were delighted to be joined by the our new Bishop's wife and daughter, together with Suzanne and Chris Skepper.

Our thanks go to Chris Evans and all his organising group.

STAVERTON CHURCH - HARVEST FESTIVAL

Very many thanks to everybody who helped to decorate the church for Harvest Festival — it looked splendid!

AROUND THE PARISHES - LONGFORD

HO...HO...HO...IT'S CHRISTMAS BINGO

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AROUND THE PARISHES - NORTON

Norton Parish Council Meeting

Norton Village Hall Committee Room

Wednesday 13th November 7:30pm

All parishioners welcome to attend.

AROUND THE PARISHES - SANDHURST

Victorian Christmas Fayre



Friday 29th November 6.00 pm Sandhurst Village Hall



Toy stall - Barbara's Emporium - Raffle - Santa's Grotto - Bottle Tombola - Cup cakes - Christmas Wreaths - Santa's Island - Children's Festive Crafts & Games

Food and Drink

Turkey rolls
Hot dogs
Mince pies & apple pies
Mulled wine, tea, coffee



AROUND THE PARISHES — SANDHURST

Advance Notice for Christmas!



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The Snow Queen

Rain or Shine Theatre Company is proud to present this Christmas, an enchanting tale of friendship and adventure based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic story; sure to delight and enchant the whole family.

Sandhurst Village Hall Saturday 21st December

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Norton Village Hall

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We sing a couple of songs, talk about the story and say a prayer.

Then we sit down and enjoy a meal together.

There is no charge

WHO CAN COME?

Anyone from babies to great grandma

BUT children must have a grown-up with them.

AROUND THE PARISHES — TWIGWORTH

There is a vacancy on the parish council. Anyone interested (including individuals from outside the parish) should contact David Bayley on teepookana@tiscali.co.uk

AROUND THE PARISHES - DOWN HATHERLEY



GLOUCESTER BRASS BAND CONCERT

Down Hatherley Church

Friday 13 December 7:30 pm.

Tickets remain at £9 to include buffet supper and first drink and will be available from: Helen (01452 730025) or Ann (01452 730371).





Medieval Mystery





Sat 7 Dec 7.30pm

Down Hatherley Village Hall

Feel free to bring a bottle Sue 730005, Pam 730796 or Jean 730528

From:

Holly Jones

Planning Policy Manager, Planning Policy, Tewkesbury Borough Council

Consultation on the Joint Core Strategy and the Tewkesbury Borough Plan

'Dear All,

We will soon be asking for views on the emerging development plan for Tewkesbury Borough. This will set out where future housing and employment sites will be located and the long-term vision for the area together with policies relating to important issues such as flooding, green belt and affordable housing. For Tewkesbury Borough the development plan will comprise two key documents;

- * The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) A high level plan we are preparing with Gloucester City and Cheltenham Borough Councils covering three authority areas and identifying large scale development.
- * The Tewkesbury Borough Plan The local level document which will include smaller development proposals and local policies to guide development.

Together these documents will be used by Tewkesbury Borough Council to determine planning applications and guide the development to take place within this borough. Both documents have been approved for public consultation between 15 October and 26 November 2013. Although they are at different stages in terms of how advanced they are, it is considered that it is helpful to run the two consultations simultaneously to help people understand how the two documents will work together and what each one will cover.

For more information, please visit www.gct-jcs.org and www.tewkesbury.gov.uk'

From Norton Parish Council:

To influence the Joint Core Strategy, the three parishes of Down Hatherley, Norton and Twigworth have got together to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Representatives from the three Parish Councils along with some local residents have formed a steering group to oversee this.

By preparing a (contd page 19)

EVENTS

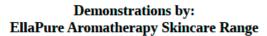
LADIES

DO YOU FANCY A NIGHT OUT?

.... then come along to a PAMPER EVENING

and raise funds for Winston's Wish & Norton Playing Field's MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

Friday 22 November 2013
Norton Village Hall
7pm – 10.30pm
£5 entry with complimentary glass of warm apple cider punch, hot and cold nibbles



The evening will provide an opportunity to try out various £5 mini treatments: Elemis facial; microdermabrasion facial; nail, shape and paint; chiropractor; eyebrow waxing; threading; reflexology; 'no hands' massage; Indian head massage; hand and foot massage; make-up demos; eyelash/eyebrow tinting and more.

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Ange Middlecote: 07888 997723

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with demonstrations by

Laura Leong

Longford Village Hall

Monday 9th December @ 7:30 pm

Tickets: £7.50 (to include light refreshments)

from: Carol Robinson: 01452 730358



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The Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court

MAGAZINE COPY

Next month's copy date:

For inclusion in the December 2013 edition of the magazine, copy should reach parish correspondents by 18th November or be sent directly to Mike Dill by the 19th November.

EVENTS

Neighbourhood Development Plan for Down Hatherley, Norton & Twigworth

we have the best chance to influence the emerging planning policies which will affect this area, especially the Joint Core Strategy for the Districts of Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury.

Residents of the three parishes will have the chance to consider and influence the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan when it is ready later in 2014.

We will keep everyone posted on progress by newsletters, emails and on Down Hatherley and the Norton village web sites.

During November we will hold a workshop to scope out our early work, and to consider how we should respond to the consultation on the Joint Core Strategy. Anyone from Down Hatherley, Norton and Twigworth is welcome (you don't need any special skills or experience) to this event

in Norton Village Hall on Thursday 14th November 7:00pm — 9:30.





Measles Don't let your child catch it

Preventing measles 2 MMR vaccinations







at 3 years & 4 months

What does MMR vaccinate against?







The MMR vaccine







Catch-up campaign. Has your child missed the MMR?

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Why don't people get the vaccination?



Frightened of needles



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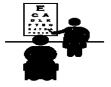
Think that measles is a harmless

What are the symptoms?



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Possible consequences of measles



Blindness



Deafness



Death

Where to go for vaccination?



GP surgery Importance of vaccination



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