

# THE BRADLING STONE

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# It's Psychedelic, Baby!

Who said that Norton isn't a 'happening' place? This month's cover photo was taken by Josh Sedgley, an enthusiastic 20 year old amateur who would like to make photography his career, and shows the interior of St. Chad's with a colour scheme comparable to Pugin's finest!

For those interested in church interiors, a 40 minute drive to the town of Cheadle in the Staffordshire Moorlands will take you to St Giles Catholic Church, designed by the celebrated nineteenth century Gothic architect Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin. Designed when he was only 28 years old,. St Giles is widely considered to be Pugin's masterpiece, which is quite something when you consider that he was also responsible for the design of most of the interiors at the Palace of Westminster, more widely referred to as the Houses of Parliament. Be prepared to be amazed by the lavish decoration and eye popping colours, linking us nicely back to Josh's photo of our own St. Chad's.

After an event packed couple of months, not quite so much going on this month, but the Sheep Racing on Friday the 12th and the annual sports evening on Friday the 19th, will give us all the opportunity to either flex our muscles or exercise our vocal chords, or both!

Remember to send your photos to: [editorbradlingstone@gmail.com](mailto:editorbradlingstone@gmail.com)—no fee, but plenty of kudos!

## What's On In July?....

Date	Event	Where	Time	Extra Info.
June 28	Rounders Tournament	Cricket Field	6.00 pm	Come and join in
Wed 3	Mucklestone W.I.	Jubilee Hall	7.15 pm	Quiz. Competition—Buttonhole of fresh flowers
Thu 4	In Bloom Meeting	Hinds Head	7.30 pm	
Sat 6	Cricket 2nd v Modershall 6	Cricket Ground	1.00 pm	
Sun 7	Praise and Worship	St. Chad's Church	11.15 am	Flowers & Brasses - Jan Talbot
	Mixed Doubles Tournament	Tennis Club	2.00 pm	Bring and Share picnic – contact Sarah Smith—07724 131884
Tue 9	Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Hall	7.30 pm	Everybody welcome to attend. Public session at the start.
Fri 12	Norton Annual Sheep Racing	Cricket Grounds	7.00 pm	Great fun for all the family. BBQ, bar, prizes, kids entertainment!
Sat 13	Cricket 2 <sup>nd</sup> v Stafford 3	Cricket Ground	1.00 pm	
Sun 14	BCP Morning Prayers	St. Chad's Church	11.15 am	Flowers & Brasses - Jan Talbot
Fri 19	Annual Sports Evening	Playing Field	6:00pm	All welcome to join in. Cricket, tennis, rounders, tug-o-war
Sat 20	Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> v Stafford	Cricket Ground	12.00 am	
Sun 21	Family Service	St. Chad's Church	11.15 am	Flowers & Brasses Tracy Edwards
Sat 27	Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> v Silverdale	Cricket Ground	12.20 pm	
Sun 28	Family Communion	St. Chad's Church	11.15 am	Flowers & Brasses Tracy Edwards

## Further Ahead....

7 August	Mucklestone W.I.	Jubilee Hall	7.15 pm	Crazy Night! Competition: A hat featuring 100
Reminders	Date for the next month should be sent to <a href="mailto:secretarybradlingstone@gmail.com">secretarybradlingstone@gmail.com</a> by the 15th of the month at the latest. Future events can be flagged up as required. Articles/contributions should be sent to <a href="mailto:editorbradlingstone@gmail.com">editorbradlingstone@gmail.com</a> by the 18th of the month.			

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# Music Scene—Lost Highway—Review

I'm sure that all you music fans out there will be familiar with the seminal Kiss bootleg from the 1976 Destroyer tour, 'Kiss Destroys Anaheim' (footage available on YouTube for ageing rockers or the merely curious), but Norton now has a serious challenger for inclusion in the top ten best gigs of all time following the recent concert from Lost Highway in the village hall.

The evening ended with a standing ovation, calls for more, and everyone asking to have the group back. They had performed a wide range of music from the St Louis Blues played with a modern take, to the Irish song 'Black is the Colour of my True Love's Hair'. The audience were in fine voice joining in with 'Under the Boardwalk' and the evening ended with Dylan's 'Forever Young'. These were all interspersed with many other songs; a very varied repertoire. It is intended to rebook the group, so watch this space if you missed them this time....

Ideas for events such as this are always welcome as are people to help organising them. Richard Jones has been badgering legendary Canadian prog band Rush to reform to play the village hall. They allegedly gave this serious consideration before politely declining. The intense disappointment of losing his one last chance to don his Alex Lifeson wig, his cheesecloth shirt, his purple crushed velvet loon pants and his air guitar caused Rich to have to have a lie down in a darkened room with only his well worn copy of 'All The World's A Stage' for company. Please contact Jeff Harrall 653081 with any serious suggestions.



## Village Festival



Strong winds, heavy rain at one o'clock and lovely sunshine, we had it all at the Village Festival this year. The rain did not dampen people's spirits at all and everyone agreed that it was a lovely and successful event. From the dog show to a little vintage engine, from stalls selling craft items to a huge tractor there must have been something for everyone. Cakes and teas were particularly popular once the sun came out. The village was even graced with a celebrity by way of a visit from Sue Pollard.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who helped with the background work, holding gazebos down in the strong wind and packing them all up afterwards. It all resulted in raising a considerable amount of money for the church. Particular gratitude goes to A R Richards for supplying and erecting all of the barriers and cones.

It looks as though the festival is now part of the Norton in Hales tradition and we can look forward already to next year's event!

Two unclaimed raffle prizes from the Village Festival. Oliver P and Lisa Jaffa. Ring Jean on 653878.

# Nature Notes



Chris B has sent in some superb information about hedgehogs. Chris has a wildlife camera which he moves around the garden and has identified at least two resident hedgehogs – to further encourage them he has set up a feeding station. The photo (included here) took quick reactions from Chris who, whilst going out to top up the feeder at 9pm, lifted the lid to find this hedgehog enjoying the previous days food. Chris has done some research on what to feed hedgehogs and has also been in contact with some wildlife rescue centres. Should you wish to support hedgehogs in your garden in

addition to ensuring good habitat and perhaps a hedgehog house then feeding the correctly should be considered. Ensuring a protein rich foodstuff is important and the details here show that cheap cat food is as good as anything. There are less than 1 million hedgehogs left in the UK (50% decline since start of the century) with gardens being a key habitat. They made the press again recently – with the Department of Transport announcing that hedgehog warning signs will go up at hotspots across the country. It would be nice if we had one in the parish.



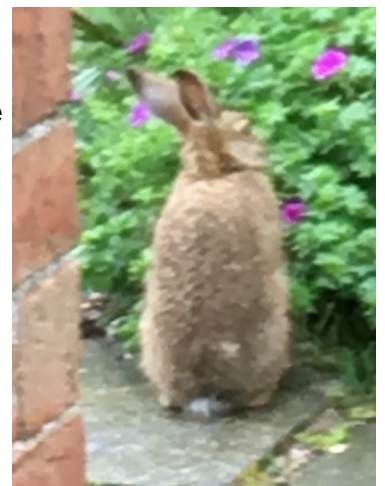
The little owl favours mixed farming landscapes and is a small owl in comparison to the other species that we see in the parish. It is also quite active during the day and they will perch on gates, fence posts or on the lower branches of trees and scan the ground for prey (small mammals and invertebrates). Curley happened to spot one on the 5<sup>th</sup> June along the road from Market Drayton – it was light in colour and must have just pounced on a large beetle as the owl had one and took flight carrying it. Being a small bird the little owl adapts well to a variety of nesting spaces but prefers dark nesting holes in oak or ash (we have many in the area so keep your eyes open!).

Curley also reported at the start of June that a mob of crows increased in number over a 48 hour period and were attacking a jackdaw nest near the bus shelter, presumably to get at the fledglings. Too large for the nesting hole the crows would not be able to make entry and Curley suggests they may have been forcing the jackdaws to 'move out' in order to seize an opportunity.

Rich W was keen to tell me that whilst gardening last week a robin came and sat on his shoulder. Rich clearly wasn't very active at the time and was perhaps taking a rest from the task at hand! However, we all know that robins have a sort of kinship with man in the garden – anything freshly dug will soon be visited and I'm sure many of you have tried to tame one by putting a worm or grub into your hand. Don't let their approachable nature fool you into thinking they are placid birds, they can in fact become very vicious when it comes to territorial behaviour – thankfully only with other robins!

Jays frequent the woodlands in our parish but you may not see them in the centre of our village. Dick W had his first jay in the garden for some time on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. It was hopping around a bush being harassed by a commotion of blackbirds. Jays will prey on nests and young so the blackbirds were sending out the alarm.

Ron L sent me a photo of a hare (it's a bit fuzzy, but hey, it's a hare!) that visits his garden in Betton. Ron informs me that it is becoming increasingly tame and enjoys several of the garden plants. Given this species is not as common as it once was, it's great that they are in Betton.





# Hedgehog Food Facts

Because of the way we like to eat and treat our pets, we often feel the need to offer our visiting hedgehogs a treat. Please don't! What you give only supplements their natural diet, it doesn't replace it. Their own natural diet contains all the variety they need. So please don't be fooled into giving your precious visitors harmful 'treats', but a nice bit of cat/kitten or dog food should be fine.



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Never give a hedgehog any food with these ingredients as they are very harmful

## Mentioning the Unmentionable.....Dog Poo!

Dog Poo is on the streets, in the fields and on footpaths . And it's getting worse!. I'm sure we can all bring to mind that sinking feeling (quite literally), shortly after the unmistakeable squish and slide that confirms that you're in it up to your ankles!. Equally bad for the responsible dog owner is recoiling in horror from the freezing cold dog poo that you've carefully picked up when you realise that it's not the issue of your own pooch!!

So, for the serious messages. If you are out with your dog please bag the poo and dispose of it responsibly in the clearly marked dog waste bins, and most importantly, not in the dustbin behind the bus shelter. Although we're surrounded by lovely countryside, we don't have the right to roam the fields as we please and we risk losing the right to access some of the permissive footpaths we currently enjoy if we don't follow some very simple rules. If you are unsure where you are allowed to walk consult an Ordnance Survey map and/or be guided by Rights of Way or Permissive Path signs. Also, remember that dog poo can be ingested by cows, sheep and other stock thereby introducing disease and ill-health into the food chain. It can cause eye disease in humans and spontaneous abortion in sheep. Remember that dog owners have a legal duty to remove poo from public places: it's the law

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# Norton In Bloom

It is not that far off now to the Britain in Bloom judging date of 5<sup>th</sup> August. The bedding plants certainly received a good watering in after planting! The group would ask everyone to spruce up their frontages for judging, cutting hedges, weeding etc. so that the village is shown off to its best advantage for the judges. Judging will commence at 9.00am at the Village Hall and end at 10.30am at the Cricket Club. The route will be along Main Road to the centre of the village and churchyard, thence to the wildlife area by the river, returning to the big green and onto the recreation ground.

A litter pick will be held on the roads leading to the village on 28<sup>th</sup> July, meeting at the bus shelter at 10.00am. Help with this would be very much appreciated; just turn up.

Water for plants in the village centre is always a problem. Although there have been water barrels at the back of the bus shelter for quite some time, it has rather a small roof to fill 3 barrels! We are now pleased that they have been relocated to the pub and they should fill much quicker there even with light rain.



New this month is a very attractive note-card produced by Norton in Bloom. Ideal for hand written notes marking those special occasions! These are available in packs of 5 cards for just £3 from Amy Yorke, 07889 811492, or from the Hinds Head.

The Bloom group had a presence at the village festival where the notelets were on sale. Bees in a glass hive were also on display along with photos and honeycombs demonstrating the life of these valuable pollinators. It is a shame that the opening of the festival coincided with a heavy downpour, but it did clear up later enabling cups of tea and pieces of cake to be consumed on the Old Vicarage lawn!

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# In Your Garden — July

## Bedding Plants

Regular deadheading directs energy into stronger growth and more flowers. Once the flowers are pollinated; seed heads, pods or capsules form at the expense of further growth and flower development so that subsequent flowering is much reduced. Some bedding plants need it more than others, but as soon as seed heads are seen then remove them. Plants like bedding geraniums also look very scruffy unless the faded flowers are removed.

The simplest method is to just pinch off the faded blooms with finger and thumb. Aim to remove the flower with its stalk to ensure the plant looks tidy. Tougher stalks need secateurs and I find sheep shears useful for tidying plants!



These yellow Bidens will stop flowering if the seed heads are not removed.

Keep feeding plants growing in containers, either once a week or a more diluted feed on each watering. This will keep them looking at their best for the new Norton Doorstep Challenge when flowering containers around front doors will be judged.

## Houseplants

Many indoor plants benefit from being placed outside on the patio for the summer. Moving many plants out of the conservatory will save them from baking under glass, and lessen some pest and disease problems, such as red spider mite.

Ventilate and shade sunrooms and conservatories to prevent scorch damage to remaining plants.

## Fruit

Soft fruit will be cropping now and it is often necessary to put garden netting over to keep the birds off. Blackbirds seem to be the worst offenders! Top Fruit (the name given to apples, pears and the likes) should have thinned themselves out after the natural June Drop. I should get a good crop of damsons this year but my apples will have a light one. This is a reflection of the weather conditions when the blossom was out.

# Through the Keyhole....

In 1995 Mary Keay wrote down in a number of exercise books who was living in every house in the village and also who had lived there before and when the house was built as far as she could recollect. It would be of interest to have these details on the village website and possibly published in these pages. They do however need transcribing as they are all handwritten and if anyone would care to type them into a Word document, please will they get in touch with Malcolm McDonald on 656646 or [Malcolm.Mcdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:Malcolm.Mcdonald@btinternet.com) .

One of the most interesting entries, which would be interesting to investigate in local papers of the time, is the bizarre one that follows: 45 Main Road



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- 1920 Mrs Pruce and Bert Pruce . In 1930 Mrs Pruce moved to Shrewsbury because Bert, her son, wanted to get married and she didn't want him to leave home. Shortly after they moved to Shrewsbury we heard **Mrs Pruce had killed Bert and his dog with an axe!**
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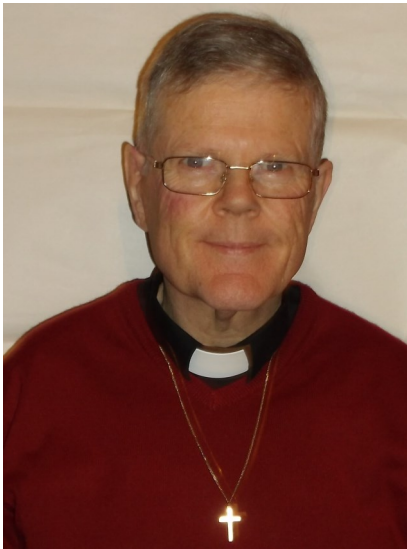
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# A Message from Rev Don Alcock of St Chad's Church



Here we are in July already! The second half of the year is now underway. As another school year draws to a close and summer holidays lay ahead for many folks, it's a great time to stop and take stock of our lives. Life is about changes, challenges, and choices. Think back to the beginning of the year; January 1. It was a day of New Year Resolutions—changes we wanted to make in our lives, the challenges in implementing those changes, and the choices we made either to make the challenges or let them slide. How are you faring? If you're like me, we were hoping to be doing better overall than we are!

The more drastic changes in life might include choosing a career path, marriage, children, retirement, and bereavement. Each change calls for rather significant adjustments in our lives. What criteria do you use to make changes? Looking back, I think I based my decisions on whether I would be better off or not making the change. Would I be happy?

For example, it took me a long time to decide on a career path. All I knew was being a student, and fortunately, I loved school. Unfortunately, the more I learned, the more I knew there was to learn; and it looked rather daunting how much more there really was to learn. Over time, I narrowed down the subjects I wanted to study. When I got to university, after the first two years of “general” studies, it was time to choose a major. I had no idea! I knew I was easily bored if the subject was too easy, so I looked for the toughest path available – honours biochemistry! Math, biology, and chemistry were the central subjects, and I was doing poorly in math, so-so in biology, and okay in chemistry. I liked them, but I just wasn't very good at them. Eventually I realized my grades weren't good enough and I looked elsewhere. The school's counsellor asked me what subjects I enjoyed. “History!” I said, “but what does one do with a history degree?” Teaching, law, archives, museums, and historical parks were soon on the list. I realized that in choosing a career, the subject would have to be enjoyable or life would be miserable, trapped in something I didn't really want. And as I enjoyed studying history, then a career centred on that subject would be appealing. A summer job at a historical park showed me a distinct career possibility, but it was limited in scope. I studied and did research archives, and that was attractive, but I preferred to do something with the documents (research and writing) rather than just their preservation. Ultimately, I could combine these into a teaching career on the university level.

And that's what I did, until God called me. He asked me to be a priest. I had to make a choice, and He made it clear that it was my choice to make! On the day I needed to decide on applying to seminary for training to become a priest, I found a job description for teaching, which was exactly what I had been seeking. I loved teaching, and evaluations suggested I was good at it and students liked me as well. I was comfortable doing it too. Seminary and priesthood were scary! The unknown often is. But God was with me and assured me I could choose either direction. I stepped out in faith and applied to seminary, and not for the permanent teaching job. I've not looked back, despite the hardships and obstacles I've had to face as a priest at times, because I love serving God by serving His people. I believe I was able to choose to make such a change because my life was and is grounded in my faith in God through Jesus Christ.

That same foundation helps me confront all changes, challenges, and choices in my life. You can choose to stand on the same firm ground by choosing to be a disciple of Jesus. By having made that decision myself, I am living a new life—a rich life, a full life, a life that I hope honours God and blesses other people.



# Betton and Norton Wildlife Group

The Betton and Norton Wildlife group has recently hosted two popular wildlife events for the local community about wildlife species such as otters and birds.

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, Dave Webb, the Founder and Chair of the **U.K. Wild Otter Trust**, gave an illustrated talk about Otters and their conservation at the Jubilee Hall, Norton-In-Hales. Over 45 local people attended this talk including members of both the Staffordshire and Shropshire Mammals groups. The talk was free to attend but donations were made to the UK Wild Otter Trust.

Dave Webb also identified field signs of otters at several locations in both Betton and Norton in Hales on his visit.

Mammal and otter enthusiast, Isabel Evans, said: *"It was really wonderful to meet Dave Webb – the chair and founder of the UK Wild Otter Trust - especially to hear about the importance of conversation of this protected species. It is such a delight to know that there has been so many recent sighting of otters in both Norton in Hales and Betton. These sightings and records help naturalists and scientists better understand the species"*

There was also a Dawn Chorus walk which took place on International Dawn Chorus Day Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May and which was led by Howard Chetwynd a volunteer from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust. The Dawn Chorus Walk which takes place all over the world, explored the local area which is both celebrated for its uninterrupted countryside and rich biodiversity. The walk took in the rolling timbered pastureland with ancient woodland, dense hedgerow and rivers to look for and listen to birds. A very impressive total of 28 species of birds were heard from 5am to 6.30am: A hare was also spotted by the group whilst they were on the early morning walk!

There will be another wildlife event taking place 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm with John Lightfoot from the Barn Owl Trust.

Further details will be posted on the groups Facebook page—[www.facebook/bettonnortonwildlife](http://www.facebook/bettonnortonwildlife)

## Kids Corner

Throughout the month of June the school children at Norton in Hales Primary have been taking part in a sponsored '30 days Wild' in conjunction with the Wildlife Trusts. The children have completed an activity related to nature every day in the month of June. Activities ranging from a bird watching to lying in the grass watching the clouds.

All monies raised will go towards replenishing school funds to help continue to fund school outdoor visits.

Should anyone wish to kindly donate please contact the school on 01630 653084 or email:

[admin@nortoninhalesprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@nortoninhalesprimary.co.uk)

### Things to do in Summer!

Blow dandelion clocks

Identify butterflies

Collect bird feathers

Build a sand castle

Explore rock pools

Put a buttercup under your chin to see if you like butter

Go crabbing

Make a home for mini beasts

Spend the night in a tent in your garden

Make elderflower fritters or cordial

and my personal favourite - make a daisy chain!

Have a look in your lawn or on the village green, you may see the little white flowers with the yellow centre peeping out. The daisy means 'days eye', their petals open up during the daytime and close in the evening. Have a go at counting the petals! Because the daisy is a very common wildflower, grown-ups often forget how lovely they are and miss out on the simplest of all pastimes.

How to make a daisy chain: Pick some daisies, leaving the stalk as long as you can. Using your fingernail, split each stalk halfway along and thread the next daisy through the gap. Keep going until you have enough for a bracelet or necklace!

Ask a family member to show you how. I'm sure they will have done it once upon a time!

**Lucy Green** - [lucygreen@aol.com](mailto:lucygreen@aol.com)

## Send Lucy a photo of your daisy chain

# Brand Hall International Horse Trials

The lovely Estate of Brand Hall hosted the British Eventing International Horse Trials over the Bank Holiday weekend, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Michael Taylor. This the tenth year of the Trials in the village saw over 300 hundred entries received with many leading riders taking part together with a whole host of up and coming stars in the 2\* Sections and the National Pony Championship.



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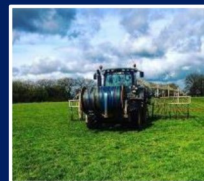
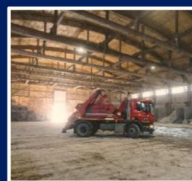
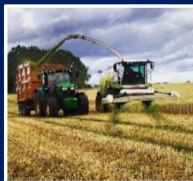
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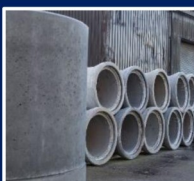
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## Norton CC Big Weekend..



Many thanks to everyone who helped, organised, volunteered, performed and attended the Norton in Hales CC 'Big Weekend' from the 13-15<sup>th</sup> June. It was a fantastic three nights of community entertainment, culminating with a brilliant win for the 1st team and U8's on Saturday and an evening of unbelievable live music to follow with a huge gathering of locals and non locals enjoying it! Even the sun came out on Saturday night. Our next event is the Sheep Race on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## Tennis Club News

The grass court season has started and that also means that Norton's grass courts are also open to play on! Please call in at the Old Rectory and see Mel Rees for membership – or phone 01630 657723.

The club is also holding a Summer Mixed Doubles on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm – Bring and share picnic. Further details from Sarah on 07724 131884.



If you would like information about bowling please contact Juliette on 07896 977425.

# Cricket Scene



**Juniors U8s and U10's** – the poor weather has cancelled several games over June but the U8s are currently second in the league and secured another win at Newcastle and Hartshill on the 15<sup>th</sup> June and the U10s beat Stafford at home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Well done Juniors!

**2nd team v Audley CC 3rd X1 (h), NSSCL Div 7** After a delayed start due to rain the game got under way with Norton in Hales electing to bowl first. Paul Evans and Simon Line opened the bowling and despite taking any wickets kept the score right down, less than 2 an over. The Audley opening batsman battled very well and kept their wicket. Eventually when needing to

score quicker the wickets started to fall. George Tavernor with a fine run out, then 2 wickets apiece for Paul, Simon and Matthew Riley meant after 40 overs (reduced from 45) the Audley innings closed on 104-7. Some good fielding and catching from Chris Green and Rob Warrington helping along the way. The Norton reply did not start well with Gary Rudd falling in the first over. Only 3 Norton batsman reached double figures making the run chase very difficult. Simon Line with 16, George Tavernor with 12 and Ben Blood with 14 all chipping in. Unfortunately with the score on 90 the final wicket fell and Norton in Hales were all out and lost by 14 runs.

**Saturday 1st June 2019 – 1st team v Endon CC (h), NSSCL Div 2** Endon won the toss and elected to bat first. An opening stand of 19 was ended by the pace of Kashif, with the second wicket falling soon after as did the 3rd wicket, all from Kashif, 29-3. A slight steadying of the ship from the Endon batsmen, small little partnerships in the middle order developing, however regular wickets were still being taken by the Norton in Hales bowlers. Kashif took his 4th wicket, Edrique then chipped in with another, Kahif then took his 5th wicket to leave the Endon score on 89-6. Another steadying partnership from Endon pushed their score up to 123 before Michael Dyer struck for Norton, Edrique striking again, 146-8. A little bit of frustration for the Norton in Hales boys as they final 2 Endon wickets eluded them for a few overs and they innings score went up to 180 before they were all out. Kashif finishing with 5-40, Chris Dyer 2-40, Edrique 2-49 and Mike Dyer 1-12. The Norton in Hales reply started really well with both Simon Dyer and Edrique setting their stall out to be positive. The Norton score got to 90 before the first wicket fell, Simon Dyer falling for 60. Unfortunately Edrique soon fell victim for 38, 100-2. From there the Norton in Hales innings looked like falling apart. The middle order failing to put together a partnership to get them home. 100-2 soon became 119-6. Jack Warrington (16) put up some resistance in the lower middle order but it wasn't until Mike Dyer (15 no) and Rob Leighton (5 no) got together 9 wickets down that stubborn resistance was shown. Getting together at 159-9 the two lads saw through the final few overs and to gain a hard fought draw, finishing on 172-9.

**2nd team v Rode Park and Lawton CC 2nd X1 (a), NSSCL Div 7** Losing the toss, Norton were asked to bat first. Openers Gary Rudd and Simon Line put together a solid start of 41 before Simon Line fell for 15, 41-1. Rob Warrington came to the crease and together Rob and Gary put on a fantastic partnership to take the Norton score to 121 before Rob falling for 40, 121-2. Ben Furnival came and went for 9, 135-3. In came Jamie Shaw and in no time at all smashed the ball to all parts, scoring a very quickfire 56 off 32 balls. At the end of our 45 overs the Norton in Hales score finished on 208-7. The Rode Park reply despite very tight bowling got off to a good start. At drinks the Rode Park score was 77-1 with 23 overs left. However 2 quick wickets after the drinks break, 77-3 for some reason spelled the end of the home teams effort to win the game. The last 20 overs going for 60 runs with very little effort to chase the total down. The game ending on 141-5, with a winning draw for Norton in Hales.

**Saturday 25th May 2019 – 1st team v Woore CC (a), NSSCL Div 2**

Woore elected to bat first in this fierce local derby. A devastating spell of bowling by the opening pair of Kashif Ali Moon and Chris Dyer meant that the days cricket was reduced to a game that lasted less than 90 minutes! Aggressive, accurate and consistent bowling skittled out the Woore team in the 14th over with Kashif finishing with figure of 5-15 and Chris with figures of 4-10, along with a Mike Dyer run out! The run chase lasted only 4 overs with Simon Dyer launching the ball everywhere to finish the game 24 not out, his opening partner Edrique Cook 7 not out. 25 huge points for the Norton in Hales boys!!!