

the norton messenger

February 2025



EDITORIAL

It's a packed edition this month, with various events coming up, especially now the village hall refurbishment is complete and the coffee shop is opening soon. Also look out for the offer of financial support to insulate your loft and save money on heating bills.

Please send any contributions for the Messenger to the address below by the 15th of the previous month.

Best wishes, Diana



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NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

(Commencing 2025)

MONDAY	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Jo's Fit4All Diet & Fitness Class
TUESDAY	9.30am - 10.30am	Serenity Yoga
	10.45am - 11.45am	Silver Swans Over-55s Ballet Class
	7.15pm - 9.15pm	Song Circle Ladies' Choir
WEDNESDAY	5.15pm - 6.00pm	Dancing Sparkes Children's Dancing Class
	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Zumba
FRIDAY	9.15am - 10.15am	Zumba

For further details please contact: nortonvhbookings@gmail.com



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Norton Village Hall AGM
at 8pm on 22nd April 2025

NORTON AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

ESTABLISHED 1986



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NORTON VILLAGE HALL IS NOW OPEN AFTER REFURBISHMENT!

We're excited to announce that **NORTON VILLAGE HALL** has undergone a beautiful transformation and is now open for bookings!

What's New?

- ☑ Fully refurbished Hall with modern facilities
- ☑ Extended facilities with new Changing Rooms for Sports
- ☑ Spacious and versatile layout suitable for all events
- ☑ Enhanced accessibility for everyone
- ☑ Whether you're planning a Party, Meeting, Class or Community Gathering, our Hall is the perfect place for your next event.

☎ To Book or Enquire, contact us at nortonvhbookings@gmail.com

💻 Visit NortonVillageHall.com to book your event, or to look for other events

Come and experience your newly refurbished Village Hall
It's your community space - and it's better than ever!

+++ EXCITING NEWS +++

The Norton Village Coffee Shop is coming soon
Stay tuned for updates - you won't want to miss it!



Norton & District Twinning Association

Invite you to a

Valentine's Dance & Supper

Saturday 15th February 2025

From 7.30pm @ Norton Village Hall

Contact: nortontwinning@gmail.com

ST ANDREWS CHURCH LIGHTS

The St Andrew's Church (Norton) floodlights for the w/c 25th January was sponsored by David Burt to wish Molly Burt a Happy 102nd Birthday on 27th January.

If you would like to see the church lit up in 2025 please consider sponsoring the lights (£20 a week) or if you would like to celebrate an event or remember a loved one contact: Philippa Wilding
email pfwilding@btinternet.com Telephone 07776443004



Norton Salvation Army

What's on at the Army in February?

Sunday 2 nd	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting)	10.45am
Sunday 9 th	Morning Worship	11.00am
Sunday 16 th	Evening Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 23 rd	Morning Worship	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddlesong (Children 0-4yrs £1 per family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 5 th	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group offering time out to include carers)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday's	Cameo Lunches (3 Course Meal £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Thursday 6 th /20 th	Choir Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm.
Thursday 13 th /27 th	Band Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday 18 th	Holiday Youth Drop-in	11.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 21 st	Craft Club	7.00pm – 9.00pm

Our Clothes Bank situated in the car park is available for your unwanted clothes & shoes. Please help us to help others.

If you would like to make contact with Norton Salvation Army please e-mail:
Valerie.Ling@salvationarmy.org.uk OR Peter.Newson@salvationarmy.org.uk

We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries
A Christian Church and Registered Charity No: 214779, and in Scotland SC09359
The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, 101, Newington Causeway, London, SE1 6BN

Please feel free to come & join in with us at any time: You would be very welcome



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This is the first article I am writing for 2025 and so may I begin by saying Happy New Year from everyone at Norton Primary School. We finished 2024 with traditional Christmas festivities; Carol Services, Nativities and a delicious Christmas lunch.

The Spring Term has started well with pupils at Norton returning to school with eagerness and knowing that a new term means starting new topics with planned visits and visitors to support learning.

In Star class, the children will be learning about toys, discussing together whether they can recognise an old and a new toy. They will also be having fun creating, making and playing with their own toy. I have been so impressed with how well the children have been learning their sounds which means they are now blending them to read words.

In Year 1, the children will be learning about Florence Nightingale, understanding why she became famous and how she improved nursing practices. In English the children are using the book 'Amara and the Bats' as a stimulus for factual information writing and they have already begun to recall and share some interesting facts with other children in the school.

Year 2 have started their topic on 'The Great Fire of London'. They have begun by looking and naming different landmarks in London, using the story book 'The Green's Hat' as a stimulus. To support their learning we have History Off The Page coming in later on in the half term when the children will start the morning by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills common for workers of the era. As the children learn their trades, the fire will spread. With the flames drawing closer, the children must take action to stop it, including forming fire lines and tearing down local buildings.

Following on from their topic 'Stone Age Rocks', Year 3 are going to be moving forward from this era to look at the Ancient Egyptians. The children will be learning about their lives, beliefs and Pharaohs.

In Year 4, the children will be starting a new topic on 'The Romans', exploring where the Roman Empire was geographically, what life was like during this period and all about the amazing Roman army and their conquests.

Year 5 started the term by completing a Design and Technology unit linked to structures. The children had great fun working together to build a bridge which would be able to hold several weights. This half term the principal focus in Year 5 is their history study on the Maya civilisation. As historians, they shall be finding out about the ancient civilisation of the Mesoamerican Maya, including the singular customs and beliefs and the social structures of these fascinating people. Year 6 will be focusing on being scientists, as they investigate the concepts of evolution and inheritance, and how natural variation in inherited characteristics leads to variation within a species.

Each half term we are fortunate to have a PE enrichment Day. Last half term all the children experienced Boxercise and later on this half term the focus is "Circus Skills". Hopefully there may be some jugglers or acrobats amongst our pupils!

We have also arranged for two theatre companies to visit the school. West Midlands Children's Theatre will be performing the pantomime, Snow White to the children at the start of this term and Saltmine Theatre Company will be coming in at the end of this half term to perform Blast Off, a great way to get the message across to the whole school regarding online safety. These experiences have only been made possible to the children due to the generosity of Friends and Parents of Norton School (FAPONS) for subsidising heavily the pantomime and Norton Baptist Church, who organised the visit for Saltmine.

Mrs Sparkes



DOWN OUR STREET



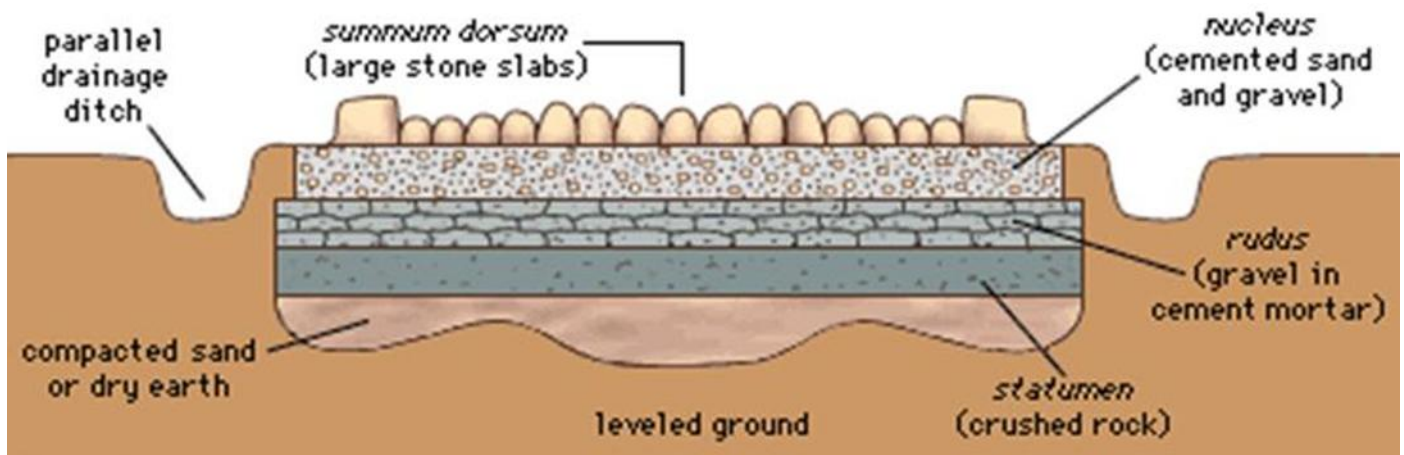
Photo shows part of The Fosse Way which has almost disappeared beneath vegetation

'Grass spread in from the margins and turned the road green in the years after the legions left. Willowherb, groundsel and bindweed grew in the gravel and chalk which had been the roadway and people did little to discourage the brambles and dog's mercury choking the berm. Heavy downpours loosened pebbles where cart ruts cut deepest and no one would build roads on the same scale till the 20th century. Time and weather erased these Roman labours, brought down bridges, and trees fell across the routes, forcing travellers on to a different way. Carters found easier fords downstream and kinder gradients out of the valleys. Abandoned farmsteads on heavy land disassembled themselves into fragments of tile and pottery sherds. The population grew and shrank with conquest, plague and calamity. The road was in parts now blackthorn hedge and ash thicket, even woods. In later years, ways were severed by glebe, quarry and many a lordly estate that forbade trespass. The wanton outrage of *improvement* quickened: the road was thinned and denuded by steam plough, mole plough and bulldozer. 2000 years after the roads were built, some sections remain, not to speed an army to its fort or bring pots from kilns – but as bridleway or farm track, footings of a windmill or church, country road or parish boundary. The remnant is fourteen miles end to end, less than a day's march. A little over a mile and a half is still road, in three short sections, another two and a half miles are public rights of way now. For the rest of its course, the road is lost, severed by cornfield, wood, pond, paddock, garden and building, across fourteen parishes, five old hundreds, three counties, five rivers and countless tributaries. It was still there if you knew where to look. *No trace... Faint trace... Possible line... Little trace... No surface indication... Suggestion of course... Course uncertain**** In the beginning was the road!'

(The thoughts above are paraphrased from *Les légendes épiques* by Joseph Bédier. 1908)

Last month I looked at evidence of Roman roads in Suffolk and the military road through Norton, in particular. It would not surprise me if there were many more undiscovered Roman roads and trackways dating from this period connecting ancient settlements and villas in Suffolk.

The reason the Roman roads were so strong, was due to the foundations that were laid and the techniques used in the design. Apart from natural undulations in the roads, they were mainly built in an absolutely straight line between two points. The roads passed around obstacles such as hills, to avoid the extra effort needed by heavy wagons to negotiate the rise. It was mostly on a high point of ground that a junction was built, which was used by the surveyors to make the viewing of the road easier and to ensure that it was built as straight as possible.

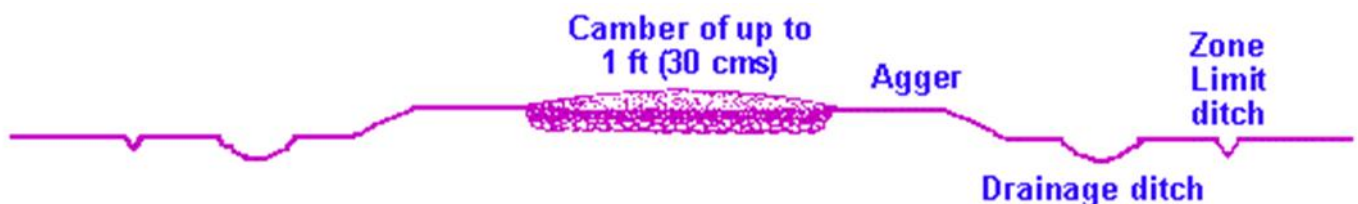


The process of building a road was divided into four actions

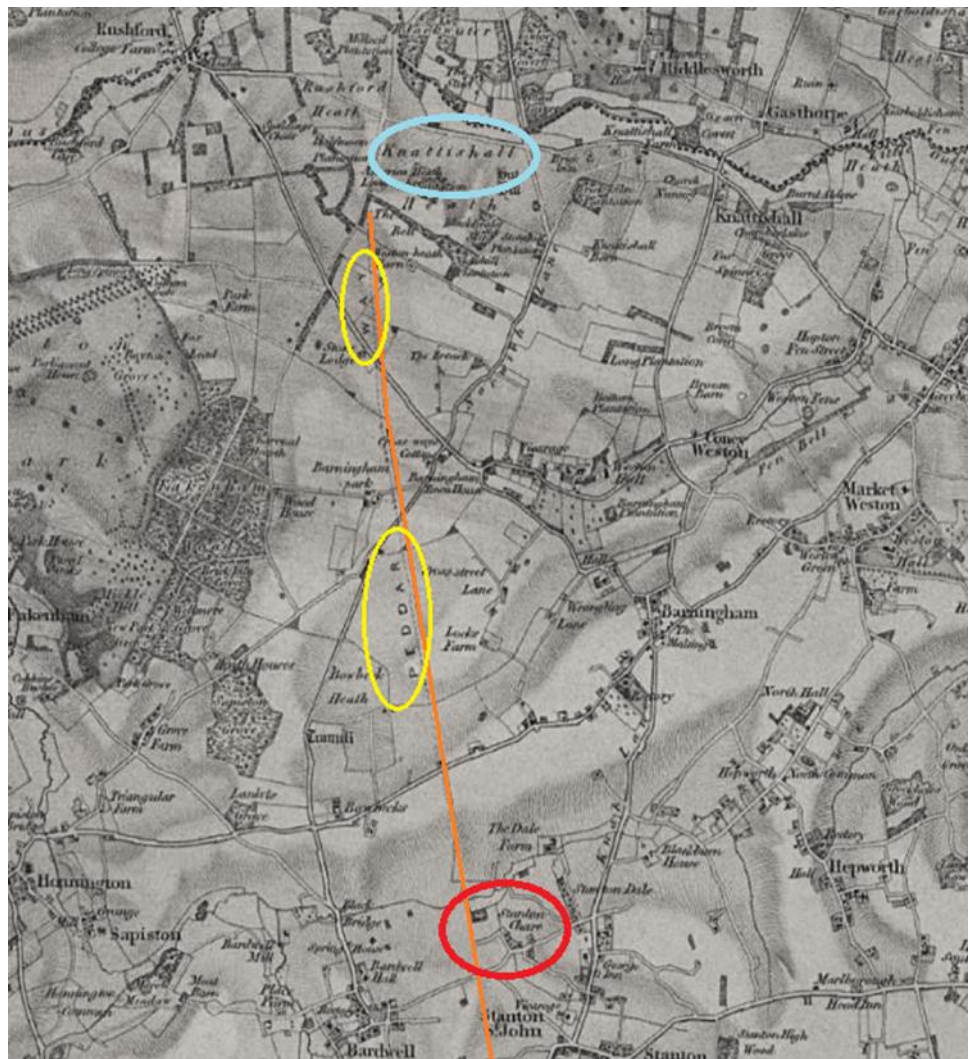
- 1) Firstly a ditch about 3 ft (1 metre) deep was excavated.
- 2) The was filled with large stones that were packed as compactly as possible to avoid movement and so lessen the risk of the road sinking over time.
- 3) Over this a layer of smaller stones was laid and this was bound by cement that just covered the stones.
- 4) The final layer was made up of gravel, or small pieces of flint that was compressed as tightly as possible.

Working from the middle of the road outwards:

- A) The road itself was cambered so that the centre was about 1 ft (30 cms) above the sides. This allowed the drainage of rainwater to wash away the build up of deposits that formed over the surface over time. It was often 10m (33ft) or more wide; it was rarely less than 3m (9ft) wide to allow room for two-wheeled vehicles to pass.
- B) The **agger** was on each side of the road and was a flat surface between 30-40 ft (12-15 metres) wide.
- C) At the edge of the **agger** was the drainage ditch that collected the excess water and moved it further along the length of the road.
- D) Then further outwards was the Zone limit ditch which defined where the road ended. This also served as a marker for the construction teams to indicate where they were to fell any trees and uproot bushes within this zone. In Roman times, highway robbers who preyed on unsuspecting traveller were common, and this extra ditch was mainly to protect anyone using the road from a surprise attack from the undergrowth.



For many years I have been intrigued by Roman road 'The Peddars Way'. The word peddar is an obsolete term for a person who travels on foot from place to place carrying his wares in a basket also known as a peddler or hawker. The word is a dialectal and comes from the Middle English word peddere, which may come from the word pedde (covered basket). The road, as far as the modern maps show, started at Holme-next-the Sea in Norfolk and ended 45 miles away on Knettishall Heath. Why would an important trackway end there? However, looking at parish and field boundaries shown on maps from early 1800s there seems to be continuation of this known straight line of trackway from the Norfolk section to Stanton Chare (various spellings) villa which was excavated by Guy Maynard, Curator of Ipswich Museum and Basil Brown between 1935 and 1939. In fact on Suffolk village info about Stanton, they like me, believe that Peddars Way continued through Coney Weston and on to Colchester. I wonder if this roadway continued through Wyken and on through Kiln Lane to the Roman camp at Stowlangtoft. Looking at the info on the 'Stowlangtoft Then and Now' roads and paths page, it says 'Kiln Lane is an ancient track way connecting a Roman Villa at Wyken with on the church site. The road layout of Stowlangtoft would have looked very different when the church was being built in the mid-1300s. The A1088 was probably built in the 1600s. The original road to Norton is now a footpath opposite St George's Church which passes Hall Farm and ends at Norton church.' We now know that there was a Roman villa of sorts in the vicinity of St Andrew's, Norton.



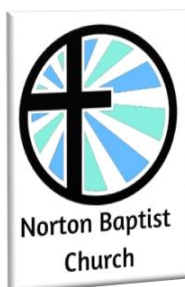
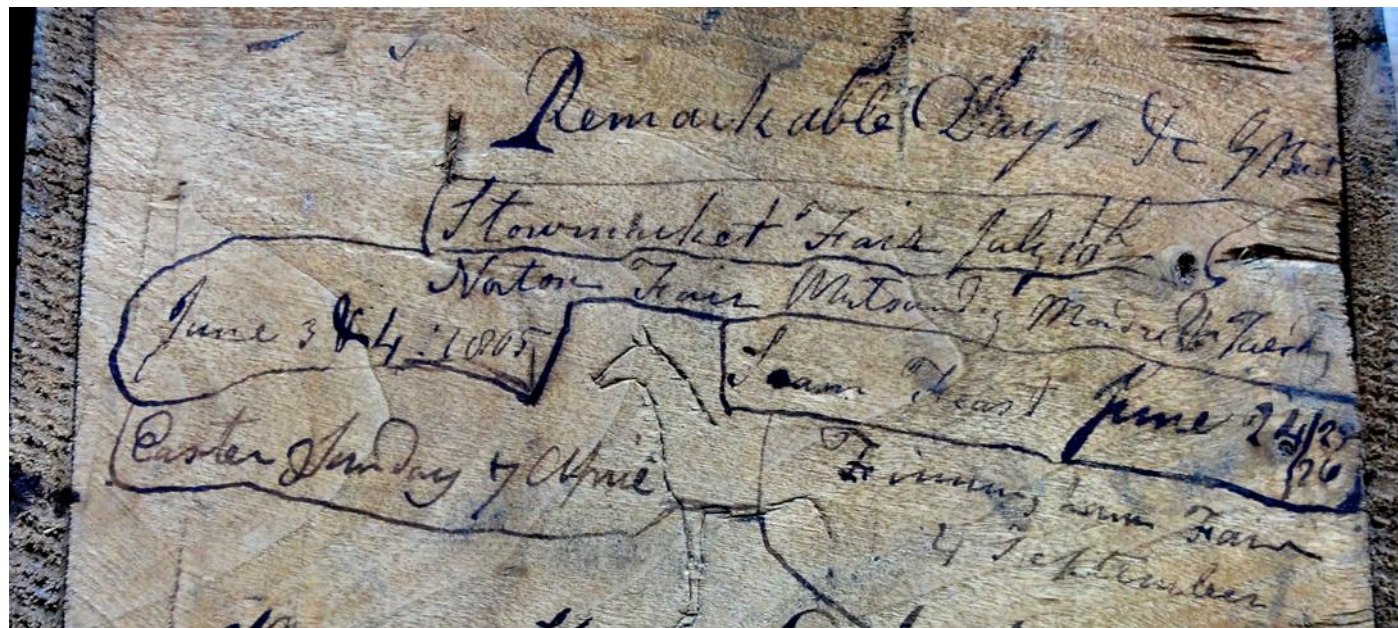
Map 1 shows the pins which I have named and have relationships to Peddars Way and known Roman Features.

Map 2 is from the Georgian & Victorian Ordnance Survey 1 inch to 1 mile First Series Maps of the British Isles (1805-1845) and I have highlighted the Peddars Way track in orange the name is ringed in yellow, Knettishall in light blue and Stanton Chare in red.

So, did the Peddars Way continue from Knettishall through Norton and on to Camulodunum (Colchester)? I have tried to show a possible route for this roadway, as indicated by the pins on the first map. To the south and following a possible line towards Crawley Hall, the line picks up 'Barrow Way', Norton (which is recorded back in 1575s on deeds relating to Norton Hall. I have to admit that I didn't previously know the name). Certainly in the 1600s, there was still a barrow in a field behind Rookery Farm. It follows the line of the public footpath from Ashfield Road, past the blockhouse and on to the lane leading from the A1088 to Crawley Hall. (Next photo).



Also in the 1575 deeds, there is a mention of an enclosure in Norton (which I have yet to locate) named Dustyfoots Meadow, which is an English translation of the French 'Pied Poudre' which indicates pedlars or traders. (Are they using the Peddars Way? Are they visiting Norton Fair?) Evidence of a fair in Norton is scant and the earliest I can find is from 1805 where my 3x Gt Granduncle had graffitied on an Apothecary's box (see photo below) Norton Fair Monday and Tuesday June 3 & 4 1805. He was an apprentice doctor/surgeon at Suffolk House, Stanton Street, under Dr. Thomas Barsham.



Norton Baptist Church February 2025

Check the information below
for our services throughout
February and beyond



February is upon us and 2025 is well underway!

Things at Norton Baptist are in full swing and every meeting is on at its usual time. This includes our young peoples group The Den, our midweek bible study and our prayer meeting on the first Thursday of the month. If you want to know any more about what is happening, please email us using the address at the bottom of the page.

We are very excited to be holding a baptism service at 3pm on the 2nd February. If you are not sure what this is please feel free to pop in and find out – or email us and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We have allocated one Sunday each month to go through the very popular "Prayer Course". If prayer is something you would like to know more about why not join us.

As always, up to the minute information will be posted on our Facebook page.

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd
Baptism Service	3pm			
Prayer Course		10am		
Praise and Worship			10am	
Café Church				10am

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095 Email: kavalentine677@gmail.com

Website: www.achurchnearyou.com Benefice Church magazine www.vcnews.org.uk

February 2025 Church Services

Open daily for visitors and private prayer. St Andrew's Norton services are highlighted below.

2 nd	Presentation of Christ	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Candlemas	Norton Pakenham
9 th	4 th Sunday before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham
16 th	3 rd Sunday before Lent	9:30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion 6pm Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield Tostock
23 rd	2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Great Ashfield Hunston Tostock Norton

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH & YOUR FAMILY

At this is the time you might be starting to plan your Spring or Summer family celebrations. St Andrew's is here to help in all times of joy as well as sad times. If we can help with any of these please contact Revd Katherine (contact details above).

Baptisms

These are joyful occasions, whether we are baptizing adults or children. Baptism/Christening is the first step on the Christian journey, when people affirm their faith and are welcomed into the church. With children the parents and godparents make the promises on the child's behalf, promising to teach them about God's love in Jesus, and to bring them up as part of the church. When they are old enough they can affirm their faith for themselves at Confirmation. Anyone living in or with a connection to the parish is welcome to be baptised. There is no charge for this service, but some preparation at a meeting with the Rector.

Weddings

How lovely to be married in your parish church where generations of villagers have been married before. If you or your parents have lived in the parish for at least 6 months at any time in your lives, or attended the church for 6 months at any time, or you were baptised or confirmed there, or your parents or grandparents were married there then you can be married in your parish church.

Church weddings may seem very expensive affairs, but they need not be. There are statutory fees to pay, but after that it is up to you! We have hosted very small simple family weddings as well as ones with all the bells and whistles - and all are very moving occasions. Also, being part of a benefice means that we can offer any of the 6 churches in our benefice as a venue, not just Norton, although most people value the association with their local church.

Funerals

Anyone who lives in Norton can be buried in our beautiful churchyard. Although sad occasions funerals can bring great comfort and hope for the future, as well as peace of mind. They can be followed by a burial or cremation and if you wish yours or your loved one's ashes can be buried in the churchyard at a later date, no matter where or when you held the funeral service. St Andrew's churchyard is a particularly lovely spot to come and sit or lay flowers, especially in the spring when it is full of snowdrops, daffodils, then bluebells.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd December 2024

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J Bolus, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Walton, Mr. N. Winstanley, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

County Councillor A. Mellen

District Councillor H. Richardson

1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Lenko

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

District Councillor D. Bradbury

1.	Welcome and protocol reminder	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none c)To receive requests for dispensations - none	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM —to receive reports for information - Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance Mr. Riley commented on the village Hall sign the cost of which he considered to be high. He felt investigation of halls to hire is mainly done online Mr. Walton stated the committee felt it was important to have a sign naming the hall, as the hall has now been refurbished to a high standard. As most of the hirings are in the evening it was felt important to have a lit sign. - Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email Further email received concerning request for a brown bin. Unfortunately, the Council are unable to finance a brown bin, but thanks will be given for the work undertaken to enhance the village setting. Further email received concerning speeding in Norton Little Green. Speedwatch cannot take place in NLG unless the police visit and agree an identified site which meets their strict criteria. When asked whether the speed limit could continue between the village and Norton Little Green Cllr Mellen stated it is very difficult to get changes in the speed limit as it is a long drawn out process, with surveys, a level of speed that naturally fits with the speed limit overall, a legal bill of at least £6000 - £7000 minimum. Currently it appears the County Council are not keen to change speed limits. Mr. Aket commented that the dip is within and part of the village as is Norton Little Green and not a separate area.	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only - Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen Update on A1088 Bridge Farm Bridge, Stowlangtoft Bridge repair. There has been a delay in completion. - Report from District Councillors Richardson and Bradbury – noted. Cllr Richardson commented on the white paper concerning devolution. It could be a)Suffolk, b)East and West Suffolk, or c)Rural Suffolk with Ipswich separate.	
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To RESOLVE the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2024 are a true and correct record. Mr.Aket proposed, Mr. Walton seconded with all in agreement.	
6.	COOPTION - To consider cooption to the vacant post - ongoing	
7.	MATTERS ARISING	
	7.1 Parish Tree and Wildflower planting scheme – update awaited from Richard Parmee but planting is likely to be Spring.	Mr. Winstanley
	7.2 Claimed Public Footpath - A1088 Road to Sewage Works. Following submission of public support letters, ROW has asked for a map to be filled in to show use. This has been forwarded to Mrs. Jaggard..	Clerk Prof Jaggard
	7.3 UKPN update. FIT had replied that their cost for agreeing to the substation will be £6000 plus. The Clerk had questioned this with FIT and send possible scenarios to the solicitor, to which the Clerk was told the Council should speak to FIT direct and argue it out with them. Without the substation EV charging could not be put in the hall car park. Mr. Walton agreed to speak to his contact at FIT when the village hall extension was discussed.	10

8.	PLANNING	
	8.1 APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/24/04884 Crawley Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton Application for Listed Building Consent. Internal works for the installation of through- floor lift The Council supported the application with the assurance that the work is carried out in sympathy to the Listed Building status.	
	8.2 APPLICATION FOR RESERVED MATTERS - DC/24/04807 Plot 2 , Land West Of Suffolk House, Ixworth Road, Norton. Application for approval of reserved matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/22/01941 - Erection of 9No self-build/custom build dwellings (allowed under Appeal APP/W3520/W/23/3316136) details for the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for Plot 2 only. The Council had no objection to this application.	
	8.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/04965 Barn At Haydons Farm (The Woodshed), Ashfield Road, Norton Planning Application - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of self-build replacement dwelling The Council had no objection to this application.	
	8.4 GRANTED DC/24/04018 11 Ixworth Road, Norton - Installation of air source heat pump to the rear elevation.	
	8.5 APPEAL GRANTED Appeal Allowed - Manor Barn, Ashfield Road, Norton - APP/W3520/D/24/3336681 - DC/23/03176	
9.	FINANCE	
	9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: Clerk's salary £416.00 LGA1972 s112 Street Cleaner £26.40 LGA1972 s112 Tenhats, December Messenger, £363.00 LGA1972 s112 SWT membership renewal £38.00 LGA1972 s112 Mr. Walton, CCTV items, £33.66 Local Government & Rating Act 1997 s13 CAB, donation, £50 (Approved at previous meeting) LGA1972 s137 Cheque 522583 HMRC £110.60 Cheque no 522582 LGA1972 s112	
	9.2 To consider additional allocation for Hall Upgrade of £25,000. The Clerk provided a budget statement and explained where money could be wired from to support the additional grant. As the suggested budgets are not likely to be required before the end of the financial year, the precept next year could be considered for topping up these budget headings, ie street lights, noticeboard. Mr.Walton outlined various items still required to finish the work. Councillors RESOLVED to further support the completion of the Hall up to £25000.	Clerk
	9.3 To receive details on memorial bench and installation details. Mr. Winstanley forwarded details of the bench with proposed site. There will be a site meeting shortly for Councillors to discuss and agree position.	Mr.Wi nstanl ey
	9.4To receive budget statement. The Clerk presented the budget statement showing the loan situation and repayment requirements, with the suggested virements for the additional grant to the Hall. Councillors approved to accept.	Clerk
10	PRECEPT	
	10.1 To consider precept for 2025-2026 and receive suggested proposal. The Clerk circulated a suggested precept for £50,000 to cover all the Council's commitments and in particular the loan repayment. This will be discussed further at the January meeting when the Precept needs to be formally approved for submission to Mid Suffolk.	Clerk
11	SPEEDWATCH	
	11.1 Update on Speedwatch – Data from large SIDs. Cllr Bradbury was unable to access the SID to download information, but agreed to try again. One of the SIDs requires a new solar panel and items have been ordered.	Mr.Le nko
	11.2 Gating. Mr. Lenko will bring suggestions to next meeting.	Mr.Le nko
	11.3 Exchange of SIDs in Heath Road and Ixworth Road. This has taken place.	
12	VILLAGE HALL	
	12.1 Letter of authority. DNB requested a letter of authority from the Council as registered owner of the land to allow them to apply for a grid connection of the solar panels to UKPN. Mrs. Hill, as Chair, will sign.	11

	12.2 Mr. Walton stated the energy rating for the hall is an 'A', which is a good standard.	
13	PLAY AREAS	
	13.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall -all OK	
	13.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Equipment OK. Mr. Walton will investigate the cost of a small sign for the field	Mr. Walton
14	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
	14.1 A meeting had been held on 11 th November with Ian Poole who has assisted other villages to prepare a NP. He outlined the requirements and commitment, but stated a NP gives the PC control of what happens in the village. It would require a working party of 4-8 people, 2 of which should be Parish Councillors. He felt there was funding available which he could access if the Council decided to go ahead. The Council RESOLVED to formally start the process to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, and to appoint Mr. Poole as Consultant to assist and secure the grant.	Clerk
15	CORRESPONDENCE	
	15.1 GAMBLING ACT 2005 Babergh & Mid Suffolk Statement of Principles consultation - noted	
	15.2 Adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Intensive Livestock and Poultry Farming SPD - noted	
	15.3 Sport in the Community – noted.	
	15.4 Trees. Vertas stated that trees along the boundary with the school require pruning back. He also stated that other trees require attention with dead wood and a dead tree. He stated Vertas can do a survey and report for all the trees on the playing field if required. The Clerk will ask for further information and a quote to survey and carry out the work.	
16	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	16.1 Mr. Walton commented on the number of footpath posts being damaged and wondered what could be done. Perhaps an item could go on FB to tell there is a spate of vandalism particularly of footpath signs and asking people to be vigilant. Mr. Walton considered using wildlife cameras or asking the ROW for their advice.	Mr. Walton Clerk
17	17.1 To confirm the date of next meeting : Monday 6 th January 2025	
18	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.24.	

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Invites members of the village to
form a Working Party to produce a**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR NORTON

**For more information or to be
involved please contact**

**Jillian Rowland, Parish Clerk
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AREA DESIGNATION NOTICE NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Norton Parish Council (the 'Relevant Body') to designate the whole of their parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 17 December 2024.

The application was made under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A copy of the application and a map which identifies the area to which this relates can be found on the District Council website at:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/norton-neighbourhood-plan>

Regulation 5A states that ... "where (1)(a) a local planning authority receives an area application from a parish council" and "(1)(b) the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council's area, (2) the local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area."

Regulations 6 and 6A relating to publicising an area application do not apply in this instance.

Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 5A(2) and 7(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), Mid Suffolk District Council hereby give notice that it has designated the parish of Norton as a Neighbourhood Plan Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Norton Parish Council.

Philip Isbell

Acting Director of Planning - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

Dated: 19 December 2024



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