

the norton messenger

December 2024



EDITORIAL

Happy Christmas to all in the village. I wish you all a happy and healthy festive period.

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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VILLAGE EVENTS AND NOTICES



DID YOU KNOW?

It is now a legal requirement from DEFRA that anyone keeping poultry must register the fact online. Easy to do. Go to www.gov.uk and search Register Poultry.

If you put in your mobile number you will get alerts and updates.

Already, Avian Flu is being reported across the country with the East particularly affected. It is likely that a 'Flockdown' will be implemented some time over this winter.

JOIN US!

Remember to bring change!

Christmas Fayre & SANTAS GROTTO

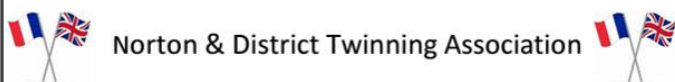
14TH DEC 10AM - 12PM
FREE ENTRY
SUITABLE FOR AGES 2-11
NORTON PRE-SCHOOL, IP31 3LE

Pre-book for Santa's Grotto
£5 per child (includes a gift)
Book your timeslot at the pre-school

Tombola / Raffle
Christmas crafts + games
Reindeer hunt
Letters to Santa
Refreshments + more!

ALL PROCEEDS TO NORTON PRE-SCHOOL

NORTON PRE-SCHOOL



Norton & District Twinning Association

invites everyone in the village to a

Festive Brunch



on Saturday 21st December

At Norton Village Hall

10am – 12pm

refreshments, music, children's activities

Find out more via Facebook, Instagram or email nortontwinning@gmail.com



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



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I write this article two weeks into the second half term with the first sound of Christmas songs and carols beginning to be heard around the school.

We ended last half term with the Year 6 children having a fantastic residential at Bawdsey Manor. The children worked together in many team building activities as well as providing each other with support and encouragement as they experienced new challenges, such as high wires and leaping from a very tall tower!.

On Monday 11 November, Key Stage 2 walked to Norton's War Memorial, to take time to remember and reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Each class laid a wooden cross and said a prayer, while Year 5 and 6 recited poems.

Our PE enrichment activity was football, provided by a coach from Ipswich Town Football Club. Each class had the opportunity to develop ball control and try one or two tricks. The coach was so impressed with the children's attitude and behaviour he gifted the school with 3 pairs of tickets for the Ipswich v Everton game, which we gave away in a raffle. The winners of the raffle were Darcy, Otti and Freddie. All of them had a fab time. This half term the sport is going to be Boxercise.

In Star Class the topic for this half term is 'Celebrations' and the children have already been creative in producing some rather exciting Bonfire pictures and as Christmas approaches, the children will be looking at how people celebrate before and during this season. The children have been learning their letter sounds and it is lovely to hear them blending sounds to make words. Keep up the good work Star Class.

In Galaxy Class the children have been listening to many story books to inspire their learning. In English they have done some writing linked to Dogger and maths they have been learning number bonds to 10.

Planet Class started the half term by looking at some traditional tales, focusing on descriptive writing and using conjunctions to extend sentences. In art, the children have started a new textile topic 'Vincent and the Sunflowers' and have been investigating the dip dye process.

In Year 3, the children continue with their topic 'Stone Age Rocks' by looking at the Bronze and Iron Age. As part of their topic the children spent the entire day outdoors with Kit the Caveman, experiencing life as a cave person. The children learnt how to start fires (safely!), prepare and cook a fish over the fire, make flint tools...the list goes on! The children have also been busy learning to subtract with exchange and looking the features of an explanation text.

In Year 4 the children are continuing to learn about the Greeks and had the opportunity to experience the most wonderful Greek Day. The school hall was turned into a Greek marketplace and the children had the opportunity to visit different market stalls, making mosaics and creating medicines.

As Historians, Year 5 are learning why and how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. They started off their topic by visiting Sutton Hoo. The children were given privileged access to the burial mounds, and they all enjoyed the interactive displays in the visitor centre. The staff at Sutton Hoo all complemented our class for their impeccable behaviour and eagerness.

In Year 6, the Geography study for this half term is linked to energy and power. Following the children's science work from last half term they will be finding out where electricity comes from and how it is made. The children will look at different sources of energy, renewable and non-renewable, examine the causes of global warming and look at climate change.

Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas production is called 'Baa Baa Bethlehem' and we have an afternoon and evening performance planned to allow the children to showcase their talents. We have also planned two Christmas Carol Services to be held at the Salvation Army where we will tell the Christmas Story through song and bible readings. The Carol Services will be on Monday 16 December at 9.30am for Key Stage 2 and 10.30am for EYFS and Key Stage 1. We warmly invite parents and careers as well as members from our local community. To finish the Christmas festivities, we have Christmas Dinner planned for the children during the last week.

Wishing you a wonderful and healthy Christmas.

Mrs Sparkes





Norton Salvation Army

What's on at the Army in December?

Sunday 1 st	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting) (Led by Elizabeth Taylor)	10.45am
Sunday 8 th	Morning Worship (Led by Youth Engagement Worker Stuart Hendry)	11.00am
Sunday 15 th	Churches Together United Carol Service (Held in the Village Hall)	4.00pm
Sunday 22 nd	Morning Worship/Celebration of Carols	11.00am
Sunday 29 th	Morning Worship Your Gift?	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddlesong (Children 0-4yrs £1 per family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 4 th	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group, free for all to attend for a chat & refreshments)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 5 th	Cameo Lunches (3 Course Meal £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Monday 16 th	Norton School Carol Services	

Our Clothes Bank situated in the car park is available to you for all your unwanted clothes & shoes.
Available 24/7. 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

CHURCH LIGHTS



The St Andrew's Church floodlights for December are sponsored by:

John Morgan for the week commencing 14th December 'For the memory of Hilary'

Christmas week is sponsored by Susan Palastanga

Dearest Memories of Doug & Hilda Mingay

It is hard to forget those loved ones

Who gave me so much to remember

Missed so much

Sue

If you would like to see the church lit up in 2025 please consider sponsoring the lights (£20 a week) to celebrate an event or remember a loved one. Please contact Philippa Wilding.

emailpfwilding@btinternet.com tel: 07776 443004

DOWN OUR STREET

By the time of the Norman Conquest, Suffolk was already an identifiable administrative entity, based on the original southern territory of the kingdom of East Anglia. Its affairs were run on behalf of the king by an annually appointed (in March) sheriff who was originally the principal law enforcement officer in the county and presided at the Assizes and other important county meetings. For administrative convenience, all English counties were further subdivided into 'hundreds', twenty five existed in Suffolk by the end of the 11th century. Each vill (broadly equivalent to the parish) sent representatives to regular meetings of the hundred, who in turn sent representatives to the sheriff and so on up the chain. The Crown had unusually granted the privileges and obligations of many Suffolk hundreds in Suffolk into the hands of two great monastic landlords, creating privatised legal franchises.

The Liberty of St Edmund was effectively West Suffolk, and was run as a separate county, whilst the Liberty of St Etheldreda (prior and convent of Ely) held 5 hundreds in East Suffolk.

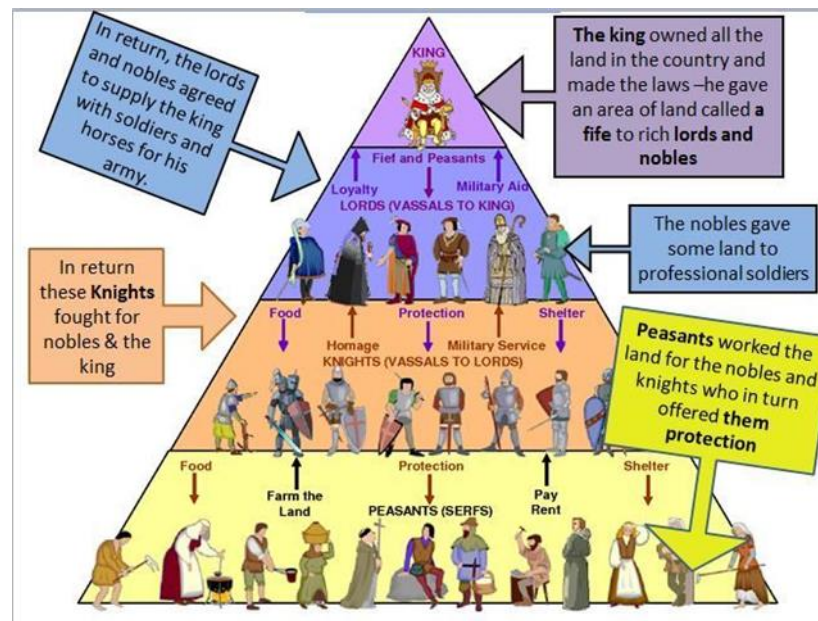


The Liberty had control over the land and controlled the tithes. Key figures in this dominance were the Abbey's Cellarer and Sacrist. **The Cellarer** was an officer whose responsibility was to ensure that the monks of the religious community were fed and he ensured that the people of the agricultural land surrounding the town made their contribution either by materials or produce. **The Sacrist** was another key member of the Abbey's organisation, being the collector of rents. He owned at least 250 houses and was the controller of the markets and fairs all of which raised substantial income from rent. He also organised the courts, regulated weights and measures and controlled the provision of intoxicating liquor.

There is much we will never know about the medieval economy and society because there is no census information to show the density of population and trades. Also, no letters, diaries or household accounts have survived from the lower orders of medieval society which might shine a light onto their daily lives.

In later medieval England, a small group of landlords held the biggest share of the land. Land was the basis of wealth, and even men who made money from trade aspired to buy a country estate. These lands were usually rented to tenants rather than being directly farmed by the owner. Earls and Barons were on the same level as Bishops and Abbots, and together these were the aristocratic landlords who owned most of the land between them. They would make more than £500 a year from their estates. The lower ranks of lords are dubbed 'the gentry', comprising knights, esquires, armigers (entitled to use a coat of arms) and lesser landlords. By 1200 there were less than 100 knights in Suffolk and by 1300 the figure had dropped to just over 30. **Sir William de Pakenham** met the knightly definition admirably, receiving an annual income of between £25 and £40 from each of four manors in **Norton, Ixworth Thorpe, Thurston and Bardwell** and about £10 each from his manors and land in Great Ashfield, Pakenham and elsewhere. With an annual income approaching £200 in the 1280s, he could afford to spend £140 a year acquiring land to provide a decent estate for his son, Thomas. Sir William was politically well connected, serving as a senior administrator on the estates of the abbey of Bury St Edmunds and the bishop of Norwich.

He was a royal official on legal commissions in East Anglia and one of just two tax collectors in Suffolk for the Lay Subsidy of 1283. His household is estimated to have been around thirty people. He was essentially a wealthy farmer and administrator, not a soldier. **Ralph de Bardwell** held 2 small manors in **Hunston and Bardwell** with a combined income of about £20 per annum. However, in 1381 the household of **Robert de Ashfield of Stowlangtoft**, an esquire occupying the social stratum just below William de Pakenham, contained sixteen servants, including a shepherd and a full time brewer.



The Great Famine. During the winter and spring of 1313/1314, Britain suffered a prolonged period of destructive winter storms, resulting in widespread flooding and damage. It rained almost constantly throughout the summer and autumn of 1314 and then through most of 1315 and 1316. Crops rotted in the ground, harvests failed and livestock drowned or starved. The famine reached its height in spring 1317. The poorest might starve, but people of property also suffered, with many having to sell land or livestock over these years to raise the money to buy food at current high prices. Food stocks were depleted and the price of food soared. The prices of wheat, barley and rye sold in Eye market rose by 50% and the price of oats rose by 80%. The result was the Great Famine, which over the next few years is thought to have claimed over 5% and perhaps, up to 20% of the British population. This was followed by several years of drought. It was 1330s before the food supply recovered completely.

Black Death. The later years of the 14thC saw the Abbey in turmoil, plague was rampant, the death rate high, the convent, normally 60-80 monks was decimated. Manorial records provide an opportunity to study geographical distribution, which seems to have been roughly the same all over the country; however, East Anglia, which had frequent contact with the continent, was severely devastated. In Norfolk and Suffolk at least 57,000 people died. In **Walsham le Willows, the Black Death halved the population** and one can assume that it would have been at least one third in Norton. Some people assume that the isolation of **St Andrew's Church** in our village is as a consequence of plague, but there is no evidence for this theory. In England as a whole, the total population of 3.7 million in 1348 dropped to 2.2 million by 1377, and it took almost 200 years for the population to recover. So many had died from the Black Death there were few peasants to farm and harvests rotted in fields as there was no one to gather them in. With so many deaths, families were devastated by collection of heriot. (At your death, your inheritors would pay a fee to the next lord up in the feudal chain.) In the cases of serfs this would be the best animal you owned. Some medieval villages would have been totally depopulated, or so depleted that former settlements were abandoned. The workers who were left could therefore demand more money and more rights. In addition, many peasants and some serfs abandoned feudal manors and moved to towns and cities, seeking better opportunities. This led to a weakening of the manorial system and a loss of power for feudal lords. However, the bigger landlords such as the Abbey of St Edmund, clung on to their legal rights tenaciously, demanding all the old labour dues despite the changed situation. They gave no concessions to their tenants, and granted no new leases. The Abbey was unable to maintain its income at a pre pandemic level.

Riots and Revolts. Relations between the abbey and the townspeople soon grew fraught however and in the summer of 1327 a series of riots took place which saw the Abbey Gate destroyed by local people who were unhappy with the monastery's power. (No longer opposite today's Abbeygate Street it is further along to where it was obviously there was no point in moving rubble and stone twice nor having the same destruction happen again, when cartloads of burning hay were rolled down!) They also plundered 13 of the abbey's manors and granges. The rioters stole £6,000-worth of property: £1,000-worth of plate, 100 horses, 120 oxen, 200 cows, 300 bullocks, 300 pigs and 10,000 sheep. At the time, the town's monks charged tariffs on every economic activity – including collecting horse droppings in the street – and the Abbey even ran its own mint for a short period. The culmination of these saw the people of the town rebel, attacking the abbey, hoping to seize the records of taxes, tithes, rents and other dues within. The new poll tax was hurting everybody. Resistance to payment led in March 1381 to new laws to enforce payment. The abbey was still expecting to collect taxes and tithes from land owners. The bailiffs of each hundred now had powers to distrain on the goods and chattels of non-payers. In Suffolk it is estimated that about a third of people had refused to pay. Now they could have their property seized and sold at knockdown prices to pay off the tax levy.

When the Peasants' Revolt broke out in 1381, the abbey was once more a target. The Suffolk rebels, led by John Wrawe, sacked the abbey again, tracked down the prior, John of Cambridge, who had fled Bury, and decapitated him. His head was taken back to Bury and exhibited on a pole next to that of the Lord Chief Justice of England, John de Cavendish, who had lived in Bury. The origins of the numerous revolts by peasants during this period, lie in the social and economic changes caused by the Black Death. An example from 1385 where a group of villeins (a villein was granted land by the lord but had to do work for the lord. He couldn't move from the village without permission.) had banded together to resist the feudal labour dues which were exacted from them were from the **Manor of Littlehawe, (? Little Haugh)** whose lord was Robert de Ashfield. Villeins in this case were referred to as "natives by blood". They were advised by the parson of Thurston church, and there were 15 men in all involved. The dues listed in respect of one Robert Soutere of Thurston are an example of what was normal for a villein at the time. Soutere held 24 acres and two buildings, for which he paid the usual 4d per acre per year. He was one of the better off men of the group, but, being a "native by blood", he also had to pay the following:

An extra 1d per acre under an ancient custom called "le unyeld". Three hens to the Lord at Christmas. Fifteen eggs to the Lord at Easter. Two days ploughing a year for the Lord. Four half days mowing grass. Haymaking with the help of other customaries. Two half days hoeing. Six days reaping each Autumn. If he had a horse and cart, one day carrying corn. When it was his turn, he must act as head reaper for the lord. If a son or daughter married a fine was due. Upon death, his tenement was subject to a heriot of a better beast. Upon death, his heir had to pay a fine upon entry to the tenancy.

It was little wonder that villeins tried to resist such requirements, which a free man was never asked to provide. In 1386 villeinage was still a major grievance in the villages and **in Norton, Tostock and two other villages**, a march against villeinage was held.

Unlike many monasteries in the 15th century, Bury was revitalised at this time. **By 1460, Suffolk was the largest textile producing area in the country.** In 1486, King Henry VII visited the Abbey at Bury St Edmunds shortly after his victory at Bosworth. He confirmed the immunities of the abbey, and its control over the town remained unshaken. **1499 -1500 saw the plague strike again and many people died.** 1525 saw taxation racked up once again when Henry VIII ordered a levy of one sixth of every man's estate. This was the last straw for some people, driven to desperation. Steadily rising prices, higher taxation and a decline in the broad cloth industry led to an uprising of 4000 people around Lavenham and Brent Eleigh, with lesser riots in Bury and Cambridge. Suffolk was a centre of resistance to this new tax.

The abbey's fortunes took a drastic turn in the 16th century when King Henry VIII launched his campaign to dissolve England's monasteries. Despite its wealth and prestige, Bury St Edmunds could not escape the king's rapacious grasp. In November 1539, the abbey was surrendered to the Crown, its assets seized and its monks pensioned off. The once-mighty abbey was systematically dismantled, its lead roofs, marble and precious metals stripped away. The great abbey church, which had taken over 150 years to build, was reduced to rubble in a matter of months. Only a few structures, like the Norman Tower and Great Gate, were spared destruction. The rest they say is history!

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

Stowlangtoft)

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November 2024 Church Services

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

1 st	Advent Sunday	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Christingle Come at 9.30am to make your Christingle!	Norton Pakenham
8 th	2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham
15 th	3rd Sunday of Advent	9:30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Family Communion 2.30pm Carol Service 3pm Carol Service 4pm Village Carol Service	Pakenham Great Ashfield Hunston Tostock Norton Village Hall
22 nd	4th Sunday of Advent	11am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion 3pm Carol Service 5pm Carol Service 6.30pm Carol Service	Tostock Norton Stowlangtoft Great Ashfield Pakenham
24 th	Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion	Tostock Tostock
25 th	Christmas Day	9.30am Family Festival Communion 9.30am Family Festival Communion 10.30am Crib Service 11am Family Festival Communion 11am Family Festival Communion	Hunston Pakenham Great Ashfield Tostock Norton
29 th	First Sunday of Christmas	10am Benefice Communion Service	Norton

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Crib services at Tostock on Christmas Eve and at Great Ashfield on Christmas Day children are invited to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds or Wise Men.

Norton Village Carol Service in Norton Village Hall. This is a United Service from Norton Churches Together. The School choir will sing, the Norton Salvation Army band will play, and there will be a collection in aid of EACH.

Christmas Day Services are for the whole family and will include some treats!

We look forward to seeing you! Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Revd Katherine Valentine.



Norton Baptist Church December 2024

Check the information below for our services
throughout December and beyond



As always, December is a very busy month in the church calendar. Lots of opportunities to gather together and look forward to Christmas.

We have two morning worship services, the Village Carol Service and an All-Age service leading up to the big day.



On the 22nd December we will be having our All-Age Nativity Special – why not come and join us and you could be a part of the nativity play – no acting skills required!

After the Nativity, at 6pm, we will be holding our own Carols by Candlelight service.

Due to family commitments, there will be no Christmas Day service at Norton Baptist this year.

	1 st Dec	8 th Dec	15 th Dec	22 nd Dec
Morning Worship	10am			
Morning Worship		10am		
Village Carol Service @ The Village Hall			4pm	
All Age Service				10am

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page



PARISH COUNCIL DATES FOR 2025

First Monday of each month, plus additional meetings as required by urgency of business. Meetings are held in the Norton Baptist Church at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

6th January 2025 , 3rd February 2025, 3rd March 2025, 7th April 2025

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 28th April 2025

12th May 2025 (Bank holiday 5th May) 2nd June 2025, 7th July 2025, 4th August 2025, 1st September 2025, 6th October 2025, 3rd November 2025, 1st December 2025

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council – 12th May 2025

Members of the public are invited to give their views/questions to the Parish Council on issues on the agenda or raise issues for consideration or inclusion at future meetings. Please lodge this with the Clerk one week in advance of the meeting date. Items received after this time may be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Alternatively members of the public may submit comments on any item on the agenda via email to the Clerk:
nortonparishclerk@outlook.com ahead of the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th October 2024

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J. Bolus, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr. R. Lenko, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Walton, Mr. N. Winstanley, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk) LGA 1972 s12 para 40 . One member of the public, District Councillor D. Bradbury, District Councillor H. Richardson, County Councillor A. Mellen. **APOLOGIES:** None

1.	Welcome and protocol reminder. The Chair welcomed newly elected District Councillor Richardson.	
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 comments submitted via email - none Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance. The Chair asked for the Speedwatch item to be brought forward as Mr. Stone was in attendance to answer any questions. This was agreed.	
4.	SPEEDWATCH 4.1 Update on Speedwatch. Mr. Stone’s updated report had been circulated to all Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors. He stated it is a little unusual in that the more traffic there is, the less there is speeding, whereas the smaller amount of traffic due to the bridge closure has created more speeding. He stated he is still looking for a data analyst to assist with the 400+ sheets of data. Mr. Bolus offered to have a look and take this on. This will help to prove the peaks and troughs of speeding, which could help when asking for further help from Highways etc. He confirmed that he had received the ANPR data from July, but not the recent event. He has asked for a breakdown and further information from the ANPR to decide where to place it for the forthcoming use. Mr. Stone commented the Police state the large SIDs at either end of the village capture data and they asked for the data. Mr. Lenko confirmed they do but a laptop needs to be connected to the sign at the top of the pole. Councillor Bradbury stated he could help to see if this works.	
	4.2 Parish Council strategy to combat speeding – gating Mr. Lenko is working on the document to obtain a street licence for gating etc. It asks for details and photos but as this has not been decided by the Council, he has sent photos of suggested gates that could be used.	
	4.3 Update on small solar SID located in Heath Road. Mr. Lenko reported that the post had been put in situ, he has the SID at his house and will be putting it up soon with the help of Mr. Bolus.	
5.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information •Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen. Mr. Lenko questioned the return of £5m. Cllr. Mellen stated this was money given by the Government for insulation but as the criteria was very constrained not enough had been delivered so the money may need to be returned to Government. However, there may be other schemes from Government that this money could be used for, so it is unclear of the exact position. Prof. Jaggard commented on the recycling made simpler! Cllr Mellen stated it is all linked up by Suffolk Waste Partnership. Food waste will be every week with additional receptacles being provided. This will happen in 2026. Mr. Morgan expressed thanks for the additional signage for the road closure stating businesses were open. Cllr Mellen stated there are problems with rat runs through Kiln Lane in Stowlangtoft due to the bridge closure so no entry signs will be put up at the top end to stop people entering. Mr. Aket questioned why other small roads did not have signage of no entry, and was informed there had been a lot of complaints received about Kiln Lane, compared to other roads being used. He believed the bridge was still on course to be completed before Christmas. •Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson and David Bradbury. Mr. Aket queried holiday clubs for children at half term as venues tend to be at Stowmarket and elsewhere. Cllr Bradbury stated he would enquire of venues, and publicity was likely sent out through schools and on FB.	
	MINUTES	
	6.1 To RESOLVE that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd September 2024 are a true and correct record. Mr. Lenko proposed, Mr. Bolus seconded with all in agreement. The Clerk corrected that the public forum in the minutes of August should refer to Miss D. Smith, not Mrs. Smith.	10

7.	COOPTION -	
	7.1 To consider cooption to the vacant post. No update.	
8.	MATTERS ARISING from Meeting held on 2 nd September 2024	
	8.1 Bus service update. Mr. Winstanley stated the buses seem to be running well. Mr. Morgan commented the service is well used with around 20 people on the bus.	
	8.2 St Andrews's flower festival. Councillors thanked Mrs. Aket for the arrangement.	
	8.3 Parish Tree and Wildflower planting scheme. Mr. Winstanley and the Clerk had completed the application form and submitted to Mr. Parmee. Approval/funding was now awaited. Mr. Walton offered to help with preparation of the area with his tractor.	Mr.Wi nstanl ey Clerk
	8.4 UKPN update. The Clerk confirmed that the application to Fields in Trust has been submitted and reply is now awaited.	
	8.5 School Close parking. The Clerk reported she had spoken to some of the residents who did not feel there was a problem with parking in School Close. Mr. Walton had attended several days and did not feel there was a potential big problem. Mr. Walton commented on the land to the rear of School Close owned by SWT which could potentially be a one-way system for drop off and collection. The Clerk commented on her reply to marking the bays, stating normally numbered parking bays are only on private residential developments or when there is a TRO in place for resident parking only.	
9.	PLANNING	
	9.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION -DC/24/04018 11 Ixworth Road, Norton - Installation of air source heat pump to the rear elevation The Council had no objection to this application.	
	9.2 APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - Land at Norton Rise, Ixworth Road, Norton - DC/24/03919 Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, all other matters reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Erection of 5No self-build dwellings and garages. The Council strongly objected to this application on the following grounds 1. It creates overdevelopment of the site which is slowly creeping into the Countryside. 2. The proposed roadway is too narrow to accommodate the extra vehicular traffic created by an additional 5 dwellings. 3. It would mean additional vehicles accessing and egressing onto the A1088 near the brow of a hill. 4. There is no footpath joining the development to the village. 5. Being proposed as self-build means no CIL income to the village to improve village amenities. 6. The piecemeal applications for this area mean there is no requirement to provide affordable housing 7. Two adjacent proposed sites have recently been dismissed on appeal.	
	9.3 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) Land West Of, Ixworth Road (Plot 3), Norton DC/24/03345 Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of DC/23/02935 dated 24/08/2023 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – Erection of 4no. dwellings with garages. To vary Condition Number 1 (Approved Plans and Documents) as per revised plans.	
	9.4 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) Land West Of, Ixworth Road (Plot 4), Norton, - DC/24/03346 Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation if a Condition following grant of DC/23/02935 dated 24/08/2023 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). Erection of 4No dwellings and garages. To vary Condition 1 (Approved Plans and Documents) as per revised plans.	
	9.5 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) GRANTED Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/24/03347 Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/24/02272 dated 11/07/2024 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). Erection of 4No detached dwellings with garages - To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to allow alternative design, materials and finishes for Plot 7 (phase 1)	
	9.6 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) Plot 8 (Phase 2), Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/24/03348 Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/24/02272 dated 11/07/2024 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). Erection of 4No detached dwellings with garages - To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) to allow alternative design, materials and finishes for Plot 8 (Phase 2)	11

	9.7 APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS Land West of Suffolk House (Plot 5), Ixworth Road, Norton DC/24/03493 Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following grant of Outline Permission DC/22/01941 (following Appeal APP/W3520/W/23/3316136) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Submission of details for Layout, Scale, Appearance and Landscaping, Access points to be considered Erection of 9No self-build/custom build dwellings in relation to Plot 5 only.	
	9.8 APPROVED Orchard House, Ixworth Road, Norton, DC/24/03604 Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission 0934/09 dated 03/07/2009 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Erection of a single storey extension and change of use of domestic outbuildings to self-contained B&B and ancillary domestic accommodation. To remove Condition 5 (Restriction on Occupancy) and Condition 6 (Restriction on time Occupied) - to allow the domestic outbuilding to be used for purposes incidental and ancillary to the principal dwelling known as Orchard House.	
	9.9 APPEAL DISMISSED Land West of, Ixworth Road, Norton, Appeal Ref: APP/W3520/W/23/3334683 Proposed erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with garages. (plots 11,12)	
10	FINANCE	
	10.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: On-line: Clerk's salary £416.00 LGA1972 s112 Street Cleaner £105.60 LGA1972 s112 Tenhats, October Messenger, £363.00 LGA1972 s142 PKF Littlejohn (external Auditor) £1638.00 LGA1972 s112 Vertas, grounds maintenance, £365.23 Public Health Act 1875 s164 W.A.Howes, cutback footpath on playing field, £125.00 Public Health Act 1875 s164 G. Walton, Wifi items for V.Hall, £682.19 LGA 1972 s133 Birketts, land registry, £2439.60 Santander cheque 522572 Public Health Act 1875 s164 HMRC £130.40 Santander cheque 522573 LGA1972 s112 MS Oakes, stage payment, £19,200.00 Santander cheque 522574 LGA 1972 s133 Mr. B. Aket, flowers for festival £14.75 Santander cheque 522576 LGA 1972, s1388 Transfer to Lloyds £10.000 Santander cheque 522575 LGA 1972 s111	
	10.2 Internal control report. Following a meeting between the Clerk and Mr. Lenko the Internal Control Report was circulated. Councillors RESOLVED to accept.	
	10.3 The Clerk had circulated the External Auditor Report signing of the 2023-2024 accounts. Councillors confirmed approval and acceptance.	
	10.4 To receive loan statement showing amount spent, amount received, amount to claim back and proposed in-hand balance.	
	10.5 To confirm receipt of second instalment of precept of £19,500	
	10.6 To confirm receipt of final CIL/village hall grant payment of £6318.66.	
	10.7 To confirm CIL payment from MSDC of £15446.99. The Clerk requested that £8000 of this be allocated against the CCTV and Wifi upgrade on the new hall. Mr.Aket proposed allocating all the CIL payment against WiFi and CCTV until full costing is known. Councillors APPROVED this request.	
	10.8 Coronation Commemoration noticeboard – ongoing.	
11	VILLAGE HALL	
	11.1 Update on progress Mr. Walton commented that now the harris fencing is down the area has been seeded and taped off to stop people walking across this area. On 15 th September assurances were made that the completed Hall would be handed over on 28 th . Unfortunately, this was not the case. The parquet floor still requires attention, with a specialist firm coming in for 10 days to fix it. Oakes are paying for the repair but sharing the cost of the final finish. Mrs. Hill asked about the battery system requiring a steel cabinet as requested by the insurance company. It was explained that the room to house the batteries was built to the required standards by Fire Brigade and building regs. The insurance company agreed to the fixing of a monitored fire alarm, with dial to a key holder and the Fire Brigade.	
	11.2 Mr. Aket requested a final statement of receipt and expenditure on the hall when the project is complete.	
12	PLAY AREAS	
	12.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. The wooden balustrade at the top of the mound will be replaced later this month. Other equipment is OK.	12

	12.2 Play area in Prospect Road. All Equipment is OK.	
13	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
	13.1 Mr. Walton stated that in his discussion with the CIL approvers they had questioned why Norton had not developed a Plan and thereby able to claim a higher percentage of CIL. The Parish get 15% of CIL payments, with the remaining 85% going into a ring-fenced pot for applications, but with a Neighborhood Plan it would be 25% to the Parish. The Clerk agreed to research other villages plans and circulate for the Councillors to discuss further. There could be funding available to prepare a Neighborhood Plan.	Clerk Agenda
	CORRESPONDENCE	
	14.1 AGM Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau's AGM on Friday 25 th October 2024 at 10am at Stowmarket Community Centre, Hillside, Stowmarket, - Noted	
	14.2 MS Town & Parish Liaison Meeting - 17/10/24 -10:30 at Wesley Hall, Elmswell. The Chair and Clerk are planning to attend.	
	14.3 Launch of 2024 rural transport survey - Noted	
	14.4 MSDC Rural Housing Event, 6 November, Lavenham - Noted	
	14.5 The Mid Suffolk Taxi Bus - launch event - Noted	
	14.6 Clerks & Councils direct – Noted.	
15	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	15.1 Mr. Walton reported a number of footpath posts had been vandalized. These had been reported to the Footpath Officer.	
	15.2 The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Remembrance Day service at the Memorial on 10 th November. Checks will be made that wreath, school and vicar are booked.	Agenda
	15.3 Mr. Aket commented that his recent submission to the Messenger had been edited and he did not feel it fully covered his article so he had asked for it to be withdrawn. He agreed to circulate to Councillors for their comments.	Agenda
	15.4 It was questioned whether the Council meetings would revert back to the Village Hall once it was fully open. This will be discussed further.	Agenda
16	To confirm date of next meeting: 4 th November 2024	
17	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.46	

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