

the norton messenger

February 2023



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EDITORIAL

Thank you to Pete Nash for the lovely frosted cow parsley picture above, and to everyone else who sent in contributions. If anyone else has anything they would like to see in the messenger send it in – we had some space this month!

Any contributions for the Messenger should be sent to the address below by the 15th of the previous month.

Best wishes, Diana

NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

IP31 3LE

MONDAY	9.00am - 10.00am	Ren Yoga
	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Jo's Fit4All
TUESDAY	9.30am - 10.30am	Serenity Yoga
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Zumba
FRIDAY	9.15am - 10.15am	Zumba
	10.45am - 11.45am	Yvonne's Body Work Class



For further details please contact: nortonvhbookings@gmail.com



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HALL FOR HIRE



Our Hall has facilities for Disabled Guests, ample On-site Parking, fast & free Wifi, a Stage with Professional Lighting and a Bose Bluetooth Sound System. A large Playing Field and well-equipped Children's Play Area are also available for use.



Main Hall with seating for larger gatherings

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Separate area for smaller events

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

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Website: for more details of all our churches - including Norton - see the national Church of England website www.achurchnearyou.com

Our benefice Church magazine is also available online at www.vcnews.org.uk

February 2023 Church Services and Opening times

Our beautiful and ancient church is open every day for visitors and private prayer.

5 th	Presentation of Christ	8am Holy Communion 10am Family@Church Candlemas	Walsham-le-Willows Pakenham
12 th	2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham
19 th	Sunday before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Morning worship 11am Family Communion 6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield Tostock
22 nd	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Pakenham
26 th	1st Sunday of Lent	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Family Communion 11am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock

Notice of Rector's sabbatical

I will be away from the benefice on sabbatical from 1st January 2023 until 27th March 2023. Part of that time I will be on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan. I am very grateful to the Bishop for allowing me to spend this time away in prayer, reflection and exploration of the roots of our Christian faith. It is a very exciting opportunity.

I am also grateful to everyone in our churches and Deanery who will be holding the fort in the meantime; ministers, churchwardens and PCCs, and all others who have offered to help. If you have any query or concern during this time please contact your churchwardens in the first instance (details below) and if they cannot answer your question or help directly they will put you in touch with someone who can! Churchwardens for Norton are:

Janet Bauer - 01359 232668, Martin Wood - 01359 242367

All our services will continue as usual, with the help of other clergy in the Deanery and Diocese, and of our own ministry team. The only service that has been changed is the early 8am communion at Norton on the 1st Sunday on the month. This will not take place during Jan/Feb or March and instead you are invited to St Mary's Walsham-le-Willows if you would like communion on these days.

Please say a prayer for me on my travels, and for all the good folk who help keep our churches the open and welcoming places that they are. Katherine.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH LIGHTS



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

Please contact: Philippa Wilding
email pfwilding@btinternet.com
Telephone 07776443004

IN AID OF NORTON PRE-SCHOOL

TABLE TOP SALE

18th Feb 9-12
Norton Village Hall

ENTRY 50P

Sellers - £7 per table
email to book:
nortonpscommittee@outlook.com

Refreshments available

PETS OF NORTON – ONLY ONE THIS MONTH!

Pepper, who is one and a half



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This is the first article I am writing for 2023 and so may I begin by saying Happy New Year from everyone at Norton Primary School. We finished 2022 with traditional Christmas festivities; Carol Services, Nativities and a delicious Christmas lunch. It was lovely to have a term where COVID did not have a significant impact, however like many school and organisations, we unfortunately did not escape the horrible coughs and colds which were going round. We are hoping with warmer weather on the way there will be fewer illnesses.

As a class teacher, I always used to enjoy the Spring Term. By spring, your class know the rules and routines and as a teacher you know your pupils' needs and learning styles well. The pupils at Norton certainly return to school ready to start the new year and with eagerness at starting new topics and experiencing visits and visitors.

In Star the class, the children will be learning about toys, discussing together whether they can recognise an old and new toy. They will also be having fun creating and making their own toy. They have also enjoyed attending the book and dance clubs which have been organised by the Year 6 children.

In Year 1, the children will be learning about Florence Nightingale, understanding why she became famous and how she improved nursing practices. The children will also have the opportunity to visit Pipers Vale Gymnasium which they are very excited about.

Year 2 are already enjoying their topic on 'At the Farm' and have begun to learn that there are different types. To embed their learning, they are all looking forward to a trip to Jimmy's Farm. In Art, the children are exploring the work of Henri Matisse and have focused on his collage named 'The Snail'. The children looked at colours and shapes, then created their own snails in his style. The end result was so good that their masterpieces are now on display.

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 have an exciting term ahead with the start of their swimming sessions as well as two enrichment experiences to look forward to. History Off The Page will be visiting the school in January to provide an Ancient Greek Day for the children. The children studied this topic last term so it will be great to see what facts they are able to remember from their learning. The children have also started to read Kensuke's Kingdom, by Michael Morpurgo in English and work has been planned for the children to study character description and setting.

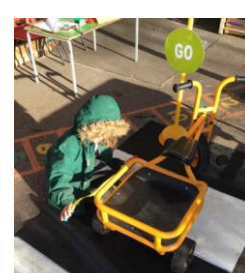
The topic in Year 5 is geography-based as the children further their understanding on biomes and will focus in particular on forests. The children continue to enjoy learning how to play the clarinet and the whole school enjoyed a performance at the end of the Autumn Term.

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 have been fortunate to have a PE enrichment Day. Last half term all the children experienced a Capoeira workshop with Pedro. Capoeira is an art form inspired by Brazilian music, dance and martial arts. The children certainly enjoyed such a different type of PE activity. This half term, we have planned for the children to have a basketball session. The children at Norton have been very keen to take on active roles within the school to make our school even better and one such group is our anti-bullying ambassadors. Six pupils and two members of staff completed the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training Programme which focused on empowering students to change the attitudes, behaviours, and cultures of bullying behaviour at school. These pupils have presented their own assembly and organised Odd Sock Day to celebrate how we are all different and unique. Together they are planning lots of activities and assemblies for the Spring and Summer Term.

To celebrate the end of this half term the children will be having a Valentine's Disco, an event arranged by FAPONS and where we love to see the children's moves and routines.

Mrs Sparkes





Dates for your diaries...



11th February

Harry Isaac Presley and the Hip Operation Band

Dance Night at the Village Hall 7:30pm.
Tickets £15 to include a Hamburger.
Licensed Bar.

3rd March

Quiz Night at the Village Hall

7:00 for a 7:30pm start. Teams of up to 8
£12.50 each to include a Chilli Supper.
Bring own drinks.

Thursday 18th May

The French arrive in Norton for a long weekend. Everyone in the village is invited to attend a Welcome Reception from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Village Hall.
Our thanks to the Parish Council for their support towards this event. We look forward to seeing you.

We also host our 50/50 Lotto Draw at the end of each month. £3 per number, the winner receives half of the total money taken.

Contact us via 01359 258529 or nortontwinning@gmail.com



Norton & District Twinning Association

Quiz Night



Friday 3rd March 2023
@ Norton Village Hall

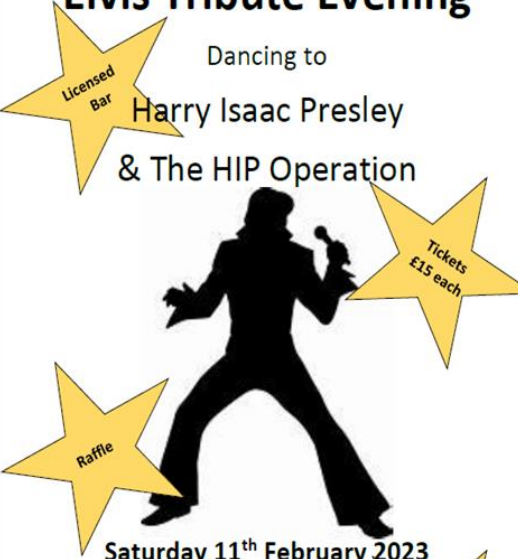
Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm
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Norton & District Twinning Association present

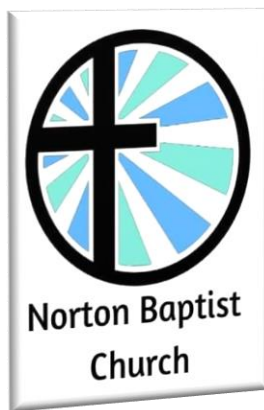
Elvis Tribute Evening

Dancing to
**Harry Isaac Presley
& The HIP Operation**



Saturday 11th February 2023
@ Norton Village Hall
Doors open 7.30pm

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Norton Baptist Church

February 2023

Check the information below
for our services throughout
February and beyond



There is so much going on at the moment so I will dive right in with the important information:

All of our services are back this month with Messy Church, Café Church and our Praise and Worship services. Our doors open at 10am for all of our services. Tea and Coffee are available for the Praise and Worship services and for Messy Church. Breakfast is served for Café Church and we will provide a “light lunch” after the Messy Church service.



Don't forget that our Praise and Worship services also include Adventurers for our younger people. With games, stories, craft activities and more - they are always welcome while the grown ups can stay in the service.

Prayer is always a key element to any church and we are no different. We are going to meet, in the church vestry, every first and third Wednesdays at 7:30pm to pray together and you are welcome to join us. If there is anything you would like us to pray about for you please let us know by emailing us using the address at the foot of the page or use our Facebook page.

Looking ahead, we are already planning for our summer Holiday Club which will run from the 29th August to the 1st September. Book the dates in your diary and keep an eye out for the booking forms nearer the time.

Lighthouse Club and The Den are back in full swing and we are looking forward to other events with the Primary School over the coming months.

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

	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	5 th March
Praise and Worship	10am				10am
Messy Church		10am			
Praise and Worship			10am		



NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler

Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. S. Hill, Mr. R. Lenko, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Walton,

Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

County Councillor A. Mellen

One member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. T. Long, Mr. T. Walker.

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

District Councillor A. Davies

District Councillor H. Richardson

1.	Mr. Etchells-Butler reminded of the meeting protocol	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests a) 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) Declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none c) 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 - none - Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email Email received from Mrs. Taghi concerning the generic letter she had received about fireworks. She stated she had informed neighbours of her intention to have a firework party and also posted a notice on Facebook. Councillors acknowledged and noted her concerns and comments, and commented the letter went to all the village via The Messenger. Members of the public – to receive questions submitted via Facebook - none	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only - Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen. Councillor Mellen commented on recruitment and retaining care workers being a problem. He also stated that Hosts for Ukraine Refugees was again being posted. He commented on the recent Bus Meeting at Woolpit. - Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson, Austin Davies- noted. Mr. Aket commented that Councillor Davies report appeared to be mainly Thurston centred. Councillor Mellen agreed to speak with him.	
5.	MINUTES	
	To note and approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7 th November 2022. Mr Aket proposed acceptance, Mr Lenko seconded. Minutes approved for signature.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 Parish Council assistance with drainage problem in Church Lane. Mr. Walton commented the weather had been too wet for the contractor but it should be completed before Christmas.	Mr. Walton
	6.2 Welcome Pack – ongoing.	
	6.3 Parish Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflowers Scheme 2022. Mrs. Hill had met with Liz Adams and a plan drawn up. She is awaiting confirmation from Richard Parmee on the number and types of plants available and the time of delivery so preparation work can commence. Mrs. Adams will contact Mr. Parmee. An Information board for the wildflower area will be considered when the area is cultivated and ready for planting.	Mrs. Hill

9th January 2023

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Signed

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	6.4 Water pump for allotment. Mr. Walton stated he had left messages with the drilling company and was awaiting a reply.	Mr. Walton
	6.5 Update on Bus Service – Report from Woolpit PC meeting on 30 th November by Mrs. Hill. Being a private Bus Company the route was designated financially unviable, with low numbers using the bus following COVID and bus passes only producing half fare income. Running at school time for school children would subsidise the Service. Representatives of numerous villages affected by the reduced bus service discussed how they could work together for their communities. It was questioned where there was a need, i.e. to Bury, to Stowmarket, to the GP, or elsewhere, and the age group mainly affected. Connecting Communities Transport and BSEVC were mentioned, and discussion on running an on-demand service with volunteer drivers. Information will be sought from MSDC Travel Officer for a survey of need and a further meeting was arranged for end of January 2023.	
	6.6 Update on meeting with UKPower Networks about underground cabling. Following the meeting Mr. Walton stated this would provide more power to the village, probably from Woolpit, and increase the overall supply to the village. In the long term this would give the village a better power supply. A plot of land would be required at the village hall for the new transformer ground mounted box. The land could be leased or sold to UKPower network. Mr. Walton mentioned to the planner about a low feed-in cable from the village hall if the roof had solar panels, so this will be put in the plan. He agreed to investigate costs and viability about compensation for the disruption when work is undertaken which would probably be undertaken in 2-3 years time.	Mr. Walton
	6.7 Coronation arrangements. Mr. Aket stated he is investigating the cost of mugs. A quote for outdoor TV screen would possibly be around £3000+ VAT, but it was questioned about weather conditions on the day. Mr. Walton stated he had been asked about a dance in the evening with a live band, so he will get a quote.	Mr. Aket Mr. Walton
	6.8 Website. The Clerk stated this would appear to now be up and running, so she is getting to grips with inclusion of more information.	Clerk
	6.9 Update on new Norton sign on road from Great Ashfield. Mr. Lenko stated he had taken delivery of the sign and had arranged a meeting with the landowner and Mr. Walton about putting it up.	Mr. Lenko
	6.10 Street Cleaner. The Clerk confirmed the advert had been placed in The Messenger and she had received an enquiry to take on the post.	Clerk
	6.11 Mr. Aket reminded Mr. Etchells-Butler about putting an article in The Messenger about the Election in May next year.	Mr. Etchells-Butler
7.	PLANNING	
	7.1 GRANTED DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) Land at the rear of The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton DC/22/05385. Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/01170- Condition 7 (Provision of Roads and Footpaths) DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) Land at the rear of The Salvation Army Hall, Woolpit Road, Norton, DC/22/05395 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/17/03668- Condition 5 (Contamination). Action required prior to commencement of development – pre-commencement condition: contamination.	
8.	SPEEDWATCH	
	8.1 Update on Speedwatch. Mr. Etchells-Butler stated 8 sessions are planned for next week and Norton is always near the top for Suffolk for the number of sessions held and the amount of people caught. There appeared to be an increase in traffic on the A1088,	

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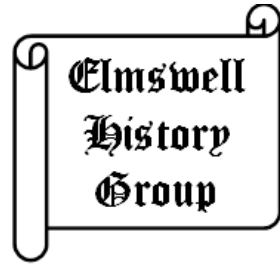
	particularly at the Ixworth End of the village. The Police had carried out speedchecks and caught 47 speeding vehicles. Mr. Etchells-Butler explained that 35mph or over means a letter from the Police, if caught a second time there is another letter, but caught a third time will mean a visit and caution from the Police. When asked about the small speedwatch sign, he stated it was the official Police sign for speedwatch. The Council expressed grateful thanks to Mr. Stone and his team.	
9.	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: Clerk's salary £227.26 cheque no 522404 LGA1972 s112 HMRC £56.60, cheque no 422405 LGA1972 s112 Tenhats, November & December 2022 £702.00 Cheque no 522406 LGA1972 s142 A.Stone, Speedwatch, hi vis jackets. £37.93 cheque no. 522407 Highways Act 1980 s274A Harry Stebbing, Norton sign, £501.90 cheque no 522408 Highways Act 1980 s274A Tectonic, Web site £165.00 cheque no 522409 LGA1972 s142 Suffolk Wildlife Trust, membership £38.00 cheque no 522410 LGA1972 s142 (2A)	
	9.2 Update and request for donation from Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk. Mr. Lenko proposed a donation of £50 in consideration of the enquiries they are likely to receive during to the Cost of Living crisis. Mrs. Hill seconded, with majority in agreement.	Agenda
	9.3 Request for donation from Headway. This request was declined at this time.	
	9.4 To receive budget statement. Received, noted and approved.	
	9.5 To consider Precept requirement for approval at January 2023 meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Precept for 2023-2024 will require to be approved at the January meeting for submission to MSDC by end of January 2023	Agenda
	9.6 MSDC Dog and Litter bin emptying service - price increase 2023/2024 – Noted.	
	9.7 Update on Bus shelter. Information awaited	
	9.8 Norton Twinning Association. Mr. Aket commented on the lack of organisations in the village, but stated the Twinning Association had been going for over 35 years. In recognition of this achievement and to assist with the organization's continued existence, he proposed a one-off donation of £1000 to show support. He suggested that possibly the reception, when the French return, could be opened to the wider village. Councillors agreed in principle, and Mrs. Hill, a twinning committee member, agreed to take this suggestions to the next committee meeting.	Agenda Mrs. Hill
10.	VILLAGE HALL	
	10.1 Update on Borrowing approval application. The Clerk reported that yet another form had been sent for completion. Some of the details required were unclear so she had sent an email detailing her queries but had not yet had a reply from the Levelling up Dept. When clarified is received the form will be completed and returned.	Clerk
	10.2 Update from Village Hall on project progress. Mr. Walton reported that funding through CIL had to be deferred, the tenders have expired, and planning permission will expire next year. He has a committee meeting this week when it will be discussed how to obtain money for repairs if the full work cannot go ahead. It was suggested to contact the MP, and copy in MSDC about the delay imposed from the Levelling Up Dept.	Clerk
11.	PLAY AREAS	
	11.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. Mr. Lenko forwarded the quote for the zip wire and two new gates in the region of £18,000 +VAT after the saving of nearly £1000 with Mr. Walton's help. The gates would be specifically made for the play area with part of the fixing being underground. Concern expressed about the cost of the zip wire for one age group, with mention of safeguarding issues regarding the remote placement of the zip wire and unsupervision of children, and the implications for insurance. Mr. Walton felt the	Mr.Lenko

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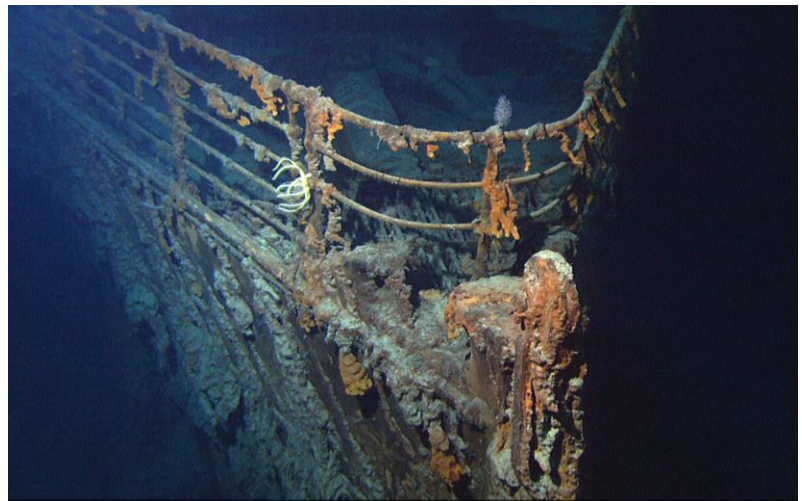
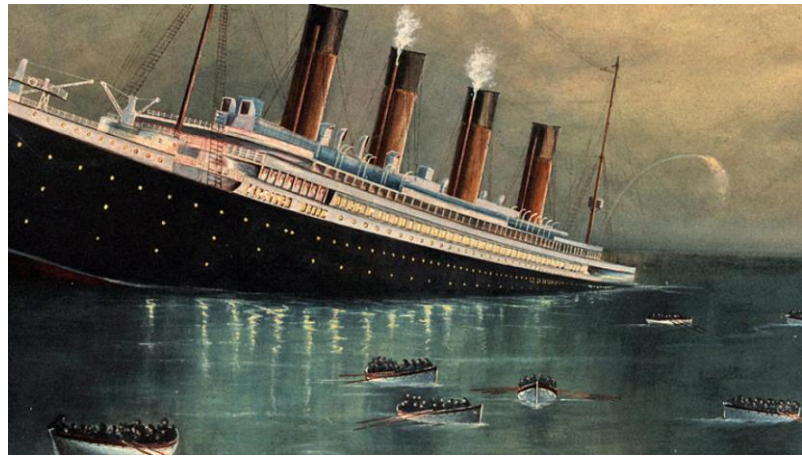
	CCTV could be extended to cover this area. The Clerk agreed to contact the Insurance Company to clarify the position. Councillors agreed to the new gates at £1834+VAT as the old ones constantly cause a problem. Mr. Lenko asked for reconsideration of agreeing to the maintenance of the bark area under the swings. He anticipated 6 visits a year at a cost of £30 per visit. Councillors agreed to the regular maintenance of the bark and to have minor works undertaken by Mr. Millyard. The Clerk agreed to enquire about additional play bark.	Clerk Clerk
	11.2 Play area in Prospect Road. Mr. Lenko confirmed that a resident will paint the metal work on the swings when the paint and brushes have been purchased. The goal nets were also ready to go back up with new pegs and notices for the grasscutter.	
12	CORRESPONDENCE	
	12.1 To receive PC Dates for 2023. The Clerk presented meeting dates for 2023 showing amendments due to Bank Holidays. These were approved by the Councillors.	
	12.2 Suffolk Wildlife Trust Magazine. Taken by Mr. Lenko	
	12.3 Clerks & Councils Direct. Taken by Mr. Lenko	
	12.4 Suffolk View. Taken by Mr. Aket.	
	12.5 Street lighting - Reply to reduce lighting saving and other enquiry. SCC confirmed that by changing to LED lighting saving would be made, and some lights could be turned off during the night if the Council felt this would create more saving.	
	12.6 Safety inspection and assessment of memorials in burial grounds course – noted	
	12.7 Sizewell C: Announcement of Government Investment – noted.	
13	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	13.1 Mr. Morgan agreed to place an item in the Messenger next year regarding Fireworks and animals.	Mr. Morgan
	13.2 Mr. Morgan stated that as there is no bus service he would be willing to help with transport if he could. He was advised to place this information on Facebook.	Mr. Morgan
	13.4 Mr. Walton stated the hedge alongside the playing field path requires coppicing and the ditch clearing to reduce the problem of vermin both to the Village Hall and Preschool. He felt Mr. Honeywood could be approached about piping the ditch, although this could be Council responsibility. He asked if the Council could be responsible for this work, but it may be able to use volunteers to do the work. He also mentioned the hedge adjacent to the recycling bins requires coppicing.	Agenda
	13.5 Mr. Walton stated the draft footpath leaflet has been submitted for proof reading and will require a payment from the Council. This will be added to next month's agenda. Mrs. Smart was thanked for her hard work in putting this together.	Agenda
	13.6 Mr. Walton expressed concern there were no first time buyer 2 bedroom houses in Norton and felt Local Authority Councillors should be lobbied to address this concern.	Agenda
	13.7 Mr. Lenko asked for Vertas to cut the grass in the play area as it was now so long.	Clerk
	13.8 Mr. Aket enquired why an item from Badwell Primary School had been accepted for the inclusion in the Messenger. Mr. Lenko agreed to speak with the editor.	Mr. Lenko
14	To confirm the date of next meeting: 9 th January 2023, 7.30pm	
15	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.08.	

Another bumper audience attended our January meeting to hear Simon Millyard's talk on "*Trinity House Lighthouses*". Having worked for Trinity House for the last 15 years, Simon was very well qualified to give us a full history (since 1514) of this charity which, as a surprise to many of us, is not a government department or institution. He also gave us superb details and images of all its many and varied roles in modern marine navigation. All UK lighthouses are now automated, and many of the lighthouse-keepers' cottages can be hired as holiday homes.



Perhaps sadly, many of the amazing optics (sitting on beds of mercury) of traditional lighthouses have been replaced with modern and more efficient, but less beautiful, LED systems. HRH Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, is now the Master of Trinity House, having taken over from her father, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Our next talk on Thursday **9th February**, 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall (School Rd, IP30 9EE) will be by local author, Elspeth Rushbrook, on "*A Local Survivor of the Titanic*". The subject of this talk, Violet Jessop (1887-1971), was an Argentine woman of Irish heritage who worked as an ocean liner stewardess and nurse in the early 20th century. She actually survived several shipwrecks which our speaker has researched extensively, so will have some fascinating insights into Violet's interesting life and her final few retirement years in the nearby Suffolk countryside. Do join us then for this slice of truly local history.



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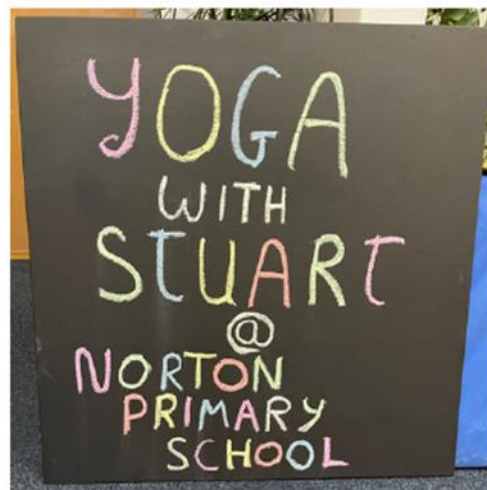
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