

the norton messenger

November 2024



EDITORIAL

Thank you to Phoebe Nash for the lovely photo above, and to all the regular contributors without whom we wouldn't have a magazine. There are lots of events going on as we head towards Christmas.

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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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

I am writing this to thank all those people who have responded in any way to the passing of Alan. I have had in excess of a hundred cards, letters and various messages of sympathy. Others have sent me flowers, baked cakes or provided some delicious soups, all received with much pleasure and gratitude. Also many thanks to all the people who came to Alan's farewell in the church which was full of friends, family and neighbours, Alan himself would have been truly astonished and humbled. Donations were for the Leprosy Mission, a cause very close to Alan's heart, and Orbis, which provides eye care for people in countries where medical treatments are not available. So far the amount raised is close to £1000, so thanks to all those who have contributed. Alan had a very difficult last few months so at his passing he found some peace, thank you all again. Helen Taylor.

MID SUFFOLK TAXI BUS

Did you know the Mid Suffolk Taxi Bus service is now up and running!

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ALLOTMENTS IN NORTON

The Norton United Charity has an area of allotments in the village. There will shortly be two vacant sites so if you are interested in renting an allotment or would like further information, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees.

Jillian Rowland,
Tel: 07947859741
Email: rowland@talk21.com

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH LIGHTS

The St Andrew's Church (Norton) floodlights for the week of 23rd November is sponsored by Sarah Sprigings:

BARRY TRAINER

To Our Dear Dad,
We miss you every day.
Love always, Karl, Sarah & Simon.

If you would like to see the church lit up 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



REMEMBRANCE DAY NORTON



Short service with laying of wreath at the memorial.

Sunday 10th NOVEMBER 2024
10.00am

(followed by service at St. Andrews)



Norton Baptist Church

November 2024

Check the information below for
our services throughout November
and beyond



Act of Remembrance at the Norton War Memorial
Sunday November 10th 10am
United Service at St Andrews Church at 10:45am

Our Sunday services continue throughout November with our doors open from 10am when tea/coffee will be available for everyone and the services will start at 10:30am. We will be joining with the village Sunday the 13th for Remembrance Sunday.

The Den and Lighthouse continue through November at the normal times and places.

BOOK THE DATE – SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER



Fun for all the family

Saturday 23rd November 7pm

Thurston 6th Beyton Campus

Drinkstone Road Beyton IP30 9AA

www.eventbrite.co.uk
Search for:
Jack and the Beanstalk
in
Bury St Edmunds

Hosted by Norton Baptist Church
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	3 rd Nov	10 th Nov	17 th Nov	24 th Nov
Praise and Worship	10:30am			
Remembrance Sunday		10:45am		
Praise and Worship			10:30am	
Café Church				10:30am

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I write this article with two week to go before half term, a half term which has been busy as children settled into their new classes

In Star Class (Reception), the children have settled incredibly well and are busy learning letter sounds and numbers. Whenever I go into the classroom I am always greeted with a warm welcome and a real enthusiasm by the children to tell me what they are learning. The Early Years Outdoor area is being enjoyed by all the children as they ride trikes, climb on the clamber stack and explore their outdoor learning space.

Galaxy Class (Year 1) went to St Andrews Church to role play what happens during a Christening. Reverend Katherine led the service, with the children taking on the roles as parents, God Parents and the Congregation. The children then walked back from the church looking at the different houses as part of their houses and homes topic.

In Planet Class (Year 2), the children have been learning about job roles in castles in the medieval times. They have looked at the roles of lords, ladies and stewards as part of the history curriculum. In science, the children have been outside on a mini-beast hunt, talking about how micro-habitats are part of larger habitats and looking at the insects that are found within them.

The children in Comet Class (Year 3) have really enjoyed learning about the fossilisation process in Science, so much so that some children chose to base their interactive scene in computing around their knowledge. We have used some incredible vocabulary in English after freeze-framing parts of our new text 'The First Drawing'.

Rocket Class (Year 4) are really enjoying their topic on Ancient Greeks. The children demonstrated fantastic acting in English when retelling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and have enjoyed reading a range of Greek myths.

In Art, Meteor Class (Year 5) sketched then painted abstract landscapes in the style of David Hockney. The children added texture using oil pastels, then used watercolours to create a patchwork landscape.

In Supernova class (Year 6) the children have been investigating the effect of adding more bulbs or more cells to a circuit. In English they have written refugee poems which included powerful descriptions and emotive language.

We have been able to celebrate Harvest at Norton Baptist Church. In our Key Stages, the children walked to the Church where they sang Harvest songs, read poems and stories and shared pictures. This year we asked families to donate products to Storehouse Foodbank. Storehouse gives away food bags through agencies within Bury, to people who are living on the streets or are unable to provide enough food for themselves or their families.

During the month of October, we celebrated National Kindness week. We know that our school community is incredibly kind, so we thought we'd task the Behaviour Ambassadors and staff to see just how kind the children of Norton really are. At break time the Behaviour Ambassadors gave out stickers when they saw acts of kindness in the playground, and staff recorded on a class chart when they saw examples in the classroom. There were many acts of kindness observed in one day with Meteor Class recording the most.

As part of Mental World Health Day, we celebrated with a special assembly in which we explored what 'mental health' means, as well as finding out what we can do to ensure we are as mentally healthy as we can be. We also talked about how we use the 'Zones of Regulation' in each class across the school as a way of understanding the different emotions we feel each day and how we can equip ourselves to manage life's ups and downs.

Our school vision is 'Learn, Believe, Achieve: hand in hand with God and each other'. It is important that we are courageous in life and know that we never have to tackle our challenges alone.

Best wishes, Mrs Sparkes





Norton Salvation Army

What's on at the Army in November?

Sunday 3 rd	Breakfast Church	10.45am
	(Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting)	
Sunday 10 th	Remembrance Day - Uniting with St. Andrews	(refer to Church page for time)
Sunday 17 th	Evening Praise	6.00pm
	(Led by 2 of our young people – Josh & Phoebe)	
Sunday 24 th	Morning Worship	11.00am
Wednesday 6 th	Friends Cafe	2.00pm – 4.00pm
	(We are a dementia friendly group, free for all to attend for a chat & refreshments)	
Thursday 7 th /21 st	Band Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Choir Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Thursday's	Cameo Lunches	11.45am – 1.30pm
	(3 Course Meal £6.00)	
Friday 22 nd	Adult Craft Club	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 29 th	Youth Drop-In	4.00pm – 6.00pm



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

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th August 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,
 Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk) LGA 1972 s12 para 40
 County Councillor A. Mellen
 District Councillor D. Bradbury.

APOLOGIES: Mr. N. Winstanley

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

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 – Mrs. Hill declared a pecuniary interest in Planning item 8.1 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 - none Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email - none	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information •Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen. Mr. Lenko enquired about an update on the bridge as when he visited the area he had been told that the concrete had been poured and was setting and the buttresses put in. Cllr Mellen stated piling had also been needed and testing was now taking place. He stated there are concerns with traffic using Kiln Lane which could cause a problem in the winter, and Stowlangtoft has suggested a one-way system. Cllr Mellen commented on the problems of parking in School Close. Both Cllr Mellen and Mrs. Hill have spoken to the Head, who said she sends reminders to parents about parking. The parking bays are not covered by the zig-zag restrictive line. TROs could be applied for but there would be a substantial cost involved to the Parish. Residents have been told if bays are marked with the number of the house this could restrict parking. Mr. Walton stated the white lining at the village hall will be completed shortly so this will open up more parking bays there. With the new term starting shortly Mr. Walton felt monitoring was needed and for parking to be revisited at the next meeting. Mr. Aket asked Cllr Mellen about the Social Services inspection and was told there had been interim staff, but now a permanent position is to be filled. There had been problems with funding and the lack of Educational Psychologists. •Report from District Councillors David Bradbury. As Austin Davies has stood down there will be a bi-election on 24 th September.	Agenda
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1 To RESOLVE the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2024 are a true and correct record. Mr.Lenko proposed, Prof. Jaggard seconded, with all in agreement.	
6.	COOPTION - To consider cooption to the vacant post - ongoing	
7.	MATTERS ARISING	
	7.1 Bus service update – ongoing. It is believed the service is being well used.	
	7.2 St Andrews’s flower festival. Mr. Aket confirmed that his wife had agreed to make an arrangement on behalf of the Council. The Council will meet expenses, with a possible budget of £50.	
	7.3 Rights of Way application, Ixworth Road. The Clerk informed that she had to complete schedule 7 and 9 again as Anglian Water own part of the lane.	
	7.4 Sign at top of Thurston Road. Highways stated that as this is an information sign they do not have funding available to reinstate it.	
	7.5 TROs - see discussion with Cllr Mellen - Item 4	

8.	PLANNING	
	8.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/24/03604 Orchard House, Ixworth Road, Norton Proposal: 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) - in order to allow changes to restriction so property can be sold and conditions no longer be complied with. Mrs. Hill left the meeting prior to discussion. The Council had no objection to this application.	
	8.2 APPLICATION FOR RESERVED MATTERS - DC/24/03493 Land West Of Suffolk House (Plot 5), Ixworth Road, Norton 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. The Council had no objection to this application.	
	8.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/03531 Pine Trees, Ashfield Road, Norton Application for Planning Permission - Proposed Cartlodge. Extension to side of garage currently under construction (DC/21/00181) and repositioning of north-west red line boundary. The Council had no objection to this application.	
	8.4 APPROVED Swift Cottage, Woolpit Road, Norton -DC/24/02824 Erection of detached double garage with home office above.	
	8.5 STREET NAMING New development at Land West of Ixworth Road, Norton. The site will likely be named PACKWAY GARDENS.	
9.	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: On-line Clerk's salary £416.00 LGA1972 s112 Street Cleaner £86.40 LGA1972 s112 Tenhats, September Messenger, £363.00 LGA1972 s142 Vertas, 2 hedge cuts, £540.00 Public Health Act 1875 s164 MS Oakes, stage payment, £106,237.81 Santander chq 522570 LGA 1972 s133 HMRC £ 125.60 Santander chq 522569 LGA1972 s112	
	9.2 To further consider Memorial Bench request – no update	
	9.3 To receive Santander and Lloyds R&P with bank reconciliations and PC/village hall statement. Councillors RESOLVED to accept.	
	9.4 To confirm receipt of VH/CIL £19060.33	
	9.5 To confirm Loan repayment on 12.08.2024 of £2967.13	
	9.6 To receive and adopt New Model Financial Regulations. Following updates, the Councillors RESOLVED to accept and adopt.	
	9.7 To confirm submission and receipt of 4-month VAT return for £56934.86.	
	9.8 Coronation Commemoration noticeboard - ongoing	
10	SPEEDWATCH	
	10.1 Update on Speedwatch – Sessions are still being carried out but fewer at the moment due to the summer period.	
	10.2 Parish Council strategy to combat speeding – gating. Mr. Lenko read out the reply from Highways who stated the process has changed and Parish Councils can apply directly to the licensing team for permission to site gateways within the Highway. This also applied to planters, benches, reflective bollards and light regulated signs. The License will cost £150 which covers the entire parish. The works are limited to verges, footways and green spaces, not work on the carriageway. Sites must be 1.8m clearance from the carriageway. Mr. Lenko requested permission to apply for the License in the first instance and then revisit the work being considered. Councillors RESOLVED to initially obtain a Licence and then discuss further.	Mr Lenko

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	10.3 Update on small solar SID located in Heath Road. Post awaited to be installed by SCC on 18 th October.	
11	VILLAGE HALL	
	11.1 Update on progress. The old part of the hall has now been handed back for use. The floor has had a temporary repair but full repair is still under discussion. Car park white lining is being done, with discussion on any damage within the compound to be redone. There should have been a key light policy but upon handover there were 9 separate keys. Door restrictors are being looked at again. The new air-conditioning will be commissioned today. Suitable hand basins appear to be a problem. The need for a steel cabinet for the Lithium batteries is under discussion with the Hall insurance company. Coffee Shop lease is still under discussion. Mr. Walton stated there would be an open day for supporters and parishioners when the project is fully complete.	
12	PLAY AREAS	
	12.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. A wasps' nest on the mound has been dealt with and appears to be all clear. The steps on the mound are rotten so some will need replacing. Some of the posts at the top of the mound have been removed as they were in a dangerous state. Some adults reported being unable to use the adult equipment as it was being used by children. The Council felt it was important for the equipment to be used whether by adults or children.	
	12.2 Play area in Prospect Road – all appears OK	
	12.3 Play Area inspections January 2025. The Council agreed to join the MSDC scheme for inspection of both play areas in January 2025.	
13	CORRESPONDENCE	
	13.1 Suffolk Police and Crime Panel 2023/24 Annual Report - noted	
	13.2 Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Consultation and Proposed Approach to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consult - noted	
14.	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	14.1 Mr. Lenko reported on the recent passing of Mr. Taylor who had been a key figure in the Church and village. As he had a lot of input into the Hall and its refurbishment it is likely part of the building will be named after him.	
	14.2 Mr. Lenko questioned whether the Council needs to meet in August. The Clerk stated planning issues required a meeting. This will be reviewed.	
	14.3 Wildflower Planting Scheme. Mr. Winstanley stated he is still in contact with Richard Parmee and planning to re-do the area at the edge of the playing field in October. He enquired about use of a rotavator to prepare the area. Mr. Walton suggested he may be able to help with clearing. The Clerk will inform Mr. Winstanley.	Clerk
15.	To confirm date of next meeting: 7 th October 2024	
16	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.42	

NORTON UNITED CHARITIES – HERE TO HELP

Applications are invited for grants from the Charity. The Charity Scheme states that “income is to be applied for relieving persons resident in Norton who are in condition of need, hardship or distress”. Grants are available for anyone who finds themselves in financial difficulty because of illness, rising prices, unemployment or some other personal difficulty. Applications can be made at any time of the year and are treated with the strictest confidence.

Applications forms are available from:

Mrs. J. Rowland,
Willowbrook Cottage,
Ashfield Road,
Norton,
IP31 3NN
Tel 07947859741

Completed applications forms to be returned by **11th November 2024** for consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees.

DOWN OUR STREET

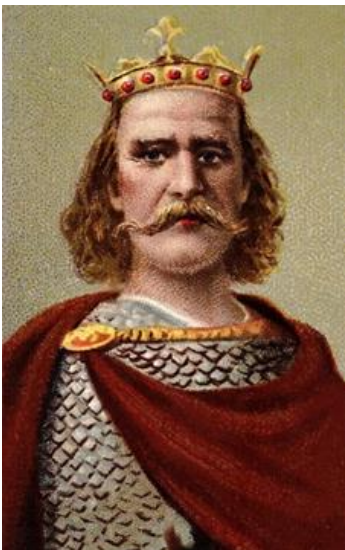
The year 1066 was momentous for England as it would see the death of two kings, the crowning of two and three major battles.

When King Edward (The Confessor) died on 5th January 1066, the lack of a clear heir led to a disputed succession in which several contenders laid claim to the throne of England.

Edward's immediate successor was the Earl of Wessex (and also Earl of East Anglia), [Harold Godwinson](#), the richest and most powerful of the English aristocrats. Harold was elected king by the Witenagemot (wise men) of England and crowned by the Archbishop of York, Ealdred.

Harold was 'married according to Danish custom,' to '[Edith the Fair](#)' (Old English *Ealdgýð Swann hnesce*, "[Edyth the Gentle Swan](#)"; born c. 1025, died c. 1086), also known as 'Edith Swan-neck', who bore him at least five children. (I mention her in particular, because prior to the conquest, she had inherited large amounts of land in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex and was the owner of the land in Norton.)

Harold was immediately challenged by two powerful neighbouring rulers. [Duke William of Normandy](#) claimed that he had been promised the throne by King Edward and that Harold had sworn agreement to this. [King Harald III of Norway](#), commonly known as Harald Hardrada, also contested the succession. His claim to the throne was based on an agreement between his predecessor, Magnus the Good, and the earlier English king, Harthacnut.



Harold Godwinson.



Harald Hardrada.



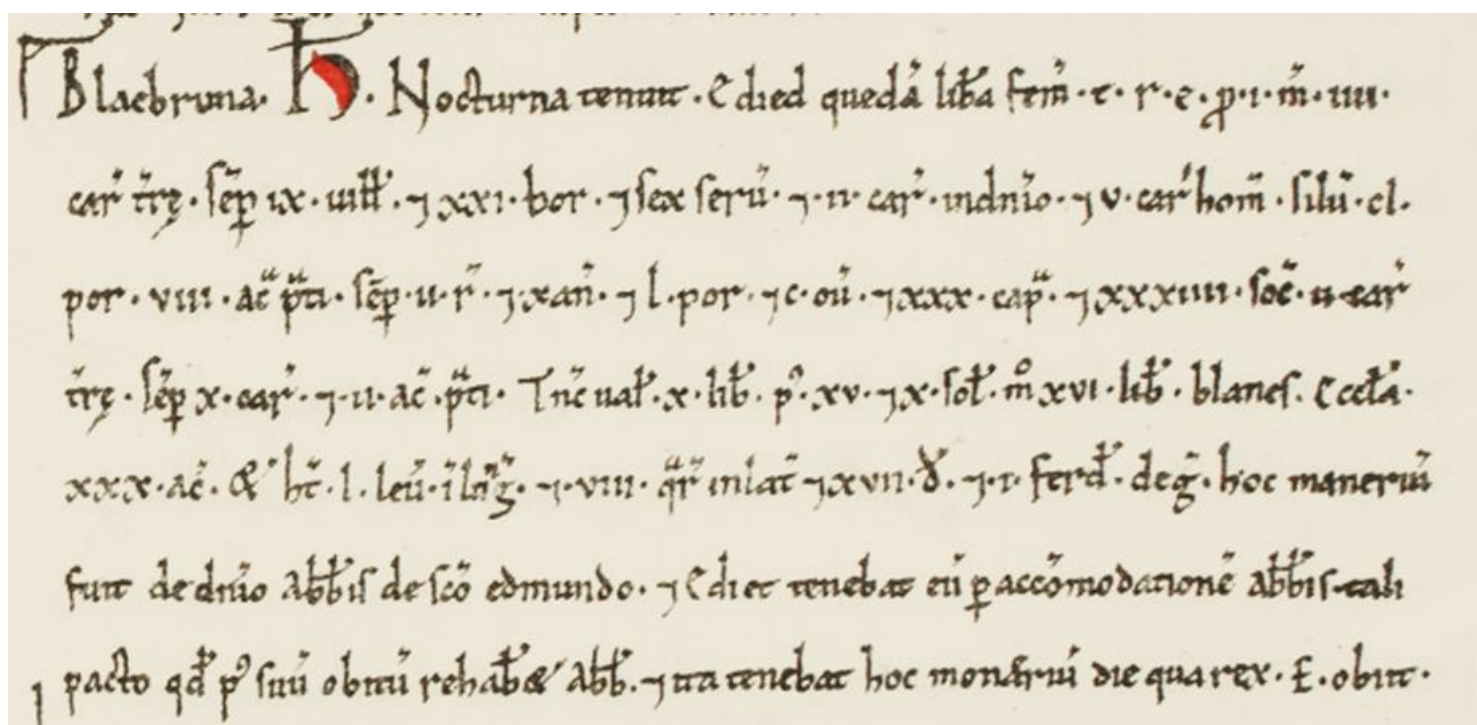
William of Normandy.

On 8th September 1066, the invasion force of Harald Hardrada, accompanied by Tostig Godwinson, Harold's brother, landed at the mouth of the River Tyne. The invading forces of Hardrada and Tostig defeated the English earls Edwin of Mercia and Morcar of Northumbria at the Battle of Fulford near York on 20 September 1066. Harold led his army north on a forced march from London, reached Yorkshire in four days, and caught Hardrada by surprise. On 25 September, in the Battle of Stamford Bridge, Harold defeated Hardrada and Tostig, who were both killed.

On 12 September 1066, William's fleet sailed from Normandy. Several ships sank in storms, which forced the fleet to take shelter and to wait for the wind to change. On 27 September, the Norman fleet set sail for England, arriving the following day at Pevensey on the coast of East Sussex. Harold's army marched 240 miles to intercept William, who had landed perhaps 7,000 men in Sussex. Harold established his army in hastily built earthworks near Hastings. The two armies clashed at the Battle of Hastings, on Senlac Hill (near the present town of Battle) on 14 October, where after nine hours of hard fighting, Harold was killed and his forces defeated. His brothers Gyrth and Leofwine were also killed in the battle.

William was crowned King of England on Christmas Day, 1066. In 1086, he ordered the compilation of the Domesday Book, a survey listing all of the land-holdings in England along with their pre-Conquest and current holders. Primarily, the survey was carried out so as to record accountability to the land tax. The results of the survey were recapitulated in the 2 great volumes called the Domesday Book. Six months after this, William demanded pledges of fealty from vast landowners regardless of whether they were tenants-in-chief or not. This way, he was affirming his rights not just as a feudal aristocrat over vassals, but as a king over his subjects.

The first written record which tells us something specific about the land and people of Norton was the Domesday Book. It lists the number and status of people who were living in the village when the Normans came. There were peasants who possessed varying amounts of land (villagers, smallholders and cottagers), slaves (who possessed none) and also freemen (known as "sokemen"). Those who were not free owed their allegiance to a variety of Anglo-Saxon lords and ladies including, in the case of Norton in 1066 it was "Edeva (Edith) the Fair".



The 1086 Domesday record for Norton (in Blackbourn Hundred).

By 1086, Norton is recorded as being a possession of the king. It had a recorded population of 70 households, putting it in the largest 20% of settlements recorded in Domesday. The freemen who had lived in the village in the time of Edward the Confessor had become the victims of this Norman reorganisation and their independent farmlands had disappeared.

Norton had the following number of households:- 9 villagers. 34 freemen. 21 smallholders. 6 slaves.

Land and resources which were taxed. Ploughland: A ploughland (*terra carucis* or *carucata*) was the area that could be ploughed by eight oxen in a year, generally around 120 acres, though the area varied depending on the quality of the land. 2 lord's plough teams. 15 men's plough teams.

Other resources:- Meadow 10 acres. **Woodland** supporting 150 pigs. **1 church.** 0.25 **church lands.** **Livestock** in 1086:- 2 cobs. 10 cattle. 50 pigs. 100 sheep. 30 goats. Livestock was not consistently counted. (It was mainly recorded in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk villages). The annual value to lord: 16 pounds in 1086; 15 pounds 10 shillings when acquired by the 1086 owner; 10 pounds in 1066.

While the king **owned** the land, he could allocate it to those whom he chose to reward. These were the 'tenants in chief.' There were around 900 tenants-in-chief in 1086 and only a few of these were English. The tenants-in-chief could, in turn, grant land to others, including various lords of manors who repaid this with their loyalty and services.

Their land continued to be farmed by tenants and peasants. By the late 11th century 'slaves' had become 'serfs' (derived from the Latin word 'servus' which once meant slave). Over time both serfs and tenants came to enjoy greater security of tenure and gained further rights as English law developed. Manorial courts implemented a mixture of early common law and local variations – the "custom of the manor." By the 14th century tenants would be able to enjoy greater security of tenure and could pass land on to their eldest son (subject to the discretion of the lord and payment of a fee).

In 1065 the monks elected Edward the Confessor's French-born doctor, Baldwin, as abbot in Bury St Edmunds. He proved an energetic leader, who raised the number of monks from 20 to 80. The abbey's wealth and newly acquired status inspired Abbot Baldwin to begin rebuilding the church around 1080, on a scale worthy of St Edmund's shrine. Fine-quality building stone was brought from Barnack in Northamptonshire. In 1095 the first stage – the eastern arm of a huge new abbey church – was finished, and St Edmund's remains were ceremonially transferred from the old rotunda to a shrine there. After Baldwin's death in 1097 the eastern arm of the church was extended. This made it longer than that of Norwich Cathedral, suggesting that the work was done in a spirit of competition. The gigantic new extension towered over King Cnut's round church. (Oct Messenger).



(Artist's impression of the west front of the Abbey. Picture from English Heritage).

Work on the church then continued from east to west, with the nave of the church built as far as the west front under Abbot Anselm (1121–48). By this time all of West Suffolk was controlled by the abbey and produced a huge income. The spectacular west front of the church was finally completed around the turn of the 13th century under Abbot Samson (1182–1211), who added a great central tower and lower octagonal towers to either side. At just over 500 feet (152 metres) long, the church was the fourth longest in Christendom. Its huge scale testified to the abbey's wealth and the abbots' pride and sense of independence.

I hope to conclude this article next month.

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

Stowlangtoft)

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

November 2024 Church Services

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

3 rd	All Saints Sunday	8 am 10am 4.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family@Church Remembering Memorial Service (3pm Pakenham and 5pm Gt Ashfield)	Norton Pakenham Norton
10 th	Remembrance Sunday	8am 10 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 3pm at Pakenham	Holy Communion Act of Remembrance – War memorial Remembrance Service in church Remembrance services also at Tostock and Gt Ashfield.	Pakenham Norton
17 th	2 nd Sunday before Advent	9:30 am 9.30am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Family Communion Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield Tostock
24 th	Christ the King	9:30am 9.30am 11am 11am	TOAST Holy Communion Family Communion Morning Worship	Great Ashfield Hunston Norton Tostock



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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Barbara McElroy's Oct talk on Framlingham gave us some fascinating facts and figures of the castle's 1,000-year history and the effect that had on the town itself. The first of three castles was Anglo-Saxon (similar to buildings at West Stow Village) with a small church (the current car park), and where the first royal, King Edmund, took refuge from the Danes before he came to his sad end in Hoxne.

One notable very wealthy owner of the castle, and grand-daughter of King Edward I, was Lady Margaret Brotherton (1320-1399) who inherited it in 1382 on the death of her second husband, and she made extensive improvements. The youngest Brotherton daughter was betrothed to one of the ill-fated Princes in the Tower, and we all know how that ended.

Now English Heritage own the castle, have made many improvements, including a superb local museum and café within the castle grounds, so well worth a visit.

Our next talk at the Wesley Hall, 7.30pm on 14th November, will be Andy Peachey's eagerly- awaited talk "Archaeology on Anglia One's Cable Route". Andy is a senior and experienced specialist in prehistoric and Roman pottery, having studied at the University of Reading. Do join us then to find out much more.

For further information about our History Group, please visit our website www.elmswell-history.org.uk or contact our Secretary, on 01359 242601

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