

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council APM held on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7.00pm All Saints Parish Hall, Beach Road, Scratby

Present: Chairperson: Kathryn Wendt.

Vice Chairperson: Geoff Freeman

Councillors: Pete Holley; Amanda Deeks; Simone Calnon; Jim Shrimplin.

Minute Taker: Stephanie Davies

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Andy Grant.

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson who welcomed attendees, introduced the Parish Council to the members of the public and explained the running order.

Annual Review

An address summarising the events of the previous year was given by Cllr K.Wendt (see appendix 1).

Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr G Freeman reported from Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) and on behalf of County Councillor James Bensley for Norfolk County Council (NCC) (see appendix 2 &3).

Reports from

Burial Ground (see appendix 4).

Finance (see appendix 5).

Allotments (see appendix 6).

Open Spaces (see appendix 7).

Reports Received from Community Groups within the village

Several reports were submitted by community organisations within the village, these were read out by councillors (see appendix 8-18). Following the presentations, council thanked the organisations for taking the time to report on their progress through the year, it demonstrated what an excellent community spirit there is in the village.

Open Forum

This was an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parish Council with any concerns. The main area of concern was the development on Barton Way and in particular the impact the development will have on the village particularly during the construction phase, especially with large vehicles accessing the site. Cllr Freeman will look at the concerns and report back to parishioners when the development is reviewed by GYBC.

Any other Business:

There being no other business the meeting was concluded.

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Appendix 1 Chair's Report.

I have been in post as chair of your parish council since February 2025 some three months ago following the resignation of our Chairman. Therefore, my report is fairly short, but has information of interest for parishioners.

Throughout my time as a parish councillor, I have seen many Chairmen, councillors & clerks come & go. The last few months has seen both its Chairman & Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer both resigning & leaving without any handover whatsoever. This has led to a difficult for your council, having no passwords for accounts & causing multiple problems. However, often after such incidents comes new ways & improved services, which we are in the process of implementing. In the next few weeks we will be advertising for a new parish clerk. Our finances will be managed by an accountancy firm, which we will be instructing shortly. Our email system will move to a secure set up with the assistance of Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) which is government approved.

Over the past two years there has been little in the way of projects in our villages and just minimal maintenance being completed. Your parish council plans to change this and move onto projects that will enhance our villages.

We are looking at:

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The pit/duck pond. Many of you have expressed a wish that the pit be turned into a proper duck pond for all round enjoyment. We are, therefore, looking into this & will seek advice from professionals as to how best to proceed.

The Memorial Green. We have plans to pave around the war memorial & generally tidy up the area.

The Recreation Ground. Following numerous reports of parking issues along Station Road and beyond, your parish council has been working with Ormesby Youth Football. The solution would be to cut back grasses & move the containers to the other side of the pavilion to get further parking bays. We are currently obtaining quotes for these works.

Scratby

Scratby Green. In collaboration with GYBC your parish council is looking into registering the Green on the Land Registry. This will enable us to improve the area & to do necessary maintenance to the fencing by the cliff edge.

California

Pill Box. Now that the chalets have been built & the area in front of them has been grassed, your parish council are planning to purchase two benches and a planter to enhance the area.

Neighbourhood Plan.

The Ormesby, Scratby & California Neighbourhood Plan has been dormant for at least eighteen months. The majority of work on the plan was completed and the next stages are

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for a public consultation and GYBC approval. This could potentially be completed within a year. I am in discussions with our consultants with this in mind.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for attending this meeting. Furthermore, I wish to thank:

- The In Bloom teams who work hard to keep our villages looking so nice.
- The affectionately called “flower ladies” who have worked hard to make Jubilee Wood a lovely peaceful environment to walk through and enjoy.
- The parishioners who are opening/closing and maintaining the Telephone Box Library. I often see people in there searching for a book to read, be it locals or holiday makers.
- Sam 2 speed camera. To Reinhard for organising and operating this so that we can monitor speeding in our villages.
- Beach clean. Emma who has organised a regular monthly beach clean in all weathers and has certainly helped keep our beautiful beaches clean.
- To all our contractors who work hard for our area.
- I want to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work and assistance even when things seem tough, and for their support of me. I would not be taking the Chair of this parish council if it wasn't for them. Special thanks goes to my vice chair Geoffrey Freeman. He has been such a strong support for me and for the parish council and I am very pleased he is here by my side.

Kathryn Wendt – May 2025

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Appendix 2 Great Yarmouth Borough Council Report (GYBC)

It was explained that there are two ward councillors who represent the area. There is a new Mayor in post & he has made it clear that is very happy to attend local events.

The Place opened in Great Yarmouth, it incorporates the library, registry office & a university learning space. It is an asset to the town & a lovely space to learn in.

The marketplace development continues with the markets stalls fully let & a waiting list for those wishing to trade from the site. It is hoped that more retailers will move into the empty shops in the town centre.

The Herring Bridge opened last year & has helped reduce congestion within the town. The North Quay development is moving forward.

The year ahead will see the renovation of the Winter Gardens continue & an Offshore maintenance centre opening on the Quay.

Devolution will have an impact on the local area with the proposal of seven districts being reduced to one unitary authority, GYBC & NCC have proposed that the authority be based around the three hospitals in the area. More details of the proposals will be available in the coming months.

Appendix 3 Norfolk County Council Report (NCC)

Drive Safe: New campaign helps older drivers. A new campaign & resources are being Launched helping Norfolk's residents to understand how aging might impact on safe driving. NCC's Road Safety team, in collaboration with Norfolk Police, Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) & East of England Ambulance Service are supporting people to review their driving & get the support they need when they need it. The campaign encourages people to look out for subtle health changes, to talk honestly with trusted friend, family or a professional about how

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health could impact your driving & take extra steps to ensure you can drive safely for longer. Older people driving across Norfolk have a wealth of experience & are likely to adjust their behaviours & commit to safe driving. 25% of Norfolk's population are over 65, a growing demographic, & with Norfolk also having a higher healthy life expectancy than the national average this is an important issue for Norfolk. However, 81% of people who responded to NCC's Older Driver Survey in 2024 reported not knowing where to get support to drive safely for longer.

To highlight the issue, Cllr Fran Whymark completed at GOLD course, receiving advice & support from an approved driving instructor. Radio Norfolk covered Councillors course & what he learnt on their breakfast show.

More information about this campaign & safe driving can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/drivesafe

New scheme to improve bus travel gets underway. NCC will be carrying out work in Norwich this summer to improve the reliability for bus services through Thorpe St Andrew using Yarmouth Road. This will be achieved by removing "pinch points" & extending the turning lanes on approach to the mini roundabout at the Yarmouth Road junction Pound Lane to reduce congestion in the area. Works will begin on 2.6.25 & take until 22.8.25 to complete.

All scheduled closures will be lifted early where possible & the latest project information will be available online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/yarmouthroad This includes details of all traffic management during construction, which includes a full closure of Yarmouth Road/Pound Lane junction for up to 4 weeks from 21.7.25. This project will cost £419000 to deliver using funding awarded by the Department of Transport (DfT) to invest in infrastructure at strategic locations across Norfolk, relieving specific areas of congestion that affect buses so we can deliver better, more punctual services. The DfT awarded the county council almost £50m of funding for its Bus Service Improvement Plan. You can read more about our work on the project by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/busstrategy

Wensum Lodge sold to historic building specialists. NCC has completed the sale of Wensum Lodge to heritage property specialists, Slow Norfolk. The company plans to breathe new life into the site, creating a vibrant riverside location for Norwich's thriving creative sector. Slow Norfolk is a local company that was set up by Mark & Helen Littlewood to breathe new life into historic buildings across Norfolk, ensuring they remain integral to the region's future. The proposed plans include converting the complex into a creative business hub, welcoming designers, architects, writers, artists & marketing professionals. OneAgency, an award-winning marketing agency with offices in Norwich & London, has already committed to becoming the anchor tenant. Slow Norfolk also plans to incorporate training & education opportunities, supporting apprenticeships & nurturing local talent within the creative industries. The development will honour the sites legacy – from its 19th century origins as the Crown Brewery to its more recent role as a centre for adult education. The decision to sell Wensum Lodge was made by NCC in the summer of 2023 following a review of the council's property portfolio. The location held courses for the council's Adult Learning Services, which was rated 'Good' by Ofsted in December 2023. For more information about the future plans for Wensum Lodge, interested organisations should contact Mark Littlewood at www.slownorfolk.co.uk

National Updates

Children's Commissioner's annual report on children's mental health. In her fourth annual

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report, the Children's Commissioner, Rachel de Souza, sets out children's experiences with mental health services in England for the year 2023-24. During the year, nearly 60,000 children in England were referred for being 'in crisis' – more than 6% of all those referred to children's mental health services - & 50,000 more children with active referrals were still waiting for the intervention to begin at the end of March 2024 (with average waiting time of 6 months, & a third of these children waiting over a year). The report also highlights significant geographical inequalities with some young people waiting up to 17 times longer than others to access support.

Evaluation of the impact of the new voting measures. A government-commissioned evaluation of new voting measures (including voter ID) published last week has found that, overall, the 2024 General Election was well-run, with local authorities & polling station staff being well trained, but there was poor awareness of extra measures to help disabled voters & those without ID. Although the changes to voting arrangements (including the requirement for ID & implementation of additional accessibility measures at polling stations) were implemented effectively, awareness among some was found to be lacking, despite publicity campaigns by councils & the Electoral Commission.

Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund. The government has announced the launch of its £360m Fishing & Coastal Growth Fund which it hopes will modernise the country's fishing fleet, enhance workforce skills & revitalise coastal communities. The Fund will invest in new technology & equipment, deliver new training & skills, & promote the UK's seafood sector. The investment is announced at the same time as the new twelve-year fisheries' access arrangement has been agreed with the EU.

Councillor James Bensley

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Appendix 4 Burial Ground Report

After the recent rain, & on inspection of the burial ground, I observed it looking very well kept & in a clean condition by our contractor Darren Bowden. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking him & his team for all their hard work. The burial ground regulations are missing from the noticeboard & needs replacing. The soil bins have not been erected due to an admin error some months ago, however, in the meantime the area around the old soil place is remaining clear & tidy. The new ashes area has been marked out & further works need to be completed in due course. The pathways were clear & although some overgrown bushes along the edges, it was still easy to walk through.

Kathryn Wendt.

Appendix 5 Finance

The meeting was updated on the financial position of the parish council with monies shared between various accounts to protect them. The accounts are also protected by a two factor authorisation process. A significant sum has been accumulated over the year and the council hope to be able to utilise some of this for projects to benefit the community. At upcoming council meetings, a new budget will be drawn up to reflect this. Judith Lawson has been

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appointed to perform the internal audit and complete the paperwork for the external auditing company.

Kathryn Wendt

Appendix 6 Allotments

The allotment committee have inspected the plots regularly & maintain a list of any plots that are not maintained in accordance with the regulations. Six plots that were in a poor state of cultivation have been brought back into full use with new tenants. We have welcomed two new couples/individuals to the site. We are currently only have two plots that are not let but these are kept tidy. After many years we have been able to clear the waiting list, however this week two new applications have arrived. We always process any application as soon as it is received & arrange to meet any new tenants on site to explain the procedures & answer questions.

Boundary Hedge & grass fronting Cromer Road is cut regularly. The roadway was levelled last year & a skip was available for plot holders to dispose of rubbish. There has been a discussion in the past about the use of dipping tanks as well as the standpipes. We now have a price for the tanks & are awaiting a price for wooden surrounds with a lid & also the cost of installation.

For a number of years there has been discussion as to transferring the allotment site to an independent allotment association. There are a number of advantages, but it will require plot holders to be involved in the decision making & running the site. An association would require a Chair, Vice Chair, secretary & treasurer plus a small committee. **To investigate this further, we will be holding a meeting at the Village Centre on Station Road on Monday 7th July at 7.30pm.**

Finance. The parish clerk and finance officer is responsible for the parish accounts & the allotment accounts. We are currently awaiting a figure of the balance in the allotment accounts. A set of accounts for 2024-25 & any reserves will be available for the meeting in July.

Geoff Freeman, Jim Shrimplin, Anthony Ellero.

Appendix 7 Open Spaces

Having just volunteered for the chair of open spaces; I would like to thank all councillors for their time spent sorting out the many tasks & problems that can happen all over the parish. We have now in place a traffic light system from which we can establish which tasks are immediate & will need urgent attention, thanks to Clive Ingram for this. We have various local groups that we can offer assistance to & hopefully expand a volunteer network within the parish. Jubilee Wood being one of the latest, with some outside help & a new volunteer group it should be a relaxing haven for us & the wildlife. We are now expanding the network of traders & supplier, to provide a better, more cost-effective way of repairing, maintaining & problem solving within the parish. The phone box library has been a boon in the parish, we have two volunteers who open & close every day & a reserve supply of books available. We are currently working on a number of new projects, some suggested by parishioners, so watch this space.

Pete Holley

Appendix 8 Beach Clean.

The Beach clean in our area started in July 2023. Since then it has become a regular feature in the Parish, with local businesses sponsoring & supporting us. Emma of Norfolk Beach Cleans organises dates & equipment for all our volunteers to use. The amount of rubbish collected is as follows:

From 21.4.25 to 18.5.25 the sum of 478.25Kg (1054.35lbs) of rubbish has been removed from the beach between the end of the Colonnade, Scratby to California steps. This amounts to 52 x 100 litre black rubbish bags. Larger pieces of rubbish are not included in the total. Tyres, wire

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fencing, pipes, water containers, scrap metal, carpet, buoys & ropes, hiking rucksack & porta potty. This a community activity with people coming from as far away as Norwich, to join us. I would like to thank businesses, sponsors & volunteers for the effort they have put in to making our beach clean & safe for everyone.

Appendix 9 Scratby in Bloom 2024-25.

After a successful summer season in which both beds at the top of Beach Road were in full bloom & 3 new replacement planters were put in place. This we have had some members leave & have been replaced by new members of the group. Some tools & essential equipment were purchased through sponsors (although the previous parish council administration stated we were to get some funding from them, unfortunately this never materialised, however it is now different). More recently has been the 4 new planters to replace the badly damaged ones on Scratby Green, again all these were bought by sponsors & we are in the process of updating them. We would like to thank our outgoing Chair Marie Hynes for the work put in to establish the group. We have spaces for like minded gardeners who would like to join us.

Appendix 10 Ormesby, Scratby & California Communities Events Group.

The events group is going from strength to strength, we are currently in a good financial position & are not looking to be supported by Lottery funding which helped us out in 23/24. We have been able to purchase a shed for our equipment & a large tent to use at our Community Fete amongst other essential equipment. We had the aim to put on something each month, for example a quiz night, bingo on a Saturday afternoon, craft fairs & an occasional coach trip & a boot fair. We have managed to put on quiz nights bi-monthly with a bingo session in between. The bingo started quietly in April last year & was not well attended but with perseverance & better advertising we have managed to get a good following & we are always asked when our next session will be, the same as we are with the fish & chip quiz nights. We had a Christmas craft & gift fair & ran a Christmas wreath making session which were both very successful, we also put on an Easter craft & gift fair which was well attended with 25 gift & craft stalls. WE decided this year to move our community fete to September 7th & have our live music the night before on the 6th of September. As there are only 2 of us that run events, we found it too exhausting to run both events in the same day & were unable to relax & enjoy the excellent live music in the evening. We tried our hand at running a boot fair in early May, we only had 12 cars but was well supported by the public & the feedback we got from the vendors was that they had a successful day, so this is something we will try again soon. We feel we have had a good year & , as I said at the beginning, we are in a good financial position & seem to have a good following for our events. We now publish an Annual Plan of our events. The planned events for the rest of the year are a Last night of the proms evening, Bury St Edmunds Christmas coach trip, a Christmas craft & gift fair and a sprinkling of quizzes & bingo.

Ken Bucke, Chair.

Appendix 11 Church of St Margaret.

Community Engagements Events

- Weekly "Tea & Natter" coffee mornings, social spaces for all ages.
- Coffee morning & more event – refreshments plus fundraising stalls.
- Christmas tree festival – first ever, well attended & festive.
- Social events: St Margarets quiz nights, sausage & mash games night.

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- Summer holiday church – hosted one Sunday as part of Flegg Parishes church teams' family-friendly initiative.

Pastoral Care

- Ongoing support through home, hospital & care home visits.
- Pastoral team offers prayer, presence & listening to those in need.
- Quiet but vital ministry, appreciated across the parish.

Safeguarding

- Committed to the Church of England's safeguarding standards.
- Margeret Parish, Safeguarding Officer (PSO) oversees DBS checks, training & compliance.
- Creating a safe, welcoming environment for all, especially children & vulnerable adults.

Schools & Education Links

- Strong, ongoing relationship with local village school sites
- Rev'd Jo leads seasonal assemblies & attends school events.
- Church hosts school harvest festival.
- "Open the book" team continues delivering bible stories in assemblies.
- Participation in Remembrance & Armistice events including D-day 80 commemoration with school and local RBL.

Social Support & Mission

Continued support for the Flegg area foodbank, collection point in church porch, additional special collections during Lent & Christmas.

Building & maintenance

- Regular upkeep of our 13th century building.
- Managed by the PCC building & maintenance team.

Finance

- Spring 2024 challenges due to overcommitment on Parish Share.
- PCC finance team conducted a detailed financial review.
- Increased fundraising in the second half of the year helped stabilise finances.
- Entirely reliant on the generosity of church members & supporters.
- No financial support from government or the Church of England.

In Summary

- A year of steady worship, strong community connection & financial resilience.
- Thanks to all who contribute time, skills & resources to St Margaret's.
- Looking forward with hope, faith & commitment to serving our village.

Rev'd Jo Wood

Appendix 12 OYFC

The club has had another successful season with around 180 children in 13 teams playing across three separate leagues & a healthy number of 4- to 6-year-olds who have been enjoying their first taste of training with us. Due to pressure on pitches on Station Road we have had one of our teams training & playing games at Filby & another playing & training at Flegg FDC. We also hired a quarter pitch at Flegg on Saturdays for the second half of the season to relieve the pressure on Station Road. Dog mess continues to be a problem, we regularly have to pick up mess from pitches. We've had a couple of issues with overflow parking but we've been encouraging people to car share & to walk if they can, this, along with more staggered KO times has improved the situation, at the end of the day, it's the odd couple of hours or so on a Sunday morning to enable dozens of children to get out & play football in the fresh air. Having said that,

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we obviously don't want our activities to upset people & will work with the council to improve the situation further. Our tournament this is 19th & 20th of July. Sadly, this year saw the passing of club founder, Chris Colman who had the idea to set up the club 34 years ago. To close I would like to thank the council for their continuing support. **Phil Myhill, Club Secretary.**

Appendix 13 All Saints Paris Hall.

The trustees are pleased to submit their report for the year ending 31.3.25.

A slightly different reporting format from previous years, as the year end for the hall coincides with the financial year end. Trustees will be submitting a full financial report to council & all hall users in July. The accounts for the last year are with our accountants & once completed & verified the trustees will meet to approve & to submit them to the charity commission. The accounts for the last year show a substantial increase in income generated in both regular & additional users. In Brief, we have generated a significant increase in income, but we have also spent a considerable amount on maintaining the building for all to enjoy. The largest increase is the "corporate hire" within the last 12 months. This has come about with the building used for planning consultation on the new local plan, NCC sports, NCC active Norfolk partnership, NHS locally & Cambridge, healthy Norfolk, weight loss/lifestyle/exercise. All these groups have expressed the wish to return & three have already made further bookings for the coming year & beyond. We have welcomed two new regular groups to the hall & a third will join us in July. The hall continues to be used for a wide range of activities including family events such as birthday & anniversary parties. **Maintenance.** We were pleased to receive a grant of just over £9000 from the government backed by UK prosperity fund. This has enabled us to undertake a long list of refurbishments & improvements to the building, this included a complete overhaul of the air source heat pumps including new controls & sensors, new circulating pumps for the buffer vessel, a new pressurisation pump for the heating system, a full service of the air handling system for the main hall including improvements to the heat recovery & also the facilities to use the system as third form of heating if required. A number of radio thermostats were replaced & paired to the system. Internally & externally, we have completed the change of the building to LED lighting units. Fire escape signs have been replaced as the back-up batteries were approaching the end of their life. The hand dryers have been replaced with higher power units saving on paper towels & the associated waste. The main batteries for the fire panel have been replaced. We also upgraded the way the projector in the ceilings of both rooms now connects with its own network wirelessly. Projects for the coming year are additional CCTV cameras, 2 EV charging points & the provision of electric gates to the site, convert the two remaining light units in the carpark. We have obtained three quotes for additional solar panels to give a capacity of approx. 42KWh & battery storage to match. NCC have kindly offered to make the application to the Norsea Solar Energy Fund. We are also awaiting the next round of funding to be announced so that we can further improve the facilities. Continuing our maintenance programme, we will be repainting the main hall & kitchen during the summer. Hopefully if we are successful with further funding we will be fitting the electric door to the building making it easier for all users. Externally we have kept the grounds maintained. The grass area to the rear of the building is our biodiversity project. That area will be cut for hay during the summer & be available for outdoor events later in the year. Compliance wise we are up to date with licensing-PRS-Electrical fire safety/PAT testing & CCTV compliance & checks. Safeguarding policy/disability access & risk assessment. Thanks to the helpers who offer help & advice with the management of the hall, Emma, Katie & Gerry. Thankyou to the users who help us to keep this as a superb asset for the parish & beyond.

Geoffrey Freeman, Andrew Grant.

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Appendix 14 Ormesby Village Infant & Junior Schools Federation.

Since April 2024, the Federation of Schools has continued in its drive to offer all our pupils the best possible opportunities in order to prepare them for every phase of their educational journeys. In the summer term 2024, our Year 5 class went off to a week's residential to Whitwell Hall, near Reepham, which was thoroughly enjoyed & provided the children with some much needed outdoor learning & life skills. During the same week, the Year 6 cohort completed their SATs to the best of their abilities & were rewarded for their efforts with daily SATs breakfasts & a reward trip to Scratby beach. When the results of these statutory tests were released in July, we were over the moon how well the cohort had done. Similarly, our Year 4 class undertook the Multiplication Check & our Year 1 cohort completed their Phonics Screening Check. Our new venture last year was our Ormesby University Graduation ceremony held at the village church, where children who had collected signatures from all the extra-curricular clubs they had attended were recognised & paraded through the village wearing cap & gown. This is to be continued this year. Being summer, we had the traditional musical concert to celebrate the musical talents of our pupils & we had our annual attendance reward trip where those children with consistently strong attendance are rewarded with an all-expenses paid trip to the cinema. Recognising the eightieth anniversary of D-Day was a highlight as we held a small ceremony around the village memorial & marked the occasion in school with a briefing from a former Army Officer, who was incredibly knowledgeable about the D-day operation. It was topped off by a Willy's Jeep being driven by the Headteacher around the playground.

After the summer holidays we returned for the Autumn term & our Year 5 children benefitted from a trip to Hampton Court to support their learning about Tudor life & our Year 6 class visited Duxford to enhance their studies about World War two. Our PFTA held Halloween themed discos at both schools & our infant pupils enjoyed a touring production of Oliver Twist. Once again, we hosted our annual community Remembrance event in order to maintain the memory & history of those who gave so much in war. We held a Harvest Festival Service in church, as well as a traditional family carol service there at Christmas time. We raised monies for various charities, MacMillan, Children in Need & Comic Relief. Our infant pupils carried out a Nativity production with a twist & our Juniors entertained the audience with a more wholesome & uplifting carol concert.

In the Spring Term 2025, we have all enjoyed the virtual sporting competitions against other schools in lacrosse & archery finishing second on both occasions. Our other sporting achievements have seen both the Year 5 & 6 boys & girls football teams reach their respective league finals, which are yet to be played. Plus, several of our children qualified for the Norfolk Cross Country stages at Thetford Forest with one of our pupils finishing third overall after winning the regional round. We have organised mid-week movies for different age groups courtesy of our PTFA support. We represented the Federation with almost 80 pupils singing at the centenary year of Norfolk County Music Festival in Norwich & we have enjoyed our Easter Bonnet & decorated egg competitions.

Bradley Young, Headteacher.

Appendix 15 Bracecamp

There is little substantial to report. Business as usual for the most part. As you know, there is an

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issue with people using the carpark when they shouldn't. New notices were put up & this appears to have been largely successful. Our new Vice Chairman has had to step down due to personal circumstances, in addition I am looking to step down as Chairman, so we be looking to find replacements for these roles. The hall is well used & is generally in a good state of repair.

Appendix 16 Ormesby Stay & Play

Ormesby Stay & Play is a group for parents, carers & family members of children aged 0-5 years. We are a not-for-profit community organisation run entirely by volunteers. We run sessions on Mondays (family time 0-5 years old) & Tuesdays (baby group 0-18 months/confident walkers) during term time encompassing all areas of children's development through activities & resources. At all our sessions, we also provide a healthy snack for all who attend. All our sessions are planned around themes & encompass events & celebrations, for example, we have recently celebrated VE day, Bee Day & children's gardening week.

We aim to:

- Provide a supportive & nourishing environment in which each child has the opportunity to learn & develop.
- Create sessions which stimulate, engage & challenge children through a range of activities & resources.
- Provide an accessible local resource to families of young children within the community, without the need for transportation.
- Create an environment in which parent/carers can feel confident to ask for help, advice & support from one another.
- Provide an opportunity for both children & adults to meet, interact & socialise with their peers.

We charge £2.50 per child (50p for additional siblings) at our sessions which helps to support the group, however, we also support a number of "in need" families who are not financially able to attend the sessions. To achieve this we heavily rely on donations & funding to continue to provide the best experience that we can for our families.

In addition to our sessions, we also provide the following:

- Baby weighing- we are an official baby weigh location as listed on Just One Norfolk.
- Bookstart- we are part of the bookstart pilot & have provided our families with two rounds of books to date.
- Library- we host our own library during sessions in which families can borrow a large range of children's books.
- Lets Play Together- we have received two rounds of sensory bags to share with the families of babies.

Appendix 17 Ormesby Village Centre.

We have had a good year with bookings for the hall due the fact that people are using the Play & Stay. John Gengel has stood down as treasurer, leaving Sylvia & David to run the centre, emails have been sent asking for assistance, as yet with no response. The finances are healthy & David has taken responsibility for paying bills & managing the bank account. The centre is looking for trustees & a new treasurer. The cleaner is moving away so we will also be looking for a new cleaner. There are several regular bookings each week including Pilates, Stay & Play, Clever Clicks, Art Club, Broadland Voices & Yoga. There are some upcoming events including the Rain & Shine Theatre, Essex & Suffolk information day & an all-day party booking. There are some maintenance jobs that need doing, these include replacing the heaters in the main hall, replacing the fascia boards & replacing the windows & door in the garden room.