

Following the recent Annual General Meeting at Norfolk County Council there has been a change of administration, Cliff Jordon is the leader of the now conservative lead council. Under this administration I have been elected to serve as the Chairman of E.D.T (environment development transport) so I look forward to this position and the challenges ahead.

Also there is a new Chairman of the Council David Collis who represents Kings Lynn area.

I along with other councillors had a visit to the NDR, (Northern Distributor Road) we travelled the whole route and was very pleased to see that the contractors had made a good start and are already ahead of schedule. There has been a need to fell some trees, but for every one felled, six are being planted. Also Balfour Beatty the contractors building this new road are signed up to the UK Steel Charter which means that they will be using British Steel for all of the reinforcement work on this project.

A record number of Norfolk's young people have voted to elect nine new Member of Youth Parliament representing each of the counties political constituencies. A total of 39,938 of Norfolk's 11 – 18 year olds cast their vote by text on their mobile phones. This represents a 51% turnout so well done to them. The MYP for South Norfolk is Bethayne Webb who attends Diss High School.

One of my longtime hobbies is stockjudging with Diss Stockmens club, (a member for 40 years) during the spring we visit four separate farms to judge Pigs, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle and Sheep. For our dairy cattle this year we visited N W Moore & Sons at Cranes Watering Farm, Starston, to judge their Jersey Cows. The cows are marked A B X & Y and as members we have put them into an order that agrees with the order of a master judge. At Starston we saw some of the very best Jersey Cows in the country and were treated to a tour of the 155 milking cows and the 120 followers. We are very fortunate to be asked onto local farms where we are always made very welcome and a special thanks to all of the Moore family and their staff.

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