

the norton messenger

March 2024



EDITORIAL

Thank you for all the submissions this month – it was quite difficult getting them all in, and some have had to be shortened so I could make space for all. Still short of photos though – so please take some next month and send them in. This one accompanies the Norton trail which appears on pages 6 and 7.

Please send any contributions for the Messenger to the address below by the 15th of the previous month, and photos would be particularly appreciated!

Best wishes, Diana

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 15th April 2024
at 7.30pm in Norton Baptist church.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the APM held on 3rd April 2023
3. Matters arising from the above meeting
4. Report by County Councillor
5. Report by District Councillors
6. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council
7. Financial Report of Norton United Charity
8. Financial Report of Norton Parish Council
9. Reports from Village Organizations
10. Any Other Business.

It is hoped that the District Councillors and County Councillor will be in attendance. It will be your chance to question them and the Parish Council or comment on matters.

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR PARISH OF NORTON COOPTION VACANCY

A vacancy exists in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If you are interested in being considered for co-option and joining the Council please contact the Clerk

The Council is especially interested in hearing from female applicants.

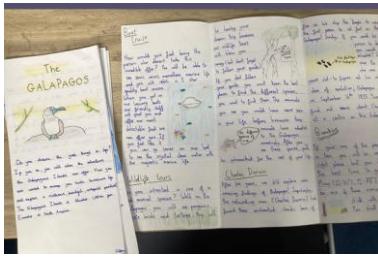
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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Between rainstorms, progress is being made to refurbish and extend the village hall. Solar panels (46) have been installed to generate electricity; the orientation of the roof is not ideal, it faces east and west, not south, so panels have been installed on both sides to make the most of morning and afternoon sun. The pitch of the roof is shallow enough so that the panels do not stick out like a group of sore thumbs (see photograph). When the main construction work is complete the solar installation company will return and fit a series of batteries so that we can store electricity generated during the day for use during the night.

The walls of the new extensions are now complete (see photograph) and the roof trusses to cover the new areas will be installed by the end of February. The south west corner of the building will have large floor-to-ceiling glass panels to look towards the playing field and the playground. The framework for this area of the building is steel and this frame is also shown in the photograph (red steel beams). The flat roof areas of the original hall were last replaced about 25 years ago, so are at the end of their expected useful life. These too will be covered with pitched roofing, so the building is due for a major change in appearance by early March, when your Messenger arrives.





I am writing this article during the last week of Spring 1 before we break for half term and on reflection, it has certainly been a busy and energy-packed one. There have been many highlights and the school environment and classrooms certainly reflect what the children have been learning.

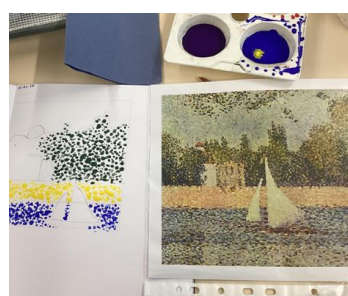
In Star Class the children have really enjoyed their topic on 'Toys'. The children have been very creative when designing and making their own toys with recyclable materials. The children are also now finally enjoying their new outdoor area. Rain, ice and wind meant that it took slightly longer to complete than planned but the end result is fantastic and the children are already enjoying the area.

In Galaxy Class the children have been learning about Florence Nightingale, researching when she lived, what she did, how she became famous and how she improved nursing practices. The importance of hygiene and cleanliness was discussed in class and demonstrated by many of the children when, as part of their topic homework, they made a cake; they washed their hands thoroughly before starting and made sure that they cleaned up carefully afterwards. In Planet Class the children have been exploring the work of artist Bridget Riley. They discussed 'Op Art' and noticed how the still image gives the illusion of movement. In English, the children have been reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. This inspired them to write a report about foxes as well as doing some drama to think about the character's feelings. In Key Stage 2, the children in Comet Class visited The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their topic on 'Tomb Raiders'. At the museum the children looked at a range of Ancient Egyptian objects and were encouraged to share what it could tell them about what life was like for ancient Egyptian people. As well as visiting the museum, the children also arranged a visit to the Cambridge Mosque as part of the RE teaching. In Year 4 the children are really enjoying their Roman topics and as part of art and design the children designed and made their own Roman Sandals. As part of their science topic on sound the children presented their own TV shows called 'The Science of Sound', where they spoke about how sounds are made and passed through the air using vibration, as well as demonstrating amplitude. Meteor Class have been enjoying science investigations, with the children completing a series of experiments to explore balanced and unbalanced forces. In Year 6 the children worked hard to develop their persuasive writing by completing a Galapagos leaflet, stating why people should visit the islands. The children have also had fun learning about algebra in their maths sessions.

This half term we have also had the pleasure of watching Year 3 and Year 6 perform their class assemblies. It always amazes me how confidently the children share the information, but also the amount of work which they have covered considering we are only mid way through the year. As a school we have also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme for this year being 'My Voice Matters'. The children were able to share and recognise the importance of expressing themselves clearly and honestly, at the same time showing respect and kindness to others. We also celebrated Internet Safety Day by arranging webinars with the 2Johns. The 2Johns deliver online safety training to both children and adults nationally, with the aim of keeping children safe and ensuring adults are informed about the potential risks they may face. Everyone, children, parents and staff found the webinars interesting, relevant and provided the opportunity for some honest discussions about online safety.

We also had the opportunity to dance with friends at our annual Valentine's Disco, kindly organised by FAPONS. For the final week of this half term, as part of Kindness Week, we have provided the children with the challenge of carrying out random acts of kindness. When asked why it is good to be kind to others, a Year 2 child said 'It makes your heart blossom inside'; comments like this makes it a joy to work in school.

Mrs Sparkes



PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th January 2024

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill
 Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J Bolus, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Walton,
 Mr. N. Winstanley, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk) LGA 1972 s12 para 40
 District Councillor D. Bradbury.
 County Councillor A. Mellen

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Lenko, District Councillor A. Davies. 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 - 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 about road crossing on A1088- see Councillor Mellen’s report. Email received about flooding on A1088 from overflowing ditch. Mr. Walton commented that a pipe under the road taking the water to the opposite field is believed to be blocked.	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information only •Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen Investigation re Road Crossing person. Councillor Mellen stated the road did not meet the criteria for a crossing patrol. He commented the criteria was based on the number of unaccompanied children crossing the road, which he had stated was unacceptable as primary school children would not be expected to traverse such a busy road without an accompanied parent. He agreed to press the cabinet member for Highways, Paul West, and ask for the criteria to be looked at. Mr. Aket questioned whether the Police could patrol and thereby put pressure on the department for a crossing patrol. Mr. Winstanley questioned whether an independent expert could give any weight to a request for a patrol, and agreed to investigate cost. Councillor Mellen commented on the flooding along the A1088 problems at the Tostock Road junction and Fox and Goose corner. Highways have been out and helped to clear this. Government funding is available for homes which have been flooded. Councillor Mellen commented that MSDC budget setting had proposed removal of grants for Arts and Museums, which he had opposed. Mrs. Hill asked about the signage requested. Councillor Mellen agreed to follow this up through the Highways engineer. •Report from District Councillors Austin Davies and David Bradbury - noted Councillor Bradbury stated grants are available for properties recently flooded.	Clerk Mr. Winstanle y
5.	MINUTES	
	5.1To note and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 th December 2023. Mr. Aket proposed, Mr. Bolus seconded with all in agreement.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING	
	6.1 Sign on Prospect Road green. The questionnaire had been delivered to all houses in Prospect Road. No replies had been received. Three residents had been asked, one in support of the sign, one not bothered about the sign and one not realising there was a sign. No further action will be taken.	
	6.2 UK Power Network update. Mr. Walton reported this is currently on hold. UKPN may change course and go underground through the school playing field, so discussions are taking place with SCC.	Clerk Mr. Walton
	6.3 Traffic Mirror opposite Hall entrance - no update	
	6.4 Bus service update. Mr. Winstanley reported on the recent Team meeting. He felt a questionnaire on use is required and he agreed to put one together for circulation. Funding is available to get a service up and running which will then be handed back to villages to self-finance. Mr. Aket suggested having a bank of volunteer drivers. Mr. Walton felt an open meeting may be required to gauge need and use.	Mr. Winstanle y

	6.5 Road signs for repair. These had been reported on the portal, but the reply had been no action would be taken. The Clerk was asked to follow this up further.	Clerk
	6.6 Planters at Garage. Mrs. Dove has agreed to take charge of these, as well as the ones at the village hall, and School Close, but has asked for volunteers for watering.	
	6.7 Flooding along Tostock Road. Mr. Walton stated the river had been surveyed and unfortunately two trees had fallen across the river which had caused a blockade.	
7.	PLANNING	
	7.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION Plot 12, Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/23/05652 - Erection of 1No self-build dwelling with garage. The Council rejected this application	
	7.2 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION Plot 11, Land West Of, Ixworth Road, Norton DC/23/05661- Erection of 1No self-build dwelling with garage. The Council rejected this application	
	7.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION Norton Pre-school Honeywood Corner, Ixworth Road, Norton - DC/23/05630 Full Planning Application - Continued use of land for the siting of unit for the existing pre-school for a further seven years, and to carry out works to improve thermal efficiency and protect the building, to amend opening and closure times (re-submission of DC/23/03866). The Council fully supported this application.	
	7.4 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION Lilac Villa, Ixworth Road, Norton, DC/23/05751- Erection of single-storey rear extension. The Council supported this application.	
	7.5 DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) Caravan At Peach Barn, Halls Lane, Norton, DC/23/00571 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/05832	
	7.6 GRANTED. Manor Barn, Ashfield Road, Norton, DC/23/04959 Changes to landscaping and parking arrangements, erection of extension to house plant/domestic storage. Conversion of garage, form enclosed porch, installation of air source heat pump and wood burning stove with flue. Replacement/alteration of fenestration.	
	7.7 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED Manor Barn, Ashfield Road, Norton, DC/23/04960	
	7.8 GRANTED - 4 Honeywood Grove, Norton, - DC/23/05013 Erection of a single storey side and single storey rear extensions.	
8.	FINANCE	
	8.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: On Line: Clerk's salary £416.00 LGA1972 s112 Street Cleaner £72.00 LGA1972 s112 TenHats, January, £361.00 LGA1972 s142 Clerk, Flag poles £99.98 LGA 1972 s145 HMRC £122.00 Lloyds Cheque 000013 LGA1972 s112 M. S. Oakes stage payment for village hall work £157764.61 Santander cheque 522546 Local Government Act 1972 s133	
	8.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of CIL claim by Village Hall of £7744.77	
	8.3 To receive budget statement. R&P with reconciliation for Santander and Lloyds. Received and RESOLVED to accept.	
	8.4 To consider Coronation noticeboard for meeting with Barconwood. Mr. Walton suggested an 8x4 board, free standing, near the village hall wall, showing footpaths with places in the village around it.	Clerk Mr.Walton.
	8.5 SCC Street lighting part night lighting scheme – off at 11.30pm, on at 6.30am. The Council declined, but asked for clarification on the lighting cost saving.	Clerk
	8.6 SCC – The Clerk confirmed that 5 lights had been requested for upgrade.	
	8.7 MSDC informed bins emptying increased cost from April 24. Dog bins will be £58.16 each bin per year and litter will be £49.66 per bin per year, subsidised by MSDC. Without any subsidy it would £175 per bin per annum.	
9.	8.8 Speedwatch – Kill your speed signs. Mrs. Hill stated the signs would be £36 each with a request for 6 signs. It was RESOLVED to purchase 6 signs.	Mrs. Hill
	8.9 Quote for hedge and ditch clearance received from T.E. Edwards for £1400.00 + VAT. The Council RESOLVED to accept.	Mr Walton
	8.10 Messenger. Printing cost has recently risen, so Mr. Aket will investigate a quote.	

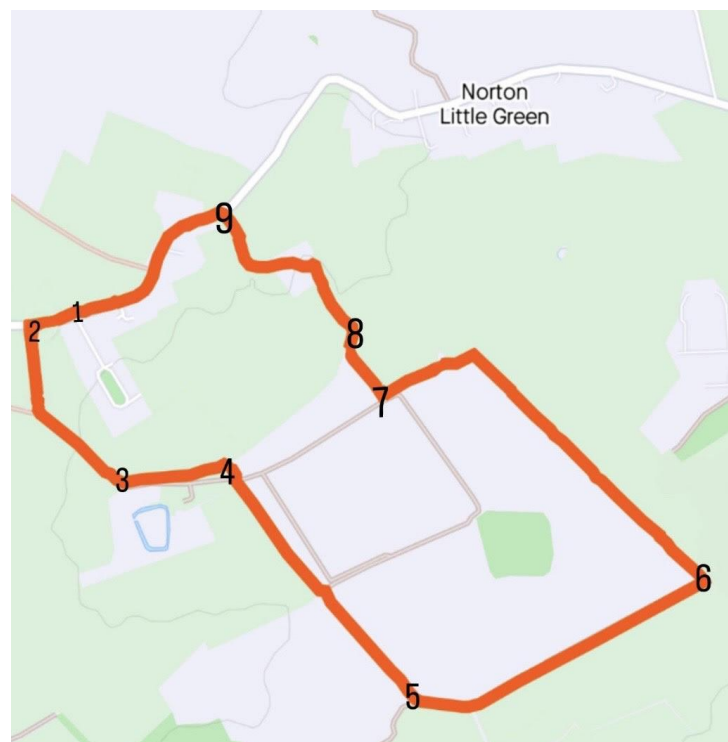
9.	PRECEPT	
	9.1 Precept requirement for 2024-2025 discussed based on the proposal by the Clerk. It was RESOLVED to submit request for £39,000 to MSDC.	Clerk
	9.2 The Clerk provided a draft statement of loan repayments for the coming years showing the precept could rise slowly over the next few years before being at the amount to cover the full repayment cost.	
10	SPEEDWATCH	
	10.1 Update on Speedwatch.- no update	
	10.2 To consider small solar SID located at Heath Road – no update	
11	VILLAGE HALL	
	11.1 Update on Project. Approval for the Lottery grant is still awaited.	
	11.2 To receive R&P statement for village hall project – noted.	
12	PLAY AREAS	
	12.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall – no problems reported	
	12.2 Play area in Prospect Road -Mr. Lenko agreed to keep this area under review.	
13	CORRESPONDENCE	
	13.1 MSDC Richard Parmee Call for Land for Nature Recovery. Noted	Clerk
	13.2 Consultation on draft Sexual Entertainment Policy 2024-2029 (version 2)- noted	
	13.3 Consultation on draft Scrap Metal Policy 2024-2029 - noted	
	13.4 A14 Haughley to Tothill reconstruction scheme Newsletter – noted.	
	13.5 MSDC New Neighbourhood Policing Model – noted.	
	13.6 MSDC informed of Land Call for future consideration - noted.	
14	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	14.1 Mr. Walton stated Compass Mole control expires shortly. The Council RESOLVED to continue for another year.	
	14.2 Prof. Jaggard requested Footpaths be placed in the agenda.	
15	To confirm the date of next meeting: 5 th February 2024, 7.30pm	
16	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.14	

NORTON TRAILS MARCH 2024

Similar to the walk to Elmswell, this route begins at the lane to Manor Farm, and sets off south of the village. However, this 5km route offers a loop starting and ending within Norton, making it more suitable for a local countryside walk.

Distance: 5km Estimated walk time: 1 hour
Terrain: muddy footpaths (fields) and roads
Discipline: walking/running
(Not suitable for bikes as there are footpaths included)

1. Beginning outside Prospect Road, turn left out of the close, walking past Honeywood Grove until you reach a raised pathway on a field to the left of the road.
2. Follow the grassy path until you reach a road running between two raised banks. Walk up here until you reach a footpath signpost directing you on to a track along the right hand side of the farm.
3. The track will then wrap around the left hand side of the farm. Following this footpath, turn right around the edge of the farm plot until you face a long straight dirt track leading to a black barn, with the farm directly behind you.
4. Head down this past the black barn onto the fields, and take the path to your left lined by planted trees. Here, it will lead you down the edge of a field. Carry on past a crossway in paths until you reach another turning.



5. Turn left, but remaining on the same field, walk down the edge of this field until you reach another turning.
6. Turning again left, you should be walking on the same field running parallel to a house on the other side of the field. Walk down this path in a straight line past a turning on your left until you reach a small section of woods.
7. Pass through the narrow grass path surrounded by brambles. There will be a small footbridge ahead for you to cross, leading you onto another field.
8. Shortly after entering this field, take another footbridge on your left. This will lead you onto a trail leading all the way back to Ashfield Road, converting from grass to a graveled path.
9. Turn left onto Ashfield Road, and follow the road past Wood Pightle all the way back until you reach Prospect Road





Norton



Norton Village Hall Management Committee is excited to announce that applications are open for an individual or a company to run the new **COFFEE SHOP** at **NORTON VILLAGE HALL** following the refurbishment project due for completion in **JUNE 2024**. If you would like further information or if you wish to apply then please get in touch via nortonvhbookings@gmail.com



Norton & District Twinning Association



Quiz Night



Saturday 16th March 2024

@ Woolpit Village Hall

Doors open **7pm**, Quiz starts **7.30pm**

Contact: nortontwinning@gmail.com



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

March 2024 Church Services

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

3rd	3rd Sunday of Lent	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Lent	Norton Pakenham
10th	Mothering Sunday	9.30am Mothering Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service 11am Mothering Sunday Family Communion 11am Mothering Sunday Service	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton
17th	5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Family Communion 6pm Evening Prayer and Praise	Pakenham Great Ashfield Tostock
24th	Palm Sunday	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Family Communion 11am Morning Worship	Great Ashfield Norton Tostock
28th	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Holy Communion followed by stripping of the altar and vigil	Pakenham
29th	Good Friday	10am Good Friday meditations 10am Easter Garden Service 1.30pm Walk of Witness and all-age service (meet at Village Hall) 1.40pm Walk of Witness and hour at the cross (meet at Nether Hall gates)	Tostock Norton Great Ashfield Pakenham
31st	Easter Day	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Family Festival Communion 9.30am Family Festival Communion 11am Family Festival Communion 11am Family Festival Communion 11am Family Festival Communion	Stowlangtoft Norton Hunston Pakenham Great Ashfield Tostock

CELEBRATIONS FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES!

MOTHERING SUNDAY 10TH MARCH - LOVE YOUR MUM! 11am - St Andrew's Norton Bring your mum, grandma and all the family to this special service giving thanks for our mums - posies will be distributed at all our services today.

EASTER GARDEN SERVICE GOOD FRIDAY 10am St Andrew's Norton

Bring flowers, stones, plants to help make our Easter Garden - Hot Cross Buns too!

EASTER DAY - All ages welcome at all our services - Chocolate treats included!!

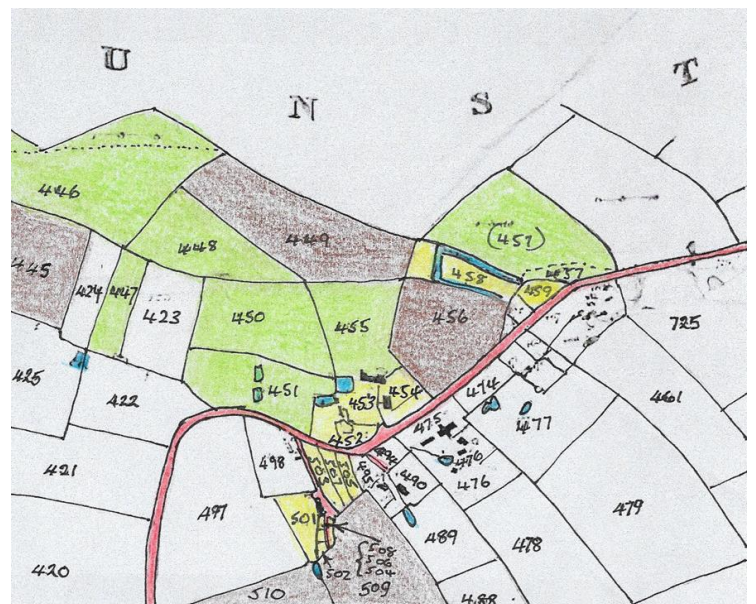
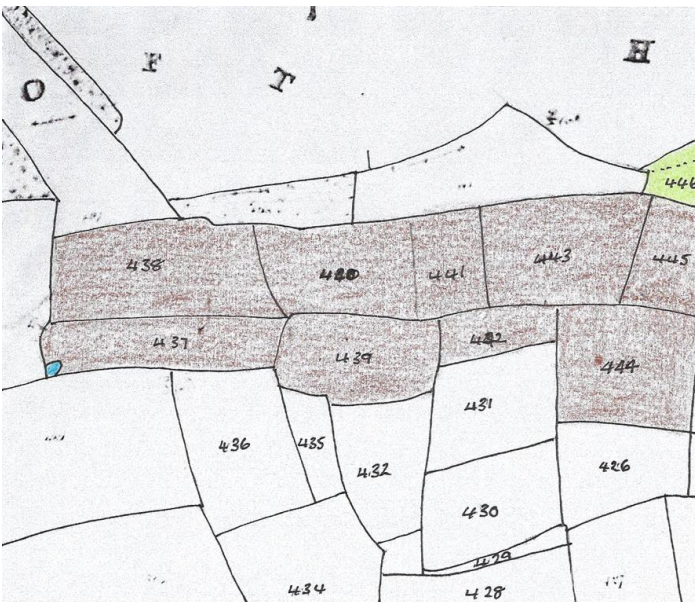
A Happy Easter to everyone!

DOWN OUR STREET

Continuing to look at Norton's 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment Book with regard to the holdings of the Wilsons of Stowlangtoft Hall. I mentioned last month that Joseph Wilson bought the Stowlangtoft Estate from Baronet Sir George Wombwell. Hill Farm, known more recently as Manor Farm, and the associated fields and cottages, was their other major holding in the village. The map below is from the 1814 enclosure map of Norton and shows the Little Green outlined in blue.



By 1841 the farm, which runs along part of Norton's boundary with Stowlangtoft and Hunston, had been leased to farmer Samuel Craske and his wife Ann. I would imagine that some fields in the farm may have extended into these parishes too.



The two maps are adjoining. The dotted line across 446 & 457 is the parish boundary.

Key:- Arable field = Brown. Pasture = Green. Road or track = Red. Pond or moat = Blue. Cottages and gardens and Farmhouse and Premises = Yellow.

437 Further Wood Lay. 438 First Wood Lay. 439 Pightle. 440 Eleven Acres. 441 Part of New Break. 442 Lower Ploughed Field. 443 Lower Seven Acres. 444 Upper Ploughed Field. 445 Upper Seven Acres. 446 Part of Lower Pasture. 447 The Spong. 448 Middle Pasture. 449 Eight Acres. 450 Dove House Meadow. 451 Great Orchard. 452-3-4 Farm House, Yards & Premises. 455 Home Pasture. 456 Barn Field. 457 Part of Hunston Meadow. 508 Drift & Footpath. 509 Five Acres. 510 Road Meadow.

458-9 belonged to blacksmith Isaac Morley died 1862 and consisted of Orchard, Moat, House, Garden and Blacksmith's Shop. (This became known as Southleigh).

Overleaf orchard with moat.

AT NORTON.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
 By S. W. HUNT,
 On Tuesday, July the 15th, 1862, at Twelve o'clock
 (under a Deed of Assignment), the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
STOCK-IN-TRADE, and other Effects of Mr.
ISAAC MORLEY, Machinist, comprising a
 general assortment of Household Furniture, quantity of
 wheelwrights' stuff, wheelwrights' and blacksmith's
 tools, bellows, anvils, vices, turning lathe, press drills,
 screwing machine, useful Pony, heap of manure, and a
 variety of other Effects expressed in catalogues in
 circulation.



The moat has intrigued me for years and I wonder if this is a significant feature. There is the lost 'Manor of Hardyngs' (Hardings) mentioned from the time of Henry VIII somewhere in this area.

Cottages and Gardens owned by Joseph Wilson were rented to :- 501 George Pettit. 502-3 Jonathan Marshall. 504-5 Robert Pearson. 506-7 Joseph Sparham.

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 Auctioneers: LACEY N. GOODING, 53, Abbeygate Street, Bury St. Edmunds.



Above is an estate agent's advert for Manor Farm (1958) and a more recent photo of the house.

I feel I must mention at this point some of the history of the house, including information of its earliest known owner.

In the late Middle Ages the house was known as 'Nicholls' when it belonged to Ixworth Priory and was acquired by Sir John Sulyard of Wetherden after its dissolution in 1537. Sulyard may have been responsible for the exceptional southern range of the house, which dates from the second quarter of the 16th century. This range is jettied to the former green with a fashionable array of windows and contains four high-status rooms, two on each storey, all with roll-moulded ceilings and heated by chimneys in impressive crow-stepped gables. The western gable in particular, with its largely complete pattern of decoration in burnt headers, is among the finest in the county. The property was purchased in 1589 by William Onslow, gentleman, who lived at nearby Norton Hall and appears to have refurbished the house soon afterwards as a lodge or pleasure building where favoured guests could journey from the hall to enjoy special meals and admire landscaped gardens in high Elizabethan fashion. Given its commanding location Nicholls may have served a similar purpose for Sir John Sulyard and even for the Prior of Ixworth.

Sir John Sulyard (1518 – 1575) was educated as a lawyer at Clifford’s Inn. Together with the Marquess of Northampton and others attacked and suppressed the rebels at Norwich during Kett's Rebellion in 1549. He maintained his allegiance to the Roman Catholic faith and to the succession of Queen Mary Tudor. This was the foundation of his public career, which was mostly encompassed within Mary's reign. He was with the Earl of Bath, Sir Henry Bedingfield, Henry Jerningham, Clement Higham and others who rallied to Mary's support in Kenninghall, Norfolk on 12 July 1553, during the succession crisis surrounding Lady Jane Grey, in preparation for Mary's journey to London: their swift loyalty to her was decisive in bringing her to the throne. A family tradition alleged that Mary had rested one night at Wetherden Hall on her way from Kenninghall to Framlingham.

He married three times and owned the manor and park of Haughley, with lands and liberties in Haughley, Stowmarket, Newton, Bacton, Wetherden, Shelland and Harleston as granted by Queen Mary. He was MP for Ipswich 1553. High Sheriff of Suffolk & Norfolk 1555-56.

John Foxe reported (in his 1563 edition) that Sir John Sulyard and Sir John Tyrrell of Gipping Hall stirred up a persecution in the towns of Winston and Mendlesham. They commanded Thomas Spicer to attend Mass and to receive the sacrament, and at his refusal had imprisoned him at Eye. On 21 May 1556 he, with two men of Beccles, John Denny and William Poole, all having been condemned the previous day, were burned there as heretics by Sir John Sulyard. (Near Station Road, Beccles)

Sir John was buried with his ancestors in the south aisle of Wetherden church. His monument, somewhat mutilated by William Dowsing, the iconoclast, takes the form of an altar-tomb of pale veined marble. (Close by and worth a visit).



Norton Baptist Church

March 2024

Check the information below
for our services throughout
March and beyond



I hope spring has definitely arrived by the time you read this piece. The flowers should be bright and colourful in our gardens and by the side of the road and we can give thanks for the beautiful creation around us.

March is another busy month for us at Norton Baptist. We continue our Lent Course on a Thursday evening – why not come and join us. Check our Facebook page for more details.

The 10th will be our Mothering Sunday Service when we celebrate mothers everywhere.

March the 23rd we will be having our Easter Fun Morning, welcoming the Norton School Choir to perform. We will have our Pop-Up-Café open, serving bacon butties, and there will be craft activities available. The event takes place between 10am and 12noon.

The end of the month is Easter Weekend and, although Caroline is away, we will be getting together to celebrate this important time in our calendar.

The Den continues to meet on a Friday evening at 6:30pm through to 8pm for children in years 4-7.

	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st
Praise and Worship	10am				
Mother's Day		10am			
Praise and Worship			10am		
Café Church				10am	
Easter Sunday					10am





Norton Salvation Army

Woolpit Road, Norton, IP31 3LU

What's on at the Army in March?

Sunday 3rd	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting) (Led by Doug & Glenys Askew)	10.45am
Sunday 10th	Morning Worship (Mothers Day) (Led by: Marion Hendry)	11.00am
Sunday 17th	Evening Praise (Led by: Former Officers Majors Kevin & Catherine Rand)	6.00pm
Sunday 24th	Palm Sunday Worship	11.00am
Good Friday 29 th	Easter Reflections (Led by: Divisional Commander: Howard Russell)	10.30am
Sunday 31 st	Easter Morning Worship (Led by: Assistant. Divisional Commander: Pam Pitt)	11.00am
Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddlesong (Children 0-4yrs £1 per family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 6th	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group, free for all to attend for a chat & refreshments)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 7th/21st	Choir Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Monday 4th/11th/18th/25th	Jo's Fit4All	6.00pm – 8.00pm
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