

the nORTON messenger

November 2025



EDITORIAL

Thanks to David Moland for the photos on the front page and later on in the magazine – dramatic skies. Down our Street is back by popular demand!

If you have anything you would like to see published send it to the address below by the 15th of the previous month. Including any new article ideas you have.

Best wishes, Diana

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NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

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MONDAY	6.00pm - 6.45pm 7.00pm - 7.45pm	Paracise Jo's Fit4All
TUESDAY	9.30am - 10.30am	Serenity Yoga
	10.45am - 11.45am	Silver Swans Over-55s Ballet Class
	7.15pm - 9.15pm	Song Circle Ladies' Choir
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Zumba
THURSDAY	9.00am - 10.00am 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Pilates with Paula Rockfit with Bliss
FRIDAY	9.15am - 10.15am 10.45am - 11.45 am	Zumba Fitness with Yvonne



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NORTON WI – NEXT MEETING

After a very encouraging meeting recently which three members of the W.I. Office attended we hope to move forward with forming a new branch of the W.I. here in Norton in the near future.

Quite a few people have expressed an interest so we shall have another meeting on 11th November at a time and venue yet to be confirmed. Anyone wanting to attend can give me a ring on 01359 230601. This could be a very exciting venture and a good way to make new friends.

Helen Taylor.



PLAYING FIELD PLANTING

The wildflower seeding has now been redone around the playing fields. The seeds were kindly donated by Suffolk County Council. We are now praying for the right weather and hopefully some flowers in the spring. Thanks to Chris Mabey for his help in scarifying and getting the seeds in the ground.



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

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095 Email: kavalentine677@gmail.com

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

November 2025 Church Services

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

2 nd	All Saints Sunday	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Remembering 4.30pm Memorial Service Other memorial services: 3pm at Pakenham and 5pm at Gt Ashfield	Norton Pakenham Norton Other memorial services: 3pm at Pakenham and 5pm at Gt Ashfield
9 th	Remembrance Sunday	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 10.45am Remembrance Service Other remembrance services 10.45am at Tostock, Stowlangtoft and Gt Ashfield, 3pm at Pakenham	Pakenham Norton Norton Other remembrance services 10.45am at Tostock, Stowlangtoft and Gt Ashfield, 3pm at Pakenham
16 th	2nd Sunday before Advent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion 6pm Evening prayer and praise	Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield Tostock
23 rd	Christ the King	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Family Communion 11am Morning Worship	Great Ashfield Hunston Norton Tostock
30 th	1st Sunday of Advent	10am Benefice Communion	Stowlangtoft

MEMORIAL SERVICES - SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

All Saints' Day is on the 1st November and is the season when we remember and give thanks for the lives of those we have loved who have died, and light candles in their memory. All are welcome to come to these services no matter how long ago you were bereaved. Please let us know if you would like us to include your loved one's name/s in the service.

Please contact Revd. Katherine Valentine with details (01359 235095).

ALL-AGE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY MORNING SATURDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER 10am-12noon St Andrew's Church Norton



With Norton School Choir, Have-a-go handbell ringing,
Christmas Crafts, Christmas Trail and refreshments.

All Welcome - come and have fun whatever your age!

There will be a collection in Aid of the Children's Society -
Norton School pupils - you can bring your collection
candles from school.



Norton Baptist Church

November 2025

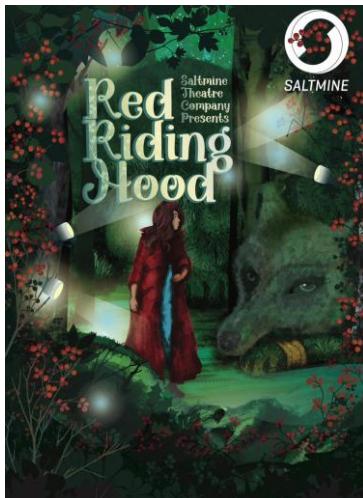
Check the information below for our services throughout November and beyond



Our Sunday services continue throughout November as we continue to look at The Alpha Course. Our doors open from 10am when tea/coffee will be available for everyone and the services will start at 10:30am.

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

BOOK THE DATE – Sunday 30th NOVEMBER



Fun for all the family as we are proud to present Saltmine Theatre Company's production of Red Riding Hood
Norton Village Hall
Sunday 30th November
Performances at 2:30pm and 4:40pm



2:30pm
Scan Here
for Tickets
4:30pm



Join us on November 8th for a Quiz Night at 7:30pm. Teams of up to 6 people. "Nibbles provided but please bring your own drinks.



Christmas Fun Morning

November 29th is our Christmas Fun Morning. Come to St Andrews for Christmas themed craft activities, refreshments and the amazing Norton School Choir

	2 nd Nov	9 th Nov	16 th Nov	23 rd Nov	30 th Nov
Praise and Worship (Alpha)	10:30am				
Remembrance Sunday		10:45am			
Praise and Worship (Alpha)			10:30am		
Praise and Worship (Alpha)				10:30am	
Café Church					10:30am

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As we approach half term, it's lovely to reflect on what a busy and positive start to the year it has been. The children have settled beautifully into their new classes, embracing new routines and approaching their learning with enthusiasm and confidence. I have been so impressed with their energy and curiosity, which shine through in every classroom.

At this time of year, I have the pleasure of showing prospective parents and children around our school. As I pop into classrooms, it's wonderful to see how focused and engaged the children are in their learning. I am also delighted by how many pupils are keen to share with our visitors what they are learning.

In **Star Class (Reception)**, the children have settled incredibly well and are busy learning letter sounds and numbers. The Early Years outdoor area is being thoroughly enjoyed as they ride trikes, climb on the clamber stack, and explore their outdoor learning space.

Galaxy Class (Year 1) recently visited St Andrew's Church to role-play what happens during a Christening. Reverend Katherine led the service, with the children taking on the roles of parents, godparents, and congregation members. Back in the classroom, they have been thoroughly enjoying their Science work linked to the senses. The children have taken part in several practical sessions using sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste — with the taste investigation proving to be a firm favourite!

In **Planet Class (Year 2)**, the children have been learning about jobs in medieval castles, exploring the roles of lords, ladies, and stewards as part of their history curriculum. In Science, they have studied animals and their natural habitats, using scientific vocabulary to explain how animals are adapted to their environments.

The children in **Comet Class (Year 3)** have been busy creating beautiful *Starry Night* pictures. They followed steps using oil pastels and then applied a colour wash to create a wax-resist effect. In English, they have used some incredible vocabulary after freeze-framing parts of their new text, *The First Drawing*.

Rocket Class (Year 4) have set up an exciting scientific investigation to learn how enamel protects our teeth from decay but can be damaged by what we eat and drink. Using eggshells to represent enamel, they submerged hard-boiled eggs into different sugary drinks (and water as a control). They are looking forward to their next lesson when they will observe and record their findings. As part of their *Rivers* topic, the children enjoyed a lovely walk to the Blackbourne River, where they sketched what they saw and labelled the parts of the river.

In **Meteor Class (Year 5)**, the children have been painting abstract landscapes in the style of David Hockney. They added texture with oil pastels and used watercolours to create stunning patchwork landscapes. The class has also enjoyed several weeks of clarinet lessons with Mr Kershaw, learning about pulse and rhythm, assembling their instruments, and playing notes E, F, D, G, and A.

In **Supernova Class (Year 6)**, the children have been investigating the effect of adding more bulbs or cells to electrical circuits. In English, they have written moving refugee poems featuring powerful descriptions and emotive language. Our oldest pupils are also setting a fantastic example to the younger children as line monitors, worship leaders, Sports Ambassadors, and Behaviour Ambassadors.

As we approach half term, there is so much to look forward to. We have our first PE enrichment day — *Quidditch!* — as well as BCY creating a *Prayer Space* in Norton Baptist Church for all groups to visit. Year 6 pupils are also preparing for their exciting residential trip.

This year, our **Bold Adventurers Curriculum Driver** focuses on helping the children at Norton become confident speakers, listeners, and communicators. We have set them six challenges to complete by the end of term, and it has been lovely to see them beginning to achieve these and sharing fascinating facts during assembly.

If you are new to Norton or the surrounding area and are looking for a primary school place, please give the school a ring on **01359 230530** — I would love to show you around. Norton Primary truly is a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sparkes



NORTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

AGM

On Wednesday 8th October we held our 2025 Annual General Meeting which was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, enjoy some cheese and wine, before getting the formal proceedings underway.

Lots of great ideas were shared and the committee take forward a number of actions as we head towards 2026. Keep an eye out for more details being shared in the coming weeks and months, but some initial dates for your diary below!

Whilst continuing as a member, we would like to take this opportunity to thank **Tracey Gorzelak** for her years of service on our committee as she steps away, leaving her role of secretary.

Our committee for 2025/26 is as follows:

Chairperson: Kelly Limer

Treasurer: Angela Walton

Secretary: (vacant)

Members: Jill Rowland

Pat Allen

Susan Hill

Karen Forbester

Sharon Thompson

Sharon Gibson (*NEW MEMBER*)

Have you seen our weekly feature on Facebook?

WORD OF THE WEEK

'Les vendanges'

meaning 'grape harvest' in English 🍇

A magical time for many areas of France at this time of year marking the start of autumn!

Looking ahead to 2026!

Our Association began in 1986, which means that 2026 is a big year as we celebrate our **40th Anniversary**!

If you or your family members have any memories to share of years gone by then please do get in touch – we would love to see as many pictures as possible of the last 40 years!



Dates for your diary:

- ❖ **14th November:** Cheese and Wine evening (members only)
- ❖ **31st January 2026:** Wine Tasting with Suffolk Punch Trust – Green Punch
- ❖ **21st March 2026:** Quiz Night



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Norton and District Twinning Association

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st September 2025

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J Bolus, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr. R. Lenko, Mr. Millen, Mr. J. Morgan,
Mr. G. Walton, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)
County Councillor A. Mellen
6 members of the public

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

APOLOGIES: Mr. N. Winstanley, District Councillor H. Richardson, District Councillor D. Bradbury.

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

1.	The Chair welcomed members of the Village Hall Committee	
2.	DISCUSSION BETWEEN VHALL COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLORS ON FINANCE FOR FINAL STAGE OF HALL UPGRADE PROJECT. Mrs. Till outlined the costs and increased additional charges. The valuation of £810,000 less the 2.5% retention (plus any VAT) has been paid. The final payment had been negotiated down by the Architect to £825,000. The final bill is due for payment around October/November which will be £15,000 plus the retention of £20,625 plus VAT. Part of the discussion negotiated that the additional £15,000 will be paid after the snagging period. The builder may not come back to sort the snagging problems in which case the retention sum of £20,625 would not be payable. The Hall has funds to cover the £15,000 but not the additional £20,625. When asked about the snagging problems Mr. Walton stated the list would be drawn up by the building project group. He clarified there had been an increase in the specification, not an increase in materials and that had added to the costs. Mr. Aket queried whether when adding various jobs to the original specification at agreed prices the committee had money to pay for these additional jobs. Mr. Walton clarified that some jobs had been removed and savings made, but additional jobs had been added which balanced each other out. Mrs. Walton commented that some jobs were unforeseen, such as the parquet floor rising, the fire alarm requiring a complete upgrade due to new regulations, and some additional blockwork required by the roof changes. The hall is receiving rental income from the coffee shop. Mr. Aket asked whether the regular income will cover ongoing running costs of the hall, and it was felt that hire income will cover budgeted costs. However, the future cannot be guaranteed. Mrs. Fogg commented that the Council had not given the money to the hall for the refurb but had invested it into the community via the village hall and the Committee of volunteers take their responsibility very seriously, and are aware of the large amount of money that has been invested in the Hall. Prof Jaggard commented that if the hall became very successful it may not be possible to run entirely on volunteers in the future. Mrs. Fogg on behalf of the committee put two questions to the Council: a) can the Council help financially, and b) if not what can be suggested. Mrs. Hill stated this cannot be answered this evening as the Council needed to take this further and discuss in Council. Mrs. Walton enquired about the Council financing the wifi, which had been done in the past. This year it is £481.55 last year it was £324.79. Prof. Jaggard felt the Council should be responsible as the VAT could then be reclaimed. The Chair thanked the Committee for this frank and informative discussion and stated the Council would reply in due course.	
3.	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 inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 - none b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters - none c) To receive requests for dispensations - none	
4.	PUBLIC FORUM –to receive reports for information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the public–to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance. Neighbourhood Plan was the reason for attendance.• Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email Request for noticeboard at Village Hall by Elmswell Toddler group for Nearly New Sale. The Council agreed to this request, but asked that it did not obscure access to and from the car park, and was removed after the event.	
5.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION –to receive written reports for information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from County Cllr Andy Mellen. Mr. Aket enquired about the ongoing discussions of Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr Mellen felt the Government needed to be careful because of judicial review. He reminded of public meetings coming up. Cllr Mellen reminded of the Tour of Britain going through Norton. He stated he has Locality Budget available. When asked why there wasn't a litter pick on the A14 while it was closed, he stated some of this area came under West Suffolk. Mr. Walton commented on road signs being damaged etc, and not being repaired or replaced. Cllr Mellen stated he has a budget that may be able to help.• Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson – noted.	7

6.	MINUTES	
	6.1 The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Council meetings held on 7th July and 11th August 2025 as a true and correct record.	
7.	MATTERS ARISING	
	7.1 Bus stop at crossroads – ongoing. Cllr Mellen will follow up.	CllrMellen
	7.2 UKPN – FIT update. The Clerk reported that she continues to be in contact with Birketts and UKPN solicitors to provide an updated lease. FIT need a copy of the signed lease before they will issue their letter of approval.	Clerk
	7.3 Withdrawal of Bus service - reply from Dan's coaches and possible application for grant funding. Dan's coaches replied to Mr. Winstanley that the route including Norton was poorly used so financially unviable. There was also a new bus service from Thurston to Bury so their route did not include Thurston.	Mr. Winstanley
	7.4 Security of car park and playing field. Mr. Walton confirmed he has sited a large bin at the entrance to the field so it does present a difficulty to access. A more permanent plan with chain and padlock is being investigated. The car park will present more difficulties to secure as an auto barrier would be expensive.	Mr. Walton
	7.5 Anglian Water- large number of leaks in Ashfield Road. Anglian Water stated they are aware of the condition of the main. Water is now supplied from pumps at Elmswell Water Tower to a closed valve along Ashfield road. However, due to an interruption of supply downstream the closed valve was opened to keep customers on water, but this increase in pressure created further bursts. Road closures are a last resort. The Planning Team are aware of the water mains relay in this area and the issues being caused and will continue to carefully monitor the case. At this time there is no further information but they are committed to working towards a long term solution. Mr. Aket expressed concern about school buses not using closed road and whether CC are aware of closures.	
8.	PLANNING	
	8.1 PERMISSION GRANTED - DC/25/02307 Land North of Halfboys, Ixworth Road, Norton Erection of 1no residential dwelling, vehicular access and associated works.	
	8.2 DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) DC/25/0295 Hill House, Ixworth Road, Norton Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/25/02166 - Condition 3 (Biodiversity Enhancement Measures)	
	8.3 Mrs. Hill commented that half the row of poplars bordering the field to Suffolk House had been taken down. Mr. Grey stated these were taken down as an electricity issue with rerouting the cables.	
9	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: Clerk's salary £624.00 Messenger, £301.00 Clerk's expenses, new laptop, £493.99 Clerk's expenses, Neighbourhood Plan Voucher £50.00 Norton Baptist Church, Hall Hire, £180.00 Gadd brothers, trees, £10,380.00 FIT £7200.00 (paid on 16.7.25) R. Lenko, Expenses, £14.70 Cheque no 022603 NPC – transfer to Lloyds account £15,000.00 cheque no 022604 HMRC £210.45 cheque no 022602	LGA1972 s112 LGA1972 s112 LGA1972 s112 Localism Act 2011 sch.9 LGA1972 s133 Public Health Act 1875 s164 Charities Act 2011 ss298-303 LGA 1972 s139 Public Health Act 1875 s164 LGA 1972 s111 LGA1972 s112
	9.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of VAT refund for Dec 24 – March 25 of £6075.91	
	9.3 The Clerk presented a budget statement with reconciliation statements, APPROVED by Councillors	
	9.4 The Clerk requested a vire of £5000 from contingency to tree budget for the work being undertaken. APPROVED by Councillors	
	9.5 The Clerk confirmed loan repayments £11230.78 on 9.7.25, £2967.13 on 11.8.25	

	9.7 The Clerk confirmed second payment of precept £27,500.00	
	9.8 The Clerk informed Santander to introduce monthly fee £4.99 and go paperless.	
	9.9 The Clerk explained that the Council will need to subscribe to a Gov.uk account as required through the AGAR, Assertion 10. She stated she is undertaking Webinars to understand the process but requires Council agreement to take this forward. Councillors formally agreed to undertake this requirement.	Clerk
	9.10 Street Light upgrade programme – The Clerk suggested two lights are undertaken to be upgraded, one in School Close, and one on the crossroad junction. The quote for these two lights is £1180 + VAT. APPROVED by Councillors	Clerk
	9.11 The Clerk presented a detailed action plan to be undertaken from internal audit. APPROVED by Councillors. The Clerk will update as actions are completed.	Clerk
10	REORGANISATION/DEVOLUTION	
	10.1 Local Government Reorganisation. The Clerk had forwarded details on the proposal for three unitary councils – noted. Mr. Walton felt devolution will probably involve Parishes taking on more jobs.	
11	SPEEDWATCH	
	11.1 Strategy to combat speeding – consultant led investigation - ongoing	Mr. Winstanley
	11.2 30mph join up between Norton and Stowlangtoft. This will be investigated again as there is more development along this stretch, with a footpath crossing the road. Prof. Jaggard agreed to draft a request.	Prof. Jaggard.
12	VILLAGE HALL	
	12.1 Following the open meeting discussion, Councillors discussed the way forward to assist with the completion of the hall upgrade. Although the final figure to Oakes is not yet known Councillors felt they should support what and where they can, but research will be needed to ascertain by how much. A financial statement will be requested from the Village Hall.	Clerk
13	PLAY AREAS	
	13.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. Mr. Lenko stated the wooden train required repair, which he carried out, but felt that longer term it needs to be replaced. The wooden gate does not shut as the post has rotten. The quote from Gadd Bros to replace both rotten posts and rehang the existing gate is £540.00 + VAT, but to replace both posts and provide a new gate will be £700 + VAT. Councillors felt a new gate should be used and APPROVED for this work to be undertaken. Mr Walton commented that creosote posts should be used for longer life. Mr. Walton stated he had received a request for goal nets, and he felt the goal mouths may require returfing at some point.	Clerk
	13.2 Play area in Prospect Road – all OK.	
14	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
	14.1 Update on survey, and situation regarding grant funding. Government grant funding has been withdrawn. Mid Suffolk is looking to see if they could provide grants to NP's being drawn up. The Clerk had forwarded to all a breakdown of costs provided by Mr. Poole. Mr. Williams felt the group should carry on and could write a basic NP. Councillors agreed the plan should be continued and finished, but it was felt Mr. Poole should be asked for a meeting. The Clerk will organize.	Clerk
15	POLICY AND FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS	
	15.1 The Clerk had forwarded updated Financial Regulations 2025 and Code of Conduct and IT policy. APPROVED by Councillors.	
	15.2 CCTV. As Mr. Walton has stood down from the Village Hall committee Mr. D. Moland has agreed to act as Hall rep. The Policy has been forwarded to him and he has signed his agreement. He asked for training to use the equipment	Mr. Lenko Mrs. Hill Mr. Walton
16	CORRESPONDANCE	
	16.1 Adoption of West Suffolk Local Plan 2024-2041 - noted	9

	16.2 Sizewell C - July Project Update - noted	
	16.3 MSDC Free Trees, Hedging and Wildflower Scheme - noted	
	16.4 Community Thermal Imaging Project. It was felt this was a good idea and the Council should express an interest in joining.	Clerk
17	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting.	
	17.1 Hedges. Mr. Millen stated he had been approached about overgrown hedges encroaching on the roads in the village.	
	17.2 Road Signage. Mr. Millen stated there are problems with signage of roadworks obscuring egress from properties, particularly in Heath Road.	
	17.3 Hedges. Mr. Walton has received an offer from Mr. Honeywood to cut the hedges around the playing field with his tractor. The Council gratefully accepted this offer. It was felt Councillors may be required to tidy paths etc.	
	17.4 Mr. Aket stated there has been messages on FB about more dog bins, and people not using bins already up. He felt there should be a message stating how many bins there are and the cost borne by the Parish. Mr. Millen felt something could be put on the general and resident FB page. Mr. Millen offered to put the information on FB and the Clerk agreed to forward information to him.	Mr. Millen Clerk
18	To confirm date of next meeting 6th October 2025	
19	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.26	

DOWN OUR STREET

Over the last couple of months, several villagers have approached me asking me to write some more 'Down Our Street' articles. I have previously written about Henry and Sophia Eugenie (nee Mingay) Downing's family who lived in the house called 'The Old Forge' (which stood next to The Dog) before it was pulled down and a group of houses was built on the site. You may remember that Henry was a blacksmith and that two of their sons ran a traction engine business, hiring out engines and ploughing machines together with the men to operate them. After WW2 one of the village blacksmiths took over the forge and farrier's workshop. (Recently converted to a house.)

Over the next two months I will look at another branch of the family, that of Henry's son Robert Downing, who lived at Mill Farm in The Street. Robert was born at The Old Forge on 4th March 1854. He grew up working with his father at the blacksmith's shop and eventually became a successful engineer. At the age of 39, on June 5th 1893 he married my grandfather's eldest sister, Elizabeth Alice Burt (she was 29) at St Andrew's Church.



Robert Downing



Elizabeth Downing (nee Burt)



Family wedding reception photo.

Back Row: Harry Burt, Henry Downing, Hilder Burt, Arthur Burt, George Burt, Herbert Burt, Jack Burt and Tim Burt.
Middle: Sophia Downing, Elizabeth Burt Snr, Robert Downing, Elizabeth Downing, Thomas Burt, Annie Burt. Front:
Clara Burt, Frank Burt, Ernest Burt.

Robert and Elizabeth, who was known by her middle name 'Alice,' had six children in quick succession between 1894 and 1901, namely Ruby, Ivy, Arthur, Florence, Daisy and Frank.

During the First World War, Robert was a generous supporter of The Red Cross and two of his daughters, Ruby and Florence became Red Cross nurses at Ampton Hall. I have just been lent Ruby's war time autograph book with notes, sketches from patients and photos of her ward, so for the rest of this month's article, I will concentrate on her.

Ruby Downing



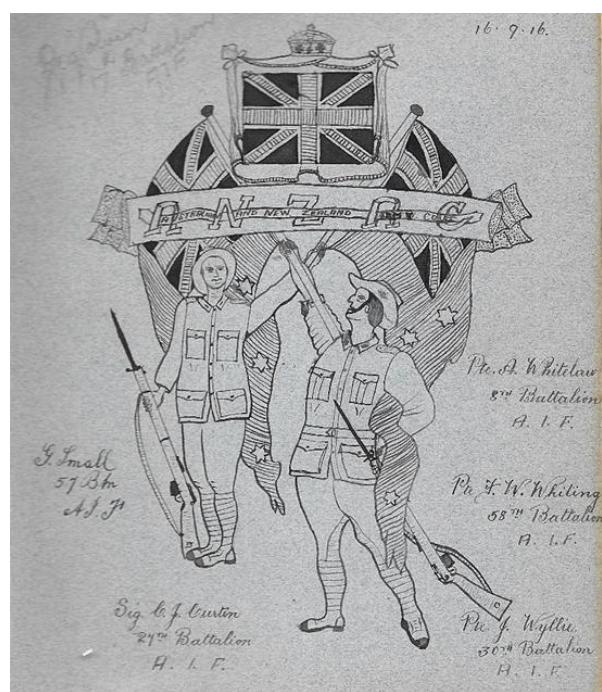
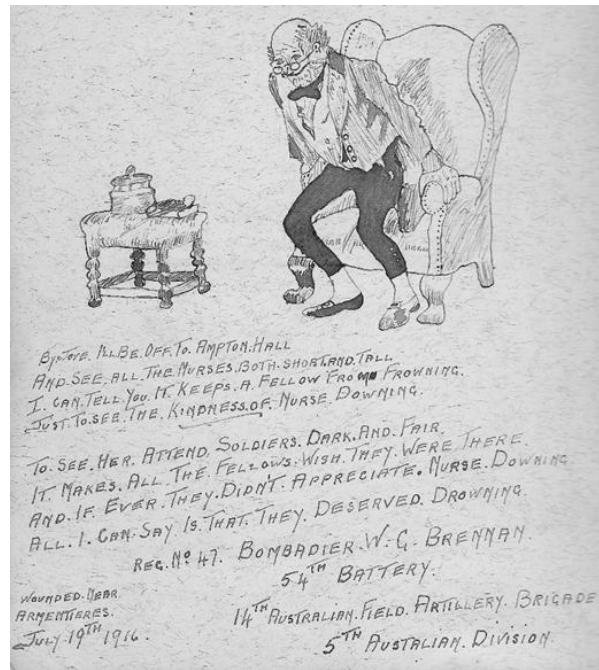
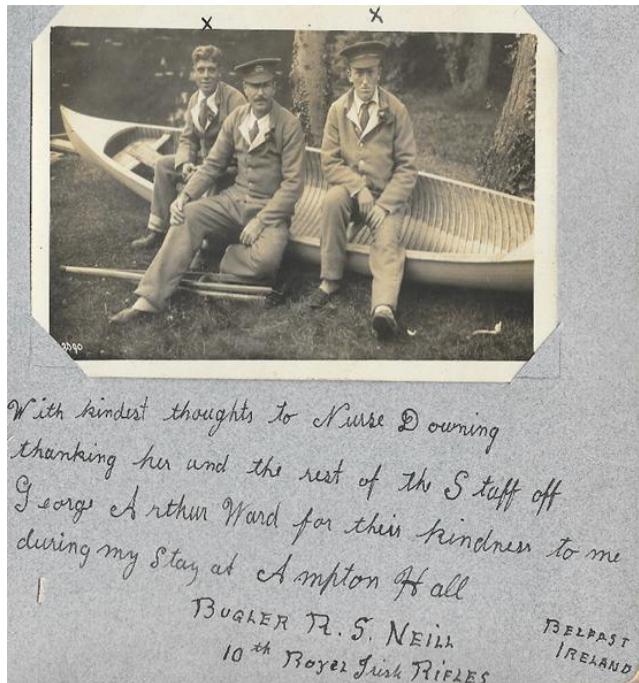
Florence Downing



Ampton Hall



Ruby was a nurse on 'George Arthur' ward (below) from 1915 till the end of the war.



There are entries from British, Canadian and Australian soldiers as the above show. Some had lost hands others were suffering from gunshot wounds, trench foot and pleurisy. After the war Ruby married Rudolph Dutton and lived at 'Quarry House, Stanton Street. She had two children, Robert who lived in Elmswell and Jill who lived in Hawes Lane (deceased this year).

As we approach this time of Remembrance, I thought it would be a fitting tribute to remember not only the men who fell or served (there is a list on the wall in St Andrew's Church), but also the women, many who were just as young and who dedicated themselves to caring for the injured. There does not seem to be any memorial to them!



Norton Salvation Army

What's on at the Army in November?

Sunday 2 nd	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting)	10.45am
Sunday 9 th	Remembrance Service at St.Andrews	
Sunday 16 th	Evening Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 23 rd	Morning Worship	11.00am
Sunday 30 th	Morning Worship	11.00am
Wednesday 5 th	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group offering time out to include carers)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday's	Cameo Lunches (3 Course Meal £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Thursday 6 th	Band Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday 13 th	Choir Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 21 st	Adult Craft Club	7.00pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 25 th	Youth Drop-in	4.30pm – 6.00pm
Saturday 8th	Christmas Sale (look out for the ads on Facebook)	10.00am – 12noon

Please feel free to come & join in with us at any time: You would be very welcome

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:

Norton@salvationarmy.org.uk OR Peter.Newson@salvationarmy.org.uk

We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries

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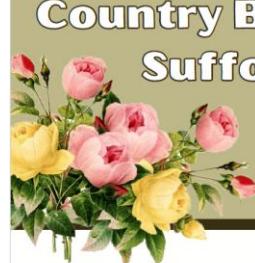


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