

the norton messenger

February 2016

I can't believe that it's February already—although I think we can all agree that Winter has definitely arrived.

This month's highlights include:
Details of a **Kilimanjaro challenge** for members of the Salvation Army on page 2.

Advance notices for **Mothering Sunday and Lent** from St Andrew's Church on Page 3.

We are once again at Little Haugh in the **Down our Street** article, which can be read on pages 4 and 5.

Bury Bach Choir and **Tostock Past and Present** have events that may be of interest to you—they are highlighted on page 6.

On page 12, the back cover, there is an article from **Macmillian Cancer Support** talking about how you could get involved with some of their fundraising activities.

Finally— please see below for the **Norton Parish Council 2016** meeting dates. As members of the public, we are encouraged to go and hear what is being discussed. If you would like to put items on the agenda for discussion, please contact the Clerk one week in advance of the meeting date. - Jill Rowland Rowland@talk21.com.

First Monday of each month, plus additional meetings as required by urgency of business. Meetings are held in the Norton Village Hall at 1900, unless otherwise stated.

04 January
01 February
07 March
04 April
09 May (due to Bank Holiday)
13 June
04 July
01 August
05 September
03 October
07 November
05 December

**Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
9 May 2016**

Best wishes for the coming month

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The Salvation Army

February

Sunday Services at 1100 & 1800
(**Family Service Sunday 7th - 1045**)
Monday Toddlesong 0930 -1130
Tuesday '610' Children's Club 1800-1900
Thursday Lunch Club 1200
Friday 5th Games Night 1930
Friday 19th Craft Club 1900

Kilimanjaro Challenge

Captain Catherine, along with her two eldest sons, will be attempting to climb Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest mountain in Africa), at the end of February, 2016. She writes:-

"I was born and brought up in Kenya and have always dreamed of climbing Kilimanjaro, after my dad and brothers climbed it when I was very young. As I planned my trip I wondered what I could do for the people I will meet. I thought about the street children and also two Salvation Army schools I was very involved with as a child – the Thika School for the Blind and 'Joytown', a school for disabled children and decided to take colouring books and pencils for the street children and sports equipment/percussion-type instruments for the two schools".

If you would like to support Captain Catherine in this venture please contact her at the number below.

For more information about services or events at the Army contact Major Kevin/Captain Catherine Rand on 01359 240787.
Email: catherine.rand@salvationarmy.org.uk
Website: www.nortonsalvationarmy.co.uk

Norton WI

A light-hearted meeting of Fun and Frolics was organised by Ronnie, our Treasurer. She entertained us with team games and a quiz which was a good start to the year after our Christmas and New Year break.

We are looking forward to our February meeting when Brian Aket is coming along to the Baptist Hall at 1430 to give us an illustrated talk on cigarette cards. I am sure many of us remember them! Visitors most welcome to come along with, or without, cigarette cards to hear all about what hopes to be a fascinating subject.

Forthcoming Events

1st February Brian Aket giving an illustrated talk on Cigarette Cards
7th March AGE UK – A talk by a representative from the organisation.
4th April The Norfolk Broads by Jane Williams

We are a very friendly group of ladies and would welcome new members to join us. Our meetings are held at the Baptist Chapel Hall in Norton at 1430 on the first Monday of the month when we have a speaker and time for a cup of tea and a chat. For more information please call Val Ford on 01359 233320.

St Andrews Church - Floodlighting - Help Needed!

Would you like to celebrate a special event, memory or person?

Our historic village church looks beautiful lit up at night and you can sponsor the lighting as a celebration which is shared with all the village.

For details contact Martin Wood email:
ali.etal@tiscali.co.uk
Phone: 01359 242367.

A list of your dedications will be published in the Messenger each month.

Baptist Church

While we can find it difficult to get out and do things this time of the year we can also make an effort to make sure others are ok. So it's a New Year and the opportunity to do something different, give help, give time and show people what our Christian faith means in this area. We have a Youth group that at the moment has seen a reduction in numbers, we have people who want to make a difference amongst the young people in our village. So come along on Saturday 6th from 1900-2100 at the Church Hall. If you are year 4 to 9 school -age then you will be welcome, if you want to know more contact Frances on 231097.

On Sunday 7th February at 1100 our speaker is the Rev Richard Edwards, a former Pastor of our church. This service will also include Communion.

On 14th February we shall be joining with our friends at the Salvation Army also at 1100.

Sunday 21st February at 1100 our service will be led by the Rev Michael Jones.

Sunday 28th February, after the morning service we shall hold a Soup Lunch in aid of the Baptist Missionary Society Relief Fund.

Tuesdays we have Carpet Bowls at 1400. Come and give it a try.

You will be very welcome to come and join us at any or all of these meetings.

St Andrew's Church

(Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)
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Email: katherine@kavalentine.plus.com

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FEBRUARY 2016

7th	1100 Morning Prayer
10th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	1000 Holy Communion
	1930 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Pakenham
14th	1800 Evensong
21st	0800 Holy Communion
	1100 Family Service
28th	0930 Family Communion

Advance Notice

Mothersing Sunday

6th March - Mothersing Sunday—Service at 1100. All ages invited. Mothers and Grandmothers will receive traditional posies.

Lent 2016

Village Prayer Trees. Come and add your prayer to the tree.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (10th February) and goes on until Easter and is when we remember how Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert praying and drawing close to God to gain strength for the ministry ahead of him.

This year the Church invites everyone to use Lent as a time of prayer and reflection, and those of our church buildings which are open daily are ideal places to go to do this. Everyone in the village is invited to take part, whether you go to church or not, or whatever church you attend - come at any time suitable to you.

Four of our churches in the benefice - Norton - Pakenham - Tostock and Great Ashfield - will all be open for prayer this Lent. In each church will be a PRAYER TREE, and some leaf-shaped cards for you to write the name of the person or situation that you would like to pray for. It could be a prayer for someone you know, or a need that you know about at home or abroad. Spend a few moments in the quiet of the church praying for that person or situation, and then simply tie the leaf onto one of the bare branches. By Easter Day we hope each tree will be covered with leaves, showing just how many prayers were said, and how many people and situations were prayed for in all parts of the world during Lent. The prayer leaves will then all receive a special blessing at the service on Easter Day.

LENT COURSE 2016 - A FILM FOR LENT

The Terminal - starring Tom Hanks & Catherine Zeta-Jones

5 Wednesday's in Lent 17th February — 16th March 1930 in The Martin Room, St Mary's, Pakenham.

Who is my Neighbour? We will be watching the film and looking at passages from St Luke's Gospel. Everyone very welcome. All this & popcorn too!!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Many readers will be aware that this winter has been one of the wettest on record. The persistent rain has meant that access to the grass adjacent to the car park of St Andrew's Church has had to be restricted. Some drivers who ventured onto the grass in recent weeks had required tractors to drag their vehicles off, resulting in unsightly damage to the turf.

This explains why the area is currently sectioned off. As the volunteer groundsman who looks after the grass, I regret any inconvenience caused to those visiting graves in the churchyard, but there is usually plenty of parking space still available on the area of hard-standing. I'm sure that readers will understand the need to restrict vehicular access to the grass at present, and hope that it won't be too long before the barrier can be taken down.

Yours faithfully,

DR ANDY MASON
The Old Rectory
Church Lane
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February coffee morning

Wednesday 17th February 2016
10.30 - 12 noon

All welcome for coffee, tea and chat this month at the home of David and Thelma Howes, Crawley Hall, Norton. Come and relax with friends and maybe make some new ones!

If anyone wishes to host one in future please contact Penny on 01359 232472



Down Our Street. A Focus on Little Haugh. Part .6—The Fyfe-Jamiesons

From 1947 to 1998 Little Haugh was the home of Lieutenant Colonel Ian and Mrs Betty Fyfe Jamieson.

Ian Nevill Fyfe Jamieson was born in Eastbourne, Sussex, in 1895. In WW1 he was awarded the Croix de Guerre, was wounded several times and lost a leg. In 1919 he married Moyra Eileen Chase Marshall (Nell) and they had 4 children, Sheila, David, Colin and Moyra. The Fyfe-Jamiesons were living in Scotland during 1939 and Mrs Fyfe-Jamieson donated £20,000, the entire sum needed at that time, for the building of a Maternity Hospital in Forfar.

In WW2 their son David served with 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, 201 Guards Brigade, 56 Division, 10 Corps. During an attack on 10th September on the 'Tobacco Factory' area (actually a tomato canning facility) near Battipaglia, Italy, Lieut. David Fyfe-Jamieson showed exceptional dash, judgement and complete disregard for personal danger. He led his platoon with great skill and cleared several buildings of the enemy and knocked out at least three enemy machine gun posts. When his position became untenable he extricated his platoon with great skill using smoke, and personally covered the withdrawal with his Platoon Sgt. His leadership throughout was of the highest order and an inspiration to his men. For this he was immediately awarded a Military Cross. Two months later he was attacking German positions on the bare upper slopes of Monte Camino. There was virtually no cover and he was hit in the leg by a bullet from a Spandau Machine Gun and then took shrapnel in his face. He was eventually led down the mountain and he was able to give vital intelligence. However, he died two days afterwards. Colin also served in the Scots Guards.

After the war, Ian Fyfe-Jamieson married Betty Helen (nee Cohen) Villar (1907-1998). (Her son from her first marriage still lives locally). Betty's grandfather, Louis Samuel Cohen (1846-1922), was born in Maitland NSW, Australia. He bought a beautiful mansion in Toxteth called 'The Priory', which overlooked the River Mersey. He had been a very successful businessman running the chain of Lewis Stores. (His uncle David Lewis had started the chain and upon his death he left his fortune to public charities in Liverpool). Louis took an active part in the life of Liverpool. He was Councillor, then Alderman, and finally, in 1899, Lord Mayor, the first Jew ever elected to that great position in a great city. From his uncle, David Lewis, he inherited the splendid but costly monument of a great popular hospital, and to that asylum for the wounded, the sick, and the broken, he gave time and care and vast sums of money. He endowed, richly, a school of dentistry in the University. His hand was always open.

Finally, at the vital moment of sacrifice for his country, he gave his two sons to the War; one died on the field; the other, who lost both legs, became a universally popular member of the House of Commons. Members considered it an honour to help in trundling him in his wheelchair from the floor of the House to the other parts of the building. Upon Louis' death, Mrs Fyfe-Jamieson's father, Rex David Cohen, (of Conover Hall, Shrewsbury) became joint owner of fourteen large Lewis Department Stores and also Selfridges of Oxford Street, London. He also gave considerable sums to charities. Betty's brother was Sir Rex Arthur Louis Cohen KBE. He and his wife lived at Ruckman's Farm near Dorking, from which they also ran a successful racing stables and stud.

Mrs Betty Fyfe-Jamieson was a very warm and approachable lady, who was universally liked and admired. She had no airs and graces. She was awarded the MBE in 1965 as County Organiser for the West Suffolk Branch of the Women's Voluntary Service. She did much for the village, running fund raising events in the grounds of Little Haugh. Lt. Col. Fyfe-Jamieson passed away on 29th January, 1959. Several years later, Norton needed a new Village Hall to replace the Nissen hut which had acted as a meeting place since WW2. A committee was formed to organise fund raising, but Betty most generously gave the village all the money needed to build our Village Hall in memory of her husband. In typical fashion, she wanted no thanks or fuss, just that everyone should just get on with the job. It was completed in 1973. During her time at Little Haugh, she was well served by her butler, Mr Ron Jeffrey, and his wife Dorothy who was also the cook. (Both are buried at Banham). Dorothy Brinkley who lived at DaiDor, The Street, worked as her ladies' maid, but in later years became a close friend. Mrs Fyfe used to drive and collect her so that she had company in the afternoons. After her death in 1998, Little Haugh was sold to the present owners.

With thanks to Mr Tony Villar for sharing his family photos.



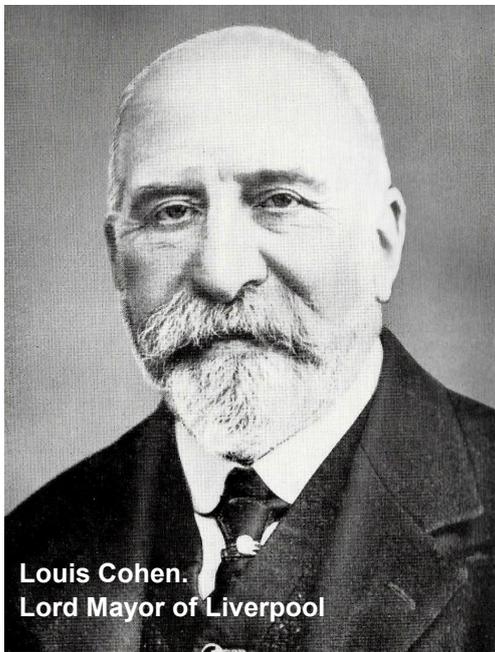
This hall was given to
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Top:
Mrs Betty Fyfe-Jamieson's
Tapestry Room at Little
Haugh.

Middle:
Memorial at Village Hall.

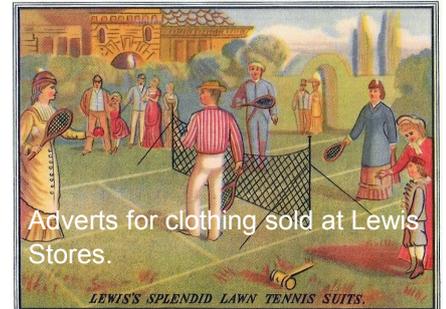
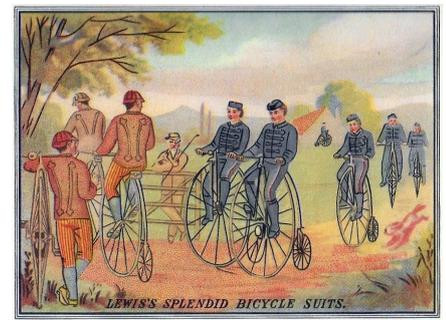
Left:
Mrs Betty Fyfe-Jamieson



Louis Cohen.
Lord Mayor of Liverpool



Lt. Col. Ian Fyfe Jamieson and
Betty his wife, at Little Haugh



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Norton Road Safety Update

Meeting with Jo Churchill / Jane Storey

So welcome to 2016, and the Norton Road safety campaign is maintaining traction. I could not go to the last PC Meeting, but I am reliably informed that the forms have been submitted for the Locality Fund. Even though there is competition for the funding, this should be a significant contribution to the fund for the VAS signs, and I am still hopeful we will have the installed by March/April which was the target.

I had a meeting in Bury St. Edmunds on Friday, with both Jo Churchill, our MP, and Jane Storey from the DC. Although the agenda was to discuss Infrastructure in Suffolk in general, we did manage to discuss road safety elements specific to Norton. It was a productive meeting. As per the previous NPC meeting Jane committed to me the funding gap from the Highways Budget for the VAS. We discussed pavements and the junction by The Dog between the A1088 and Heath Road/The Street. Jane will send Highways in to look at the pavements and quote accordingly to bring them up to standard. She will also get them to look at the junction from a Road Safety perspective. They both were impressed with our fundraising and sponsorship initiative, and thought the idea of getting specialists in (as previously postulated in the report) to look at general road safety as a good idea long term. This will support any future evidence based decision making. We are allowed to claim for future locality funding for consultant work. Again this is a positive. Without prompting, Jo mentioned that she had driven through Norton recently, and commented, how dark it was. This led to my final point about street lighting, which I know is high on people's agenda, and was highlighted in the Parish Plan. Jane commented, that before we instigated any upgrades, then we need to get a sense check in the village, as some villages are anti light-pollution. I stated that we would look into it, but felt the recent consensus was such that improvements on the grounds of safety, would probably outweigh any concerns about light pollution. Our Parish Clerk has a map showing us which lights are DC owned (if any), and which are PC owned. If the latter, we will have to find the funding for these upgrades out of PC budget and locality funding.

We did also get to talk about broadband which we all know is understandably a "hot button". Jo is fully aware of the issue and is doing all within her powers, as there are now national performance targets for broadband speed and availability. Some villages in Suffolk still have nothing.

For those who may be interested in more general affairs relating to Suffolk, I did raise the question of A14 improvement and freight line improvements from Felixstowe to the Midlands. This resonates with me, as it not only will ease traffic congestion, but could have a huge positive financial impact for Suffolk and its residents. Stowmarket has now been designated as an enterprise zone, and they are actively looking at the infrastructure to release the potential. Having lived in rural communities throughout the UK, I know that getting funding is always a challenge in these areas, due to low population density, and thus community charge collection. There is a huge opportunity with the Devolution Bill to get more funding, and be more self-sustainable. I went to a talk at the Chamber of Commerce before Christmas, where the council CEO highlighted, that they are putting together a joint bid together for Norfolk/Suffolk/Cambridgeshire, effectively along the A14. If successful, this could have a huge positive effect on funding. There is an opportunity to create a "Food Production Powerhouse" akin to the Northern Industrial Powerhouse we hear about in the press. The combined bid would have a size and impact equivalent to a city the size of Sheffield, and thus attract the funding. As always it is chicken and egg. To get inward investment from the corporate sector, you need to make the location attractive, and thus you need infrastructure. Success will be delivered if we get in at the head of the queue. A successful bid will also allow the new authority to keep and distribute business rates.

I'm writing to Jo on other matters. She actively encourages us to make our voice heard, write letters and do what we have to do to get what we want. As always in this world, if you don't ask you don't get, and apathy is the true enemy.

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Regular Village Events

	Toddlesong for 0-4 years 9.30 – 11.30 Salvation Army Hall
Monday	Jo's fit4all Class 19.30 – Village Hall Foodie Mondays at the Norton Dog. £9.95 – 2 courses and £13.95 for 3 courses from a special menu.
Tuesday	Carpet Bowls 14.00 – Baptist Hall '610' Children's Club 18.00-19.00 – Salvation Army Hall (term time only)
Wednesday	Zumba 18.15 & 19.30 – Village Hall
Thursday	Lunch Club at Salvation Army 12.00 – 13.00
Friday	Zumba 09.15 – Village Hall
Saturday	Children's Fitness 10.15 - 11.00 – Village Hall (wh@stowmarkethigh.suffolk.sch.uk)
Sunday	Norton Adult Football – Contact Paul (paulflanagan99@yahoo.com)

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

throughout their cancer journey and beyond but right now we can't reach everyone who needs us. So may I appeal for your help? As the new fundraising manager for the area I desperately need more people to get involved with the charity locally.

Could you spare a few hours and volunteer in 2016? We have roles to fit around the amount of time you can commit, the skills and networks you have (or want to expand) as well as your particular interests. These include collections volunteers and co-ordinators, event assistants, fundraising group members, public speakers and research roles to help us raise awareness for the charity to name a few. For more information on volunteering visit www.macmillan.org.uk/volunteer
99% of our income is received via voluntary donations so we just can't provide the services we do without your help. Perhaps you have an idea for an event in aid of the charity? I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your ideas and offer you support in making your event a success.

For example **£180** could pay for a Macmillan Grant that helps a person living with cancer heat their home when they really need to. Solving this one issue can reduce stress and make people feel more in control.

Challenge your mind, are you a member of a group, club or association? Could you sign up to take part in our **Mammoth Quiz** at the end of February? To register for your 2016 quiz pack, find out more about the Mammoth Quiz and start down-

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loading sample questions and fundraising materials, please log on to www.macmillanmammothquiz.co.uk or email mammoth.quiz.uk@gmail.com Challenge your body, run, swim, hike or bike find your perfect event, our new challenge events calendar at www.macmillan.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-events we have something for everyone.

THANK YOU for helping us reach and support more people today and in the future.

Nicola Clark
West Norfolk & West Suffolk
Fundraising Manager

To find out ways you can get involved with the charity locally please email me at nhclark@macmillan.org.uk or visit www.macmillan.org.uk

Alternatively call our fundraising support centre on **0300 1000 200**.

If you are affected by cancer and need support call our Macmillan Support Line free on 0800 808 00 00 or get help locally from the Macmillan Information and Support Centre on 01284 713023

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 Book your table for these events
01359 230440 or on
www.thenortondog.com

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BREAKFAST NOW SIX DAYS A WEEK
Mon-Fri 8am-10.30am Sat 9am-11am

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Available Monday to Saturday 12 - 6pm
Pop in or call to place your order
GLUTEN FREE FISH & CHIPS TOO!

Foodie Mondays
Every Monday in February from 6pm
Book early to avoid disappointment for this popular night and great food offer

FEBRUARY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
23rd February 7.30 for 8pm start
Cash Prizes * Raffle * Special Menu
Book your team now

Remember we are open all day, so you are welcome to come in and have a drink and a chat (or sit quietly with the newspaper) and get warm by the cosy open fire or on the sofa by the wood burner