

# HUNSTON FUNERAL OF MR. J. A. NORTON

THE funeral took place at Edmund's Church, Hunstanton, of Mr. James Albert Norton, who died at his home. He was aged 46, and leaves a widow and one son.

Mr. Norton was one of the town's best known personalities. He was known to many school children and members of numerous organisations in the town and district because of his work as a driver for Bird's Coaches.

A partner of Hunstanton Bingo and Social Club, he

was a caller at regular bingo sessions.

With Hunstanton Football Club, he wore the club colours for a quarter of a century, was a former captain and for many years acted as club chairman. One of his greatest dreams was fulfilled last season when the club won the "Old Tin Can" for the first time when they beat the East Fulham Labour Club on the Recreation Ground.

Representatives from the East Fulham Club travelled from London to attend the funeral.

Born at Sedgeford, Mr. Norton moved to Hunstanton with his parents when very young. He was educated at the primary school and King Edward VII Grammar School,

Lynn, where he excelled in sports and won the Dennick Cup for his achievements.

He left school shortly before the war, and on the outbreak of war he joined the Army and became a signaller. Later he was attached to the Commandos and took part in the D-day Landings.

After he was demobilised, he worked for a time in the building trade then went into amusement catering, operating the "Peter Pan Rides" on the seafront promenade at Hunstanton. After that he joined Bird's Coaches as a driver.

Mr. Norton was a billiards and snooker enthusiast and had won many trophies in the town and district.

Two members of the bingo and social club and two members of the football club acted as bearers. A guard of honour was provided by members of Hunstanton British Legion.

The North-West Norfolk Football League, Hunstanton Football Club and other organisations were represented at the funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Ferley.

## MOURNERS

Immediate mourners were the widow, Mr. Barry Norton, Miss J. Matthews and Mr. R. Bell. Sympathisers included Mrs. S. Ottoway and Miss S. Ottoway, Miss S. Harrison, Mrs. S. Newstead and Miss G. Newstead, Mrs. E. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Boothroyd, Mrs. G. Bailey, Mrs. W. Macdonald, Mrs. R. Kenny, Mrs. G. Saunders (also rep: Mr. G. P. Raines, Mr. S. Raines, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eade (also rep: Old Hunstanton W.I.), Mrs. D. Poole, Mrs. E. J. Newman (also rep: Mr. Newman), Mr. S. Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillett (also rep: C.A.N.U.S.P.A.), Mr. A. Lee, Mrs. B. Wagg, Mrs. V. Walker.

Mrs. B. Hooks (also rep: the Brancaster members of the Hunstanton Bingo and Social Club), Mrs. G. Neeve (also rep: Mr. G. Neeve), Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark (also rep: Mr. and Mrs. A. Green), Mr. E. Pendall (also rep: Hunstanton Secondary Modern School), Mrs. M. Warner, Mrs. B. Goodge, Miss M. Sexton, Mrs. K. M. Smith, Mr. R. Smith (also rep: Mrs. Smith), Mr. M. Jones (also rep: Hunstanton and District Billiards and Snooker League), Mr. T. Jones (also rep: Heacham Social Club), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cripps, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark and Miss Helen Clark, Mr. and Mrs.

J. Turner, Mrs. S. Daniels (also rep: Mr. Daniels), Mr. and Mrs. A. Kendle, Mr. A. Herring, Mr. M. Herring, Mr. V. H. Wagg (also rep: Mr. W. Wagg, of Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. R. Wallis, Mrs. E. Howard, Mrs. S. Stevenson, Mr. P. Coleman (also rep: Mrs. Coleman), Mrs. D. Green (also rep: Hunstanton Over 60's Club), Mrs. H. Dawson (also rep: Mrs. M. Cook), Mr. and Mrs. R. Bird (also rep: Bird's Coaches), Mr. D. Bloy, Mr. D. Desroches, Mr. K. Bray, Mr. M. Stevenson, Mrs. Roythorne, Mr. R. Wright.

Mr. P. Wagg, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Howe, Mrs. D. M. Wing, Mr. K. Pierce, Mr. J. Armiger, Mr. H. Bond, Mrs. F. Parton (also rep: Mr. F. Parton), Mrs. H. Dade (also rep: Mr. Dade and Mr. C. Bales), Mr. and Mrs. E. Owen (also rep: Anglian Furniture Products), Cpl. J. Flitton and Cpl. S. Rutherford, Mrs. F. Petherick, Mr. K. Haines, Mr. Wood, Mr. H. Holt, Mr. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ashton, Wisbech), Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Mr. A. R. Richardson, Mr. J. W. Nudds (also rep: Old Hunstanton Social Club), Mr. W. Collison (also rep: Old Hunstanton S.C. snooker team), Mrs. Haughton, Mrs. Greaves, Mr. C. Thompson (rep: East Fulham Labour Club Sports Club) and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. D. Wyatt (rep: East Fulham Labour Club Football Club), Mr. D. Hastings (also rep: Hunstanton Football Club), Mr. T. C. R. Leege, Mr. A. Groom (rep: Duckers), Mr. E. Miles, president, and Mr. G. Graver, secretary (rep: the North-West Norfolk Football League), Mr. S. Loose (also rep: Mrs. Loose), Mr. G. Purdy, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pert, Mr. E. Wyer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pack, Mr. and Mrs. J. Matthews (also rep: Mr. Stubbins), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gillingham, Mr. A. L. Dewsbury (also rep: Hunstanton Conservative Club), Mr. F. C. Smith, Mr. G. Raines, Major R. R. T. Whitehead (also rep: Glebe House School), Mr. Newlands, Miss Fulcher, Mr. and Mrs. T. Peacock, Mr. R. Barrett, Mr. S. Medler, Mrs. Driver, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bates, Miss Stewart, Mr. S. W. Brewer-Turner, Mrs. R. Hawes (also rep: Mr. Hawes), Mr. G. W. Searle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilvers.

Hunstanton branch of the British Legion were represented by Mr. A. G. White (chairman), Mr. G. H. Lloyd and Mr. D. F. Haughton (joint secretaries), Mr. F. Loekey (standard bearer), Mr. P. Bunting, Mr. W. Cawston, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. R. B. White and Mr. J. W. Poore.

Bearers were M. Loose, chairman, and Mr. P. Weaving (Hunstanton Football Club) and Mr. V. Gosnell and Mr. M. Harrod (Hunstanton Bingo and Social Club).

Pike, Mrs. W. F. Barker, Mr. John Nudds (also rep: Mrs. Nudds and Mr. and Mrs. J. High), Mrs. N. Moorhouse (also rep: Mr. N. Moorhouse), Mr. R. J. Beiding (also rep: Burnham branch of the British Legion), Mr. M. Walsingham, Mrs. Bambridge, Mr. R. Shreeve, Miss and Mrs. Duchesne, Mrs. Bois, Mr. Alfred Hudson, Mr. D. Hill, Mr. W. Groom (also rep: Mrs. Groom).

Mr. Wright, Mrs. W. Clarke, Miss F. Claxton, Miss A. Claxton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Utting, Mrs. Sams, Miss Deykin, Miss Kershaw, Mr. L. D. Matthews (also rep: Burnham Conservative Association), Mr. R. Hammond (also rep: Barclays Bank), Mr. P. J. Rumbles (also rep: Mr. D. J. Case and Andrews and Dewing), Miss M. Cable, Mr. D. G. Bower, Mr. E. Riches (Docking), Mr. H. Wright (also rep: Hoste Arms Bowls Club), Mr. and Mrs. B. Thompson, Mr. J. Grinl, Mr. G. White, Vice Admiral Sir Hector McLean, Mrs. G. Maufe, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald (also rep: Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. R. C. Sherar), Mrs. H. Claxton (also rep: Mr. Claxton and Trevor), Mr. R. Burton, Mr. P. Blenkinship, P.C. Bean (also rep: the Special Constabulary), Mr. Peter Hancock (also rep: Mrs. P. Hancock and Mrs. E. Hancock), Mr. E. Utting, Mr. and Mrs. G. Phillips, Mrs. M. Stoker, Mrs. Mussett (also rep: Mr. R. Mussett), Miss M. Trett, Mrs. R. Lamprell (also rep: Mr. Lamprell).

Mr. A. Bell, Mr. A. R. Fowler, Mr. P. Bone, Mr. Alfred Moorhouse (also rep: Mr. and Mrs. A. Eickell), Miss Brabaton, Miss King, Mrs. S. Roy, Mr. Unglass (also rep: Phoenix Assurance Co.), Mrs. P. J. Snelling, Mr. L. R. Massey, Mr. W. J. Aiddis, Mrs. E. P. Drake, Miss Doreen Drake, Miss Deana Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Flitt, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rix, Mr. P. N. Hayes, Mr. Albert Moorhouse, Mr. T. Francis, Mr. G. Wright, Mr. Little, Brigadier G. T. Todd, Mr. W. Stimpson (also rep: Mrs. W. Stimpson), Miss Earle (also rep: Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell-Smith and Mrs. McGrady), Mr. R. D. Longdon, Mr. G. B. Smith, Mrs. C. R. Woodhouse, Mr. W. Groom (also rep: Mrs. W. Groom), Mr. D. Hill (also rep: Mrs. Hill), Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. L. C. Dawson, Mr. R. A. Golding, Mr. A. Ryder, Mrs. A. Duffield, Mr. G. A. Webb, Mr. A. Mills and Mr. V. Sandell.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Burnhams' branch of the British Legion and the Hoste bowls club.



Photo of Jimmy Norton added to this page courtesy of his son Barry.