

**BRENTWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HUTTON**

HUTTON HALL

Grid Ref: TQ 634 944

Part moated site retaining some features of the eighteenth and nineteenth century gardens.

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

Hutton Hall was acquired by the Crown during the reign of King Henry VIII and given to Richard Rich, although it is thought that Rich did not stay at the Hall. The Hall changed hands numerous times during the following century until much of the Tudor fabric of Hutton Hall was destroyed by fire and rebuilt c1720. Prior to the rebuilding the Hall was owned by Robert Surman, deputy cashier of the South Sea Company which collapsed in 1720.

Hutton Hall was the seat of Daniel Booth (d1778), Governor of the Bank of England, during the mid-eighteenth century (c1750 engraving to that effect). Chapman & André's 1777 Map of Essex gives Daniel Booth as the owner, prior to his death in 1778. Colonel Digby Neave of the Indian Army inherited the house in the eighteenth century but had to sell the estate to cover death duties.

S. Clarke's 1803 'Survey of two estates situate in the parish of Hutton in the county of Essex called Downes and Buresses belonging to J. (word(s) erased and replace by 'A. McLeod') Gent. were copyhold of the manor of Hutton Hall. It is thought the name erased from the title was probably that of John French, linen draper of New Bond Street, who became tenant of both Downes and Burses in April 1802. The 1803 survey gives the woods to the east of Downes as belonging to Forbes Esq, who is probably James Forbes of Hutton Hall (1753-1829) and whose estate passed out of the Forbes family by 1831 (ERO D/P 143/5).

The 1838 tithe map (ERO D/CT 190) gives George Scholes as the owner and occupier of Hutton Hall: the Hall and its immediate grounds occupied three acres. George Scholes owned various parcels of land around Hutton Hall as well as in other areas of Hutton. Alongside the Hall was Hutton Hall Dairy Farm owned by George Scholes but occupied by Samuel Chant: Samuel also managed other areas of the Hutton Hall estate including eleven acres of pasture land known as The Warren and another ten acres of pasture known as Broomfields. Between the Hall and The Warren was a tree lined footpath running from the church to Hutton Village. Hutton Hall was acquired in the 1840's by Joseph Addison McLeod, who occupied the Hall in 1848 (White's Directory) and according to the Post Office Directories for Essex McLeod remained at the hall until at least 1874.

The Hutton Hall estate was advertised for sale in 1892 following the death of the owner William J. Beadel. The sales catalogue (ERO SALE B/1) for the estate gives the overall acreage as 1,133. This included other farms in the area: The Warren, Creasy's, Mills, Dames, Chequers, Church House and

other cottages on the road from Hutton to Shenfield Station. Apart from the other farms and houses, the estate included woods and plantations of fifty-four acres and a brickfield in full working order.

The 1892 sales particulars describe the Hall as ‘a substantially built mansion approached from the main road by a carriage sweep with lodge entrance’. The approach was through an avenue of well grown elm trees surrounded by well-arranged lawns and pleasure grounds. The grounds were studded with ornamental timber and choice shrubs and there were extensive views over the richly wooded neighbourhood. The productive kitchen garden was walled in on two sides with a range of glass houses, comprising vinery and forcing houses which were all heated with hot water pipes. Hutton Hall comprised twenty acres at this time, of which were the eleven acres behind the Hall known as the Warren. The map accompanying the sales particulars shows the footpath crossing the Warren from the church to Hutton Village lined with trees either side.

Captain Charles Digby Neave was living at Hutton Hall in 1894 and into the twentieth century. Early in the 20th century the house was owned by the Pilkington glass family until the beginning of the Second World War. In 1903 the Pilkington family sold off surrounding land, now occupied by the Hutton Mount estate: the sales particulars advertised that ‘a portion of the estate possesses considerable frontage to land recently sold to Mr M.C. Pilkington as a Polo Ground, which should prove a considerable attraction to residents’. The lots included thirty-three acres of valuable woodland. The Pilkingtons finally sold the Hall in 1938 when it was bought by the London County Council and during the war used to house evacuated children from London. Post war the house was unoccupied for many years.

The 1955 sale particulars of Hutton Hall showed that the acreage had now reduced to seven and a half. The grounds had a lawn bordered by shrubberies and small coppices to the north of the hall. While to the south the large lawn was partly screened by yew hedges and relieved by rose beds and flower borders which led to a large old moat in the south west corner. The kitchen garden was to the west of the Hall.

Frederick Orpen Sanders purchased the Hall in 1961 and it has continued in the family. An unsuccessful attempt was made to sell in 2010 and after major refurbishment the Hall is now promoted as a wedding venue.

SITE DESCRIPTION

LOCATION, AREA, BOUNDARIES, LANDFORM & SETTING

Hutton Hall is located to the east of Hutton Village and Hall Green Lane and to the north of Church Lane with Shenfield less than two miles away. Hutton Hall lies on a small rise within a gently undulating plateau. The house stands centrally among formal gardens and is surrounded on three sides by open undulating countryside. The boundary is part moated, just the south and west arms remaining, and has a line of trees around it. The Hall is located centrally within Hutton Village Conservation Area and has origins prior to the Domesday Book: the earliest record from Heritage Gateway refers to the Medieval Moat (1066AD). The Conservation Area is rural with verdant boundaries screening Hutton Hall.

ENTRANCES AND APPROACHES

Hutton Hall is accessed from Hall Green Lane and Hutton Village and is approached through electronic gates with a lodge at the entrance. A sweeping gravelled drive passes a large pond to the right and the walled garden before reaching the house.

PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS

Hutton Hall and attached stable are listed Grade II*: the house is of the seventeenth century with eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth century additions and built of narrow red bricks. To the right of the Hall stands the stable block and cart lodge.

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