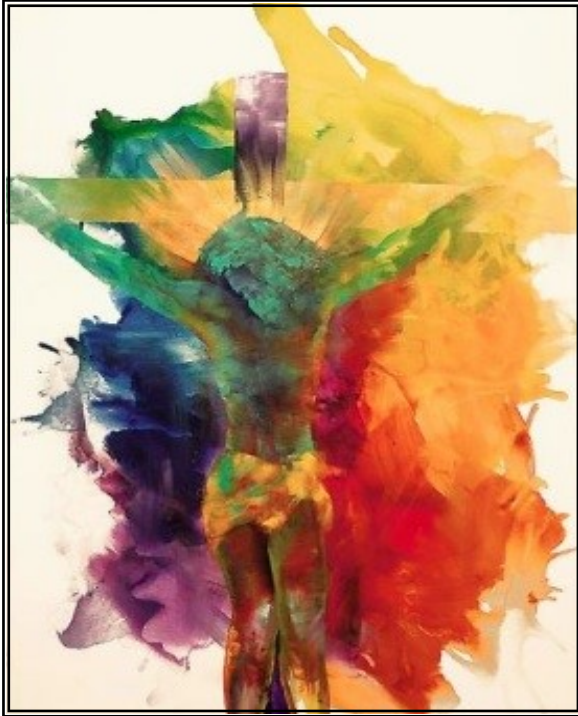


North Tuddenham The Mardle



Easter Day—Sunday April 4th

April 2021

A Parish Newsletter

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St. Mary the Virgin—Church Notice Board

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April 2021 CHURCH SERVICES-see back page

After consultation with church Architect, Ruth Blackman, it has been decided that sadly NO SERVICES will be held within St Mary's church until further notice for safety reasons.

However - all of you with access to the Internet, do please join a Zoom service being held at 9.00—9.30 am each Friday morning specifically with St. Mary's and North Tuddenham parishioners in mind

<https://tinyurl.com/matv-weekdays>

OR for 10.00 a.m. Sunday Service held for Benefice

<https://tinyurl.com/matv-sundays>

ALL FLORISTS: it is unlikely that the church will be open in any form until after all building works are under way, so NO flowers. Be in touch when restarting. Thank you.

NO ACCESS to St. Mary's Church without specific permission

Village & Church News

Church Tower -Work should have started to repair the tower and remove the window on Tuesday 16th March and will not finish until 28th January 2022. The west end of the churchyard and the driveway will resemble a building site.

Philip Barnes, Gentleman and Friend of North Tuddenham

10th August 1941 --- 27th February 2021 Peacefully at Home

Whilst Phil did not live in the village, he was a familiar figure whose contribution to the village over the years was significant.

His skills were in constant demand from working in the church yard; laying the base for Geoffrey Dann's memorial seat; enlarging the trap door in the steeple floor to remove the bell for refurbishment, and repairing the floor following it's return. He helped repair the nave floor and made good storm damage to trees in the church yard. He repaired and maintained the two notice boards in Low Road.

Phil was a long-term member of the Common Conservation Group, giving up his time every first Saturday of the month and many times in between. He helped with the erection of the B52 memorial sign and the placement of two seats. He was involved with the two interpretation boards at both ends of the Common, and also undertook the maintenance of the seats and signs.

His interest in the Natural World was large and his sightings have been shared with all the relevant recorders in the area. Phil was an accomplished Botanist, Ornithologist and Entomologist – he would see things that others passed by.

In addition, the rose beds near the village sign were made by Phil. He would turn out to 'brush' at local shoots around the village. And working for Crane Fruehauf for many years gave him the skills to cut and recycle scrap for the village "Recyclers".

Phil's passing is a great loss to the village and to his many friends here.

B.P.

Sad news indeed – the Editor

Parish Council News

Hello All

Very much hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to slackening restrictions so we can all get back on the road to normality!

A very well-attended PC meeting was held in March in which Cllrs. discussed amongst other things a thorough over-haul of Parish Risk Assessments; as our Community activities expand, coming with it is the need for more robust policy-making which essentially ensures the safety of all our volunteers. We will be reviewing activities over the current months and ensuring we are working towards full compliance in all areas such as new initiatives like downloading data from the SAM2 Sign, and other projects to help our residents and to enhance our local environment.

On a less positive note, we were notified from several quarters about the increase

North Tuddenham Parish Council would like to say a big Thank You to:

Adrian and the team of volunteers who have litter picked the road side verges.

Pat and the North Tuddenham Community Association for purchasing and putting up signs asking dog owners to clear up their dog mess.

Well done all, a great effort!

in dog-waste in the village. Parish Councillors have agreed to provide two bins for waste which we hope to have permission to site very shortly.

Finally, we are holding our Annual Meeting of the Parish on Tuesday 11th May at 7.00pm where all are welcome to attend and report any issues; community groups will also be invited to present a yearly update of their activities. Following on from this at 7.30 will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. In light of the obscurity of Government guidance at present, we are not sure if we will be obligated to hold these meetings via Zoom or whether we will resume our normal meeting practice in some form.

Happy Easter!

Vicky Clerk to North Tuddenham Parish Council

Parish Council Website: www.northtuddenham.net

April Recipe Easter Biscuit

These bright yellow curranty biscuits are a traditional treat for Easter Sunday. In the past, they would be eaten after church on Easter morning and children loved them so much they would carry on eating them for the rest of the day! Currants have been customary fare on certain high days and holy days since the 16th century.

Ingredients

175 g plain flour	125 g Castor sugar
50 g cornflour	2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon mixed spice	75 g currants
125 g butter	1-2 tablespoonfuls Brandy or milk

To finish:

1 egg white, lightly beaten and Castor sugar

Method

Pre-set the oven at 180 degrees centigrade or gas mark 4. Sieve the two flours with the spice. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolks one at a time, then add currants. Work in flour mixture with enough brandy or milk to make a stiff paste. Turn out on a floured board and knead until smooth. Roll out to a thickness of about 0.5 cm. Cut into 10 cm rounds with a fluted cutter. Place biscuits on a greased baking tray brush with egg white and sprinkle with Castor sugar bake in preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes until pale golden and crisp. Remove when cooked and leave on the trays for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight tin until needed. The biscuits can be piped with a cross of glaze icing if you wish.

J.S.

'Comparison is the thief of joy'

This week I was given this quote and I think it gives a really important message. It shows that you can't compare what you do and what others do, because you are both on different paths in life.

Comparing yourself to someone else can really defeat your passion and joy when doing something, so therefore this quote is very important to recognise.

Connie Easte

My Life at Elsing Hall

by Shirley Cargill

My first view of Elsing was over romanticised. It seemed like a sleeping beauty waiting to be woken up, preferably slowly but without a makeover. Much loved by TV programmes mostly disastrous ones.

The house was built in 1450, so she would need delicate handling. The central hall is 47ft tall and one of a very few remaining halls which hasn't had a ceiling put in to provide more bedrooms and keep the heat in – sometimes! The Minstrels' Gallery was used by the children to watch guests by the fire, probably misbehaving after dinner, they hoped!

I took a camp bed and stayed in the house, I wanted to hear it at night and know where the draughts came from. Everywhere was the answer! I wasn't surprised or deterred. I also wanted to see how the light and sun fell in each room.

Decorations had got stuck in the 1930s or 40s – lots of striped wallpaper, so that had to go! Then I found this marvellous book on the medieval English house, written by an American lady who knew her stuff and said that Halls should be painted in a Tuscan red colour - perfect!

It taught me that oak furniture, non-chemical colours and simplicity of shape are what I had to aim for. So out went the Georgian furniture and in came beautiful dark oak with simple lines. It's all coming back, believe me!

One anecdote I can't resist telling is that one night when everyone was in bed, there was a knock on my bedroom door, and a guest said, "*Does smoke always come through the floorboard of my bedroom?!*"

I knew there was a walled kitchen garden but hadn't been into it as the doors didn't open. When I forced them, there were, here and there an apple tree, and the garden was a sea of brambles and nettles. But when we got them down, we found what was a stew pond – an early name for a garden pond used for fish for culinary purposes – which was rather silted up.

I obtained a strong weed killer and started spraying. This is the time I must say, "Don't do this at home!" The day was hot & sunny – perfect for spraying. I thought to myself, I mustn't stop; it might rain tomorrow. After about 8 hours I felt very ill and had to sit under a tree to recover – I learnt my lesson and haven't sprayed since!

The moat was very shallow, and it had to be dredged - just loads and loads of mud were put around the edge – I thought it would make good planting soil but as it dried out the smell was terrible. It went like concrete, but we added loads of compost and shingle on top and this was eventually dug in. Planting began. I made lots of mistakes, but with gardening one learns by one's mistakes and never forgets them. These are the best lessons ever.

My husband is a tree man, and like so many men, he collected so many interesting and rare trees. We've had an avenue of Ginkgo trees and when a bus load of Japanese visitors came to the garden, they said that if one eats half a Ginkgo leaf a day one won't get Alzheimer's disease. They taste awful, but worth a try?

There were delightful moments, for instance when the very soggy front lawn wasn't cut one year because of the rain. Soon it was covered with common orchids, all because a spotted leaf had been noticed amongst the grass – a lucky find. That lawn had been cut annually, ever since anyone could remember, which just illustrates the strengths and determination of nature. Long may it last!

I had always collected old roses, their warm scent and form and history suited me well, and Elsing especially. They originated in China, Persia, Asia, the Himalayas and France.

I had a bus load of American rose lovers to lunch one summer, and they told me a touching story that when the Gold Rush happened in America, the prospectors were told not to carry too much, so they collected rose cuttings and somehow kept them until they arrived in California. They planted them by their cabins and now, they are being nurtured as a bit of history.

Peter Beales was an enthusiast and I learned so much from him. One of the ramblers climbing an apple tree in the garden brought the tree down during a gale, but it had been enjoyed so very much. The buses with visitors to the Hall started to get bigger and bigger and one driver said he couldn't get through the gate without scratching his beautiful paintwork, however all the elderly passengers happily walked down the drive following the scent of the roses!

All that was an age ago, I was told not to work so hard as my body would rebel and every sort of rheumatism would lay me low. Well, that is not true! What is true is I can't work for as long as I should like, but that's age isn't it?

But I loved every minute!

Brain teasers

March solutions:

1	5	8	9	7	2	3	6	4
6	2	7	5	3	4	8	9	1
9	4	3	6	1	8	5	7	2
8	3	5	4	2	9	6	1	9
4	1	6	7	5	3	9	2	8
7	9	2	1	8	6	4	5	3
3	8	1	2	9	5	7	4	6
2	6	9	3	4	7	1	8	5
5	7	4	8	6	1	2	3	9

Word Ladders :

BANK	POND
BANE	PONY
MANE	POSY
MALE	POST
MULE	LOST
RULE	LIST

April Riddles

Brother puzzle

One brother says of his younger brother: "Two years ago, I was three times as old as my brother was. In three years' time, I will be twice as old as my brother." How old are they each now?

Find the key

I have keys, but no locks and space, and no rooms. You can enter, but you can't go outside. What am I?

Literally speaking

How many letters are in the alphabet?

Line up

What are the next three letters in this combination? OTTFSS

Number line

How is seven different from the rest of the numbers between one and ten?

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Dear Tuddenhamite(s)

This is to advise that, because of the great cooperation of the residents listed below (10% of the village population) we have now completed the Tuddenham Tidy-Up operation for 2021 despite no support with the supply of equipment this year by Breckland Council.

There must be over 70 filled bags but also car parts and tyres, an old television set, computer equipment, pieces of timber and metal, dog faeces, wine and spirits bottles, beer and soft drink cans and the ubiquitous convenience and confectionery food packaging. There have also been five or six instances of fly-tipping on public and private land in the two-week period of the campaign.

It's an absolute disgrace and an indictment of those individuals who deliberately spoil our environment. We should be ashamed as a nation



that this is happening and, I regret to say, Britain is definitely one of the dirtiest countries in Europe and also among other "civilised" nations. God know what visitors to this country think about us!

So we do hope to see all those who took part this year back again in 2022, perhaps with a few other concerned individuals or families.

Yours gratefully, but angry with the litter situation,

Adrian

Our heroes... but then everyone's a hero these days...

Jenny and Richard Cooper, Audrey and Philip Coupe, Simon and Alex Dann, Dixon Family, Jessica and Rob Flack, Judi Graham, Karen and Andrew Harding, Angela Hook, Sandra and Vernon Lewis-Lavender, Julia Meynell, Rosemary and Tony Mulgrew, Alan and Erica Nobbs, Adrian O'dell, Barry Pummell, Melanie Simpson and daughter, Mike Smith and the Williams Family.

JESUS: It wasn't nails that held him to the cross but his love for you and me. Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love, and joy.

EASTER EGGS - The egg is an ancient symbol of new life and rebirth. In Christianity it became associated with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The custom of the Easter egg originated in the early Christian community of Mesopotamia, who stained eggs red in memory of the blood of Christ, shed at his crucifixion. As such, for Christians, the Easter egg is a symbol of the empty tomb. The oldest tradition is to use dyed chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute decorated chocolate, or plastic eggs filled with chocolate or jellybeans; as many people give up sweets as their Lenten sacrifice, individuals enjoy them at Easter after having abstained from them during the preceding forty days of Lent.

Easter eggs are a widely popular symbol of new life in Poland and other Slavic countries' folk traditions. A batik-like decorating process known as pisanka produces intricate, brilliantly-coloured eggs. The celebrated House of Fabergé workshops created exquisite jewelled Easter eggs for the Russian Imperial family from 1885 to 1916.

Manufacturing their first Easter egg in 1875, British chocolate company Cadbury sponsors the annual Easter egg hunt which takes place in over 250 National Trust locations in the United Kingdom. On Easter Monday, the President of the United States holds annual Easter egg roll on the White House lawn for young children.

EASTER BUNNY - In some traditions the children put out their empty baskets for the Easter bunny to fill while they sleep. They wake to find their baskets filled with chocolate eggs and other treats. A custom originating in Germany, the Easter Bunny is a popular Easter gift-giving character in American culture. Many children around the world follow the tradition of colouring hard-boiled eggs and giving baskets of sweets. Since the rabbit is a pest in Australia, the Easter Bilby is available as an alternative.

Wikipedia

APRIL 2021 VILLAGE EVENTS

HOLY WEEK—ZOOM

Maundy Thursday 19:30 – When we will be focusing on Jesus Humility & his command for us to love one another

Good Friday: 11:00 – A *virtual* walk of witness around Mattishall

Good Friday: 14:00 – An Hour at the cross

Easter Sunday: 10:00 – Easter Day online service

<https://tinyurl.com/matv-sundays>

Id and password for all the above: ID 834 0140 0096 password 858873

Easter Day Communion services being held at:

09:00 Hockering & Welborne

10:30 Mattishall, East Tuddenham and Yaxham

Due to closure of St. Mary's & churchyard, sadly no specific service can be held this year. *HOWEVER*, all are welcome to each and every service being held within our benefice & will be made most welcome

Gardeners News: Please contact David Riches 01603 880458

N.T.C.A. Presents - **EASTER EGG HUNT** 27th Mar—11th Apr

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 29th March - 30th August

Entry forms: [online/Danns Farm Shop/Lodge Shop](#)

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Bible Quote: Acts Chapter 2 V 23

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

C.B.