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August 2022 — CHURCH SERVICES

14th—2.30 p.m. @ <u>ST MARY'S CHURCH</u> - 'Songs of Praise' 28th—10.30 a.m. @ <u>ST. MARY'S CHURCH</u> - Holy Communion

For Sunday Services held at other parish churches within the Benefice, please ring Church Office or see Website: matvchurch.uk for times

AND- all of you with access to the Internet, do please join a 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

RESTRICTED ACCESS to churchyard now granted.

For safety sake, please inform Contractors when on site.

Bible Quote: I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

2 Chronicles 7:16

Village News

Songs of Praise 14th August 2.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Wonderful start to the re-opening of our church! Join together in this joyous occasion: if you have a favourite hymn, contact Jools on Tel: 07719 341282 and she will do her best to ensure it is included in the service.

Tower - Frustration! There has been a lull in work carried out this month. I have communicated my dissatisfaction to the architect and contractor!

However, there has been activity of a different kind which refers to the kind volunteers who have been strimming the long grass in the churchyard <u>and</u> to the anonymous villagers who have provided a luxury solution to the perennial complaint that the pews in the church are uncomfortable! Wonderful cushions!!!!

A big 'Thank You' on both counts!

Community Association—moving forward, it is the wish of the church's main benefactors and mine too that the church becomes more involved in community activities. The first important step was to be asked to join the Community Association team. The second step was for the Tuddenham100 trustees to donate £1000 from their account. **Thank you again**.

See calendar of events on next page. Excludes dates of regular church services which are shown elsewhere.

Parish Council - No news. Councillors now on leave.

Have a enjoyable Summer Break, everyone!

More news in the September edition. Vicky

2022 Village Diary Dates

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-	Jul 31st Carboot Sale 9.30-12.30
-	Jul 31st Lodge Jubilee (Take2) 5-7pm
-	Jul 24th - Aug 21st Scarecrow Festival
-	Aug 14th St Mary's Songs of Praise
-	Aug 21st Scarecrow festival event
-	Aug 27th Lodge Electronic Playground
-	Sept 4th Sunflower competition ends
-	Sept 18th Carboot Sale
⇒	Oct 30th Lodge Halloween Spooktacular
3	Nov 12th Quiz & Chips Night
3	Nov 27th Lodge Xmas Wreath Making
-	Dec 18th St Mary's Carol Service
-	Dec 18th Lodge Kids Xmas Party 5-7pm

RECIPE FOR AUGUST

Quick Summer Berry Trifle



Ingredients

- 200g strawberries, hulled and quartered
- 600g other mixed fruits (blueberries, blackberries, raspberries)
- 3tbsp caster sugar
- 100g Amaretti biscuits
- 600ml good-quality ready-made vanilla custard, chilled

Method

Put the berries and sugar in a non-stick pan and heat gently for a few minutes until the fruit begins to soften.

Transfer to a bowl and leave to cool completely. Using a slotted spoon, remove a spoonful of fruit for the topping and set aside.

Place the Amaretti biscuits in a deep bowl and lightly crush with the end of a rolling pin. Reserving a handful, tip the rest into a large glass bowl (or divide among individual glasses).

Spoon half the custard over the Amaretti, followed by half of the fruit compote. Repeat these layers and top with a sprinkling of crushed amaretti and the reserved fruit to serve.

Thank you Gordon Ramsay - JS

QUIZ PAGE

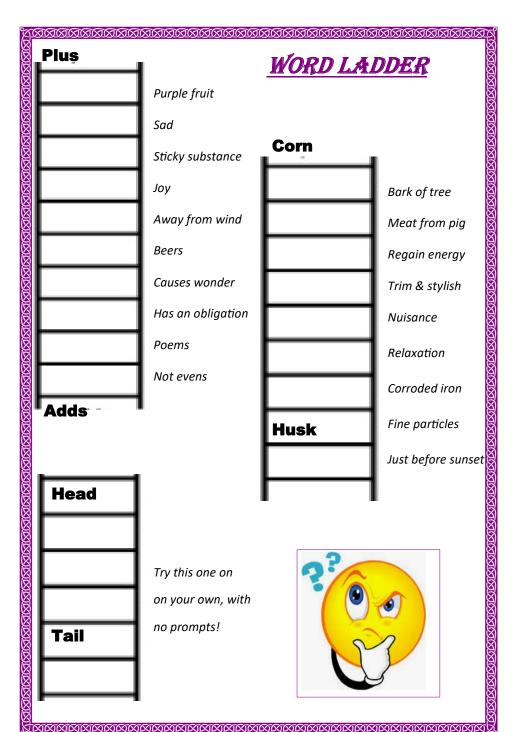
- 1. In the nursery rhyme, what did the Queen of Hearts make "all on a summer's day"?
- 5. What is the term often given to a period of hot weather that occurs in the autumn?
- 2. The Summer Palace is a vast ensemble of palaces, gardens and lakes in which world city?
- 6. London has hosted the Summer Olympics on three occasions. Can you name in which three years?
- 3. British Summer Time begins and ends on the last Sundays of which 2 months?
- 7. Which month of the year is named after the Roman goddess Juno?
- 4. Can you name these characters from Last of the Summer Wine?



- 8. What percentage of a watermelon is water?
 - a) 70%
 - b) 80%
 - c) 90%
- 9. In which country is the world's biggest water park?
 - a) Germany
 - b) Canada
 - c) Iceland
- 10. In which city is the ice cream sandwich believed to be invented?
 - a) Paris
 - b) New York
 - c) Milan



Answers in September edition



Bees

Do you know how important these creatures are to our planet, and the threats they are facing?

These hard-working winged invertebrates have been around for millions of years, pollinating our plants and producing the sweet golden syrup we call honey.

A world without bees is sadly becoming more of a possibility, as these important insects are in severe decline. If bees were to become extinct the planet could be in serious trouble, because these creatures are such an integral part of most ecosystems.

Why are bees important?

While to many they are simply the fuzzy flying insects we see darting among the flowers during the warmer months, bees are actually so much more than this, and have an important part to play in maintaining our planet.

Perfect pollinators

According to the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, approximately 80% of all flowering plants are specialised for pollination by animals, mostly insects (which includes bees). Pollination is crucial because many of our vegetables, fruits and the crops that feed our livestock rely on it to be fertilised, so without it, we could go hungry. It has been estimated that it would cost farmers in the UK an incredible £1.8 billion per year to manually pollinate their crops, which just further emphasises the importance of bees.

Woodland Trust article

Common Bees in the UK



Bumblebees -There are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK. (Personally, I don't think there is a better sight than these clumsy balls of fluff zooming from flower to flower on a sunny day). They are a social species, nesting in colonies ranging from a few dozen to several hundred bees. The most common ones are Tree, White-tailed, Red-tailed and Common Carder.



Honeybees We have just one species of honeybee in the UK, identified by its slim, sandy thorax and black abdomen with golden-amber bands. Honeybees have been domesticated for centuries and it is rare to find a truly wild colony. Our honeybees now mostly live in hives of up to 20,000 individuals.



Mason bees—if you have ever noticed clouds of bees buzzing about in front of brick walls, they were likely mason bees.

This solitary species nests in cavities in wood, hollow stems and walls. Mason bees look a little similar to some mining bee species, but you can tell them apart by their boxy heads and large powerful laws..



Mining Bees - Spotted a hole in your lawn surrounded by a volcano of excavated earth?

It is the work of a mining bee. This solitary species nests in the ground and is part of the *Andrena* genus; a 67-strong group of diverse bees ranging from 5-7mm long. There are two species you are most likely to see –the Tawny and the Ashy

Connie' Corner

Hello, today I am writing about the **Duke of Edinburgh awards.**

Personally, I think the Duke of Edinburgh awards very beneficial in the development and growth of independence in a young person.

I will be starting the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award at beginning of September: there are also silver and gold awards which can be completed too. Let me tell you about the scheme, and how you can get involved.

The Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme is all about developing the skills you have, and learning new. Therefore, to complete this award you have to learn a new skill, do something physical and take part in volunteering. You can choose to do these three things for a time period lasting three to six months, this can be decided on your Duke of Edinburgh app. At the end of the 6 months, if you have completed the tasks, you then do a team expedition! This is my Duke of Edinburgh plan:

For the physical element; 3 times a week I'm going with my running club, and will set myself some goals to reach!

I am going to volunteer within our community, including looking after the little library and watering the plants!

I would really like to learn how to knit! Is there anyone within the village that could offer me 1 hour a week over 3 months to learn this skill? Can be done face to face or over video call.

Lastly, the expedition will be sorted out by your school. They will let you know further details about when, where it will be, and what you will need.

I really would encourage many of you out there to get involved with the Duke of Edinburgh award. It really brings people together and you will create new friends and amazing memories for life. It also brings out your confidence and independence to try new things. Speak to your school to find out more!

Here's a link to find out more https://www.dofe.org/

Thank you

Connie.

Good luck! From the Editor and the villagers

Topical

Questions to get your garden party animated!!!

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Minister?

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Can Norwich City take the Championship by storm in 2022/3 and bounce back to the Premiership again?



Well done to England's Women football team in reaching the final of the Euros at Wemble. Opponents—

Germany! Will 1966 victory be repeated!?

Transgender athletes? Is it right or wrong?



Is it justifiable to reduce fuel bills /petrol prices /fuel company



levies if we are serious about Climate Change?

What is monkeypox? Should we be vaccinated?



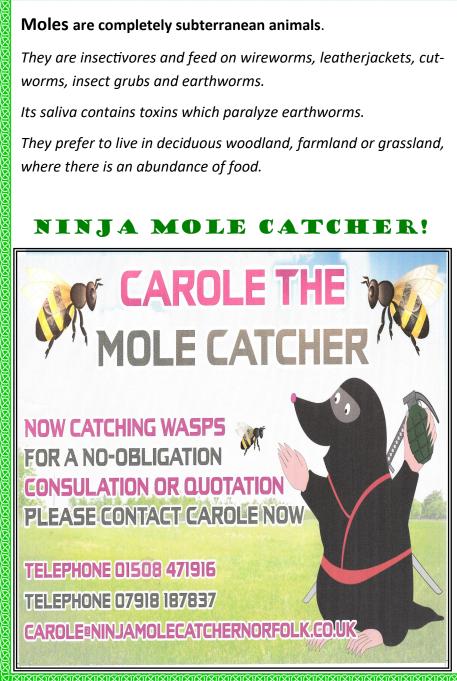
Moles are completely subterranean animals.

They are insectivores and feed on wireworms, leatherjackets, cutworms, insect grubs and earthworms.

Its saliva contains toxins which paralyze earthworms.

They prefer to live in deciduous woodland, farmland or grassland, where there is an abundance of food.

NINJA MOLE CATCHER!





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This mighty building, the church of St. Mary the Virgin, sits a short distance from the noise of the A47, but it has a presence about it that soon makes you forget the rush of traffic. There is no village here; few houses nearby, just this huge building sitting amongst the churchyard and fields.

The tower is the earliest part from just before 1400, and then a sequence of bequests leads to the nave, chancel and internal furnishings that are finished by the mid/late 19th century. This is the English Church at the height of its medieval glory. The strikingly beautiful glow of stained glass of the windows echoed by the wonderful Victorian wall tiling and stencilling.

The single bell, high up in the Norman tower, dates back to c1380 and was made by Kings Lynn foundry man Thomas de Lynn. Funded by 'Friends of St. Mary's', it was restored to good working order in 2013 by the oldest manufacturing company in the UK, Whitechapel Bell Foundry of London so that once again it can be heard, calling worshippers to church.

When inside St. Mary's, sit quietly in one of the many pews: the peace and tranquillity of this medieval building wraps itself around you. Many, from near and far, have let the peaceful silence of this church heal their hearts and minds.

And now, in the 21st century, we aim to not only use this wonderful building for Religious Worship, but to make it available for regular events such as Festivals, Concerts,

Exhibitions etc. And the monies that these pay to church funds will be invaluable in continuing the upkeep of our beautiful church.

Various

August 2022— VILLAGE EVENTS

ALL below held @ Village Hall unless otherwise stated

2nd	Windmill Quilters	7.00 p.m.	Contact Jenny	y Smith 01362 422051
	THE COMMON	_,		,

8th <u>Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers</u> 7.00—9.00p.m.

10th Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith

16th Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith28th

20th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 1.30—3.30 p.m.

24th Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith

25th <u>The Gardeners</u> 7.30 p.m.—£1.50 p.p. to include refreshments.

Ring D. Riches 01603 880458 — ALL warmly welcomed.

Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information

Community Association

See dates under Parish Council section

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