

# North Tuddenham The Mardle



*'Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple'*

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*A Parish Newsletter*

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## **February 2023 — CHURCH SERVICES**

**5th February—10:30 hrs—Morning Service**

**\*12th February: Benefice Service @ Hockering 10:00 hrs to celebrate Rev. Andrea Woods last day with the Benefice—ALL Welcome**

**19th February—10:30 hrs—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>**

**Bible Quote:** And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

*Luke 2 : 40*

## Village News

### Church News:

**Window restoration**—pledges confirmed. Need to agree contractor price for scaffolding .

**Old Beech Tree**— declared dead or at best dying. Roots from tree partially responsible for cracks in tower over hundreds of years. We now we have permission to cut the rest of this tree down.

**Maintenance**—need to attend to loose gutters and clear debris from gutters.

**Flowers for Garden of Contemplation** – see separate article

**Formal re-opening of church?** Tbc

**Note changes in dates for services for February**

**Discussing possibilities of only having Communion Service once every 2 months in future? Your thoughts ?**

### Village:

#### Events

Planning several Community events this year including several concerts in the church. Proposals include:

folk/blues, brass band, organ, & easy listening;

picnic; quiz & something for Coronation Day, perhaps ?

**Watch this space**

# *Parish Council*

Hello all

North Tuddenham Parish Council met just after Christmas, where a plethora of highways issues were discussed; as ever, resources are stretched over the winter months in terms of repairs and restorative work, but outstanding reporting to Norfolk County Council has been followed-up and is being currently reviewed by our Highways Engineer. Please do let us know of any issues that are new, or you can report yourself via the link below:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

Our SAM2 device is also beginning its cycle of placement along Mill Road; so far we have received some interesting data for Main Road, with the last download showing that vehicles, on average, travel at 49.1mph. Of course, data suggests some vehicles do travel far in excess of this and this information will be retained for future evidence moving forward in our quest to lower the speed limit on Main Road.

Our next meeting is on **March 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023** – look forward to seeing you all then!

Vicky

## **HIGHWAYS NEWS**

High Court dates have been set for the legal challenge over whether multi-million-pound dualling schemes on the A47 in Norfolk should be allowed to go ahead.

Climate change activist Dr Andrew Boswell launched a legal challenge, claiming the decisions were unlawful. He argued the impact of carbon emissions which would result from the schemes had not been properly addressed, with the cumulative effect of all the schemes not considered. He also argues the licensing relating to the Norfolk super-colony of barbastelle bats near the North Tuddenham scheme was not done correctly. **His application for what is known as a judicial review was accepted** and it has now been announced the hearings will be held at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11. Judges will consider the evidence to decide whether the decisions to approve the schemes were lawful or not.

# RECIPE FOR FEBRUARY



## Hokey Pokey Coffee Cake (New Zealand)

### Ingredients

**Cake:** 2 loose-based 20cm sandwich tins 4cm deep; 225g softened butter; 225g caster sugar; 4 large eggs; 225 g self raising flour; 1 level tbsp instant coffee mixed with 1 tbsp hot water & 75g walnuts chopped.

**Walnut Praline:** 2 tbsp water; 50g caster sugar & 50g walnut pieces

**Butter Icing:** 75g softened butter; 250g icing sugar sifted; & 1 1/2 level tbsp instant coffee dissolved in 1 1/2 level tbsp hot water.

### Method

**Cake** Preheat fan oven to 160 C . Lightly grease both the tins and line bases. Measure cake ingredients into mixing bowl and mix well. Divide between two tins . Flatten surfaces. Bake for 30-35 mins. until cakes are well risen golden and beginning to shrink away from sides Allow cakes to cool in the tins and then loosen them from the sides. Turn out on to wire rack, peel off paper and allow to cool completely.

**Praline** While cakes are baking you can make the praline. Put water and caster sugar into a small pan and heat gently to dissolve the sugar. Continue to heat, slowly and carefully, until turns to a nut brown. Off the heat stir in the walnuts , then pour on to a non-stick baking parchment and leave to cool completely.

Roughly break up the cold hard praline with your fingers . Save the best for the top and chop up the remainder to add to the icing in the middle of the cake.

**Icing** Put the butter, icing sugar and coffee into a bowl and mix well. Select the cake with the best top , then place the other top down on a serving plate. Spread with half the icing and add the chopped praline Place the second cake on top and spread with remaining icing. Decorate with reserved walnut pieces.

*Thank you Mary Berry - JS*

# Garden of Contemplation

## St Marys Churchyard

When Geoffrey Dann died back in 2017, the Parish Council provided the funds for a seat and garden area on the north side of the church, not far from the main entrance.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made to create a garden to be proud of, but for various reasons such as the pandemic and our pre-occupation with the repairs to the tower, this didn't happen.

We see 2023 as an opportunity to make a difference, especially to the Garden of Contemplation. The edges of the 'Garden' have been marked out by flints from the buttresses. There is a reserved area in the middle of this plot and a large empty area around it.

We would like to invite those of you who have lost loved ones to plant a flower (not a tree or a bush) in this garden. Of course, responsibility for tending to and nurturing 'your' flower would be down to you. No plaques please.

*(Obviously, this does not preclude you from placing flowers on loved ones graves or ashes as you have done previously.)*

**If the idea takes off, we could see a beautiful display of flowers in a 'Garden of Contemplation'**

**A spiritual sanctuary.**

*Please contact Jools Smith on 01362 850641*

*for more information or reservation.*

# MINDTEASERS

## January Answers

1. Age Difference : **23 years old today**
2. 4 Consecutive prime numbers = 220?  
**47,53,59,61.**
3. Eight 8's =1000? **888+88+8+8+8**

*January Pathfinder additional word - answer: HAMPER*

### February

**A man wanted to encrypt his password but he needed to do it in a way so that he could remember it! He had to use seven characters consisting of letters and numbers only (no symbols). In order to remember it, he wrote down “*You force heaven to be empty.*”**

*What is his password?*

**The number 8,549,176,320 is a unique number.**

*What is so special about it?*

**A man headed to a mountain along with a lion, a goat and a basket of vegetables . On the way , he needs to cross a river and the boat can only carry two things at a time. If he takes the vegetables, the lion will eat the goat. If he takes the lion, the goat will eat the vegetables.**

*How does he cross the river?*

## Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Norfolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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## Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

As well as being known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, other traditional names include Candlemas, the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, and the Meeting of the Lord.

In the Eastern and Western Church years the Presentation of the Lord falls on 2 February, forty days (inclusive) after Christmas. In the Church of England it may be celebrated on this day, or on the Sunday between 28 January and 3 February.

The event is described in Luke 2:22–40: according to the gospel, Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after His birth to complete the ceremony of Mary's purification after childbirth, and to perform a ritual sacrifice - the redemption of the firstborn son. Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary take the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a sacrifice of a lamb), instead sacrificing a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, they encountered Simeon. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ". Simeon then uttered the prayer that would become known as the *Nunc Dimittis*, or Canticle of Simeon, which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus:

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel". (Luke 2:29–32).

Then Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

# FEBRUARY 2023—VILLAGE EVENTS

All held at Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 7th Windmill Quilters 7.00 pm –9.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith  
01362 422051
- 8th Windmill Quilters 10.00 am.—3.00 p.m.
- 21st Windmill Quilters 7.00 pm –9.00 p.m.
- 22nd Windmill Quilters 10.00 am.—3.00 p.m.
- 23rd The Gardeners 7.30 p.m.—£1.50 p.p. to include refreshments.  
D. Riches 01603 880458 — ALL warmly welcomed.
- 25th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 10.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m.

Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Survey for Bus Service in North Tuddenham being  
compiled. Likewise the Welcome Pack

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