

North Tuddenham The Mardle



St Benet's Abbey, in a painting by John Sell Cotman (1783–1842).

July 2021

A Parish Newsletter

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St. Mary the Virgin—Church Notice Board

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July 2021 CHURCH SERVICES

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 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

Bible Quote: John 1 4.4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

C.B

Village & Church News

Tower Scaffolding finished . Structural Engineer to decide whether to do buttresses or piling next. See photo page

Historic England visiting site this month to see how their investment is proceeding. Reports sent to other sponsors.

Village Events - Sunflower competition & Scarecrow Festival
(see back cover)

Gavin Smith R.I.P.

It's difficult to sum up a character like 'Geordie Gav,' (ironically he wasn't actually a Geordie!), he was however so much to so many people.

A man who worked hard and played hard, a man renowned for his 'sayings' and his love of life. At 58 years old, Gav was a true friend to many, a man of his word, had a great sense of pride and workmanship in every job he did and he was generous to a tee.

With a history which involved managing many pubs in his earlier years, it was only natural he was a great poker and pool player. His love of socialising meant he was a very loved part of our Lodge life for the last 14 years.

**I know I speak for us all when I say we will always miss his
conversations, rosy cheeks and vest tops!**

Vikki, Gavin & The Lodge team

St Mary's Church

St. Mary's tower is now clearly shrouded with scaffolding, testimony to the skill of the contractors, the commitment of Mike Smith, and the generosity of funders and so many of our village here. To each one, I say a thank you.

The PCC (the local people who run the church) has a vision to renew the church's place in the village, and will be consulting with you about it, but they have asked me to broach the topic of money, because we find ourselves in a perilous situation.

It costs about £8500 a year to keep the church open for 'business' – insurance, shared costs for ministry (the Rector and team), and other running costs. Normally, the congregation raise this, through their own giving and by organising events. However, because of Covid-19 and the building having to be closed, and despite people's generosity for the tower project, we are running out of money.

The present cashflow situation is compromising the future of the church and the next steps the PCC would like to take in working out that vision in fruitful conversation with you all. So, If you believe that St. Mary's should be here for future generations, please contact Mike Smith who will let you know how you can help.

Thank you for caring enough to read this. We hope you feel able to respond.

Mark (the Rector)



Parish Council News

Dear North Tuddenham Residents

Hope this edition finds you all well and enjoying the somewhat sporadic good weather!

By the time this goes to print, we will have undertaken the 2020-21 Internal and External Audit procedures, details available on our website, and will be in a position to report another year of compliancy and competent financial practise.

We are, however, still down on our full Parish Council membership. We would love to co-opt another Member to our team – not only does this ensure the Parish is fully embodied with its full complement membership but on an individual basis, gives another Parishioner the opportunity to affect village life. Any candidate that fulfils the recruitment criteria will have a skill-base to bring to the team and no matter what your background, career, or life experience, your skills will be invaluable. The larger the demographic spread on the Council, the better represented the Village, and more importantly, its electors, will be. If you are even just remotely interested, please do get in touch with me on clerk.northtuddenham@gmail.com or call on 07961 806849 for an informal chat.

Finally, our next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th July**, followed by one on Tuesday 14th September 2021, both at 7pm in the Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings

With all best wishes for a healthy and peaceful Summer.

Vicky

Norwich Western Link (extract from letter to Parish Councils)

Dear Sir / Madam

I'm really pleased to tell you that we have today awarded the contract to design and build the Norwich Western Link to Ferrovial Construction - a leading construction and engineering company who have a great deal of experience in delivering highways projects in the UK and around the world.

In other good news, we have also submitted the outline business case for the Norwich Western Link to the Department for Transport today. If the outline business case is approved, this would provide a funding commitment from government which is expected to cover 85% of the £198 million total project costs.

*ClIr Martin Wilby Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure
Norfolk County Council*

July Recipe

Apricot Pudding

Ingredients

450g apricots
2 tab sp caster sugar
1 tea sp ground cinnamon
40g softened butter
½ cup extra caster sugar
1 large egg
2 tea sp vanilla extract
1 cup SR flour
100 mls milk
2 tab sp soured cream or Greek yoghurt
Icing sugar for dusting

Method

Preheat oven to 180 deg C. Remove apricot stones and chop fruit roughly. Spread over the base of an oven proof 1.25 litre dish or you can use individual dishes. Sprinkle with sugar & cinnamon.

Then place the butter & extra sugar in food processor until light & fluffy. Add the egg, vanilla ,flour, milk & soured cream. Pulse until smooth.

Spread the batter over the fruit then bake in the centre of the oven for 30- 35 mins. or until firm & lightly golden brown.

Stand for 5 mins. then dust with icing sugar & serve with vanilla ice cream.

Here is a list of some interesting Norfolk facts:-

The Norfolk coast runs for nearly 100 miles, from Hopton on Sea to the Wash.

Norfolk has 659 medieval churches, the highest concentration in the world!

Norfolk has the most number of churches with round towers in the country:

Norfolk 125, Suffolk 42, Essex 7, Sussex 3, Cambridgeshire 2, Berkshire 2.

The highest point in Norfolk is Beacon Hill near West Runton standing at 338ft above sea level.

Lord Nelson was born at the rectory at Burnham Thorpe on 29th September 1758.

Howard Carter the archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen grew up in Swaffham.

The largest Broad is Hickling which covers 141 hectares.

Thetford Forest is the largest lowland forest in Britain covering an area of 80 square miles.

At 23,000 square feet, St. Nicholas Church in Great Yarmouth is the largest parish church in the country.

Robert Hales (1820-1863) the 'Norfolk Giant' is buried in West Somerton church yard, he grew to the height of 7ft 6in.

Dragon Hall, in King Street in Norwich, is the only medieval merchant's trading hall known to have survived in Western Europe.

Norwich City Football club's song, "On The Ball City" is the oldest football chant still being sung in the UK today.

The spire of Norwich Cathedral is 315ft high.

The Caen stone, which was used to build the Cathedral, was brought to Norwich from Normandy.

The Domesday Book shows that during the 11th century, Norfolk was one of the most heavily populated counties. This remained the case until 1600.

The Adam and Eve pub in Bishopgate is the oldest in Norwich and was built in 1249 as a brewhouse for workers building the Cathedral.

Elm Hill is the most famous street in Norwich and was only saved from demolition by the casting vote of the Lord Mayor in 1924.

In 1963 The Beatles played a gig at the Grosvenor Rooms on Prince of Wales Road, Norwich.

At 365 feet, the balcony of Norwich City Hall is the longest in the UK.

It is recorded that onward from 1854, The Rev Benjamin Armstrong vicar of St. Nicholas church Dereham (1850-1888) was a frequent visitor to North Tuddenham rectory, the home of the Barry's. The following are extracts taken from Armstrong's 'Norfolk Diary' and other publications, and give a fascinating insight into the social history of the time:

1854: 8th November - Source: Armstrong's Norfolk Diary Dined with Barry's of Tuddenham. Conversation after dinner dealt with the subject of belief in ghosts and none of the company disbelieved in them. Some said that fear of them in Norfolk is so common that the poor will not walk through a churchyard alone at night and prefer having a child with them if they enter the sacred edifice to clean it by day. I was much interested as I had been reading about some remarkable cases of supernatural appearances in a memoir of the Rev. R.H. Barham, the author of the famous Ingoldsby Legends.

1859: May 11th - Source: Armstrong's Norfolk Drove Dove to Barry's to dinner with some rook-shooting afterwards. Killed three dozen.

1860: Oct 24th - Source: Armstrong's Norfolk Diary To a gentleman's party at Tuddenham Rectory. A great deal of "shop" talked to which, in the entire absence of laymen, one did not object. It was edifying to hear the only low churchmen present enlarge on the untenableness of private judgement!

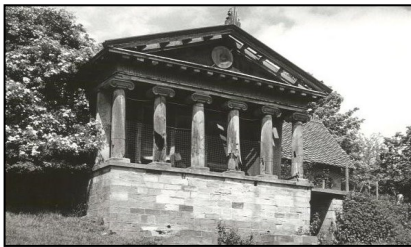
1862: Sep6 - Norfolk Chronicle WANTED a SCHOOLMISTRESS, for a small Mixed Church School. She must be a Communicant, able to Teach Singing, and to lead the Singing in the Church if required. The School is not under Government Inspection. Salary £20 a-year, the School Pence, and a small Cottage.
Address, The Rev R Barry, North Tuddenham Rectory, East Dereham.

1863: Oct 13th - Source: A Norfolk Diary (1949) Met the Bishop of Norwich and the clergy of the Deanery at Yaxham Rectory. Where his lordship has been making a visit. The Bishop proposed "to hold counsel with his brethren on the subject of advisability of admitting laymen to our ruridecanal deliberations." This is a very modest way of putting it, but in the 'council' the Bishop, though stating both sides, always indicates plainly enough, the way in which he wishes the decision to go. Then the two Rural Deans, being of his own appointment, invariably followed suit. The clergy then say nothing, either through timidity or the desire not to thwart the evident bias of the Bishop. The result is that the meetings are useless as an expression of opinion. I had made up my mind to be silent, but felt, constrained to differ from certain of the speakers. Though I did so with much respect as possible, I could see that the Bishop disliked it, Du Port, of Mattishall and Barry, of North Tuddenham, said a word on my side, but on the whole the clergy were 'mum' and seemed as cowed as schoolboys before their master.

Our brief history of the Reverend Robert Barry is by kind permission of it's author Mr Ray Taylor. For more info. go to www.raytaylor.com Should you have any additional information, anecdotal or photographic, Ray would love to hear from you. raytaylor.com@talktalk.net

1871: Death of Rev Barry's father Robert (Snr.)

Extracts from Robert Snr. WILL I appoint as Executors to my Will my son the Rev Robert Barry of North Tuddenham and my nephew Thomas Brodrick Gentleman of Salisbury Wilts. I bequeath my two oil paintings being respectful portraits of my late father and of myself to my son Robert Barry. I bequeath all my silver plated articles, books wines and liquors to my son and daughter to be divided equally between them. I bequeath to my son my gold watch but not its chain of seal this I bequeath to my daughter. I devise that all my parsonage and rectory at North Tuddenham, tithe, rents, all houses and lands and all my lands and instruments situated in the township of Hawsker-cum-Stainsacre purchased by me in 1832 from George Saunders to my son Robert Barry.



John Warren Barry's Famous Pigsty

After Robert Snr. death in 1871 his grandson by his late son John inherited a considerable amount of his estate at the age of 19. He was later known as Squire John Warren Barry who became a local eccentric. As well as his writings he was also famous for building the now historical pigsty (owned now and let as a holiday home by The Landmark Trust) in the style of a Roman Villa. Squire Barry also took over the Patronage of North Tuddenham after his grandfather died.

1871: - School Erected at North Tuddenham to house 75-100 children at a cost of £450 at the expense of the Rev. Robert Barry

1874: Jan 24th Source: Armstrong's Norfolk Diary Dined at Barry's of North Tuddenham to meet the clergy of the Deanery who have voluntarily associated themselves for mutual improvement. The dinner was far too good, if not out of keeping with the occasion, and which, I could not help thinking at the time, no other clergy in Christendom could have emulated. But our host is a rich man and has no children.

1875: Jul 25th - Source: A Norfolk Diary (1949) Preached at North Tuddenham for the S.P.G. Many families from the neighbourhood united with a very good congregation of parishioners, and the collection was £5 0s 1d. The Rector Robert Barry has just put in a splendid East Window and has given a first-rate organ. The music was Gregorian and everything was perfection.

1877: Jan 10th - Source: A Norfolk Diary (1949) Went to North Tuddenham to see some beautiful windows which Robert Barry, the rector had recently put into the church. He has spent upwards of £5000 on the rectory, church and schools. He and I are the only two clergy in the diocese of Norwich who were ordained by the Bishop Bloomfield in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Brainteasers

June's Answers

Dice C. 6 dots.. Each number in row multiplied together = 72

Missing number = 7. Vertical numbers minus horizontal = 300



Optical illusion. Turn upside down.

Now you can see dog with bone .

July's Teasers

4 visual clues for you.

What word(s) phrases do these images suggest?



The Strength of my Faith

I was diagnosed with “relapsing and remitting Multiple Sclerosis”, a hereditary condition that effects the brain and spinal cord, at the age of twenty-two, having shown typical symptoms i.e., diminished sight in one eye and tingling in hands and legs.

Dietary advice from my first neurologist was to avoid red meat and soft cheeses, but as the years passed, I found that I couldn't tolerate dairy in any form. Further research on my part both online “Overcoming MS”, and books suggested I should avoid processed foods and recommended suitable recipes.

Grateful for a country that provides an excellent health service I have a wonderful neurologist whom in 2019 advised me my condition had worsened and that probably now was the time to consider moving to a disease modifying treatment which I had deliberately tried to avoid all these years.

From an early age I have had a strong faith in my Saviour Jesus Christ and the Atoning sacrifice he has made for me and that He lives now and my Heavenly Father and the love He has for all His children.

In February I had my first Astra Zeneca/Oxford vaccine after which resulted in a severe relapse of my MS symptoms. I was unable to walk easily, had severe fatigue and my husband had to help me with climbing our stairs to our bedroom. Later I called my doctor for advice and my MS Nurse, and was told that all I could do was rest.

On Sunday morning of the 8th of May this year I attended a ‘sacrament meeting’ bearing testimony for the love of my Saviour. A dear friend had to help me walk up to the stand to do this. As I was leaving (with my friend supporting me), I asked for a blessing regarding my condition. My husband then drove me home.

By midday I began to feel strength coming back to my legs. Later I prayed to my Heavenly Father thanking him for the blessing I had received. My condition continued to improve to the point where I was able to accompany my family on our local walk to St Mary's Church and back.

My husband, a non-member of the church, was amazed at the change in my condition which has remained relatively stable and so much better than before. **God still provides miracles!**

Belinda Chopping 07769 872281

www.mssociety.org.uk

Miscellaneous

The cleaning & oiling of the village bench beside the village sign has been completed. It has been in position for 41 years and is still in excellent condition.



As you can see, the bench was installed in memory of Mrs Sendall.. what a great name for a Postmistress!



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ST BENET'S ABBEY & THE STORY OF THE LUDHAM DRAGON

Many years ago the good people of Ludham were shocked by the appearance of a hideous monster. It was said to have resembled a dragon or monstrous lizard, and was covered with scales and had wings. It's frightful mouth was rendered formidable by tremendous teeth and it was supposed to measure from 12 to 15 feet in length.

It was only visible after sunset; none dared to leave their houses after dark. It formed a large burrow which extended from the rear yard of the Carpenters Arms to just past the old school house. Each morning the exit was blocked with bricks and stones, then re-opened at night by the monster.

One bright sunshiny afternoon, to the horror of the village inhabitants, it was seen to leave the burrow. As soon as it was some distance away, a courageous parishioner dropped a single large round stone into the mouth of the burrow, completely filling it.

After basking in the sun for some time, the monster returned. Not being able to remove the stone it turned away bellowing and lashing its sides. It then made its way across the fields in the direction of the Bishop's Palace. Turning to the left it made its way along the dreary causeway leading to the ruined St. Benet's Abbey Gateway. Round and round it ran, throwing up stones and dirt in its fury. Raising its hideous form up against the ruined walls, at last it entered the gloomy archway where it is supposed to have made its way to the vaults beneath—and was seen no more!

N.B.

This tale may be based upon a real incident reported locally in the 18th century, when a large reptile was caught and killed in Ludham.

JULY 2021 VILLAGE EVENTS

July 2021 all held @ Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 5th** **Village Hall AGM 7.00 p.m. Prompt start**
- 6th** Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith **01362 422051**
- 12th** Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 7.00—9.00p.m.
- 13th** **Parish Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.**
- 14th** Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 Contact Jenny Smith
- 17th** Bingo 7.30p.m. start Contact Arthur Mobbs **01362 637410**
- 20th** Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 28th** Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 Contact Jenny Smith
- 29th** The Gardeners 7.30 p.m. £1–50 including refreshments. D. Riches
01603 880458 —all members will be warmly welcomed,

Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information

The Community Association

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION until 30th August Entry forms: online/Danns Shop/Lodge Shop

Scarecrow Festival (see poster on Facebook). Scarecrows to be displayed in village from 1st Aug. Entry forms from Lodge. Contact Pat Baldwin patb1280@gmail.com

**Results, Children's fancy dress competition, BBQ and picnic at The Lodge Sunday
15th August 4pm**

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