

North Tuddenham *The Mardle*



November 14th. Remembrance Sunday

November 2021

A Parish Newsletter

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November 2021 CHURCH SERVICES

Sadly STILL NO SERVICES will be held *within* St Mary's church until further notice for safety reasons.

HOWEVER:- A brief **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** will be held on Sunday 14th at St Mary's Church, in the driveway/entrance. Our churchwardens will be leading this service which will commence at 10:50 hrs.

A **Communion Service** is to be held at the Village Hall at 10:00 hrs on the Sunday 28th DO COME AND JOIN US!

For Sunday Services—including Remembrance Day 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>

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Bible Quote:- Matthew 11 v.28/29

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Village & Church News

Church Tower

Repair work continued in October without disturbance and delay. The buttress repairs and high level masonry work should be complete by the end of November; the internal staircase repairs, piling and pinning to follow. The date for completion of the whole project has been revised to the end of March 2022.

Remembrance Service Sunday 14th. A short service will be held on church drive outside perimeter fence. Any flowers & wreaths will be collected and placed at the memorial later.

ADVANCE WARNING Carol Service 19th December.

Although work on the tower will not be finished until March there is optimism from the contractors that the high scaffolding should have been removed by December, so that the site should be safe enough for visitors to attend this service Inside St Marys . **Looking for a big turnout!**

H-E-L-P

External and internal work has left the inside of the church needing its own spring-cleaning to try and get it on its feet, particularly for the Carol Service, but also as a place of worship, sanctuary and peace: a venue for important events like weddings and funerals, as well as concerts and celebrations. Several of the 'NT Festival 2022!' events will be taking place in St Mary's as well.

Therefore, even if you are not a church-goer we are asking the village to pull-together in the spirit of the Tuddenham Tidy-Up to give a couple of hours of your time to make sure St Mary's has a good clean-up. We'll be doing that on Friday-Sunday, 10th-12th December 2021, a week before the Carol Service.

Contact Mike or Adrian

Christmas Village Lottery. I have *bitten the proverbial bullet* and decided to go ahead with this from November. *£5 each—1st Prize £100 2nd prize £50* with proviso of selling minimum of 100 tickets. **Winners to be announced 19th December at the Carol Service. Tickets available soon.**

Parish Council News

Dear Parishioners

Just a quick round up from North Tuddenham Parish Council as we approach the penultimate meeting of 2021.

We hope you have all noticed the presence of our new SAM2 sign on Main Road – we are very grateful to our team of volunteers who are working hard to ensure the device is moved within the designated time-scales, checking battery life and of course, down-loading the all-important data. If there are any other residents that feel they could spare an hour or two every once in a while, to become part of this team, we would love to hear from you – the more the merrier. Please contact me on clerk.northtuddenham@gmail.com

As Autumn sets in, we must also anticipate the arrival of more inclement weather, particularly rain. Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance (NSFA), formed earlier in the year, has approached us to confirm their role in ensuring there is a **formally adopted overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all the various agencies involved. They have also asked us to share** the phone number dedicated to Norfolk residents; this number is available for anyone wishing to report flooding anywhere in the county: **simply call 0344 800 8013** should you need to.

Finally, we would just like to re-affirm our enthusiasm for St Mary's upcoming North Tuddenham Festival in May 2022 to celebrate the colossal achievement of repairing and preserving the magnificent church tower. We very much hope to support this wonderful event for all our parishioners, particularly in light of the difficult and isolating year that has just passed.

Moving forward, we would echo the PCC's appeal for the Community to evolve together, letting the Church become once again, a fulcrum of village life, symbolising the camaraderie and all-inclusive spirit of our wonderful residents.

Best wishes

Vicky

November Recipe

WW2 recipe for Gingerbread Cake

Ingredients for 1 cake

½ lb. self-raising flour

6oz golden syrup /honey

2 teaspoons of ground ginger

1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

¼ pint tepid water

Method

Place the flour and syrup in a basin

Mix the ginger and bicarbonate of soda with the tepid water

Add to the flour and syrup, then mix together.

Turn into a greased tin about 11 x 7 in. then bake in a moderate oven for about ¾ — 1 hour, or until firm to the touch.

Wrap in greaseproof paper and store in a tin.

Do not cut for 2 days!

JS

Extract from Wartime Farm by Peter Ginn, Ruth Goodman & Alex Langlands

Village Festival 2022 6th - 8th May. The planning of this event is a major exercise but steady progress is being made on various fronts. We have been provisionally booking singers musicians, speakers & VIPs. Not forgetting organising the content, publicity , finances, sponsors , catering , hire of equipment etc etc.

The potential rewards next May make it all worth while!

NORTH TUDDENHAM FESTIVAL 2022!

Saturday 7th May 2022
“CINEMA IN THE NAVE AT NIGHT”
Hollywood is coming home!

STICK IT IN THE DIARY!

One of the exciting events planned for the NORTH TUDDENHAM FESTIVAL 2022! will be “Cinema in the Nave at Night”.

In co-operation with Creative Arts East, families and friends will be able to enjoy the first-ever showing of a full-length feature film in the glorious setting of St Mary's 14th-century church.

Put the date in your diary now! Saturday, 7th May 2022.

Brain teasers

October Answers

Q1. Which tank will fill first? Tank F

Q2. $9 + 5 = 2$? Nine 9 (o'clock) + 5 hours = Two 2 (o'clock)

November Riddles

Two in a corner, one in a room, zero in a house, but one in a shelter.

What am I?

Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. *How?*

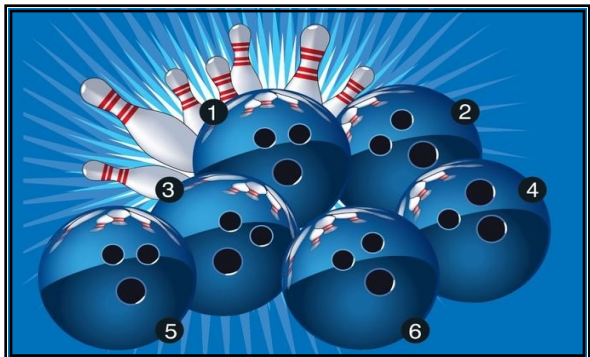
What has a neck but has no head?

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. *What am I?*

What do you throw out when you want to use it but take in when you don't want to use it?

A man goes out in heavy rain with nothing to protect him from it. His hair doesn't get wet. *How does he do that?*

**What
doesn't belong?**



On the morning of October 12, 1915, the 49-year-old British nurse Edith Cavell was executed by a German firing squad in Brussels, Belgium. This is her story:- Parts 3 and 4

'L'Ecole Belge d'Infirmieres Diplomees', was on the outskirts of Brussels. It was formed out of four adjoining houses and opened on October 10th, 1907. When the Queen of the Belgians broke her arm and sent to the school for a trained nurse, suddenly the status of the school was assured. By 1912, Edith was providing nurses for three hospitals, 24 communal schools and 13 kindergartens, and soon was giving four lectures a week to doctors and nurses alike.

Edith often returned to Norfolk to visit her mother, who since her husband's death was living at College Road, Norwich. They also had holidays together on the North Norfolk coast. She was weeding in her mother's garden when she heard the news of the German invasion of Belgium. She would not be persuaded to stay in England. "At a time like this", she said, "I am more needed than ever".

By August 3rd 1914, she was back in Brussels despatching the Dutch and German nurses home, and impressing on the others that their first duty was to care for the wounded irrespective of nationality. The clinic became a Red Cross Hospital; German soldiers receiving the same attention as Belgian. When Brussels fell, the Germans commandeered the Royal Palace for their own wounded and 60 English nurses were sent home. However Edith Cavell and her chief assistant, Miss Wilkins remained.

The initial German advance was successful and the British retreated from Mons and the French were driven back. In the Autumn of 1914, two stranded British soldiers found their way to Nurse Cavell's training school and were sheltered for two weeks. Others followed, all of them spirited away to neutral territory in Holland. One from the 1st Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment recognised a print of Norwich Cathedral on the wall of her office; she was always delighted to receive someone from her beloved Norfolk, asking a Private Arthur Wood to take home her Bible and a letter for her Mother. Quickly an 'underground' lifeline was established, masterminded by the Prince and Princess de Croy at a chateau at Mons. Guides were organised by Philippe Bauqc, an architect, and some 200 allied soldiers helped to escape. This organisation lasted for almost a year, despite the risks. All those involved knew they could be shot for harbouring allied soldiers.

Edith also faced a moral dilemma. As a 'protected' member of the Red Cross, she should have remained aloof. But she sacrificed her conscience for the sake of her fellow men. To her, the protection, concealment and smuggling away of hunted men was as humanitarian an act as the tending of the sick and wounded. Edith was prepared to face the consequences. By August 1915 a Belgian 'collaborator' had passed through Edith's hands. The school was searched while a soldier slipped out through the back garden, Nurse Cavell remained calm – no incriminating papers were ever found (her Diary she sewed up in a cushion). Edith was too thorough and she had even managed to keep her 'underground' activities from her nurses so as not to incriminate them.

Two members of the escape route team were arrested on July 31st, 1915. Five days later, Nurse Cavell was interned and charged with War Treason. During her interrogation she was told that the other prisoners had confessed. In her naivete she believed them and revealed everything. Many people think that Edith 'shopped' her compatriots simply because she could 'never tell a lie'. This was far too simplistic an explanation. Edith was willing to abuse her position in the Red Cross to help her fellow countrymen in need. She would have equally protected her colleagues at the risk of compromising her own conscience even though contrary to her upbringing. "Had I not helped", she said, "they would have been shot". The explanation is that Edith simply trusted her captors, was glad to make a clean breast of it and willingly condemned herself by freely admitting at her trial that she had "successfully conducted allied soldiers to the enemy of the German people". Herein lay her 'guilt', and this was a capital offence under the German penal code. She was guilty, so they must shoot her.

The German military authorities, having sentenced Edith and four others to death, were determined to carry out the executions immediately. Despite the intervention of neutral American and Spanish embassies, Miss Cavell was ordered to be shot the next day October 12th, at the National Rifle Range. A German Lutheran prison chaplain obtained permission for the English Chaplain, Stirling Gahan, to visit her on the night before she died. His account of her last hours is very moving. They repeated the words of 'Abide with me', and Edith received the Sacrament.

She said, "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing as I do in view of God and Eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone".

Edith was magnanimous in her death, forgiving her executioners, even willing to admit the justice of their sentence. This sentence was carried out hurriedly and furtively in the early hours of October 12th. Two firing squads, each of eight men, fired at their victims from six paces. Stories were told that the men fired wide of Edith, that she fainted and was finally despatched by a German officer with a pistol. Reliable witnesses report nothing of this and it seems the executions were carried out without incident. However there may be some truth in the story that the firing squad were reticent and that one of them may have also been shot with the brave British nurse.

The outcry that followed must have astounded the Germans and made them realise they had committed a serious blunder. The execution was used as propaganda by the allies, who acclaimed Nurse Cavell as a martyr and those responsible for her execution as murdering monsters. Sad to think that this was contrary to her last wishes. Propaganda about her death caused recruiting to double for eight weeks after her death was announced.

To be continued..... For further information see: <http://www.edithcavell.org.uk>

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NEW FEATURE

KNOW YOUR VILLAGE

What do these images show and where exactly are they?

Last Month

1. Bridge over River Tud Mattishall Lane
2. Village Hall sign
3. Totem pole. Low Road West
4. Village Sign Main Road
5. Defibrillator at Phone Box ,Mill Road

November

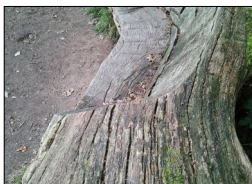
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Phil's path



Hazel Barnes, family and friends at the Common

Pugilist or Battered Husband?!!



Photos kindly supplied by the Bunting Family. Thank you for agreeing to this bit of fun, especially Roly, who tripped over outside his house at Oakwood Farm recently and finished up badly bruised. Good to see that he has fully recovered. Not bad for an 'old un'!

Hello everyone

CoP26 is the United Nations annual climate change conference.

It is being held from the 31st of October to the 12th November in Glasgow.

We have representatives from each area of the globe coming together to discuss the issues around climate change and what we can do to reduce the risk of climate change in our world. This meeting is called COP26 because COP stands for Conference of Parties and it will be the 26th meeting taking place.

COP26 is the first real event to have take place since Covid-19 struck our world. It was supposed to have taken take place last year. Things that will be discussed at this meeting are carbon markets, how we will protect habitats and how we will work together to deliver.

“I think the COP26 organisation is really important because you get the views of everyone from different areas of the world about climate change. Having everyone gathered together for this period of time will develop ideas for climate change and I think, in this short amount of time, we will achieve more then we have ever done before, because everyone who is there is there for the same reason. That is to reduce the risk of climate change on our planet.”

“So why do we need this campaign? “

“We need this campaign because climate change is getting worse, fossil fuels are getting burnt by humans causing the earth to get warmer. The ice caps are melting and the sea level is increasing. The past decade was the hottest ever in temperature. These are the reasons we need to take action. Some are out of our control but others for example, the burning of fossil fuels are not. If we think carefully and responsibly we can figure out a way to achieve our goal which is to reduce climate change.”

Connie Easter

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2021: Centenary year of the Royal British Legion

From 1914 to 1918, Flanders Fields was a major battle theatre on the Western Front during the First World War. A million soldiers from more than 50 different countries were wounded, missing or killed in action here. Entire cities and villages were destroyed, their population scattered across Europe and beyond.

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' written in memory of those who had fallen in the war. The poem then inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen. She campaigned to get it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK. Also involved with those efforts was a French woman, Anna Guérin.

Anna Guérin was in the UK in 1921 where she planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, our founder, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as our emblem in the UK. The Royal British Legion ordered 9 million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. The poppies sold out almost immediately. That first 'Poppy Appeal' raised over £106,000 to help veterans with housing and jobs; a considerable sum at the time.

The British Legion had been formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after World War 1:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged & Demobilized Sailors & Soldiers
- The Comrades of The Great War
- The Officers' Association



The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

Over six million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled. Then there were those dependents – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons, on whom they were often financially reliant.

The Royal British Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And has been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since. RBL is there to help serving and ex-serving personnel all year round, every day of the week. Their support starts after seven days of service and continues through life, long after service is over.

Various sources

NOVEMBER 2021 VILLAGE EVENTS

November—all held @ Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 2nd Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith **01362 422051**
- 8th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 7.00—9.00p.m.
- 9th Parish Council—7.00 p.m.
- 10th Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 16th Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 20th Bingo 7.30p.m. start Contact Arthur Mobbs **01362 637410**
- 24th Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 25th The Gardeners 7.30 p.m. **AN EVENING WITH RICHARD CLARK**
of Panache Plants, talking about Eucomis (Pineapple Lilies)
and Salvias. £3 p.p. to include refreshments and raffle. D. Riches
01603 880458 — ALL warmly welcomed to this fascinating evening!

Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Village calendars based on photographic competition winners should be available soon. Check it out on Facebook

Father Christmas will be in village next month —details in Dec. edition

Big Quiz in Feb.—Teams of 4 . General knowledge & music intros .

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