

North Tuddenham The Mardle



September 2020

A Parish Newsletter

I would like to use my position as Editor to thank everyone for their kind wishes regarding my wife's health. They have meant a lot to me at this very difficult time.

When Jools comes out of intensive care, I'm sure she too will be overwhelmed by the messages of support and prayers. T.Y. *Mike*

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St. Mary the Virgin—Church Notice Board

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September 2020 CHURCH SERVICES

Church Services are starting to be held: possibly one service per parish, per month; Check with Church Office or Churchwarden

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 -

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OR for 10.00 a.m. Sunday Service for Benefice

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NOTE TO ALL FLORISTS: Whilst St. Mary's has restrictions placed upon it, and with building works about to commence we will only place a limited number of flowers within the church when required.

Access to St Mary's Church is limited at present

Grant Funding to save St. Mary's Church in North Tuddenham

Historic England has awarded an exceptional grant of £280,000 towards the repair of Grade 1 listed St. Mary's Church in North Tuddenham, Norfolk.

An urgent situation

The 14th century west tower at medieval St. Mary's Church is the earliest part of the building, housing a single bell dating to about 1380.

St. Mary's Church was added to Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register in 2017. The 14th century tower is showing major defects including structural cracks **which** have previously been repaired but this has not addressed a long-term problem.

The defects are considered to be progressive and may result in at least partial collapse of the tower if not addressed as a priority.

Exceptional circumstances

Funding from Historic England will enable emergency works to stabilise the tower including underpinning, extensive repairs to the north-west and south-west tower buttresses, repairs to the tower walls and parapets and installation of a new drainage system.

Historic England has considered the grant for St. Mary's Church in highly exceptional circumstances. The emergency works to the church are a priority of the highest degree, necessary to stabilise its condition and prevent loss of important historic fabric. Buildings in use as public places of worship are not normally eligible for Historic England Repair Grants for Heritage at Risk. In this exceptional case Historic England has stepped in to provide essential grant funding to prevent the church tower from risk of collapse.

"We have awarded this exceptional grant to save the historic tower of St. Mary's Church from potential collapse. The church is an important historic building, treasured by its local community, and it was imperative to act urgently to ensure that the church is saved and protected for the future" said Tony Calladine, Regional Director (East of England).

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Distinctive Features

Within the church, distinctive features include a wide nave without aisles and a unique Victorian wall tiling. The chancel roof was raised in height in the late-19th century to accommodate a beautiful east window and at the same time a Bevington windpipe organ was installed. Separating the chancel and the nave are the substantial remains of a 15th century painted rood screen depicting several martyrs including Catherine, Sebastian and Ethelreda.

Throughout the church there are examples of remarkable decoration, including stencilled motifs, wall paintings, framed biblical texts and depictions of the heavens in some of the window arches.

Remarkable medieval stained-glass windows

The north porch has some exceptional medieval stained-glass windows depicting the saints Catherine and Cecilia on one side and a bishop, angels, dragons and eagles on the other.

Medieval glass panels in the tower window show sequences of the life and martyrdoms of St. Margaret, an important saint in medieval East Anglia, and also St. George, the Seven Sacraments, the Apostles with Creed scrolls and scenes depicting the teaching life of Christ.

6th August 2020 – press release, Historic England

Personal Reflection: Leviticus 19:V18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

C.B.

Village & Church News

- **St Marys Church Tower Update** - Await news from other Church Trusts re complementing Historic England grant, but clock is ticking because their grant is time dependent and tower is moving! We may have to find other ways of making up the deficit in a hurry. Discussions with glaziers are ongoing re process for removing, storing and renovating the stained glass window. Have agreement about the Faculty from the Diocese.
- A big thank you to **Barry Pummell** for tidying up the conservation area in the corner of the churchyard.
- **75th Anniversary Battle of Britain Day**— see separate article
- The last time we ran a lottery in the village it was very successful, so we are seriously thinking about another **Village Lottery at Christmas**. 200 tickets @£5 each. Interested?
- Also contemplating ambitious ‘Open Air’ **Christmas Carol Concert** on local field in December. Watch this space!
- **Mardles**: if you would prefer your Mardle electronically (and that would save on printing costs) please let me or your local distributor know and we will implement in October
- **Keep supporting all your local businesses at this difficult time**. I hear that the governments ‘Eat Out Help Out’ initiative at the Lodge was very successful.
- **Design a flag**— entered the competition yet?

North Tuddenham Parish Council

While the Parish Councillors enjoy a summer break, I just wanted to update residents about two meetings that have taken place with Highways England and Norfolk County Council Highways.

The first was at their request to discuss minor roads strategy around the new A47 with our parish councillors. The second was a multi-parish Local Liaison Group Meeting to debate the changes to the A47 and the NWL.

The good news for us is that the proposed new T-junction near Poppy Wood, connecting North Tuddenham, Lyng and Hockering, using part of the existing A47 to Hockering and the old Main Road into North Tuddenham, is definitely in the plans for the new dualled A47. Speed limits are to be agreed.

Secondly, HE have had second thoughts about closing Mattishall Lane in Hockering and are now planning for this lane to pass under the new dual carriageway. This will allow Hockering residents easy access to Mattishall and alleviate potential problems on Fox Lane for local residents .

We are going to pursue all the points raised with both agencies to secure the best deal for our residents

Mike Smith

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place remotely via Zoom on **Tuesday, 8th September** at the slightly later time of **8pm**. We had more members of the public join us in July but would welcome more so anyone wishing to tune in will be most welcome.

Please email Vicky on clerk.norhtuddenham@gmail.com for a link.

Additional info :

General

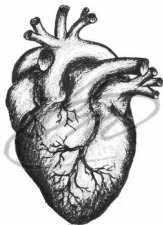
The minutes of the closed meeting we had with Highways England and Norfolk County Council held virtually on the 8th August are attached to the village website.



Also a modified plan of the route of the A47 has been posted online showing changes to minor roads particularly around the junctions. Councillors should have their own hard copy to share with neighbours very soon.

People

A brief memorial service was held for **Gill Greaves** at St Marys Church on Sunday 9th August attended by family and friends. Gill's ashes were placed with those of husband Roddy.



Tom Cross , our former Pastoral Assistant , has not been enjoying the best of health recently. Initially he had a blood infection and now he is in Papworth recovering from a heart operation . His wife Susan says he is doing well. All the best!

STOP PRESS : Tom's now home again!!

Wedding—**Rachel** and new husband **Peter** who live on Main Road, North Tuddenham were married in St Marys on Friday 21st August. Best wishes for the future.



75th Anniversary Battle of Britain Day

Being celebrated in the village on 19th September at
The Lodge

Treasure hunt – commencing at 2.30pm

1940's costume & music

Announcing winner of Flag Competition

Socially distanced picnic tea – commencing at 3pm

Limited number of free adult tickets -£5 deposit,
refundable at the event

Children under 12 free -cold drink and biscuits.
Advance bookings only due to Covid restrictions.
Tickets available from the Village Shop

For more info. see the village Facebook page, website
or notice boards

September Recipe

Honey, Turmeric Pork with Beetroot & Carrot Salad

Ingredients

1lb pork tenderloin- cut into 4
Salt & Pepper
2 garlic cloves ,chopped
½ tsp ground turmeric
½ cup plain yoghurt
¼ cup honey
4 tab sp fresh lemon juice
4 tab sp olive oil
2 medium beetroot
2 carrots- sliced thinly
1 tab sp chopped chives
1 tab sp chopped mint
2 tab sp chopped parsley

Method

Pound the tenderloin between cling film, season on both sides. Set aside. Whisk together the garlic, honey turmeric & 2 tab sp lemon juice. Pour over the pork and allow to sit for 30 mins.

Then in a separate bowl, whisk the oil, 2 tab sp lemon juice, salt & pepper and the chopped herbs and toss in the beetroot and carrot.

Place pork in hot skillet pan over high heat for 2 minutes, then add marinade to pan, continue to cook for 3 minutes on both sides until nicely browned.

Place the salad on a plate. Remove pork from pan & place on top of beetroot & carrot salad. Mmmm.

J.P.

Brainteasers - August Answers

1. An hourglass, with thousands of grains of sand.
2. Take the first letter of each word and place it at the end. It will spell the same word backwards.
3. It contains each number, zero through nine, in alphabetical order.
4. Turn on the right switch and leave it on for two minutes. After two minutes, turn on the middle switch and leave it on for one minute. When that minute is up, turn off both switches and enter the room. One light bulb will be hot (1st switch) and one will be warm (2nd switch). The cold bulb will correspond to the switch you didn't turn on.

Brainteasers for September: Name these songs

1. *"It doesn't matter where you go or what you do
I want to spend each moment of the day with you
Oh, look what has happened with just one kiss
I never knew that I could be in love like this "*
2. *"I may not always love you
But long as there are stars above you
You never need to doubt it
I'll make you so sure about it"*
3. *"No more carefree laughter
Silence ever after
Walking through an empty house, tears in my eyes
Here is where the story ends, this is goodbye"*
4. *"Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul"*
5. *"The old home town looks the same
As I step down from the train
And there to meet me is my Mama and Papa"*

Over the Centuries

Chapter 8 Medieval Period

Four additional moated dwellings existed in North Tuddenham during the above period. A small moated island at Willow Farm, now levelled and covered with asphalt, appeared to date from the C13. An unfilled moat at Springfield Farm and the area around it yielded late Saxon greyware to mid C14 pottery. The Saxon pottery included sherds of grain storage jars and combined with a small nearby stream suggest a possible Saxon watermill.

Remains of a moat at the Old Rectory with pottery from C7 AD found on nearby ploughed land along with pottery to the early C14, point to settlement at least around the moated area, for a period of seven hundred years. Add possibly fifty years of Roman occupation and we find occupation around or on the site of the church for almost thousand years.

The fourth moat site, now levelled, was in Ballards Plantation; it was once part of the Manor of Mattishall-Tuddenham. Fortunately I was able to walk this site as it was levelled and I have more pottery from this site than any other .The pottery pointed to occupation of the site from a point in the C12 to one later than the mid C14. On the site of the principle dwelling I found a single brick, dated by Dr Andrew Rogerson to the C14. The foundations of two small houses remained. A porch had been built over the entrance to one house. The floor of the porch was laid with black flints of a quality equal to any flint from Grime's Graves. A seam of these flints can be found at a depth of about ten feet alongside the River Tud.

A midden alongside each dwelling contained food waste, small animal remains, fish bones and the shells of shellfish which could only come from salt water. The probable site of a revolving windmill, (a post mill), believed to have stood on a manmade mound , could be seen in the centre of the site. In the north west corner of the moated island a small pit was uncovered .The clay around the sides of the pit showed red from burning . The pit was roughly eighteen inches deep and four feet in diameter. Some large animal bones lay around the pit. Who said barbecues were a new invention!?

Population appears to have increased and spread to the north and west of the settlement in the church area. The expansion west of the church into Badley Moor caused a parish known as West Tuddenham to develop with its own church.

Stephen's Green, now Poppy Wood, may have developed in these years. It is probably a remnant of common land set aside to graze livestock of landless people. An animal pound adjoined this Green. The present farmhouse has a C15 date carved into its brickwork.

R.N.

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SEPTEMBER FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

Saturday 19th (or 26th—weather dependent)

75th Anniversary BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Village Party to be held at 'The Lodge' - See page 8

for full details or ring Mike Smith/The Lodge

At some point in the future we intend to continue with other planned events

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Please contact your organiser for any of the usual clubs for further information.

Gardeners News: After much consideration it has been decided to CANCEL ALL FURTHER MEETINGS for 2020 Meetings are expected to re-commence January 2021 onward, watch out for further details.

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Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for Village Hall information

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