

# North Tuddenham The Mardle



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## September 2021

*A Parish Newsletter*

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# St. Mary the Virgin—Church Notice Board

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## September 2021 CHURCH SERVICES

**Sadly STILL 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>**

**For Sunday Services held at other parish churches within the Benefice,  
please ring Church Office or see Website [matvchurch.uk](http://matvchurch.uk) for times**

**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**

## **Village & Church News**

### **Church Tower**

Work now has started on repairing the buttresses and the walls. It's a very delicate and precarious operation requiring a high degree of expertise.

Extra tie rods have been requested because as the scaffolding reached the top of the tower the building was still moving!

Covid –19 is affecting the workforce too, so there is concern about meeting proposed finish date. Has financial and insurance implications.

### **North Tuddenham Festival 2022 – 6th to 8th May tbc**

Like most people, I am anxious about the resurge in Covid cases, depressed about the weather and uninspired by world news.

It would be good to be with people and celebrate freely. When the tower repairs are completed I thought that this would be the ideal opportunity to do something for the whole village—to show off what's good about NT—its people, its history and its team spirit. Others have had the same idea. So we are putting a plan together.

See flyer inside back cover.

Longer term, we would like the church to be integrated into village life better. We already run successful concerts, have coach tours, special events, but what would you like to see?

**Sunflowers—Last day for submissions was 31st August, so winner should be announced soon.**

*Sincere thanks to our unsung hero, Ian Parfitt, for his generosity in taking time to trim the waist-high grass of the churchyard.*

## **Parish Council News**

Vicky is holiday at the time of writing so she's asked me to update you.

1. Reminder. Next meeting is on **Wednesday 22nd September**. Yes that's a Wednesday and yes, it's the third week of the month on this occasion!
2. Following on from the last meeting, when speeding on Elsing Lane and Low Road East was discussed, two residents have produced reports arguing why there should be reduced speed limits on these roads. These have been sent to Councillor Gordon Bambridge for discussion at Breckland Council.

The vicar attended the last meeting and commented on the repairs to the tower and asked how the restored church could play a wider role in the community rather than just Sunday services. Having invested so much money into the church, Historic England, as the major sponsor, is keen for it to be used more widely and to promote its heritage.

If, as hoped, there is a celebratory event in 2022 maybe this could kick – start some regular events promoting our community and events.

News: We may have achieved success regarding speeding on the old Main Road. You may be aware that Norfolk Highways wanted to put 50 mph speed restrictions on Heath Road -Stone Road -Lyng Road that would have ended at Poppy Wood. We objected, stating that to end it here when there is another speed limit on the old Main Road prior to the Lodge, was illogical. Also, it completely ignored the representations we have made regarding the dangers of exiting the junction at Fox Lane.

They have listened!

**The 50 mph speed limit will be extended all the way along until beyond Dann's Farm entrance.**

I realise 50 mph is still far too fast, with many cars frequently travelling at speeds far in excess of this, but it is progress. We will continue to press for further reductions.

## **September Recipe**

### **Poached Skate with a tomato vinaigrette**

#### **Ingredients**

2 trimmed & skinned skate wings

1 tab sp salt

5 tab sp olive oil

½ tab sp red wine vinegar

½ small red onion , finely sliced

1 tomato, skinned & finely chopped

1 tab sp small capers

1 tab sp parsley, finely chopped

Salt & black pepper



#### **Method**

Gently poach the skate in a large pan of boiling, salted water for approx. 10 minutes

Meanwhile, warm the oil ,vinegar & red onion in a small pan.

After a few minutes add the tomato, capers & parsley & season with salt & pepper. Remove the skate from water using a large slotted spoon . Place the skate on large main plates, with the warm vinaigrette spooned over .

Green beans make a wonderful accompaniment.

Serve with some crusty bread to mop up all the lovely dressing & some lemon wedges.

## Brainteasers

### August Answers

1. What has a head, a tail, but does not have a body? *Coin*
  2. "Is this the way to Amarillo?" In which US state is this town? *Texas*
  3. Where is Batman airport? *Turkey*
  4. Which mammal has no vocal chords? *Camel*
  5. Weight of grapes is required to make 1 bottle of wine = *1300g*
  6. Where in the body is the Zygomatic bone? *Face*
  7. What's the loudest animal on earth? *Sperm whale*
  8. What is the only east coast resort to face west? *Hunstanton*
1. 'Esquire Lady' - *B24 bomber which crashed 21/04/44 in North Tuddenham.*
  - What is the main flavour of aioli? *Garlic*

**Visual clues :** 'Half baked' and 'Forgive and Forget'

### September

**Sort out these words so that there are 4 rows of linked words**

**What are these links?**

<b>GREECE</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>DIANA RIGG</b>	<b>LADY JANE GREY</b>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS</b>	<b>MAUD ADAMS</b>	<b>AUSTRIA</b>
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<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>JANE SEYMOUR</b>	<b>MOLDOVA</b>	<b>HOLLAND</b>

**Q2.What digit comes next ?**

**36, 65, 102, ?**

## Connie's Comments

Hi, on your daily travels you may be seeing some unfamiliar faces around our village. Any ideas who or what these things are? You guessed it! SCARECROWS.

Around the village people have dedicated their time to make some fantastic (and funny) scarecrows for all of us to enjoy. We have had a range of different scarecrows which is amazing. So, let us all join and give our many thanks to everyone for their hard work and determination.

These scarecrows represent us as a community: how we work together, how we connect with one another and lastly how we are a welcoming and friendly community. I believe we are a community who cares and who wants to help people, not because they have too but because they want to and this shines through our actions as a village. I think we can all agree that the support we receive from other members in the village is overwhelming and to have that support there for us is something to be forever grateful for.



It is nice to be experiencing 'normal life' again with many friends and family after not being able to experience this feeling for a little while. Let's remember to appreciate these moments we have because these may well be the special memories that we hold on to for our lives.

I know that the scarecrows have definitely made me smile.

And I hope their existence lasts a while!

## **Repairs to St Mary's Church Tower North Tuddenham**

*Following several requests, I have included extracts of an e-mail from the architect to North Tuddenham PCC about the tower repairs.....*

'The overall procedure for repairing the tower will involve erecting scaffolding, not only to gain access but to stabilise and secure areas of fabric at risk of further collapse and deterioration, where there is specific concern regarding the instability of the lower stages of the northwest and southwest buttresses, and the imminent risk of collapse of brick arch from above the north belfry sound opening.

In the process of erecting scaffolding the buttresses have been shored and braced and the arch to the north belfry sound opening propped with centring taken off the scaffolding. In addition, kentledge, consisting of large containers of water, has been placed on the scaffolding lift at ground level, to counteract any structural forces on the scaffolding and scaffolding has been tied through the west tower window to the west nave wall to contain structural loads and forces.

There is a system in place for carefully removing propping, shoring and bracing, to repair individual elements, in a designed and sequenced process to reduce the risk of structural failure through the uneven distribution of loads during the removal of fabric for repair.

Having placed mortar tell tales on live cracks throughout the tower, to monitor any movement that may occur as we dismantle and repair various architectural elements and details, we have begun to dismantle the facework of the lower offsets of the southwest buttress, followed shortly by the facework of the lower offsets to the northwest buttress.

Cont/.....



This gives us time to review the condition of the core, and cracks through the buttresses and to specify more precisely the methods for repair and the circumstances that are now somewhat clearer than at the time of our investigations. Repairs to the buttresses will therefore proceed from ground level to the upper offsets.

In parallel to the buttress repairs we are beginning to repair the internal and external cracks to the southern half of the tower. Crack repairs are therefore in progress.

We are also looking to install the high tie rods, within the next three to four weeks, that will secure the walls at the top of the tower, that have cracked badly, in both the north/south and east/west directions.

Then further areas of flint work and cracking, particularly along the north side of the tower, which is particularly vulnerable around the northwest corner that encompasses the staircase, will be dismantled and rebuilt and stitched and repaired.

Once the programme for repairing the flint work of the tower is complete, the scaffolding will be struck, and the ground excavated around the base of the tower to drive in piles and cast ground beams to which the foundations will be pinned.

Finally, the surface water drains will be installed.'

*Ruth Blackman*

*Director*

*Birdsall, Swash & Blackman Ltd*

*16.08.21*

(Many thanks to Ruth for a detailed response.-Ed)

PART 9/9 North Tuddenham's forgotten benefactor: Rev Robert Barry 1820-1904

1904: Aug 29th (another letter from John Warren Barry to Rev. Benjamin Armstrong Jnr) .

From: Fyling Hall, Robin Hood Bay

Dear Mr Armstrong, I am much obliged for your two letters. This a great satisfaction to me and I am sure would have been my uncle. Kind \*\*\*\*\* accepted the presentation to North Tuddenham I feel these things will be \*\*\*\*\*as nearly as possible upon the lines which he desired. The speediness also with which you have kindly decided will also obviate many difficulties. There being no church warden at the present moment or \*\*\*\*\* His only church warden \*\*\*\*\* being in a Lunatic Asylum. I had thought when I return to Tuddenham of calling a vestry meeting to elect one for the parish \*\*\*\*\* perhaps this might be delayed now until you are intentioned when you would do it yourself? I will do just as you like in the matter. The Rural Dean Cannon Cowper Johnson is at present arranging for the services. You will doubtless settle this with him. The offertories since my uncles death have been kept by me and accounted for, this will be continued until your wishes are known. Those up to his death I believe \*\*\*\*\* or dispose of ..... (The rest of the letter is missing).

Note: *There are some words we cannot read—hopefully they will be filled in later*

1904: Oct 08 - Norwich Mercury - Extracts from WILL OF THE REV ROBERT BARRY

The will bears date 24th March, 1901, of the Rev. Robert Barry, of North Tuddenham, Norfolk, rector since 1851 of North Tuddenham, formerly curate of St. Pancras 1847-50, and rector of Hinderwell, Yorkshire, 1850-51, who died on the 15th August last, aged 83 years. His estate has been valued at £20,041 1s gross, with a net personally £17,176 15s 3d gross. The executors are the testators nephew Mr. John Warren Barry, of Fyling Hall, Robin Hood Bay, Yorkshire; and Mr Cecil Brodrick, of Ormond House, Queen Victoria Street, solicitor to the former, of whom the testator left his freehold, copyhold, and leasehold estates in the county of Norfolk and elsewhere, and the family portraits and some other pictures; and he left to his said nephew the advowson (the right to recommend a member of the Anglican clergy for a vacant benefice, or to make such an appointment) of North Tuddenham, with directions that the claim for dilapidations should be paid from his residuary estate.

The Rectory was cleared and all the paperwork, notes and pictures were either destroyed or taken to Yorkshire. So the parish was left with nothing.

*So many years; so much work; so great a generosity to our village. And yet no plaque; no memorial; and still very little known about this man - Rev Robert Barry.*

**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](http://www.raytaylor.com) Should you have any additional information, anecdotal or photographic, Ray would love to hear from you. [raytaylor.com@talktalk.net](mailto:raytaylor.com@talktalk.net)**



## Michaelmas



Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels, is celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days; in England, it is one of the “quarter days”.

There are traditionally four “quarter days” in a year (Lady Day (25th March), Midsummer (24th June), Michaelmas (29th September) and Christmas (25th December)). They are spaced three months apart, on religious festivals, usually close to the solstices or equinoxes. They were the four dates on which

servants were hired, rents due or leases begun. It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas, almost like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming. It was the time at which new servants were hired or land was exchanged and debts were paid.

This is how it came to be for Michaelmas to be the time for electing magistrates and also the beginning of legal and university terms.

St Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the dark of the night and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels. As Michaelmas is the time that the darker nights and colder days begin – the edge into winter – the celebration of Michaelmas is associated with encouraging protection during these dark months. It was believed that negative forces were stronger in darkness and so families would require stronger defences during the later months of the year.

Traditionally, in the British Isles, a well fattened goose, fed on the stubble from the fields after the harvest, is eaten to protect against financial need in the family for the next year; and as the saying goes:

“Eat a goose on Michaelmas Day,

Want not for money all the year”.

Sometimes the day was also known as “Goose Day” and goose fairs were held. Even now, the famous Nottingham Goose Fair is still held on or around the 3rd of October. Part of the reason goose is eaten is that it was said that when Queen Elizabeth I heard of the defeat of the Armada, she was dining on goose and resolved to eat it on Michaelmas Day. Others followed suit.

It could also have developed through the role of Michaelmas Day as the debts were due; tenants requiring a delay in payment may have tried to persuade their landlords with gifts of geese!

Michaelmas used to be a popular day for the winter night curfew to begin - the first hint that winter was on the way. Curfew took the form of a tolling of the church bell, usually one strike for each of the days of the month that had passed in the current year and generally rung at 9pm.

In Scotland, St Michael's Bannock, or Struan Micheil (a large scone-like cake) is also created. This used to be made from cereals grown on the family's land during the year, representing the fruits of the fields, and is cooked on a lamb skin, representing the fruit of the flocks. The cereals are also moistened with sheep's milk, as sheep are deemed the most sacred of animals. As the Struan is created by the eldest daughter of the family, the following is said:

"Progeny and prosperity of family, Mystery of Michael, Protection of the Trinity"

Through the celebration of the day in this way, the prosperity and wealth of the family is supported for the coming year. The custom of celebrating Michaelmas Day as the last day of harvest was broken when Henry VIII split from the Catholic Church; instead, it is Harvest Festival that is celebrated now.

In British folklore, Old Michaelmas Day, 10th October, is the last day that blackberries should be picked. It is said that on this day, when Lucifer was expelled from Heaven, he fell from the skies, straight onto a blackberry bush. He then cursed the fruit, scorched them with his fiery breath, spat and stamped on them and made them unfit for consumption! And so the Irish proverb goes:

"On Michaelmas Day the devil puts his foot on blackberries".

## The Michaelmas Daisy

The Michaelmas Daisy, which flowers late in the growing season between late August and early October, provides colour and warmth to gardens at a time when the majority of flowers are coming to an end. As suggested by the saying below, the daisy is probably associated with this celebration because, as mentioned previously, St Michael is celebrated as a protector from darkness and evil, just as the daisy fights against the advancing gloom of Autumn and Winter.

"The Michaelmas Daisies, among dede weeds,  
Bloom for St Michael's valorous deeds.  
And seems the last of flowers that stood,  
Till the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude."

(The Feast of St. Simon and Jude is 28 October)

The act of giving a Michaelmas Daisy symbolises saying farewell, In the same way as Michaelmas Day is seen to say farewell to the productive year and perhaps welcome in the new cycle.



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SEPTEMBER 2021—all held @ Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 8th Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 13th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 7.00—9.00p.m.
- 14th Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith **01362 422051**
- 18th Bingo 7.30p.m. start Contact Arthur Mobbs **01362 637410**
- 22nd Windmill Quilters 10.00—3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 22nd Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.**
- 25th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 1.30—3.30 p.m.
- 28th Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 30th The Gardeners 7.30 p.m. £1-50 including refreshments.  
David Riches 01603 880458 —Everyone welcomed.

*Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information*

## The Community Association

**Village Flag**— Esme Okan won the competition. Well done Esme!

**Scarecrows**— Very high standard . Winners:

Tommy & Teddy Knox, Michelle Gaskin, Demi Wilkinson, Rebecca Wallace, Phil Robinson, Williams Family, Arabella McCord, Camilla Leveridge and a very special mention to Alan Knobs for 'Flower Pot Farm'.

Well done all!

See photos on Facebook

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