

# North Tuddenham The Mardle



*A Parish Newsletter*  
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# St. Mary the Virgin—Church Notice Board

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## September 2023 — CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday 3rd September —Morning Service 10.30 a.m.**

**Sunday 17th September —Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.**

**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 Zoom 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>**

**QUOTATION :** The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand this. *Jeremiah 30 v.24*

## Village News

Church Concert –'Our Organists Entertain' 9th Sept.

Scarecrows Awards: Sunday 17th 5pm Village Hall

Advert on Facebook soon

### Parish Council Part 1

September has arrived and the Parish Council is hitting the ground running with a public consultation evening. The meeting will take place prior to the scheduled Parish Council meeting on **12<sup>th</sup> September** and will begin at **6.30pm**. This section of the meeting will be to discuss the *Call for Sites* initiative, the Local Plan, and the consultation process; Cllr Bambridge will be on-hand to help clarify any issues arising around this, and will help to answer any questions. From our understanding, anyone can comment at any point on any of the three proposed sites in our Parish, and anything submitted will be collated and noted by Breckland Council. Further specific consultations undertaken by the Local Authority will be forthcoming. Opportunities for comment will be available throughout this process and timescales will be shared once they are confirmed. Access to view the sites put forward can be made by using the following link:

<https://res.cloudinary.com/commonplace-digital-limited/image/upload/v1673956720/projects/629f24b9234f33834737ac93/media-upload/North%20Tuddenham%20combined%20December%202022.pdf/ru5hlhpofutcdgxjczuk.pdf>

## ***Parish Council continued***

The second part of the evening will be to update parishioners around the commencement of the A47 upgrade; the campaign to block this has been widely shared, and I am sure you will agree with our Cllrs, that illumination around this will be most welcome. Jim Freeman, Stakeholder lead for the project, will speak from 7.20pm until 8pm around this, and again, there will be ample opportunity for questions.

Whilst the meeting will be Chaired by the Parish Council, this is very much a public meeting, and not subject to any formal parameters normally applicable to Parish Council business; as such, all residents and interested parties are welcome to attend. Feedback will be invaluable in supporting the Parish Council as it formulates its statutory consultee responses.

Please do come along to this meeting; speculation and hear-say is often mis-leading, but this will be a chance to hear official statements around both subjects and more importantly, as first-tier stakeholders, your opinion and voice can be heard.

The normal Parish Council meeting with a pared-down agenda, including only urgent/vital business, will follow the public meeting and all are welcome to attend, as always.

We very much look forward to meeting many of you at the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September. For any further information, please contact me on [clerk.northtuddenham@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.northtuddenham@gmail.com)

All best wishes

Vicky

# *Recipe for September*



## Devonshire Apple Cake

*This apple cake looks a little unappetising when cold, but it is quite delicious served warm with cream or fromage frais.*

### **Ingredients**

450g of cooking apples; juice of half a lemon; 350g of self-raising flour; 2 level teaspoons of baking powder; 350g of caster sugar; 4 large eggs; 1 tsp almond extract; 225g of butter melted; a generous scattering of flaked or chopped almonds and caster sugar for sprinkling. *PLUS:* 30 x 23 cm (12 x 9in.) tray bake or roasting tin

### **Method**

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Grease the tin, then line the base with non-stick baking parchment.

Peel, core and thinly slice the apples and squeeze the lemon juice over them.

Measure the flour, baking powder and sugar into a large bowl. Beat the eggs together with the almond extract and stir into the flour along with the melted butter. Whisk, then spread half this mixture into the tin.

Arrange the apples over the top of the cake mixture. Carefully top with the remainder of the mixture—don't worry if the apples show through a little. Sprinkle over the almonds.

Bake for about 1 1/4 hours or until the cake is golden, firm to the touch and slightly shrunk away from the sides of the tin.

Leave to cool for 15 minutes then turn out and peel off the parchment.

Sprinkle over the caster sugar and serve warm with cream or fromage frais.

# MINDTEASERS

Answers to August's Teasers:

**Connecting wall :**

**Hound; Mutt; Cur; & Pooch.** *Familiar terms for a dog*  
**Canine; Before; Kuwait & Eaten .** *Spoken as numbers*  
**Muscat; Dubai; Jeddah & Aden .** *Places in Middle East*  
**Syrah; Pinot Noir; Merlot & Semillon.** *Grapes*

**Day of the week? Today is Friday**

*(The day before tomorrow): =Today*

*Two days after (the day before tomorrow) = Two days after  
(Today) = The day after tomorrow*

*The day before (two days after the day before tomorrow)=*

*The day before (The day after tomorrow)= Tomorrow*

*Tomorrow is Saturday, therefore today is **Friday.***

**Socks:** *To be 100% sure he needs to pick 21 blue and  
17 red plus 2 = 40*

**Apples: CABDE**

# MINDTEASERS

**Q1. What kind of ship has two mates but no captain?**

**Q2.**

*Archie lied on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, but told the truth every other day of the week.*

*Kent lied on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, but told the truth every other day of the week.*

*Archie: I lied yesterday.*

*Kent: I lied yesterday, too.*

**What day of the week was yesterday?**

**Q3. What came first, the chicken or the egg?**

**Q4. Which balls should you put in the hole in order to total 30?**

$\bigcirc + \bigcirc + \bigcirc = 30$

1 3 5 7

9 11 13 15



## New Trial Bus Service for North Tuddenham

We have a new bus service to Dereham, the **Konnect No.18** which operates on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. It picks up passengers at **The Lodge, and Mill Rd/Main Road**.

The driver will stop if you hold out your hand to indicate that you wish to use the bus! **Konnect advise arriving 5/10 minutes early to await the bus!**

The cost is £2 or use your bus pass.

**Use it or lose it. If we don't use this service, we will lose it. If used a lot it will help the Parish Council to persuade the Bus Company that there is a need for a more regular service.**

*The timetable should be read in conjunction with that for the No. 8 school bus which can also be used as a normal service bus.*

### The new No. 18 timetable

**Tuesdays and Fridays except public holidays**

	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>
Dereham, Market Place, opp Lloyds Bank	10.20	13.55
Eckling Grange	10.25	14.00
North Tuddenham The Lodge	10.30	14.05
Elsing Bus Shelter	10.37	14.12
Lyng Village Store	10.43	14.18
Billingford Festival Road	10.55	14.30
Dereham Market Place-Barclays	11.10	14.45

### The No 8 service

#### Depart

The Lodge & Mill Rd            08.19  
 To arrive at Dereham at        09.00

#### Return

Dereham Market Place        15.25  
 To Mill Rd, The Lodge and Norwich





# The Acorn Hut

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## **Women of Norfolk.....MARGARET PASTON c.1422—1484**

Her ordinary yet extraordinary life would be almost completely unknown to us but for the Paston Letters, a collection of documents that span more than 100 years in the lives of the Paston family, of Paston on the Norfolk coast. And Margaret wrote 104 of these, and through them we see events both catastrophic and mundane revealed.

Margaret Paston was born Margaret de Mauteby, the daughter of John de Mauteby a locally important family that had connections all across eastern Norfolk. When her relative Sir John Fastolf, a knight who had fought in the Hundred Years' War returned to England and Norfolk, the Pastons were a rising family: William Paston had prospered in the law by a judicious marriage and by the steady buying of manors, and had become a considerable landowner. The Mautebys, on their side, were people of good family and wealth, and a union between the two houses had much to commend it from a worldly point of view—such a point of view was 9/10 of the matter in 15-century matchmaking.

Margaret was chosen by William Paston as a suitable wife for his son John. Judge William Paston of the Bench of Common Pleas had waited until middle age to marry; by then he had acquired lands and the accompanying income. As a result his first son John was born into a family which was well-off and known in north-east Norfolk. John was at the end of his studies at Cambridge University, a young man when he married. He offered good prospects as a husband. And Margaret was an only child, her father dying when she was 11 or 12, and offered good prospects as an heiress.

A letter, April 1440 from Agnes Paston to her husband William in London, where he was occupied on the Bench, told him of the first appearance of Margaret at their house. The judge had arranged for such a meeting before he left Norfolk, and Agnes delightedly writes: *"Blessed be God I send you good tidings of the coming and bringing home of the young gentlewoman that you know of from Reedham this same night.... And as for the first acquaintance between John and the said gentlewoman, she made him gentle cheer in gentle wise, and said he was verily your son. And so I hope there shall need no great treaty between them"*. The young couple were wed before December 1441 and although the bride and groom had not made the choice, the marriage was apparently a happy one, as this letter clearly reveals: *"I pray you that you will wear the ring with the image of St. Margaret that I sent you for a remembrance till you come home. You have left me such a remembrance that makes me to think upon you both day and night when I would sleep."* Margaret to John, Dec. 14, 1441. (She was pregnant with his child!)

John a lawyer, some time employed by Fastolf, and often in London, left Margaret managing things in Norfolk. The first conflict that she endured took place in 1448 when she took residence in the manor of Gresham, a property purchased by her father-in-law. Claim was laid to it by Lord Moleyn, and while John was away Moleyns forces violently ejected Margaret and her household. Expecting attack at any moment Margaret wrote to John, asking that he send immediate supplies to help defend their house. The now famous letter requests that he buy crossbows, ammunition for the crossbows, armour for their servants, pole-axes to defend themselves, and then adds as an afterthought a request that he also buy a pound of sugar and a pound of almonds – making it one of the most unusual shopping lists in British history!

In 1459 John and Margaret controversially inherited relative Sir John Fastolf's castle and estates. Caister Castle had been built to the best of continental designs and was one of the first to be of brick, with the clay from the banks of the river Bure being fired in kilns nearby. Caister Castle provided the family with the symbol of social standing and power that they had sought. Continued attacks to that at Gresham took place in the 1460s when the Duke of Norfolk besieged Caister Castle. Margaret's letters show her steely resolve, as she entreats her family for assistance: *"I greet you well, letting you know that your brother and his fellowship stand in great jeopardy at Caister, and lack vidual . . . and the place is sore broken by the guns of the other party; so that, unless they have hasty help, they are like to lose both their lives and the place, to the greatest rebuke to you that ever came to any gentleman, for every man in this country marvels greatly that you suffer them to be so long in such great jeopardy without help or other remedy."*

At home Margaret involved herself in the lives of her children: mediated between her eldest and her husband when the two fell out: opened negotiations for her second son (also named John) and several prospective brides, and when her daughter entered into an engagement without her knowledge, threatened to put her out of the house!

Margaret lost her husband in 1466, and after 25 years of successful marriage it is fair to assume her grief was deep. By the time she was sixty, Margaret was showing signs of illness, and in Feb. 1482, she made a will leaving money to the Church for the saying of masses for herself and her husband, and instructions for her burial. She was generous to her family and made bequests to the servants. Margaret made her final journey back to her childhood home at Mautby where she was laid to rest in a side aisle of the parish church Sadly that section of the church was demolished at the time of the reformation.

*Various sources*



# St. Mary's Church North Tuddenham

## *Presents* **Our Organists Entertain**

**Dougal Smith   Neville Willis   &   Sam Eglington**

**Saturday 9th September**  
***7:30 for 8 p.m. start***

*Dougal, Neville & Sam play their favourite individual pieces, whilst Sam with his baritone skills also delights, plus singing duet with Dougal*

*Wine and nibbles at the interval*

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# SEPTEMBER 2023—VILLAGE EVENTS

All held at Village Hall unless otherwise stated

- 5th Windmill Quilters 7.00p.m.—9.00 p.m. Jenny Smith 01362 422051
- 11th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 7.00—9.00 p.m.
- 12th Parish Council Meeting 6.00 p.m.—c9.30 p.m.
- 13th Windmill Quilters 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m.
- 17th Scarecrow Awards Event 5pm -teas scones and sandwiches
- 19th Windmill Quilters 7.00p.m.—9.00 p.m.
- 23rd Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 1.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.
- 27th Windmill Quilters 10.00 a.m –3.00 p.m.
- 28th The Gardeners 7.30 p.m.—£1.50 p.p. to include refreshments.

D. Riches 01603 880458 — ALL warmly welcomed.

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

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Coming in October:-**

**Village Yard Sale on 21st & 22nd**  
**Big Autumn Quiz on 21st October**

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