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Rosie's Ramblings – Spring 2026

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Villager Quarterly magazine! What a dismal, damp (to put it mildly) few weeks we've had, but the snowdrops in the churchyard are a joy to behold, the daffodils are in bud and according to the Met Office App, the temperature is due to leap to 13°C this afternoon – positively balmy!

We had Ash Wednesday a few days ago. It was a bit chilly in church and, having cleared up after our service of Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent, I was looking forward to getting back to my warm, cosy home. As happens quite often when we're about to lock up, somebody came into the church.

Our visitor was a tall, thin man wearing a woolly hat and dressed for cycling – though not in Lycra! His reaction on entering spoke volumes; he was awe-struck: stunned into silence. He walked up the aisle and I joined him at the pulpit gazing in admiration at our life-sized wooden statues of King David playing his lyre, flanked by two angels playing shawms (our dear departed organist Gillian told me that's what they are.) He told me his name was Stewart and our conversation went something like this:

Stewart: Wow!

Me: Aren't they beautiful? I've never seen anything like them in any other English church.

Stewart: Have you been in many churches?

Me: Yes, quite a lot.

Stewart: I bet you haven't been in as many as I have.

Me: How many have you been in then?

Stewart: More than five thousand.

Well, that put me in my place! It was clear that Stewart wasn't simply clocking up churches for the sake of it; he had a deep appreciation of their beauty and knowledge of church architecture. When I offered him coffee, he declined politely, saying he couldn't stay long as he was cycling to Ipswich. That certainly made my achievements in the annual sponsored cycle ride seem pretty feeble! We carried on talking:

Stewart: Do you know what got me doing this?

Me: No, what did?

Stewart: Homelessness.

He told me that when the pandemic came he decided to try and visit all the churches in England, cycling around and sleeping in church porches. He'd been as far north as Berwick-upon-Tweed, and down to the south coast, but especially liked Norfolk and Suffold with our high concentration of glorious mediaeval buildings. He was rightly proud of his achievements, and showed me some photos that he'd taken on his tablet before he went on his way. It was a privilege to meet him.

If you haven't been to our beautiful church, you are depriving yourself! You're welcome any time we are open, but best of all come and join us at 10.45 am on Easter Day, 5th April, as we celebrate the Resurrection: "Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FROM MARCH TO JUNE

Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent	10.45 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Afternoon Service
Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 14th March	12 noon – 2pm	Messy Church
Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday	10.45 am	Holy Communion with distribution of primroses
Saturday 21st March	10.30 am onwards	BIG SPRING CLEAN
Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday in Lent	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday	10.45 am	Holy Communion with Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Narrative
Maundy Thursday – 2nd April	6.00 pm	Jacket Potato Supper, followed by Service of the Last Supper with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar
Good Friday – 3rd April	10.00 am	"Midday in Jerusalem" Words from the Cross followed by hot cross buns
Holy Saturday – 4th April	12 noon to 2pm	Messy Church With Easter Egg Hunt!
Easter Day – 5th April	10.45 am	Holy Communion N.B. No afternoon service

Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter	10.45 am	Holy Communion with Revd Sally Theakston
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter	10.45 am	Holy Communion with Revd Liz Cannon
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.45 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion followed by Vestry Meeting Afternoon Service
Saturday 9th May	10.00 am – 12 noon	Plant sale with coffee and cakes
Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.45 am	Holy Communion including Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 24th May PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 30th May	1.00 pm	Amelia and Jamie's Wedding
Sunday 31st May TRINITY SUNDAY	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 6th June	11.00 am 12 noon	Love your Burial Ground and Count on Nature Messy Church
Sunday 7th June First Sunday after Trinity	10.45 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Afternoon Service

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Coffee from 11.00am

On Wednesdays 25th February, and 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March we will have lunch at 12 noon,

with Bible Study and Discussion, looking at Matthew's Gospel.

Everyone welcome!

Trowse with Newton Parish Council
And the Manor Rooms

Information about the Parish Council, and the village, can be found on our website https://trowseparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.; in our notice boards (by the bus stop on The Street, and the junction with Kirby Rd) and on our Facebook page (Trowse with Newton Parish Council).You can contact our Clerk, Kate Leggett, on 07899798853 or by e-mail trowsepc@outlook.com.

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The Manor Rooms – our Village Hall, has returned to the management of the Parish Council. Building works should commence in the coming weeks / months, starting with the gable ends of the building. Further remedial works are planned for the future, into next year (and beyond). A committee, to undertake the day to day management of the Hall and lead on matters pertaining to the building, comprises Councillors and Volunteers. If anyone has any ideas for events, and / or is interested in assisting with events please contact our Clerk or a member of the Committee (by e-mail trowsemanorrooms@gmail.com or phone 07344 503111). The website https://www.trowsemanorrooms.org.uk provides information about activities and events taking place, and how to hire the building and garden.

All meetings are held monthly in the Manor rooms (The Street), and are open to the public.
Personnel & communications, **Open spaces & Property,** on the 2nd Monday of the month,
Finance and Full Council on 3rd Monday.
A new Committee for the management (operations and building) of the Village Hall (Manor Rooms) will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

2026 Committee meeting dates

Personnel & Comms (18:30), **Open Spaces & Property** (19:15)

9th Mar.	13th Apr.	11th May	8th June	13th July
August - none	14th Sept.	12th Oct.	9th Nov.	14th Dec.

Full Council meetings – (19:15), **Finance** (18:30)

16th Mar.	20th Apr.	18th May	15th June	20th July
August - none	21th Sept.	19th Oct.	16th Nov.	21th Dec.

Manor Rooms, Operations, and building (19:30)

10th Mar.	14th Apr.	12th May	9th June	14th July
August - none	15th Sept.	13th Oct.	10th Nov.	15th Dec.

You may be interested in ……

Easter event - Following the success of our children's Christmas event, and by popular demand, An **Easter Event**, of craft making, is planned for the afternoon of 31st March. This will be a free event for children, who must be accompanied by an adult. A café, serving light refreshments, will be available.

Biodiversity - On 28th Feb / 1st March the Team will be planting wild flowers on the common and would appreciate any help you can give to prepare the ground and plant the seeds.
Work is also ongoing in the cemetery, clearing paths and weeds, and carrying out replanting.

Multiple Use Games Area – Following the concerted effort of volunteers, over recent weeks, we have established that the surface of the MUGA could be brought back in to use. We are in talks with Crown Point estate (the owner) as to how this could be progressed. An inspection has taken place and we are in the process of obtaining costings.

Our monthly newsletter is delivered to households in the village and can also be found on our website, in notice boards and in the Manor rooms. We rely on a Team of volunteers to do this, so if you're interested in helping please let Kate know.

Why Crown Point?

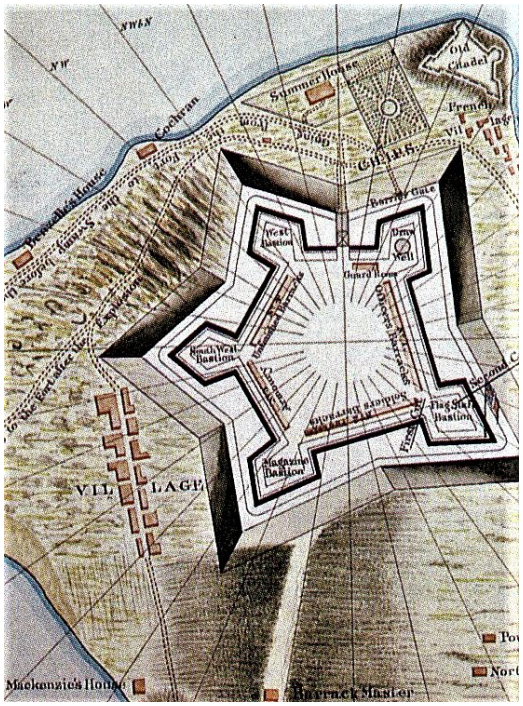
2026 marks the 250th anniversary year of the Declaration of Independence signed on the Fourth of July 1776. 'Semiquincentennial' special events are taking place throughout the year in the USA. In 1776 'Independence' signified freedom from being a colony of Great Britain ruled by and paying taxes to King George III.

Having lived and worked in New York, I was intrigued by the name 'Crown Point Tavern'. Fort Crown Point being a famous historic battle site in Essex County, upstate New York, situated on Lake Champlain in the beautiful Hudson River valley. Also the word 'tavern' rather than 'inn' suggested an American connection. But why here in Trowse?

The name John Money of Crown Point figured prominently in discussion at Trowse History Society meetings. Money was born in Trowse in 1740, joined the Norfolk 9th Regiment of Foot, promoted to Captain in 1770, fought in wars in Europe and the US with a reputation as a derring-do military hero, returning to Trowse in 1778 and creating the Crown Point estate. So far, so intriguing. But was there any evidence that he visited the military fortification in the US? And could there be an emotional connection between the watery landscape of the Hudson River and his homeland?

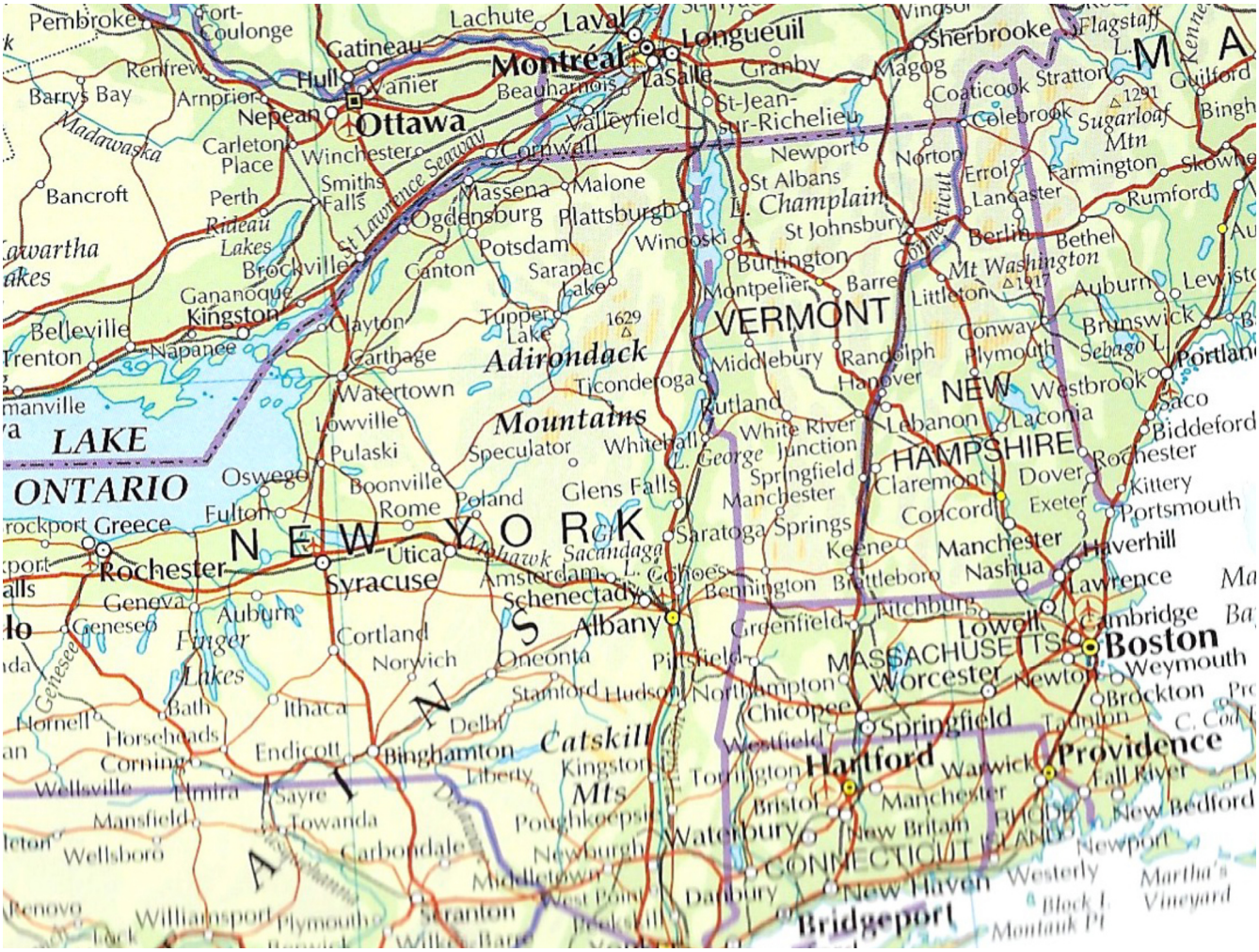
Today, the historic ruins at Fort Crown Point and nearby Fort Ticonderoga are set in the stunning landscape of Lake Champlain with the Adirondack mountains to the west and Vermont to the east with the town of Crown Point. Throughout the first half of the C18, war raged in Europe and the old colonial powers of France and Great Britain were fighting for economic and territorial expansion in north America and 'New France' (later to become modern Canada). The indigenous tribes were exploited for allegiances and trading opportunities. Control of the waterways was vital for

military dominance and the lucrative fur trade. Both forts - Saint-Frédéric and Carillon - were originally built by the French, and sat strategically on a narrow peninsular on the south east bank of Lake Champlain, overseeing all navigation and trade on the lake.



By 1759 British troops outnumbered French in the area, and General Jeffery Amherst seized the opportunity to attack the deserted and charred remains of Fort Saint-Frédéric. Amherst then ordered the construction of "His Majesty's Fort of Crown Point" on the same site but a much larger complex of stone buildings. For the next fifteen years Fort Crown Point remained invincible. But troops numbers were gradually reduced to save costs. In May 1775 a small American militia of non-professional colonist fighters led by Captain Seth Warner – the '100 Green Mountain Boys' - attacked and captured all nine British soldiers defending the fort! The professionally trained British troops and their leaders had wildly underestimated the determination and commitment of the colonists who seized cannons and mortars (about 60 in all and weighing nearly 120,000 lbs) from both Crown Point and Ticonderoga forts. These heavy and vital supplies were heroically transported by oxen pulling 42 sledges over 300 miles to Boston in snow over rough roads. This 'noble train of artillery' took two months and successfully ended the siege of the city by the British. Ironically Crown Point's munitions were critical to the success of the colonists.

But where does Major John Money enter the story? Military records place him in the thick of action in Europe in 1761 (age 21 at the Battle of Villinghausen when Anglo-German forces fought against the French) and then later in Canada with General John Burgogne where Money served as Quarter Master, taking part in the re-capture of Forts Crown Point and Ticonderoga in July 1777. All part of Burgogne's daring plan to divide the New England colonies by invading from Canada then down



through Lake Champlain and heading south to Albany via the Hudson River Valley. John Money would have known this landscape and its rivers in detail. But luck ran out for the British in the winter months with supplies and coordination of troops, culminating in the humiliating surrender of the entire British army at Saratoga on 17th October 1777.

Mary Alexander

Find out what happened next in the summer issue Part Two with an exciting new discovery.

OPEN CHURCH WEDNESDAYS

The church is open on Wednesdays from 11.00 am to 2 pm.
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Many thanks, Cherri Volunteer Co-ordinator, trustee and Money Mentor https://www.ncmacc.org.uk/

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www.trowsemanorrooms.org.uk

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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3:30-4.30am

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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

4-6pm

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Future community and social events at the Manor Rooms

The Parish Council will be organising more community events.

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Mary Brookes – In Loving Memory

Mary had a long connection with Trowse, which is where she met her husband Terry. They were married in St Andrew's Church on 25th November 1967 and her son Robert was christened there.

Mary attended Trowse church for many years and was an invaluable member of our Trowse family. Having been Bishop David's secretary for several years, she knew all there was to know about the workings of the Church of England, and knew what to do about everything.

She took on responsibility for "The Friends of Trowse Church," and became editor of the monthly "Villager" magazine. She went around visiting potential advertisers to gain their support and spent many hours in the vestry printing hundreds of copies for distribution free-of-charge to every home in Trowse. Besides editing the magazine, Mary took on a leading role on the Social and Fundraising Committee, making sure we all knew what we were supposed to be doing.

Mary's spiritual life was of the utmost importance to her, and she organised several Quiet Days led by Archdeacon Keith, before he was Archdeacon, which we all found very beneficial and enjoyable.
She also organised a visit to the Broderers' Guild at the Cathedral, where we were full of admiration for their handiwork.

Mary was a very dear friend. She was kind, friendly, and she was fun! She was determined to keep going when she was in pain and having increasing problems with her mobility. Her tenacity kept her going way beyond the stage when when most people would have given up.

She was devoted to her husband Terry, son Robert, his partner Becky and her grandson Ellis who gave a moving tribute at her funeral last November.

Canon Graham Drake also gave a tribute, which is included below:

Mary was a friend —- a great friend. Not just to me, but to so many.
From Diocesan House Mary seemed to know everyone in the Diocese, and many knew her. I never really knew what her job was. I know she seemed to run the Mission/ Stewardship/ Ecumenical Committees.
Plus Churches Together on the Broads, and the Norfolk and Waveney Churches Together, and the Church's Tent at the Royal Norfolk Show —-
With the help of the appointed Chaplains, of course,
And with the help she gave them from the bottle of brandy she kept in one of her cupboards.

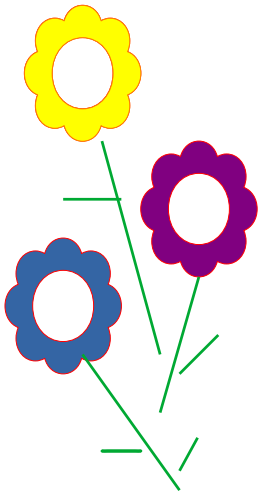
Mary had a finger in so many pies, including organising weeks on Iona and Lindisfarne for clergy and spouses (they were Archdeacon Michael Handley's trips, but I guess Mary really did all the work).

I'm told that she occupied three desks in her office, and that she was a fast typist, and when methods changed she was known to throw the Mouse down in disgust.

From Diocesan House she went on to be PA and Secretary to the Bishop of Thetford, and even in retirement she kept things going. She helped clergy to get to know each other, and to give each other support.
Mary organised monthly lunches for retired clergy and spouses and Diocesan staff, first at Bishop Bridge Red Lion, and then at the Maid's Head Hotel, and often 20 or so people would turn up —- until Covid.

I really got to know Mary 30 years ago when the Bishop of Norwich sent me to care for some very difficult parishes, and he asked Mary, and Ivan Bailey, to give me support. Both were marvellous.
Mary organised the printing of a monthly magazine for us, and she has been a dear friend ever since.
I will miss her, and so will many more.

Thank You, and Bless You, Mary.



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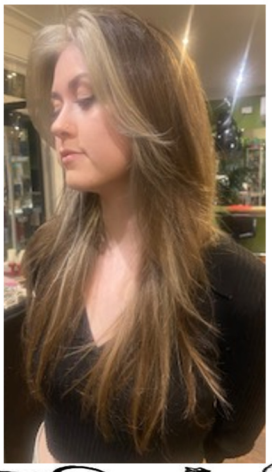

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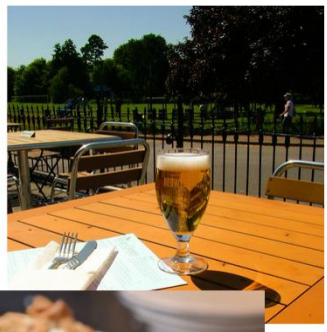

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