

Another instalment of the story of the 'Northowram Scarecrows'!

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2016 how 'Notty Owram' the original scarecrow was found by Sally in her garage

2017 'Notty' had moved to Landemere Farm with the animals

2018 'Notty' at the Barn Dance listening to the band play Cotton Eyed Joe

2019 'Notty's' visit the Victorian family and playing 'Moon Cricket on the Green'

2020 there was no story as Covid 19 prevented 'Notty' from going anywhere

2021 'Notty' helping with the 'GoFundMe' money raising efforts

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'NOTTY OWRAM' 2022

After the last Scarecrow Event in 2019, Notty Owram was feeling a bit sad. He had been placed by the farmer's wife on the car park of the Yew Tree Pub where it had all begun when Sally found him in the back of the garage. The people all around him kept talking about what the Yew Tree would become now it had been sold. Notty found this sad as no-one seemed to know what was going to happen to it, and it was the 'not knowing' which troubled him most.

When he got back to Landemere Farm he told all the other scarecrows about it, and they all had opinions as to what the old place might become. The Businessman scarecrow thought it a good thing for the village to have new opportunities. Rosemary and Thyme the flowerpot scarecrows hoped it would become a garden with lovely flower pots, some benches to sit on and a place for the children to play. The Woodcutter scarecrow just grunted, but his wife, wanting to cheer Notty Owram up, said "now then, don't you go getting all down about it. Whatever it becomes it will be new and exciting and something to look forward to seeing next year when you get taken out again. Nothing ever stays the same forever."



And it did not stay the same. So many changes occurred in the first two years of the pandemic that it is hard to list them all. For a start everything got so quiet around the scarecrows. Being in the countryside they were used to quiet at night, except for the odd owl call or fox barking. But at first there was almost complete silence no planes passing over head and only an occasional car passing on the road. The hens were not out either, so all was quiet for about three or four months. Then they were told there was not to be a Scarecrow Event that year and that was the biggest change of all. Life seemed to pick up a little during the summer months but by winter things had slowed down again and sadly 2021 was the same. No Scarecrow Event that year either.

Notty Owram was very relieved as now it was 2022 and it was all happening this year. He had found out from the Farmer's Wife that he was getting some new clothes. It seemed that everyone had been working hard to make this year's "Comeback" Event extra special with a new look and updated signs and things. The Farmer's Wife was very pleased that Notty was getting a new outfit as she said to her friend, it would have been impossible to get his parker fit to go out in after three years in the shed. So here he is Notty Owram and his new coat and hat and doesn't he look terrific.

