

**ANOTHER INSTALMENT OF THE NORTHOWRAM SCARECROWS STORY! By Alison MacGrath**

In 2016 we told you about 'Notty Oworm' the original scarecrow Sally found in her garage and how the Northowram Scarecrow Event came about. Over the last couple of years we've updated that story telling you how Notty Oworm had settled in his new home on Landemere Farm (2017) and how he went to a Barn Dance at a nearby Golf Club (2018). If you've not read these stories they are on the website at [www.northowramscarecrows.co.uk](http://www.northowramscarecrows.co.uk)



**Notty Oworm**

**NOTTY OWRAM 2019**

In 2018 Notty Oworm was once again placed on the scarecrow trail, this time at the Doctor's surgery. At the end of the weekend he expected to be returning to the outhouse on Landemere Farm where he lived with the other scarecrows that the farmer had brought there over the years.



**The Priestley family and servants – Victorian Family display winner 2018**



However this year there was a treat in store for Notty Oworm because at the end of the Scarecrow weekend he was taken to visit the winning display, a Victorian family on Upper Lane. Now there were numerous scarecrows in this group. There was three generations of the family, including grandparents, parents and children. In addition there were all the servants, the housekeeper Mrs Crisp, Crisp by name and crisp by nature Mrs Blunt always said. Then there was the cook Mrs Blunt and her husband Mr Blunt the gamekeeper and Bob the gardener. But Notty was smitten when he met Sally the Nursery maid. Notty told her about Sally the little girl who had found him in the back of her parent's garage and how she had gone on to start up the Northowram Scarecrow Event. Sally he told her, was quite his favourite name.

Sally the Nursery Maid told him the family in the household consisted of Mr & Mrs Priestley Snr. Mr & Mrs Priestley jnr. And their three small children. The baby Isobella was her special responsibility. Of course that was along with Nanny who oversaw the nursery. But Sally said she had her hands full looking after the two older children. They could be a bit boisterous and Nanny was run ragged chasing after them so the baby was left to her to attend to.

When the family had retired the servants gathered in Mrs Blunts kitchen and usually had cocoa and a biscuit before going to bed themselves. Notty thought life in a Victorian household must be great fun. Always something happening not like being kept in the back of a garage or an old shed waiting for May Day Bank Holiday to come round each year so they could get out in the village.



**Mrs Priestley Snr.**



**Scarecrows dancing by moonlight**

But Notty also knew that life was much better now since the little girl Sally found him and set up the Scarecrow Event at least now they got out once a year, looking their best and he got to meet loads of other scarecrows because when all the humans had gone to sleep that was when they came to life and danced around the Green, they even played 'Moon Cricket'.

One year as dawn was breaking the Crows came to see what all the fuss was about. It nearly came to blows between them but the day was saved by Mr Blunt the Gamekeeper arranging a truce. He bluntly told the crows, "eat less corn and we will be less scary".

And they all went back to their lifeless positions before the humans woke up.

Now this year Notty is hoping Sally the Nursery Maid will be there again to dance and chat with.

It's now time for the **2019 Northowram Scarecrow Event** so off you go and see if you can find **Notty Owrap** on your way round the Scarecrow Trail.

**Notty Owrap says "Good luck everyone"!**

They seek him here, they seek him there  
They seek him round the village, everywhere!  
You might find him in THE WINDMILL  
Or in THE SHOULDER up the hill.

But if he's not in a pub  
He maybe playing snooker at THE CLUB  
And if he needs a coffee stop  
He'll try the KITCHEN at the FARM SHOP

But there are places in between  
Where Notty Owrap may be seen.  
Like at THE SMOKEHOUSE or 22 THE SQUARE  
Or in the VILLAGE SHOP, perhaps he's there

NOTTY OWRAM that's his name  
Find him on the trail, if that's your aim?