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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## THIN BLUE LINE



Well - good day, one and all!

Yes, it's that time again - shortly everybody will be full of the festive spirit. On the festive note, I hope everybody, young and old, has a lovely Christmas and a super New Year.

On the official side, by the time you receive my little ditty I will have been your Beat Bobby for six months and I feel about 1/60th acquainted with the village and the local population - the area I can learn, the people, I can't. I need to know, so once again, I am very visible, you are not. I am friendly and I do not bite so give me a try!

On a serious note, shortly I will be trained and carrying out vehicle speed checks. Instead of them being carried out at the same location and at the same time, I will just appear. I thought I would just give you a clue what is coming!

As we are on the official note I don't really need to tell all you motorists this but I will just for safety. If you are driving carry out a few "first parade checks" of your vehicle before moving off:

1. Are your tyres in good condition with tread 1.6mm minimum in depth, are they inflated to the correct pressure for your passengers, load and journey?
2. Check all your vehicle's lights and keep spare bulbs in the car whether for long or short journeys.
3. If you intend to make long journeys then take time to plan your route with a good map. Keep warm clothes in the car along with a flask of tea or coffee if in freezing or snowy weather, as well as good boots, a shovel and, if upwardly mobile, your mobile phone - that is the best recovery available.

And the final official note from me as the spirit of Christmas is here - leads me to the other "spirit"; please, if you drink, then **DON'T DRIVE - it is final**. Apart from no licence, the motor car in the wrong hands is as lethal as a gun. I will be about during Christmas and New Year carrying out random checks, so please be aware.

I still have no takers for "horse watch" but I will keep trying.

Signing off - again wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Jim Stirling- Yeatman P.C. 956*



## Church Fete

Date for your diary:

**Saturday 31st May**

To be held at Poplar Farm.

Contact Gill Cruikshank for details.

## Poppy Appeal

Many thanks, once again, to all the generous folk of Tuddenham who helped raise a first class £216 for the Poppy Appeal.

Together with the £146 from the Tuddenham Parochial Church Council (thanks for that) and, to date, the excellent return from the joint waste paper collection points at Tuddenham Fountain and the Witnesham Barley Mow of £406, we have a grand total of **£768!**

*Brian Hillman.*

## Day Out

If you want a day out with no car involved how about a train trip to Lowestoft? The train stops at Westerfield Station and takes about an hour to reach the seaside town. The track passes through the Fynn Valley so that there is the added excitement of seeing well known countryside from a new viewpoint.

Once in Lowestoft wander along the front, play on the sand, explore the shops or play the machines. I recommend "Tide's Reach" for lunch - there is a huge choice of home made food, friendly service and a very interesting display of nautical and agricultural items on the walls. This restaurant is on the Esplanade between the two piers. Phone 01502 573642 for details.

On your way back to the station collect some nibbles from the "Weigh and Save" across from the train. Or walk up the road to the "Smokery" where you can buy kippers etc.

Lowestoft is a friendly resort, particularly for children.

## Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a spate of burglaries recently in both our village and in some of the surrounding ones; the police say that many of them happen when thieves brazenly walk in through the front or back door, which has not been locked, and just help themselves. So do make sure that you do not make it easier for a burglar to steal your property by locking the doors even when you are at home.

Our Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Tuddenham has been going for four years now, and the police tell us that it serves a useful purpose. Just by keeping a high profile - in The Tattler and elsewhere - our very existence as an active scheme acts as a deterrent and we have a super team of co-ordinators throughout the village who are there to counsel and to help with the police if any crime is detected. Let one of them know too, as well as the police, if you see anything suspicious. Here are their telephone numbers:

Sally Gardiner	785753
Elizabeth Gunn	785339
Margaret & Brian Hillman	785612
Malcolm Rees	785712
Julie Stockdale	785224
Sophie Sykes	219165
Molly Worswick	785292

and in the centre of the village:

Jim Kerridge	785825
Jack Lay	785226
Fiona & David Woods	785268
John Wyles	785605

My telephone number is 785555 and I am very happy to chat about the scheme if anyone new to the village would like to know more.

*Janet Wells.*

## The Queen's Head

Have you tried the food at The Queen's Head at Erwarton? The menu is varied and home cooked - what a choice! Across the road you can see the river across to Harwich with all the ships and smaller craft passing. After a huge and satisfying meal walk it off on the beach at Harkstead so that you can go home feeling virtuous!

Phone 787550 to book a table.