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Chairman's Chat

At this festive time of year I think it is exciting to be able to look forward to the coming year with anticipation of things to come and to be done in the new year. For our village the highlight of the New Year will hopefully be the Village Sign. This is progressing extremely well and we should have some definite dates for its completion early in the year. As soon as the exact completion date is known arrangements can be put in hand for the grand ceremony of unveiling. With this in mind I would welcome any suggestions from residents as to how they would like to see this momentous event celebrated. It would be nice to involve all village residents in this as it is your

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This is the first photo we have printed using a new process and the improvement is very encouraging. Thank you to all involved in helping us to get good quality prints at last. We would love to have some more drawings to grace our front cover for next year either by children or adults. I chose this particular photo from a set of Tuddenham pictures taken by a friend as it showed our Chapel - no small contributor to the production of the photo - how about a

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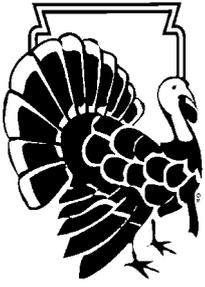
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generosity and enthusiasm which has raised the funds to enable us to have this sign. Please pass on any suggestions to me.

In the meantime I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Malcolm Rees.

Talking Turkey



Christmas and turkey will always be linked together in my mind. Musing on this the other day, I clearly remember my first encounter with this bird. Forty-nine in fact; puffed out indignant and noisy, going nowhere in our yard, and quite determined I wasn't either. Too small to cope I screamed for help!

My next turkey troubles came some years later in my early teens when trying to cook the Christmas dinner on my own. The bird was far too big for the cooker so I hung it from the hook in the top of the gas oven. More fat dripped out than I had anticipated and sadly my bird went up in flames. Turkey trouble reared its somewhat trying head the first Christmas I was married. Faced with a frozen turkey, something quite new to me, I failed to thaw it enough to get the giblets out, let alone put it in the oven to cook. Luckily my husband was by this time on maternity duties and was able to leave the ward with his forceps to do a "special delivery" in our kitchen. Lunch was served just a little late.

We live in an area famous for its turkeys. In older times the White, the Norfolk Black and the Copper -coloured turkey were the only varieties. The birds were reared hand in the cottages, but because of the huge demand in London, many would disappear overnight. Records of the time state that substantial locks and hinges were needed, with bells hung on the inside of doors, and all backed up by a dog to keep the rustlers away. Neighbourhood watch it seems has been used in times past!

When it was time to go to Smithfield in London drovers managed hundreds in huge flocks. A red rag was held on a pole in front of the turkey flock and the birds would endeavour to attack the rag; as the drover moved forward, so did the flock. There seems to be no records telling us how the front drover survived! In the evening the turkeys would fly into the nearby trees to roost. Originally from North America, and known as "the peacock of the Indies", they must have made a spectacular sight on the roads to London in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

I collect my turkey on December 24th - a short walk from my home and I definitely prefer it that way. A peaceful, safe and happy Christmas everybody.

Bon appetit,

Janet Wells.





The Christmas Light.

Following the kind offer of an anonymous benefactor to pay for the installation of floodlighting for the Church, The Parochial Church Council would like villagers to offer their views and comments before any decision is made. The Council understands that any floodlighting of the outside of the Church will affect each and every person living in or visiting Tuddenham. Hence our request for your views. We would not only like you to write to say whether you are for or against the floodlights, but if supporting installation, how often you feel the lights should be switched on - daily, Sundays and Holy Days, or just Holy Days and other special occasions. A letter has been circulated to all in the village giving further information and addresses to which you can write. In addition a demonstration of the floodlighting will be given when the lights will be on during the Carol Service on December 18th.

Fiona Woods

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Editor: If we have delivered this issue to you too late to catch the 18th December deadline I apologise; life has been rather hectic.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

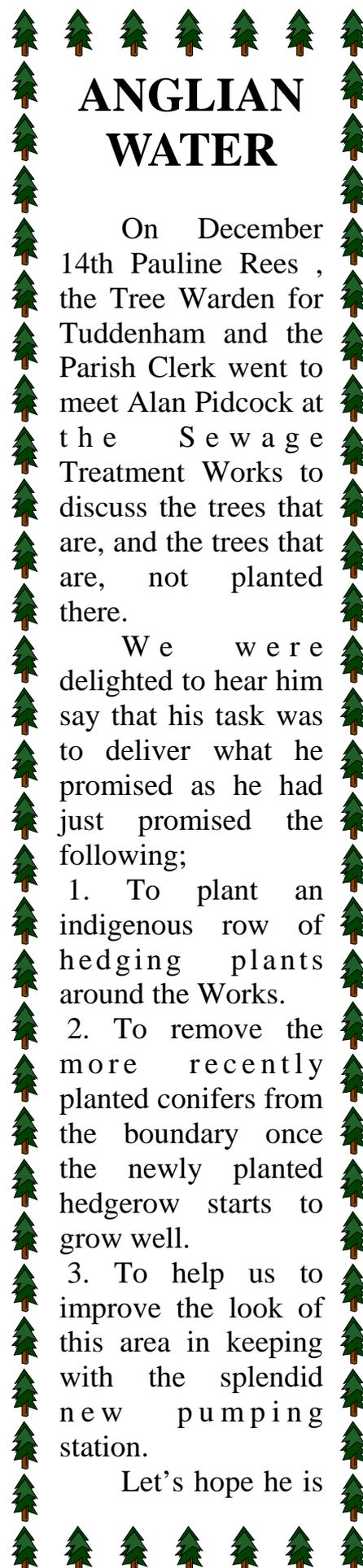
24th December 3.00pm Children's Christmas Celebration for the young at heart 0-90!

25th December 8.00am Holy Communion : quiet and traditional.
11.00am Family Service & shortened Communion.

1st January 8.00am Holy Communion : quiet and traditional.
9.30am Family Service : informal.

Come to Public Worship in the village Church over the Christmas period. Local residents and visitors alike will be welcome.

Michael Stone.



ANGLIAN WATER

On December 14th Pauline Rees , the Tree Warden for Tuddenham and the Parish Clerk went to meet Alan Pidcock at the Sewage Treatment Works to discuss the trees that are, and the trees that are, not planted there.

We were delighted to hear him say that his task was to deliver what he promised as he had just promised the following;

1. To plant an indigenous row of hedging plants around the Works.
2. To remove the more recently planted conifers from the boundary once the newly planted hedgerow starts to grow well.
3. To help us to improve the look of this area in keeping with the splendid new pumping station.

Let's hope he is

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was held on Tuesday December 6th and the next meeting is probably the first Tuesday in March.

We were shown a suggested design for the new noticeboard surround to be constructed by Julia Hestletine. It is a lovely carving. Do contact her or Margaret Taylor if you want a preview. The council are grateful for her offer to improve the village noticeboard.

There is, as yet, no news on the proposed road markings for the bus stop however the council urges anyone who has problems climbing off the bus to write to or phone the police as complaints will promote our chances of success in getting help....

Planning permission for the landfill site in Clopton Road to be developed has been turned down. The Planning Dept asked residents to contact them if there is any illegal dumping or other activities in the area. Planning was granted for the new residents in Readings Farm to build a granny annex.

The 30 m.p.h. speed limit has resulted in several speed checks by the police recently. The Council welcomes these as they enforce the limit and make Tuddenham a safer place to live.

Mrs. Bloomfield was sorry to report that no-one had come forward offering help with the playground so it seems that it will have to close. The swings are to be dismantled so that they do not become a hazard. The football pitch will remain as it is. Please contact Joan Bloomfield on 785756 if you have any objections to this plan.

The Council discussed the precept for next year and have arrived at a total of £1935 . This is £365 less than last year. It includes a welcome donation of £100 to the Tattler for which we are very grateful.

V.E. Day in 1995 is the 50th anniversary of this important date in World history. The Parish Council wish to know whether residents want to celebrate the date in any way. Do you want to organise an event or help in any way? Please contact the clerk on 785588.

A new draft electoral role has been published. Please contact the clerk on 785588 if you were not included last year.

The Ipswich Local Plan amendments have just been published and you may have heard that thanks to the numerous objections, including many from Tuddenham, the sections referring to a Northern Ipswich By-pass may well be deleted. If you are one of the objectors please write and say you agree to this as soon as possible.

The Council have written to Suffolk County Council stressing that we remain against any by-pass north of Ipswich, regardless of the route chosen. We will keep you informed on this subject but urge you to write to Suffolk County Council Leader, Peter Monk, if you are against this road and have not already written.

This year has been a busy one for the Council with The Northern By-pass taking a lot of their energies. December 4th, 1994 was the 100th anniversary of the founding of our Parish Council. Let's hope the next hundred years are as successful for our beautiful village. Thank you for your support and interest.



Musical Notes



We spent a delightful few minutes in the Christmas decked streets of Hamburg listening to a young man in evening dress playing a **Bechstein piano**. Chopin has never sounded so good. However did he get the piano into the square? A pair of thick rubber wheels gave away the answer. He wheeled it into a van. But what was a young English pianist doing there? I suppose he was busking to earn a little extra cash. His playing was so professional that my husband's last words to him were, "See you in the Albert Hall".



On the same day we heard in the distance male voices singing what we thought were Russian songs. We only reached the corner as they finished but in time to see them packing away a small notice announcing **Russian Church Music**. We tried to follow them hoping to hear another burst of song but lost them in the crowds.

"**Viva Woodbridge!**" shrilled the arching, flouncing dancers as they swirled and clatter on the temporary dance floor. Only one of them, the singer, was Spanish, but that didn't matter. The venue, an upstairs room in Woodbridge Library, lined with dusty grey books and files, could hardly have been less like some Spanish bodega but with a couple of brilliant shawls hung behind them and great enthusiasm they quickly transported a rather undemonstrative Suffolk audience to Andalucia. My son and I went home humming the music and later I heard Flamenco type guitar playing coming from his room. Ole Flamenco Espana! Viva Suffolk Council!



Recently we went to an evening of music by a Scotsman, Dick Gaughan, organised by, of all people, The Irish Club. He was billed as **Scotland's answer to Christy Moore** whose songs always tell a story. Most of Dick Gaughan's songs were bound up with the history of his beloved Scotland. His guitar playing was something to be watched. His "finger picking" was fantastic. A really great evening. I will be on the look out for more.

Don't forget the Tuddenham Carol Singers will be round the village on December 19th. If you are a new resident, do look out and listen for them, as most of us do.

Reviewing Reporter plus Spanish section by her amigo/amore, Ralph.

Warning To Dog Walkers

If you see a strange man following or just watching you while taking your dog out don't worry, it will only be Peter Burn who is the pantomime dog in Robinson Crusoe.



He has got some "dog behaviour habits" right already but there are some which need close observation if he is to "live" his part.

PANTO

Here is an S.O.S. from Props. Manager, Piers Robinette. Needed -

- Beer Tankards - not glass.
- Fishing rod.
- Kaleidoscope.
- Hessian Ropes - non nylon.
- Skeleton.
- HUGE musket.
- Two cutlasses.
- VERY large sparkling ring.
- Ship signalling flags.
- Tuck boxes.
- Trunk.

If you can help please phone 785594.

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THANK YOU

TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED WITH OUR VILLAGE SALE.

The stall holders, those who sent contributions, those who manned the door, those who provided the refreshments, and those who spent the money. This year it was hard work. Perhaps people are becoming too choosy. However the result of **£450**, less expenses - advertising etc. - of £60, pays for the copying costs of one year's production of The Tattler.

We are very grateful for all the support we have had for events and for the articles we have received this year.

See next issue for
travellers'
contributions to give
you ideas for
possible holidays.



Pub Talk

Judging from the car park The Fountain seems to have "taken off" again. Friday night's Jazz is very popular. Soon we will see the return of the very talented and amusing piano player who has been otherwise engaged over the last few weeks. A new idea for 1995 is a theme evening once a month, possibly French, Greek, Indian or Vegetarian. If you have any ideas for a special evening please phone the landlord ☎785377. There will be more details in the next

GET WELL SOON

WE ARE SORRY TO HEAR THAT BLACK EYED BESS HAS WALKED THE PLANK ONCE TOO OFTEN, RESULTING IN A "PEG LEG." HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER SOON, EILEEN, OR WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE A LONG JOHN SILVER PART CREATED FOR YOU!

Poppy Appeal

Brian Hillman asked us to pass on his thanks to the collectors and contributors who helped make a total of £305.83p towards this appeal,(including £131 from the Parochial Church

People All Over Suffolk

There are some sights that you can see everywhere - we all know they have happened to us... Dads searching for the Christmas tree lights.....Mum muttering, "Now, have I got everything?"..... Grandma asking, "Now who haven't we got a book for?".... "Couldn't we get him a dart board?".... Postman's wish, "I wish they would get a new letter box"and the children walking around *extremely* early on Christmas Day morning looking for presents with Dad mumbling "Can't we have a lie in?" . Christmas is a family time, a together time and a friendly time, so why am I going mad????

puzzle corner

For our quiz this issue, I thought we would work you a little harder....

So, how about a caption for this cartoon? The winning suggestion gets a small prize!

Please phone me on 785588 or Margaret Taylor on 785314, or pop your ideas through my door (5, The Granaries) by January 6th so result can be announced at The Tattler Quiz night on January 7th.

Good Luck!



I CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONI

With Christmas and the New Year coming I thought it would make a refreshing change to include some festive vegetarian recipes this issue - perhaps they will help to overcome the "Turkey Blues"!

Mushrooms & Artichokes

En Croute.

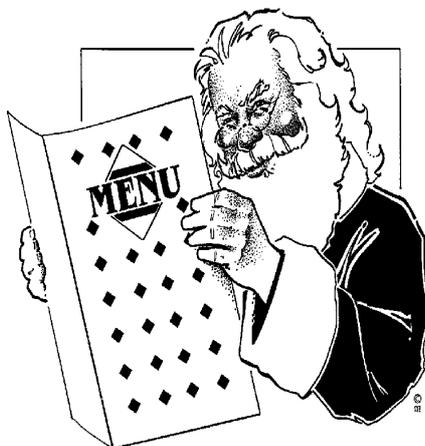
16oz mixed mushrooms
 14oz can artichoke hearts, drained
 4 shallots, sliced
 3 cloves garlic, crushed
 1oz veg margarine
 4tbsp soya cream
 1tbsp Madeira or brandy
 1tbsp snipped chives
 1tbsp plain flour
 salt & black pepper
 1½ lb puff pastry
 milk to glaze

Wipe mushrooms clean & slice. Quarter artichoke hearts. Fry shallots & garlic till softened, add all mushrooms except oyster, saute till all liquid has evaporated then add oyster mushrooms, artichoke hearts and Madeira. Saute few more minutes gently, add flour, s&p, and stir. Add cream, chives and cook to thicken.

On lightly floured surface roll out half the pastry to 15x8in rectangle, reserving the trimmings. Place on large baking tray, prick with a fork and bake at 200° C, 400°F, mark 6 for 15 mins. Cool on wire rack. Roll out rest of pastry thinly. Return cooled pastry to baking tray and pile filling on top. Brush pastry edge with milk and place over filling to enclose completely. Trim excess so 1in border.

Decorate with thin pastry strips in a lattice, glaze with milk and make two holes to allow escape of steam. Bake for 40 mins until pastry is golden brown.

Serve with roasted potatoes, glazed carrots with tarragon and brown sugar, and leeks with sprouts and cashew nuts.



What ever you eat this Christmas we hope you enjoy it.

Oh, and Dads - how about a night off for the ladies?!!

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Fruit Strudel

7oz filo pastry with milk to brush
 Filling: 1lb eating apples - cored & finely sliced
 1lb sweet plums, stoned & thinly sliced
 6oz blackberries
 3oz sultanas
 juice and grated rind of a lemon and an orange
 1tsp ground ginger
 1 dsp golden syrup
 1tbsp dries breadcrumbs

Pre heat oven to 200°C/ 400°F/mark 6.

In a bowl toss together filling ingredients. Set to one side. Place clean tea towel on table top, brush two sheets of filo with milk and place on towel overlapping. Brush two more pastry sheets and put on top, repeat with a further two sheets for a final layer. Cover the pastry with the filling leaving a ½" border around the edge.

Using a cloth, roll over loosely like a Swiss roll. Place on a non-stick baking sheet, seam side down, and brush with a little milk. Bake for approx. 35 mins till golden brown and bubbling hot. Serve hot or warm with ice cream



! WELCOME"

It is always lovely to say hello to new residents and see them start to become part of the community in Tuddenham. Some seem to join in from the start.

Ed Nichols is such a chap as far as The Tattler is concerned - thanks, Ed for all your help for this issue as well as that promised for the future.... Ed comes from Ipswich and has moved in at 13, The Street. He has two "children", Sarah aged 17 and Alex aged 21. Ed works in the printing trade with Tony French who he has known for many years through the Salvation Army. He is a keen touring cyclist and photographer.

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You may well have seen changes around the entrance to Readings Farm where the Edwards have left and Gill and Steve Todd have moved in with their two children; Oliver and 555555. They plan to develop the farm with strawberries, asparagus and sweetcorn. The hedge is to be replanted though further from the road to help visibility. They are in the process of building an annex so that Mrs. Todd (senior) can move in with

Chinese State Circus

Lions somersaulting, girls contorting, tables being juggled and the audience being dazzled. This was a stunning display of human talent (not a conscripted animal in sight)

and endurance. Each incredible section was eclipsed by the next. We went last week with friends and met many

more Tuddenham friends there. All came out impressed by the mastery, the smooth professionalism, the music, the gorgeous costumes and the wit. This is a circus worth travelling to see.....it is in London soon.

Tuddenham Book

For some time various villagers have discussed the possibility of producing a book about the history of Tuddenham St. Martin. In the last few months they have started meeting to plan the project and the first few jottings have been jotted.



Can you help? What is needed is anyone with a good memory of "erstwhile" Tuddenham or any interesting photographs or documents. I understand that one resident has done a project on Tuddenham history which she has mislaid - can you help to find it? Do you want to be part of the "Book Team"?

Please contact Ralph Taylor ☎785314, or Michael Stone ☎785363.





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TOP TEAM

LEAGUE TABLE 12.12.94

Congratulations to Becky Kerry and the Socker Soopers for being the November Manager(ess) of the month. I am no expert at this game but if I read the tables correctly Joe Bloomfield, Ed Nicholls and Kevin Kerry are equal top at the moment for the month of December. Play up!

Happy Birthday

Well having forgotten my own daughter last issue the filing system is looking decidedly dodgy! So Happy Birthday Katy and I am glad to

be able to mention James Williamson, John Kerry, James Nicholls, Christopher Adams and (definitely last) Our

C h a i r m a n ← Malcolm, 50,50,50... for this issue.



Advert: **WANTED**

a good home for a home-reared, male, six week old guinea pig.

Joan Bloomfield; ☎785756.

More than just a trim!

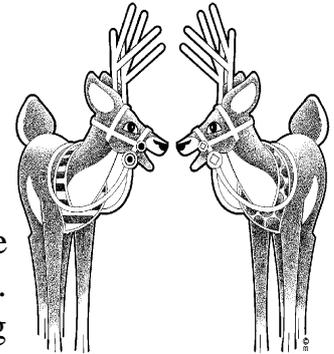
I went to the hairdresser's last week - you will have noticed if you have seen my scalp! While I was there I chatted to a chap waiting for his wife to "be done". His tale was such an interesting one I went round to his house the next day for another "session". So my first mention here must be for his wife who was very patient during our chats - thanks.

Anyhow, this is some of the story he told and it starts in Auldecar. "Where?", I asked and told me that Auldecar used to be a thriving collection of cottages between Tuddenham and Rushmere. He used to live in Auldecar about seventy years ago. I looked up Auldecar on a local map and it is near the area I know as Echo Bridge. Do any of his tales remind you of events in Tuddenham?

He would visit the Social Settlement which was in a cinema near The Sorrel Horse Inn on Fore St. Aldeman Clouting held a service there on Sundays with tea and biscuits afterwards. He remembered a rhyme from one of the sermons:

*Some go to Church to find a lover,
Some go there, their sins to cover,
Some go there to doze and nod,
But very few go there to worship God.*

He also told of going on trips to Maryland near Sproughton where children would go for a week sponsored by the Local Authority. They stayed in rows of huts, ate lots of huge meals and went on long walks to see the river or go round the farm.



They used to have a children's outing on Christmas Day with dinner at The Corn Exchange and the Mayor to carve the turkey. Each child would get a new penny and an orange to take home. There was also a Summer outing when they would meet at Portman Road and all the lorries in Ipswich would come complete with benches supplied by the council to take the children to Campsea Ash for a picnic and games. Their homecoming was marked by all of Ipswich lining the streets and waving at about 7.30pm and the children with streamers and banners.

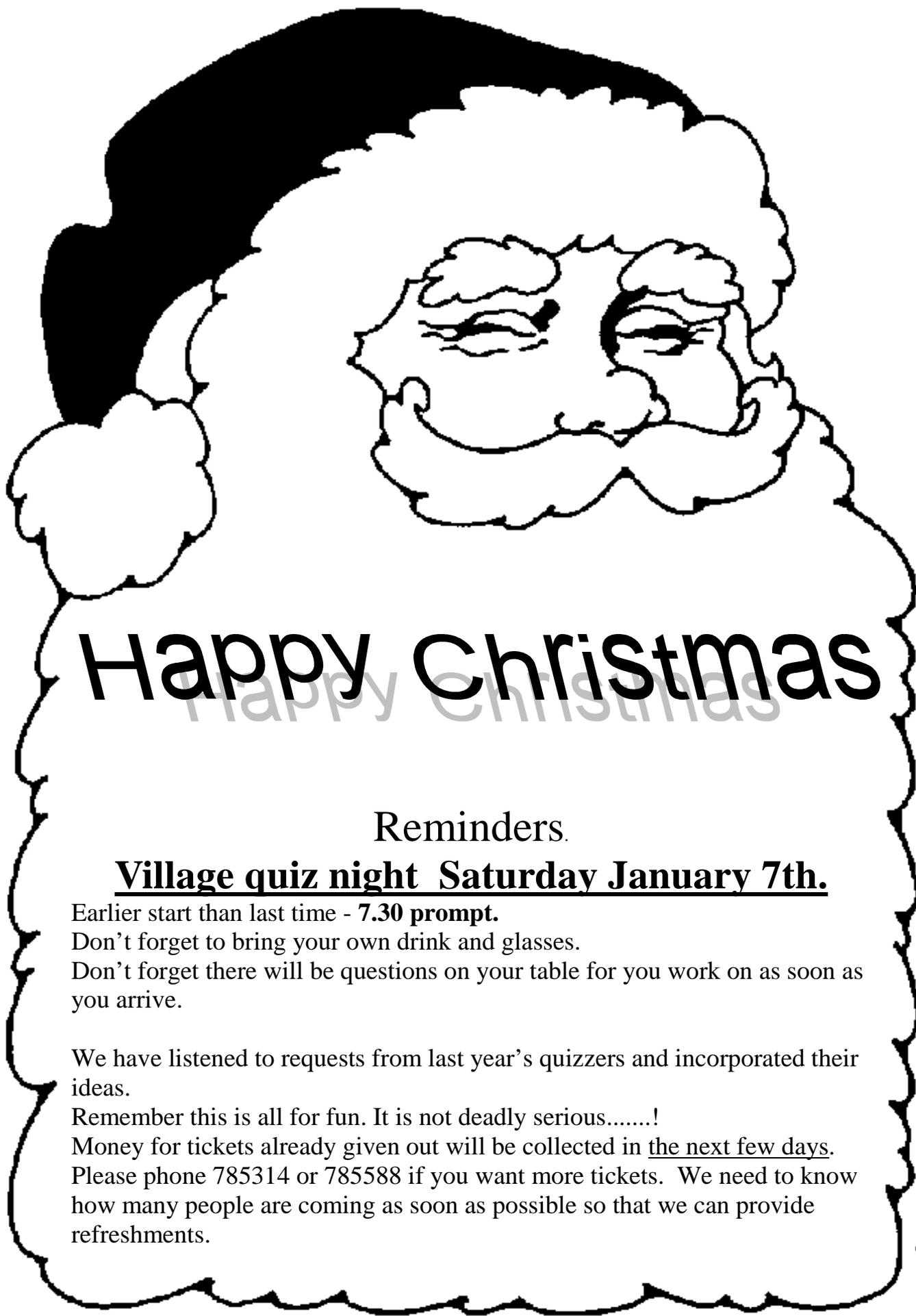
He talked of the great flood in Ipswich in 1950 when boats sailed up Princes Street and how they had to cover the fields with gypsum to combat the salt.

One more rhyme before I close, this time from a gravestone he used to see in Ipswich:
*Remember friend as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now you sure will be,
So be prepared to follow me.*

Someone had added at the bottom:

*"To follow you I'd be content,
But I don't know which way you
went."*

Thank you "Sinned" for all your memories.



Happy Christmas

Reminders.

Village quiz night Saturday January 7th.

Earlier start than last time - **7.30 prompt.**

Don't forget to bring your own drink and glasses.

Don't forget there will be questions on your table for you work on as soon as you arrive.

We have listened to requests from last year's quizzers and incorporated their ideas.

Remember this is all for fun. It is not deadly serious.....!

Money for tickets already given out will be collected in the next few days.

Please phone 785314 or 785588 if you want more tickets. We need to know how many people are coming as soon as possible so that we can provide refreshments.