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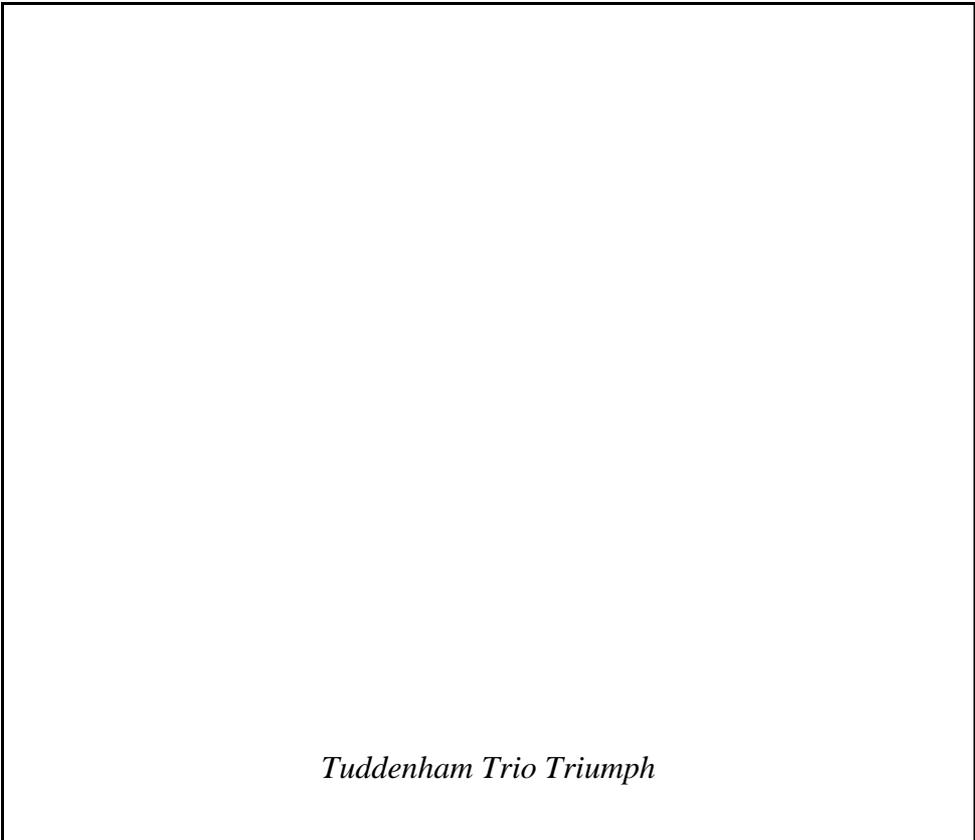
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Record For Tuddenham?

The Tuddenham trio, Derek Welham, George Felgate and David Lugo, who are all very well known in our village, have spent a hundred and thirty nine years working on the land in Tuddenham. Derek and George were born here while David put down his roots forty years ago.

At this year's Suffolk Show they were each presented with a long service award by Lord Belstead; Derek for fifty-one years, George for forty-eight years and David for forty years. To qualify for this award you must have worked on the same farm.

The presentation was at 2.15pm when a total of thirty-one long service awards were given. Lord Belstead had a conversation with each person as the presentation took place and it was followed by photograph. They all looked very proud of themselves. What a wonderful day it must have been for those three and their families who were there to see the presentation. A fine achievement by three great personalities.



Tuddenham Trio Triumph

CONGRATULATIONS

FUN DOG DAY

Suffolk Coastal District Council are holding a special event on

SUNDAY 21st JULY

at

Notcutts Park Football Ground
in Woodbridge. Running from
12.00-5.00pm

it will include an exemption show, gun dog display, agility contest, stalls and refreshments.



All are welcome to join in with face painting, Kennel Club "Good Citizen" dog scheme test and lure racing also going on.

Tuddenham Baby Sitting Circle

A small group of Tuddenham parents baby-sit for each other in exchange for tokens. It is a great way of having an evening out without the additional cost of a baby-sitter. Some members may be available for day-time sitting too.

If you would like more details or wish to join us please phone Leigh Williamson on **785600**.

The Fountain Inn

We would like to thank the Revealing Reporter for the lovely write up given us in the last issue of The Tuddenham Tattler. We have settled very well in Tuddenham and particularly enjoy the regular visits of some of the local people to The Fountain Inn and are already we are beginning to feel part of the community.

We would like to meet more of the village and hope that you will soon visit us and try some of our home made food which, incidentally, is selling very well. We are currently promoting a mid-week (Wednesday) two course special at a price everyone can afford in the hope that this will tempt more local people to treat themselves and, more importantly, at the same time introduce themselves to us.

We are also going to bring various live music to the pub as we would like a reputation not only for "good food" but also for "good music". We look forward to your visits on these musical evenings and trust you will enjoy the entertainment. If you have any special requests in the way of live music or are interested in running a Folk or Country music club we would certainly like to hear from you.

We would also welcome the use of our large garden and facilities if needed for any special event or fund raiser.

Thank you all for making us feel so welcome in this beautiful village.

Peter and Rosemary Bailey.
The Fountain Inn.

Arthritis Research

On Friday, May 17th I attended the launch of the Essex & Suffolk Diamond Jubilee Appeal at Stanton House, Norton, near Bury St. Edmunds for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

To celebrate the A.R.C.'s jubilee appeal they aim to raise £150,000 to fund a special research project into juvenile chronic arthritis at the University of Birmingham.

Dr. Staunton Southwood from the university gave a very interesting talk and spoke of very young children of only ten months old who had arthritis saying that much more research needs to be done with one in every thousand children affected during their first sixteen years of life. Many of these children will get better though often only after years of suffering.

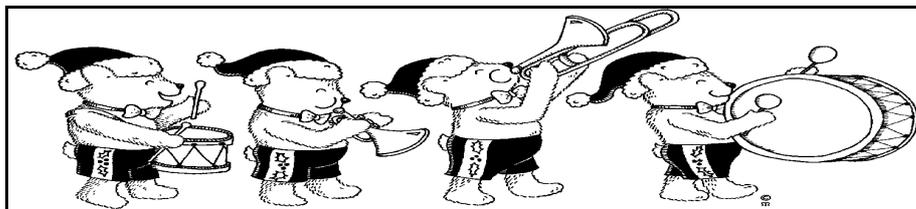
The Ipswich branch of A.R.C. are fund raising with events such as open gardens, jumble sales - the next one in Sproughton on 12th October so if anyone has anything they can donate I would be happy to collect it from you. If really good clothes are donated they are sent to the Arthritis Shop in Colchester

so it can be sold for more than a few pence. Please phone me on 785488 if you

Tuddenham Chapel

Well, our first "Children's Summer Celebration" was, I think, by general concensus, a wonderful success. The children, who organised the Sunday evening completely, did us proud. From decorating the leaflets and drawing for the back page of The Tattler, to providing us with musical items (piano, recorder, violin), singing, poems, Bible readings, choice of Hymns, verse, riddles, jokes and leading the service. It was truly wonderful to see the children praising the Lord Jesus in this informal and happy way.

The Chapel was almost full and several people came to The Chapel for the first time; we hope to see you again.



Tuddenham should be proud of the youngsters who attend the Sunday Club as well as Gemma and Helena who contributed. They all have a wonderful talent and perhaps more importantly a talent they enjoy sharing with us all.

Finally, could we thank everyone who made this evening a success, especially parents and **Sophie, Alex, Ian, Chris, James, Katy, Lorna, Kirsty, Gemma and Helena.**

WHAT'S ON

5-7th July, 11-5.00pm Kentwell Hall Tudor recreation.

Long Melford. ☎01787 310207.

7th July, "Gnomes galore" - Children's activities at Thetford ☎01842 810271, see below.

13th July, Hadleigh Carnival, procession from noon.

4th August, Lowestoft Carnival week - dog show, sandcastle competition, South beach fun afternoon on 8th August, Band championship on 10th and Road Race with



Grower's Diary -June in the greenhouse

Sow border edging plants for next year's flowering; Aubrietia, Alyssum, Arabis, Bellis daisies pomponette, Polyanthus and Primrose. Place in propagator or on window-sill, cover seeds lightly with a fine sieving of compost. Water and cover with a sheet of glass and newspaper. Inspect daily for signs of germination then remove glass and newspaper. Remember, strong sunlight burns off the fine seedlings.

Polyanthus is a very expensive seed. Here is a tip - place the packet in a fridge for 48hrs before sowing in seedling compost but do not cover the seeds with compost as they require light to germinate efficiently. Cover with a sheet of glass, when germination takes place sieve fine compost, then sow the seedlings and water carefully. Keep the temperature around 60°F.

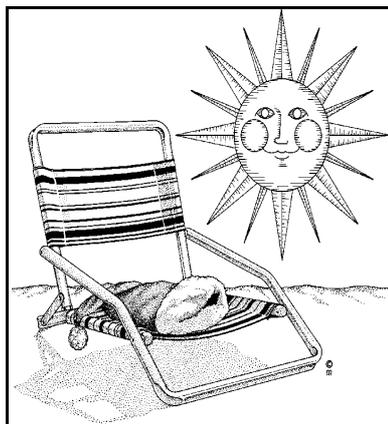
Prick out seedlings into seed trays with general purpose compost, approx. 1½" apart. Grow on in the greenhouse or cold frame until planting out time in the Autumn.

Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown directly into drills in a prepared seed bed in the garden. Feed tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers etc. and spray the flowers with a fine spray tapping the canes regularly to help the setting of tomato flowers.

Propagate house & greenhouse plants, and shrubs from cuttings. Place five cuttings around the edge of a five inch pot filled with cutting compost and sprinkle with silver sand,

water and cover with a polythene bag. Place in propagator or cold frame.

Some pests can be controlled with insecticide but White Fly can be difficult, they seem to build up a resistance to insecticides so try using different ones. I rub out the White Fly on the underside of the plant's leaves gently with my fingers. Regular inspection like this works. Shade the greenhouse and ventilate to try to avoid wide fluctuations in temperature and ventilate as much as possible.



In the garden.

Water in the evening as sunshine can scorch the plants. Divide Polyanthus and Primrose and avoid drying out. Stake tall herbaceous plants, remove dead flower heads, especially in hanging baskets, and remove all untidy growth from garden plants. A teaspoon of Phostrogen dissolved in a gallon of water is a good dose for feeding all plants in baskets etc. twice a week.

Spray roses for Black Spot with fungicide, remove and destroy infected leaves. Do not allow them to remain near the rose bushes. Spray Greenfly with insecticide.

Make last sowings of Carrots, Beetroot, Radish and Summer Lettuce.

Peter Woods.

Tuddenham Flower and Garden Festival

So the weekend of the Tuddenham Festival arrived - with sunshine! In the weeks leading up to it there had been unusual activity in many gardens with perhaps more weeding than usual (speaking personally!) Cakes were baked, plants were potted up and great thought given to try to work out how to interpret the theme chosen for the decoration of the Church which was "Saints." Three

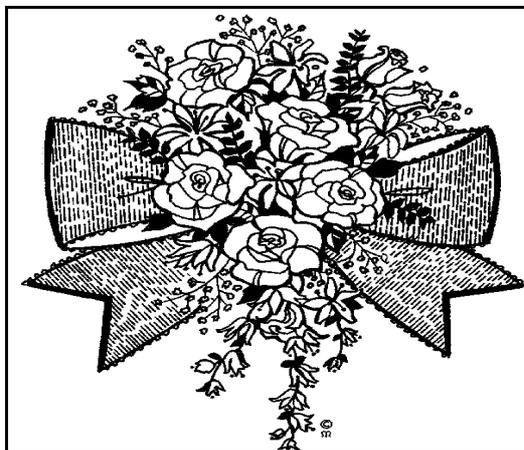
hectic days were spent putting our ideas into practise in the Church. We were extremely grateful to Gill Todd for her generous help in ordering a wonderful array for us. Together with much gathered from gardens and hedgerows we eventually succeeded in our creations. It was very enjoyable and rewarding for us all.

At 1.55pm precisely, our first two visitors arrived - from St. Osyth - so we continued throughout the weekend with many villagers and lots from further afield pouring in. From Aldeburgh, Framlingham and elsewhere.

It was great to have the chance to chat and meet in the sunshine enjoying a cup of tea and cakes produced by the indefatigable team at Poplar Farm. Some of the visitors arrived on bicycles and even on tandems.

Games of Croquet and Bowls were provided by Doris Westrip on Saturday - she had some energetic takers. On Sunday Paul and Teresa Jennings very bravely provided

for the children with a series of challenging games and such temptation as a bouncy castle and a tree house; all survived. Many thanks to them.



On Saturday evening a light Summer Concert of singing and reading in the Church followed by wine and a chat gave us all a chance to relax. We were all very grateful to the Dorian Singers for giving us their

time.

Finally we ended the weekend with a Festival Evensong in a flower bedecked Church with a predictably enthusiastic sermon from Roy Tricker to round off a memorable weekend.

So many thanks are due to so many people - some mentioned but most not. Of course enormous thanks to all who opened gardens, baked cakes, did the flower arrangements and provided teas, but **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO CAME TO SUPPORT THE WEEKEND.**

We raised over **£1100** after expenses, to help towards the continued running and

MRS. D.O. READ

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(Chiropodist)

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SAFARI SUPPER

I have been looking forward to this for weeks. Indeed I had spent most of the week clad only in Pith Helmet and loin cloth. On the day in question I discovered that there would be sixty people involved. I expected there to be a great deal of bread and a lot of fish.

My evening began with a minor disaster. I approached Joan Williams and found myself extracting her from the rose bush she had taken refuge in when she saw me. Did she slip or was she pushed? Only Joan and I really know. They say first impressions last; rather like scars from thorns.

Round two was at Dave and Fiona's where the conversation quickly turned to England's performance in Euro '96. As the other guests feigned deaf, Dave and myself steered the conversation round to Spain's performance in Euro '96. It was then that Cherrie arrived lurching round the room and crashing into the furniture. Her first legible words to me were, "Where's my hic-bottle?" through a mouthful of pasta and chicken. We decided, having spent minutes without a cigarette, to set up camp outside Jack and Elaine's. There we were seen by many and were the butt of many cruel jibes. Hours later I thought up several very witty retorts.

The entire Safari ended with coffee at Bob and Pat's. It was a genuine pleasure to hear the joy, the laughter and the general bonhomie of a village united.

Here are just a few of the comments I overheard:

"Where's the mower you borrowed ten years ago?"

"Why is Cherrie so red?"

"Interesting rose motif on your dress, Joan"

"Why is Cherrie so pale?"

"Who is that gorgeous woman in the low cut dress?" - "My wife".

"And what's this baby's name?" - "It's yours, you pillock".



At this point I left before anyone mentioned those words which strike at the heart of any male - washing up!

A hearty thank you to Monica and many thanks to the hosts, especially Dave and Fiona - I hope the stain comes out.....

Rob Jones.

It's impossible to plan your Summer social activities without knowing when the Safari Supper is to be - we just dare not arrange to go away or have friends to stay if the date clashes with Tuddenham's mobile feast. So in an effort to make the date of the feast less mobile, we pounced on Monica at The Garden Festival and more or less nailed her to the ground until she agreed to fix the date - for the 22nd of June, very appropriately for virtually the longest evening in the year, so that those who wanted to dawdle over their puddings could (perhaps) get to the coffee stage while there was still some daylight left. Not all the pudding-eaters succeeded..... It is always a great way to meet friends again and make new acquaintances, and if the level of conversational noise at the coffee house was anything to go by, everybody was busy meeting friends again and making new acquaintances.... The weather was fine, if a little chilly for midsummer, the food was good, the company enjoyable, - what more could we ask? (Only to have it again next

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It's my first time to join in on the annual village Safari Supper. I had heard all about it before and looked forward to going out to eat food that I hadn't cooked myself in other people's houses where I wouldn't even have to do the washing up. I expect most women feel the same. According to our instructions we started off in a particular house for our starters and then moved on through the courses to other places in the village. We did have a time schedule where we were supposed to be at somebody's house for the main course but I am afraid that things became a little delayed as the ambience and enjoyment and chat increased. It was great to see two bachelors at the supper; Trevor (I always call him a forester because he is one), and The Ogre (Rob), together with people who have moved out of the village and yet who still enjoy coming back. I don't know how Monica, the brain behind all this Safari Supper, chooses the hosts for each meal but listening to everyone later at coffee it was obvious that all the meals were absolutely superb. I think I would be a bit nervous about volunteering when it comes to my turn after tasting and seeing all the culinary productions.

Congratulations to Monica for running a very successful evening from which the village hall will benefit to the tune of £156.

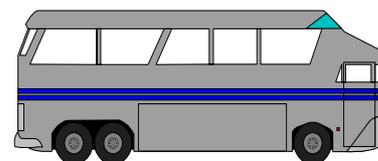
Rotating Reporter

The build-up to the evening turns on its expectations: venues, fellow guests, menus, drinks and conversation. We heard (to me) an advanced discussion on aquatic life and the topography of a garden was revealed. Neighbours with three years' residence were met for the first time. A fulfilling and informative evening which had been well planned.

J o h n

Arthur

GEMINI TRAVEL



- JULY 27TH** Manchester United Tour
£30 adults, £26 others.
- JULY 30TH** Legoland, Windsor
£25 adults, £22 others.
- AUGUST 1ST** Pleasurewood Hills
£14 each or £50/family -
four must incl one adult.
- AUG. 8TH** Buckingham Palace
£20 adult, £18 OAP, £17
child.
- AUG. 15TH** Le Shuttle
£30 adult, £15 child

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Record Review

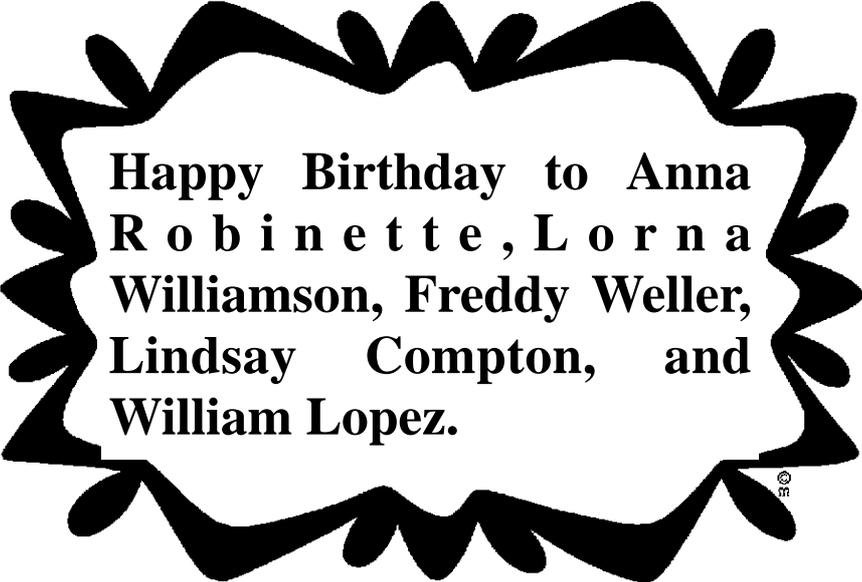
AC/DC - "Ball breaker"

AC/DC have been at it for over twenty years, and despite the odd duff album they have proved to be good value for money over those years. Another predictable mix of loud riffs, preposterous lyrics and outrageous song titles. Take your pick from "Hard as a rock", "Cover you in oil" and "Cought with your pants down." Unsubtle, loud, great fun!

Ozzy Osbourne - "Ozzmosis"

Ozzy Osbourne left the seminal heavy rock band Black Sabbath in '78 and has produced the odd gem, notably the album "Bark at the Moon". This album, however, is rather bland, and for a man who has made his living frightening Christian Fundamentalists and convincing his audience that they are about to be eaten alive, the sound and lyrics are tame. The change of direction he takes here does not suit his image. Disappointing.

Bookwork Bob (Jones).



**Happy Birthday to Anna
R o b i n e t t e , L o r n a
Williamson, Freddy Weller,
Lindsay Compton, and
William Lopez.**

 * The Toddler Group would like to say a *
 * big **thank you** to Piers Robinette and Bob *
 * Tanner for their help in preparing our *
 * outside play area this Summer. All we need *
 * now is the weather for us to enjoy the rest *
 * of the Summer.

* Again, thank you, *H e l e n* *

MORE WHAT'S ON

29th June-7th July Boat and beer festival at Shotley, racing and music in evening, 01473 788982.

6th July Pin Mill Sailing club barge match from 7.30am - out to sea and back.

7th July Music in Christchurch Park, 12-6pm

7th July Waverley excursions - tickets from Ipswich tourist info or on board pleasure cruise ship "Balmoral", leaves for London at 9.45, return by coach by about 10.15pm. £25. 01446 720656

20th July National Trust Children's Day at Sizewell 01728 648505

24th July Holiday Club, beach bar-b-que & stories, 6pm, Dunwich Heath, 01728 648505.

17th August Felixstowe Carnival 3pm.

18th August Animal Care Week, Course for children at Museum of East Anglian Life; 01449 612229

18th August Flatford's Family Fun (also 5th Sept) and Treasure Hunt on **20th July** 01206 298260.

18th August Environmental games at West Stow

18th August 2nd barrel day, 11-4pm Westleton.

25th August Cycle racing in Bury St. Edmunds town centre 01284 757085.

25th August Eye Show - Red Arrows, Falcons Freefall parachute team, flower show, steam engine rally, crafts, trade stands, 10-7pm £5

7th Sept Wattisham Airfield open day 10-5pm £10 per car £2 pedestrians. 01449 728350

22nd Sept The Heath at Dawn, Dunwich - with breakfast, 6am, £7.50, 01728648505.

Well I never!

Do you know who your M.P. is? And even harder, who is your M.E.P.?

A villager had occasion to ask me and the second one had me hard at work - I knew I had written to him but what was his name?

Well research led me to **David Thomas**, Labour Party, with a constituency of 580,000 people, who can be found at

**6, St. Mary's Street,
Bungay, NR35 1AX.**

☎01986 895112

Apparently his parliament has the power to amend rather than initiate, or so his researcher told me, as new proposals came from the Commissioners. However his name is worth remembering if you should need his help in any matter and who knows what powers he might have in the future....

Get Well Soon

Best wishes to Lorna Beckett for a speedy recovery from her recent arm discomfort.

Also to Jim Kerridge after

**NEXT PARISH
COUNCIL
MEETING IN
VILLAGE HALL,
TUESDAY, SEPT
2ND, 7.30PM.**

The Tuddenham Tattler Coffee Morning

On Saturday, 15th June, many visitors to Pear Tree Cottage were forced to endure beautiful gardens, wonderful weather, delicious home made cakes and good company (not to mention a man without a van but with a guitar) all in aid of Tattler fund raising.

The children had a wonderful time running around and taking turns on the many side attractions.

Lucky dip, guess the name of the cake, throwing balls into a bucket and a rather ingenious game of "pick a number" where you could only but lose, helped to raise £170.

I'm sure a thoroughly enjoyable morning was had by everyone. Although I don't now live in Tuddenham, having moved to Grundisburgh, I still thoroughly enjoy meeting my old friends and visiting places that I knew very well when I was living in The Street.

Thank you to Margaret and Ralph, and The Tattler for their hospitality in such a perfect setting.

Claire Atkins

For a few hours on a Saturday morning recently, Ralph and Margaret Taylor kindly threw open their garden to all Tuddenhamites for what was billed as a coffee morning but which provided much more besides. Pear Tree Cottage is one of Tuddenham's hidden kingdoms and for anyone who has not been there before it can be quite a surprise with its delightful garden, lake and woodland. Having had a taste of this before, my wife and I needed no encouragement to pop along and have another look, and all in a good cause of course. When one talks of causes money

matters are never far away and no sooner had we arrived than Erica pounced with a "simple little game" which involved drawing numbered bits of paper from a tin and paying her cash. "If you draw number 6 you only pay 6p" she chortled. I drew number 92!



More "fun" was being had by villagers young and old in other games and competitions including "Guess where the treasure is hidden"- another strange game this, as no one explained until much later that an old map of the world was on the wall in Ralph's shed. By this

time I had already thought of Winesham as a guess but alas I could not see it on the map. To make matters worse, when staring at the map, I commented that the world was a big place. A lady to my right promptly said "Oh, it's much bigger than that!"

Enough of this, I decided to give some more cash to the ladies behind the tea counter. A much better game this, as I came away with a fine mug of coffee and a lovely piece of home made cake. A steady stream of visitors on what was a beautiful sunny morning meant that all was going well, despite some nervous moments as Ralph patrolled the lakeside for over inquisitive children, with everyone clearly enjoying themselves having a good natter and a cuppa.

We rounded off the morning with a fine walk in the woodland with thoughts of how rewarding it must have been to all those who worked hard to make this little event such a success. For the record £176 was raised for Tattler funds and that treasure? - Well it was Sydney all the time.

Philip Harvey

Our Coffee Morning

We are so pleased that the coffee morning was such a success and would like to thank all those who helped us. Thank you to Janet Welham and Peter Bailey, the new landlord at the pub, for giving us such lovely bottles of wine for prizes, thank you to Joan, Becky and Bella for helping with the refreshments, thank you to Joyce for manning the Bric-a-brac stall, thank you to Leigh who cornered people and bullied them into having a go at finding the treasure, thank you to Harold who manned the "throwing a ball" game, thank you to Sandy who brought down a lot of the play equipment from the Toddlers' Group to keep the children happy, thank you to Katy for her "Lucky dip", thank you to Victoria and Elizabeth for their to and fro-ing and thank you to William for giving attention to the children on their bikes. Thanks for coming and also to those who made donations on the day.

My son William got the treasure (no fix, honest) and Pauline Proctor won the wine for the "simple number game". Alistair Reed won a book in the ball competition. Our thanks to Pauline for a beautiful cake despite lots of other priorities - the mouthwatering chocolate, orange and lemon cake was won by Beryl Green. I hope you all feel you won in that the money raised will help to run The Tattler through next year!!

One or two have asked how much it costs to produce The Tattler for a year. So here are a few details you might like to know. Printing The Tattler costs around £45 for an "average" copy, though some have been up to £80 when they have more sheets. We also pay for photos and have bought all the computer equipment and software. Last year we paid for the Over 60s' outing and

Thank you

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all friends and neighbours for their flowers, cards and get well messages sent to me during my recent illness. Your thoughts and kindness were very much appreciated. I am pleased to say that I am now feeling much better and getting a little stronger every day. Sincere thanks to you all

gave £100 to Romanian Child Action so in all we spent about £700. Phew!!

Our funds come from this coffee morning, the Sale and Tattler Quiz as well as some welcome donations for which we are very grateful.

Again thank you for your help and support. Please contact us if you have any suggestions, articles, adverts etc.

"Garden Flowers" by Polly Atkins.

Thanks to Ed for his help and to our numerous contributors. I have not managed to fit everything in but look forward to our next issue later in the Summer - our Revolting Reporter and sidekick are going to have some time off!

Please keep your articles coming and can we have some drawings from children (best) or adults.

Happy Hols!

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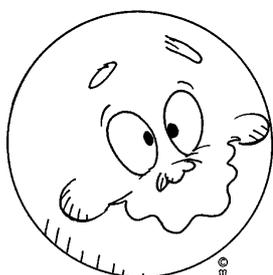
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More on "Open Gardens"

Back in January, June 1st and 2nd seemed a long way off: yes I would open my garden, why not? People might be interested in viewing a cottage strip as an alternative to the "great and good." Of course none of us could have known what an unkind Spring we were to have with those awful late frosts cutting back so much young growth, and the more sensible plants just not even trying to grow. However as May progressed, panic set in and fervent activity began. Garden centres were visited, shrubs, plants and even a tree were gathered together, nothing in bloom but I began to feel more hopeful.

What I had failed to realise was that in order to reach my garden either a rather complicated route around other cottages had to be followed or it was through my cottage, and I opted for the latter. This was my first surprise, visitors were asking about the building - type, size, age, where, when, how? - and we hadn't even got into the garden. My second surprise was that it seemed that nearly everyone had either lived here or knew someone who had. By the end of the two days I knew more about my house than any deeds could ever show.

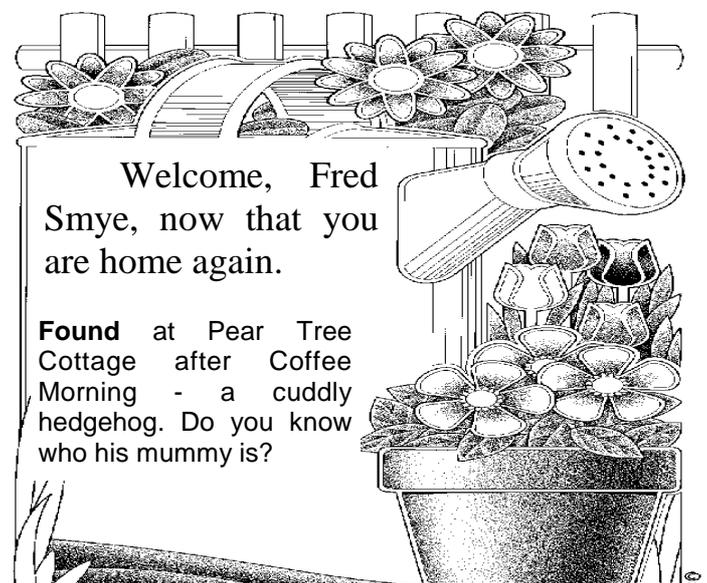
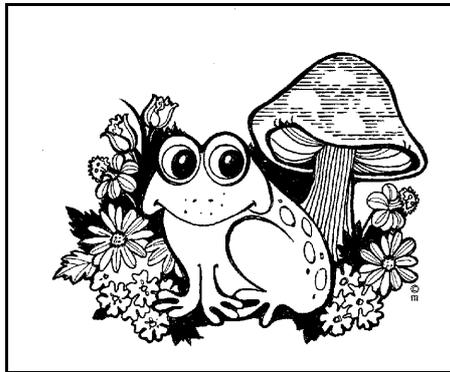
At last into the garden, which was the main point of the exercise after all, and there the great yawning gaps in my horticultural knowledge expose themselves. "Roses?" I thought, "I know which are the roses." Of courses I had taken off the labels and pictures from my new stock without first memorising the names. So the result was I could not answer a single question asked, but amazingly there was always

someone nearby who could.

I now look back on that weekend with extreme pleasure. Without exception, everyone who visited was charming, appreciative and very well informed. As well as the friendly and familiar faces there were others, some from quite long distances. They all chatted away to whoever they met from far and near and I even witnessed the meeting of two people who hadn't seen eachother for years.

Perhaps two regrets - one was that everything was not blooming on that day. The other that I sent away a lady who I did not know totally misinformed. She had admired a shrub, asked the name, and I instantly came up with "Eleagnus." Feeling rather pleased with myself that at least I had known something the lady left saying that she had one but that it was not doing nearly so well. I do hope that she did not take any drastic actions when she got home. A quick look in my gardening book revealed my shrub to be "Euonymous." Oh well! They both have green and yellow leaves and begin with an "E!" I can't know everything!!

Cherrie (non) GreenFingers.



FRIENDLY FORECAST

Capricorn Dec 22- Jan20th Although Summer causes lethargy some of you, next month, will find it a creative time. Choose texture, colour and shape carefully.

Aquarius Jan21st-Feb19th Your natural inclination is to assert yourself but try to stand back when circumstances are not as you would like them to be. You will gain benefit from other's ideas.

Pices Feb20th-March20th When faced with strong reactions from others, when you don't seem to live life by the rules, use pleasantness and positive words to explain your reasons. It takes all sorts.

Aries Mar21st-April20th You are one of the nomads of the Zodiac but now is the time to clear up home matters. Thus, your travel plans may become more easily achieved.

Taurus April21st-May21st Be firm, keep your feet on the ground, yet still aim high. Thus you will be able to translate your dreams into reality, eventually.

Gemini May22nd-June21st Because there is no grey for you, only black and white when it comes to making a judgement, give others a fair hearing. Try not to be so stubbornly adamant.

Cancer June22nd-July23rd Be careful when handling a new situation but give it a try. Others may want to help you, listen but make your own decision and you will not be disappointed.

Leo July24th-Aug23rd Try something new. Life's too short to plod along. This way you'll make new friends & gain experience which'll benefit you in the long run.

Virgo Aug24th-Sept23rd People close to you need an outward show of affection. particularly those of long standing relationship. Don't take them for granted.

Libra Sept24th-Oct23rd. Your artistic talent will draw others to you and new friendships will form. Don't be over reliant on your apparent self sufficiency.

Scorpio Oct24th-Nov22nd Travel may be uppermost in your plans but there is a possibility of a change. If you are not too set in your ideas you may have an unexpected pleasant time.

Sagittarius Nov23rd-Dec21st You may receive some unexpected information which could lead to a re thinking of what has seemed up till now to an inevitability. Think carefully.