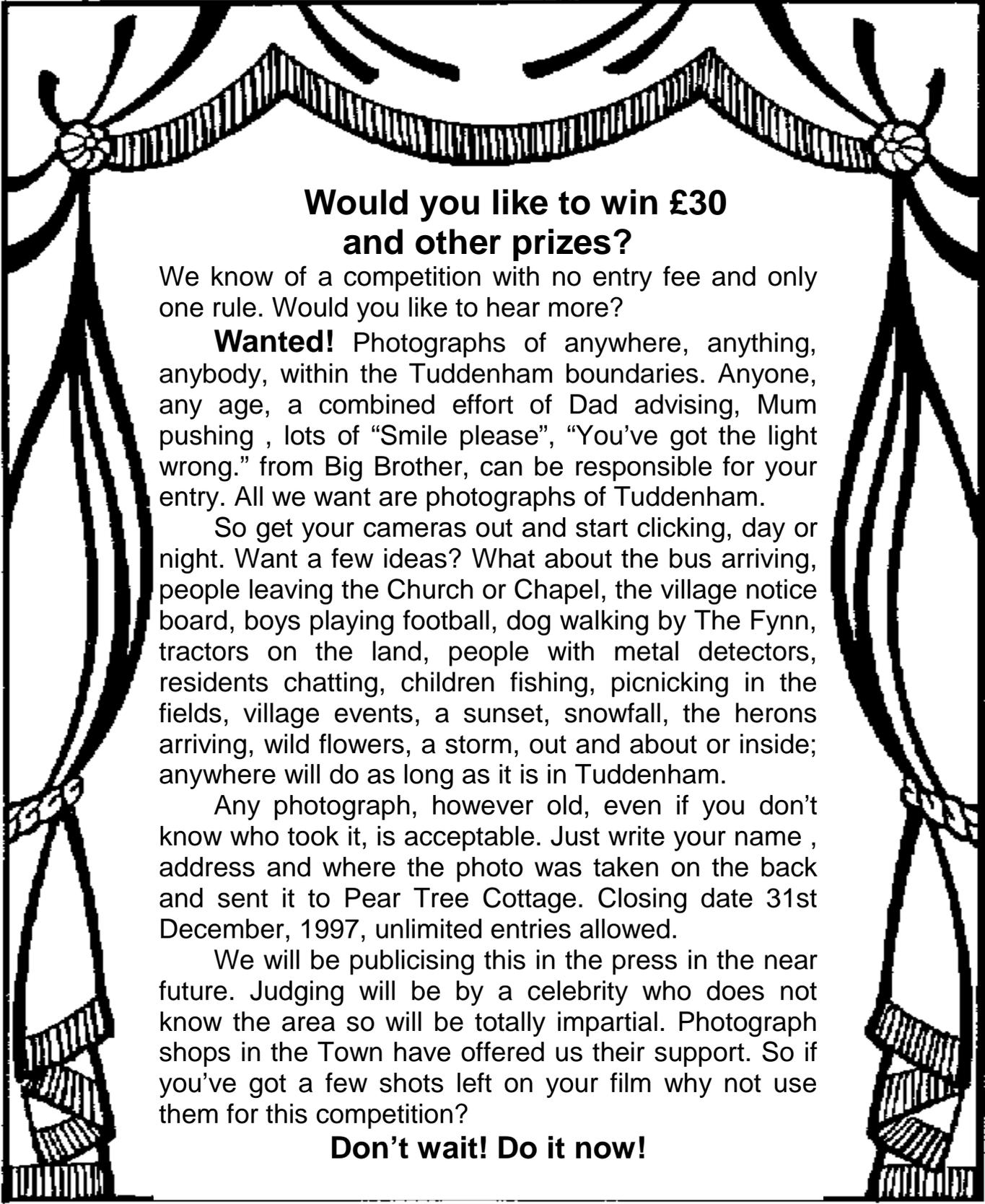

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Would you like to win £30 and other prizes?

We know of a competition with no entry fee and only one rule. Would you like to hear more?

Wanted! Photographs of anywhere, anything, anybody, within the Tuddenham boundaries. Anyone, any age, a combined effort of Dad advising, Mum pushing, lots of "Smile please", "You've got the light wrong." from Big Brother, can be responsible for your entry. All we want are photographs of Tuddenham.

So get your cameras out and start clicking, day or night. Want a few ideas? What about the bus arriving, people leaving the Church or Chapel, the village notice board, boys playing football, dog walking by The Fynn, tractors on the land, people with metal detectors, residents chatting, children fishing, picnicking in the fields, village events, a sunset, snowfall, the herons arriving, wild flowers, a storm, out and about or inside; anywhere will do as long as it is in Tuddenham.

Any photograph, however old, even if you don't know who took it, is acceptable. Just write your name, address and where the photo was taken on the back and sent it to Pear Tree Cottage. Closing date 31st December, 1997, unlimited entries allowed.

We will be publicising this in the press in the near future. Judging will be by a celebrity who does not know the area so will be totally impartial. Photograph shops in the Town have offered us their support. So if you've got a few shots left on your film why not use them for this competition?

Don't wait! Do it now!

Our Intrepid Traveller

Egypt, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Greece, Jamaica, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bali, Thailand, Kenya. I wonder how many people can reel off such a list in answer to the question "Now where, exactly, have you been?" It was Eileen Offord I was interviewing. Until about ten years ago she had not ventured far but now she is a well experienced traveller. Her latest venture earlier this year was to go to India, a ten and a half hour flight. She avoided the usual tourist attractions by choosing to stay in Goa, Portugal's former colony on the east coast of India, originally a favourite Hippie destination.

She made an unusual entrance as when walking down the flight steps her ankle began to "play up". Immediately one of the airport staff rushed forward with a wheel chair, thus Eileen was pushed in rather a regal fashion into the airport reception lounge.

When I asked her what she remembered most she said the kindness of the people, their smiling faces, genuine, not in anticipation of Baksheesh. She was amazed to see cows wandering all over the beach, apparently unattended, and the beautiful sunsets will always remain in her mind.

"Would you go back?" I asked her. "Certainly, next time I do want to see the Taj Mahal. I'd go next week if I

Have you been up to Reedings' Nursery recently?

Survival of the fittest is the policy I now adopt in our garden because I have realised at last that I am never going to get rid of the prolific Ground Elder which seems everywhere. That is, unless we have everything dug out and start again. Of course we have no intention of doing that.

So, yes, I have been up to Reedings' Nursery recently. I was amazed at the array of very attractive pottery for both house and garden and the cafe area where refreshments can be bought, in addition to the wide array of plants. If you belong to their "Gardeners' Discount Club" you will be given information about any special

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Calling All Toddler Mums

Do you know there is storytime at the library in Northgate Street every Tuesday from 2.15-2.45pm. when a wide variety of stories are presented.

Its a good pre-school introduction to listening in groups. A great favourite is "Chicken Licken". Do you remember that one?

*Reading
Reporter.*

Tattler Thumbs up

Ralph and I recently decided to re-carpet a small area in the cottage. We investigated locally, then Ralph visited Norwich where he met the stone deaf carpet salesman. Remember you read that story in the last Tattler? But no luck. Then, Ralph remembered a company we dealt with over twenty years ago. Then it was based on the main road at Kesgrave opposite The Kesgrave Bell Pub. Shall we try there? So we did.

The shop had been greatly extended with a vast choice. The service was excellent, immediate attention, very helpful advice and no "pushing". We made a decision there and then but after a couple of days trying out the sample we decided the colour was wrong. We returned to "CARPET CUTS Ltd." - again excellent, helpful attention, cups of tea and a lift home to Tuddenham! How about that for service? Most of the display rolls are remnants thus prices are very reasonable and include fitting. However any carpet can be ordered. We thoroughly recommend them. If you are interested phone 623004 or 624600.

OVER 60S' COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all those who kindly supported us on 17th May. An enjoyable time was had by all and around £90 was raised for funds.

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Pipe.



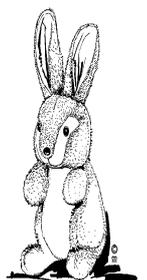
Village Hall Committee Meeting - 3rd June

At this meeting the committee noted that the general refurbishment and maintenance programme agreed at the February meeting has begun with the completion of the painting of the outside of the building. It is expected that the redecoration of the inside will be started and finished before the Winter and hoped that the cost of the work will be kept within the financial resources available through, for example, the employment of recipients of Community Service orders. Estimates for the non-slip path for pedestrians up the main driveway have been obtained and it is expected that this work will be put in hand shortly. The project for new curtains is expected to be realised once the interior decoration gets under way. Some problems of storage of hall furniture and accessibility of other equipment have been solved and further storage space is expected to be available at the rear of the hall before the Summer is over, with the help of funds from The Toddlers' Group and the T.A.D.P.O.L. E.s. Greenways have been active in looking after the outside area and grass cutting has been carried out by a volunteer.

The committee agreed that the Annual General Meeting should be held on 21st October at 7.30pm. Residents of Tuddenham are welcome to attend.

Bob Tanner.

Very very belated congratulations to baby Ricardo's parents who live at 19, The High Street. He seems to enjoy the daily walks when his mother takes him in a carrier to share the country



We were sorry to hear of the passing of one of the real “characters” of the village, Fred Smye, aged 83.

He had been a great darts and quoits player in Tuddenham and the cartoon drawn of him by his friend, Carl Giles, is featured on the front of the menu for Annual Darts Club Dinner which was held in The Fountain in 1956. He worked at Ransomes for fifty years and travelled to represent them at shows.

Some of us will remember him showing us a coin he had kept in his pocket for so long that it was worn away on both sides. The children were fascinated by this.

We will miss waving to him sitting on the steps of his house as we walk down The Street.

He will be missed by Nora, Nancy, Jane, his family and friends. Our commiserations.

Ed: I have taken the following tribute to Hilda Ince from the one given to her by Tony French at her recent memorial service in the Chapel.

The Alpha Course.

This course run by Tony at the Chapel, on Thursday evenings, has been a great success. It was attended by a variety of people holding different religious views which made it particularly interesting. We have made new friends, voiced our opinions, questioned information and listened to those who are not of the same beliefs.

Elaine's pre discussion meals have been marvellous. After enjoying her productions I haven't been hungry for days! We have suggested she runs a luncheon club or even a take away!

But seriously, a very big thank you to Elaine and Tony.

Religious Reporter.

Hilda was born in Accrington in 1898, the daughter of an engineer from Arbroath. At 14 she left school to work in a mill as a weaver with her day lasting from 6.00-5.30pm. With three musicians in the family they would enjoy listening to opera singers in their front room. Hilda met Bob Ince whilst at school and they were married in 1936. Their daughter, Valerie Armstrong as we know her, married Robin, providing the joy of grandchildren.

Hilda moved to Tuddenham in 1981 joined by her dog, Angus, and tortoise, Toby. She gained support from her daughter as well as many friends and we now join to offer our sympathy to Valerie and the family at Hilda's passing.

The Church fete was held this year in the delightful setting of Poplar Farm. Fortunately the weather was sunny and warm which ensured plenty of support.

The entertainment offered something for everyone. There were the very colourful Garland Dancers and the Coop Junior Brass Band while the children enjoyed the challenge of the treasure trail and "Goofie Goalie."

The face painting stall provided plenty of cats, mice and tigers to stalk the garden!

Along with the raffles there was a wide variety of other stalls which generated plenty of interest and of course the ice creams and teas kept us all from flagging.

A very successful day resulted in excess of £950 being raised towards the running costs of our lovely village church.

A very big thank you to all involved.

Saturday, 31st May was a lovely, sunny day, if a little windy. Poplar Farm garden was beautiful, and immaculate, thanks to Monica's very hard work. Hard work also went into producing cakes, produce, china, books, white elephants and nearly new clothes. All stalls were well provided for and supported.

Annie and John worked hard on a great table top treasure hunt culminating in a very satisfied customer, aged three, winning a large jar of Quality Street.

Paul, resplendent in Panama, manned the Goalie Game all afternoon, ending up with a degree of sunburn. It was much enjoyed. Barbara, and her lovely daughter's face painting, produced wonderful animated animals for us and Pauline produced a real live treasure hunt for the children.

Teas and drinks were plentiful thanks to the hard work of Jackie, Liz, Monica and their team. Elaine and Jack cooled us down with their ice cream.

Finally we all enjoyed the entertainment provided by The Coop Juniors' Brass Band, The Garland Dancers and a visit by some very handsome falcons. A big thank you to those who made this fete such a success. A profit of about £950 was realised to help with the upkeep and running of St. Martin's Church.

What did you do today?

"What did you do today, David?" asks Daddy when he gets home in the evening.

"Don't know."

"Did you go to Toddlers'?"

"Yes."

"And what did you do?"

"Played with cars and trains and went down the slide lots and lots of times. Flora's Mummy read the story about a big bean stalk, then we had a drink and I had three biscuits! Look this is for you Daddy."

"Oh! What a lovely painting of a uhm did you do all that by yourself?"

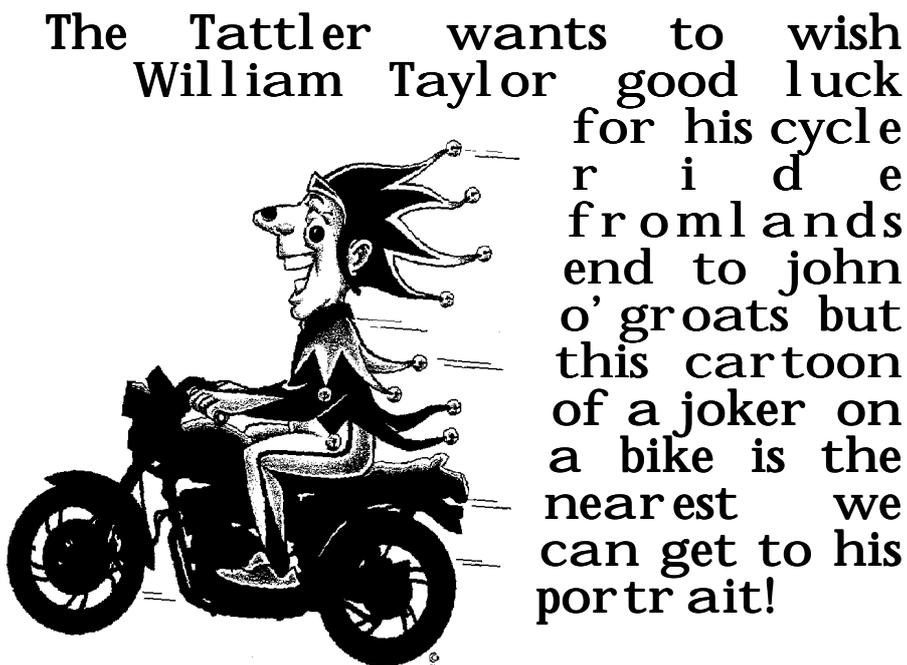
"Its stars and cars of course" says Mummy.

"What did Mummy do?" continues Daddy.

"Chatted with the other Mummies, played with me and my friends and had a cup of coffee."

This describes just a few of the activities on offer at the Tuddenham Toddler Group. We meet every **Wednesday morning from 10.00-12.00** in the Village Hall, and are always happy to welcome new children and their Mummies and Daddies or carers.

For further information phone Alison Robinette on 785594.



The Tattler wants to wish William Taylor good luck for his cycle ride from lands end to John o'groats but this cartoon of a joker on a bike is the nearest we can get to his portrait!

Chairman's Chat

(Written under duress!)

"How on earth did you manage to let yourself get roped into that?" said my husband when I came home from the last Parish Council Meeting with the news that I had been "elected" to be the new Chairman. How on earth indeed? To say I was amazed would be an understatement and I still haven't got to grips with the idea that I have actually taken on this task.

"Parish Councillors - Huh! Interfering busy bodies, sticking their noses in where they're not wanted," said an acquaintance of mine the other day. Was this the moment to tell her I was newly elected Parish Council Chairman? Perhaps not, with luck she'll never find out!

However I would like to thank Malcolm Rees for his untiring efforts over the past three years. He remains as a Parish Councillor and the Council is now made up as follows:

Chrmn. Joan Bloomfield
V. Chrmn. Bill Pipe
Councillors Kevin Kerry, Nancy Pitcher, Malcolm Rees, Margaret Taylor, Janet Welham, Frank Wells. (Clerk Erica Lopez)

Please contact any one of us if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Joan Bloomfield.

Did you know that The Tuddenham Tattler is five years old this issue?

We have been very lucky with offers of help from all directions; donations, articles, adverts, ideas, childrens drawings etc.

The competition on the front cover is our way of saying thank you - **you** get the chance to win some super prizes and **we** get the chance to have some wow photos for future issues. Please support us in this competition - lots of entries are better than one!

As editor I have been overwhelmed with the help I have received and the friends I have made through The Tattler.

The best comment of all?

SAFARI SUPPER - Sat. 21st June

For those wondering what this is all about, here's how it works. You equip yourself with torch, liquid refreshment, £5 and, dare I suggest, a brolly, and set off on foot (usually) for your first course venue which you will already know (usually delivered on the day). There, you will be relieved of your £5 and after being fed, will receive details of your next stop. The same procedure applies for your pudding destination and then everyone descends on one house for coffee. Those hosting are reimbursed for their expenses and any money raised will go to The Hospice. If you would like to join in please complete the form overleaf and return it to Monica Pipe at Poplar Farm - 785272.

The Great HEDGE HUNT!

Some of you may know of a planned parish hedgerow survey in Tuddenham and the more inquisitive of you perhaps came along to the recent meeting in the village hall when details of the survey and its aims were outlined by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The aims are:

- to help us find out about the natural character of our parish hedges, and to identify their natural and historical value
- to produce a record of all the hedgerows in our parish, showing what they look like, what trees and shrubs they are made of, and which hedges may be especially valuable for wildlife
- to show both the characteristic and special features of our parish hedges, and help identify opportunities to look after them

Since that meeting everyone who expressed an interest in helping with the survey was invited to attend Playford Village Hall last Sunday for more details including survey techniques and training on tree/ shrub identification. Of the 60 odd attendees, including villagers from Little and Great Bealings, Playford, Westerfield and Winesham, there were only 4 of us from Tuddenham!. As co-ordinator for our village I have been given the names and telephone numbers of those who have already shown interest but did not attend. (There's no escape!)

Tuddenham is quite a large parish and in order to survey all our hedges we will need several more surveyors. Don't worry if you think you can't tell an oak tree from a broom handle! There will be more training sessions which are great fun and guaranteed to get you champing at the bit to get out and get surveying. The surveying can be done in your own time and you can do as much or as little as you like. If you would like to help please give me a call on **785005** and I will add you to our list of intrepid explorers. For

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July 5th, 11.00am Car Boot Sale

8.30pm Rehash - 70-90s Pop and Soft Rock

July 7th, 8.30pm Unplugged - Accoustic night

July 12th, 8.30pm 2s company - 60/70s pop music

July 19th, 8.30pm Live and Picking - 50/60s pop and rock

July 26th, 8.30pm Odds and Ends - 50/60s pop music

Traditional Jazz every Friday night

featuring Doug Barber

The car boot sales are the first Saturday of each month from 11-12am.

Pitches can be booked for £2.50

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We are now the official meeting place of The Suffolk Landrover Owners' Club which have meetings every Wednesday in the Lounge Bar. On the first Wednesday of each month they have a larger meeting with members coming from much longer distances so the Lounge Bar is closed off for the evening to accomodate this larger attendance. We look forward to holding one or two special events with them.

A Pippa Dee party is being organised for 8.00pm Monday 23rd June in the Lounge Bar. Plenty of bargains will be available as this will be their "End of Summer Range Sale" so remember to bring cash! Refreshments are provided and all ladies are welcome. Please tell your friends.

The Annual Open Darts Tournament for the Mutley Shield (in remembrance of Stephen Muttitt who died in a traffic accident) was played during May. It was won, once again, by Ade Green. All money raised will go to children at Ipswich Hospital, suffering from Asthma.

Our first official "Unplugged" accoustic evening held on 2nd June was an unqualified success. The talent and interest shown in the evening has shown the need for a such a venue in this area. It is an evening of unamplified amateur singing and instrument playing with other like minded people. Music will vary from traditional folk to Irish, Blues, R & B, Soul and Pop, in fact any style at all. You get to meet other musicians and singers and can join in their songs, form duos, strum along with the other players or just listen to all the

Have a Great Day Out



Have you heard about the Ipswich Buses excursions on offer this year? They are many and varied with reductions for children under 14 years. There is also a circular tour where passengers can get off at the hostries of their choice, visit parks and the brewery and enjoy the fun of an open top bus.

Here is a small sample of what is on offer - for more please collect a brochure at Tower Ramparts or ring free on 0800 919390.

Jun 18th	<i>Canterbury</i>	£7
Jun 22nd	<i>Amberly narrow guage railway</i>	£6.95
	<i>Southend Water Festival</i>	£4.95
Jun 28	<i>Wisley Gardens inc. entrance fee</i>	£10.50
Jun 29	<i>Sherringham</i>	£5.45
Jul 2nd	<i>Norwich</i>	£4.95
Jul 6th	<i>Brighton</i>	£7.00
Jul 9th	<i>Cambridge</i>	£4.95

All excursions depart from outside The Cricketers public house or Tower Ramparts and tickets can be booked in advance.

Apologies

We have had two articles on the Chapel weekend outing from Laura Williamson and Ed Nichols which I had intended to print in this issue but because of technical problems (photos not ready yet!) have delayed until the July issue. Sorry about the wait.....!

Let's all shout
"Happy Birthday"
 to
 Lorna Williamson,
 Emily and Jeremy
 Blake, Anna Robinette
 (thanks for the drawing
 on the next page Anna),
 Thomas and William
 Parry, Kirsty Ellinor,
 Claire Compton, and
 any other birthday
 babies who have slipped
 through my net.
 I suppose our Reeling
 Reporter should be
 comforted on her
 birthday as I suspect she
 will never see 21 again!

More Days Out

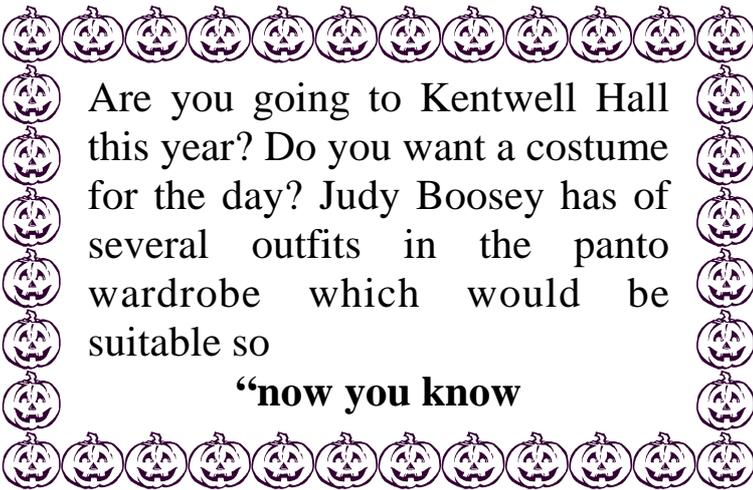
Have you been to the Orwell Country Park? Approach it via Landseer Road from where it is signposted or off The Nacton Road along the airfield perimeter track, over the A14 bridge. Or by No.s 2 or 6 bus using the Reynolds Road stop on the Gainsborough Estate.

This ancient woodland is on rising ground above the River Orwell with deciduous and coniferous plantations and abounds with deer, foxes, birds, etc. There are three colour coded paths from 1.5 to 4 miles in length which take you down to the river shoreline. Opposite Freston Tower can be seen along with marinas and the famous "Cat" House. Take a picnic and make a day of it!

Late June and early July bring several Tudor recreations at Kentwell Hall which you might like to attend - get a costume from the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.'s cupboard.

How about the Boat Festival at Shotley Marina on 19-29th June? ring 788982 for details. The big parade of sail is on 27th June.

Ipswich Sail



Are you going to Kentwell Hall this year? Do you want a costume for the day? Judy Boosey has of several outfits in the panto wardrobe which would be suitable so

“now you know

Lovely to see Bella Green back at home after a recent stay in hospital.



Our best wishes to Lawrence Waddleton after his “disarming” accident!



Neighbourhood Watch

I offer a seasonal warning to you all. The Summer sunshine takes us all out into our gardens. When we go in for a meal, or to answer the phone, we often leave “rich pickings” outside. Do remove tools and ladders when you go back indoors also check insurance to see whether it includes items like - garden benches £30-200 Lawnmowers £40-1000 Terra cotta pots and ornaments £1-50, Barbecues “£10-300. These are well worth taking to sell off at boot fairs etc. Newly planted shrubs can also go missing so see you are covered just in case.

Ten million people are involved in Neighbourhood Watch making it the largest voluntary organisation in the country. But however large Neighbourhood Watch becomes it is no use unless we all take part and are the eyes and ears of our neighbourhood.

Quiz Answers

In answer to our quiz from "Twinkle" (of Home & Industry fame) from the issue before last, the gravestone continued:

Two widows that were sisters-in-law had each a son who marries each other's mother, and by them each had a daughter. Suppose one widow's name Mary and her son's name John, the other's name Sarah and her son's name James. Then suppose John married Sarah and had a daughter by her, and James married Mary and had a daughter by her. These marriages answer the lines of the epitaph. Note: On the original stone some of the 's' appear as 'f'.

Ed: Do you understand this? Neither do I! Perhaps we should go for an easy quiz next issue.....!

Fudge Cake

- ¼lb butter or marg
- ¼lb sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tbs chocolate powder
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup glacé cherries
- ½lb crushed digestives

Method;

Melt butter and sugar in pan, add beaten egg and stir well until thick. Add chocolate powder, walnuts, cherries and crushed digestives, and press into greased tin. Put a thin layer of melted chocolate over the top of the mixture when cool. Either leave overnight before culling or put in a fridge for a while.

Sultanas can replace the cherries and coconut can be used instead of walnuts.

Ed: Thanks to Victoria Bloomfield for this

Please contact us at
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to offer ideas,
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etc. Thanks!

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