

The Tuddenham Tattler

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ROUND THE PARK

This is a treasure hunt without the treasure exploring Christchurch Park.

TUDDENHAM YOUNGSTERS AND FRIENDS - THURSDAY 21ST MAY -

Meet at the Chapel, rear car park, at 6.45pm (prompt). Should be back by 8.30pm. This is not a Chapel Recruitment Campaign. Just a "fun evening" for the kids. Age 8 (?) to ???

Object: In groups of two or three (each with an adult) to interpret the *CLUES/ & INSTRUCTIONS* that will take you round Christchurch Park using *INITIATIVE, SKILL and OBSERVATION.*

For transportation and supervision purposes could you

ring 785804
and register by 19th May.

Any youthful adult want to come? You're welcome!

CHURCH FETE

See article with details on page two.
Thanks to Bill and Monica Pipe for the use of their garden.

Life has been a bit hectic for the Tattler crew, and hence we missed out our April issue. Sorry about that! This issue I seem to have lost my birthday list so

Mums! Can you send me new details!!!

We are delighted to hear that Malcolm and Pauline have decided to stay in Tuddenham and that this releases us from urgent decisions as to how to print The Tattler which Malcolm usually does for us. Its quite nice to have them around as well!! This is why, after all our worries, we are able to donate some of the sale money to Romanian Orphanages see page 3. **We are on the look out for new drawings for this slot in future issues....phone**

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Saturday, 2nd June
2.00pm
Poplar Farm
CHURCH FETE

Ipswich Co-op Junior Brass
Band

Gymnastic Display

Falconry Display

Grand Draw

Pony and Trap Rides

Fancy Dress Competition -
nursery rhyme character with prize.

Many stalls:

cakes, produce, plants, pictures, nearly
new, toys, treasure hunt, games,
tombola, ice creams, competitions,
teas, white elephant.

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We heard about the exhibition from Janet Wells (thanks for the tip) and had a great afternoon in Portland Place B.B.C. building. Open every day at £6.50 (adults), £4.50 (children), there's something for all the family so call 0870 60 30 304 for more details. This number also allows you to book the Television tour.

Not the last Village Sale

Boy, was I fed up with the annual Village Sale by the time Saturday, 2nd May arrived. So many people were away. We admit we had not chosen the best date - it was a holiday weekend - but Erica and I were anxious to clear out all the contributions which had amassed in conservatory and outbuildings respectively. The disappearance of one of the large, heavy trestle tables did not help. However David Lugo came to the rescue and brought up some of his own.

Thank goodness we have a very loyal band of helpers who appeared on Saturday morning to sort and display contributions. Apart from the usual items there was an electric stove, a full set of snooker cues and balls, a two seater sofa, several lawnmowers, two vacuum cleaners, a cupboard, coffee table and bike to name but a few. The queue of buyers started at 11.45 - obviously my publicity campaign had paid off! I suggested that they went down to the pub for lunch and came back later. Some did but a few firmly established their "first in" position.

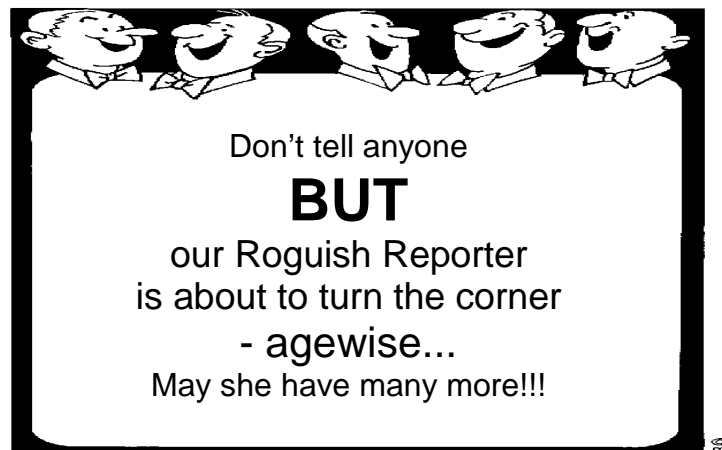
By 2.10 the hall was packed with determined bargain hunters, many making straight for the bric-a-brac stall which we always position at the far end of the hall away from the exit doors. this year we put all the crockery together in the "tea hatch" corner. the dealers soon discovered the change so after heading

straight for bric-a-brac they pushed their way back searching, steely eyed, for Victoriana. Apparently one dealer thought that we were overcharging and put his intended buys back, but they were soon snapped up by others. The pressure continued for over an hour then we returned to normality with browsing and buying steadily replacing the push, grab, haggle approach.

We would like to thank all those who helped in any way to achieve the final take of £540 in 1¾ hours. That is £500 after expenses, of which £250 goes to The Tuddenham Tattler, £100 to the village hall, and £150 to Barbara Butler's Romanian Orphanage Appeal.

In future if you've anything hanging about in the garage, loft or shed don't dustbin it, don't burn it, phone us and we can turn it into useful money. Remember rubbish in your eyes could be a rewarding acquisition for others.

Before the sale I said sternly "This is the last village sale," but now I am not so sure. We'll see.....



Message For New Residents

Because we have been so busy, often away from Tuddenham, during the last few weeks, we have not been able to call on all the 'newish' people in the village but we will before the next issue. We would like to welcome you all to this lovely village and hope that you will join in some of the many activities which go on. We did notice some of you at the recent village sale. Our message is "If we can help in any way, if there is a question to be answered, please phone us on 785314/784588" She usually knows the answer.

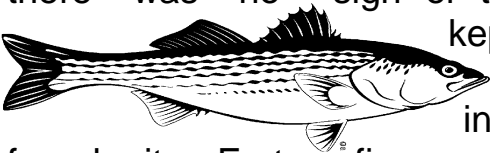
Did you know that fish vans call twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1.00pmish, you will hear the blowing of a horn just before arrival. Eggs can be bought from Mrs. Felgate at the top of the hill and a mobile grocery van visits once a week. A toddler group meets at the village hall from 10.00-12.00 on a Wednesday and , of course, the Church, the Chapel, W.I., Over 60s all run activities. See front page...

'Nuff said, I'll be knocking on your door to take finger prints in the near future....

A Fishy Business

Recently, Ralph saw one of the many carp, which inhabit our pond, swimming in a shallow ditch near the bank rather than where it should be. He decided to find a net to rescue it and put it in deeper water with the others but on returning there was no sign of the mirror carp. He

kept an eye out for the following week but in vain. Then, he found it. Forty five yards from the ditch, lying in the grass. It's eyes pecked out but little other damage. How could it have got there? The herons do take our fish and occasionally have dropped one but always close to the pond. Surely a heron couldn't spear an eight and a half pound carp and fly forty five yards with it? What do you



Neighbourhood Watch

Like the proverbial curate's egg, my report this month is good in parts but not so good in others. Taking the good news first, our community policeman, P.C. Brian Malster, received commendable recognition for saving a woman's life when rescuing her from the River Deben. Policing covers every aspect of human life and behaviour, but this was something all policeman hope they will never have to do. Well done, Brian!

Now the not-so-good news: vandalism has struck in many of our very close neighbouring villages - namely Ashbocking, Coddendam, Crowfield, Gosbeck, Helmingham, Hemmingstone and Henley. Of course, though sadly, vandalism is going on all the time, but before now it has always seemed well away from our 'safe' village. Now it is happening very much nearer and it is usually very mobile people who do it, striking at night and causing a lot of heartbreak. Cars, flowers, telephone boxes have all been broken - indeed anything that seems to take their fancy.

Vandals, though, do not keep at it if they are disturbed. So if you hear any noises in the night that could be due to vandals **Don't leave it until the morning, but ring the police on 613500 while it is still going on.**

School Transport for the Children of Tuddenham

Many of us in the village are concerned about the lack of suitable transport to our local schools.

The Education Authority has a statutory duty to provide transport for children who live more than three miles from school. Although Tuddenham is within the three mile limit we appealed on the basis that the main Tuddenham road is dangerous for pedestrians, particularly during rush hours. This was turned down because although the main road into Ipswich was acknowledged to be dangerous, an alternative route exists via Westerfield Lane which was felt to be "Not dangerous for an *accompanied* child pedestrian".

We don't feel that this is a practical solution. We have subsequently written to Mr. Thompson, County Director of Environment and Transport, at County Hall, regarding public transport from Tuddenham to Ipswich. As many people may be aware, the Government has recently allocated new money for improving rural transport services. We have asked that consideration be given to school children if any changes to the timetable are made. The present service does not meet their needs which means that most children are driven to school by private car, reducing their independence and causing unnecessary congestion and environmental damage. **If anyone is interested in this issue or has any other suggestions please contact me on 785683.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting on 5th May was a Parish Meeting and an A.G.M. Thus the Chairman gave his annual report when the three new Councillors were welcomed - David Lugo, Jo Kelm and Philip Harvey - and the three Councillors who had left during the year were thanked - Kevin Kerry, Frank Wells and Joan Bloomfield. The financial report is published on page of this Tattler. The Council have increased the balance over recent years and hope to be able to reduce the precept next year. The Clerk has been given permission to stay - phew!

At the A.G.M. speed checks were discussed and since the meeting one has been done outside the Fountain. P.C. Cobb found 95% of drivers within the limit but he has been asked to check again outside the rush hour when speeding is more of a problem.

The Council particularly asked that the proposal of a new street light opposite Hillcrest be publicised in this Tattler. If residents have any views can they contact the clerk *before* 10th June.

Problems with grass cutting have led to research as to who owns the grass in Keightley Way - watch this space. Planning approval has been granted for vehicular access to 1, Bridge End Cottage. A planning proposal has come regarding an extension to the Church for a kitchenette and W.C. - please contact clerk for details.

Noise nuisance in Keightley Way was discussed - hopefully all residents will be considerate especially as Summer keeps our windows open and the evenings light!

A Dream Come True

On the morning of my fiftieth birthday my husband handed me a very large box all neatly gift wrapped. The present was buried in polystyrene chips. It turned out to be a wallet in which there were two return tickets to Memphis, Tennessee. When I recovered from the shock my next reaction was that I couldn't go because I was working. "That's all taken care of," said my husband, "I've arranged it with your boss and the boys are taking care of the house, so you have nothing to worry about."

Two weeks later, after ten hours on the plane, we arrived in Memphis. Gracelands, Elvis Presale's home, was only a short drive from our hotel. For forty years he has been my idol. I couldn't believe it. I was going to actually see what I had only, up to now, experienced second hand.

This house was so different from what I had imagined. It was very much a family home, not just a star's showplace. Every room was different. My favourite, the "Jungle Room", had a stone waterfall at one end. The hall of gold was fabulous. Gold and platinum records covered the walls of the eighty foot hallway. Glass cases full of stage suits, the wedding clothes of Elvis and Pricilla, jewellery and many other personal items left us speechless. I looked at Roy in amazement and he said, "Yes, you are really here."

We followed a footpath which took us to the meditation gardens where Elvis and his family are buried. An everlasting flame burns at the head of Elvis' grave. Fresh flowers arrive daily. People of all ages stand quietly, each with their own thoughts, as we did. I will never forget.

We visited the museum which houses the famous bronze statue of Elvis which had to be taken down from the main street because people would hack pieces from it as keep sakes.

We now have a pictorial record of our wonderful visit which actually did include seeing the very old and scruffy town Elvis and his parents used to rent, the hospital in which he died, and the world famous Peabody Hotel, from which four ducks are brought down from the top of the hotel by lift, and guided along the red carpet to take a dip in the fountain, which is just inside the lobby, every day and also the famous Sun Studios.

I still can't believe it! I've actually walked in Elvis Presley's house and seen the places he loved and all because my husband, Roy, wanted to make my dream come true.

Editor: Thanks to Christine Offord. Christine is the daughter of Mrs. Violet Offord and the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Doreen Raymond of Keightley Way. Many of us knew Christine when she was growing up.

If you have a dream, whether fulfilled or not, The Tattler would love to hear about it.

Post Panto Meeting

At the recent meeting it was proposed that the T. A.D.P.O.L.E.s would pay for new curtains for the village hall.

Bob Pyke and his son put up the extension to our shed ready for this year's pantomime which means that the Toddler Group will now have more space to store their equipment during the year as well as giving us extra changing room for the panto. It was certainly a great improvement. Much appreciated by those in charge of the children as well as the children themselves. Some props have already been donated by Landseer Players in readiness for next year so if you are interested in joining us watch out for details in the Autumn.

Monica Pipe.

Dear Editor,

Safari Supper

Yes, its that time of year again. For those new to the village its a good way to get to know people as around fifty folk usually join in. This year the supper will be on **Sat. June 20th.** It works like this - you equip yourself with torch, liquid refreshments and five pounds and set off on foot for your first course venue, details delivered on the day. There, you will be relieved of your five pounds and after being fed will receive details of your next stop. You move on again for pudding 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. Remember, for it to work well, we need lots of volunteers for hosting. If you would like to join in please complete the form overleaf and return

On the third of April we had a telephone call from someone telling us that a Tabby Cat had been hit by a car and was lying on the path opposite our farm. As we have tabby cats we thought it was one of ours but it was not. We have tried to find the owner but so far have failed to do so. Unfortunately the cat was dead when we found it. If any reader knows who the owner is please contact me.

Janet Welham
785488



WHAT'S ON

There is so much at this time of year I don't know what to leave out...

For much more visit St. Stephen's Church, the Ipswich Tourist Information near The Buttermarket.

Suffolk Coast and Heaths Project run walks for those interested in wildlife - phone 01394 384948 for details.

Ipswich Rangers run walks, quizzes, dipping in the Gipping sessions, art for children, minibeast explorations, reptile encounters and river rambles etc. Phone 01473 230055

Summer on the Peninsular is celebrated in Churches at Rendlesham, Ramsholt, Alderton etc. with music, plays and dance. Phone 01394 411096.

Bury St. Edmunds has a What's On leaflet packed with events, places, tours; even a steeplejack "Towers Day" - phone tourist office on 01284764667

Norwich Puppet Theatre phone 01603

Birthday Girl

Congratulations to Mrs. Violet Lugo, Farm Cottage, (by the bridge) on reaching her ninetieth birthday on 15th May. We understand there is to be a family celebration in the village hall on Saturday 16th May. I know she is looking forward to meeting everyone, particularly those she has not seen for many years.

Swimathon '98

On Saturday, 20th March, Erica, William and Katy Lopez, my mother Jean and I were in the Swimathon '98.

Our targets were:

- Erica and Jean 30 lengths.
- Katy 25 lengths.
- Me (Kirsty) 12 lengths.
- William 10 lengths.

When we arrived Erica went and got us our swim hats and we went to get changed. In the changing rooms she gave each of us an orange tee shirt with torpedoes on them. I grabbed our mascot, a teddy, and went down to the pool. I was first in so I handed my tee shirt to Erica and the mascot to William and began to swim. I swam ten lengths and then I was really tired so I got out.

Katy did her twenty five lengths and Erica kept making her do two more until she had done forty two. She found out that children could enter the water twice so she said my mum would swim eighteen lengths and then I could go in again. This time I swam twelve lengths so my total was more than Mum. Then Erica was to swim and William last. However William said he wanted to swim extra so my mum swam 18, Erica had to swim 7, and William swam 20.

After the Swimathon we were all tired and happy for we had swum so fast that we were half an hour earlier than the time given. We raised £210 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. On the whole it was a very exciting day and I will do it again next year. Also a big thank you to Mr. Taylor for writing and drawing "Torpedoes" on our tee shirts and a big thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

Safari Supper

Name

Tel.

I/We would like to come to the Safari Supper.

I/We would be happy to host one of the courses.

Any special dietary needs

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Please return to Monica Pipe at Poplar

TUDDENHAM St. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MARCH 31st '98

Year's balance = £3898.72

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Carried Forward	£3092.32 (B.P.A.)	Bank Charges	£ 23.48
	£ 195.19 (C.A.)	Insurance	£148.92
Precept	£2345.00	Electricity	£135.66
		Donations	£735.00
Dividend	£ 1.12	Clerk's Salary	£390.00
		Expenses	£225.40
Interest	£ 116.18	S.A.L.C.	£ 85.00
		Audit	£107.63
	£5749.81		£1851.09

Income (£5749.81) - Expenditure (£1851.09) = £3898.72

The above figures come from the audit statement submitted this month. If you want further details please contact the clerk on 785588. The precept - the amount the Parish Council gets from YOU via your Council Tax - is discussed and decided upon by the Parish Council at the December meeting so please attend if you want to know more. The next meeting for the Parish Council is on 1st September in the village hall at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome. Please contact the clerk on 785588 if you want any items included.

The Council remain anxious about gardens that spill over onto the pavement up The Street causing difficulty for passing pushchairs and people walking with children, etc. Please look at your garden and adjust if necessary. The path should be at least a metre wide. Hedges that hang over the road may also need trimming - ensure that buses can pass without crossing the midline.

WANTED

The Tattler is always on the lookout for new contributors, either in writing or graphic form - any age group accepted with delight! So have you any interesting stories? holiday suggestions? outings others might enjoy? pictures? Please contact us on 785314 with any copy or adverts you want included.

Amnesty International

Are you a member? I have been asked to make a collection in the village during June to support this, in my opinion, very worthy charity. Their newsletter never fails to move me. As is said, "Man's inhumanity to man" is shocking. I look forward to seeing you on my rounds. Please ask if you want any further information.

Erica Lopez.

Shopmobility

I tried this out last week, or at least my Dad did, and it was great. If you are disabled or know of someone who is, this might be the chance you are looking for to break the restrictions of that disability.

The first visit you access the scheme in the Buttermarket car park. If you are driving go straight in the car park and follow signs. The parking spots are right outside the shopmobility centre and staff will come out to get you if you need a chair immediately. Then they will lend a motorised chair at no cost for several hours - donations welcomed. Dad managed his first visit to a shop for months thanks to their help. But next time we will try a stroll/drive round Christchurch Park. Apparently similar schemes run in Norwich and Lowestoft. What a marvellous idea for those who find walking difficult! It's what I call progress!!!

Editor

....and finally in this issue, some teasers from our London Correspondent (my brother-in-law!).

In this magic square each horizontal line adds up to 264 - so do the vertical and diagonal lines. It also works upside down!

What do you see? Two wine