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MAGIC ROUNDABOUT

You have probably already seen the new road markings on the Tuddenham roundabout. Apparently 10% of reported cycle accidents are at roundabouts, especially at exits and entrances. The dedicated green cycle lanes with "awareness triangles" or shark's teeth should raise the awareness of car drivers to the possibility of the presence of a cyclist. They have no legal meaning but motorists should SLOW DOWN AND GIVE WAY TO A CYCLIST. This scheme is the only one in Suffolk but is much used on the Continent. A review will be made in 12-18 months to assess the success of the project.

So, **cyclists**, remember to use hand signals and remain vigilant. Try to make eye contact with motorists so that you can be sure they have seen you and know your intentions. Cyclists should be in the green lane for all turning movements.

And, **Motorists**, slow down and give cyclists a wide berth. Ensure there are no cyclists on your left before you leave the roundabout and give way to cyclists.

Editor: As an irregular cyclist (take that as you please!) I prefer not to cycle where a car driver might turn across me to turn left and think these lanes confer a false sense of security. Consequently I have advised my children not to trust them. What do you think? Either way they

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“Memmy, Memmy.” This was the lamenting sound I heard from the back door of our house as Emma and I stood wondering how to get in. We had been playing happily in the garden when James, our 18 month old boy, decided to go into the house. Unfortunately he closed the back door behind him, locking Emma and me out.

Only this morning Peter had used the hidden spare key to get back into the house after forgetting his own set. I had casually thrown the key by the toaster thinking, “I’ll put it back later,” -

unfortunately “sooner” had arrived and I still hadn’t

done anything about “later.”

Panic

gripped me, how on earth would I get into James. All the downstairs windows were closed. I tried to reassure James by talking to him then a little finger appeared through the keyhole. I thought perhaps John would be working at Pauline’s. He’d know what to do. But sadly no van.

“What should I do now?” kept running through my head. Emma couldn’t understand why I wouldn’t just open the door and let us in. I couldn’t understand why she wouldn’t just sit on the steps and sing or talk to James, who by this time was almost inconsolable. My only option was to get the ladder from the garage and brave vertigo. This brought a great interest to Emma who was desperate to help. Meanwhile James cried on, “Memmy, Memmy...” I struggled, pulled and swore at the ladder which just wouldn’t do what I needed it

to do. I was getting nowhere, time was ticking by and I needed to keep telling James that we hadn’t abandoned him totally. It was then I decided that Emma should go and play in the summer house. I shut her in to keep her from harm. With brute force and ignorance the ladder slipped into position. I propped it against the wall and hoped that the catch on our bedroom window would be undone. The ladder wobbled as I started to climb. The thought, “What if I fall?” entered my mind. When I reached the top, I daren’t look down. Breathlessly I banged the top of the window with my fist, the bottom section swung out and almost knocked me off the ladder. I made a

grab for the ledge and edged myself so that I

could open the window wide enough to crawl through the gap. With a forward flip I ended up on the bedroom floor.

I called down to James, “Mummy’s here.” I flew down the stairs, rushed through the school room and there stood a grief stricken James. Tears were rolling down his cheeks and all he said was, “Memmy, Memmy.” I reached out and swooped him up into my arms, hugging and kissing him and telling him, “Everything is all right.”

As I opened the door there stood a friend from the toddler group whom I greeted with, “I wish you had been here ten minutes earlier,” then rushed past to release Emma who was standing with her nose pressed to the summer house doors. I lifted her up and hugged them both. Slowly I walked back up the garden and, luckily for me, Tracy was there to calm me down and her children took Emma’s interest and off she went to play. I couldn’t believe that all this had happened in a mere forty minutes.

James Gets Locked In!

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JUNE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

The enlarged shed at the back of the hall is now in full use and is of particular to the Toddlers' Group and for the pantomime when it was used as a changing room for the children and voted a great success. Redecoration of the interior of the hall has now been completed and the remaining jobs are soon to be undertaken - the resanding and sealing of the floor and the making and hanging of new curtains. The committee was particularly grateful for the donation of £150 from the recent Village Sale held by the Tattler and the T.A.D.P.O. L.E.'s offer to pay the entire cost, over £1000, of the new curtains. By the time the curtains are put up the hall will have had almost complete refurbishment over the past two years from the improvement of the toilets, including the installation of a toilet for the disabled to the repainting of the outsides of the windows, the building of a non slip pathway and now, the interior redecoration.

Bob Tanner.

Heritage Days

On 12th and 13th September many of the interesting buildings in Ipswich were open to the public - did you go? You might have seen in the "black glass one" or the Meeting House or Pykenham's gate house. We went to Cambridge and saw the Churchill Papers. Some of his school reports made interesting reading as did the war documents. To see the papers call at Churchill College on a week day. For a Heritage Open Day you will have to wait until next

LIGHTING PROBLEMS

Did you know that you can phone about lighting problems in the village? Eastern Contracting - *not E. Electricity* - look after our lights now. They can be reached on **0845 602 0094**. So whether it's light number 1 - on the bridge - number 2 outside number 18, or number 4 outside Mill House, or numbers 5-13 in Keightley Way, please phone if the lights are deficient and you will get prompt attention. You pay for this service through your Parish Council so use it!

The Parish Clerk has ordered a new street light for The High Street to light the side of the Chapel. Hopefully this will help residents.

Neighbourhood Watch

According to insurance companies thousands of British garages and sheds will fall prey to a new brand of thief this summer - *the rural scavenger!* Bikes, lawnmowers, sports equipment, D.I.Y. power tools, and camping equipment are top of the rural scavenger's list. Even hanging baskets, flower boxes and gnomes have gone missing. A great deal of money is tied up in your garage, shed and garden and unless you have cover for "All Risks" most standard household contents policies will only cover you for a limited amount. So let's look out for the rural scavenger and keep him out of Tuddenham if we possibly can.

Janet Wells.

Dear Car Owners,

Please don't park on the bus stop opp. the church at arrival times (10.30, 12.20, 1.30, 3.17, 4.00, 5.20 & 6.00) Getting off in the middle of the road is difficult and dangerous. Thank you,

WANTED

1. Dangly drop earrings, clipons.
2. Bagatelle game.
3. Old books, leaflets, in fact anything old connected with bicycling.

Phone 785314 and be amused, (seriously.)

Tuddenham Church Fête

A very big "Thank You" to everyone who worked so hard to make the fête such a success on a lovely sunny afternoon - the only one, it seems, for weeks! We were lucky to have such a nice afternoon and Monica had worked very hard in her garden to make our surroundings really beautiful. Monica and Bill's generosity in allowing us to use their garden is very much appreciated by all of us.

We enjoyed a splendid gymnastic display and among the entertainments were lovely pony trap rides and a "Shoot the goalie" organised by the Jennings' family.

The tea ladies worked very hard all afternoon and Elaine and Jack ran out of ice cream. David Lugo, having carted tables and chairs all morning, then manned the car park all afternoon. The stall holders were all kept busy by the great support we had from the village. Cherry's art stall added a new dimension to the fête.

I think everyone enjoyed the falconry display and the entrants for the fancy dress were a delight - causing headaches for Doris Westrip and Janet Welham who had the unenviable task of choosing "winners".

Thank you all again. We raised the magnificent sum of £1100 to help maintain the Church building.

I GOT IT WRONG!

My apologies to Christine who gave us a very interesting account of her "Elvis visit" for referring to her husband as Roy, who I know perfectly well is her brother. I don't know why I

Liz scales heights

Some time ago, in the Evening Star, there were pictures of very brave people abseiling from the top of the Heath Road Hospital Maternity Block. Did you know that a Tuddenham resident was amongst them although she didn't appear in the picture. Liz Armour, of Keightley Way, who has a fear of heights was one of the first. She did the same at the Fire Station tower a couple of years ago, all in aid of charity. This time she was not on "top form" because she had been on night duty immediately before the morning drop. She came home and walked her dogs as usual. What an example of what real determination can do.

Congratulations, Liz, let us know what you are going to do next then we can

COFFEE MORNING **SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER** **10.30am VILLAGE HALL** **IN AID OF OVER 60s**

Draw, cake stall, tombola, plants, books, bric a brac. We'd be grateful for donations to any of these stalls, either on the day, or before, to Monica Pipe or any member.

785272

Do come and join us for a friendly chat and a cup of coffee.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for thinking of the Romanian Children again this year. Your donation of £100 is very much appreciated. The plight of the children is horrendous. Many thousands live on the street. They beg or scavenge for a piece of bread to keep the hunger away for the day. We have taken teams to orphanages, H.I.V. units, schools, kindergartens, paediatric hospitals and, most important, we have made a new home ready so that children living on the street, some as young as four years, could be rescued. It is impossible for us to imagine such poverty and despair. Thank you again.

Barbara Butler
Romanian Child Action,
High View,
Tuddenham Lane, Witnesham,
Ipswich, IP6 9HL Tel. 785206.

HELP!

Are you aware that recently there have been several acts of vandalism in the village, the most immediate being damage to the noticeboard near the bridge. Some antisocial person either threw stones, or used a catapult as suggested by a local resident and broke the glass which has had to be replaced. We feel the situation might be eased if everyone, whatever time of day, kept their eyes and ears open, for anything that seems untoward. Report to police on 383460 or Janet Wells, on 785555.

Tuddenham, School Bus Club.

From 7th September there will be a bus service between Northgate School and Tuddenham in the afternoons. This is being provided by Ed Nicholls who will be using an eight seater mini bus at a cost of £1 per child per journey. There is currently one vacancy. If anyone is interested please contact Teresa Jennings on 785683.



There's Safety in Them There Medicines!

Lots of people in Tuddenham take medicines. Not too many I hope but they are definitely intended to make them feel better or, indeed, well.

It takes about eleven years for a new medicine to reach the market after it was first thought of and for every 10,000 that are invented just one makes it to the pharmacy after many checks. Then it is given, first to healthy human volunteers then tried on patients. If too many serious adverse reactions to the medicine are found it can be revoked.

Patients should always read the information leaflet inside each pack of medicines they use, **fully**, whether dispensed or bought over the counter and always report to the doctor or pharmacist if **anything at all** unexpected happens after taking the medicine.

If you would like to take part in drug trials or to be considered as a member of the local research ethics committee please let me know.

Dr. Frank Wells, 3, The Granaries, 785555.

Local Resident to be on Channel 4 T.V.

London-based Windfall Films has been commissioned to make three one hour films on the history of drugs and drug taking in Britain this year. The programmes will take a wide ranging look at legal illegal drugs. **Dr. Frank Wells of The Granaries** - his wife, Janet, is head of Neighbourhood Watch in Tuddenham - was a General Practitioner for 18 years and is now Chairman of The Allington N.H.S. Trust. He is to feature in this major T. V. documentary. In the 1960s he encouraged Ipswich's family doctor to stop prescribing Amphetamines in a bid to stop abuse of the drug - a policy eventually adopted nationally. Any former patients could also contribute to the programme by getting in touch with Miriam Joseph on 0171 323 3317.

For Sale

Trellis 6x6, £5, **785803**.

Shantung Ivory silk suit, straight skirt length 22, suit bride or wedding guest.

Linen/polyester suit by Simon Alexander size 12. Over check pink blue grey cream straight jacket with pleated skirt, length 33, hardly worn.

Skirt by Götz viscose, waist 32, length 34, black and pink, hardly worn, V.G.C.

Please phone **785339**.

GET WELL SOON

Margaret Whinney has been away from the village for some time. We are delighted to see her back in her own home and hope that her health will improve after all her medical attention.

We hear that Eileen Offord was not on top form during some of her holiday in Cyprus. Let's hope the recovery continues!

TUDDENHAM LADIES LOOK UP

When we met outside St. Stephen's Church, now the Tourist Information Centre, we discovered that Ipswich can be a very peaceful place! It was seven o'clock when we met in Arras Square, so called because Ipswich is twinned with Arras in France, where there is an area called Place d'Ipswich. With brollies, macs and a good supply of peppermints we met our Blue Badge Guide who was full of information leading us gently but firmly round the centre of Ipswich. "Look up" was the constant directive and even though most of us have lived near Ipswich everyone found something that they didn't know before. Details about the Ancient House, the tower of the church in Dial Lane, and where Scarborough's opticians once had the premises which are now a coffee shop, with iron gates showing "Specs" formed into the design.

The Cornhill was quiet except for the road sweeping machine! We wandered again and looked up - at the face of Cardinal Wolsey on the Town Hall. and the security cameras on the Lloyd's Bank building. Of course we had to wave so now we are marked women! The statue of Giles' Grandma and family, a modern statue of the designer of the salt press and a bronze plaque of the Madonna and child in Lady Lane led us to Willis Corroon , the only good modern building in Ipswich. We went inside the foyer to get a different aspect. Then on to the Unitarian Church, largely unknown to most of us with its wonderful windows and beautiful simple interior.

The old does survive alongside the new in Ipswich, but only just. The dreadful developements of the sixties have left scars for all to see and even the Buttermarket and other "Tudor style" buildings are products of the 1930s. Ipswich has a long way to go and hopefully Dockland will be more carefully redeveloped (another walk for us soon.) Perhaps if we keep walking and "looking up" we can help to save the past and guard the future. Our evening ended with supper back at The Fountain.

Are you wondering what group of ladies "looked up?" Why the W.I. of course! If any of you have not had the time or inclination to join us do come and give it a try

Saturday, 17th October, 12.30 for 1.00pm,

At the Village Hall,

We are having our annual, very popular

SOUP AND SWEET LUNCH.

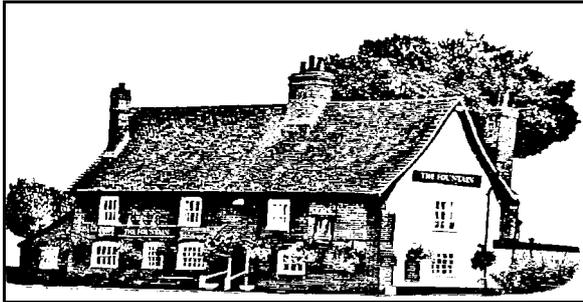
(Absolutely mouth watering says Roving Reporter)

Richard Davies, Forestry Commission, will be talking afterwards.

Tickets £4, from Cherrie Starling 785767 or any W.I. member.

Cherrie Starling.

Next meeting is on 13th October at the Village Hall. Mrs. Gill Weiner will talk about



THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

Welcome to the new licencees at The Fountain, Linda and Rick. They may be new to the pub but not to the village, having lived here for two years in Bridge End Cottage. They have great plans for the pub and are joined by Rick's mother, Margaret, who is a professional caterer. The three of them will be working very hard for the next month to ensure that their Grand Opening in late October will be a success. More details will be available in the next Tattler.

HELP WANTED!

Do you have what it takes to run this prestigious playground in the picturesque village of Tuddenham? It only takes a few hours occasionally. Duties include ensuring that the play equipment is safe and that the grass is regularly cut.

Salary:- NONE!

I wanted to write a snappy, amusing article which would get your attention and make you read on, instead of turning the page to find something more interesting, *anything* more interesting! But I couldn't manage it and what follows is the best I could come up with!

The village playground is in danger of folding up due to lack of support and although I know that this won't matter to a great proportion of people living in the village, I am hoping that it will matter to someone. To be honest I don't know if it's used at all - the children it was originally provided for have all grown up and some even have children of their own. However, someone is cutting the grass and keeping it tidy and for that I am very grateful!

The current committee have been running the playground for the past 15 years and we all feel it is time for a change. It began as an idea over a cup of coffee in 1983 and after a lot of hard work and masses of fundraising we finally achieved our goal. We even won an award for providing such a wonderful facility!

We have a 21 year lease on the land behind Keightley Way from Suffolk Coastal District Council and it still has 7 years left to run. If there is no interest at all in keeping it going (and it actually doesn't take up much time) then we have two options open to us:-

- Ask the Parish Council to take over the lease and the entire management. They already financially support us by paying for grass-cutting, insurance and the cost of the lease.
- Terminate the agreement with Suffolk Coastal and return the land to them.

We would particularly like to avoid the second option for two reasons:-

1) We put a lot of time, effort and money into providing this facility, and even if it isn't used as a playground, now or in the future, it is still a very pleasant peaceful spot which can be used by anyone in the village.

2) When we were given the lease on the land it was removed from a list of 'land available for building' by Suffolk Coastal;. If we return it to them, it is possible that it could again be 'available' and be used for future development.

So come to a meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday, September 29th at 7.30pm when we are going to discuss the future of the Playing Fields.

Please do come - it may not look much but it is a safe place in the village for the children to meet their friends or to kick a ball about away from the danger and fumes of the ever increasing traffic passing through our village.

So remember!! SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Joan Bloomfield, 785756

FREE TRIPS TO NORWICH



30 residents have already taken advantage of this offer from Anglia Television when we went to Norwich to the Television Studios in Magdalene Street to see a new cookery programme being recorded. This left time for shopping, lunch or sightseeing before being delivered back to Tuddenham by 4.00pm.

4 people have been to the new replacement of the Vanessa Show - "Tricia." She is a very different presenter. I liked her as did the others in the party. This was a later recording at 4.00pm and we were back by 8.00pm.

5 have seen the new variety type show featuring two top Australian comedians in Roy and HG Planet Norwich which is shown on Anglia TV and Channel 5 the following day. Again totally different studio presentation at 7.00pm on Wednesdays.

On 15th October 19 people have already booked with me to attend the "Tricia" Show leaving at 8.00am from The Fountain. If you know of anyone over 18 who would like to join us please phone me as soon as possible. Remember it is door to door transport, all free.

Margaret Taylor, 785314

Editor's note: My husband says there is no such thing as a free lunch, so..... take some cash with you!

The tattler apologises for the long summer break but we are now back in harness and will see you again next month. Phone

Parish Council Report

Did you come? No? Well you missed a heated debate about the traffic problems in the village.

We were very glad to welcome residents from Bealings and Playford as well as a representative of Suffolk County Council, Mike Jeanes, who was very helpful in the advice and information he gave. Our village policeman has just left this beat so we had a stand in, P.C. O'Rourke.

The meeting was adjourned for over an hour to hear views from the floor - nearly 30 village residents attended - and as a result of the debate the Parish Council are holding another closed meeting with Mark Youngman regarding possible "Traffic Calming" measures in our village. Do you have any suggestions? We want your views on problems **and** solutions for parked cars, traffic volume and speed, bus access, etc. Please phone Clerk on 785588. The Parish Council asked that I mention the problem of parked cars in the village particularly - if you park in the main street could you park elsewhere? Could you use a space at the Village Hall? Could you avoid using the area either side of the junction? These are shared problems so let's share the solutions!

Your Tattler will keep you informed on this matter. Do contact the Clerk or The Tattler with

Danny Dustbin

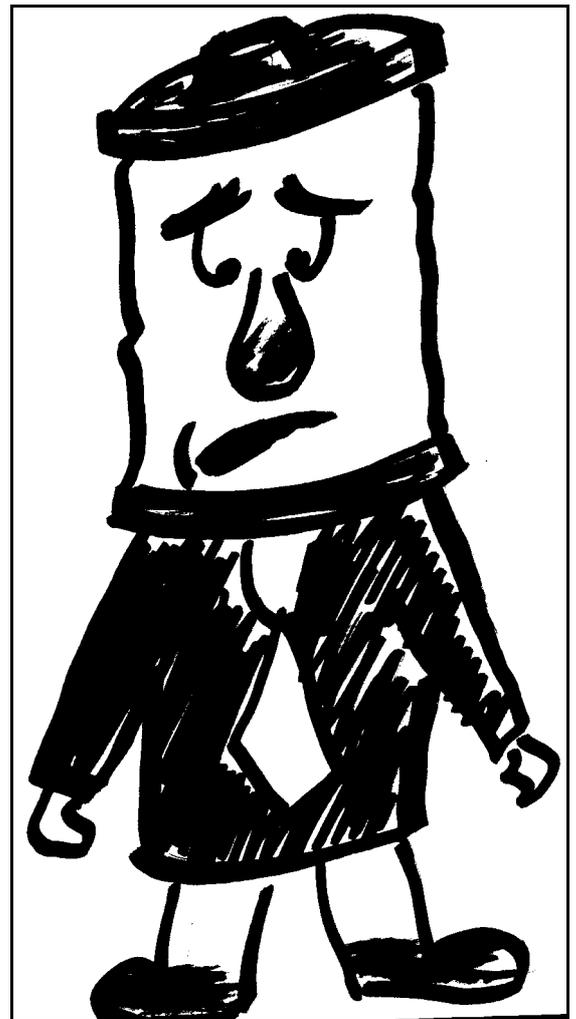
Danny Dustbin is a character who we sometimes meet at The Chapel in Tuddenham. Sadly he has been very busy in the Back Lane, or Westerfield Lane, recently, picking up our rubbish. I say "our" for it is rubbish in our village though, as Tony French pointed out, none of it would have been dropped by us...

Last year Danny picked up 10 cans, 4 bottles, 3 cartons, 4 cig. packets, a box of matches, 10 crisp packs, and other debris.

This year it was 40 cans, K.F.C pack, 3 plastic bottles, 6 chocolate bars, 7 crisp packs, a wheel trim and number plate, newspapers and other debris.

Tony went on, in his sermon, to tell us not to have rubbish in our lives things and thoughts, deeds too that litter our lives with worry. Admirable concepts these, but my mind strayed to our lovely village, winner of the "Village of the Year" twice, but soiled by this rubbish. What a shame!

Thank you Tony for yet another thought



Parish Council Report

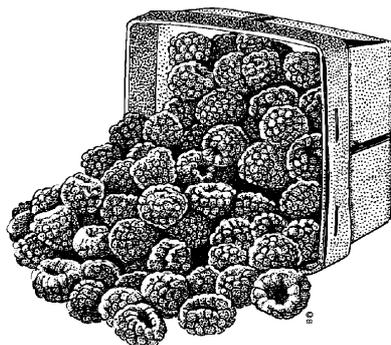
The Council have resolved to meet with Great and Little Bealings as well as Playford to discuss our shared Traffic Problems. Please contact our representative, Jo Kelm in Fynn Lane, if you want to discuss any matters in preparation for this meeting.

Please see the notice from Joan Bloomfield in this issue about the playground. If you and your children want this facility now is your chance to support the playground.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st

4th October Harvest Supper St. Martin's Church

Please see noticeboard for details of this event or phone Monica Pipe on 785272.



G E M I N I T R A V E L

On Tuesday, October 20th a trip to Boulogne is planned. Please phone 212705 for details.

Thursday, 10th December brings a trip to Thursford for £10 plus admission.



Tuddenham Children.

The above photograph shows the children of Tuddenham School from almost 100 years ago. CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THEM?

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to Tony French and congratulations to Elaine for putting up with his constant references to her poor cooking - apparently she has *never* given him corn on the cob but only from a tin!!!

Our best wishes, also, to David Robinette, Anna Robinette, Andrew Stockdale, Kirsty Ellinor, Lorna Williamson, Claire Compton, Freddie Weller, Ian Archer, Emily and Jeremy Blake (do our spies tell us that Emily was the rescuer at the barn fire at Poplar Farm? If so, well done!)

To anyone left out I apologise. Tell us for next time!