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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## WANTED FOR VILLAGE SALE on 8th MAY

HELP!

**WANTED**

Toys  
Books  
Clothes  
Plants  
Games  
Bedding  
Curtains  
Kitchenware  
Bric a Brac  
Cakes  
Foot wear  
Crocery  
Jewellery  
Furniture -

HELP!

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desk & sofa bed already offered

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**Anything you don't want, we do!**

**Phone 785314 if in doubt!**

**Deliver to village hall on  
morning of sale or to Pear Tree  
Cottage.**

Next issue in May, please phone 785314 with copy....

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## Guess Who This Is?

He's been in the Merchant Navy, worked in the building trade, worked in John Lewis' and been a full time youth worker, among other things. He is six feet four and sports a beard. His wife, Brenda, is a P.A. and is particularly interested in three dimensional art. He has four children; Darren, Debbie and Hannah are all grown up, and Jeremy is still at school. He enjoys cooking and is a compulsive eater. He is not interested in weight watchers and he hates tripe. He has walked the Pennine Way, enjoys gardening and is fascinated by trams. Both he and Brenda enjoy tennis. He also enjoys Rock music and watches television comedies as he regards T.V. as an unwinder at the end of the day.

No idea who this is yet? Alright I will give you a clue.... First name: the name of a book in the Bible.... Surname: the original home of the Morris Minor. The person who was looking over my shoulder when I was writing this did not think they were helpful clues. What do

## WELCOME

**Welcome** to Melanie and Herman Primus at 19, The Street. They have come here from Hasketon. Melanie is in charge of food at The King's Head Barrack Room Restaurant in Woodbridge. Herman is in the computing business. They both thoroughly enjoy riding, cycling and horse.

The third member of the family is Pedro, a Sealyham Terrier from the dog rescue kennels who is just settling in and feeling cared for at last. Believe it or not Pedro does hand stands! I have asked Herman for a photo. Meanwhile if you suddenly come across a dog with its body in the air you will know to whom it belongs!

**Welcome** to the new resident in Rob's old house. We cannot reveal too much as we haven't met him yet but his father grassed that he is a

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## Best Wishes

Our best wishes to Taffy Roach who is back on "The Hill" again. We hope to see him soon, sitting out and enjoying the sun.



We can imagine that Wally Damant is getting fed up with his enforced rest. Let's hope Spring brings a renewed spring to his feet!

Perhaps Spring will also bring fresh warmth to Bella Green.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## STOLEN IN TUDDENHAM IN APRIL

- *Machinery and tools worth about £1,000*
- *A bag and a wallet*
- *A lawnmower*
- *Private Road notice*
- *Petrol (by siphoning)*

## VANDALISED IN TUDDENHAM IN APRIL

- *Several cars*
- *30 mph notices*
- *Tuddenham St Martin notice at entrance to village*
- *House names (broken off)*

## THIS HAS ALL HAPPENED HERE IN OUR VILLAGE VERY RECENTLY

If everybody is aware of this spate of crimes and keeps their eyes open then rings the police we might catch these thieves and vandals.

If you see anything suspicious or are caught up in any of these unfortunate deeds, RING **999** or THE MARTLESHAM POLICE STATION AT ONCE (**613500**), and then let me know (785555).

Crimes of this sort are compiled by our community policeman PC John Kirby and go onto the Neighbourhood Watch information line, which I and all the other Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators are able to pick up using a special telephone number.

**WE CAN STOP THESE CRIMES IF WE ALL TAKE ACTION WHEN WE SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS**

*Janet Wells*

## **TUDDENHAM CHURCH FETE**

*in aid of local charities-  
Children's and St. Elizabeth's Hospicse,  
Suffolk Historic Churches' Trust,  
and F.I.N.D.*

**Sat. 5th June at  
2.00pm  
Poplar Farm.**



Stalls games, grand draw,  
pony trap rides, gymnastic  
display, Salvation Army Band,  
teas and ice cream.



Entrance/ lucky programme 50p.  
Children free.



Any cakes, books, produce, nearly new  
clothing, white elephant, glass and china, or pictures  
welcomed.

Tel: 785415.

## **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

in aid of  
**ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION**  
at

**THE WOOL PACK,  
TUDDENHAM ROAD, IPSWICH**  
on Sunday, 25th April  
**8.30pm.**

teams of four at £4.00 per team.

**GRAND RAFFLE**

**Phone Wool pack on 253059**

## **GOODBYE.....**

We hear that Noel and Beryl Peck will soon be leaving the village. He was Chairman of the Parish Council when the village twice won the local "Village of the Year" competition. He initiated the idea of a village sign and started the fund raising. He was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and did much to improve the hall. He was a stalwart in the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s for several years. Beryl and he enjoyed exploring the area and going for long walks. What assets they have both been to the village. May their times in Kesgrave be happy.

## **NOT GOODBYE...**

After all our eulogy in the last issue but one we have sad news: Malcolm and Pauline are staying!!!!!! No, but seriously, much to our relief our printing stays "in house."

## **AVON**

Phone Marta Warsley on Ipswich 216075 if you want to earn extra money in your choice of hours with no cash outlay. No obligation!



**RE: THE CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

**& THE TUDDENHAM TATTLER**

The final league placing has just been published & as we expected, we have finished in our highest ever position in Div 1 - second. We were only just beaten for first place by our great rivals from Belstead

This has been a magnificent effort by your team, which under the captaincy of Simon Rees has gone from strength to strength over recent seasons, it makes us even more determined to go one better next time & win the title. The trouble is we need some more players!

If you are new in the village or even if you aren't, & would like to try your hand at the sport, how about coming up to the village hall on a Monday evening [7pm -9pm] & joining us for a game or two.

You need bring no special equipment, just yourself. In carpet bowls everything is provided for you. There will be plenty of new friends eager to show you the ropes! A warm welcome awaits you.

{If you would prefer to find out a little more before going to the hall, you can, if you like, contact the Club Secretary Dave Long. [Ips. 721296]}

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# FROM EARL RALPH TO HARRY HARWOOD

**A**fter the Norman Invasion of 1066, King William appointed Squires, mainly Norman French, all over the country, to look after his interests and to supply men and horses in time of war.

The squire would be granted land within the parish and most parishioners worked for him. There was little other option.

In Tuddenham according to the proceedings of The Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History, 1848, the Saxon *Thane Edric* gave way to the Norman, *Earl Ralph* who in turn created three sub manors within the parish held by such romantically named characters as *Roger de Poitou*, *Hervey de Bourges* and *Roger de Rheims*. Two were *Loudham Hall* (probably the present Manor Farm), *Bertilmewes* (probably Tuddenham Hall) and another unknown; my guess being that it could have been *Porch Cottages + Tudor Cottages*.

These positions were passed down in various ways; perchance, marrying the right girl, etc., through nine hundred years until the last squire died in 1927.

There are still people in the village who remember this tall, reserved, well respected man, *Henry Fairfax*

*Harwood*. He was a benefactor of both Church and Chapel. When he died he left one pound to every school child in the village and I know of two Post Office Savings' Books which contain that original entry.

When we first came to Tuddenham in 1961 there was an elderly lady, *Mrs. "Geranium" Smy*, living at *Geranium Cottage*, in *The Street*, who spoke with shining eyes of HER squire! Henry, or Harry, as he was known within the family, was engaged as a young man, to his cousin, *Ellen Goddard*, but she died young, and he, sadly, remained a lifelong bachelor.

Quiet and unassuming, he is said to have avoided social occasions. Nevertheless, "He had a quiet sense of humour and a charming manner."

Even well into the 20th Century he owned much of the village as follows:- a substantial amount of land, *The Hall*, the bailiff's house, *Park Corner Houses*, sand pit (*Bottom's Farm*) two cottages on the site of the present *Hill Farm*, *Fynn View*, *Hillside*, 39 cottages along *The Street*, the *Blacksmith's forge* and workshops, two cottages opposite *The Hall* entrance, two houses on *Grundisburgh Road/Clopton Road* junction, *Badger's Hill*, the corn mill (site of *The Granaries*), *The Fountain*

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(surprisingly), Bridge Cottages and The Old Vicarage.

Until 1926 he owned The Chapel as he was a convinced Non-Conformist preacher. In that year he gave the building to the Suffolk Congregational Union. A memorial tablet inside reads

*"In grateful memory of Henry Fairfax Harwood, J.P. of Tuddenham Hall, who for forty years worshipped in this Church, and as teacher and leader, gave himself with unceasing devotion to the people, in the love and service of Christ."*

Remarkably, he had three simultaneous funeral services:- at Tacket Street Chapel, Ipswich, at Tuddenham St. Martin Church, (C.of E.) and the main one, at Ipswich Cemetery Chapel, where the last Squire of Tuddenham was laid to rest in January, 1927.

As far as I know, the new comer at The Hall, *Mr. Arthur Rust Hunt*, had no wish to be known as the squire. He was a well known local farmer and dairyman and he got on with that.

Squire Harwood's death signalled the break-up of feudal Tuddenham as was happening everywhere in rural England. Being a squire had its rewards but the old responsibilities were becoming irrelevant to life in the 20th Century.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The fear is that there may have been some unreported crimes in Tuddenham so these need to be reported to Janet Wells on 785555 as soon as possible so that our Village Liaison Officer, John Kirby, can keep an accurate record of what is going on.

Please phone Janet or ring P. C. Kirby at Woodbridge Police Station on 383460 to report any missed problems.

**For emergencies 999.**

## CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

The Mansion has just reopened after an extensive refurbishment. Free entry gets you into an exhibition of Gainsborough and Constable paintings, a new souvenir and gift shop, redecorated hall, stairs, landing, and Tudor and Stuart room. The Mansion has also been rewired.

Christchurch Mansion is open Tuesdays to Sundays and is well worth a trip!

*Tuddenham St. Martin Parish Council*

### PARISH CLERK

The Council has an immediate requirement for a Clerk to the Parish Council. Duties include providing administration support and the responsibility for the financial records of the Council.

This is a paid position and would ideally suit someone with relevant experience although training could be provided.

For more information please contact :

*Bill Pipe, Chairman of the Parish Council on Ipswich 785272*

## WHAT'S ON

**April-19 June** Magical Mushrooms at Ipswich Museum.

**24-5 April** Otley College Open Weekend.  
☎ 755543.

**30 Apr-2 May** Guineas Festival of Racing, Music and Arts at Newmarket Racecourse. ☎ 01638 663482.

**1-3 May** Re-creation of Tudor Life at Kentwell Hall ☎ 01787 310207

**2 May** Ipswich to Felixstowe Historical Vehicle Run.

**3 May** Power Boat Racing, national event, Oulton Broad.

**12 May** Plague and Medicine in Stuart Ipswich, 1.15-1.45pm, £1. Ipswich Museum.

**15 May-5 June** All change in Suffolk! Follow the Museum trail meeting former Ipswich inhabitants from mammoths to tortoises and some newcomers who have made Suffolk their home. For all ages.

**14-30 May** Bury St. Edmonds Arts and Music Festival ☎ 01284 757099

**23 May** Family Fun Day at Amberfield School

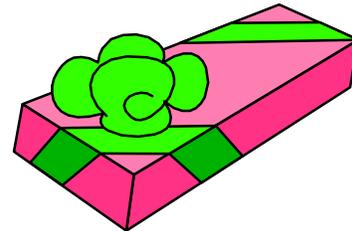
**29-30 May** Air Fete '99 at RAF Mildenhall  
☎ 01638542995

**1-3 June** Calling all time travellers! 10.00-3.00pm, at Ipswich Museum, bring packed lunch, £8 including all materials, suitable for aged 8 and above. Book on 213761.

**4 June** Hat Magic! at Ipswich Museum, 10-12pm, £10 including materials, for aged 8 and above. Easter bonnets to Warriors display helmets in High Street.

**Phone Ipswich Tourist Centre on 01473  
258070 for even more ideas!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



to Jack and  
Sean Stockdale!



The Chapel are collecting for the Kosovo Appeal - they have already collected £400 since the Easter Service. All monies raised go to Tear Fund who have already sent £100,000 to help in Kosovo. If you want to give but don't know how then here is your chance...

The verse below comes from the service given at The Chapel for Mothering Sunday. The morning ended with children laden with flowers for their mothers - poor Dads!

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

*Dorothy Law Nolte*

### Parish Council Notes

Planning Permission has been granted for an extension to The Willows and a new conservatory on The Gables.

The Council raised no objection to the annual renewal of the Public Entertainment Licence for The Fountain.

Church solicitors have confirmed that warning will be given if Back Lane is to be disrupted when building work starts on the Church.

Council asked Mrs Jo Kelm to Chair the Millennium Meeting on 20th April at the Village Hall. All residents are most welcome to attend. If unable, please contact Jo in Fynn Lane with your ideas.

Parish Council affirmed their support for the fundraising by the Village Hall Committee towards resurfacing the drive up to the Village Hall.

Next Meeting will be after the elections between 10-24th May at the Village Hall, probably starting at 7.00pm. All residents are welcome to attend and are invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

This is my last entry in The Tattler as Parish Clerk. Thank you to all villagers for your support over recent years.

Please contact Mr. Pipe on 785272 if you would like to volunteer to be the clerk.

*Ex-Parish Clerk!, 785588.*

# Peace in Green Fields...

*... continuing the article from our Feb. issue, written by Linda Sanderson.*

As for the Tuddenham St. Martin ghost.... well, we may have heard him.... but in all due honesty, didn't stay long enough to see him.

My friend, Pamela Seedon (who used to live with her family in one of Thicknesse Cottages) and I had heard that a figure resembling a monk would appear from the Vestry, during the hours of dusk, and walk to the large Bible. Here he would stand for a few seconds then simply return from whence he came. Being inquisitive children, we decided to start a vigil and proceeded to frequent the Church at suitable times parking ourselves in the very back pew, not because of the "being noticed factor" but moreso to have easy access to the back door, should escape be eminent! Anyway, on one occasion, and I hasten to say, the last occasion, amidst the undulating silence of the Church, the distinctive click of the Vestry door happened and footsteps did apparently seem to follow. But, unfortunately our stability was relinquished and nerves prevailed and we exited extremely quickly - so who knows? We never returned at dusk again.

I remember the Sunday School, which my Mother helped with occasionally and the little religiously pictured stamps you were given to add to your little books after attendance.

One of the most important tasks which my Grandfather was entrusted with - at least I felt it was the most important then - was the winding of the Church clock. This was regularly done and I was often allowed to assist with this. The thick stone stairs seemed to go on for ever then.

Bell ringing was an enjoyable occasion and I can remember my family with other friends from Tuddenham visiting many surrounding villages to sound the friendly bells in their Churches whilst Tuddenham, in turn,

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entertained many return visits.

I remember the little sweet shop at the foot of the hill near the front entrance of the Church and buying twopenneth of boiled sweets which were beautifully wrapped in little white bags and I remember my Grandfather Percy taking me into the Post Office - then a little building joined onto the left-hand side of The Fountain Inn. Here, he would buy me a penny worth of locust beans which were chewable and delicious.

Another memory is being given half a crown to go to Mrs. Welham at the Manor Farm and going over the Tuddenham bridge where my Grandfather had taken rapid shelter from a stray German plane during the war which had tried to target him. This bridge probably saved his life. The half crown was part payment for a can of milk for one fetched one's own milk then.

Then the Harvest times when sandwiches were packed and a whole day was spent in the warm sun watching harvest take place; quite an event then and such a happy occasion. Much hard work but a fruitful result which provided abundant Harvest Festivals.

*Editor: The third and last episode in next issue. Any other memories will be gratefully received by your Tattler...*

## St. Martin's News

We have good news. Who says prayers don't get answered??

On Easter Sunday our Archdeacon announced that our new Priest was to be the Rev. Sam Cowley.

The Rev. Cowley is currently Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's, Ipswich. He is unlikely to be licensed to serve the Benefice until September - the Anglican Mills of God continue to grind slow. Rev. and Mrs. Cowley were met by your Parish Representatives on 11th March and subsequently by the Benefice Representatives on 16th March. We were all happy with each other but had to wait until Rev. Cowley's "part time Diocesan Job" was sorted out. This is Manager of Revelations - the Diocesan Shop. We are delighted with the appointment.

I will refrain from saying more about our new Priest, tempting though it is, as I have no wish to pre-empt our RR (Religious Reporter) who has already arranged an interview with the Rev. Cowley!

We will continue services at 9.30am each Sunday with our willing band of Priests and Readers until our new Priest joins us.

We investigated the possibility of having the Church floodlit seven days a week but one of the close residents was against this so you can still only sponsor the lights on the nearest weekend to your selected date. Still through Dr. Arthur or Jim Punton (785296), and still at the bargain price of £5.

Don't forget to keep the date of 5th June clear for the Church Fete at Poplar Farm - you may catch sight of the Rev. Sam!! Remember that there is a welcome on the hill every Sunday morning, still with ample seating!!!



*Jim Punton.*