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TUDDENHAM VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

We are lucky enough to have been awarded a £5000 lottery grant towards improving the car park and entrance to the Village Hall. In addition, so far, we have £3000 from the Suffolk Coastal District Council, Parish Council, T.A.D.P.O.L.E. s and The Tattler.

To complete our project we need a further £2000 plus! We *have* to use the lottery grant in this year and the condition of the Village Hall entrance and drive demands that we carry out the work urgently.

Donations of any size from anyone in the village, or anyone who uses the hall, would be very gratefully received.

Gill Cruikshank, Village Hall,
Committee Chairman.

We have put this article on our front page to remind all residents that this is an urgent appeal. It's one of those "USE IT OR LOSE IT" grants and the Village Hall only have this year to raise the cash and complete the work. So how about individual events or village organisation coffee mornings? How about an entry collection at a Village Hall event or a table top sale? A Car Boot sale or a BIG raffle?oror well over to you!

HELP! HELP! HELP!



See page 13 for article on local birdlife. A local twitcher counted 103 swallows on the telephone line over the meadow, and 60 odd in flight, and but who has the time to check?!

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SAFARI SUPPER

Sat. 18th Sept

Hopefully everyone has received a note about this the form is reprinted below and it is definitely NOT too late to join in. The format will be as usual with any proceeds going to the Hospice. For those new to the Safari Supper notification of venue usually happens on the day, so do not worry if you have not heard anything until then. Looking forward to seeing lots of you on the 18th Sept.

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 Farm, or ring (01473) 785272.

Calling all T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s!

I still have two quiche dishes, a plate, basket and green bowl left over from the panto party if anybody would like to claim them.

BARN DANCE

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported this event to raise money for a play train for the children at the orphanage in Romania. Particular thanks to those who assisted in getting the barn ready, preparing the food and clearing up. **The final figure was an amazing £518.91.**

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Mobile Library

The library van still attends The Fountain Pub Car Park but I gather it now comes on a Monday from 4.15-4.25pm. If you want to join bring some identification which includes your name and address and you can borrow up to ten books at a time, for four weeks between renewals.

Ipswich Library offers a house delivery service for people who are house bound. Contact the library and ask for Cliff Copping.

The first I heard of the dance was in The Fountain on a Ladies' night. Superb suggestions were being thrown around for Monica, the organiser. I felt rather in awe as I had never been involved in such an event. Some weeks passed and on the morning of the dance I called Monica to see if we could help, Peter with the lifting tables and chairs, and me with the catering. I arrived at Poplar Farm to find great culinary creativity going on. Working in Monica's kitchen was lovely; airy and spacious with fantastic garden views. The four of us worked well together exchanging tales of past and present. The Aga churned out quiche after quiche and salads of every description were being prepared.

A well deserved break was taken to see the arrival of the bride at St. George's Chapel. Then it was back to the heat of the kitchen. When all the platters, bowls and baskets had been safely transported to the barn I returned home to help bath and prepare Emma and James for bed. Monica, Bill and family had yet to bring in the hay for fear of a change in the weather.

When I returned to the barn dancing was in full swing and there was a great buzz to the atmosphere. It all seemed very jolly and the hum of conversation around the tables of non dancers seemed very welcoming. I felt a pang of sadness that I had left Peter at home looking after the children and the possibility of joining in the dances was slim.

The food was laid out on two long tables either side of the bar and people

were invited to come up in orderly fashion to select to select from Coronation Chicken, Pasta Salad, Tuna and Mushroom quiche, tomato salad, new potatoes, green salad and baguettes. I was helping to serve the food in the dim light. I thought I was serving mushroom quiche. It was not until I sat down that I found, to my horror, it was Tuna (I hope this came as a pleasant surprise to any of you who sampled my mistake.)

The fiddler and other members of the band called dancers to the floor, eight or six people in a set, to learn the sequence of steps and turns needed, and when it appeared that people had grasped the basics the music would start. Howls of laughter could be heard around the barn as everyday stresses and strains were forgotten. My chance to dance came when they needed two or more females. I and the landlady completed the set. I can truly say I have not laughed so much in years. The energy one needed was incredible. One felt invigorated, alive and glowing.

What a marvellously successful social event. A mixture of ages, a chance to see familiar, friendly faces, and to welcome the new. I was particularly touched to see Ken and Joan there enjoying the music.

I walked home in the small hours of the morning with a great feeling of content and pride in living in such a wonderful village.

Sandy Burn.

BARN DANCE

The Maternity Block Drops Eight

On 11th July, eight of us "Fountain friends" set off to Ipswich Hospital with the exciting prospect of jumping off the top of the Maternity Wing. Standing on the ground looking up, watching people make their way down the building wearing crash helmets and using safety ropes and nerves were abated.



Standing at the top of the ten storey building, looking down at the crowd below, was a different matter. The view from the top was fabulous. We could just make out Tuddenham on the horizon. Suddenly a voice interrupted our viewing with "Next please!" With intrepidation we each took it in turn to make our way down.

"Shuffle backwards until your heels are over the edge of the building," someone seemed to be saying. Were they mad? Had they not noticed how high up we were?

"Lean back until you can feel the rope go taut," was the next instruction. This voice obviously belonged to a nut case. However we each made it down. Some faster than others. Once at the bottom we all felt quite exhilarated and would readily have attempted it again.

Our thanks go to all those who sponsored us to raise funds for the Children's Hospice. Overall, £92,000 was raised. Maybe next year we will help to break the £100,00 barrier.

Lisa, Stephen, Liz, Peter, Dave, Julie, Linda and Rick.

Oakwood School

The article on page 12 refers to Oakwood School and was written by Barbara Robinson. It is late in as The Tattler took two months off for Summer Holidays and this explains why the dates have passed. Nevertheless we hope it is of interest. Please contact Barbara for details.

LICENSING OF THE NEW VICAR.

Sam Cowley was licensed at Witnesham Parish Church on 20th July in a service conducted by Bishop Richard Lewis with Archdeacon Terry Gibson. More than 250 people packed into the Church for a very warm and beautiful service. Before the service started the Witnesham Choir, with a small orchestra and Paul Laughlin at the organ, sang for us. Then the Westerfield organist played some lovely Church music.

The Bishop gave a welcoming address and Sam Cowley obviously enjoyed the service with much support from his family and members of his previous congregation of Holy Trinity, Ipswich. During the service the Church Wardens, representatives from the villages and Parish Councils welcomed Sam Cowley individually. He is also in charge of the Diocesan Book Shop and hopes that he will be given the support he will need to serve three parishes fully. He, and his wife Brenda, are now living at the Westerfield Rectory and we all welcome him very warmly.



St. Martin's News

The Rev Sam Cowley was installed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice at a Service in St Mary's Church, Witnesham on 20th July, followed by a 'get together' in Witnesham Village Hall. The Service was well attended, and it was a warm and happy occasion. The Rev Sam was welcomed into the Benefice Community by representatives of each Parish Council, Witnesham School and by his peers - our two Free Church Ministers. We all look forward to a long and happy Ministry.

As will have been noticed, the work is well under way on the South Porch, but will go on for the rest of this year. We still await the Diocesan approval of a 'faculty' for the work to commence on the installation of the new window in the Tower. This should not prove a problem since there is more enthusiasm for, than opposition to, the project. We are all most grateful that Rosemary Keightly has made both of the above projects possible.

The Harvest Festival Service will take place at 1130 on 26th September. The Harvest Lunch will be at 1300 hours on Sunday, 3rd October. With our New Vicar, the Harvest Lunch is being given a New Format !! The three Churches are having a Benefice Harvest Lunch. To ensure that there will be sufficient seating for all who may wish to attend we have had to go out of the Benefice to find a suitable venue. The nearest available is Henley Village Hall. The cost has been worked out at £ 4.00 per adult and £ 2.00 per child. Tickets are not yet to hand, but reservations for these can be made with any one of the three ladies involved, viz: Jessica Arthur, Beryl Coates, Sue Punton - a quite accidental positioning across the Village. It is appreciated that the venue may seem a long way off, but anyone with genuine transport difficulties should contact Jim Punton, who will arrange something ! (Bikes ??!).

Services continue at 0930 hours every Sunday morning, with a 0800 hour Communion Service on the First Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

The Floodlighting Sponsorship scheme continues at £5.00 per week-end, and is very well supported. Applications can be made to the Writer on 785296, or to Dr John Arthur at Warley Cottage.

I would like to thank all concerned in the production and distribution of 'The Tattler' for giving us the means to communicate and keep the Village as well informed as possible of the goings on with their Village Church.

Jim P / 01.09.1999

A precis of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council, 27th July 1999, at the Village Hall.

The meeting had been called to consider the planning application C99/0761, to use existing agricultural buildings for the manufacture of paving slabs at Reedings Nursery.

The Chairman opened the debate by summarising the main points of Mr Scowsill's letter of objection to the planning application: a) the noise level of heavy vehicles transporting raw and finished material between the boundary of his property and the bungalow at Reedings Nursery; b) by granting a B1 planning approval, if unrestricted this could open the floodgates to other possibilities – the application as it stands is fine, but how should it be policed to ensure it would supply only the nursery/contracts for landscaping; c) as Reedings Nursery in on the edge of a conservation area, what impact would this application have on the area that adjoins the nursery.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support some limited activity, provided certain ammendments and conditions were made to the application:

- i) It should be reiterated that this application is for the manufacture of paving slabs only.
- ii) Rerouting of commercial vehicles, ie those carrying raw material/finished product, from between the bungalow and Tuddenham House boundary, to between the nursery and tunnels and come in from the South of the sheds.
- iii) Storage of bulk product should be as detailed on the plans, and to the South of the sheds.
- iv) The “display only” area of paving slabs on the nursery should be limited, with no storage of bulk product adjacent to Tuddenham House boundary.
- v) Permission for the sale of paving slabs should be restricted to retail sale on site of the nursery and for use of Reedings landscaping service.
- vi) A control or timing restriction on the manufacturing of paving slabs should be incorporated, ie 8.00 am to 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday, and that the doors to the manufacturing shed should be kept closed during production to help cut down the noise level.

A letter to this effect was also sent to Mr Schofield, Director of Planning and Leisure at Suffolk Coastal District Council, for consideration at their next meeting in early August.

Parish Clerk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch is on the move. About time too, most of you will say, after nearly a decade of my cajoling everybody to keep a watching brief and to be part of a small, but friendly, community.

I must especially thank my coordinators, both past and present, who have helped Neighbourhood Watch to be successful over the years. Without their continued involvement in taking messages and offering help when necessary, we would not have had such a complete picture of the trials and tribulations of Tuddenham to report to the police.

Mercifully we are not a big target for thieves and vandals, but for those who have been unfortunate victims it is always most distressing. So please keep watching for Molly Worswick on 785292 who takes over as the new "Queen Bee" very shortly, supported by all the coordinators who will stay to help her. Elizabeth Gunn will write in The Tattler and Sally Gardiner will help if backup is needed.

We have lived in Tuddenham for nearly fifteen years and it will seem odd not to be here to see all the familiar faces and to hear your cheerful hellos. But life moves on and maybe Capel St. Mary will need help with Neighbourhood Watch.

Janet Wells.

TAKE CARE

I am the last one to preach about taking care of possessions - we went away and left the front door open recently. However we are blessed with good neighbours who spotted our gaff, and closed and locked the door. Thanks to them for that! However, on the subject of taking the initiative, how about this idea....?

As part of the crime initiative led by Suffolk Police to prevent crime they have appealed for "spotters". The idea is that whilst walking the dog or taking a child to school a spotter could note cars which have personal property in full view and fill in a form with details like time, date, place, car model and registration number. This could be passed to the police who would then contact the owners and provide suitable crime prevention advice.

This is a bit "Big Brother" but I would take more notice of my things if the police had contacted me directly and that can only be good.

Car theft has been a problem in Tuddenham so what do you think? Are you a spotter?!?!?

Please ring Maria Clark, Community Watch Liaison Clerk, on **01986 835342** between 9.00 and 2.00, Tuesday to Thursday, for details.



CHAPEL OUTING



After the success of the Chapel weekend in April the same group of youngsters are joining together for a boating trip in Dedham on 12th September.

The Chapel crew enjoy teaching young people about the Bible and taking part in all activities. So far this has ranged from a barbeque on the beach to a swim, bowling to treasure hunts and now the boating. If any more young people would like to join The Sunday Club please contact Elaine and Tony on 785804 and do not worry about your age as that can range from 0 to 100 (how old is Mrs. French?) Lorna Beckett's grandson Sam comes at the moment. I always enjoy handing out her teas.

Look forward to seeing you there soon!

Chapel Chatter.

The photos below show the Sunday Club outing to Hegrave Hall. Thanks to all the adults who made it possible and to our photo providers.

canoe lessons

Never ever, ever, let yourself, as the only girl, be talked into not wearing a spraydeck for the first lesson. For those of you who do not know this is a cover to stop water entering the canoe. Still, I beat the boys. I had lessons at Broomhill Pool for a week this Summer and learned to paddle straight, backwards, forwards and sideways, to capsize and shoot off the side. Assuming the boys don't perhaps I should join the club in Woodbridge..... it



The photos on page 10 show the choices for the new Church window. Having seen some other new windows in this area it seems that our Church will be graced by a window much more challenging to the traditional eye and, in the editor's opinion, consequently more exciting. I look forward to hearing which one is chosen and seeing it in place.....

Delete Martin, Substitute Swift.

When we first came to Tuddenham in 1961 there were many House Martins who built their mud nests on the houses around the village. You can still see the remains of some of these on Pear Tree and Post Cottages, on our North facing walls. Yes, we have repainted since then but I did not have the heart to pull down their wonderful little structures so they remain. Two years ago I wrote much the same thing but Jim Kerridge pointed out one under the barge boards of The Fountain. I think this may have been the last one in Tuddenham St. Martin. We had a colony of Sand Martins in Weaver's sand pits along the Clopton Road but they were filled in long ago so the Martins went elsewhere.

One or two pairs of swallows still come here and have bred successfully this year. Those of us who use the bus service will know where.

But my favourite bird, the swift, is thriving and this may be why the Martins have gone. Too much competition.

As always they arrived from Southern Spain or North Africa between 10-15 May and this year I counted about fifty. They are extraordinary, very fast, twisting and wheeling, sometimes at a great height, then diving down over the roof tops with their distinctive "scree-scree-scree." This must be a radar to avoid collision, although some years ago I found one scrabbling on the lawn and was able to examine it. The most remarkable thing was its very underdeveloped legs with practically no muscle, but big strong claws. It could not walk! Its colour was not black but a very dark brown. I put it on a stool and it

wriggled to the edge and flew away. Apparently if they fall to the earth they cannot take off again unaided.

They nest in crevices of buildings or under roof tiles, which is probably why they came to Tuddenham as our old pan-tiles are ideal to fly straight in or grip underneath with their claws. I have watched for this to happen but never seen it, however Jim Kerridge achieved a first this year when one flashed over his head and in under a tile. It happened so quickly he had to get Jack Lay to confirm what it was. Jim does not miss much.

There are several unanswerable questions about these birds. Where do they get the strength to keep flying? Apparently the males never stop and the female is still only when on her eggs. How does she know when to launch her youngsters out of the nest? It is fly or die for them!

They have been seen by aircraft pilots gliding many thousands of feet up, and this must be how they sleep. How can they manage in that oxygen starved atmosphere? How do they withstand the cold?

This year I notice that they have gone very early, about three weeks ago - ie. mid August. They do not congregate on wires like Martins, swallows, etc. so who gives the signal and how?

Do they know something that we do not? If we are all here, look out for these amazing creatures between 10th and 15th

May in the year 2000.



Thank You

We have received a lovely thank you letter from Tear Fund after our £250 donation to the Kosovo Appeal. They continue to work in the area supporting the returning refugees and appreciate the prayers for reconciliation and lasting peace in the region which were (are?) offered by The Chapel.

St. Elizabeth Hospice

The Hospice offer day care services to those with a terminal illness who may be at an early stage of their diagnosis. This is in a place of light, life and laughter rather than of sadness and we go on outings such as the recent one when we had a boat trip up the River Deben. During the day you can have a jacuzzi, a hairdo or a manicure; some like to sit in the garden, watch TV or play games - Rummikub is a current favourite. The day lasts from 10-3.30 and volunteer drivers can offer transport.

We have a doctor, a family support worker, a complementary therapist and you can attend Holy Communion. Just about everything is optional, although most people decide to choose lunch!! The new Newcastle manager, Bobby Robson, opened an extension to the Day Care Unit which allows us to take up to twelve people a day. You can refer yourself by phoning (01473) 727776 and ask to speak to Annie Smith, the nurse in charge.

Television Reception

Arthur Jackson, at Ivy House, has contacted BBC Information, P.O. Box 116, Belfast, BT2 7AJ, as he has bad reception. The Tacolneston transmitter is having its aerial rebuilt which is likely to be completed this week. He has been asked to contact them on 08700 100 123 if the problem persists after 3rd September. You might like to contact Arthur, or the Reception Unit directly, if you have problems.

Next Tattler is out in October.

Please put any copy, adverts etc. through my door - Pear Tree Cottage - or ring 785314 to get into print.

The September W.I. meeting is on stamp designing which should be very interesting with all the lovely designs out this year to celebrate the Millennium.

The next W.I. meeting will be in October when flower arranging and Christmas designs will be discussed.

REEDINGS

There have been changes at Reedings Nursery with the accent moving to landscaping and the coffee and gift shop closing. Shrubs and trees are still available at trade

