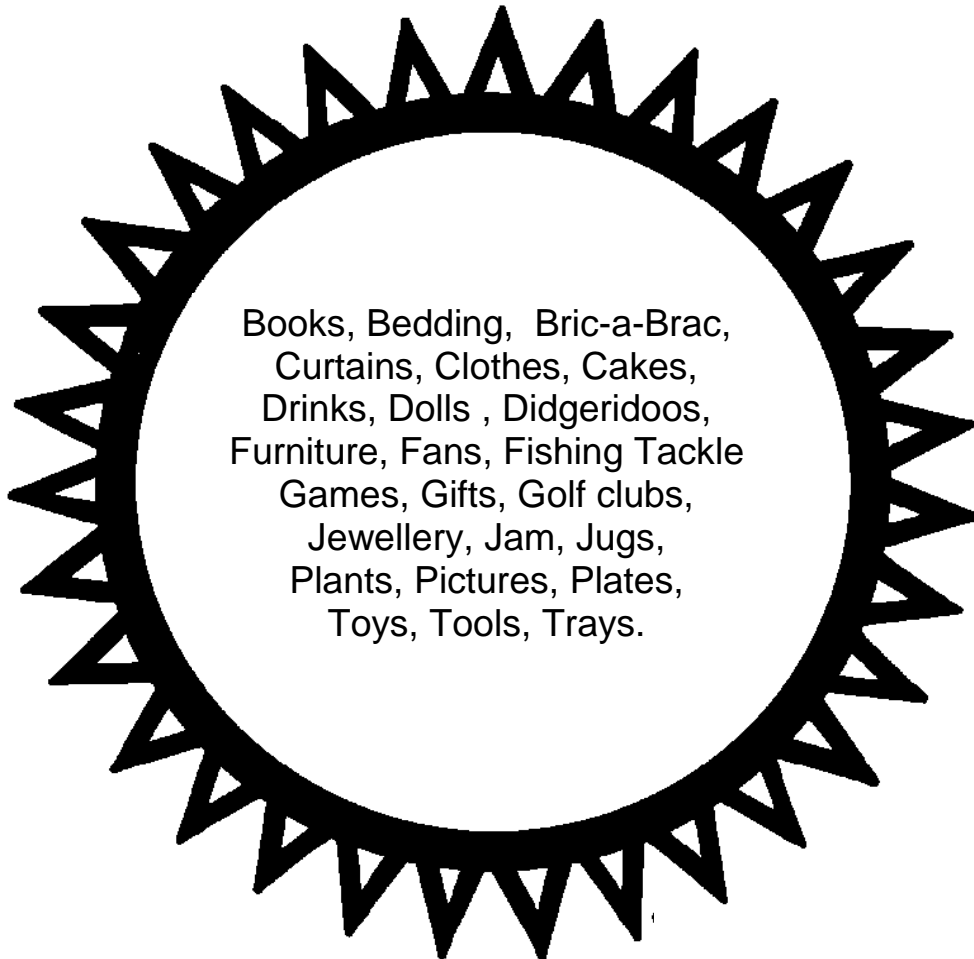

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Tickets for Pauline Kerridge's fantastic cake will be available at Pear Tree Cottage.

Refreshments are to be served in the foyer.

Right now we need volunteers for stalls, and everything you can give us to sell. Pass it on!

On the day please come to the Hall with your wares and your money and help to make this the "Sale of the Century!"

VILLAGE SALE

Sat. 1st July

2.00pm

Village Hall open from 9.00am
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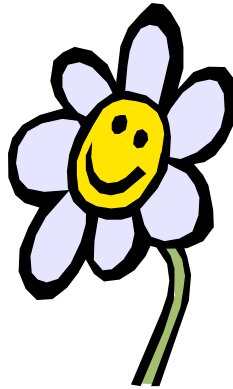
Phone Rallying Reporter on
785314. Tell your friends!

Raffle on the day.



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

We are *still* holding a competition for the tallest sunflower in the village! The plant has to be positioned where it can be seen from public areas so that we can judge the competition without entering the premises. If you want some seeds please contact us on 785314. Last time we ran this competition we attached seeds to each Tattler but many were lost hence the above request. How tall is yours???



BEST WISHES

Our best wishes to Sarah, daughter of Jackie and David Lugo, after her recent operation.

Also to Vera, Mum of Tony French, who remains poorly in hospital.



W E L L D O N E !

Mike Trotman and John Kerry ran the London Marathon recently as you may have read in recent issues of The Tattler.

Mike's 26.2 miles raised the stunning total of £5905.46 which is going towards Leukaemia Research Fund. This charity funds research as well as offering a vital support network. Running costs (sorry about the pun!) are only 5p in a £.

So well done, Mike, for meeting a challenge. How lovely to hear that your daughter, Clare, is doing well too! And the bad news... he is running next year.



Sculpture in the Park

From 17th June till 10th September Elizabeth Wright uses Christchurch Park to display her work. Find out more about her intriguing work at a slide show on 4th July at 7.00pm, in the Wolsey Art Gallery.

The shop at Christchurch Mansion is well worth a browse. They are working hard to stimulate and inform!

The Hayward Gallery is presenting a National Touring Exhibition called "Sublime: The Darkness and the Light." Running

until 23rd July this tries to give form to human experience that is beyond the realities of the everyday. So explore this metaphysical realm at The Mansion.



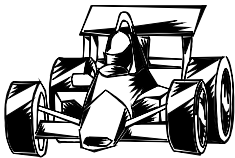
Safari Supper

Please contact Monica on 785272 as soon as possible if you would like to join in with this night of travel, food and stimulating conversation.



Request From Keightley Way Resident

Could all drivers in this area and those who need to visit Keightley Way please slow down. Children play in this area during the Summer. I know the Playground is available but it is not always possible for parents to supervise children over there at a given moment.



Recently a car, travelling quickly, had to break hard to avoid an accident.

Please, please, drivers, be aware of the children.

Paula Rose.

Aesthetic Medicine

When I was interviewing some new residents in The Street I was told that one of them was a Cosmetic Nurse. I had never met anyone who was in this business before so I asked few questions. Below is a short outline by Louise.

Aesthetic Medicine is a bridge between cosmetic care and plastic surgery. It is a new discipline which has proved extremely effective and popular. It is somewhere between superficial cosmetic care and aesthetic surgery. It combines medical and cosmetic techniques for treatment on mature, aged skin, wrinkles, sun damage, pigmentation, acne, thread veins, cellulite and excessive hair.

I work on behalf of the Courthouse Clinic in Brentwood which provides a range of services offered by experienced, skilled specialists. It provides medically approved and supervised beauty treatments and facial and body care. I hope I have answered the Roving Reporter's question!

WI News

We were very pleased with the results of our **Millennium Project** which we completed in March. All entries were on display at BT Martlesham. The winners were Blundeston and Flexton WI who had a staggering 135 marks out of 135. Full marks! We had 121 marks. A great result. Congratulations to all who helped. We will be surveying the area again in five years time to record any changes. After everyone's hard work the WI Federation would like to put them on display, possibly in the Autumn, for the general public to see.

Did anyone go into the WI tent at the Suffolk Show and see our entry in the **illustrated book section**? Sandy Burn made a lovely toy bag from the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar, illustrating it from the beginning with an egg on a leaf, the caterpillar eating his way through the week to turn into a chrysalis and finally emerging into a butterfly. Sandy enjoyed making it and gained 129 out of 140 marks. Well done, Sandy! All the bags are going to be distributed among local play groups.

On 11th July a **Garden Meeting** will be held at The Brick House, 3, The Granaries, beginning at 7.30pm. On 12th September Tanya Robertson will talk about **Style Direction** in the Village Hall. We are always delighted to have visitors to our meetings. Anyone interested can phone Cherrie Starling on 785767 or just come along to any meeting.

Tuddenham's Title Triumph

Just when we thought it could not get any better, following our recent successes, it has! We proved it at a match held in Needham Market on Sunday, 15th May.

As the Champions of Division 1 (E) we were invited to play Blockley Carpet Bowls Club, winners of Division 1 (W) to establish who were the **County Champions**. After two hard fought opening games Brockley established a 2-0 lead (bit like Bolton)! They also had an 11 shot advantage. In the second two games back came Tuddenham to claim both games and not only level the score but steal victory on the superior number of shots made.

Now there can be no doubting it. Tuddenham are County Champions and have two magnificent trophies to prove it.

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In fact adjustments will be need to the cupboard to accommodate them all.

Well done to all Tuddenham players and supporters alike.

*Dave Long, (Sec)
Tuddenham Carpet Bowls' Club.*



WANTED

The Management Committee of The Tuddenham Village Hall are anxious to keep the hall in as good a state of repair as possible and would like to be able to rely on someone to carry out the small repair and maintenance that need doing from time to time. So we are looking for a handyman (or woman) in the village who would be willing to offer their services to do minor repairs as and when they occur. Anyone interested in this worthwhile job please get in touch with Gill Cruikshank (785415), Bob Tanner (785003) or Fiona Woods (785268).

COMMITTEE MEETING

The main items dealt with were the general maintenance of the Hall building, in particular the state of the floor, the men's toilet and of three of the wooden window frames – the latter are all the originals from when the Hall was constructed – as well as the condition of part of the new car parking area – we have to find a way to drain the surface water – and complaints about the noise level during the use of the Hall. The search for a handyman is detailed above.



Sympathies

Our thoughts are with the relatives of Mr Albert Meadows who lived in Keightley Way. He was a keen gardener and very cheerful man. His bright eyes will be missed.

Paddy Roach lived in the village for over forty years in one of the cottages on Church Hill. After his wife died his daughter came to join him. He will be remembered by many as a jolly character who enjoyed the Summer months in his garden usually wearing a large Panama Hat. Our sympathies go to his daughter and other relatives and friends.

Village Scene

There was a delightful sight on Church Hill one recent Saturday when the Bride and Groom departed in a horse drawn carriage. Our best wishes for the future to Birthday boy, Paul Lugo and Cerys Houghton.

THE BED SPRING

*Boing! I feel a bit compressed.
Boing! That's better..... Yes.
It is the case that pillow fights
(on Friday nights)
Are a "fact of life"
For springs like us;
Now all is quiet
All explained
Not one unanswered question.....
Remains.....
(And that's a fact!)*

Further curiosity on subsequent pages.....

Town Lectures

This series of lunchtime lectures in the first year of the Millennium under the Ipswich Arts Association was mentioned in the last issue of Tattler. Phone 252552 for details.

14th Sept. Ipswich people who have influenced history *by Nicholas Sign at Regent Theatre.*

12th Oct. Ipswich Public Houses *by David Jones.*

9th Nov. Air Warfare around Ipswich *by John LeMare.*

14th Dec. Composers linked with Ipswich *by Prof. Chris Green. This talk will be illustrated by "live" music.*

These lectures run from 1.00-1.50 with drinks available beforehand. You are welcome to take lunch in to the lectures.

If you want to join a Tattler rep at the talks give us a ring on **785314** for a lift in to Ipswich.

HOORAY!

At last, can't believe it but it's true! Road improvements through the village will begin next week. Holes are to be filled and the road surface dressed. Let's hope this lessens the bouncing and racketing of the traffic. We will just have to wait and see.

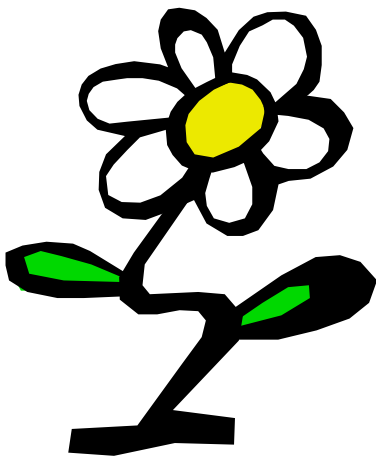


My Favourite House Plant

I have grown Regal Pelargoniums for many years. Their large attractive flowers in red, pink, mauve and white, with dark centres have always given me great pleasure. Unfortunately their flowering period, April to July, is somewhat shorter than their close relative, the Zonal Pelargonium (Geraniums), but their intense colour during the flowering period makes up for this.

Tips for success:

- ⇒ Keep the pot in a sunny position
- ⇒ Water freely during flowering
- ⇒ Feed regularly
- ⇒ Remove dead flowers.



Take cuttings of 3-4" which have no flowers on them, in August, and insert round the edge of a clay pot in potting compost. Water well and place in a good light. Do not cover the pot. After a few weeks when a good root system has been established pot on to single 3½" pots. In January and February, again pot on to 5" pots. Their main pest is white fly which is somewhat difficult to control. Spray immediately and continue to do so at four day intervals. The plants can be kept several years but do become woody.

The Regal Pelargonium is a lovely plant to give anyone!

Peter Woods.

A Piece of Firewood

I'm sucking in air, I'm giving off sparks

*My "Grand Finale" now at last.
Far better this way than left to rot,*

In leafy -mould – and time forgot.

See on for more curiosities.....

YOUTH OFFENDER PANELS

These are a new way to deal with young people who commit crimes. Local people take the lead in challenging young offenders to take responsibility for their actions and help them to change their behavior for good.

Suffolk has been specially chosen to test out how this new idea will work best. Would you like to take a key role in helping young people? This is an opportunity to do something for the future.

You may remember a past Village Liaison Officer in Tuddenham called Steve Warne. He is active in this project and would love to hear from you.....



Please contact Molly Worswick on 785292 for details.



THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

01473 785377

Welcome to Julian Copping, our new Landlord.

He has come to us from The County Pub where he was landlord for two years. His reason for change of venue is that he always

enjoyed the friendliness of the people in The Fountain when he was a customer and also country life appealed. He is particularly interested in vintage vehicles and at one time owned a fire engine. He has many ideas for the future of The Fountain and has already been successful with a Quiz Night and a Garden Party. There is a new chef and menu. He is very keen for people to use the pub notice board for promoting events, causes and personal adverts. His mission is to have a community orientated pub with food as a priority and good value and service are the bywords. Matthew Eley is coming for an interview soon, so watch out in your Evening Star for the article.

EVENTS:

Live Jazz every Friday evening at 8.30 and Live music every Tuesday at 8.30pm.

24th June Colour TV draw, free tickets with every drink, also Kareoke.

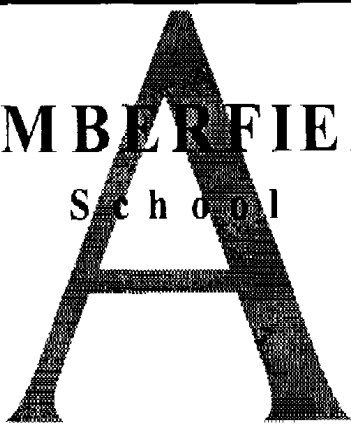
16th July Quiz with teams of around four people

23rd July Garden Party family orientated with Bouncy Castle and BBQ at 3.30pm.
Also Kareoke at 8.00pm.

Revelling Reporter.

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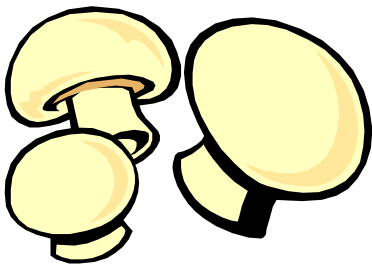
Rare Truffles in Tuddenham

When my husband was picking up stones on a flower bed he remarked that one felt rather soft. It was the size of a pullet's egg and looked like a bit like a potato with very fine, hairlike roots. He found two more and we cut one in half. Inside it was black and jelly like divided into small chambers. We had never seen anything like it before so off I went to see my friend, Pat Gondris, who is very knowledgeable in all things natural. After much searching in books on fungi she identified it from two old books as a *MELANOGASTER VARIEGATUS* – known as the Red Truffle.

It grows underground in the vicinity of broad leaved trees. It bruises black. It used to be quite common in the West Country but Pat had not seen one before. The area where we found them contained soil excavated to make a pond and this, we think, is how they came to be on the surface. We have not found any more.

And more from my diary.....

It has been quite a month for us. Yesterday we saw a big red fox on the Bridleway at about 6.00pm. We identified the plant "Houndstongue" growing alongside the bean field. It has a very pretty blood red flower and hairy foliage and it belongs to the Borage family.



Early one morning the commotion of birds woke us up as a Sparrow Hawk killed

and plucked a Blackbird in the garden. It then flew off with its catch.

Dymphna Jackson

Wiltshire Farm Foods

This is not an advert but a suggestion for those who might benefit from ready made meals suitable for freezing delivered to your door. I know a lady who recommends them. Please mention her name if you try one and she will get a reduction off her bill! She is Mrs. Broadbent, of Playford, widow to our vicar in Tuddenham from the 1950s. So how about Country Chicken Pie and Bakewell tart for £3.55 or fillet of trout with Prawns followed by Lemon Sponge for £4.45? Or Mixed bean casserole then treacle tart for £3.10?

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The Millennium Dome

I went with the family for a day out at the dome. You asked for our views so here goes:

The children enjoyed the day. They ran from attraction to attraction full of excitement and energy. The BT Zone gets a special mention for the new ideas that they were allowed to take part in. Such things as ID cards with ET next to a photo of you, and a three dimension picture taken onto the computer so that you could cycle a bike in the sky on the TV. This was then available on the internet when we got home. They also liked the Tesco Learning Zone where games educated and a lady dressed as a head teacher gave them the cane!

We were lucky to visit on a Saturday when the Dome is open until 11.00pm so we certainly got our money's worth though we were worn out as we drove home. I liked the Rest Zone where relaxation was the name of the game. The live show got good reviews from other people we met but I was not too impressed. The Black Adder film was well up to standard. The Journey Zone was informative and thought provoking with regard to the problems ahead as traffic increases. The Body Zone got a thumbs down from all of us – all hype with no content. Also disappointing was the Faith Zone. No inspiration here and the children simply wanted to move on to the more exciting exhibits.

I feel that the day was good but not inspiring. So try it out but get a reduced price ticket, take food and drink and comfortable walking shoes.... In the meantime our children are going again with the school and they cannot wait!

I look forward to seeing the String Of Pearls - a series of buildings open along the Thames for this Millennium year. Much more to my taste as it will require a stroll along the river seeing all the sights.

Dome Visitor.

Recommended

The Maharaja Balti Restaurant, at 24-26 Crown Street, is a great place to eat. Parking by the side of the restaurant is easy particularly on Sunday nights. The quality of food is excellent, the setting very attractive and the value quite amazing.



The Sunday night Special at £7.75 consists of starter, main dish, side dish, sweet and coffee. A snip at the price! We are frequent customers.

Book a table on 01473 217785.

*Pear Tree People.
785314.*

The Cardboard Box

Recycle me –

No staples, only glue.

My fluted sides are strong and true;

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See how the homeless live

- at Hengrave Hall.

See more about the Chapel weekend on page 14.

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Mercy Ships

I was taken by surprise when some work colleagues invited me to join them on a trip to London last week to see The Anastasis, the first commissioned "Mercy Ship". We arrived in Docklands at 7.00pm and were welcomed by the crew. When we left four hours later I felt inspired by the dedication and extraordinary commitment of all involved in this project. It all started when a little girl said "Wouldn't it be good if the doctors and nurses could take their equipment to the place where the operations are most needed – to the poor countries?"

So a group of volunteers looked into buying a ship and eventually they bought The Anastasis and worked to convert her into a hospital ship. After around 15 years of service she still supplies hope to the hearts of the sick as well as Christian ministry and love. We were shown the theatres, the wards, the cabins for the volunteer crew – all the 350 people on board pay their way and earn nothing. Some of them have worked on the ship for 15 years!!! These include the Captain the cleaners, the painters, the cooks, the nurses, the surgeons, the hairdresser – actually she has just left so are you interested in a new job, for no pay?!?!?

And what have they achieved? Well they operate on adults who have lived their whole lives blind just for the need of a cataract operation, and on cleft lip and palates in young adults who have been unable to leave their huts for fear of being stoned to death as devils. And they do routine dentistry and extractions in their outreach clinics, many miles away from the ship, and they teach basic hygiene and health care to those who appear to know so little. Perhaps just to value *clean* water...

So to my reason for writing.... I hope you will now understand why some of the proceeds from the Village Sale are to go towards the ship where miracles happen every day.

Or as quoted from the Bible..... Isiah 58.10.

N I C E

For those of us who have watched the brilliant "Fast Show" we would recognise the sketch where the presenter of a Jazz programme uses the catch phrase "nice", said in a smooth, slightly sarcastic manner. An hilarious sketch, like the rest of the show, but for me, the stereo typical image, that the word Jazz tends to conjure up in the majority of people's minds, is an uneducated, perhaps misunderstood, preconception that, as a total Jazz "anorak", I have a slight problem accepting.

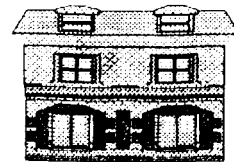
To define Jazz stylistically is difficult as it comes in numerous different forms and its versatile nature crosses many different genres of music. With the "Bebop" style of Charlie "Bird" Parker, the silky tones of "Take Five's" Paul Desmond, and the Latin Jazz influenced chart toppers "Mambo number 9" or "Living La Viva Loca", Jazz has to be worthy of a slightly more descriptive definition than "Nice."

I suppose the root of my grievance with the word "Nice" stems from both my English teacher and my father assuring me that

there were no such adjectives as nice, nicer, nicest etc. It's a nothing word that surely has no relation to the art form which I passionately study and attempt to play.

We are very lucky in Tuddenham that every Friday night, at The Fountain, some excellent musicians in the form of Dougie Barber and friends get the pub swinging with some traditional jazz. Although not my favourite style of Jazz these players have to be admired. Dougie, for example, in his late seventies, is still weaving out solos with the intricacy and stamina of someone playing at their peak. On top of all this it is free and very conducive to a Friday night bevy or three!

So, Go get yourself down to the Jazz section at the local record store or down the pub, and enjoy some anything but "Nice" music. It is *nice* to get that off my chest!



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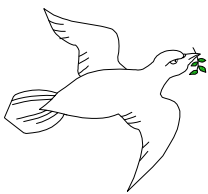
VISITING AMY

Tony French has asked The Tattler to offer a lift to anyone who would like to join him on one of his regular trips to visit Amy North who is living on Foxhall Road. Please contact him on 785804 for details of his next outing.

Butley Barns

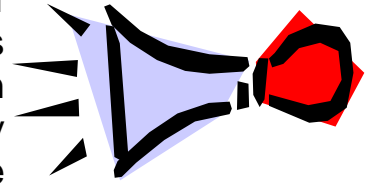
The statue which The Tuddenham Tattler has commissioned to mark the Millennium is coming on well. Have you been to see it yet? I popped in today and can give you some details of the story so far.....

The statue is about 27" high and depicts two hands releasing a dove. We hope it will symbolise the hope for the future that we feel for Tuddenham, and the world. I have some photos for those who are interested but cannot make the trip to Butley so do please call 785588 and have a look. We have no finish date as yet. More in the July issue.....



National Cycle Network

The first 5000 miles of this network will be opened on 21st June during the Millennium festival of cycling. The following four days will involve events all over the country and one of these will lead to cyclists passing through Tuddenham on 25th June. The Ipswich Family Cycling group will join the ride by starting their outing from The Fountain at 10.30am. Why not join them? Along the route from Essex to Lincolnshire will be Jazz bands, Morris Dancers, fetes and a vintage bike rally. For details contact Graham of Sustrans on 01502 714661.



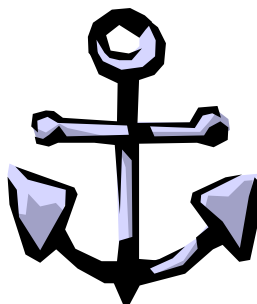
On 21st June there is also an event called "The Longest Ride" when, on this longest day of the year, 260 bike rides will take place nationally radiating from 69 hub towns and cities. From Ipswich five rides will leave Christchurch Mansion steps.

IP-City.com

A partnership between Ipswich and Cambridge is set to launch thousands of jobs in one of the world's biggest hi-tech zones. Perhaps we will get more technophiles in the village.....welcome to them all. After all I married one!!!

Maritime Ipswich

After the musical weekend at Christchurch Park we are now ready for the Maritime weekend. More than 350 vessels will tie up at the Waterfront. Have you been down to the Docks recently – they are coming alive with new marina areas and housing as well as shops planned. For the weekend of 24-25 June there will be Dragonboat regattas, and fancy dress, bands and Punch & Judy, a production of Moby Dick on the theatre ship Fitzcaraldo, and on Saturday evening there will be Press Gangs on the prowl, so watch out.....!



Bowled Over!

Well if the article in BT Today is anything to go by then the bosses must be delighted for they say that their brand is their most important asset and Mike Trotman has certainly promoted it well with his recent efforts for charity. The marathon is mentioned earlier in this issue but now for the



bowling. Mike gathered together over 60 people from Adastral Park (Martlesham Heath) to bowl their way to £5000 for Leukaemia research. Clare came up with the request

that he support the charity after she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia and he seems to have excelled. Free lanes donated by the Kingpin Centre, along with donations from local businesses and donations from the lads who bowled raised this magnificent total. The money will buy equipment for Summersham Ward. Mike's comment that the event was

"A great opportunity for people of different divisions to get together socially" was a typical "teamy" BT comment.

Congratulations on your Strike, Mike!

But best news of all is that Clare, and her daughter Jasmine, are well.

There are three kinds of people in this world; those who can count and those who can't!

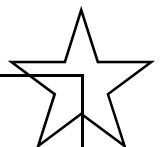
The Samaritans

After hearing a chat in The Chapel from a Samaritan about their work it seemed useful that we should all know something of their work. Have we not all known people who need a friend which is, after all, what The Good Samaritan represented in the parable. A friend at our point of need? The Samaritans work on the knowledge that talking can make the difference. They suggest that;

- * Trust your instinct, if you're concerned, you're probably right.
- * Ask how they are feeling and listen.
- * Encourage support from others.
- * Contact The Samaritans as they might be able to help.
- * **Phone 0345 90 90 90**
- * **Write to The Samaritans, PO Box 90 90, Slough, SL1 1UU**
- * **Email on samaritans@anon.twwells.com**
- * **Website: www.samaritans.org.uk**

It just occurs to me that YOU might be the person in need of a friend right now. Please seek it, if so, via one of the avenues above or turn to a friend. I am sure we all agree that The Good Samaritan would be the role we would hope that we would have played.....if we had had the chance.

The Samaritans
0345 90 90 90



Chapel Outing **JOINT SERVICE**

You may have gathered from various little ditties scattered through The Tattler that the children have visited Hengrave Hall again with the Chapel. The rhymes were written by an adult who survived – thanks Eddie. I was a bit anxious about bed springs and “getting all the facts” but I think this refers to a midnight feast..... For more details contact Peter!

“The Notices.”

On Friday, 19th May, eleven young people and six adults from Tuddenham Chapel headed off to Hengrave Hall for a weekend of fun, friendship and staying up late. Surprisingly, most were up at about 6am on Saturday playing ball games.

Later that morning we all went into Bury to see the superb percussion group “Backbeat”, and to the swimming pool in the afternoon. Some of the young people tried to persuade the adults that the flume rides were enjoyable – the adults were not convinced unlike the youngsters. During the evening, cardboard cities were built to gain an idea of what sleeping rough in a cardboard box really means.

Other activities ranged from team games, indoor hockey, and the card game, UNO as well as a short time of worship on Sunday morning.

There was a real spirit of friendship evident in the young people throughout the entire weekend. Indeed, one wanted to be invited back next year (*that is one of the “non-Tuddenham visitors*) which confirms that the event was, indeed, very enjoyable..... even for the adults.

Roger, the Bouncer.

On 18th June the Chapel bulged at the seams as every seat was filled, plus some standing at the back. “Isn’t that usual?” you may ask. Well no, for here was a joint service for all the Christians in the village and that means those from St. Martin’s, The Chapel AND those who do not usually worship in Tuddenham at all! A warm welcome was extended to Rev. Sam Cowley who was the speaker, with Tony French acting as host.

It was a good morning enhanced by the mid-Summer weather. The hymns sounded so rich and lively as we combined like a mass choir to “raise the roof”. The three speakers seemed fired by the excitement of this special morning though, as ever, recently, talk turned to football. Ah well, the boys must have their toys!

After about fifteen minutes the children filed off to The Manse. Helena, Emma, Ben, Sam, Kirsty, Megan, and William were kept busy with foot drawing and counting songs. Elaine had *her* work cut out but enlisted Katy’s help.

Meanwhile, back at the Chapel we listened to Rev. Sam Cowley talk about his fears when he attended Suffolk Radio for Thought of the Day recently. He called for us all to remember, as he had eventually done, that Jesus will prepare the way for us so we need not fear that we might fall.

I liked Roger’s thought; *Since we are all going to meet in Heaven we might as well get to know each other now!*

So, thanks come from Tony French to Sam and *all* who came – Church and Chapel alike. The number of children made it a real family event. Surely this cannot be the last such occasion....

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Annual Parish Meeting, 16th May

Chairman's report

The year 1999-2000 began with the appointment of a new Parish Clerk, Di Aulsebrook.

The Parish Council continued to support Tuddenham Parochial Council with the maintenance of the churchyard and the Village Hall Committee with the maintenance of the village hall.

Following a request from the auditors and on the advice of the Suffolk Assn. Of Local Councils, the PC has, during the year, adopted new Financial Standing Orders and is in the process of adopting standing orders to the conduct of Council matters and meetings.

As one of the duties of the Parish Council the PC has submitted comment on planning applications in the Parish on three occasions during the year.

Highway matters continue to dominate PC meetings, whether it is maintenance of the highway surface, safety issues or the seemingly ever-increasing flow of traffic through the village. With the co-operation of the owner of "Giffords" in Moss Lane, the junction with Church Lane has been improved, following the PC's original representation last Autumn and supported by Westerfield PC. The Chairman noted that the H-markings in The Street appeared to be correct at the third attempt! The Millennium Steering Committee was set up at the end of '99. To date there has been a very successful combined Church service and bonfire event on 2nd Jan, and more is planned.

The Chairman expressed the PC's thanks to Joan Bloomfield whose efforts over the past years had allowed the village to enjoy the facility of a playground, equipped with

various items of play equipment. The time had now come to decide the future of this amenity in the light of Joan's expressed wish to relinquish overall control of it.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Parish Clerk and all the Councillors for their continued support and contributions over the year.

Presentation and report from the Village Hall Committee.

Mrs. G Cruikshank, Chairman, gave a brief report on the village Hall Committee. The PC is the Custodian Trustee of the VH because the VH is built on land that belongs to the PC. The VHC run and manage the property. Income is derived predominantly from hire charges from the hall (approx. £2,500 p.a.) and is almost equal to the annual outgoing (e.g.. water, electricity, cleaning and insurance). Extra money is needed for maintenance and is achieved by fundraising. An example quoted was the recent resurfacing of the drive: £5000 came from a Millennium Grant, £2500 from S.C.D.C., £3000 as a personal donation from Mr. George Pipe, and from the "Buy a Brick" fundraising in the village and various village organisations (e.g.. the PC).

This year discussions have centred around the replacement of two windows in the hall, paint work on the outside requires attention and the toilets in the building need upgrading.

Mr. Harvey requested that the VHC financial statement be circulated to the PC with details of possible future expenditure on the VH prior to the PC's budget/precept discussions in order that the PC could take a less reactive and more proactive role

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towards the VHC.

Presentation and report from the Parochial Church Council.

Dr. John Arthur divided his report into two main areas: People and building. After an interregnum of one year and nine months, Rev. Sam Cowley has been appointed as vicar for the three Parishes of Tuddenham, Westerfield and Witnesham. Work within the church has, in the main, been possible due to a large legacy from Rosemary Keightley, for the beautification of the church. This has led to work in the West porch: putting in a “disappearing” staircase for ease of access to the ringing chamber. Lighting has been changed to give a lighter atmosphere within the church and to highlight the beautiful woodwork within the building. Extension work in the South porch has meant that connection to mains water and drains has allowed a WC and washbasin to be installed, whilst increasing the size of the porch which is now longer and wider. Also a new window has been commissioned between the church tower and knave and is dedicated to St. Martin. It is due to be completed by the end of June and will be dedicated during the Bishop’s visit in September.

Village Millennium Steering Group Report.

The MSG will be sending a newsletter out to all households in the village outlining events that were being organised over the Summer months. These will include a Safari Supper (24th June), Siting and presentation of a Millennium Bench (16th July), Teddy Bears’ Picnic (16th July), and planting of tree at West end of churchyard.

Village Playground

– Discussion on possible future options for management.

Mrs. Bloomfield began by explaining the background to the setting up of this amenity in the village: it began in 1985 with a 21 year lease granted to the Playground Committee. Grounds and equipment are checked every six months and equipment is removed if found unsafe. Grass cutting is undertaken by the council. Having checked with solicitors, it is not possible to hand over the lease to the PC – it would need to be renegotiated with SCDC, or new trustees would need to be found to replace Mrs. Bloomfield.

The general consensus was that there was still a need for this open space and that it should be part of the PC’s remit to supply and manage such amenities on behalf of the village. The Clerk is to write to Mrs. Bloomfield outlining, in principle, that the PC is in agreement with taking over the playground.

AGM

Mr W. Pipe and Mr P. Harvey were duly elected unopposed as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Mrs J. Kelm was elected as the Responsible Financial Officer for the PC and Mr T. Wright was reelected as Tree Warden.

Future dates for Parish Council Meetings were agreed:

5th Sept,

5th December,

6th March, 2001,

1st May – AGM & Annual Parish Meeting.

After recent shooting of a cat in the village by an air rifle it was agreed that the local policeman, PC J. Kirby, be alerted to the fact that a blue Orion car had been seen

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on a couple of occasions either parking in The Fountain car park or down Fynn Lane, with several young men with airguns getting out.

Highways

Mrs. Welham suggested that some form of monitoring of vibrations by larger vehicles be set up once the resurfacing of the road through the village was completed as the potholes, etc., were still posing problems.

WWWicked Sites

After being bullied by the Ed to start up my own section I decided to please her and choose a very interesting subject that gives me an excuse to spend hours on the internet – **internet sites!**



My two sites this month are game based.

1. www.beeb.com/cgi-bin/frameSet.cgi?location=motorshow/keep_on_moving/pizza_chase.html&leftnav=home_leftnav.html&template=topgear

This game is very appealing to those who love pizzas, unfortunately you cannot eat them!

2. www.headbone.com

You get the chance to be a furry monster that eats dirt and has the opportunity to make himself rich. This game becomes very addictive!!!

Look forward to hearing from you with your suggestions for the next issue, if you have any favourites, so email me on:

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**NEXT MEETING OF
PARISH COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY,
5TH SEPTEMBER, 2000,
AT 7.30pm.
IN VILLAGE HALL.**

ALL WELCOME.

JOB VACANCY

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