

The Tuddenham Tattler

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Church and the Chapel have special services over the Christmas period. You will be most welcome at all of them. The Tattler wishes all its readers a happy new year!

CHURCH DATES

17th Dec.	18.30	Carol Service
24th Dec.	15.30	Children's Service
	23.30	Watch night Service at Westerfield & Winesham
25th Dec.	09.30	Family Communion

I wish you and yours a very happy Christmas and a healthy & prosperous 2001, with God's blessing on all of us.

Jim Punton.



MY TUDDENHAM CHRISTMAS

T insle
U ltra huge presents
D azzling baubles
D allying by the river
E xciting walks
N o turkey! Hooray!
H olly
A pple pie afters
M um, Dad, Me.



C hurch bells ringing
H oly Day
R obin redbreast
I vy
S age and chestnut stuffing
T ree twinkling
M andarins
A t home
S leep peacefully.

Merry Christmas from Lilly, Annie & Pauline

CHAPEL DATES



17th Dec. at 6.00pm

The
Fountain

24th Dec., 11 am, Chapel Service

Public Service

Despite living at Hollesley, my Sunday mornings wouldn't be right, without my weekly trip to Tuddenham Chapel. It's always the same isn't it? The other man's grass is greener etc. except we don't have a Chapel here in Hollesley, and you do, and I have to admit to a touch of envy when I think of you at Tuddenham with such a wealth of warmth and friendship right on your doorstep, and I bet you didn't even know it.

If you attended our "Christmas Evening" on Sunday you will have seen "our children" and a few adult members treading the boards in a light hearted attempt to bring you the true meaning of Christmas. The show was punctuated with favourite carols which called for audience participation and there were mince pies with the coffee at half time. Tony, the Pastor, closed the evening with a few well chosen words and it was agreed that a good time was had by all. If you were unfortunate enough to have missed out, don't despair: we are going to bring you an evening of carols and readings at The Fountain—Yes, that's the pub! So come along at 6.00 on 17th December and combine your favourite tipple with your favourite carol—who could ask for more!

If you cannot make it but are curious to find out more about us, don't take my word for it, come in one Sunday morning and experience the overwhelming warmth that fills our small, yet big hearted, Chapel. I can assure you it will be an hour well spent. In the meantime, may we take this opportunity to wish peace and joy for you this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Jane Collier.

Merry Christmas

Marvellous Christmas lunch
Exciting Christmas
Rolling around with excitement
Rib tickling cracker jokes
Yawning Father Christmas

Carol singers
Holly on Christmas table
Roasties in the oven
I love it

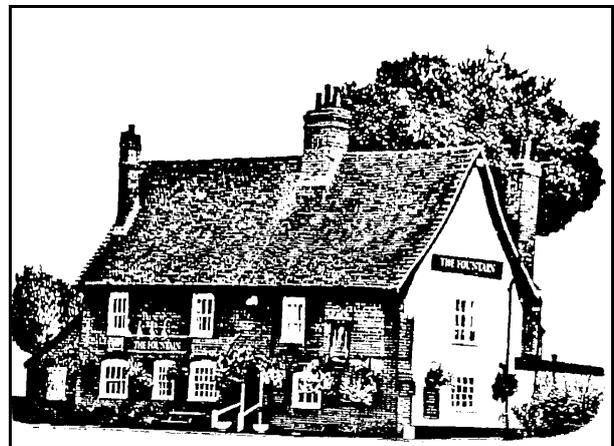
Stars in the sky
Tinsel on the Christmas tree
MMMMMMMM

Apple sauce on the table
Snow falling from the sky.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By Stevie



The Fountain are offering a special Christmas menu.
Phone 785377 to book.

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in 2001.***

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etc. through my door - Pear Tree Cot-
tage - or ring 785314 to get into print.*

IT Girl's Utterances...

Hello, its Tattler time again! This week I am making an offer you can't refuse. E-mail me your e-mail address and name, and a friend's e-mail address and name and I will send them a special personalized card. The card takes up the whole screen and is rather like a slide show. If you want a birthday one then state this and I will create!

1. www.smallgames.com This site has 'small' games that have hours of fun! Also links to other sites.
2. Following the success of TV's Big brother this site should further satisfy the craving. It's the UK and Ireland Webcam search Directory.
www.uk.webcameras.co.uk

I hope you enjoy these sites and I look forward to receiving many e-mails for the cards. (You can always be greedy and ask for one to be sent to yourself!)

See you next issue.

itgirl@tuddenhamtattler.com



Trading Places

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W.I. Dates



**Change of date:
Next meeting on
Tuesday, 5th December
at Village Hall.**

WELCOME

Hello to Roz Palmer who has come to join Tracy in 7, The High Street, which she describes as a "girlie pad." Roz is a residential carer, having worked at Sidegate Lane and Cherryfields. She dislikes sprouts and earwigs.... Especially on the same plate! Apparently, everyone wrongly thinks she and Tracy are sisters; they are both blonds. She is glad she made the move from Rushmere and, like Tracy, thinks Tuddenham is great.

Sorry to hear that Laddie, the old black dog at Manor Farm, has died recently, aged 14. His waving tail, happy grin and bark will be missed by visitors to the farm.

CHAPEL NEWS



Tuddenham Chapel invite you to join them for their Christmas Celebrations on Sunday, 10th December, at 6.15 pm.

A pot-pourri of words and music, including a short play performed by "our" children will be the order of the evening. Lots to enjoy. Come along and be assured of a warm welcome!

A Groom's Life

Tracy has always been mad on living creatures, from dogs to bugs, but at the age of ten her interest centred on horses, partly because her friend was learning to ride, she became keen too. She was soon hooked at a local riding stable in Wickham Market. Her enthusiasm and hard work resulted in her being part of the Vaulting team which means gymnastics on horseback. She was "the flyer" in the team which won the British National Competition. When she outgrew this she concentrated on cross country and show jumping.

For five years now she has worked as a groom on an estate just outside Ipswich, enjoying every minute of it but is now looking forward to another stage in her riding life. I wonder if she has thought of joining a circus?

I asked her to describe a day in her working week....

Riding Reporter

Each day begins at 8.00am with breakfast in bed (for the horses of course,) followed by mucking out five

stables which are occupied by three hunters and two point to point horses. Out in the fields there are two ponies and a donkey, a yearling and a two year old, two foals and one Suffolk Punch, who also require feeding and general care. By this time it is approximately 9.30am.

Now it is time for the daily exercise of the stabled horses, whatever the weather. We have a fitness programme to follow, starting with walking only for four weeks, gradually moving on to faster paces. This will ensure the horses are at their peak of fitness for the season ahead. This fitness programme takes at least twelve weeks, depending on each horse.

If we are lucky we have a coffee break at around 11.00 am, and then it is back to riding, or tack cleaning, depending if the owners are riding or not.

Lunch at 1.00 pm for both horses and grooms.

The afternoon is taken up by the grooming of all the horses which can include clipping, trimming and bathing, especially when we have shows, hunting or racing events to attend the next day. Then the stabled horses are provided with clean bedding, hay and water for the night, fed again, including the field kept horses. Finally the yard is swept and tidied, ready to start all over tomorrow. 5.00 pm; go home at last.



Tracy at 7, The High Street.

Bonfire Reflections

On 5th November, we were relaxing in our sitting room when we suddenly saw a firework shoot up, cascading in the sky over our pond. We were transfixed because every firework that was let off reflected clearly in the pond so we had two for the sight of one. It was magical. I shall never forget it.

The next day when I enquired from Janet Welham, because it was obviously on their land, I discovered that Julie Welham and two friends, Peter and Paul Rose, had organised it together with the help of her father Derek, brother Edward, and Peter Offord. It was such a success that several people have asked if she would organise another one. The fireworks were bought from a ten pound donation given by each family that attended. So if anyone is interested please phone Julie on 785488. Remember, the more families, the more fireworks. However Julie needs to know as soon as possible if it

is to happen a gain. Nothing has yet been arranged, only keen families can ensure a repeat!



A CAKE COOKED FROM COLD!

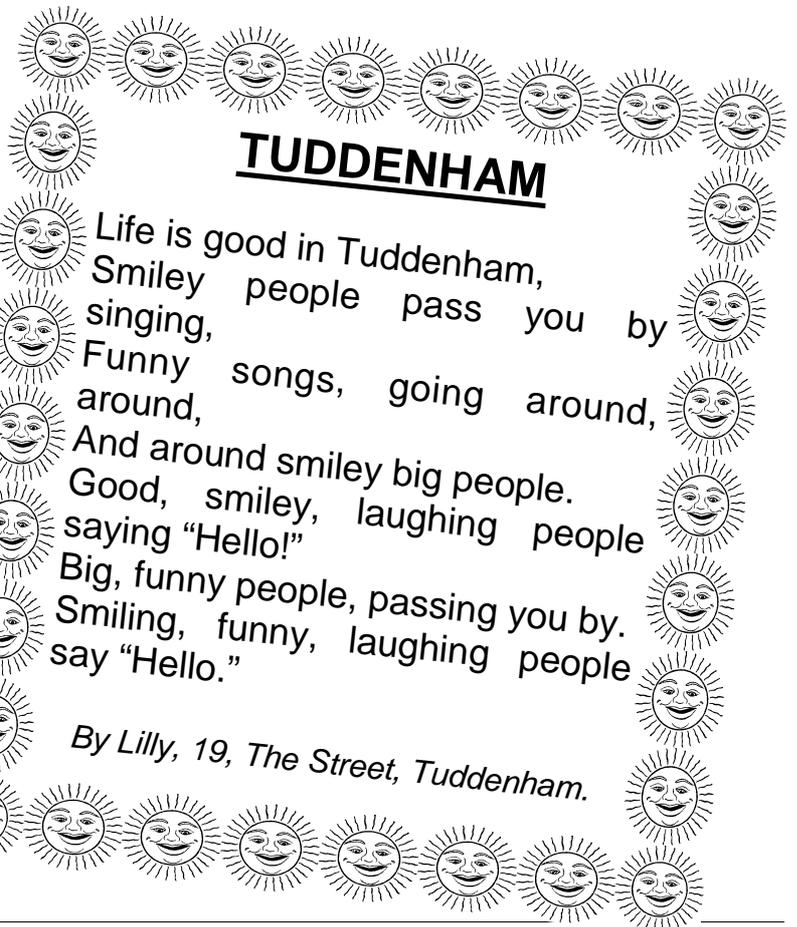
6oz SR Flour
6oz Caster Sugar
4oz Soft Marg
2 Eggs
Grated Rind of lemon (save juice)
4 tbsp Milk.

All ingredients into bowl and beat to a paste. Transfer into a well greased loaf tin and place in oven then switch on oven to 175°C or gas mark 3/4 for approximately 45 minutes, depending on oven may need nearer an hour. Use knife to test when ready.

Icing: 4oz icing sugar and juice of lemon. Mix to form paste and spread over the cake BEFORE the cake has cooled.

Muriel Frost

Ed: Good name for a "cool" recipe writer!



Dog Training at the Village Hall

When I checked out how frequently the Village Hall was used I was quite surprised to hear that apart from the usual village activities, and an art class, it was hired for private ball room dancing and dog training, not on the same night, obviously! So I decided to see for myself what went on during the dog sessions.

I discovered there are three one hour classes each Thursday, beginning at 6.30 pm, and I chose to attend the first one. It was for young dogs, puppies. Three Springer Spaniels, one Dalmatian and a white Bull Terrier type that was deaf, were all together in the hall. There was no friction at all between them, in fact they seemed to be very happy in each other's company.

At all times they were on long leads held by the owners who sat on chairs, spaced round the floor which was covered by a protective mat. Encouragement was the key note. No saying "Bad dog!" ever. Every correct response was rewarded. These early classes were to ensure a good, happy and confident relationship between owner and dog. As I watched and listened I compared this with the training and upbringing of children which requires a positive approach all through. One of the trainers reiterated something of which I was already aware; an animal senses his owner's feelings and anxiety is very easily communicated and will never result in satisfactory habits and responses.



It was a fascinating evening for me. I was very impressed. If you want to know more about the class please phone **Sally Skew on (01728) 621488.**

TUDDENHAM

Tiny
Unbeatable
Dewy
Dusty
Exciting
Nice
Happy
And at the moment
Muddy!

Stevie, 17, The Street.

This poem, and the one on page 5 came as an offering from two new residents in Tuddenham. What a super offering, Lilly and Stevie. Let's have more!!

How about some "mix-ups" from our rival newspapers.....

For those who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche downstairs.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the Church basement on Sunday.

Is worry killing you? Let the Chapel help.

PANTOMIME

The boards are creaking again thanks to the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s starting their rehearsals for Dick Whittington. Pirates, fairies, rats, planks, and cats — yes it is standard panto fare served up with that certain, sparkling something the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s always seem to find.



If you want to be part of the effort - and the fun - phone Monica on 785272 as there are still parts to play and jobs to allocate. All ages and skills welcome.



Wines for Christmas

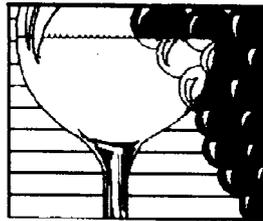
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Make the Commitment

Parish Councils are being urged by Suffolk County Council to take part in the "Make the Commitment" campaign which involves motorists signing the pledge to stay within speed limits. There are posters and leaflets to support people in running their own safety initiatives. Please contact the police or our Parish Council if you want to know more. This issue is the one that most often crops up in inter-parish meetings.



SCULPTURE RAPTURE:

Our thanks to Bill Sykes for all his hard work in creating the base and setting the plinth and sculpture in place in front of the Chapel. Lots of others have played their part in getting us to the position where we can say,

"Hope you like the finished article!"





Sunday, 3rd Dec

A children's activity to prepare a bird banquet for our feathered friends over Christmas. Start at 2 pm at Thornham Coach Park. Children £2, adults accompanying free.

Phone Ranger on 01379 788345 for details.

Thornham is open all year from 9-6 pm, with 12 miles of way marked paths, including a surfaced path suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs which leads to a Victorian Walled Garden. Electric wheelchairs are available as are audio tours and guided walks. Tea rooms are open 12-4 pm on Sundays until Easter when they are open every day, 11-5 pm.

ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION – TEL 01473 785206 OR 210098

SHOEBOXES – we are collecting 2000 of them for 2000, to be distributed to children with cancer, HIV, and orphans. Please tape £2. To the box to help with transport costs.

VALENTINE'S DANCE – Capel St. Mary Community Hall. Sat. Feb, 10th. Supper, Bar, Tombola etc. Dancing to Big Band 'SWING MACHINE'. £15.00 per person includes Great food, Great music, Great fun. Bookings 785206

Village Hall Annual General Meeting and Committee Meeting - OCTOBER 2000.

At the AGM on Tuesday 17th October 2000, the Chairman, Gill Cruickshank, reported that it was pleasing to see a small increase in the number of bookings from outside the village, though maintenance and electricity costs were up. Andrew Offord had kindly agreed to look after the routine maintenance tasks at the hall, and the Committee were grateful for his help. After the big expenditure on the car park, the Committee had agreed a programme of repairs for other features of the hall, the principal items being the replacement of the windows on the south and west sides, the treatment of the wooden cladding, and the painting of the window frames on the east side. It is hoped that some grants may be available for these items, but some fund-raising will be necessary. The Treasurer, Fiona Woods, presented the accounts for the year, which saw donations at over £5,600, (mainly from a very generous gift from Mr. George Pipe, and the money raised from the "Buy-a-Brick" campaign), and grants from Suffolk Coastal District and the Parish Council (totalling £2,500). The total cost of the car park resurfacing and driveway was £10,630. Funds standing to the credit of the village hall amounted to some £ 6,150 at the end of the financial year. Gill Cruickshank was re-elected Chairman, Fiona Woods Treasurer and Bob Tanner Secretary, for the year 2000-2001.

At the Committee meeting that followed, details of the window replacement costs were considered - it is hoped that the work will be carried out in the Spring of next year. Booking fees were also considered, and some increases were agreed after a period of many years without change. It is hoped that some means will be found for making some weekday evenings available for lettings to entities from outside the village, in order to raise the level of income. The W.I. has offered its Millenium Map for permanent display in the village hall.

(Bob Tanner)

BIG BROTHER (or sister!) wanted. Could YOU join a group of people you've never met before, be stranded in a strange place miles from home with orphans who crave your unlimited affection? We can offer the very thing for Easter 2001! You will need £350. towards your expenses, and to demonstrate an aptitude for working with children. Call us now.

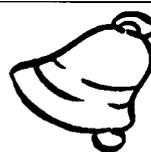
I am hoping you can help, Sincerely,
Barbara Butler.



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Main Courses:

- Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Sprouts
- Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
- Provencale Nut Wellington
- Roast Turkey and Trimmings

Desserts:

- Served with a choice of Custard, Cream or Ice Cream
- Traditional Christmas Pudding
- Chocolate Fudge Cake
- Mince Pies
- Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee & Mints



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DO YOU LIKE IT HOT AND SPICY?

The Tamarind, St. Nicholas Street (telephone 01473 280433) is the place for you. Opened at the end of August, this is practically unknown, but well worth knowing. It is not a themed restaurant but the menu includes dishes from around the world, with emphasis on flavoursome.

First course includes a selection plate, which was fun, and sure woke up the taste buds. I had Bayou Blackened Rump steak as my main course, Cajun style, which was cooked to perfection. Sweets are bought in, so not so exciting but I couldn't have managed one anyway. I had Liqueur coffee instead which rounded off the meal perfectly for me. The wines were excellent, as was the service. Main courses are under ten pounds, starters and desserts under five.

Highly recommended and different.
Discerning Diner. (A.K.A. Barbara Butler)

St. Martin's News

Hello again!

Gift Day, you may recall, was wet and dreich for most of the morning. Despite the inclement weather making it difficult to keep Jackie Lugo's B & B goods dry and the gift envelopes from blowing away the results were excellent! The fact that we only gave people such short notice of the event and the lousy weather on the day could have adversely effected the final result but this was not the case. The final amount raised was £1,102, of which £87 came from Jackie's stall. This is the best ever sum received at Gift Day and our big THANK YOU to you all is very genuine and heartfelt—well done Tuddenhamites!!

We wish to apologise to those who went elsewhere on Sunday, 12th November, for the poor advertising of the Church Service for that morning. Whilst it was not advertised as a Service of Remembrance observed, as is usual and correct on that day. Sorry to anyone who found the need to travel out of the village to find a suitable service.

Advance notice of the services for Christmas, which fast approaches:

17th Dec.	18.30	<i>9 Lessons and Carols</i>
24th Dec.	15.30	<i>Children's Service</i>
	23.30	<i>Watch night Service at Westerfield and Witnesham</i>
25th Dec.	09.30	<i>Family Communion</i>
31st Dec.	23.45	<i>Hogmanay Service see in the Ne'er in God's house and be your own First Foot!!</i>

We look forward to seeing you at any, or all, of the above services.

God Bless, Jim Punton.


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More Mix-ups...

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TUDDENHAM PLAY ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. for the Tuddenham Play Association was held on 13th Nov. The Association is responsible for the playground at the back of Keightley Way. This is a valuable resource for the whole village and it would be a great shame if we lost it.

If any one reading this was not aware of the meeting and would like to become involved then we would like to hear from you. It's not too late.

Existing members of the committee have either moved away from the village or have children who have outgrown the facilities on the playground so volunteers had been sought to join the committee.

Those present at the meeting felt that it is worth trying to develop the playground to make it a fun, safe place for all people of the village, young and old, to enjoy. We came up with a few ideas such as swings, a seesaw, a roundabout (the usual playground stuff) and decided that it would be a good idea to get in touch with The Greenways Project (they have a knack for these sorts of things.) We felt it would also be a good idea to get in touch with Suffolk Coastal Council as they recently had an article in the "Coastline" newsletter detailing the help



they have given to improve play areas in nearby villages.

We have some ideas on how to spend money but we also need ideas on how to raise the cash in the first place. If you think you can help please let me know.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed that we would contact The Greenways Project and Suffolk Coastal District Council. We are also obtaining some brochures on playground equipment to give us an idea of how much money this is all likely to cost.

The next meeting is being held at the end of November so please phone me with any thoughts or suggestions on 785256.

Carol Frost.

CURRIED PARSNIP SOUP

2 lbs Parsnips
1 med. Onion
1 heaped tbsp med. Madras
curry powder.
1½ pts water
1 Veg stock cube
2 tbsp Olive oil
S/P to taste

Fry
onion in
oil with
c u r r y
p o w d e r
till soft.



Add parsnips, stock cube, water and seasoning and cook for 30 minutes then liquidise.

Serve hot with mini Naan Breads.

Ed: thanks, Denny, for this warming recipe for Winter.

BOOGIE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

James williamson,
John Kerry, James
Nicholls, and Katy
Lopez.

We would love to hear from you with your birthday dates—there are lots of younger children in the village whose dates are not on our list. ý 785314.



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Tattler quiz

*Did you spot the photo from
 a previous issue as from the
 outside of the barn that used to
 stand in front of Poplar Farm.
 Don't tell me you walk up to the
 panto rehearsals and did not
 notice it has gone!*

The drawing
 opposite was
 created by Julia
 Hestletine in our
 preparations for the
 Tattler Statue. In the
 next issue I hope to
 print some photos to
 show how it was
 cast from the Plaster
 of Paris original.
 Again, thank you to
 all who made it
 happen.

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