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## PANTO TIME

The Summer has gone with a vengeance and, thus, it must be panto time. Or at least, audition time, for the dark wet nights when one has to drag up to the rehearsals, knowing that scripts are to be cast aside and one is by no means word perfect, have not even begun. Have you taken part in a Tuddenham pantomime yet? New blood is what we need. No skill is required, just new blood (our director is *not* a vampire!) So if you want to get to know other residents and are game for a bit of fun then you could be cast as Aladdin, or a fairy - there is usually one hanging around somewhere - or, or, well come along to find out more.



**Auditions are on Wednesday 17th November  
7.45 p.m. at Poplar Farm.**

All residents are welcome to come along, not just to get a part but to find out what goes on, to meet people, to get a back stage role or some other form of involvement. Ring Monica on 785272 for details.

**Thank you** to all who helped at the Village Sale, brought us things to sell or came to support us. We made £300 of which £50 has gone to the Village Hall Extension Fund. The rest will help to keep the Tattler funded for the year.

***Please ring 785588 for your calendar!***

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# Duplicate Bridge Evening



Each Thursday evening, Denny, Ian, Cherrie and I enjoy an evening of duplicate bridge at the Brightwell Village Hall. So we thought it would be fun to organise our own bridge event to raise finds for our Village Hall extension.

Chris Burkitt, who runs the Brightwell Bridge, kindly volunteered to be our director for the evening and to supply all the equipment. All we had to do was to find the players, organise the food and a successful evening would be assured. Or would it?

For the evening to run smoothly 2 things were necessary

- We needed multiples of 4 players as 4 players are needed for a game of bridge.
- Everyone had to arrive on time, as play can't start till everyone is present.

We sold 48 tickets – that is 12 tables – wonderful!

On the night, players started to arrive at 6.30 pm ready for a 7 pm start. We began to relax. Then Ed arrived without a partner. No problem; Ian volunteered to play with him. At 7 Robert's normally very reliable partner Richard had not arrived. So that we could begin to play, Denny stepped in. We were still 4 people short, but that was OK as we could play quite happily with 11 full tables. Then George and Myrtle walked through the door with rather surprised expressions on their faces. They thought they were quite early for a **7.30** start. So now we were 2 people short again.

Cherrie and I were delighted to make up the 4. But that left Jackie and David, who had kindly volunteered to run the raffle, in charge of the refreshments as well. Luckily they took it all in their stride.

The evening was, in the end, very enjoyable and we raised **£290** for the Village Hall extension. (Richard arrived eventually after changing his flat tyre).

We are most grateful to Chris Burkitt for giving his time and his expertise free of charge. Many thanks also to Jackie and David for all their help.

*Leigh Williamson*



*If anyone is interested in playing duplicate bridge, Chris runs evenings, days, weekends and longer bridge holidays. Contact him on*

*Tel 01473 659081 [www.btinternet.com/~bridgebreaks](http://www.btinternet.com/~bridgebreaks)*

*com/~bridgebreaks*

*E-mail [bridgebreaks@btinternet.com](mailto:bridgebreaks@btinternet.com)*

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## Recycling Dates in Tuddenham



The next few "recycling days" are **17th November, 1st & 15th December**. Paper and glass at Fountain any day!

## Best Wishes

Our best wishes to Vera, Mum to Tony French, who has been very poorly for some weeks.

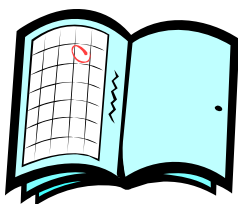


When I saw her this week she was cosy in her own bed and surrounded by a loving family as well as carers. Who could ask for more?

Keith Whinney is still below par and we wish him well.

Bella Green also has some good days and some bad, may the good ones win out!

*The Tattler 2005 calendars are ready for collection. Please ring me on 785588 to check I am in before you pop round. If you did not order one do contact me as I printed a few extras. They are £7 each. We have sold over a hundred so that is more than £100 for the Village Hall Fund. Thank you for your support in this project.*



## This Shouldn't Hurt!

There are moves afoot to start an exercise class for those of us over a certain age(!) It would probably be in the Village Hall on a weekday and would be light and friendly. Might you be interested?



How about bringing a friend, as the more people taking part the cheaper the cost and the more likely that the class would thrive. The aim is to enjoy an hour together whilst improving flexibility and fitness. Refreshments afterwards would allow time for a chat and to recover! Please contact the editor on 785588 for details.

## CHAPEL FOR CHRISTMAS

**12th Dec. Sunday at 6.00 pm**

Carols and Christmas Readings at Tuddenham Fountain. Join us for relaxed evening of praise.

**14th Dec. Tuesday at 7.00 pm**

Carol Singing with Brass accompaniment around Tuddenham to raise money for Village Hall Extension. Please join us outside the Chapel, refreshments afterwards.

**19th Dec. Sunday at 11.00 am**

Carol Service at Chapel with refreshments afterwards.



## IT Girl's Utterances...

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**1. [www.ratemyfish.com](http://www.ratemyfish.com)**

**submit a picture of your fish to this site and let the world rate it on a scale of 1 to 10.**

**2. <http://www.sharktale.com/>**

**The official site of "Shark Tale" the latest DreamWorks animation film, a huge hit with kids and immature adults alike.**

**3. <http://www.gemueseorchester.org/> Possibly the only orchestra in the world that performs entirely with vegetables, not a musical instrument in sight. Said to be some of the most inspiring alternative music around today.**

**4. <http://www.netx.com.au/xmas2003/>**

**a Christmas game for all you Santa enthusiasts out there, it's called the "surfing Santa game" check it out!**

***itgirl***

# Dinner at the golf Club.

“We are eating out for Sunday lunch “

“ Sounds good –where?”

“Waldringfield Golf Club with the Tuddenham Chapel group. Can we offer a couple a lift?”

“ Yes – why not.”

I am never adverse to such invitations and when they are with people whom I have met and enjoyed their company on previous occasions, then the invite is even more welcome.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October and the sun is shining. Delia returned from the Chapel service with Margaret Whinney and Peggy Moore – who had lived their long lives in Tuddenham and were very well informed of local history. I then drove to the venue. I missed it on the first pass but soon found the Golf Club in a delightful setting with a real feeling of welcome.

We made our way to a large well-lit room with views over the course. Terry Green met us at the bar and when drinks had been purchased – orange juices for the ladies and a pint of Adnams for me! - we made our way to where five tables of eight had been arranged and mostly occupied by people that I had met before but as yet could not put full names to.

Delia and I were welcomed to a table occupied by Pastor Tony’s family. We were introduced to his daughter Julie and his son in law David and their two young sons Joshua and Noah. David recognised me from 14 yrs ago when we both served in the Suffolk Police Force. We reminisced and I was impressed with his change of uniform

to that of The Salvation Army after 4½ years serving the populace of Ipswich as a constable. Julie’s enthusiastic support was obvious.

The meal had been pre-ordered and proved to be very tasty and well served by smiling staff. I could be persuaded to eat there again. Thank you Terry, I understand that you deserve the accolade.

We had no trouble keeping the conversation flowing and covered subjects serious and social. No football except a passing reference to David Beckham as a role model.

Tony and Elaine worked hard to persuade me to join in a forthcoming street carol service and the mention of an accompanying brass band may just sway my acceptance.

I am not a member of the congregation and Tony and Elaine accept my reasons but they, and all I met and spoke to, made me feel genuinely welcome. If this account passes the red pen of the Tattler editor, I may be involved in a practical manner, and get to strengthen a burgeoning friendship

*Tony Plumb*

*Editor: Once again Terry Green excelled in arranging a meal for all attending Tuddenham Chapel along with friends and family members. Tony, who wrote the article above, has offered to help with producing The Tattler. Just what I needed! Apparently he has spare time so I will try to get him busy.... Rule number one - never volunteer!*

## For Sale

Baby bath, Tomy Humpty Dumpty Nightlight, Tomy 6 bottle steam steriliser, Tomy Walkabout monitor, Playskool night time feeder, Sanganic Nappy Disposal unit.

£6. each, £30 the lot. Tel. 01473 785067

Barbara Butler

# St. Martin's News

Hello again. Sorry we missed the last issue, but we were unaware our Editor was going to expedite publication to pull custom for the Tattler Sale!! The Harvest Festival lunch on 3rd October was well subscribed to by villagers and visitors (we even had one from beautiful Scotia!) and the ladies who produced the goods and the service are thanked for their efforts. The produce and other goodies collected at the Harvest Festival Service were delivered to West Villa on Monday 4th October, where they were gratefully received. (This info should have been in the last edition - when the Editor's photograph of the assembled company appeared!!)

Since our last outing the Gift Day, held on 23rd October, has proved a great success, with a total of £1,805.73, of which £133 came from Jackie Lugo's effort on the Bring 'n Buy stall. The total is considerably up on last year, and all credit must be given to those who donated so unstintingly-THANK YOU ALL. We await a visit from the Diocesan Electrical Adviser to assess what will be best to ensure a satisfactory congregational temperature during services. In the meantime we shall rely on the incumbent to deliver some fiery sermons to raise the temperature of those attending.

The above was followed by a Joint Service at the Chapel on the 24th October, and this was, as usual, well attended and warm hearted. It has to be said that Tony and Sam make a good ministering team. Their next combined effort will be the Fountain Carol Service on Sunday 12th December at 1800 hours, which usually attracts a 'Full House', so get there in good time for a (good) seat.

## Services over the Festive Season are as follows :

<b>Sunday 12th Dec.</b>	1800. Church 'n Chapel Carols in 'The Fountain'.
<b>Sunday 19th Dec.</b>	1830. Carol Service.
<b>Christmas Eve.</b>	1530. Christmas Celebration for the Children. 2330. Midnight Communion at both Westerfield and Witnesham.
<b>Christmas Day.</b>	0930. Family Communion.
<b>Boxing Day.</b>	1000. Benefice Family Communion at Witnesham.



It goes without saying that all are welcome at any, or all, of the above Services to remember the birth of our Saviour and to pray for those in greater need than ourselves. Needless to say, normal services continue at 0930 each Sunday morning, and, again, all are most welcome to come along and join in the Church Family. In addition to Church Services there will be the usual Advent Courses, commencing the week after Advent Sunday, 28th November - venue/dates to be advised. The Service of Remembrance will be held at 0930 on 14th November and will be conducted by Barbara Grafton.

Floodlight sponsorship is welcomed and only costs £5.00 per weekend, or the same for a weeknight Special Occasion. Sponsorship can be arranged by phoning Jim on 785296, or dropping off a note of requirements at 'Camforth' Westerfield Lane.

It should be noted by those wishing to see Sam for any reason during his monthly Village Visiting Day that his next scheduled visit will be on Thursday 2nd December. Apologies! For the last few years Village Visiting day has been advertised as 'the last Thursday of the month'. Sam advises 'No! It is the Thursday after the Fourth Sunday'. This means that the next visiting day would be 30th December ! Anyone wishing to have Sam call on Visiting Day, for whatever reason, should communicate their need to Sam direct, or by phoning Jim (785296) or Monica (785272). Thank you once again for your support for, and interest in Your Church, and for the strength of giving on Gift Day. May God Bless You and Yours.

Jim P. Guy Fawkes Day 2004.

- 21st November** Jazz event at Royal Hospital School on with trombone, guitar and the Big Band.
- 3-5 December** Crafts for Xmas, Suffolk Show Ground
- 4th December** Holbrook Choral Soc. Carol Concert - contact Elizabeth for tickets 785339
- 4th December** Private view of collection of textiles, ceramics, painting in the Art Atrium.

Elizabeth Gunn is looking for a children's wheelbarrow or garden tools. Ring her on 785339.

*Our deepest condolences to David Balch and family. I read a lovely article in the East Anglian about Sally and her life achievements. Her sparkle shone through. She will be sadly missed in Tuddenham by those who recall them living in Ivy House, when they played an active part in the village. Our thoughts are with the family on their sad loss.*



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Chatting with a resident recently we came up with two ideas to beat the burglar.

1. Don't buy from the door and never invite "him" in for anything.
2. Use someone you know to do jobs around the house and garden to avoid giving a stranger the chance to look over your home. These ideas sound obvious but they might make the difference...

John Lambert is the Watch Co-ordinator for the village - contact him on 785248 to get more details.

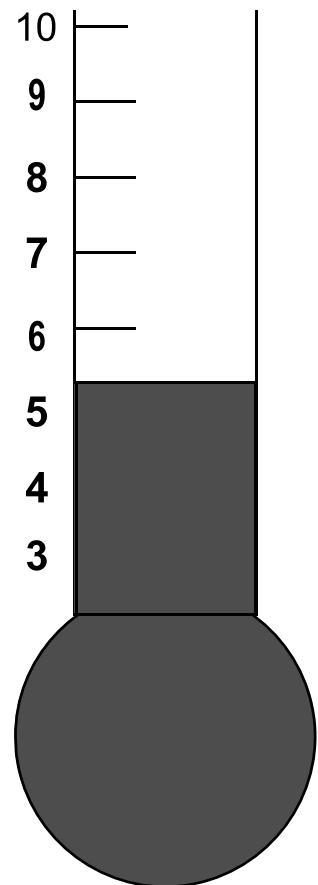
The next Tattler is out in December  
Please email me on  
editor@tuddenhamtattler.com  
Or ring 785588  
Or call at 5, The Granaries  
to get in print.

## Village Hall Extension

*The fund has grown thanks to grants and some village donations but there is still a long way to go.*

*The Committee are meeting next week to discuss a major fund-raising event, possibly to be held in January. Please help to support your hall in any way you can.*

*Gill would be delighted to hear from you on 785415 if you want to offer money, time, or ideas to reach the total needed.*



*Thermometer above shows progress towards full funding for Village Hall Extension.*