Sandy Lane, the C363, is to be closed for repairs for three days during the week of 18th September due to subsidence.

The road from Clopton Road to The Barley Mow will be bypassed through Tuddenham but open at night. Ring Mr Fawcett on 01728 403087 for details.

We are almost ready to start printing the 2007 Tuddenham calendars at £6 each. Please contact me as soon as possible to reserve your copy especially if you want particular photos included in your calendar(s). If you have a digital photo you would like included this is also possible. URGENCY is the key word!

Matthew and Daniel Goward went down to Sussex for a garden party at Sir Patrick Moore’s home. And they celebrated a birthday this August.

The Village Sale is on Saturday, 21st October at 2.00, in the Village Hall. There will be more details next issue but please put aside anything we might be able to sell and pencil the date in your diary to come along as a buyer, or host. Thank you for your continued support!
Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council appointed a new Councillor, David Pennington, on Tuesday, 5th September. David lives in Rose Cottage on The Street.

The police reported one crime in Tuddenham since the last meeting, a case of drink driving which has led to a prosecution. There have been fires on some farms but nobody has been charged. Several sheds have been broken into locally with theft of power tools and quad bikes. Insecure vehicles have also been damaged. There was a road traffic accident on The Street involving a car and a van which closed the road for a while and a car came off the Clopton Road.

There was talk of changing the Back Lane status from a footpath into a bridleway. This would make it safer and more pleasant for horses and riders passing through the village rather than braving the road with heavy traffic and double bends, but it would be difficult for pedestrians on Back Lane. Why not talk to a councillor with your views?

Grass cutting in the village is hopefully to be organised in the near future.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 5th December.

LITTER

Did you know that dog fouling is the single most common complaint to MPs and Councils regarding litter? Around 7 million dogs leave 1000 tonnes of faeces a day - and much of it seems to end up in the Fynn Valley!

Ring 0800 807060 if you want the fly tipping hotline to report dumped rubbish. A booklet on the subject of litter circulated at the Parish Council revealed that the three greatest litter contributors are smoking, confectionery and drinks. Again they all seem to have visited our valley!
Sunday 15th October
Village Hall
To celebrate the end of harvest (hopefully !)
there will be a

Harvest Lunch

all are welcome, young and old alike.

Tickets, at £4, are available from
Erica Lopez (785588), Jackie Lugo (252315),
Jo Tickle (785314) and Monica Pipe (785272).

Lunch will be served at 12.30 p.m.
This is a village event to which ALL are welcome.
Do join in and get to know your neighbours.

IT Girl’s Utterances...
itgirl@tuddenhamtattler.com

Ever wondered what everyone else uses the web for? Well now you can find out! Web users that use Firefox (instead of other browsers like Internet Explorer) can download an extension that lets everyone see their favourite sites. This link shows you what everyone is up to right now!

Round 6 has just started! Sign up now, create your own band and race to the top of the charts. How hard can it be? Well actually...

Check out the news worldwide and round Suffolk, direct from the BBC website.
The mobile police station
next visits the Fountain Car Park on 20th September - from 15.30 to 16.30.
Please call with suggestions, information, questions and hospitality!

Dear Editor,

Debbie Watson and her friend Louise Cobbold have started a small business doing house cleaning and gardening. They call themselves the Handy Helpers. I can highly recommend them as they both work hard and are very friendly and helpful. People are always asking me if I know of anyone who helps in the garden or house.

Debbie’s Tel number is 01473 785321
Louise’s Tel number is 01473 720566
Denny Thick

Little Giulia emailed The Tattler to tell us her Dad is very happy this year and she wonders why. He is pictured top left with her and a flag (green, white and red) he must have found somewhere (!) watching football on TV.

Apparently her Mum is also happy and your editor has noticed her tummy has shrunk too. Perhaps it is all to do with the arrival of Giulia’s little brother Florian on 7th August.

Both mummy Kasia and baby Florian are doing well, and his big sister? Hard to believe, but apart from few comments at the beginning (“nooough! that’s Giulia’s buggy!” or “that’s Giulia’s blanket!”) she really enjoys the new baby’s presence in the house giving him plenty of cuddles...at times soft, at times heavy handed. And his daddy? Well, looking forward to play football with Florian in the park already!!!

Our congratulations to
Kasia and Raffaele Giaffreda.

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Dear Editor,

“Haven 4 Skills” is a project funded by the Learning and Skills Council and European Social Fund. It aims to increase employment in this area by offering a package of support and training to unemployed people over 19. It supports people with disabilities and minority cultural groups, and lone parents by increasing their potential for return to the labour market.

If you feel this project would help you or someone you know contact them for a completely free service. They are also glad to hear of anyone who can help the project, perhaps with voluntary placement hosting to give work experience.

Ring 01473 242557 to find out more or write to Suffolk ACRE
FREEPOST 1H3531
Ipswich, IP1 4ZT

Recycling Dates in Tuddenham

The next few “recycling days” for green box and brown bin, are 6th and 20th September and 4th October.

There is a paper bank in the Fountain car park. Clothes and shoe bins are

A great 60 tribute, complete with bottle top, but apparently the recipient wouldn’t be seen dead in that shirt!!

The two gentlemen above are Challenge Newspaper deliverers from Tuddenham Chapel. Roger Diaper and John Banks have worked hard to support the Chapel after Tony and Elaine left and would be glad to welcome you to a service on a Sunday morning at 11. Try them out!

The Over 50s exercise class is starting again, after the Summer Break, in late September. Contact Jessica Arthur for details on 785235. Jessica is seeking your opinion on whether the next term should be paid for in one amount at the start with no refunds or at the start of each session in which case the cost will be £3.75 at first until she knows how many are coming. Please contact her if YOU are coming and give an opinion.
Has Summer gone already? We are back to 'cut grass - it is not raining'! The nights have certainly started cutting in.

What news is there? Several people have mentioned the lack of a strike by the tower clock. It is not on strike, but it has taken some time for the electrician to deal with the problem. This has necessitated the fitting of a new motor - which, now fitted, has a mechanical glick - so we are back waiting for the electrician to return! Nothing is simple these days, but the strike should be resolved soon.

The next event of note is the ordination into priesthood of Alan Forsdike at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on the 24th September, followed by lunch in the Village Hall and Alan's first service in the Church at 1830 in the evening. We are hoping for good support from the village - we lose an organist and gain a priest! Harvest Festival will be on the morning of the 15th October, followed by lunch in the Village Hall, we look forward to seeing lots of you again! The Remembrance Service this year will be attended by the Royal British Legion and will be at 1050 hours on 12th November, with no service at 0930 that day. Gift Day has been decreed to take place on Saturday 4th November. Hopefully there will be another 'Tattler' prior to some of the foregoing events for further updates.

We are open on the Hill at 0930 for the first four Sundays each month with an additional 0800 service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday. Fifth Sunday is always a Benefice Service at one of the three churches. We had an enjoyable 'away day' to the Chapel on the 20th August, when Sam officiated as guest preacher.

Should there be any queries these can be directed to the writer (Jim on 785296 or Camforth, Westerfield Lane) or to Monica (785272 or Poplar Farm, Westerfield Lane) or to Sam direct at the Rectory in Westerfield or on 254483.

Floodlight sponsorship continues at £5.00 per weekend and can be booked through Jim on 785296 or a note through the door at Camforth.

Bob + Phyllis Marjoram are celebrating a glorious 67 years of marriage on 7th September - we wish them many more happy years together. Thank you for your time and support, and may God Bless you and yours. JimP. 26th August 2006

Wandering around the valley, as we often do, we came across a badly burnt field, crop and surrounding hedgerows. David Lugo, who farms the land, told of youngsters lighting fires. More next issue...
You may have already met Di and Dave from Well Cottage in The Street. I popped round one afternoon this week and caught Diana washing the car.

Then her Daughter in Law, Christina, visiting from Crete and heading off to Mexico next, made an appearance and we got a super photo. I was told to return later and caught this lovely photo of Christina with her two year old daughter Anna Sofia as well as the last photo of David, home after a hard day’s work with Di looking “An All American Girl” on the back of his Honda Blackbird.

Diana tells of aerobics, dancing, body combat and walking as her hobbies so she is surely a must for the pantomime… (Auditions in November.) The happy couple were married in Melton on Valentines Day, 2004, and Charles, now at The Fountain, organised their reception at Scotts in Ipswich. They have been in England for four years and both work in Ipswich. Diana hails from America and used to live in Virginia with her Dad Henry. Welcome to Tuddenham, all of you!

These may not be the tallest but they must be the most colourful in Tuddenham, gracing the front of Jane and David’s in The Street.

How about these beauties in Arthur and Dymphna’s garden? Surely the tallest sunflowers in Tuddenham?
The annual Chapel walk explored the banks of the Orwell, heard stories of gun emplacements and runaway trains, and completed a history quiz. Lunch was our reward! Thanks to Ed Nicholls and Mark Kemp for a great day.

Several locals and one or two “old” Ipswichians have been busy in the Chapel garden bringing it up to the standard we have become accustomed to while it was cared for by Tony Freeman. Makes us understand just how hard he must have worked. I would add a photo of Michael Girling who did sterling work out back but forgot to take the camera that day.

It’s not often your Tattler photographer gets the chance for a glamour shot but we caught Ms. Starling on her way to a local watering hole - not the River Fynn - and just couldn’t resist the chance to get a bird in the bush! And that just about completes our sunflower photos in this issue!!!
**ORDINATION OF ALAN**

After his year as a Deacon Alan Forsdike is to be Ordained Priest at Bury Cathedral on Sunday, 24th September. The service is at ten so there will not be a service at any of the churches that morning, though Tuddenham Church has a Benefice service at 6.30 pm when Alan will celebrate communion for the first time.

Please pray for him as he makes his final preparations and for family and our churches who he will be serving.

*Rev. Sam Cowley*

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**SAFARI SUPPER**

Following the Safari Supper at the end of June, the wonderful sum of £277.50 has been sent to St. Elizabeth’s Hospice. Thank you to everyone for their generosity in making this possible.

*Monica Pipe*

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**St. Martin’s Clock**

The St. Martin’s clock is now wound automatically but only a few years ago residents had a winding rota to keep the village ticking. Up in the Church tower the clock is surrounded by wooden beams which display the engraved names and initials of past and present residents.

The Village Recorder would love to hear from you if you know more about the history of our clock.
David Lugo (right) receives his certificate for fifty years service on one farm from the Duke of Gloucester. This event, at the Suffolk Show, involved around thirty people but David recalls only three making it to fifty years.

Quite an achievement in a world where everything seems to change by the minute. It prompted me, as Village Recorder, to ask David how farming had changed over those years. I hope to publish his reply in the next Tattler… Meanwhile Jackie continues to work, bringing David his tea every morning!!

**Village Sale**
Saturday, 21st October
Village Hall
2.00 pm

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

**CALENDAR**

If you want a 2007 Tuddenham Calendar with your home or family featured in your copy please ring 785588 to get those special photos. Or submit your own photos! Sooner the better…