Tuddenham Chapel closed its doors for the last time at the end of May. What a loss to the village after many years of service and fellowship. Your editor hopes to interview Ken and Helen Smith, the present incumbents, for the next issue. Our best wishes to all the congregation, some of whom travel some distance to attend. A sad day for Tuddenham.

The **Church Fete** is on Saturday, 12th June at Poplar Farm, hosted by Monica and Bill Pipe again this year. It starts at two and all are welcome both to attend or to help out with one of the stalls. Contact Gill on 785415.
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
SAFARI SUPPER
SAT. SEPT 4TH

There seems to be such a lot going on in June that, after chatting to a few folk, Monica has decided to delay the Safari Supper. There will be some who wonder what such a thing is... Well catch future issues of The Tattler to find out - oh, and to book your place.

PLEASE BRING BOOKS, CHINA, PRIZES, PLANTS, PRODUCE, TOYS, DVDs, VIDEOS, CAKES AND STUFF TO THE FETE TO SUPPORT THE ORGANISERS!

Dear Editor,

A short note to let you know that I shall be opening my mobile shop in Tuddenham on Tuesday 18th May and then every Tuesday am there after. I park from 12.10 till 12.50 in Keightley Way.

Damien Payton

Tattler Quiz

After expenses, to cover the refreshments and hire of The Hall, the quiz made £583.10 of which £100 is for Tattler expenses and £483.10 is going to The Ipswich Hospice.

Many thanks for your support, if you joined us, and most particularly to Tony and Elaine French, at the top table, and Jackie and David Lugo who provided help on the night and the refreshments with Sophie Sykes. Elizabeth Gunn was a great help with “the special round” and various people from outside the village also lent a hand.

Linda Allen, a previous winner, supplied the microphone. There were no photos this year as your editor forgot the camera, but there were lots of memories, all good.

Looking forward to next time!!!

The Pantomime “Wash up meeting” is at 7.30 on 9th June at the Village Hall. If you want to get involved in what happened then and what you want to happen next give Arthur a call on 785984 for more information.
St. Martin's News

Hello! Is not this lovely weather, and isn’t it nice to have all this fresh greenery around? Even the Writer has to admit that there is still some chill in the Northerly winds! The Churchyard grass looks quite spruce – thank you, Andrew. Grave tenders should be aware that artificial flowers will shortly be removed from the Churchyard, to conform with the diocesan rulings on such.

Easter has come and gone, with another very successful Children’s Workshop being held in the Village Hall and well supported by Church and Chapel organisers and children! Well done participants – organisers and attendees – in what appears to becoming an annual event. The Annual General Meeting was held in the Church on Wednesday 28th April at 1945 hours, to which all interested parishioners were welcome. This is not normally a long meeting and covers reports on the various functions of the church and the election of officers for the succeeding twelve months. With the fact that we shall have a vacant pulpit by the end of the year there was surprisingly little interest shown, if attendance was to be used as an indicator! There are usually more at a PCC meeting!! The next important date is that of the Fete, viz: 1400 hours on 12th June at Poplar Farm, by kind invitation of Monica + Bill Pipe.

It was sad to hear that the Chapel will be closing after their service on 30th May. Although Helen and Ken have not been here long, they have had a great impact in the village, and given a tremendous input of effort – freely and with love. Both the Chapel and it’s incumbents will be sadly missed. It is to be hoped they do not have to move too far away, but we wish them both well, with God’s blessings, where’ er they go.

Services continue at 0930 every Sunday morning, with a service of Holy Communion, without music, at 0800 hours on the fourth Sunday. Sunday School continues to be held during 0930 services, and is well attended by our happy little band of children. Morning Prayers are conducted each Friday morning at 1000 hours. It should be noted that there will be no services on Sunday 30th May, due to a Confirmation Service at St Andrews, Rushmere. There will be no services in the Benefice on 27th June, on which day Catherine Forsdike will be ordained into the ministry at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. As usual – all are welcome to attend any of these services and have coffee and a chat afterwards. Continued apologies to those who are still missing the clock chimes!

Floodlighting sponsorship is still available at £5.00 per week-end to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event. If the event is of special significance weekday lighting can be arranged. Floodlighting sponsorship or Priestly visits can be arranged by contacting the Writer on 785296, or at ‘Camforth’, Westerfield Lane, or Monica Pipe on 785272. God Bless you and yours. Jim P 29.05.2010
Travel Safely!

Andrew and I have lived in Tuddenham for 28 years and have always cycled to and from Ipswich for work and leisure all year round, in daylight and the dark with no accidents. However last year between April and November both of us were knocked off our bikes on the Tuddenham Road by careless drivers.

The purpose of this piece is to hopefully raise awareness amongst local drivers and cyclists so that everyone can travel more safely. I know that cyclists can be careless too but they are more vulnerable.

Andrew’s accident happened in April on the Tuddenham Road roundabout in daylight at 17.30. Andrew was on the roundabout and about to turn off it to continue into town when a car came onto the roundabout from Colchester Road and drove into the back of him causing him to come off his bike. Andrew sustained a head injury and was taken to Ipswich Hospital where he spent one night with concussion.

My accident was in November, also in daylight at 8.30 at the junction of Tuddenham Road and Church Lane Westerfield. I was on Tuddenham Road waiting for traffic coming from Ipswich to clear so that I could turn right into Church Lane. Traffic on Church Lane was also waiting for the same Ipswich traffic to clear so that they could turn out onto Tuddenham Road. Despite my wearing a high visibility vest and having been stationary for some time in front of the waiting traffic I was knocked off my bike by the first vehicle which came out of Church Lane. I ended up on the Tuddenham Road on top of the front wheel of my bike with the drivers side wheel of a Landrover on my right leg. Not a happy place! After fifty minutes on the road I was taken to Ipswich Hospital with an open tibia fracture, two fractures to my fibula and an area of substantial skin loss above my knee. As I write this twenty three weeks later the open tibia fracture has only just started healing and I am still taking painkillers every day and using a stick to walk any distance. Both these accidents happened at peak time within two miles of Tuddenham and both involved local drivers. Please please please can everyone think of others and pay full attention to other road users whether they are drivers, cyclists, horse riders or walkers. It is so easy for a moment’s inattention to cause a lot of pain and trauma not only for the victim but for the perpetrator also. As a driver myself I am only too aware of the ease with which an accident could happen. “There but for the grace of.....” etc

Thanks very much to everyone who helped at the scenes of our accidents, and to those who showed their concern afterwards. We were quite overwhelmed by the cards, visits and enquiries, particularly from villagers.

I hope to be cycling around Tuddenham again soon. Andrew has been doing so for several months.

Lets all enjoy this beautiful area of Suffolk that we live in, cycling and driving safely with thought for others!

Jennifer Grist

Ed: We wish you both well!
TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Carpet Bowls Club in the village is still a very active and well supported Club. In addition to bowling socially on Monday evenings, we compete in both the local “Summer” and “Winter” leagues.

The “Winter league” which ran from September to March took us to Martlesham, Chelmondiston, Claydon, Copdock, Nayland, Belstead and Brantham. We competed very well both in both our home and away games and came out a respectful 4th position.

The “Summer league,” which runs from May to August, will see us compete with Kelsale, Martlesham, Claydon, Offton & Willisham, Bealings and Old Felixstowe.

Closer to home we have had an increase in our membership with Ken and Helen from Tuddenham Chapel and Harry and Rineke from Fynn Valley Farm. This takes us up to 35 members, which is probably getting near to our limit considering the space we have when we put 3 carpets down in the village hall.

Ray Soames

Dear Editor,

I have recently been developing a website www.EastAnglia-Online.co.uk

The site is primarily for giving information about the region, but unlike other, similar sites I am trying to encompass every town, village and city in East Anglia. (A huge task)

The site asks individuals to submit information, images and a history of their village or town, for the benefit of visitors and locals alike.

I would appreciate it if you could take a look at the link below and add anything relevant. Also if you could mention the site in the Tat-tler I would be most grateful.

What I am trying to achieve is a network of information. I am asking everyone I know to ask their friends and colleagues to contribute to the site and in turn their friends and colleagues, etc etc. throughout East Anglia.

I hope you find the site of interest.

Many thanks.

Peter Thomas

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Recycling Dates in Tuddenham

The next “recycling days” for blue topped and brown bins are Wednesdays 9th & 23rd June and 7th & 21st July.

Have you seen this carved bench in Christchurch Park? Well worth the search, if not!

Recycling Dates in Tuddenham

The Mobile Library is coming to Tuddenham Fountain on 17th of June, and 1st, 15th and 29th July from 4.15 till 4.30 pm.

This is a great service for the young and elderly in the village.

Why not try it out and support the facility?

Tuddenham Village Hall

The Tuddenham Village Hall meeting was held in March and it was reported that the roof is now successfully completed. It was a timely treatment for the wood rot. There is a new sky light in the ladies’ loos and everything is much better insulated. The painting of the ceiling is nearly completed and the kitchen and windows on the North East of the hall will be attended to next.

The accounts are in good order and the committee plan to improve the electrics in the kitchen and renew flooring in the kitchen and toilets. The next meeting is on 6th July at 7.30 in the hall.

Dear Editor,

please let me tell you of a success of the neighbourhood Watch. One recent morning a Felixstowe woman returned home from shopping to find her home had been burgled. A TV had been stolen and a PC as well as other things. A neighbour had seen a group of youths who appeared to move away when they felt they were being observed. Then the householder noticed a car which circled round the block twice. She took the number and informed the police who checked the address of the car’s owner on the other side of town and found the car, complete with stolen possessions nearby. Other stolen goods were found in the house leading to eight arrests with charges pending.

Your eyes and ears are vital!

Andrew Gunn, NHW Coordinator