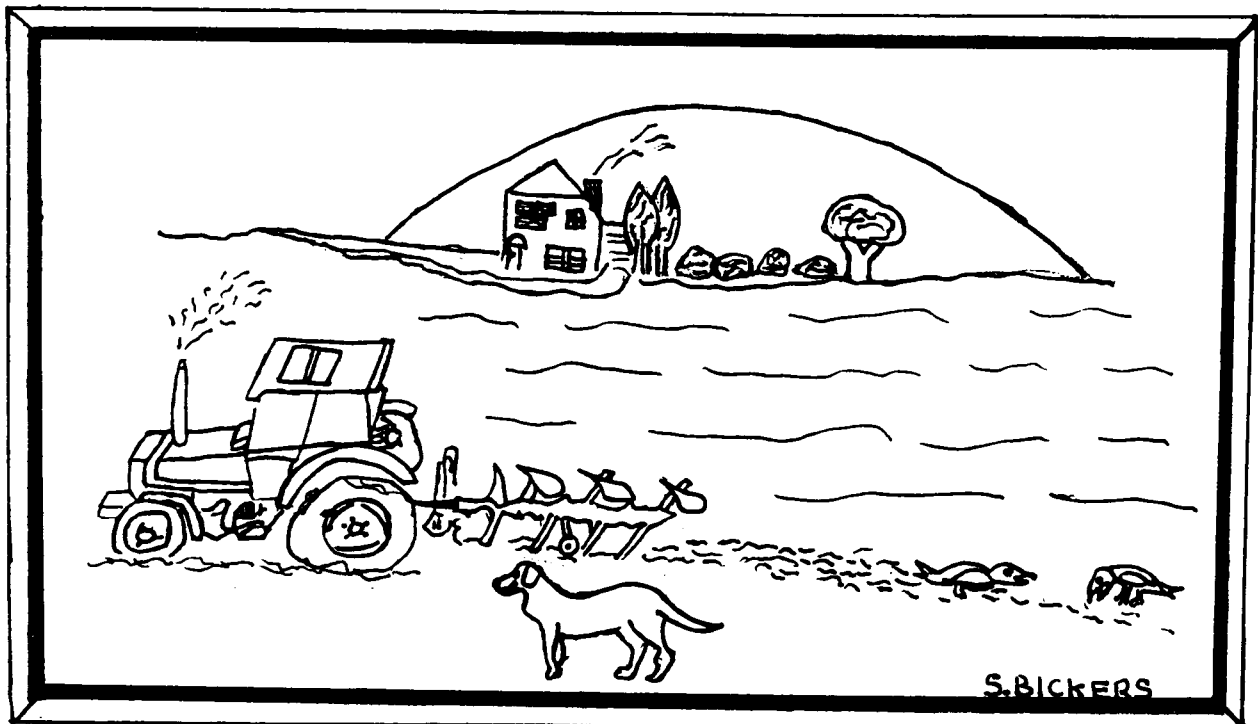


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Our front cover is yet again graced by a piece of artwork by a Tuddenhamite; this time Simon Bickers. We seem to have moved into Autumn in this drawing. It doesn't seem so long since our first issue with it's Spring theme. Thankyou, Simon. Please contact us on 785314 if you want to draw something for our front page.

It has always been the Tattler's policy to draw to the attention of those who are unable to be "around" anything that affects our village. Our next article may be such a piece.

ANGLIAN WATER

On October 20th surveyors were seen working by the stream near Rosemary's bridge. When questioned we were surprised to hear that they were surveying a small section of the land as part of a possible Anglian

Water plan to construct a 3 metre wide road across to the proposed site for the new pumping station. When we contacted Anglian Water they gave us a contact name of Monica Greenwood - 0206 774083. She gave us further information. The plan is for an iron removal plant at the existing source works which must be finished by the end of 1994 to meet standards. They are considering design options and when a decision has been made they will apply for planning permission and hope to start work in Summer 1993. They are digging a new bore hole in Playford and the water will be delivered by pipeline [underground] to Tuddenham for treatment. They plan to extend the existing access road by 600m and they are talking to conservation bodies.

PATRON SAINT OF TUDDENHAM – ST. MARTIN

As a young man in the mid fourth century, Martin was a Roman army officer from a non-Christian home. The story is that when stationed in France, he was accosted one Winter's day by a half clothed beggar. Martin cut his cloak in two with his sword and gave half to the beggar. That night he experienced a sudden conversion to Christianity. He was baptised and became a "conscientious objector". For supposed cowardice he was imprisoned.

Later, he went to live alone as a hermit. As others were drawn to join him, he founded the first monastery in France. Appointed the Bishop of Tours, in the Loire Valley, he again lived a solitary and ascetic life of prayer but once more he was led to establish religious communities.

He travelled extensively within France as a preacher and rural missionary and his spiritual power was widely experienced. He was buried at Tours on 11th November in the year 397.

A friend wrote his biography, which survives.

Michael Stone.

In this issue of the Tattler we remember St. Martin as the patron saint of horses, geese and infantrymen and as the saint after which our church is named. We also remember those who fought on our behalf on the 11th November, Armistice Day. We give our thanks to those who died in battle or who were injured. To recognise their sacrifice I include some memories from Tuddenham residents who experienced war.

Our first article was written by Dan Girling, uncle of Pauline Kerridge, who used to live in The Street. He entered this essay in a competition and received a commendation for it.

I LEARNT NEVER TO VOLUNTEER.

My first volunteer was August 28th 1914 when I joined the army and arrived in France on November 7th 1914 to fight for my King and country.

My second volunteer was when the order came round asking for men who could use a sycel or reaphok, thinking that this would be a nice job for getting out of the front line trenches to help the old farmers as I could use one being an old farmer's boy I put my name down. But alas in the dead of the night we were issued with these reaphokes and told to crawl out into no man's land between the German lines and ours to cut all the thick growth which was growing there so we could see if Gerry was crawling up to our lines for a swift attack. I can tell you as soon as we got a good start Gerries' ears could hear the noise and we were soon pelted with shell and rifle fire.

My third volunteer was when the order came round for a man who could handle dogs. I got that job. I left the front line and travelled down to Rowen station. There were two airedale dogs waiting for me to collect and take back to the front line trenches. What a surprise I got when in the dead of night I had to crawl out into no man's land with these tracker dogs one at a time to see if they could scent the German soldiers who were hidden in the thick growth and throwing bombs into our trenches. I must say that these dogs were sharp and on the alert. They were very nervous and barked too much and that caused plenty of shell and rifle fire from the Gerries when they fired their veerry lights in trying to spot us. I had these dogs in the latter part of May and the beginning of June, 1915, when they were sent back to the base as they were not much help to us. These two dogs were bred and trained by Major Bairnes in Suffolk and given to

the 1st 4th battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

I also remember the Christmas of 1914 when the German soldiers put up a board from their trenches chalked in big letters;

WE ARE SAXONS YOU ARE ANGLO SAXONS. DON'T FIRE ON US WE WILL NOT FIRE ON YOU.

We took them at their word and in broad daylight a few of us went out in front of our trench with spades to build up our trench. Yes they kept their word and they came out of their trench and made theirs up too. That lasted for only ten days when they told us the Prussian Guards were relieving them and well we knew it when they took over!

I served all through the war till November 11th 1918 then I volunteered for 12 months in the army of the Rhine.

Dan Girling Ex Cpl, B company, 1st/4th Batt. Suffolk Regiment,
17, The Street, Tuddenham St. Martin.

Pauline Kerridge tells me that her uncle went on to serve in the home guard during the second world war.

Our second essay was also an entry in the competition held by the East Suffolk Old People's Welfare Association. These essays were found by our resident historian, Ralph Taylor, amongst the papers of his mother in law, Alice Rimmer, the founder of our over 60's club.

This one was written by Doris Westrip.

MEMORIES OF A LONDON GIRL.

I was six years of age when the First World War was declared. My father joined the army on his birthday, September 7th, 1914. Fortunately for the first two years he was stationed in this country and I can well remember my mother taking me to the station to see him off on his return from his first leave when I screamed and cried so much that I was never taken again.

Food was very scarce in London and many times mother would meet me from school to go from shop to shop queuing for an ounce of butter, cheese, margarine, tea or a few meat bones. In the winter braziers would be placed near the queues to keep us warm.

My Grandfather had a big cellar cleared of coal and made into an air-raid shelter. Rugs, campbeds and gas lights were installed and as soon as the scouts blew their whistles to alert us, we would make for our refuge. One Saturday morning I got as far as the front gate to visit my grandparents when a passer by told me that the aeroplanes above us were German Gothas; that was the first of daylight raids.

My father had been sent to France so mother said we would save our meagre allowance of cheese for him as a treat and a surprise when he came home on leave. Imagine our faces when he unpacked his knapsack and gave us a big piece of cheese. I cried with disappointment.

The last leave before father went with the army into Germany, I came home from school to find a white-haired soldier awaiting me and for a while I couldn't believe that he was my Daddy; a shock had turned the colour of his hair. He told us about beautiful and interesting places like Cologne Cathedral which I visited with my husband some years later.

Mrs. Westrip moved to Ipswich with her husband in 1932.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

The response to the Parish council's decision to look at what is involved in getting a "village sign" for Tuddenham has been good. There is much to be done - designs to be selected, the right location to be found and of course money to be raised. The list is longer but these will do to start with. Ideas and designs are beginning to come into the parish clerk, 785588.

The history of Tuddenham gives plenty of opportunity for imaginative designs - the Roman occupation, the brickworks and the two mills. More designs will help to ensure a good one can be chosen and if you can't draw please come forward with your ideas.

The cost of a sign will be a minimum of a thousand pounds but it will be standing for many years and well worth the effort. So now we need some fund raising ideas - a summer fête, a collection, a barn dance, coffee mornings have already been suggested. One lady has kindly offered her gardens and lawns for a suitable occasion.

The success of this venture depends on everybody participating so that the sign can be a credit to the whole village.

Westerfield unveiled their attractive sign on 21st Oct, after two years of hard preparatory work. Let's come together and work towards this final goal, enjoying ourselves in the process.

I will keep you informed of progress made and about how much money is made by each fundraising event.

Noel Peck.

QUESTIONS

Following the above article how many of you would enjoy a barn dance in the Spring? Please contact Mr. Peck on 785642 if you are interested so that we can decide whether to proceed with this project.

Do you know of any events coming up that we should publicise in the Tattler? Or any local clubs or activities that Tuddenhamites should know about? Please contact us on 785588.

CARRICK DRAMA SCHOOL

17, The Street - the address of Dan Girling when he was alive - is now the address of Joanna Carrick who runs the Carrick School of Speech and Drama and the Red Rose Chain Theatre. She teaches many people from very young children to adults all aspects of drama, speech, English language and literature. Courses are held in the studios in Ipswich. Most students attend once a week for an hour or half an hour according to their age, and they participate in courses during the weekends and holidays. Coming up this term are a spine chilling production of Liz Lockhead's "Dracula" at the Ipswich Town Hall on Dec. 6th, 7th and 8th, and a fun weekend Christmas drama course for everyone on 19th and 20th December.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the new residents in the converted barn on the Back Lane, who are Edward, William and George Jennings and their parents Theresa and Paul.

BIRTHDAYS.

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Parry and to Katy Lopez in December. Please contact your Tattler if we haven't been notified of your children's birthdate, on 785314.

SPORTS TOURNAMENT

We have just been informed that there is to be an inter parish sports tournament on 16th May, 1993, at Leiston Leisure Centre. The sports to be played are badminton, tennis, netball, football, carpet bowls, table tennis, rounders, darts and volleyball. I have sent off for details but in the meantime are you interested? Please contact Mr. Peck on 785642 so that we can measure interest, and keep 16th May clear in your diary!

GET WELL SOON

Our best wishes go to Joan Bloomfield who has recently had an operation. Hope to see you back on your feet soon, Joan!

Regards also to Mr. Roach who is on the mend after a recent illness.

TREE PLANTING

The trees that we were offered by Suffolk Coastal are to be ready for collection from Firecrest Nurseries on 24th and 25th November. We have been allocated fifty hedging plants - hawthorn, hazel, blackthorn, field rose and dog rose for the play-ground. Please contact Leigh Williamson if your children want to adopt and plant one, on 785600.

KESGRAVE FLIERS

We played the Kirton Kestrels on October 11th and unfortunately we lost 4-1. Rob and I played in defence and Joe played in goal. On October 18th we played the Woodbridge Youths and we were slaughtered 9-2. In the first half I went up front and scored. At half time we were losing 4-2. Our manager put me back in my old position and I had a nightmare! Rob played well but he got substituted. Joe also played well but I think we'll forget that game! Our next game is a local derby against the Kesgrave Kestrels which we hope to win.

HUMBER DOUCY LANE

In the last issue we had a stop press informing you that Kesgrave covenant had withdrawn their application to develop in Humber Doucy Lane. We now have more details. They have withdrawn their application with Suffolk Coastal because of the Council's definite limitations as written in the Local Plan but the application to Ipswich Council still stands as Ipswich's structure plan has not yet been completed and their rules and regulations have not been formulated. The planners have said that they want to "come back for further consultation with Ipswich" but have not yet done so. The airport development is very much bound up in all this. If building there is approved there may be less need for further housing plans elsewhere. Thus Ipswich have advised us that "the application has not been withdrawn and remains to be determined". We will continue to watch developments on your behalf and keep you informed.

KITCHEN CORNER

How to make lots of biscuits in 20 minutes.

4oz butter or sunflower marg.
4oz gran. sugar,
4oz soft light brown sugar,
1 egg,
1 tsp vanilla essence,
4oz wholemeal flour,
4oz self raising flour.

Pre heat oven 375/190° or gas 5.

Cream butter and sugar.

Beat in egg and vanilla essence.

Stir in flour.

Drop small blobs onto lightly greased sheet. Space them well as they spread.

Flatten slightly.

Bake for 8 - 10 minutes.

You can add coconut, raisins, cherries etc to make a varied batch.

A Country Mum.

Editor's note: Pack a toothbrush if you travel with these toothrotters! Perhaps you can send us your recipes.

T.A.D.P.O.L.E.S.

*1. You do not have to have experience at stage work.

*2. You just have to live locally and want to be part of the forthcoming pantomime.

*3. The adult and teenage parts will be allocated on Wednesday 11th November.

*4. You would like to be involved?

On stage as chorus or principal?

Come to Poplar Farm - 7.30 for 7.45 sharp.

*5. Failing that, make contact beforehand with Monica Pipe, Alan Forsdike, Michael Stone or Fiona Woods. Phone 785272 or 785363 or 785268.

*6. It's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

*7. Performances on 18th, 19th, & 20th February 1993.

Michael Stone.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN

The very name - Tuddenham St. Martin - at once conjured up all sorts of romantic images in my mind even before I set my eyes on the place. For an Australian accustomed to such names as Meekatharra and Oodnadatta, the name Tuddenham St. Martin had an almost medieval ring to it, and suggested a wealth of historical tradition only dreamt about by people whose nation dates back only 200 years. The reality was no different from the perception. I was charmed beyond belief by the beauty of the village and the sense of history that pervaded it. To wander through the centuries-old Church and quietly contemplate how it had affected the lives of people for hundreds of years was a spiritual as well as an historical experience. A stroll down the Main Street gave further pleasure in seeing the quaint names - Pear Tree Cottage, Rose Cottage, and Manor Farm - and in imagining their development over the years.

The village notice board was good to see, as it indicated the strong interest the people have in local affairs and their admirable sense of community. May that feeling never diminish! It is needed to guard against the encroachments from those outside who may try to change the village for personal gain.

Walking through the country lanes was a special pleasure. There was an enticing air of untroubled and unhurried tranquillity which calmed the senses and made me feel one with nature. The fields were fresh and green and the blackberries ripe and delicious. Even the rain was gentle and the end of every walk found me looking forward to the next.

It was with regret that I left Tuddenham St. Martin, it's beauty, history and the friendliness of it's people. Regardless of the many miles I will have to travel, I will return to my favourite English village.

Albert Koutsoukis.
Visitor to Tuddenham.

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The slow start to the winter league series has been considerably improved upon with three excellent home match wins, where we prevailed 10-0 over Old Newton, 10-0 against Brantham and an excellent 10-0 triumph over Nayland. This has helped with our overall points average, and with 8 matches now completed we have 49 points giving an average of 6.125 per match. We have also just played our first cup match against Harkstead away, with Harkstead just winning through 5-3 on the night after some very close games. As this is a two leg match to decide who goes through to the next round, we still have the home match to play when hopefully we shall win through.

Now the dark winter evenings are upon us, increased activity on club evenings is occurring. During November we have our Singles competition taking place each Thursday evening and on Sunday 6th December we have our Pairs Championship event which is an all day series in the village hall with some 16 pairs competing firstly in a round robin and then 8 pairs progressing through to a knock-out final round section. This event is also treated as our Christmas social with refreshments and raffles etc. and if last year is anything to go by, should be a great success.

Nine club members have applied for entry into the Suffolk Singles competition which is to be held at the Sudbury Sports Centre on Sundays during November. We wish them every success!

Malcolm Rees.

TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN W.I.

October has been a very busy month. We held our meeting in the village hall on the 13th when our speaker Mrs. Davies, dressed as a Victorian parlour maid, presented novel ways of wrapping Christmas gifts and table decorations. On the wet Monday evening of the 19th four of our members attended the half yearly Council meeting at The Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe.

The 36th birthday of our institute was celebrated by holding a party at the Village Hall on the 27th. Members were entertained by Colini The Wizard after a buffet supper.

The carpet bowls team achieved a semi final placing at Needham Market on the 28th finally being beaten by Bramford who went on to win the trophy.

Other members attended the Group meeting at Hemingstone on the same evening and won The Fynn Valley Rose Bowl for their interpretation of "Harvest Home".

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th November when a new committee for 1992/3 will be formed. After business Scrabble will be played.

The 1993 programme will soon be ready and we are looking for new members so do make an effort to come along and join us - there is plenty going on.

Pauline Rees.

TUDDENHAM CHAPEL

We take our hats off to the Tuddenham Carpet Bowls folk who are putting the club well and truly on the map (or the mat!) Also for their kindness in inviting our Tuesday young people - augmented by a considerable number - to explore the skill of Carpet Bowls, free of charge.

Sixteen of us many who thought it a game of little skill were soon proved to be completely wrong as we tried repeatedly to manoeuvre our bowls around the centre circle. One or two showed championship quality while others of us struggled which all added to the fun of a great evening. Our thanks to Noel and Beryl, Pauline and Malcolm and Harold for giving up an evening for the youngsters.

Two outings to Crown Pools have proved successful - even a Winter's night did not dampen their enthusiasm.

Further activities are being arranged for ten-year-olds upwards. Please enquire if there is any interest.

Thanks to all who helped at the Harvest Festival. We were able to

send £200 to Tear Fund work in crisis torn Africa and three boxes of tins and dried food to Romania. Even in the prevailing economic climate we have much for which to be thankful.

Tuddenham Chapel; in addition to our normal services you are warmly invited to the following:

Sunday, 8th November at 6.15pm.

A time of praise and worship,
Sunday, 22nd November at 3.00pm.
Both services will be followed by coffee/tea and biscuits.

Please come and bring your friends.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On Wednesday, 4th November, we were invited to meet the village policeman, Steve Warne, and Roy Attwood who coordinates watch schemes in the village hall. The hall was full with villagers who wanted to increase the security of Tuddenham. We were told how the scheme signs and house stickers deterred burglars and were advised on such matters as door and window locks, alarms, door chains, peep holes, post code property marking and the vehicle watch scheme. Did you know that the average burglar is only 15 years old?

Watch scheme coordinators were chosen from some willing volunteers:

Tom Stark Fynn Lane,
Malcolm Rees Westerfield Lane,
Julie Stockdale Clopton Road,
Elizabeth Gunn Tuddenham Road,
Jack Ley The Street,
Janet Wells The Granaries,
Brian Hillman Keightley Way.

There will be a further meeting for the coordinators to be briefed. They will then be responsible for keeping their areas informed.

Your Tattler will continue to "watch this space"!

THE RULES

The FEMALE always makes *the rules*.

The rules are subject to change at any time without prior notification.

No MALE can possibly know all *the rules*.

If the FEMALE suspects the MALE knows all *the rules*, she must immediately change some or all of *the rules*.

The FEMALE is never wrong.

If the FEMALE is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the MALE did or said wrong.

The MALE must apologise immediately for causing said misunderstanding.

The FEMALE may change her mind at any time.

The MALE must never change his mind without the express written consent of the FEMALE.

The FEMALE has every right to be angry or upset at any time.

The MALE must remain calm at all times unless the FEMALE wants him to be angry and/or upset.

The FEMALE must under no circumstances let the MALE know whether or not she wants him to be angry and/or upset.

The MALE is expected to mind read at all times.

If the FEMALE has P.M.S. all *the rules* are null and void.

The FEMALE is ready when she is ready.

The MALE must be ready at all times.

Any attempt to document *the rules* could result in bodily harm.

The MALE who doesn't abide by *the rules* can't take the heat, lacks

backbone and is a wimp.

→ WHAT'S ON ←

November 5th. 7.00pm.

Bonfire and fireworks display to be held near The Barley Mow, Witnesham. Hot soup and hot dogs on sale. Admission charge.

November 7th. 10.30am.

Coffee morning and bazaar in aid of the Over 60's club, Tuddenham. Village Hall. Tel. 785272.

November 10th. 10.00am.

Anne and Judy invite you to the Usbourne Book sale and to see the winter collection of designer sweat-shirts and co-ordinatates, at Church Farm. Bring a friend.

November 11th. 7.30pm.

Auditions for the pantomime at Poplar Farm, Tuddenham. Tel.785366.

November 17th.9.15-5pm.

Craft exhibition at Ipswich corn exchange. Free admission.

November 21st. 10.00am.

Coffee morning in aid of Westerfield ward, Ipswich hospital, in the Church room, Westerfield. Cake stall, bring and buy and raffle.

Also a craft fair at Otley College from 10.30 to 4.30. Father Christmas will be there to meet you.

November 26th.

Tree planting week to celebrate Accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne. Contact Mr. Peck if you want to be involved on tel 785642.

November 28th. 10.00-12.00am.

Coffee morning in aid of St. Martin's Church, Tuddenham, with cakes, bring and buy, produce, crafts. Contact Gill Cruickshank.

November 28th. 8.00pm.

Karaoke night at the Witnesham village hall. Admission charge.

December 1st. 10 a.m.

Public meeting regarding Humber Doucy Lane Development at Melton Hill, Council Offices, Woodbridge. Please represent your village!

Birchwood Swimming Club, Wednesdays after school for children. Held at Sidegate Lane Swimming Pool, in term time.

Contact Linda Wood, tel.716075.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee was held on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the village hall, followed by a general meeting of the newly elected members. At the AGM the Chairman, Noel Peck, thanked all those members of both the committee and village residents who had generously given up their time to assist in the refurbishment works which have been undertaken this year and which have greatly improved the facilities.

At the general meeting which followed many topics were discussed, the main items being future improvements, maintenance and repair, the pond area, fire precautions, and grass cutting. Many constructive ideas were put forward by the committee members for further consideration on these and many other matters which affect the well being of our Village Hall.

As a result of our success in winning the Village of the Year Award the silver cup we won is now displayed in the Hall for all to see. The committee agreed that it would be appropriate for all groups in the village whose efforts made it possible to be invited to display in photographic or similar form their activity. These displays would be mounted in a wall display around the Cup cupboard. The group representatives who sit on the committee will be collecting this information from their respective clubs etc., so if you have any suggestions for your organisation's contribution please contact your representative.

There is one vacant car parking space to let in the Village Hall car park. If you are interested see any committee member for details.

Malcolm Rees.
Secretary, Village Hall Committee.

THANKYOU

Thankyou to P.C. Warne who gave up much of his spare time to support our community projects recently. He was seen in the village stamping on aluminium cans to raise money for the playground and on another day he spent hours helping to prepare the Tattler. We are lucky to have such an inspired community policeman on our beat. Thankyou, Steve!

ADVERTS

Rayburn 70 C stove, heat 5 rads. offers. Tel. 785590

Viking electric organ 2 key boards, £200 O.N.O. Tel. 785590

Cleaning help needed, 3 hrs/week, Tel. 785683


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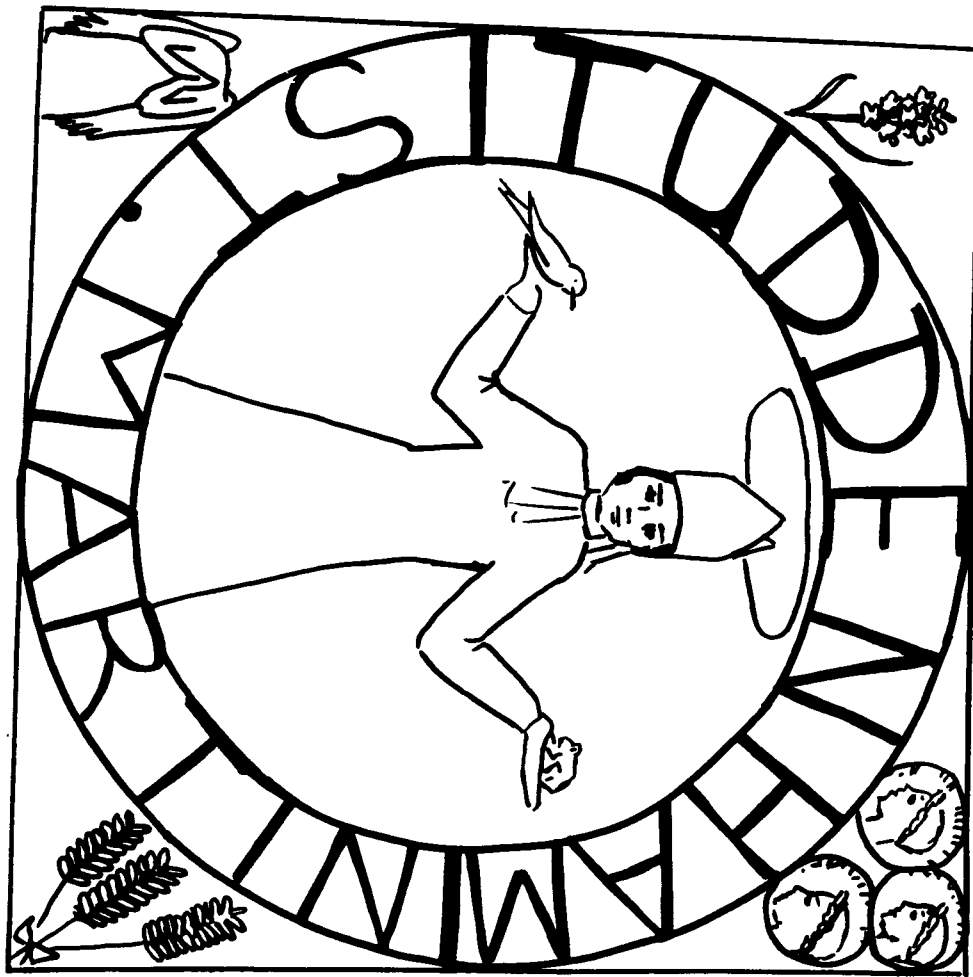
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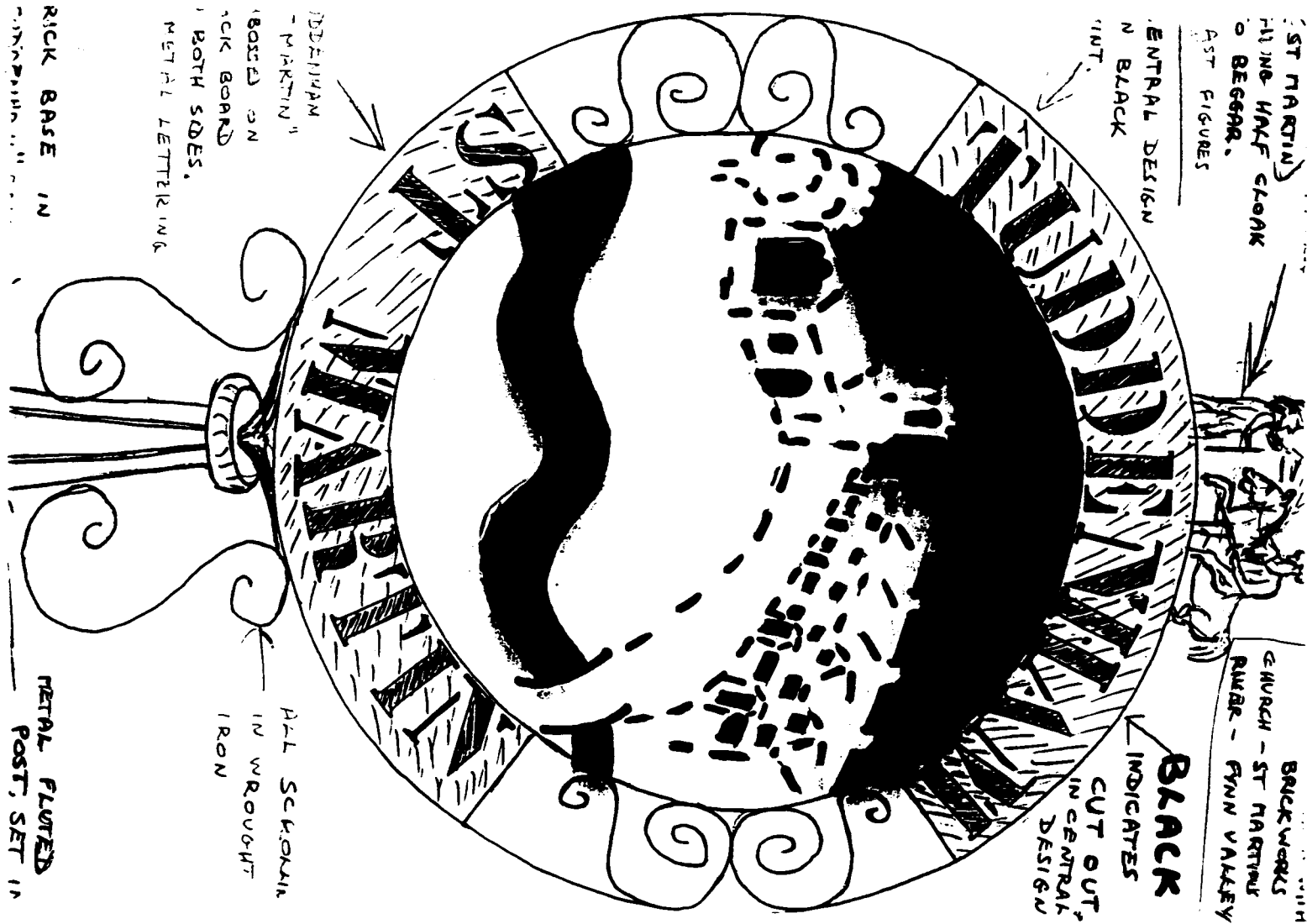
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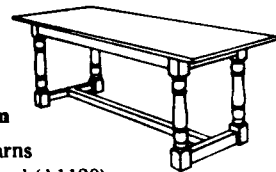
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