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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## GUMMER'S STUNNER

Mr. John Gummer, M.P. met representatives of neighbouring villages (including Tuddenham) at Westerfield village hall last Saturday - Oct 1st - to discuss Suffolk County Council's proposed Northern by-pass of Ipswich.

Mr. Gummer was in 100% agreement that the by-pass would be a colossal waste of money; there was no need for it and it would irreparably damage the environment.

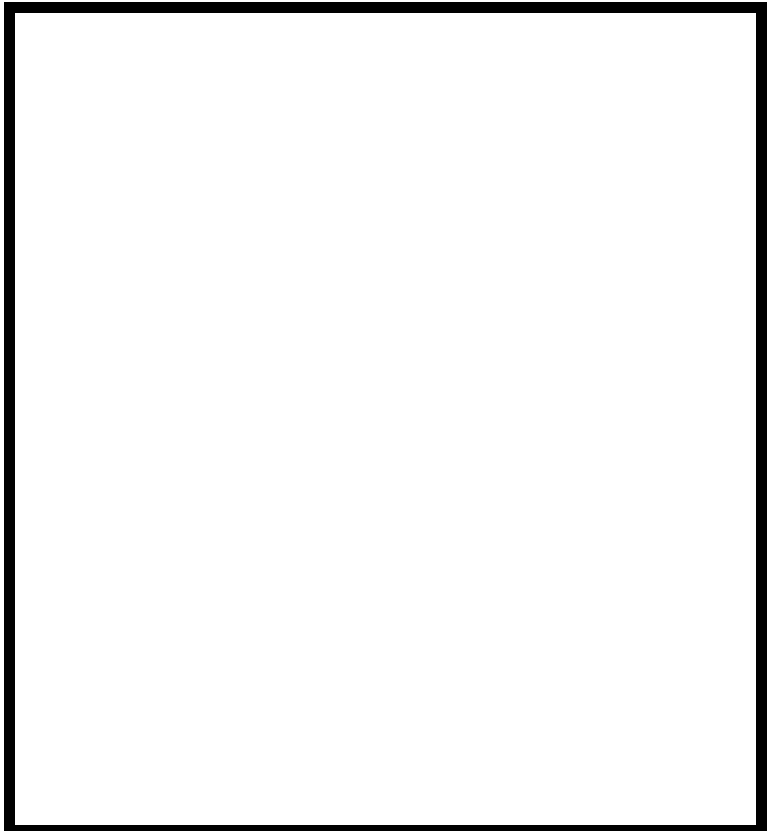
The £30 million expenditure would be far better used to improve local traffic regulation - Park and Ride facilities for Ipswich, better bus services and cycle paths for example.

Ipswich already had a by-pass to the south over the Orwell Bridge which could probably be widened if required.

The rail service from Felixstowe Docks was ripe for improvement in terms of dual lining and electrification.

Mr. Gummer said that he could see no good reason for building the Northern by-pass which seemed largely designed to alleviate traffic congestion in Ipswich. It was against Government policy to

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*What you say counts so don't be put off.....*

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pat Hurrell, Sam Bloomfield and John Kerry for their exam achievements this summer. Did we leave anyone out?

Why not tell us your good news so the Tattler can be more cheerful.

**The Tattler has had lots of help from it's friends recently for which we are grateful.**

**Donations along with money raised from recent events have been very welcome and have allowed us to buy a computer so that typing can proceed during daylight hours.**

**Thanks to Andrew for his help in setting up the equipment and to our photographer whose work will hopefully grace future issues.**

**And last, but not least, thanks to spouses for their tolerance and help without which none**

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approve new road building except where there was obvious commercial advantage and even then the greatest care would be taken to protect the environment.

He would do all he could to help achieve the abandonment of Suffolk County Council's proposals but explained that, because he was the local M.P., he would not be involved in the final ministerial decisions. Another minister would be appointed to take this responsibility.

—*Make your views known to the Council by Oct 6th...*—

There was, he said, a meeting of the Suffolk County Council on Oct 6th to discuss the matter further and it would help if parishes and individuals made their views known to the Chairman of Suffolk C.C. before this date.

The Parish Council will continue to attend the relevant meetings on your behalf and welcome any offers of help in their work. Write to Peter Monk, Chrm. Transport Committee, County Hall, St. Helen's St, Ipswich.

The Parish Council have written to The Star and The East Anglian with the reasons why the proposed road should not proceed. Your letters to the papers would also get publicity, (see letters page of The Star, Sept 29th).

If you have any ideas to further the fight against this road please share them with us in the Tattler. We will continue to keep you informed.

Remember what's at stake; the peace of Fynn Valley, the clean air of the countryside, the amount of traffic through our village, a potential wasting of £30-50 million and our integrity as a village.

*Editor & Ralph Taylor.*

## DOG FOULING



Unfortunately this remains a problem in the village. I was phoned up last week by a resident complaining of dog mess on the playing field next to the playground which her son had fallen into leaving her with an awful laundry problem.

As I walked down The Street after taking the children to Chapel over the weekend I was upset to see a dog urinating over the flower bed under the notice board. The owner was able to see the whole "event" and must have known that I help to maintain the area and yet she did not even apologise, much less try to control her dog!

As a dog lover I am so sad to see how some dog owners take so little care of our beautiful village as well as the rest of our world and give all dogs a bad name. They should be ashamed of themselves! Come on Tuddenham, tell them how **YOU** feel and let's get this under control!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Dr. Peter Burn for his recent kindness in the village.

I t w a s m u c h

## Thinking of You.

Our best wishes go to Mrs. Peggy Kidby and her husband Arnold during this time of illness.

We also pass on well wishes to Nora and

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those with an anniversary at this time.

William Lopez is five - sorry I forgot you in the last issue!



Best wishes to another William - a Jennings this time! And a little bird tells me *Big*

## SONGS OF PRAISE

The Chapel have a "songs of praise" service on October 8th, starting at 6.15pm. It is hoped that many of your favourite hymns will be included as well as some "special items".....

Everyone is welcome to come and share the fellowship of the evening.

## TO MY SON



MY HANDS WERE BUSY THROUGH THE DAY,  
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO PLAY  
THE LITTLE GAMES YOU ASKED ME TO.  
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME FOR YOU.  
I'D WASH YOUR CLOTHES, I'D SEW AND COOK,  
BUT WHEN YOU'D BRING YOUR PICTURE BOOK  
AND ASK ME PLEASE TO SHARE YOUR FUN  
I'D SAY: "A LITTLE LATER, SON."

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I'D TUCK YOU IN ALL SAFE AT NIGHT  
AND HEAR YOUR PRAYERS, TURN OUT THE LIGHT,  
THEN TIP-TOE SOFTLY TO THE DOOR.....  
I WISH I HAD STAYED A MINUTE MORE.  
FOR LIFE IS SHORT, THE YEARS RUSH PAST.....  
A LITTLE BOY GROWS UP SO FAST.  
NO LONGER IS HE AT YOUR SIDE  
HIS PRECIOUS SECRETS TO CONFIDE.

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THE PICTURE BOOKS ARE PUT AWAY,  
THERE ARE NO LONGER GAMES TO PLAY,  
NO GOODNIGHT KISS, NO PRAYERS TO HEAR.....  
THAT ALL BELONGS TO YESTER-YEAR.  
MY HANDS, ONCE BUSY, NOW ARE STILL.  
THE DAYS ARE LONG AND HARD TO FILL.  
I WISH I COULD GO BACK AND DO  
THE LITTLE THINGS YOU ASKED ME TO.

MARY MANIFOLD

*EDITOR: THANK YOU FOR THIS POEM WHICH WAS SUGGESTED BY MR. WHITMAN AND HIS SISTER, DORIS. I FOUND IT VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING AND DISCUSSED IT WITH MY HUSBAND AT LENGTH. I HOPE I GET THE BALANCE RIGHT... I HOPE YOU ARE FEELING*

## Thanksgiving

A thanksgiving service for the life of Norman B. Worswick will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital School on Sunday, November 13th at 2.30pm.

Tel. 785292

## GOLDEN HINDE

Sir Francis Drake's ship, The Golden Hinde, or at least the replica of it, is coming to Ipswich. It will be moored at Orwell Quay from Sept 30th-October 17th and is open for visitors from 9am to sunset. Entry will cost £1.50 for children and £1.90 for adults. The crew are dressed in Elizabethan costume and play the roles as far as is possible, so no modern facilities here!

## PUB NEWS

After our goodbyes in the last issue we are now ready to welcome a new landlord at The Fountain.

Mr. Phillip Sams applied for a transfer of licence on September 29th. He comes from Manningtree and I have heard that food is a major part of his plans for The Fountain. He has been the manager of The Stag in Chelmsford for the last six months.

We have had plenty of good music from Alan and Fred, and The Fountain has benefited from a full face lift. Let's hope the progress improves....

We hope to have an interview in the next issue.

And an interesting fact as found in my dictionary? - St. Martin, Bishop of Tours, as told in our 5th issue, is the Patron Saint of Tavern Keepers.

## VILLAGE SIGN

We are sometimes asked which is our favourite of the village signs we have made, which now number quite a few.

As every one is different, each has features or associations which make it unique and special; the truest answer we can give is — the one we are working on at the time because it demands all the concentration, experience and commitment we can muster. It is not the kind of work to embark on half-heartedly and could never be described as a doddle, however smoothly it goes!

One of the best things about village signs for us is the interesting facts we learn about places and the subjects chosen to depict them. So it is with Tuddenham St. Martin and we are enjoying the interest of learning about the brick making industry which is so much part of its history, plus the story of St. Martin himself, and the structure of the church.

At this stage the background of the main panel has been cut out in chipboard and the relief modelling of the main figure is in progress. This panel, when finished, with the modelling complete on both sides, will form the master pattern from which an exact replica will be cast in metal.

A lot of work lies ahead and we will report further when the next stage has been reached.

Mary Moore, Sept. 29th 1994

*Editor: I went round to see Mr. & Mrs. Moore last week with Ralph Taylor and the work done at that stage was very exciting to see. Our sign promises to be all we could have wished for. If you would like to see the toad taking shape or our brickmaker growing from clay then do call Mrs. Moore on 0728 685354 and I am sure she will be pleased to show you round. Give yourself plenty of time and Hector will share his solutions to all the world's problems with you - it makes the trip to Brandeston complete!*

## ANGLIAN WATER

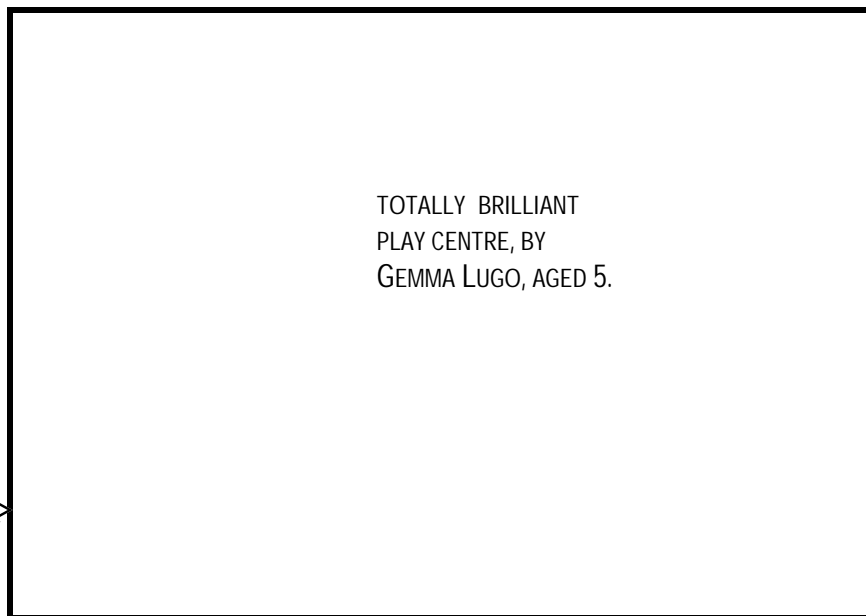
Parish Councillors and other Tuddenham residents were invited to the site of the pumping station by Anglian Water last week. We were shown round the site and saw a scale model of the completed building. We hope to have some more information in the next issue. What we saw suggests a happy ending to this tale ( probably in April'95).

☎ 785783 (Dave Ainsworth) or 0206 774000 for any problems on the site.

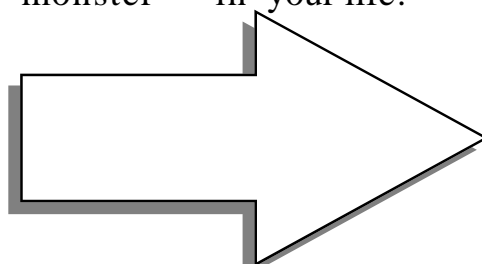
# TODDLER GROUP

**Summer Outing** On June 15th the Toddler Group had their Summer Outing to the Totally Brilliant Play Centre. This was a very successful day which was enjoyed by all. The facilities for toddlers were particularly impressive and completely separate from the older children. Two of our toddlers, Robert and Helen, had a birthday to coincide with our outing and we celebrated with a “Noddy cake”. We all left exhausted but at least the children slept well that night!

We are having two fund raising events in November. Do come and join us for a coffee and a brouse. All are welcome. You may find the perfect Christmas gift for the little monster in your life!



TOTALLY BRILLIANT  
PLAY CENTRE, BY  
GEMMA LUGO, AGED 5.



**Usbourne Book Sale** On November 2nd from 9.45-11.45am a wide range of books, fact and fiction, for all ages but a particularly good range for children.

**Seesaw Clothes Sale** On November 9th from 9.45-11.45am. Fully reversible fun clothes for 0-8 year olds are for sale.



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

Do you want to be in this year’s pantomime? If you are new to Tuddenham you may not know about the Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People Of Little Experience group who ‘ve put on pantos for some years as a way to make new friends in the village. Whether you are an existing T. A.D.P.O.L.E. or a new arrival in the village or a Tuddenham resident too shy until now.... you are welcome.

Casting meeting is (as usual) the first Monday after half-term, i.e. 2nd November, at 7.30 for 7.45pm for adults. It will be in Monica Pipe’s house, Poplar Farm - ☎785272. Children and back-stage roles will be filled a bit later on. You can also contact Michael Stone ☎785363 or Fiona Woods ☎785268.

The offering this year is **Robinson Crusoe** so do join in and have some fun!



## AWAYDAYS

Whenever I am singing the praises of Tuddenham and how much I enjoy living here I always say what a great mixture of people we have here, all ages and occupations. Now here's someone else; Ed Nicholls who lives at Southdene, Westerfield Lane, and once appeared in the pantomime and twice in the intervillage sports, has struck out into the leisure world. I was very interested and asked for the details, hence the information below .

After arranging a few theatre trips to London, last year I started a leisure travel company. Now we have arranged tours for people to Belgium, France, Northumbria and Cadbury World! We have now purchased new premises in Norwich Road and are planning Rails National Express Agencies. So if you wish to travel, arrange an outing (we can help with itineraries) or purchase theatre tickets for London give me a call.

Ed Nicholls ☎0473 463551

comfortable with a back rest.

I am well pleased, particularly as buying directly from the maker in his own home I don't have the mark up of 75% added on by most shops. I know this is correct because before I actually bought it I made enquiries in many shops about their profit margin on hand made creations.

If any of you are interested please phone me to see the rocking horse and hear the reasonable price.

Roving Reporter, Pear Tree Cottage

☎785314

## LOOKING AHEAD

I heard recently that in some areas Christmas decorations are already to be seen!! We all know the commercial hype which starts months before, to ensure we all are tempted to spend, spend, spend. Normally I ignore it all till a few days before *unless* I find a "terrific bargain" early in the year which I hide away ready for later. The trouble is I often can't remember where I hid it then find it when I am spring cleaning.

But this year there will be no problem. While visiting Durham in June I came across a craftsman who makes, amongst other things, rocking horses and small replicas of four poster beds complete with bedding. I couldn't resist the rocking horse even though I know our grandson won't be able to ride it on his own. It's not the traditional Victorian type of horse which I had as a child and still have and which many of the children in the village have ridden. It's a Walt Disney sort of horse, full of life and it's

## MUSIC NOTES

What a lot of musical happenings have been available this summer. I have only managed to get to six but enjoyed them all for different reasons.

The Maltings at Snape, a world famous summer festival venue, was our first totally unexpected musical treat. The phone rang “Could you use up some Prom cushions? I know you like jazz”. Those readers who are Snape regulars know that sitting on the floor on your own cushions etc. is a very cheap way of enjoying world class entertainment just as well, even better in my opinion, as those people paying £15 for their seats. “So we’ll give it a try” we thought, and off we went. It was marvellous. Because we were so close we had an uninterrupted, detailed view of the Sultans Of Swing which was actually a jazz band that played lots of old favourites together with old arrangements. Thank you for the phone call, Monica.



The sight of a father talking to his sons is not unusual, surely? This time, yes. It was an Indian conversation. We were fascinated by the “talk” between Imrat Khan and his three sons all brilliant instrumentalists. He explained to us that the music was all communication and it was very easy for us to interpret the questions, replies and humour in the music. I had doubts about my concentration lasting more than twenty minutes but I couldn’t take my eyes and ears away from them. Everyone felt the same and the ovation at the end was long and sincere. It was another wonderful Maltings production. We will certainly be looking forward to last years programmes.



A Sunday in August, fifty years ago, was the day an American band leader took off in a small plane bound for Paris. This plane disappeared without trace. The Glen Miller Band paid tribute to him on the airfield from which the plane took off. Two ladies who were in the control tower that day were among the audience of thousands enjoying picnics on the hot Sunday afternoon. Some dressed in clothes of the era and some brave people even indulged in jitterbugging to the music. I have heard Glen Miller type bands before but nothing has compared with the nostalgia and sound that we heard that day.

In June, while we were looking round a village church, we were surprised to

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hear that a guest choir from Carlisle Cathedral was about to sing and were able to enjoy their traditional music of worship. It was a brief but delightful musical moment.



Walking through the streets of Barnard Castle near Durham we heard sounds of a brass band coming from the upstairs windows of an old building. We listened then very quietly followed the sound till we could stand outside the practice room to watch and listen. Without thinking I clapped. We were immediately invited in by the conductor to enjoy more of the band practice. Two old gentlemen, avid fans, regaled us with anecdotes about some of the band members. The whole thing, I felt, would be a good subject for a short story. We were reluctant to leave but were already late in destination arrival.

Lincoln, on the way home, provided another experience. Within minutes of looking around the Cathedral a German choir and instrumentalists gave a short concert which included perfectly pitched, unaccompanied, singing.

So, what are we going to hear next? I think our calendar from now on will be more musical than in the past.....



## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Come to the Church on the hill!

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| <b>9th October</b>   | 9.30am  | Family Communion   |
| <b>16th October</b>  | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
| <b>23rd October</b>  | 9.30am  | Family Communion<br>-Thanksgiving                              |
| <b>30th October</b>  | 10.30am   | Combined Service with friends<br>from Westerfield & Witnessham |
| <b>6th November</b>  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion   |
|                      | 9.30am  | Family Service   |
| <b>12th November</b> | will be Remembrance Day Service   |  |
| <b>20th November</b> | 9.30am  | Family Communion   |
| <b>27th November</b> | - we shall be welcoming those who tend<br>the graves in the Churchyard to join with us in memory of<br>relatives and friends. Details next month. |  |

## OBITUARY

We were sorry to hear that Audrey Pipe had passed away last weekend and our thoughts are with her husband and family at this sad time.

Our condolences also to the family of Nelson Frost whose tales and photos of the horses at Tuddenham Hall were a proud record of his long life.

*Michael Stone*



# Tattler Quiz

The vet's was about to open and a small queue had formed in a straight line in the surgery.

Brian was pleased that he was furthest away from the budgie.

Debbie was going to have to wait the longest of all four to see the vet.

Candice complained about the barking behind her.

The rabbit kept trying to attack the cat which was in front.

Terry who liked all animals was just pleased that he was able to leave work early in order to walk to the vet's.

From this information can you place the four animals and owners in the queue?

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Now that the evenings are drawing in we will probably be spending much more time indoors, naturally taking care to lock our doors front and back. But have you given a thought to your garden shed and garage? A spade, a fork, or a small mower all cost money to replace. Someone in the village recently lost fishing gear and a little while ago a hose was cut off the garden tap. It leaves a nasty feeling if somebody has been round the back and stolen something.

Did you know that in Suffolk, in the first six months of this year, 189 sheds and 174 garages were broken into? So - do make sure that your sheds and garages are properly locked up and therefore difficult to break into for a burglar.

Finally, Jack Lay has done a splendid job organising chains on some of your doors. Make sure then that you are just as well locked up outside as you are inside!

*Janet Wells*



**NOVEMBER 12th**  
**village hall**  
**2.00pm**

**☎785314 or 785588**

If you are clearing out save it for us and keep the day clear in your diary.

*Can I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Parker for her kindness this week - the cake was delicious. Recipe next issue, hopefully, so you can all have a taste!*