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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## LEGS NOT WHEELS!

You may remember a note in the February 1994 issue of *The Tattler* referring to the history of, and the reason for, the reclassification of Green Lane. At that time notices were posted in and around the village and in the local press giving people the opportunity to object to the proposed County Council classification, viz. a bridleway.

We now hear that six objections were received so a public enquiry will be necessary. The date is not yet fixed, but may be in 1995.

It is expected that most Tuddenham residents, especially those using Green Lane, will support a bridleway rather than a

“byway open to all traffic” classification. Some impression of what this latter classification could mean can be gained from current heavy traffic movement on the

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*Thank you to Shirley Lincoln from the Art Class held in the village hall on Thursdays for this wonderful drawing of the entrance to our Church which only took two afternoons.. This is an artistic issue of *The Tattler* - see page 10.*

## FEAR CONQUERED

A lot of people have a “fear of flying” and I was one of those people until October 3rd 1994. After seeing the I.T.N. news in May 1994, showing people who had a “fear of flying” arriving back from their first flight from Norwich Airport I thought, “This is just what I have been wanting to do.”

The next day I telephoned Norwich Airport to enquire about the next “fear of flying” trip and was sent details on the trip which was to be on October 3rd.

Derek and I went. There were lots of qualified people to help with any fears you might have.

First we assembled at Hotel at 10.30am for we were welcomed by airport general was Ms. Helga psychologist, who gave

the anxieties of flying. From 11.45-12.00 it was question time and Helga had a great number of answers that took the fear out of flying.

We then met all the aircrew who in turn explained many aspects of the aircraft such as noises, turbulence, engine pitch changes and again 15 minutes question time.

At 1.00 it was time to proceed to the airport terminal for the check in procedure, going through the customs etc., also to view the aircraft prior to boarding, and time for another quick cup of coffee.

The aircraft was a BAC1-11 with seating for about 120 passengers. We had the local G.P. and Helga Williams and various other people on board so that if anyone was ill it was reassuring to know that there was someone there to help you.

At 2.15 the time had come for “lift off”, for a 45 minute flight, and it was wonderful. On arrival back at three o’clock we went to the flightdeck bar for a brief discussion and refreshments.

After this we were all presented with a certificate by the captain and crew.

At 4 o’clock the course closed and it was time to come home after a very enjoyable day and for many of us very worthwhile. Two couples were about to book up to see their children in America and Australia.

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lane arising from Anglian Water Plant construction. Vehicular speeds of 30-40 m.p.h. are typical.

Residents can help attain their preference by attending the public enquiry. It is significant that of the six objectors, 3 write from Ipswich, 2 from Stowmarket and 1 from Colchester.

*John Arthur.*

*Editor: thank you to John Arthur for this article. It sounds like a subject that your Tattler should follow closely.....*

*If you know of any news that other Tuddenhamites would like to hear, do, please, tell us. ☎785314 / 785588.*

## VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

At the recent parish council meeting the future of the playground was discussed. It was felt that although the football pitch continues to be well used there is some doubt as to whether the other field, containing the swings and slide, is justifying it's running costs. We are happy to continue to maintain the football pitch and goal posts but we can't see a lot of point in maintaining the other area if it isn't used. We would like to know if the parents of the younger children in the village are willing to take on responsibility for the other field.

Do you care about the provision of a safe play area in the village for your small children? Enough to form a management committee to oversee the maintenance of the play equipment to ensure that it is kept in an absolutely safe condition? Enough to see that the grass is regularly cut? The Parish Council kindly donate towards our running costs so no fund raising is involved.

If not - - - does anyone want to buy a set of swings going cheap? ☎785756

## PLOD PLUNDERED

**We are sad to report the arresting news that P.C. Steve Warne has, not of his own choice, put up his hands, and given himself up to a new crime prevention project which will take him out of circulation from village policing for the rest of his natural....**

**He is on probation for six months and his replacement is W.P. C. Cathy Ellis whom we look forward to meeting on the job!**

**Steve, or is it Uncle John, and his wife Lesley, have both been very active on Tuddenham's behalf and we pass on our thanks for their criminal neglect and our best wishes for their future - may there always be a file in their cake!**

*A little bird.*

## A STITCH IN TIME

Seized with the desire to mend a hole in a pair of jeans, before I reached for the thread I thought back to my disastrous sewing attempts of past years. The shortening of a pair of trousers eventually led to shorts before I could get the two legs the same length. The taking in of a blouse led to my appearing lop sided. Cushion cover making resulted in endless broken needles and uncomfortable strangely shaped cushions. So I decided on professional help. In the past my next door neighbour, Joan, a very competent needlewoman, came to my rescue in an emergency. This morning I had an offer of a help from a friend who shall be nameless but without whom there wouldn't be a Tattler. She was aghast at my hopelessness at coping (with a patch) but knowing how busy she was I decided to follow up an advert I had seen in the Grundisburgh News. Of course I couldn't find a copy anywhere so I rang the Post Office with the result that by 4.30 the jeans were in the hands of Mrs. Hanania in Grundisburgh with a promise of "ready tomorrow".

Then I began to have qualms about my rashness. I hadn't seen any of her work and didn't know anyone who had. Suppose the patch looked ghastly? Suppose she burnt the jeans when pressing them? Perhaps it would have been better to have left them with the younger generation's "tear look". The next day I knocked on the door of the pretty pink house next to the post office. Mrs. Hanania had a bag in her hands. Was she hiding her work? Oh dear. All my worries were totally unnecessary. The repair was absolutely perfect and the charge extremely reasonable. I was delighted and will be calling on her services again.

So if you need any alterations or repairs phone 735214 and speak to Mrs. Hanania....

*Repairing Reporter.*

## SUFFOLK FESTIVAL

I go to Rushmere Hall School and I sing in the Senior Choir. On October 18th we took part in a choir competition at the Corn Exchange. When I woke up that morning I felt very excited and a little bit worried. After a last practice at school we climbed onto the coach and went to the Corn Exchange. The competition was fun. We enjoyed singing our songs "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "Moon River". When we had finished, Mrs. Jones said, "Well done. That was very good". Then Mr. Kenneth Pont, the adjudicator, announced that we had come first with 85 points! We had beaten Ipswich High School and St. Matthew's.

**WE'D WON!**

*Victoria Bloomfield, aged 9.*

*Editor; thank you Victoria for a lovely morning spent at the Corn Exchange listening to all of you perform so beautifully. Lorna Williamson, Kirsty Ellinor and Katy Lopez also took part. This is a definite booking for my calendar next year. There are choirs performing with a wide range of age and size - we saw one with over 100 members from Halesworth - as well as Bible readings and solo singing etc. All this talent on display for less than a pound.*

## MAGISTRATES

**The secretary of the Lord Chancellor's Ipswich Sub-panel has written to me seeking more applicants for lay magistrates. They want as wide a field as possible to choose from and would like to hear from you as there are a number of vacancies.**

**Please phone Sue Bruce or Mrs. Thew on 217261 for more details or an application form.**

## Orwell Walk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village who sponsored Helen and myself for the Rotary Club Orwell Walk on 26th June. We decided to do the 25 miles this year and had a really enjoyable day. I collected £200 for Church funds and Helen raised £70 for Toddler Group funds.

Many thanks, once again, to all who sponsored us and we look forward to your support again next year.

*Jackie Lugo.*

**Apologies** from The Tattler for some inaccuracies in the last issue - the Songs of Praise at the Chapel was, of course, on the Sunday, 9th October and the pantomime auditions were held on Nov. 2nd - a

## Romanian Child Action

Fifty years ago on December 16th bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel. Romanian Child Action are repeating last year's very successful Christmas Supper Dance on December 16th 1994. Tickets are £10.00 including a super supper - all you can eat. The dance was a sell out last year so hurry up and book your tickets.

Music in the Glenn Miller style by "Swing Machine" premier regional band. Ideal for group of office Christmas parties.

We'll provide the crackers, music, food and the decorations. You just come and enjoy yourself. (licenced bar).

☎0473 785206, or write High View, Tuddenham Lane, Witnesham, IP6 9HL.



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

-re parking problems down Fynn Lane.

This extra meeting was held to discuss the problem of parking down Fynn Lane and we were glad to see many of the local residents present as well as several other villagers. P.C. Warne also attended despite it's being his rest day and we are grateful for his interest in village matters.

Mr. Rees, Parish Chairman, opened the meeting with the news that extensive research had revealed the surprising news that the land on the right as one enters Fynn Lane -ie. the grass verge and informal parking area- belong to Suffolk County Council Highways Dept., not the Parish Council as had been previously believed. This meant that the council had no jurisdiction over the area and could not erect signs, put up posts or take any other measures to resolve the problem without seeking Highways permission in advance. This change had come about in 1968 when the land was conveyed to the Highways Dept. in order that the River Fynn could be diverted. Some readers may recall the demolishing of the British Legion hut and road changes at this time.

The Council discussed what could be done as local residents don't like to see cars parked opposite their houses and suffer from abuse when they try to tackle the car owners. They are also worried about dog fouling and possible obstruction of the lane as happened some two years ago. Joan Bloomfield and Frank Wells (by letter) both expressed their fears that the village was becoming rather unfriendly to visitors. Janet Welham said it was a shame that the parking areas in Playford and Witnesham had not been publicised when the circular walk had been created. P.C. Warne again asked that obstructions be notified to the police so that £20 fines could be exacted. There was discussion as to whether a car park near the present informal site might be helpful. It was decided to encourage the residents of Fynn Lane to set up an action group which the Parish Council might be able to help. In the meantime all obstructions and signs on the Highway land would have to be removed as they had been placed without permission.

*Parish Clerk.*

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday to twins Charlotte and Sally. Sorry I forgot to give you both a mention in the last issue but my filing system..... Elizabeth Parry also gets our best wishes for her birthday - how about a drawing for the front cover, Elizabeth? David Lugo and his parrot are also "celebrating" getting a year older this month, as is Kit Baker - congrats to you all!

**CRASH!**

Have you seen the remaining three chimneys to the power station next to the River Orwell? I gather they are to be demolished on November 27th - a Sunday - and if it is like any of the similar events seen on the T.V. it promises to be quite a spectacle. See you there?

## PUB TALK

A fish and chips take away in Tuddenham? No, not the usual travelling “Chippy” but fresh fish cooked to order from 6pm on Fridays by The Fountain’s chef. What a great idea. Imagine Friday night exhaustion lessened by a quick phone call ☎785377.

Phil and Linda Sams have lots of other ideas which they hope to put into practise in the future but moving in and settling down always takes time. Linda, who is a D.I.Y.enthusiast seems to have thoroughly enjoyed the first renovations. Her hobbies include embroidery and birds which she has bred though not intentionally. An aviary is one of the future ideas. I wonder if it will be a Linda’s D.I.

Y. job?

Philip’s interests include back stage work - lighting etc. He worked at Southend’s Cliff Theatre for five years. So perhaps we will see him involved with this year’s village pantomime.

The food aspect of the pub seems to be off to a good start. I have already heard very complimentary comments and seen every table occupied. Most meals are cooked by a chef who is very happy to conjure up special food when requested. A five course special meal is available for just £13.95. Already

bookings have been taken for office parties. **AND** 15% discount is given on all meals for Senior Citizens. Christmas Day lunch is available with the pub remaining open in the evening for a quiet drink and a chat. I have never heard of this idea before but apparently Linda and Philip have offered this facility which has been appreciated by customers in their previous pubs.

A Sunday night quiz is another idea. You pay 50p and all the money is won back. So brush up your knowledge all those who enjoyed “quizzing” earlier this year.

Philip said he would gladly display posters for a village activity and of course he will continue to sell our Tattler notelets and cards. We are very glad to see the pub in action again and wish Philip and Linda every success.

*Roving Reporter.*

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### ☺Female Focus☺

Have you heard about the Crown Pools aqua fitness day on November 17th? It is only for women and includes aqua-step, snorkelling, stroke improvers, fun sessions, life-saving

and octopush. The day lasts from 2.00 - 9.30pm and there are creche facilities until 7.00pm. The day costs only £4.

Massage and saunas are available at extra cost. ☎0473 280119.

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# Musical notes

I wonder how many of you like Irish music? We listen to Christy Moore's work a lot and hope one day to hear him live. We missed a brilliant Irish group, The Furies, at the Corn Exchange, this month because we were away...a pity. The title sounds as though they are angry young people but that is not so, they are delightful.

On to live music, only two this month but what a contrast. Holderlein Express, a top German folk band appeared at Wetherden village hall which is the venue for many interesting musical propromotions organised by two locals. I don't know what their contacts are and how they manage to finance such perfomances. Perhaps you may remember last year that I commented on a Romanian band appearing at the same place. The German music was very strange at first rather like the introduction to a horror film, not at all the "oom pah pah" ethnic German music I had expected. However, a strong beat soon appeared. People got up and danced, small children ran about and played, one was wrapped in a blanket and put in a corner to sleep. The others kept going until 11.55! The atmosphere was very relaxed, soon we were in tune, clapping and dancing with the rest. A memorable evening.

The next night was very different. A controlled and sober audience enjoyed "Marriage of Figaro" at the Corn Exchange Cambridge. We went to the pre-performance talk, Peter Knapp, who is the mind behind the Travelling Opera. He was a brilliant speaker, very relaxed and entertaining. However, I didn't enjoy this opera as much as the others to which I was introduced. For me there was too much straight conversation and not enough musical renderings although towards the end this did improve. But I am glad I went, it was another contribution to my musical education.

## WELCOME

Cherrie (no we haven't misspelt the name) Starling has just moved to 2, Porch Cottages, from Leiston. We were pleased to learn that she is keen on amateur dramatics and look forward to seeing her in the pantomime. Antiques, pictures and flower arranging all feature in her spare time interests.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Oliver Pipe for his recent exam successes. It is always good to hear of good news so please pass yours on in order that the Tattler can share it around - phone 785314 or 785588.

When driving along a road in Felixstowe recently I noticed a huge pumpkin outside a greengrocer's shop with a placard proclaiming "**Winner of The Tuddenham Fountain Pumpkin Competition**". The winner weighed 253lbs and was a real beauty. But who grew it? Perhaps we can find out for the next issue.

## A Russian Report.

Talking to Sam Bloomfield, who has recently returned from a Cultural Exchange visit, arranged by Farlingaye School, was very interesting. I have always wanted to go there, not purely as a tourist, but to savour real life there. Sam did this. He stayed with a family on the twelfth floor of a block of flats which had a shot gun hole in the main door. After breakfast there of fried meat and buckwheat washed down with water, mango juice or Russian beer, he spent the day with others from the exchange school who supply students from the Institute of Physics. This institute produced the rocket scientists needed so that Russia could keep up with America in the Space Race. No school uniform was required but some of the richer ones wore formal suits. Lunch was five courses but no dessert. Sounds good but Sam assured me the courses were very small and the drinks seemed to consist of chopped pears covered with water.

Two visits to the Ballet were very interesting but Sam preferred the one seen at the Palace of Congresses, the original Communist Government building, to the Bolshoi which is world famous. Red Square was really impressive because of St.Basil's Cathedral as was The Kremlin with the gold topped cathedrals. As a contrast he visited both MacDonal'd's which were always crowded. The food didn't taste the same and there was less variety. The sudden contrast in weather made Sam appreciate all the thick clothing he had packed. It changed overnight from hot and humid to zero. I asked him what he didn't like. "The uneasy atmosphere" he said. Going home one evening with his student host he thought that Andrei said "Hurry up or we will miss the trolley bus" but it was "Walk fast because it is very dangerous." He didn't enjoy the Moscow State Circus because of the cruelty to the bears. He didn't enjoy seeing so many stray dogs and people sleeping rough. He didn't enjoy going through the customs. The officials were very military and threatening.

But he said it was a great experience which he will always remember and now watches avidly anything that refers to Russian life. His family have momentos of the visit, Russian Dolls and a Red Army drinking flask. He didn't make any comment on the vodka other than "It was very cheap. 40p a half bottle!"

I thoroughly enjoyed the interview which has increased my desire to visit Russia even more.

### Tattler Quiz

We are planning to host another Tattler Quiz on Saturday, January 7th. Would you like to come? Is this a good date to chose? Do tell us as soon as possible so that we can plan successfully.

Any suggestions for quiz subjects will be welcomed.

### The Power of The Pen.

I have been asked by Ipswich Animal Rights to publicise their campaign against the shipment of live animals across The Channel. There have been great advances thanks to public pressure: Stena Sealink has stopped all transports as have P&O, and Northern Ferries. Sally Ferries, Hoverspeed and Eurotunnel weren't taking animals in the first place. Brittany Ferries still transports for fattening though not for slaughter. However another firm, M.T. Shipping, is set to start live exports from Harwich. Will you write to your M.P and M.E.P.,and M.T.Shipping Ltd, Shirley Lodge, 470 London Rd, Slough, Berks, SL3 8QY if you want to join this fight? Ipswich Animal Rights, PO Box 97, Ipswich IP3 0NY.

## Focus on Art



Did you know that many people in the village have an interest in painting. Some are members of the village art class run by Suffolk college and enjoy a variety of painting, an example of which is on the front cover.

Some of you may remember we have a professional portrait painter in the village who originally worked in studios in London. Others just enjoy looking at and possibly collecting pictures.

Pat Hurrel developed this interest late in her life. She was not interested in art at school but because she was a great reader she “came to it

through books”. However, with her very busy life on the boats, she had no time to pursue this. Then, a couple of years ago, she decided to attend a Leisure Learning group at the High Street Annex of the Suffolk College. All the students except herself and one other were teenagers! The two hit it off and became firm friends and very keen on painting. Pat says Malcolm Mosely, the tutor, was inspirational and certainly influenced her decision to join a Mature Student’s A - level Art Course. The good result in her recent exam has made studying for an art degree possible. The course is hard work but very rewarding, enriched by many visits to famous galleries and museums all

over the country.

Pat says she would recommend anyone to become a Mature Student. Having a new interest is a great plus to life. So what about it? Are there any others out there who might try a new venture? Perhaps Pat will be able to persuade Stuart to try something new....!

Thank you, Pat, for giving me this interview while cooking a delicious curry....I wish I had called later when you were dishing up!

*Reviewing Reporter.*

## Tasty Tot

J. Sainsbury's are hosting a malt whisky "tutored tasting" session on November 30th at the cost of £2.50. A Scottish food buffet will be included in the price.

Contact a member of staff in Sainsbury's for

## County Council - Parish Meeting.

Malcolm Rees and clerk attended a meeting with officials and councillors from the County Council on November 4th to update on the position regarding the proposed Northern By-pass. Jeffery Stansfield, County Surveyor, told us that the plans for the road had not been dropped, despite the Government's recent directive to delete the road from their local plan. This was because the question of funds had not yet needed to be addressed, though this had been highlighted as the primary reason for the directive, since the road would not be built for many years. The Council wanted to chose a preferred route in order to avoid blight over too big an area, as well as to protect the chosen route from any development. This did **not** establish need for the road. The Council invited Parishes to respond in writing with views on our preferred route and other observations.

We have written but again have expressed our objections against all routes for the road with no by-pass wanted, or needed, regardless of the route. Your letters to Councillor Monk, Chairman of Transport Committee, or Councillor Mowle, Leader of the Council, both of whom seem set FOR the road, and to Councillor Michael Hyde, who is very much AGAINST the road, will still help the cause. Write to County Hall, St. Helen's Street, Ipswich. In addition letters to Sir Paul Beresford who sent the directive expressing your support would strengthen the campaign, addressed to The Houses Of Parliament, London.

Mr. Andrew Gunn attended the Ipswich Local Plan introductory meeting in November 1st, representing the village. We will tell you when the Road is scheduled to be discussed as soon as we are told and are grateful to Andrew for his help.

The Council intend to publish leaflets and questionnaires in Feb,1995, with exhibitions in village halls a month later and a decision on which route by June 1995. The next Transport Committee meeting is on November 22nd.

We will continue to keep you informed on the subject of this road but note here that the story is still **very much alive.**

*Parish Clerk.*

## Carpet Bowls Club

Our Summer League Challenge finished well with Tuddenham running out winners of the group, beating Belstead into second place by two points. A good performance resulted in fourth place at the play-offs on the 18th September at Needham Market.

The Winter League has now started and being in the first division we have found the standard of play much higher. However, we have started well with some valuable away points being picked up. Our first match of the season was away at Bramford where some good bowling from all teams gave us four points. The following week we were away at Belstead where a further two points were gained, and four more away points scored at Stutton. Our first home match was against Stratford St. Mary when we won 8-2, this being followed by a 6-4 home win over Bramford. Our annual Birthday dinner was held at Felixstowe on the 8th October when some 35 members and guests attended a very enjoyable evening. Our Winter club events will soon be taking place with our singles competition in November and Pairs in December.

If anyone would like to come along and have a go at Carpet Bowls the club meets Monday and Thursday in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

*Malcolm Rees, Captain.*

## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES.

Come to the Church on the hill!

**13th November** 9.30am Remembrance Service -  
"We will remember them"

**20th November** 9.30am Family Communion - a change  
from our usual monthly  
pattern, but all are  
equally welcome.

**27th November** 9.30am A special service of traditional  
Morning Prayer, to which are particularly invited those  
who care for graves in our ancient parish Churchyard, and  
when we will remember those who have been lovingly laid  
there over past years. Please make this widely known.

**4th December** 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Service.

*Michael Stone.*

## Christmas Coffee

On November 26th, a Saturday, the Church members are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning in the village hall from 10-11.30am.

*Jill Cruikshank.*

## TADPOLES

**The auditions are over and the parts are given.....well some of them!**



**So we can look forward to Robinson Crusoe and his motley crew joining us for some fun (Me Hearties, Ooo Arr) in February half term.**

**Do contact Monica if you would like to be involved on stage or backstage, on**

Our thoughts are with The Kidby family at this time.  
Peggy will be well remembered.

*Congratulations to Adrian Frost - manager of the month!*

## **neighbourhood watch**

Warnings have appeared on all the notice boards telling everybody to be careful who they let into their homes. Bogus neighbourhood watch callers have come to homes in Ipswich and surrounding villages. We are a small and closely knit village - do you know who are our neighbourhood watch co-ordinators? Here they are:

Janet Wells	Brian Hillman	Malcolm Rees	David Woods
Jack Lay	Julie Stockdale	John Wyles	Sally Gardiner
Sophia Sykes	Elizabeth Gunn	Molly Worswick	

Please don't be taken in by any other callers in the name of Neighbourhood Watch.

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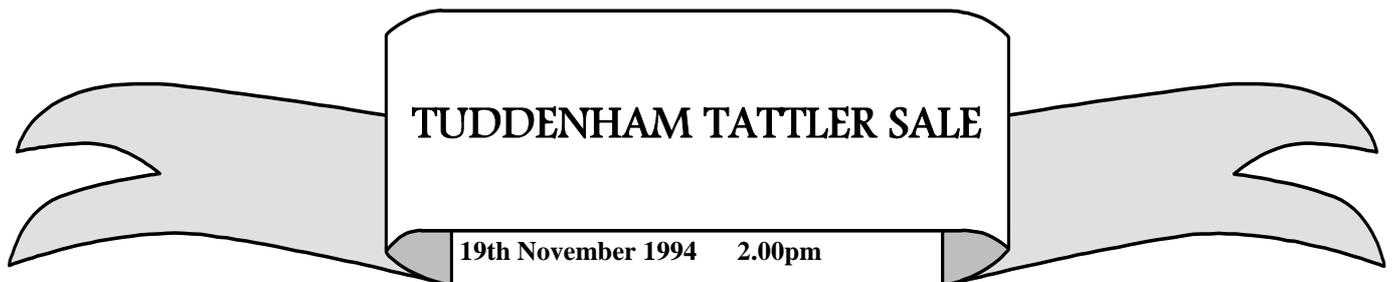
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# Tattler Quiz

*Shade sections with letters from "Tuddenham St. Martin" to find Spring in this Christmas star.*



There will be bargains galore - Laura Ashley and Jaeger garments already donated. We will take anything, and collect if necessary. Or deliver to village hall from 9.00am on day of sale. We need books, jewellery, clothes, bric-a-brac, bedding, plants, cakes, toys, in fact.....**IF YOU DON'T WANT IT - WE DO!** Please contact:

Cakes - Sheila Crooks 785371	Plants - Jean Felgate 785691
Books - Jack & Elaine Lay 785226	Raffle - Janet Wells 785555
Toys - Jackie Lugo Ips. 252315	Jumble - Erica Lopez 785588
Bric-a-Brac - Maggie Taylor 785314	Nearly New - Pauline Rees 785712.

Please tell your friends about this event. All offers of help greatly appreciated - phone us on 785314 or 785588. Proceeds to Tuddenham Tattler and Tuddenham

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