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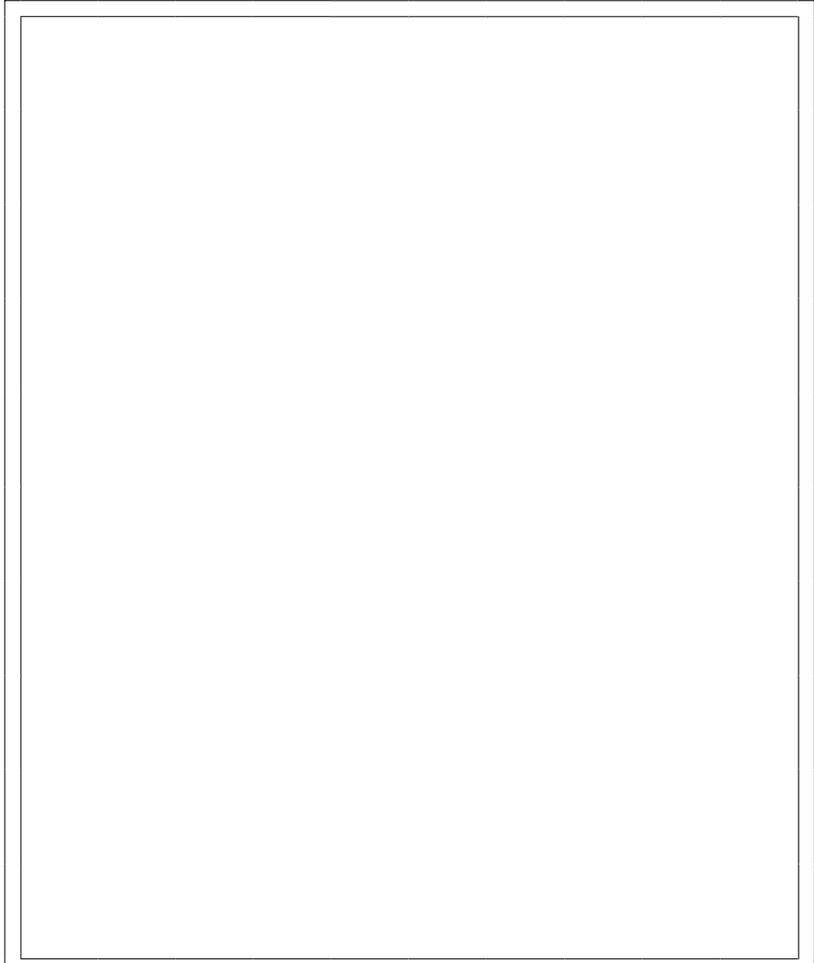
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OFFENCE TAKEN

The Tuddenham Tattler is consulting solicitors on whether to sue for breach of copyright following the release of a spurious new village rag called The Tuddenham Prattler. We will not permit prattling plagiarism on our patch! We have been advised of the culprit's names thanks to D.N.A. tissue typing and will be taking action....

In the meantime we will continue to Tuddenham Tattle in our **unique** joke-free style so Prattlers beware. Let it never be said that The Tuddenham Tattlers have a sense of humour nor that they are April fools!

If you are in the dark be enlightened by looking at the back page.....



**MONDAY MAY
8TH**

at 8.00pm

Witnesham & Tuddenham
British Legion

V.E.Day supper

Three courses
with music from 40's

**Tuddenham
Fountain**

Tickets £6.50
Contact Jim Kerridge

For our front cover this issue , the winning W.I. entry of a poster by Rene Burnham, as mentioned in the last issue. There is indeed lots on offer at the W.I. from country walks to fashion shows to

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visits to garden centres. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the village hall. See adverts on the noticeboards - visitors very welcome. *Joan Williams*

To Contact Tattler Team
p l e a s e

W.I. Report

At our March meeting we had a fascinating talk from Adria Pittock, until recently a Tuddenham resident. After completing a course at an agricultural college she volunteered for Voluntary Service Overseas and was sent to Nepal for two years. Adria showed us some beautiful slides of the country, illustrating the terracing which enables the Nepalese to cultivate the steep hillsides, growing rice, maize and other vegetables. The beast of burden is the bullock but Adria was disappointed to find that women were not allowed to help with the ploughing. We are sorry that she has just left the village and wish her and her husband well in their new home.

Joan Williams.

Christian Aid Week

**14-20th May
1995**

**Please support the
house to house
collection to help
people in the
developing countries.**

Village Sign

We were delighted to have the opportunity to visit Jay's Foundry in Norwich on March 20th to see our village sign cast.

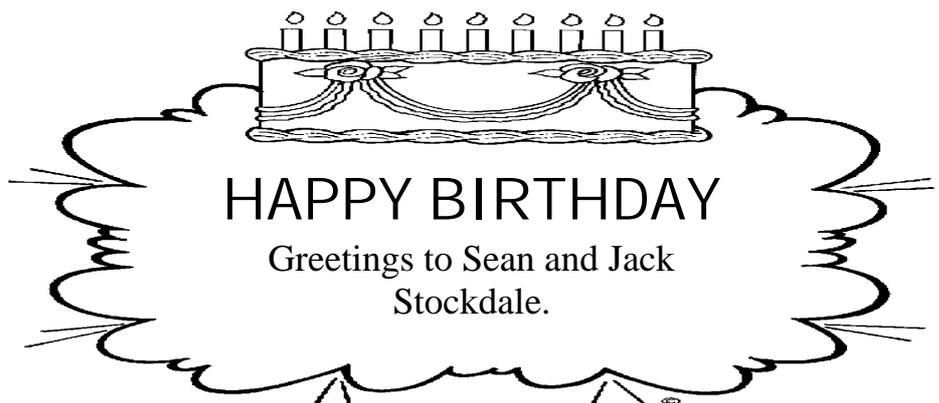
Jim Harrison, who runs the foundry, spent an hour showing us round and explaining the processes involved. We saw the carving Mrs. Moore had made standing against the wall. It had already been used to create a mould using very fine sand with a special resin. The "Air set mould" was ready to pour and covered with weights to combat expansion as we watched the molten metal being poured in. The foundrymen had bubbled nitrogen gas through the liquid aluminium alloy which had been heated to 750°C to remove any hydrogen gas which might cause bubbles in the casting. As the excess spilled out through filler tubes it reminded me of volcanic lava, setting in shiny silver puddles, hanging drops suspended above the floor. The process had already taken one man a day's work and that afternoon the mould would be broken open to release the casting ready to tidy up.

We left full of technical terms and wonderment at the many skills involved in producing our village sign. The process had reminded me of the foundry at Iron Bridge Museum near Shrewsbury, dating back to the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, which we visited last year. That the old ways remain the best ways somehow enriches the memory of the skills of the man depicted on our sign whose work can still be seen in the village. Wouldn't it be lovely to know his name?

The sign will be returned to Mrs. Moore for painting and the small plaque of St. Martin will have been cast by the time you read this. Next comes the iron work by Hector Moore....

See page 11 for photos by Ralph Taylor.

Editor.



1st Westerfield Scout Group

Fashion Show to be held at Winesham C.P.School on Wednesday May 3rd at 7.30pm. Fashions for the gentleman and for younger boys and girls (4yrs and upwards) by Messrs. Coe of Norwich Road, and fashions for the ladies by Carousel of Nacton Road. Admission £1.50 (½ price under 14yrs) to include refreshments. There will be a raffle.

Summer Fete. This is our Grand Annual Fete to be held at The Paddock, Westerfield Parish Hall on Saturday May 27th. Please come along and support us and enjoy a full afternoon of events - including the Cub Super Team. There will be many stalls, competitions, refreshments and the Grand Prize Draw. We will start at 2.00pm and admission is 25p - free under 14yrs.

Barn Dance on Saturday June 17th, 7.30-11.30pm at Bower Farm, Akenham, which is off the Thurleston Lane - Henly Road into Ipswich. Tickets are £4, under 14 years are half price, including a ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drink; there will be soft drinks for sale. We are dancing to Paul and Christine Laughlin's Group. There will be a raffle. Come along and enjoy a family evening with us. Tickets will be available from scout leaders.

G.S.L. Report At the time of writing the north wind is blowing and the scouts are getting ready for their first camp of the year at Copdock. We wish them well. Monday 15th May sees our A.G.M. - 7.30pm in Westerfield Parish Hall - come along and support us and learn what we do on our Colony, Pack, Troop and Venture units. Over Easter one of our leaders has been in Romania delivering food parcels and another is in Lourdes accompanying a party of invalids. Well done.

Cub Section Four of our cubs took part in the County Challenge - a good effort. We are taking part in the Heritage Coastal Walk and the Cubs will be round with their sponsorship forms. Please support them. 25% goes to the Brian Gunn Leukaemia Appeal, and 75% to Westerfield Cub funds.

Venture Report Pancake day was celebrated by Britannia Rangers experimenting with different fillings.

Members took part in the Venture/Ranger committee meeting to organise future County events. A good time was had by all at the Annual County Dinner and Disco held at Melton Grange. Tim ended up being an impromptu raffle prize and started dancing with one of the attractive Ranger leaders!

We had a talk from Canon Lunney on his involvement with the victim support group.

We have started planning our weekend expedition to Canterbury and a further meeting with Westgate Rangers to decide what items individuals would supply for the Aqua Box Scheme. The month ended well with an interesting slide display on her Malaysian holiday by Jackie Hobson.

*Editor: Thanks to **Rae Bysouth** for this update on Westerfield Scout Group. It is always a joy to get*

coffee morning

saturday 13th may

10.00-12.00

village hall

in aid of Over sixties club.



There will be a draw, cake stall, tombola, plants, books, and a bric-a-brac stall. We would be very grateful for donations for any of the stalls, either on the day or before to Lesley Bickers, monica pipe or any member.

do come and join us on the 13th for a friendly chat and a cup of coffee.

Monica Pipe, 785272.

V.E. Day Commemoration

The Lord Lieutenant has contacted The Tattler (*not the Prattler!*) to inform us of the planned Suffolk Event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War Two, on **20th August, 1995, in Bury St. Edmunds.** This will be in the afternoon with a parade of military and civilian units, past and present, at which the salute will be taken by The Lord Lieutenant on behalf of the Queen. This will be followed by a service of thanksgiving in the Cathedral addressed by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The theme of the commemorations will be a tribute to the wartime generation, both civilian and service people, and a promise to do everything possible to ensure that the wartime elderly people live



SAFARI SUPPER

This is rapidly becoming a permanent fixture on the Tuddenham Calendar. For the uninitiated it works like this - you equip yourself with torch, liquid refreshments, £5 and a brolly and set off on foot (usually) for your first course venue which you will already know (usually delivered on the day). There you will be relieved of your £5 and after being fed will receive details of your next stop. The same procedure applies for your pudding destination and then everyone descends on one house for coffee. Those hosting are reimbursed for their expenses and previously any money made has gone to the village sign. As this is now paid for, it would seem a good idea to give money raised to the Hospice.

If you would like to join in please complete the form and return it to **Monica Pipe at Poplar Farm - 785272.**



Name(s)

I/We would like to come to The Safari Supper.

I/We would be happy to host one of the courses.

Any special dietary needs

Please fill in / delete as necessary.

Musical Notes

Another opera for me - Tosca, in Cambridge. Not as enjoyable as the others in my opera education. Possibly because I didn't want to have the story explained to me before it started. I felt sure that I would be able to guess it even though they were singing in Italian. However, although I got a vague idea of who loved who etc, it was a mistake. Also, apart from a couple of renderings, I didn't find the music memorable. (*Horrors! says an opera buff*)

Wetherden Village Hall was a feature of the Easter Weekend. Always organised by a grandmother and friends the evening was as entertaining as ever. The main attraction was Bo Diddly Diddly, a very skilled Irish, Celtic Blues type band who often encourage the audience to get up and dance to their music. Extra features included an illusionist doing his act in public!! for the first time, a solo guitar player who sang songs and a fantastic fifteen year old juggler who even used fire brands, amazing.

The food is always good and very reasonable. The bar is open in another room. Complete families from tiny toddlers to grandparents have a great evening; we certainly did.

Is this an idea for the village hall to think about? *Reciting Reporter.*

New Raving Reporter Venture.

I am a community correspondent for The Star so if you hear of anything interesting please let me know immediately. It's got to be news! Also if you want any pre-event publicity please contact me with details.

Maggie Taylor, ☎785314.



SULTANA CARROT CAKE

1 cup castor sugar
 ¾ cup cooking or olive oil
 ½ tsp vanilla essence
 1 cup plain flour & 2 eggs
 1 tsp carb soda
 1 cup sultanas
 ½ tsp mixed spice & salt
 2 grated carrots

Mix eggs, sugar, oil, essence & sifted dry ingredients in basin. Beat on low speed or with wooden spoon till smooth. Stir in sultanas, carrots & walnuts and mix. Pour mix into a well-greased & floured 8inch ring tin and bake in moderate oven for 45-50 minutes. When cold spread with cream cheese frosting made by beating together 1oz softened butter, 2oz packaged cream cheese 1 tsp grated lemon rind and 1½ cups sifted icing sugar.

poetry place - BY rHYTHMIC REPORTER.

During my career I have always plugged poetry even though mutterings and groans have initially been heard from the captive audience. Usually those who were bored changed their ideas when they realise that as poetry is the music of words it cannot be fully appreciated if not read aloud and that anyone can write poetry if they want to. There is no unacceptable rhythm. Remember when at school we were always trying to get a rhyming pattern. What a headache that was. I used to find the rhyming words first then make up a poem round them.

Rap is a kind of machine-gun type of poetry. **Benjamin Zephaniah**, well known in the poetry world, is a Rap poet. On March 23rd he made an appearance at the County Library in Northgate Street, as part of their Poetry Experience Week. Although of Jamaican origin he has spent most of his life in this country and began making up poetry "in his head" when he was very young. Rhythm always fascinated him, even his mother reading out a recipe. I don't suppose many people notice that there is rhythm in a lot of what we say every day. All the poems, some of which were very long, he recited with a strong beat and a fast speed. He didn't have any of his books with him and didn't refer to anything to jog his memory. The audience were amazed at this skill. He said he never wrote a poem down until he could say it all off by heart. Then he knew it was right. He is a natural actor, making us all laugh, and was obviously very pleased at our enjoyment. Many of his poems have serious message yet he made us laugh and probably think about it later.

The venues for his readings are very varied; Town Halls, parks, schools, theatres, to name but a few. After Ipswich he was "performing" to a captive audience in Norwich Prison. Like me he believes poetry is for everybody. It's just that many people have closed their minds early in life after a diet of complicated classical offerings, a

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Club finished its winter league matches with several good results, 9-1 win at home over Hintlesham & Chattisham, 6-4 home win over Stutton, 8-2 home win over Somersham and an excellent 10-0 win at home over Elmsett, which was a fitting finale to our entry season in the First Division East, and we finally finished up fourth behind Belstead, Claydon and Stratford St Mary. Congratulations to all members who played in the winter league series. This is a great achievement for our Club.

The Summer League starts in May and our first match is at home to Nacton on the 18th, after which we have three away matches at RBL Felixstowe on the 25th May, Nacton on 1st June and Martlesham 13th June. Good luck to all who play in the Summer League.

If there is any new blood in the village who would like to have a go at Carpet Bowls do come along any Monday or Thursday evening to the Village Hall at 7.30, where you will be made most welcome.

Malcolm Rees - Captain.



ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION

Just after Christmas 1990 Barbara Robinson and I sat in her kitchen in Tuddenham having a cup of coffee. Together with Lynn Turner and Maggie Digby we had collected some money during the previous two months "to do something for the Romanian orphans". It was time to open a special bank account and we needed to think up a name. Eighteen months later we became a registered charity, Romanian Child Action.

We have since raised over £100,000. Over 100 volunteers from Suffolk and Essex have raised enough money to pay for themselves to come with us, making repairs and renewals to two orphanages, a paediatric hospital and a physiotherapy clinic. We have sent a dozen loads of aid including expensive specialist medical equipment, beds, hospital cots, medicines, physiotherapy equipment, orphanage furniture, plumbing, painting and electrical equipment, food and clothes totalling an estimated £300,000 in value. Some has been purchased, most has been donated.

When we look back to that morning we shake our heads in sheer disbelief. We have since been joined by Gary, Mayo, John, Paul, Chris and Peter, but most of all by our devoted supporters. There have been many problems, setbacks and disappointments. More than once we have asked each other "Can we go on?", "Should we go on?". In the end we have said, "But what about the children?". Through all our trials, we and **you** have kept faith with the children.

We have never asked for anything for the children without receiving it, never promised the Romanians anything that you have not been able to deliver. I wish that you could **all** come with us to Romania to see how rewarding that work has been.

And now we are helping to build an orphanage! We could never have dreamed how much we could achieve, together, as we lit that small candle that morning in Barbara's kitchen.

Sincerely, **Barbara Butler.**

☎785206

Better to light one small candle than to complain about the dark

Confucious

WHAT'S ON

Framlinham Castle 20th May - Bard's best bits

4th June - Sheepdog display

17-18th June - Falconry display

Kentwell Hall re-creations on Mayday, Whitsun and Great Annual Re-creation on June 18/24/25th.

Mendlesham Street Fayre May 8th, 11.00

Otley College open day April 29-30th.

Rendlesham Forest Dawn Chorus Walk at 4.30am
£10 including breakfast - 01394 450164.

West Stow Anglo Saxon Village May 8th

Archaeology day, 11.00-4.00pm £3.

Oulton Broad National sportsboat and hydroplane meeting May 7-8th, 12.00 noon.

Shotley Marina classic boat festival and beer festival. Races & regattas, music, free! 24.6-2.7.95

Ipswich Museum open day, family activities 10.6.95

Mildenhall Air Fete - largest air display in the world.

Theme evenings at The Fountain

The series of "theme evenings" on the first Thursday in each month at the pub continued in April with an Oriental banquet. Once again we were treated to a vast meal of specialist dishes which took us through from 8.00 to after 11.00pm. This time we started off with a bowl of Chinese appetisers - fried seaweed, prawn toasts, and spring rolls. Next came the most delicious spare ribs I think I have ever tasted; a rich sauce covered succulent ribs with as much meat as anyone could wish for - I think they must have bred the ribs specially!! Next came two rice dishes - first, sweet and sour chicken, followed by crispy beef, both served with plenty of steamed rice. The sweet was hot bananas with ice cream and coffee and fortune cookies to finish off. Attendance was a bit down on the first two theme evenings but we saw no apparent reason for this - the food is excellent and the price is very reasonable, so book up early for the next one which is to be an Italian evening on May 4th - we are assured it will not be just six different types of pasta!

Gourmet Bob Tanner.



While on a cycle ride recently I came across an Aladdin's cave of hand crafted treasures at Redwood Ceramics on Rede Lane, off the Henley Road. Glennis Macey, the lady with the skills, told us how her hobby has become a job. She now does displays and is due to host a group from Tuddenham W.I. on **May 23rd** when she has kindly offered to provide refreshments. We are grateful for her support with the advert opposite.

Editor.

Parish Church Services



7th May	8.00am	Holy Communion, quiet, said, traditional
	9.30am	Family Service, informal for all ages
14th May	9.30am	Family Communion (Rite A) with hymns and sermon
21st May	9.30am	Morning prayer from the service book with hymns and sermon
28th May	9.30am	Family Communion with Holy Baptism
4th June	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Whitsun Family Service

There will be no service at Tuddenham on the 30th April, when at 10.30 we go to Witnesham for a combined service with a visiting preacher from Christian Aid. Thursday, 25th May, is Ascension Day with Holy Communion at Westerfield (10.30)

Election

The village of Tuddenham goes to the Polls on May 4th to choose District Councillor.

Our present Councillor is Mr. Ivan Jowers, Conservative, whom some of you may have met at recent Parish Council meetings. His opponent is George Rufford, who is an independent candidate.

There will be no need to vote for the Parish Council as all the past Councillors have been re-nominated and no new nominations have been received.

Parish Clerk

ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION

DANCE TO
"ORWELL RIVER JAZZ"
FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE, 8.00PM

There will be a bar and barbeque in the marquee by the river at "The Shipwreck", at Shotley Point Marina. This evening will be the start of the annual Beerfest along with the classic boat festival and there will be at least **80** real ales for you to sample. (more even than Barbara's husband, Gary, can manage - or so he says!) All proceeds go to the orphanage maintainance project in Romania and the building work.

These photographs were taken by Ralph Taylor as part of the archive on the making of our village sign. There are more, all taken in colour at "his place" if you want to see them!

In this view the foundrymen are pouring the molten metal into the mould. We had to stand well back because of the heat. In the view below we are examining the carving made by Mrs. Moore, used to create the mould.

Again we pass on our thanks to all the villagers who have helped in producing these photos.

The Tattler has more new contributors this issue and that is great. We might not be as prompt as the Tuddenham Prattler but by golly we taste better....So please continue to support your local shops....and The Tuddenham Tattler!

More What's On

Suffolk Show at the showground, 31st May-1st June.

Christchurch Craft Society demonstrations throughout historic Christchurch museum, 17th June, 10.00-5.00, 18th June 1.30-5.00.

Brass Extravaganza at St. Michael's Church, Beccles, 7.30pm, £3.50, ☎01502 501463.

National Music Day Christchurch Park, June 25th, 12.00-6.00pm, free entertainment.

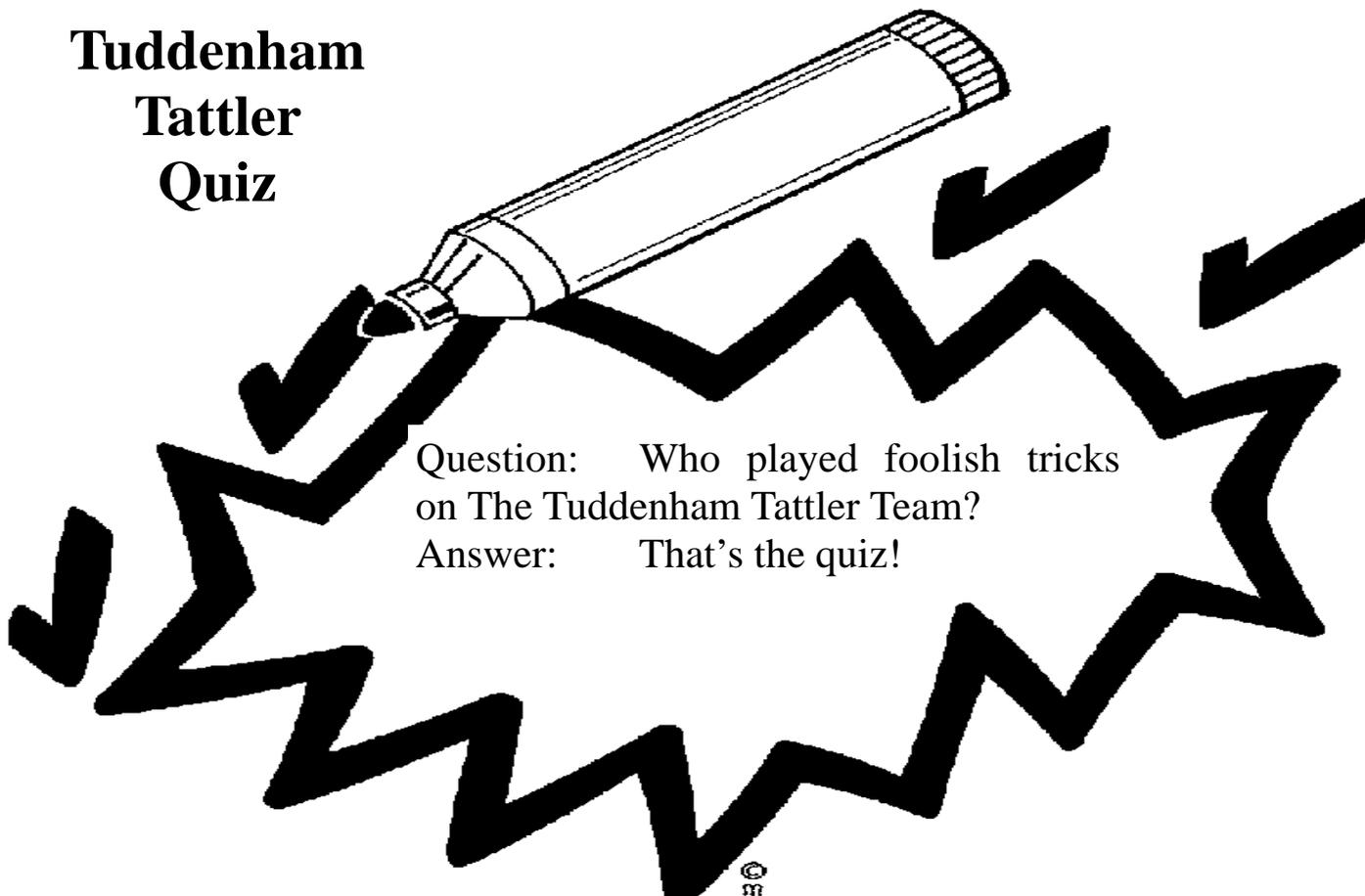
The Trinity Singers 13th May, music for a May evening, at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford, Excerpts from Handel's Messiah. 7.30pm, £4.

Leon Lewis cookery demonstration, 8.00pm at The Quay Theatre, Sudbury. I am told this is worth travelling for... ☎01787374745

The Sound Of Music by The Co Op Juniors at The Regent 31st May-3rd June.

We had so many suggestions for our What's On column this issue that I have left out more than I have put in. I tried to get a bit of everything but among the many discarded entries were many open gardens; ☎254005 or

Tuddenham Tattler Quiz



Question: Who played foolish tricks on The Tuddenham Tattler Team?
Answer: That's the quiz!

Several people in the village received what they thought was an April Fools Edition of The Tattler on April 1st. It was a surprise to the Tattler Team who would love to use this untapped talent for our monthly issues - why waste such skill and energy on sub standard prattling - not to say that we are bitter....!

IPSWICH BYPASS

THE EXHIBITION IN OUR VILLAGE HALL IS ON WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD FROM 10.00-7.00pm.

THE PARISH COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AND THEN COMPLETE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE.

THIS ROAD AFFECTS ALL RESIDENTS.

STOP PRESS:

V.E. Day Celebration

The Tattler were considering a picnic lunch in the village hall to commemorate this important anniversary. However unforeseen events have prevented us from being able to organise it. If we have already contacted you , please, forgive us and assume the event is