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## V.E. Night

On Monday, May 8th, the Tuddenham section branch of The British Legion held a Bangers and Mash three course meal at The Fountain pub to commemorate the 50th anniversary of V.E. Day.

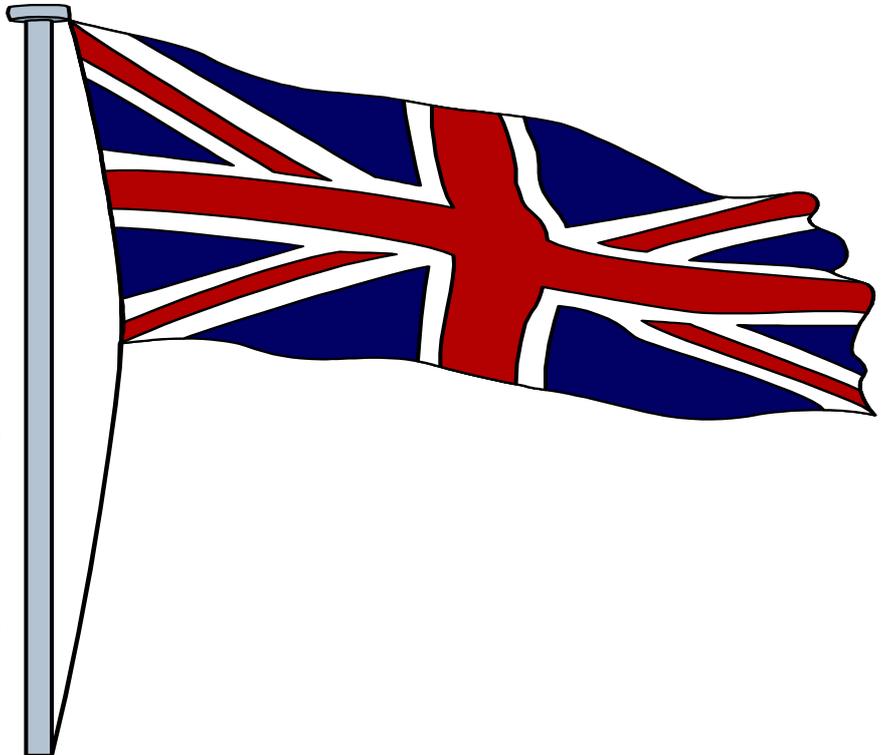
There was a very good gathering of village people as well as four guests, two Australians and two Americans. The evening started with The Act of Homage read by Guy Templeman followed by the silence with everyone left to their own thoughts.

The meal started with vegetable soup and a roll followed by bangers and mash with mushy peas and then spotted dick and custard.

A draw was held with a good mixture of prizes and a small profit was made which will go to the Poppy Appeal.

We were entertained by Charles at the organ playing the old wartime songs, everyone with fine voice and finishing with God Save The Queen.

Our thanks to Phil and Lynn and the staff for making the



On page eleven are some articles by the children of Tuddenham telling how they spent their V.E. Day. We all have our own memories of this day and some of that day 50 years ago which must carry happy and sad memories for many villagers. Please phone me if you remember how V.E. Day was celebrated in 1945 in Tuddenham on 785588. Subsequent generations will always remember the sacrifices of those times.

We need some offers of drawings for the front cover of future issues - can you help? Adults' and children's offers equally welcome!

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When I sat down to compile this report at the end of my first year as Parish Council Chairman, initially it appeared that very little had taken place in the past year on which to comment.

However, on reflection, several items are worthy of mention. The long awaited 30mph speed limit was finally installed, albeit a little late. It does appear to have had some effect, although I suspect several more speed checks will be required in order for those passing through our village to get the idea.

The village sign reached its target and the sign was ordered. We now await the unveiling over the summer. Other village activities continue; the pantomime was again a huge success with several new village residents taking part. This is always good to see and an encouraging sign that new residents are entering into village life. The Carpet Bowls Club continues to progress and finished a healthy fourth place in the first division of the Suffolk Association.

The Toddler group continues but unfortunately the Step classes on Wednesday evenings has ceased. The village once again took part in the Leiston Sports Tournament and a good time, if not always a winning time, was had by all who took part. VE Day celebrations took place with an afternoon picnic on the playing field for the children and an evening Sausage and Mash event in The Fountain. The Safari Supper now appears to have become an annual event and one that is not to be missed. The Tuddenham Tattler continues to enlighten and entertain us with topical and sometimes controversial matters.

The proposed Northern By-pass continues to be a threat to our environment and the council have pursued, along with other councils, the policy of *No By-pass under any circumstances*, a stance that has been echoed with some emotion by many village residents at the recent Council Public Consultation Exhibition in the village hall. We shall, I am sure, continue to oppose this at all given opportunities.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of The Parish Council for their support in this past year, and particularly the Clerk, without whose unending help I could not have seen the year through.

*Malcolm Rees, Chrmn. Parish*

*Council.*



# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the village hall on May 16th with public welcome as ever.

Clerk reported that the village sign is well on the way now with half the painting complete and the iron framework done. It is hoped that the sign will be finished in early July so the council will review it in mid-June with a view to deciding on a date for unveiling it .

Clerk reports that the bus stop road markings are to be delayed as there has been so many other requests. **Mr. Green has mentioned that letters telling of problems encountered by the public to the police or to Highways will possibly speed up the process....**

The Parish Council have decided to go ahead with a new notice board to be constructed by M.J. Ellis in Ashbocking. The board will be of oak and similar to the board at the foot of Church Hill.

We were grateful to have David Chenery, Chief Roads Engineer for Suffolk County Council, to answer questions from the council on the subject of the proposed Northern By-pass. He also brought a display with him, similar to that seen by many of you at the village hall exhibition. The council reiterated their view and that of the villagers that the Northern By-pass is not needed and is a waste of money. Mr. Jowers said it was more of a relief road than a by-pass with so many slip roads and reminded us that it would bring much more traffic to the Tuddenham Road south of the proposed road. Mr. Chenery said the decision on whether to go ahead with the plans and which route would be used would be made at committee in July or August this year and the plans would then be shelved for 10 years. Any remaining blight would be addressed by the County Council and compensation would be available. He suggested that the road would leave the village of Tuddenham with less traffic in the year 2006. The council completed the questionnaire with **NO** as the answer to the first question. The Council strongly urge any residents who have not already attended an exhibition to do so and to **fill in a questionnaire as Mr. Chenery assured us these replies will count....**

Correspondence revealed that there has been a planning proposal to extend one of the farm cottages at Tuddenham Hall - the council had no objection. The Planning Authority wrote to tell us that the recent decision to stop the building of a wall in front of Larks Hill has been reversed as it was inadvertently allowed in a 1991 decision!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be September 5th 1995 and all villagers are welcome to attend.

*Parish Clerk.*

## Parish Council A.G.M.

This was held on May 16th in the village hall. We welcomed the recently elected District Councillor, Ivan Jowers and the re-elected Parish Council comprising of Mr. Malcolm Rees, Mr. Bill Pipe, Mrs. Joan Bloomfield, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Mrs. Janet Welham, Mrs. Nancy Pitcher, Mr. Kevin Kerry Dr. Frank Wells - last two not present for meeting. Malcolm was elected as the Chair for the council with Bill as the vice Chair. Malcolm's report is printed on page two.

The next A.G.M. will be in May, 1996.

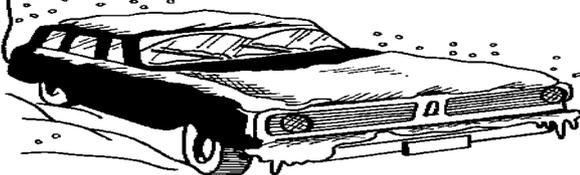
## Helicopter on the meadow

Those who know Brian and Margaret Hillman will already know how this came about. But for those who don't, here goes. Brian has said frequently over the years, "I wouldn't mind going up in a helicopter" and now that many helicopters fly over the village from Woodbridge to Wattisham he has gazed up repeating those words. Margaret decided to try to make this wish come true and wrote to the commanding officer at Wattisham, not really thinking anything would come of her request. But it did. It was supposed to be a surprise for Brian but when the official letter came he had to be told. All that was needed then was somewhere to land in the village. As usual the Welham family were very helpful and offered their meadow. What excitement! I phoned The Star who sent a photographer and got the story wrong and the credit wrong (*Maggie Smith*).

It was a great time for Brian and excitement for Tuddenham.

### **Ralph's Thank You**

I would like to say a big thank you for all the kind words, help of all sorts, messages, cards and prayers offered after my recent accident. Also the comfort given to Margaret. I am feeling fine now but cannot drive until the doctors say so. When I do turn out of our gateway again, be warned....it's the white Toyota G499XDX !!



### **Anglia T.V. Viewers** **Panel**

I would be glad of comments on the following Anglia T.V. programmes:

**The Village Show, Weekend Plus and Wild About Essex.**

I shall be meeting the producers of these programmes on June 29th so please let me have any of your ideas well before then.

*Magaret Taylor* ☎785314.

### Moore's Musings

On our recent visit to Hector and Mary Moore's home to see the progress on the village sign we were regaled with more of "Moore's sayings".

Opening with "Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see" he demonstrated the Suffolk caution I have come to know and again with, "Never have one of anything until you can afford two". As I scrambled around for a pen - not all reporters are armed - he retorted "A short pencil is better than a long memory"!

We discussed how times have changed and that with all our labour-saving devices we never seem to have time, to which Hector noted, "It isn't the hours you put in but what you put into the hours". His other saying was confirmed as we saw the lovely work of both Mary and Hector on the sign; "Two heads are better than one - even if they are sheep's heads in a saucepan"! Not that your editor agrees

## **FAIRHEAD & SAWYER**

For those of you who already use the garage this may be old news.... Fairhead's went into receivership a month ago after trading problems but are now to be purchased by R.C. Edmondson group of companies which is based in Fakenham, Spalding and Bury St. Edmunds.

This might seem a strange piece of news to include in the Tattler but Fairhead have always been so helpful to us and I thought you might be as pleased as us to hear that they are not to close down. It is always sad to hear of family businesses having to close.

### Neighbourhood Watch

"Better late than never" or "Shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted". I'm sure you all can think of many more sayings which would apply to this Home Office graph.

How about Tuddenham residents applying the saying "Never put off till tomorrow what should be done today" or "Safe but not sorry".

I have run out of apt sayings - can anyone think of some more for our editor to print?

Janet Wells.

## PUB TALK

As usual things are buzzing at The Fountain. The latest idea is a cricket match on the Welham's meadow later this summer. The Fountain versus Tuddenham Hall. Phil is asking for volunteers. Ralph has already put his name down. Let's hope there are so many keen responses that Phil will be spoilt for choice. Ladies, don't worry about the "maiden over" stuff, you are quite capable of "bowling a googlie". Phone David Woods for an explanation. Phil needs any cricket equipment to help with practices so if you know of any sources please try and borrow. After the match there will be a barbeque. Details later.

Thursday is the day for any special functions. Birthday parties, office do, club meeting etc. So if you belong to a group do suggest The Fountain. We want to keep Phil and Lynn with us.

The Darts team is brilliant. They have only lost one match since the first one on March 13th. The "doubles" are top of the league table already.

The next theme night will be featuring Portuguese food. Date yet to be fixed. We all know what tremendous value these evenings are but some people have said there was too much food. This can easily be dealt with by phoning Lynn to request smaller helpings. Did you know the special three course meal for £4.95 has been extended to two nights?

Calling all Country and Western fans! The Fountain is the place to be on June 17th when the well known group **Midnight Highway** will be playing.

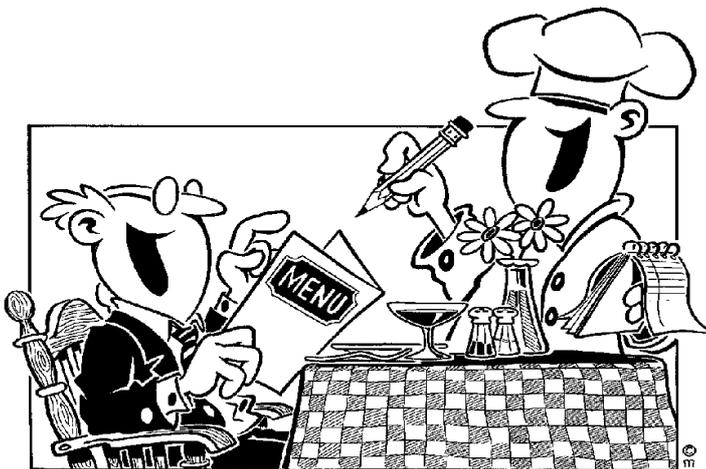
Tell your friends about The Fountain and its warm welcome!

*Revelling Reporter.*

### Theme evenings at The Fountain

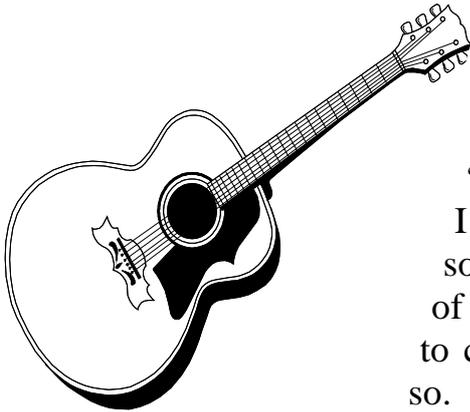
May 4th saw the fourth of the series of special suppers at The Fountain. This time it was an Italian theme. The food as usual was excellent though the turn out was rather down on previous months - there were one or two cancellations at the last minute, but, even so it would be a pity these enterprising meals come to an end through lack of support. Those of us who were there, again had a most enjoyable selection of dishes, starting with a delicious Minestrone soup, followed by a Carbonara. The fish dish was cod baked in a tomato and onion sauce and by this time we were feeling quite well fed. But there was more to come and if most of us found the potato and semolina gnocchi a little too filling, I for one was sorry not to be able to do full justice to the chicken dish which followed - it was baked with a delicious salad. Our palates were tantalised by Tiramisu and put to rest with coffee and

fruit pastries. I would say that this was another success for the chef at The Fountain but while we all liked to taste as many different dishes as possible, most of us found that the helpings were too much on the generous side. I hope that the pub will continue to offer us these meals to enjoy.



## Musical Notes

I wish someone else would pen a few words on this subject. I know there are many people in the village who play instruments, sing in choirs, or just enjoy listening. So perhaps next time this section could feature the comments of people who *are* musical, unlike me!



My only real live experience this month is the **Christy Moore** concert at The Cambridge Corn Exchange. "Never heard of him" said the editor, so she was treated to a Walkman excerpt. "Mmmm" was her reaction. To remind you, because I have mentioned him before, he is an Irish singer-songwriter. Christy Moore's fans start young. I know of a sixteen month old child whose instant reaction is to clap his hands and to insist on everyone else doing so.

The atmosphere was electric as it always is in Germany where he is very popular. No coughing, shuffling, crackling of sweet papers, nothing but a hundred percent audience concentration. Later we met him, hardly recognising the small, very gentle family man. His response to my son's "Could I ask what kind of plectrum you use" was to give William the one he had been using. A wonderful performance and a lovely man. Anyone is welcome to borrow our tapes.

*Rhythmic Reporter*

## Tuddenham Car Treasure Hunt - Barbeque

A treasure hunt by car is being organised for Sunday July 16th. A barbeque lunch at The Fountain on a "Pay for what you eat" basis will be available both for those wishing to take part in the treasure hunt and for those who would like to join in afterwards.

"The trail", not in Tuddenham, is expected to last about an hour and a prize, or prizes, will be given for the winners. Entrance fee is a pound per car to pay for the prizes and starting time from 11.00am onwards; final departures to be not later than 11.45am, from The Fountain car park.

To give us an idea of how many we might expect, would those interested in the treasure hunt, the barbeque lunch, or both, please complete the slip overleaf, and send to **The Frosts**, Timbers, Fynn Lane, Tuddenham, 785256, or to **The Tanners**, Rivendell, Westerfield Lane, 785003, as soon as possible.



*Bob Tanner*

CARPET BOWLS' CLUB

**Tuddenham Bowler in English Pairs'**  
**Final**

Congratulations to Jane Pitcher who, with a colleague from The Offton & Willisham Carpet Bowls Club, Paul King, reached the final of the **English Pairs Championships**. This is the premier event for Carpet Bowls in the UK, held annually at Hemsby in Norfolk over the weekend of 29th - 30th April. This

is a great achievement, for the competition attracts over 500 pairs from all over the country. Jane and Paul were narrowly beaten in the final by a pair from Cambridge. Well done Jane, and I hope this gives great encouragement to all our bowlers.

*Malcolm Rees - Captain.*

*Editor: Please see the article on page 7 before completing the form below. Then return to Bob Tanner or Adrian Frost.*



**Please tick the appropriate box for 16th July.....**

Yes, I am interested in the car treasure hunt

Yes, I am interested in the treasure hunt and barbeque

Yes, I am interested in the barbeque

Name and telephone number.....

## HOLIDAYS AHEAD!

I always watch the T. V. travel programmes even though I know that usually the good places will be inundated by viewers who have been tempted by the programme's shots.

We would like Tattler readers to tell us about their holidays, good or bad. I think so far that Eileen Offord has been the only one. Remember? - she wrote about Jamaica a long time ago.

Australia seems popular in the village, usually because of a friend or family link. Fiona Woods had a great time last year when with two colleagues she "did" Oz. Here are some excerpts from her diary.

**13th August,** Toasted in Champagne outside Perth Airport by our hosts.

**16th,** Visited Rotnest Island, home of the Quokka, a small marsupial which looks like a rat. Explore island on our bikes. Find disgustingly ugly giant sea slugs.

**17th,** Toured replica of The Endeavour in Perth Harbour, lunch in a vineyard.

**18th,** Saw Claire wearing the wedding dress I had made for her wedding in April and had sent to Australia with her Grandad.

**19th,** Beach volleyball, sand everywhere.

**20th,** Dim Sum lunch with friend's Chinese parents. Problems in eating the chicken's feet which were hard to handle with chop sticks.

**21st,** Headed for Alice Springs on a creaky plane, glad to arrive in one piece

**22nd,** Drove to Ayers Rock. An Ostrich ran alongside our car.

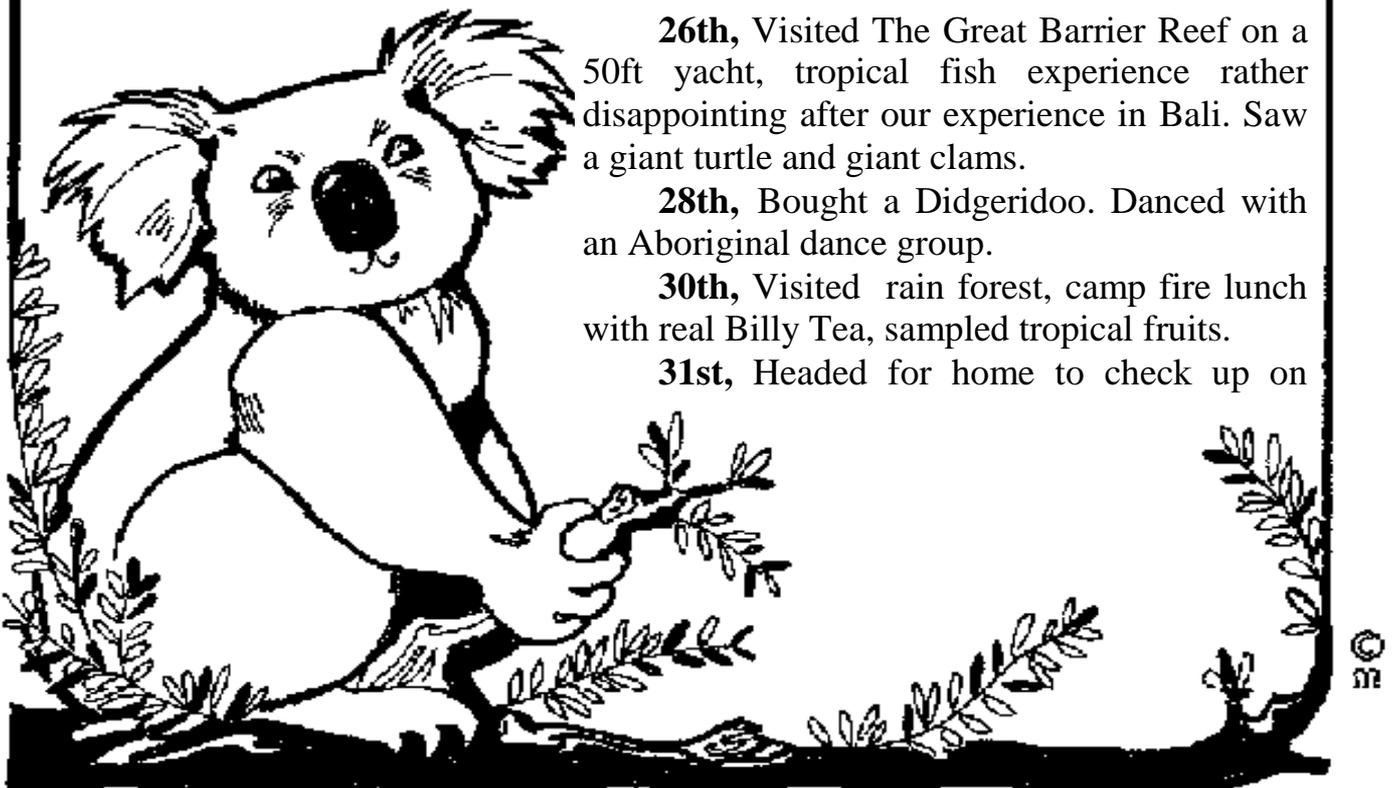
**23rd,** Climbed to the top of Ayers Rock.

**26th,** Visited The Great Barrier Reef on a 50ft yacht, tropical fish experience rather disappointing after our experience in Bali. Saw a giant turtle and giant clams.

**28th,** Bought a Didgeridoo. Danced with an Aboriginal dance group.

**30th,** Visited rain forest, camp fire lunch with real Billy Tea, sampled tropical fruits.

**31st,** Headed for home to check up on



## V.E. Day Diary

Over the V.E. weekend my brother and I put up our tent in the garden. On the first night my Mum and I slept in the tent. We slept on our airbeds in our sleeping bags. In the night the Church clock struck each hour and it was very loud. In the morning I heard the birds singing and then I had breakfast in the tent. The next night my Mum didn't want to sleep in the tent so Katy Lopez came to spend the night. In the tent we had matching teddy bears, torches and books to read. We woke up at 3.30am and Katy had a bad cough so we went indoors and slept on the spare bed with our sleeping bags. We had good fun but we were tired the next day.

*Lorna Williamson aged 9.*

On V.E. Day we played rounders and tug - of - war. It was fun. In the tug-of-war my team won but in the

rounders my team lost.

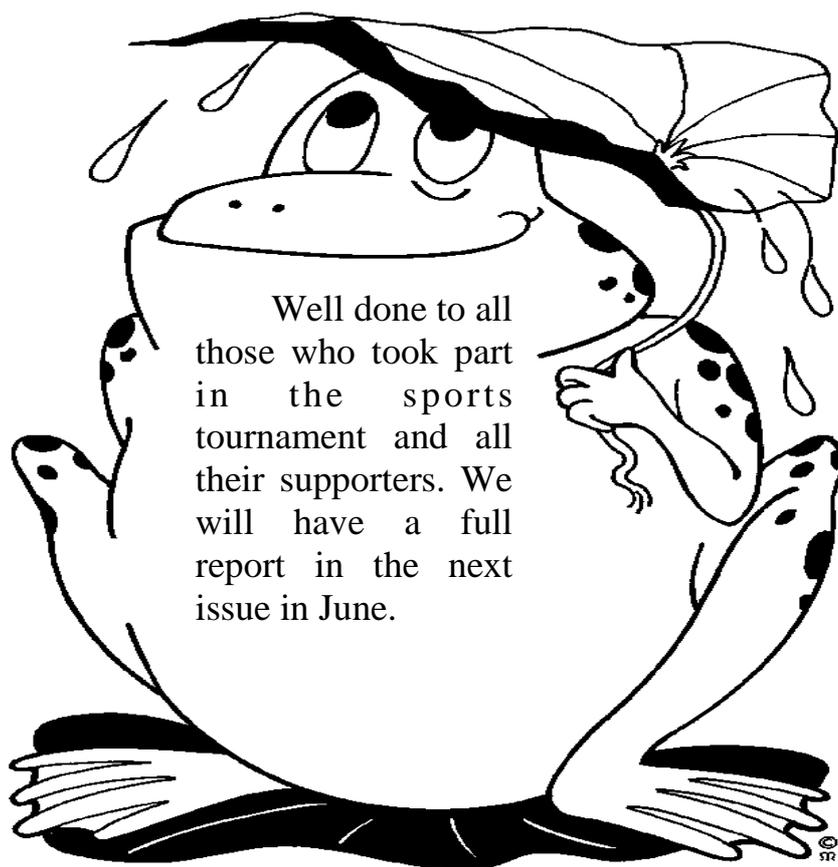
*Victoria Bloomfield aged 10.*

We had a V.E. Day picnic at the playground. The children played a game of rounders then so did the grown ups. We had a tug-of-war. I was in Adrian's team and we lost. Mr. Bloomfield wore a nice hat and he took some wine in an ice bucket.

*Kirsty Ellinor aged 9.*

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Well done to all those who took part in the sports tournament and all their supporters. We will have a full report in the next issue in June.

## Reedings Farm

Last week The Tattler Team went to The Reedings Fruit Farm to see how the new owners were getting on. Things have certainly changed. There are plenty of new lines to choose from; bedding plants, composts, shrubs, trees, hanging baskets and refills, produce for your table - even free tea and coffee with snacks to buy if you fancy a nibble.

The views are wow as you wander around the plants. We were impressed by the hard work that must have gone into such a transformation and will certainly be going again. It is lovely to be able to buy food within the village - Gill said they would deliver if it would be helpful. Incidentally Gill has lived in Tuddenham before - in Geranium

## REEDINGS FARM

NURSERY & FARM SHOP

Open every day 9am-6pm

Strawberries from mid June

Hanging baskets 12" £9.95

Refills from £7.95

Bedding plants from 60p a strip

Competitive prices

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## GREETINGS

Happy birthday to Lorna Williamson, Claire Compton, Thomas and William Parry and to our intrepid Raving Reporter who *claims* to be 21 again. Oh and Joshua Todd, sorry I forgot to mention you last issue!

## VE DAY PICNIC

It was the kind of day that memories are made of; hot sunshine, a few bottles of wine, not a care in the world, parents and children joining together to play football, tug-of-war and rounders, with some very odd rules - like little ones staying in even when they are out.

It made me glad to live in Tuddenham. Let's not wait for an excuse next time.

*Madeleine Kerry.*