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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## THREE YEARS AND RISING

After three years in the Newspaper Business we are grateful, as ever, for all help given in the production of The Tuddenham Tattler. We seem to get articles from an ever widening circle of correspondents

### Village Fete

For details on the Tuddenham Fete please see back page. Andrew and Elizabeth Gunn are running the book stall and are hoping to get help with the stall for the start of the fete as they are busy elsewhere. Please phone 785339 if you can help.

If you have any books (not magazines please) for them to sell please take them to Spinney Hill or to the stall on July 8th. **Thanks!**

many of which are given without our asking. We have also had some donations as well as adverts which help to keep us afloat. The two big advances



this year in the production of The Tattler have been the addition of photos, and the computer

graphics for which we thank Malcolm Rees.

We hope to have another quiz in the autumn as well as a village sale. We will keep you informed about events as we plan them. Please contact us on **785314** or **785588** if you have any ideas or observations. For now the big village events are the fete on July 8th, the treasure hunt and the erection of the village sign. Look forward to seeing you there.

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## SO YOU THINK TUDDENHAM'S TINY

A few comparisons for the good readers of The Tuddenham Tattler

by *Bob Monkhouse.*

Maggie Taylor reckons that Tuddenham's "the smallest of one-street villages." Well, I reckon she reckons wrongly when you compare your bustling mini-metropolis with my village in Bedfordshire. Why, Tuddenham's a regular New York City beside Little Eggington. I'd have you know that our village is so small that:

- \*two's company and three's a demonstration.
- \*the road map is actual size.
- \*we've only got one yellow page.
- \*our all-night chemist closes at 4p.m.
- \*the only heavy industry is an 18-stone barmaid.
- \*our D.I.Y. carwash has a sign: FOUR BUCKETS, NO WAITING.
- \*we had to widen the High Street to paint a white line down the middle.
- \*and it's a cul-de-sac.
- \*we have to take turns at being the village gossip.
- \*the local fire brigade is an eight-year-old bed-wetter.
- \*there's only one doctor - if you want a second opinion you have to go back and ask him again.
- \*we can give you a guided tour of the village from a stepladder.
- \*we don't rent porno videos - once a week someone just volunteers to leave their curtains open.
- \*radio and T.V. broadcasts can't find us. If it weren't for those touch-tone B.T. phones we wouldn't hear any good music at all.

So, dear readers of The Tattler, please accept my greetings from a village slightly smaller than the smallest room in Pear Tree Cottage.

Yours very minutely, *Bob.*



You can catch Bob Monkhouse at The Regent this month. We shall be saying thanks for this super contribution to our anniversary issue, backstage if poss!

## LETTERS

## Village Sign-progress report

I just thought that I should write a quick note, primarily thanking, once again, all those customers that so kindly contributed towards my recent "retirement gift" from the paper round.

I have some good, and not so good(!) memories of the past six years, not to mention certain dogs!

A final thank you to all the morning and evening round customers that have been patient at all times and unbelievably generous at others, after all "I was only doing my job".

Many thanks once again,  
Paul Lugo  
Ex Paper Boy.



The total of this year's **Christian Aid Collection** amounted to £135.37. Many thanks to all those who contributed and to the collectors.

Joan Williams.



I am publicising a live programme on Thursday June 29th, on Radio Suffolk when we will be discussing village life. Please phone **289999** for more information,

Alan Bramwell.



**Thanks to Reedings Fruit Farm for flowers donated for the bed near the noticeboard.**

Usually, in the course of making a village sign, there are certain "moments of truth", like an intermediate exam, which, if passed successfully, leads one on to the next stage with renewed vigour and confidence.

One of these moments took place recently when the almost-finished painting of the first side of the sign panel was due to be viewed (and, dared I hope, approved?) by representatives on behalf of the village.

It is a strange feeling, not knowing exactly what the customers expect to see, for it is a far cry from the small coloured design on paper to the full-size painted panel, with its features in bas-relief. Would they be disappointed? Especially, would one or two slightly daring additions of mine be accepted, or would I have to paint them out?

So, great was the relief when generous pass marks were awarded, exceeding my cautious hopes - - particularly as the Toad had not yet then acquired his golden eye, the "Precious jewel in his head" so aptly noted by Shakespeare.

So, now it's on once more with confidence renewed, to what is really the "A" side, with the interesting North view of the church and its handsome Norman door. The challenge remains, however, and the tension is high until all the work is safely completed; so back goes the notice on the studio door: "Enter at your peril!"

*Mary Moore, Brandeston.*

*Parish Clerk: We are seeing the sign again this weekend and will try to reassure Mary that all looks splendid - as it indeed does! We hope to get the stake so that it can be placed ready to hold the post. We also hope to get a definite finish date so that we can plan the unveiling day. Please contact Malcolm Rees on 785712 if you have*

### WELCOME

Hello to David Snazell, The Street, who is a busy man and not often seen around the village as his job involves a lot of travelling. I spotted him up a ladder one Sunday afternoon!

Congratulations to Grandparents George and Jean Felgate on the birth of twin girls, named Ellen Margaret and Emma Louise to Mark and Linda on June 3rd.

# INTER VILLAGE SPORTS DAY

## Table tennis

I hope all who took part in the Sports Day enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

A good friendly atmosphere quickly developed as teams met - not to say that there wasn't a strong competitive element at the tables. Everyone took winning or losing in good heart.

Our thanks must go to the lady who continually reorganised the teams and the referee whose insistence that the game be played "according to the rules" gave the tournament its cutting

## Junior rounders

The junior rounders team did us proud! Their enthusiasm and commitment to the team never wavered even when faced with opposition older and bigger than themselves. In our group the Thorpness "heffalumps" thrashed their way to a massive eight point win but the remaining four teams, Tuddenham included, were separated by just one point. Had I more time I could take you through a ball by ball account of the whole day and mention each player's contribution to each game -

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## Excuses

Sorry I had to miss the Annual Village Sports Day at Leiston but I hear it was, as usual, a good day. As we always say "taking part" is the most important thing so a very big thank you to all those who faced powerful opponents. To our two second place teams - darts and table tennis - congratulations, great results.

Many thanks to all those who arranged practices and to the supporters who came on the day. Also to Carol who collected the entry charges. A couple of people have forgotten, life is so hectic these days, so if this reminds anyone please drop in the £1.50p (adults) to Pear Tree Cottage so I can clear up for this year.

## Badminton

Your badminton team, cleverly disguised as Colin Williamson and Barbara Robinson, were shocked to find that some villages put up contenders that could actually play the game! Against this stiff opposition we were only able to beat one of the six teams but had an enjoyable day anyway.

*Colin Williamson*

## Senior rounders

The Senior Rounders team gathered with much anticipation. After plenty of bending and stretching exercises, mainly consisting of lying on blankets and reaching for picnic baskets, we were ready.

Unfortunately the opposition had been able to attract some big hitters and consequently at the end of an exciting competition we finished fifth - no there were not five entrants!

We did deserve one first prize however - for the loudest support for our excellent junior team.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make it a wonderful village/family day.

See you next year!

## Tournament organiser

I hope your teams enjoyed themselves - with it all over we can all now breath a sigh of relief!!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your hard work and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

*Ruth Atkinson*

See page 9 for more reports.

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# ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION

We have so much news from Barbara that I have had to edit it but the messages seems to be that you are helping in many ways though there is still much to do. Please contact Barbara Butler for more details but here is my resume of her news....

In 1994 we were able to supply 500 H.I.V. testing kits to the Director of Child Health in the City of Iasi so that checks previously done in Bucharest could now be done locally by trusted officials to see if levels of H.I.V. were rising . As a consequence a special unit has been set up for asymptomatic infected children and at last the Health Dept. has acknowledged that H.I.V. levels are rising in part due to the poor standards of medical practice, especially the re-use of syringes.

We now know, unofficially, that there are hundreds of infected children. We have delivered mattresses, twin tub washing machines, and more testing kits as well as cot linen. We would like to take a dryer across but we do not have one.

We hear that a new halfway-house is to be set up for youngsters who leave the orphanages with no family support so they can train in simple skills such as making soap or woodwork. Life will be hard but still infinitely better than being on the streets with only one's body and wits to earn a subsistence.

We are grateful to **Peter Barnes of the Ipswich bedding firm** for his help in getting mattresses at cost price - we have absolute faith that just as his help, and that of his workforce, provided the mattresses, so, will we raise the monies to pay for them. These new mattresses are plastic covered which will help to ease the problems of bed wetting - common in brain damaged, emotionally disturbed and young children, as well as giving the staff and children some dignity.

There is still so much needed. We hope to get a washing machine, tapes, tape recorder and record player, and videos for the children,(not cartoons as the children relate better to real people) a fridge, a piano, an iron and a Baby Burco. Our thanks to **Woodbridge School** who recently changed their uniform so we now have summer dresses for all the girls. We still need shorts and tee shirts for the boys so they can look smart for walks into town.

There are many people to thank but let me mention **Chris** whose fast raised £1000, **Holywells School** who raised £500 and other schools in North Ipswich. I look forward to seeing you at the Jazz evening and Beer festival on **July 23rd** at Shotley.

*Barbara Butler*

*Better to light one small candle than to complain about the dark  
Confucious.*

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## Ipswich Town Football Coaching Weekend



On Friday, May 26th, the Nicholls family travelled to Pontins at Pakefield to take part in this weekend - and success was achieved!

Jim Nicholls won a football dribbling competition in his age group and Matthew

Nicholls won a penalty shoot out competition against Ipswich's latest football star, Richard Wright.

Even Mum managed to win a runners up trophy for the ladies table tennis tournament. However, Dad's prowess went unnoticed, still a great fun time was had by all!!

### Happy Birthday

*Birthday greetings to Kirsty Ellinor, Emily and Jeremy Blake, Anna Robinette and any other birthday babies out there!*

## W.I. News

In May the W.I. members discussed the possible introduction of Identity Cards and the labelling of foodstuffs - particularly whether this needed to be altered in view of the problems with people who have allergies.

Towards the end of the month there was a visit to a small ceramic workshop in Rede Lane, Barham, where Mrs. Glennis Macey talked about the work she does and the lessons she gives. Mrs. Macey learned her craft while living in Australia. Her shop is open every day except Monday. We enjoyed our visit and the nice supper provided.

On June 13th there will be a demonstration of candle-making in the village hall. The July meeting will be a garden meeting when we hope for better weather than we had last year!

Tuddenham W.I. was represented at The Suffolk Show when we had entries in the competition for a "Picnic for one in a basket" and also a design for a tea-towel and both entries achieved good marks.

*Joan Williams.*

## VILLAGE HALL

At its meeting on May 30th the committee noted that improvements to the outside lighting had been made, that the pond is to be cleared again and that better air circulation had been achieved for the store cupboards which had become rather damp.

Unhappily, Tuddenham does not qualify for a grant from the Council for Rural England (we are said not to be rural!) so finance for the toilet improvements must be sought from elsewhere - at present it looks as if the project can not be started until next year when we might be able to get some help from the County Council. It was agreed to authorise The T.A.D.P.O.L.E.S., at their expense, to lay paving stones from the kitchen door to their shed.

The committee was reminded that elections for five elected members will take place at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 17th October and will be followed by an ordinary meeting.

*Bob Tanner.*

# Socket Soopers Clinch Championship!!

Long time front runners, Socket Soopers, managed by Becky Kerry, clinched the 1994/5 Tuddenham Tattler Top Team Championship on the last weekend of the season. Despite a meagre two points from the weekend, taking the seasons total to 329, the nearest challenger, the No Hoppers, managed only a single point giving a total of 307.

The Soopers front 2 of Robbie Fowler & Alan Shearer were the season stars but it was a good all round performance with most of the team making significant contributions to the total.

The winning line up was:

P Srnicek	-	Newcastle	Newton	-	Chelsea
F Sinclair	-	Chelsea	Milton	-	Ipswich
M Hottinger-	-	Newcastle	G. Williams-	-	Ipswich
Babb	-	Coventry	Rennie	-	Coventry
Ruddock	-	Liverpool	Fowler	-	Liverpool
A. Shearer	-	Blackburn			

In the Cup there was victory for Jim Utd., comfortably overcoming Tuddenham Chargers, 8-0. So, that's it for this season - I hope that you have enjoyed it. I end up with the Roll of Honour and prizes. I will deliver these separately.

<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>SOCKER SOOPERS</b>	£8
<b>RUNNERS UP</b>	<b>THE NO HOPERS</b>	£4
<b>CUP WINNERS</b>	<b>JIM UTD</b>	£6
<b>RUNNERS UP</b>	<b>TUDDENHAM CHARGERS</b>	£2

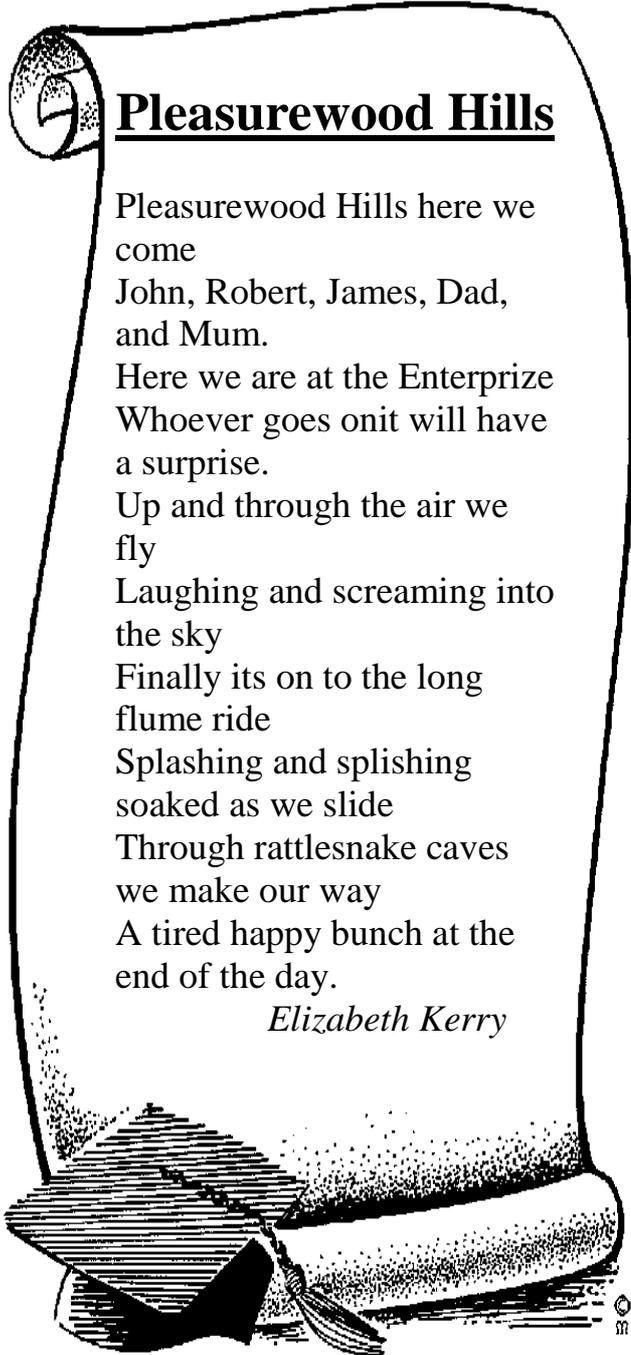
<b>MANAGERS OF THE MONTH</b>	£2 EACH
October	Adrian Frost - Notts Frost
November	Becky Kerry - Socket Soopers
December	James Kerry - Tuddenham Torpedoes
January	Becky Kerry
February	Jim Nicholls - Jim Utd.
March	Peter Hazeldene - Hazeldene Hotshots



## Chess Tournament

On Tuesday, June 20th, I went to Rushmere Primary School to play in my first tournament. Though we lost it was great fun to play. I drew both of my games. I have been invited to join the Ipswich Junior Chess Club which meets every Saturday morning. Why don't you join with me? Phone 259597

*Katy Lopez*



## Pleasurewood Hills

Pleasurewood Hills here we  
come  
John, Robert, James, Dad,  
and Mum.  
Here we are at the Enterprize  
Whoever goes on it will have  
a surprise.  
Up and through the air we  
fly  
Laughing and screaming into  
the sky  
Finally its on to the long  
flume ride  
Splashing and splishing  
soaked as we slide  
Through rattlesnake caves  
we make our way  
A tired happy bunch at the  
end of the day.

*Elizabeth Kerry*

I think a real princess would wear a long white dress with silver beads on it and a tiara full of diamonds.

When I went to the Suffolk Show I stood right next to Princess Margaret and she didn't look a bit like a princess. Her hat looked like a bandage on a bad head and she was wearing a peach coat. Her feet were h-u-g-e-.

I liked the long-horn cow she was

## Parish Church Services

<b><u>2nd July</u></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion (Rite A) quiet, said, traditional.
	<b>9.30am</b>	Family service for all ages, informal.
<b><u>9th July</u></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Family Communion (Rite A) with hymns and sermon.
<b><u>16th July</u></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Prayer from the service book with hymns and sermon.

All are welcome to join in public worship with us in the Village Church, week by week.

*Michael Stone.*

## Treasure Hunt

Yet another reminder about the Treasure Hunt by car on July 16th (**out of the village**) which is still being organised. It is necessary for us to inform the police of our intentions, giving an approximate number of vehicles taking part. We need your replies now so please phone 785256 for Adrian Frost of 785003 for Bob Tanner.

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sufficient to say they were all heroes. They took on all the opposition could throw at them (literally) and were ready for more. Well done.

Of course next year the juniors will all be a year older.....

*Jean Ellinor*

## **Pub Talk**

Sorry, no pub talk this month. Phil and Lynn were going to write it for us this month but they have been too busy. Hopefully next time they will manage....

## **senior football**

Although we scored no goals we achieved a record point score for Tuddenham footballers. The most noticeable item on arriving at Leiston Sports Centre was the size of the football goals. They were the smallest goals I had seen since I last played Subbutteo! The shots we got on target in our first game were quite comfortably saved and we kept Knodishall out. Despite the quick runs of John Kerry and mid-field general John Burtle we could not find the net. Fortunately Ed Nicholls and Dave Woods provided a solid defence in front of a very able goal keeper, Jim Hillman. The first five games thus ended 0-0 but gave us five points beating our previous record of four last year. Unfortunately our legs tired for the last two games where we were beaten by a single goal in each case. However, we had battled hard and slept well that night.

*Dave Woods.*

## **Goodbye**

Don Williams is moving to The Big City very soon. We will miss him struggling up the hill on his bicycle. Hope he finds the success he achieved in the London production of Les Miserables.

## awaydays

Ed Nicholls formed his new travel company some time ago and is now branching out into further afield trips. He recently took a group to The Terry Wogan Show in London. On Sunday, July 23rd, there is a trip to London which includes a cruise on a narrow boat, to Camden Lock. Please phone 01473 233524 for details.

Also a visit to the Needle Craft Fair in Olympia on Saturday, 23rd September. Contact Julia Nicholls on 785819.

## THANK YOU

Thank you Molly Worswick for sorting out the V.E. picnic photographs, a complicated task. We hope to have the prints soon. Please phone 785314 to collect and pay within two weeks.

## SAFARI SUPPER

The annual Safari Supper was a great success as usual. Moving from house to house for each gourmet course is very popular. This is primarily a fun social event but as a result a hundred and fifty pounds was donated to the Hospice. More details in the next issue.

**Thanks Lorna Williamson for watering the flowers by the noticeboard.**

## REEDINGS FRUIT FARM

Nursery and Farm Shop

Open every day 9am-6pm.

Strawberries and raspberries to pick

Hanging baskets 12" £9.95

Refills from £7.95

Bedding plants, shrubs, garden materials.

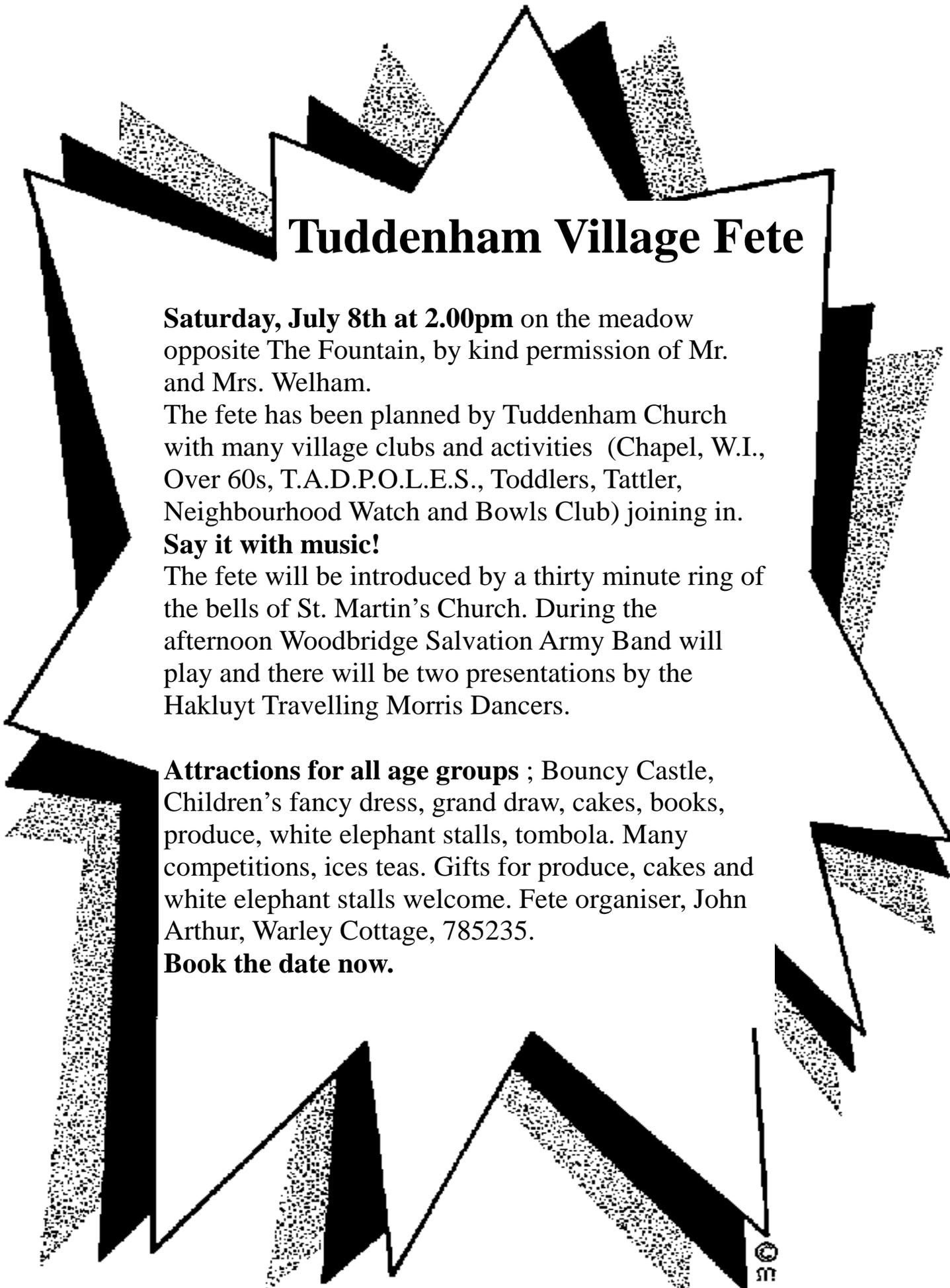
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## TODDLER GROUP

All the members of the Toddler Group would like to say a very big thank you to the Steppe Class for the donation we received when the class sadly came to an end. Along with some of our funds we have bought a much liked addition to our toy cupboard a "Fantasy Cube".

Thank you again to all who supported the Steppe Class and contributed to our donation.

*Helen Lugo.*



## Tuddenham Village Fete

**Saturday, July 8th at 2.00pm** on the meadow opposite The Fountain, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Welham.

The fete has been planned by Tuddenham Church with many village clubs and activities (Chapel, W.I., Over 60s, T.A.D.P.O.L.E.S., Toddlers, Tattler, Neighbourhood Watch and Bowls Club) joining in.

### **Say it with music!**

The fete will be introduced by a thirty minute ring of the bells of St. Martin's Church. During the afternoon Woodbridge Salvation Army Band will play and there will be two presentations by the Hakluyt Travelling Morris Dancers.

**Attractions for all age groups ;** Bouncy Castle, Children's fancy dress, grand draw, cakes, books, produce, white elephant stalls, tombola. Many competitions, ices teas. Gifts for produce, cakes and white elephant stalls welcome. Fete organiser, John Arthur, Warley Cottage, 785235.

**Book the date now.**