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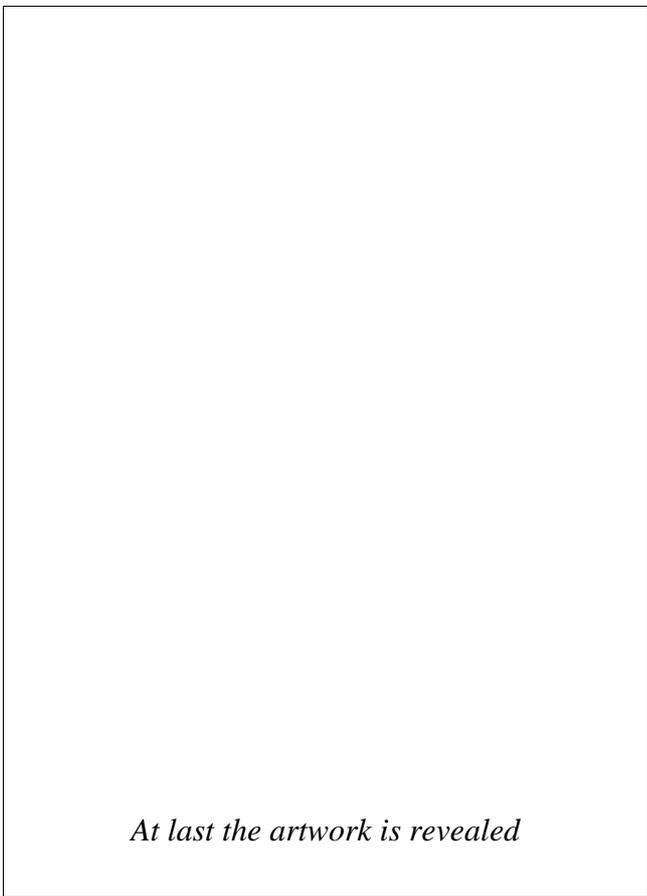
VILLAGE SIGN UNVEILED



On Saturday, 22nd July we were honoured to have our new village sign unveiled by Carl Giles, the cartoonist.

Around a hundred villagers were joined by John Gummer, M.P., Ivan Jowers, District Councillor, and the team involved in making the sign - Mary and Hector Moore, Terry Pearce and Jim Harrison. Refreshments were served at Pear Tree Cottage. Thanks

As a village newspaper we are delighted to grace our front cover with this clever drawing by Oliver Todd, aged



At last the artwork is revealed

Tattler interview

A few weeks ago your editor was walking through Ipswich and came upon some erstwhile Tuddenham residents who “begged” to be interviewed for The Tattler. We couldn’t resist so we invited them back to “The Office” and in true paparazzi style dragged out this....

Who are you?

Romeo and Marlene Zondervan, who moved into 1, The Granaries when it was first built in the days when there was no Tattler - what is it anyway?!?

When did you leave?

In 1988 when we moved to Ipswich but we live back in Holland now.

Romeo, tell us about your time as a player for Ipswich Town Football Club.

I played for Ipswich for eight years. I was a mid-field player, number six. The manager was Bobby Robson.

Who, in your opinion, is the best footballer?

Johan Cruiff.

And British player?

Kevin Keegan.

What are the problems with the

British team?

They stick to the same system of a long ball to the front which is exciting for the audience but in Europe players are playing the ball from back to midfield. The British play by heart, they get stuck in and challenge, working to their utmost, whereas in Holland they are more technical.

Really you need a mixture of both.

Have you ever considered becoming a manager?

No, I have other things on my mind. I am an agent for players dealing between European countries. I have several players here in Ipswich from Holland trying to join your team.

Which is the best footballing nation?

Brazil.

And the best manager?

Johan Cruiff, who is now in Barcelona.

Marlene; How do you find living in Holland differs from Ipswich?

There are no big differences. The standard of living is higher, hospitals are better and schools are all free and nearby so that children can come home for lunch. The schoolwork seems easier with less pressure. About half the mums work and there is less religion apart from the small villages.

Thank you Romeo and Marlene for your time and good luck for the future to you and your three sons, Robin,

Tuddenham St. Martin Water Treatment Works

After many months of discussion, planning and extensive construction work the new Anglian Water Treatment Works located in the Fynn Valley at Tuddenham near Rosemary Bridge is now in operation and producing high quality drinking water for their customers in Tuddenham and Westerfield, the North East corner of Ipswich and Swilland.

The plant has been designed to remove iron and manganese impurities from raw waters drawn from boreholes connected to aquifers located approximately 60m below ground level both on site at Tuddenham and over the hill at Playford.

The raw water is pumped to Tuddenham WTW where it is chlorinated to aid oxidation of the soluble iron and manganese impurities and then filtered through sand beds before being collected and pumped into distribution.

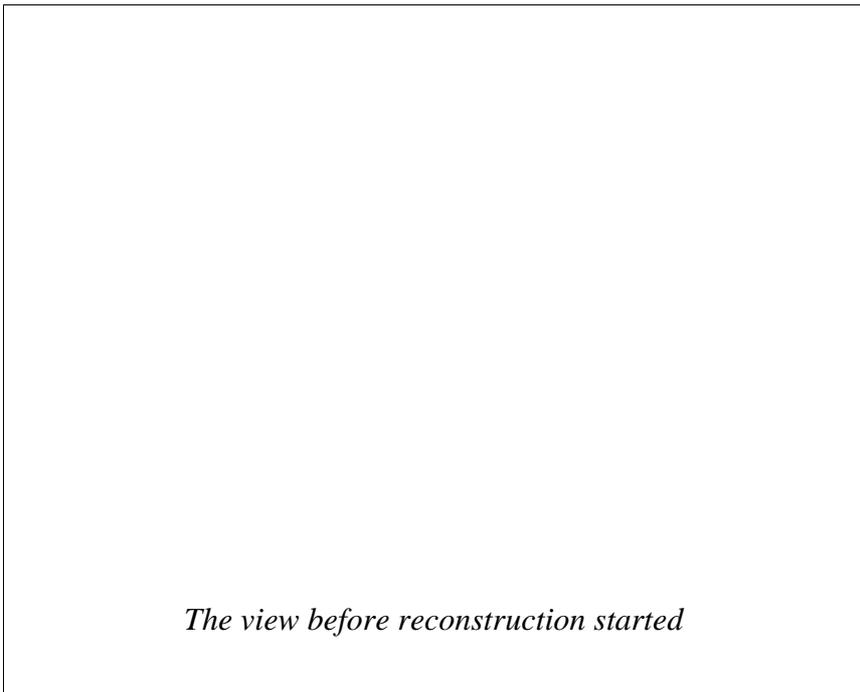
The wholesomeness of the treated water is monitored throughout the process to ensure the product is served to our customers in its very best condition, clean,

non-cloudy or turbid, and with just enough chlorine to keep it fresh and presentable throughout its journey through the distribution system.

The treatment works is designed to produce up to 5000 m³, or over one million gallons, of water a day for public consumption.

Construction work commenced toward the end of January 1994 and has recently been substantially completed in June 1995 with an expenditure of £2.7 million.

As can be seen from the accompanying photographs the new architecturally designed "Suffolk Barn" is significantly different from the original structures on site and is a typical example of Anglian Water efforts toward a policy of environmental improvement and customer satisfaction.



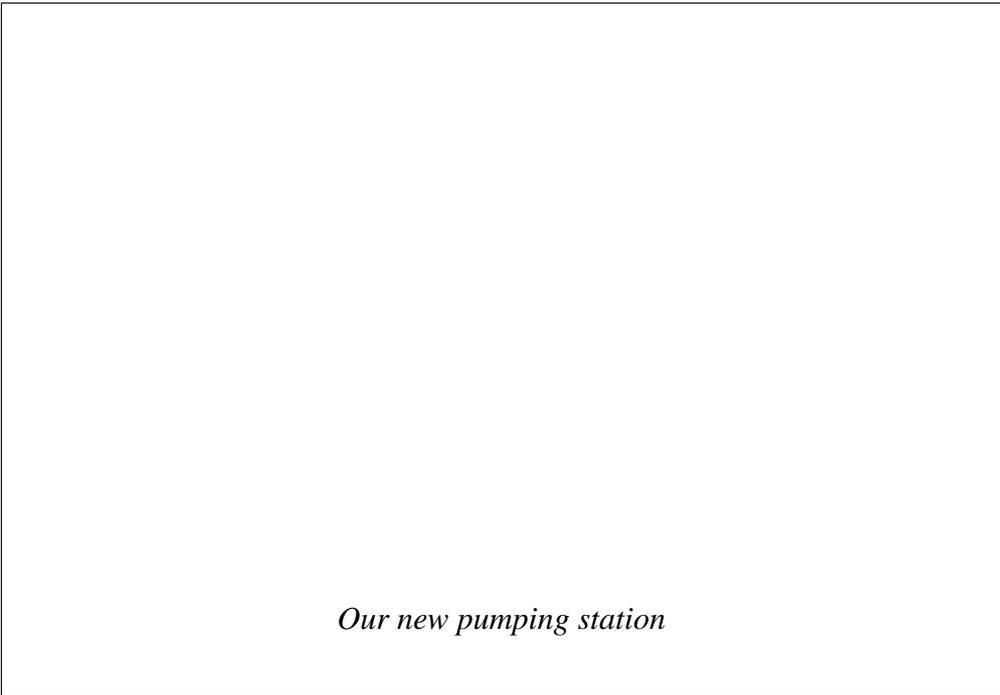
The view before reconstruction started

Officers of Anglian Water held discussions with the local Planning Authority and your Parish Council throughout the planning and construction phases of the project with the aim of producing a building fully functional with respect to its purpose but also satisfying the needs of the local residents.

Some minor works are needed on the building and the treatment process to finish off construction and these will continue over the next few weeks.

Later, when the weather becomes more kind, an extensive tree and shrub planting scheme will be carried out within the site boundaries and open areas will be grass seeded.

It is sincerely hoped that everybody will agree that the inconvenience experienced by construction activities was worth persevering with and the efforts of all involved in this project were well placed.

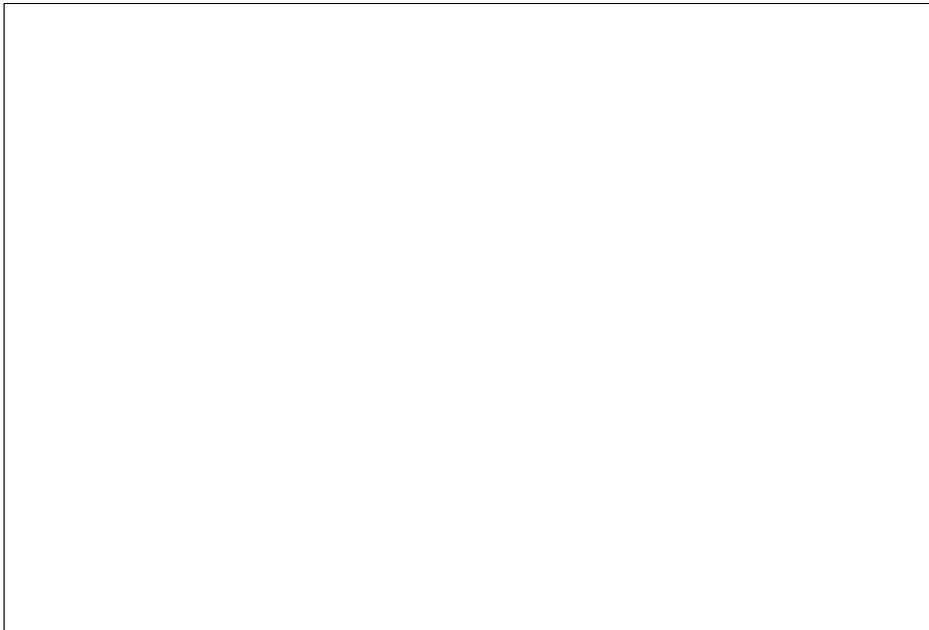


Our new pumping station

The New Pumping Station

Paul Woods

*Project Engineer, ☎01206
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I went for a tour round the new pumping station on Wednesday, July 12th, with some of the Parish Councillors and other people who live in Tuddenham. My brother William also came.

I enjoyed looking at all the machinery and pipes. Though I understood very little it was quite exciting. I liked seeing all the new things. It all finished too

On Safari in “Darkest Tuddenham” in Search of a Watering Hole

We have spent many hours poring over large scale maps of ‘Darkest Africa’ in search of Tuddenham S.t. Martin with no success. We can only conclude that Tuddenham is extremely difficult to find or does not exist and is some mythical village out of Brigadoon.

Taking the early evening air one Saturday in June, our peace was disturbed by what appeared to be the the sound of marching feet and the clink of water bottle on spear perhaps.

We decided to investigate these unusual sounds and came upon, quite quickly, a small party of people in the street (jungle path). They were led by a large fierce bearded man clutching a “water bottle” to his chest and demanding that the party hurry along as they had some distance to travel . We asked where they they were bound and were told “a watering hole on the far outskirts of the village”, just within the boundary of the thorn bush protecting the village. They appeared to be in need of some form of transport owing to the distance. Perhaps an elephant with howdah or a couple of camels.

A brief conversation established that similar travelling in search of other according to the leader guarding full water bottles.

With no more ado we other parties.

Had we the necessary provisions to undertake this Safari in particular a water bottle which appeared to be mandatory? Yes , we told ourselves, perhaps a slightly different colour through being overlong in the jungle, but with a reasonable water content.

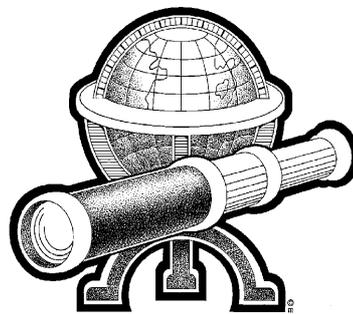
We “Safaried” long and hard that evening and visited water holes where we were made most welcome and wined and dined royally.

Long may these Safaries continue under the able management of the “Safari Chieftess” to whom no task is impossible.

Mr & Mrs Livingstone

“Out of Africa”

Editor: Is this about a Safari Supper in Tuddenham? If you don’t know then come to the next one.....with your “water bottle”!



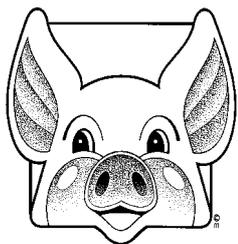
Words

Words develop in all sorts of ways and have all sorts of origins. Lots of our present-day words have come down to us from the Saxons (notably the so-called four letter words) but the Romans had a fair share of the responsibility for our language, not only because of their invasion and conquest 2000 years ago, and their lifestyle in Roman Britain, but also through their literature, which lasted as beacons of education for almost the whole of those 2000 years. The last conquerors of Britain were the Normans just under 1000 years ago, and their influence on our vocabulary was enormous, especially as their native language, a sort of French, had sprung from Latin as well, and so served to reinforce the Roman influence that was already here. To my mind, one of the best and most fascinating examples of the way in which the conquerors influenced our vocabulary, is in the fact that we have two words for meats - in the fields, the Anglo-Saxon serfs called their animals cows,



pigs and sheep (all words of Saxon origin) while in the castles and manor houses set up by the Normans, where those

same animals were served up as food, the servants learned that the Norman word for

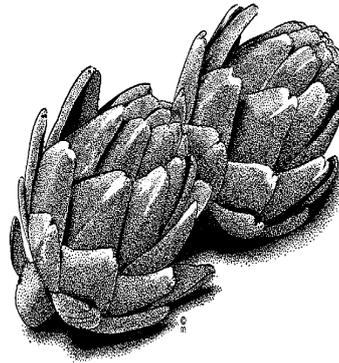


cow was boeuf (beef), for pig was porc (pork) and for sheep was mouton (mutton): the only reason we have different words for live and cooked meat is that we were conquered by the Normans!

(Other languages don't make this distinction as a rule.)

Another way that some words have

their present-day form is through what is called "corruption" where a perfectly good word for something is misheard or mispronounced. One good example of this is the word Jerusalem when applied to an artichoke: it has nothing whatever to do with the Holy Land or with the city of Jerusalem, but is a corruption of the Italian word for sunflower (the artichoke is a

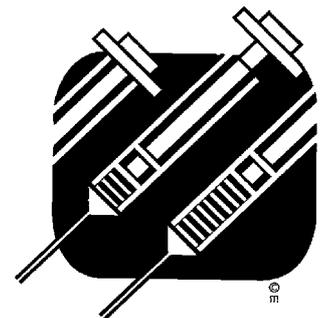


sunflower because its flower follows the sun round during the day). This foreign word was *girasole*, pronounced *jeerasoli* - more or less, which sounded something like Jerusalem to English

people, so they called it a Jerusalem artichoke. As a matter of fact, the word artichoke itself has a fascinating history, coming from a Northern Italian word which was itself a corruption of a Spanish word *alcarchofa* which the Spaniards had picked up from the Moorish invaders from North Africa! This Moorish word for the root vegetable was actually *kharshuf* plus the Arabic *al* (meaning "the") - so the Spaniards

DID YOU KNOW?

There are blood donor sessions at the Corn Exchange on 14th September from 1-3.30 and 5-7.00pm and at Ransome Sport and Social Club, Sidegate Avenue on 21st September also from 1-3.30 and 5-7.00pm.



Phone 717502

Neighbourhood Watch

It's good to get away every now and again though sometimes it's even better to return, particularly to Tuddenham. But it always helps to know that someone is keeping an eye on the house when you go away and we are very fortunate to live in a village where the neighbours are willing to do just that. So I strongly recommend slipping off using Stansted Airport which can be reached from Tuddenham by car in just over an hour, or - even better to start off in a holiday mood - a little longer if you take the gorgeous country route via Sudbury, the Hedinghams, Withersfield, Finchingfield and Thaxted. Don't tell anyone, but there's a back way into Stansted Airport from our direction which means you don't have to use any main roads at all to get there.

We went to Ireland the Stansted way, by Ryanair to Cork which is tantalisingly near Kinsale and all its marvellous restaurants, and to Kerry - which epitomises Ireland as the Emerald Isle because it is so green. And do you know what? There were signs outside nearly all the villages saying "Pobol ar Aire". What on earth does that mean, you might well ask! Well, its Gaelic for Neighbourhood Watch, known over there as Community Alert. So we really felt at home, knowing that communities in Ireland were just as friendly towards each other as we are here, willing to keep a watchful eye to make sure that the village maintained its peaceful tranquility.



In a recent letter from our crime prevention officer I have been told of some new telephone numbers that the police would like us to use;

For non-emergencies phone Woodbridge on (01473) **383478**.

Phone Martlesham on (01473) **613500** for more urgent calls.

Contact the crime prevention officer on (01473) **383341**.

For urgent calls ring 999.

Janet Wells.

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Parish Church Services

- 17th September 9.30am** Morning Prayer
from the service book
with hymns & sermon
- 24th September 9.30am** Family Harvest Service
Preacher is Archdeacon of Ipswich
For all
Bring your praise & your
- 1st October 8.00am** Holy Communion
Quiet, said, traditional
- 9.30am** Family Service
for all ages, informal
- 12.30 for 1.00** Harvest Lunch

Shared with Westerfield Church in Tuddenham
Village Hall. Tickets £3 (£2 for children)



All are welcome to join in
Public Worship in
the Village
Church, week by
week.

Michael Stone.

Tuddenham Chapel

This Tuesday, 12th September, we have a "pop-in" from 2.30-4pm. Come and go as you please. Light refreshments available at 10p per item.

Sunday, October 1st, is our Harvest Festival with a family service from 10.45-12.00. We hope to have some children involved in the celebration. Please come.

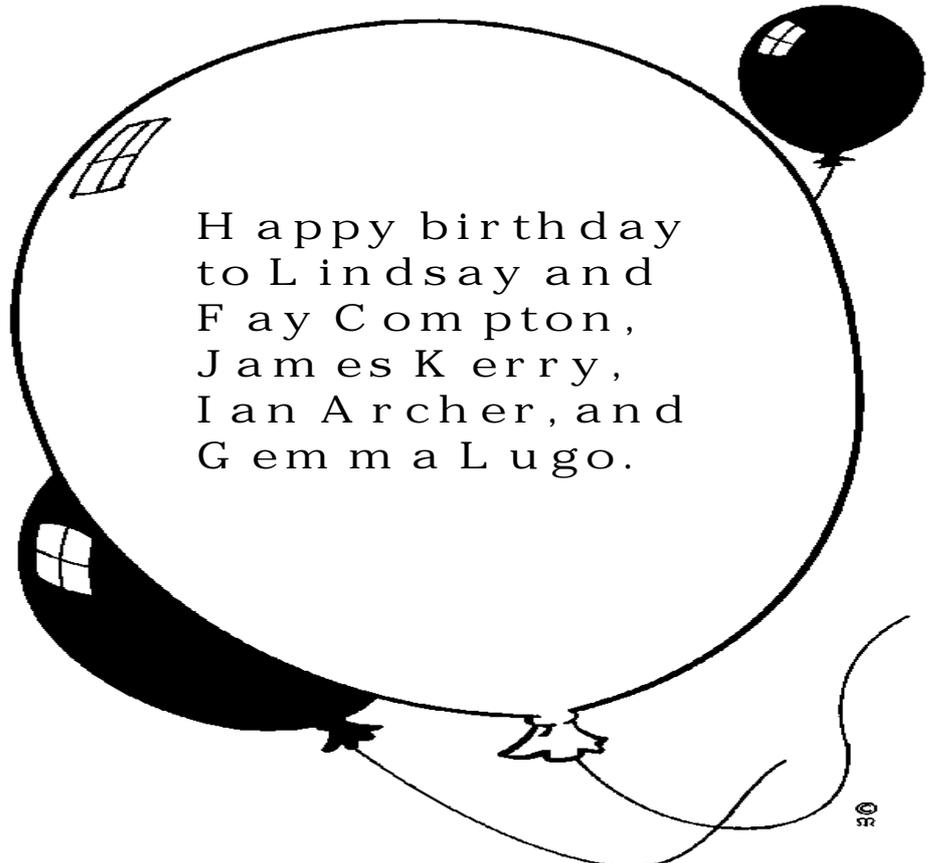
There is a Sunday club every Sunday morning at 10.00am - why not give your children an understanding of the Christian faith through enjoyable activity.

Tony and Elaine French.

Fashion Show

A fashion Show by "Carousel" is being organised by Barbara Wardropper at Witnesham Village Hall on Wednesday October 4th at 7.45pm. The proceeds from the show will be going to the Romanian Action Appeal to help towards building an orphanage in Romania.

Please support this venture you may already have read about in The Tattler. Gary and Barbara Butler need more money to finance their work for abandoned children.



Parish Council Report

This was a very well attended meeting with over thirty members of the public, our County Councillor, Simon Bestow, and P.C. Steve Warne present.

The bus stop opposite Church Hill continues to suffer from parked cars causing an obstruction so that the bus has to stop in the middle of the road. Again, P.C. Warne asks that cars avoid parking near the sign in the hope that there will be no need for parking tickets to be issued. The bus is most often obstructed between 12.00 and 3.00pm. The Council continue to seek the provision of painted road markings for the stop. Please write to **Mr. C. Green, Highways Dept.**

Suffolk County Council

St. Edmund's House,

County Hall,

Ipswich, Suffolk.

IP4 1LZ. ☎ 265673 - the more we tell them,
the more they listen!

The noticeboard is now up and functioning well. It is a great improvement on the last one! The village is graced by its new village sign. The Council propose to put a plaque on the post telling of the unveiling ceremony with Carl Giles, and some of the history behind the chosen design. Advice is to be taken on the oak post.

The Fynn Lane sign was taken down recently as it was obscured by the village sign and they were too close together. There is a temporary one up at present as a new one may take up to two months to construct.

The Parish accounts are audited by Coopers and Lybrand in Norwich and they have agreed to our joining a triennial scheme this year which should save some money. If you wish to know more about your village accounts please contact me on 785588 or contact Phillip Armstrong at Coopers and Lybrand on 01603 615244.

There have been problems with water pressure in the village over the Summer. If you have had any problems - toilets overflowing, water softeners failing etc. - please contact Malcolm Rees on 785712 and phone Anglian Water.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm in the village hall on December 5th, 1995.

Parish Clerk, 785588.

TEA DANCES

These are held on Mondays from 2.15-4.15 at the Leisure Centre in Felixstowe. £1.25p covers dancing with a cup of tea and biscuits. For details contact the Leisure Centre on 01394 670411.

My Holiday

Mum, Dad and I went on holiday with my Auntie Cathy and Uncle Tony.

We visited a place where there are many rivers and canals. We went on a boat with Dad and Uncle Tony paddled. We kept crashing because Uncle Tony mixed up his right hand and left hand!!

Can you find your way into
my a-mazing butterfly?!



Village Sign - the differences.

We asked you to find some differences between the two sides of the sign so here they are to save you cricking your necks...

The heap of bricks: larger one side (for reasons of composition); the way the bricks are laid at the corner (a horizontal one on alternate rows).

The scroll: plain on one side, parchment on the other.

St. Martin plaque: Dappled grey horse on one side. Tiny "Jay" logo (for Jay's Foundry) on one side at the beggar's feet, a tree stump on the other.

Mary Moore.

Farewell

So recently after the passing of his wife, Joan, we are sad at the loss of Carl Giles from our community. His funeral on September 7th was very well attended showing his wide circle of friends and admirers. Our little village street was blocked by all the cars!

We are grateful to him for unveiling our village sign when he must have been feeling unwell. Carl and Joan will be remembered along with