

# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## PANTO PROGRESS.

It's January already and we still haven't had everyone present at the same time at any rehearsal. What a headache it would be for most people but as usual, Monica Pipe, our stalwart producer, is as relaxed as ever. "Don't worry. It will be alright. Every year its like this" Actually it's quite fun reading in for other people as well as doing your own part as Ken Williams well knows. We are delighted to have Ken "treading the boards" at last instead of moving scenery. Perhaps Bob Pyke, Jack Lay, Piers Robinette and Paul Lopez may feel inspired to join him next year.

Who was going to be in charge of costumes this year was a little concerning as Joan Bloomfield abdicated after coping so magnificently for so many years. However team spirit prevailed with Fiona Woods ( Puss in Boots) and Pat Tanner, the prompt, taking up the challenge with promised help from others. We shall all feel Joan's eye on us

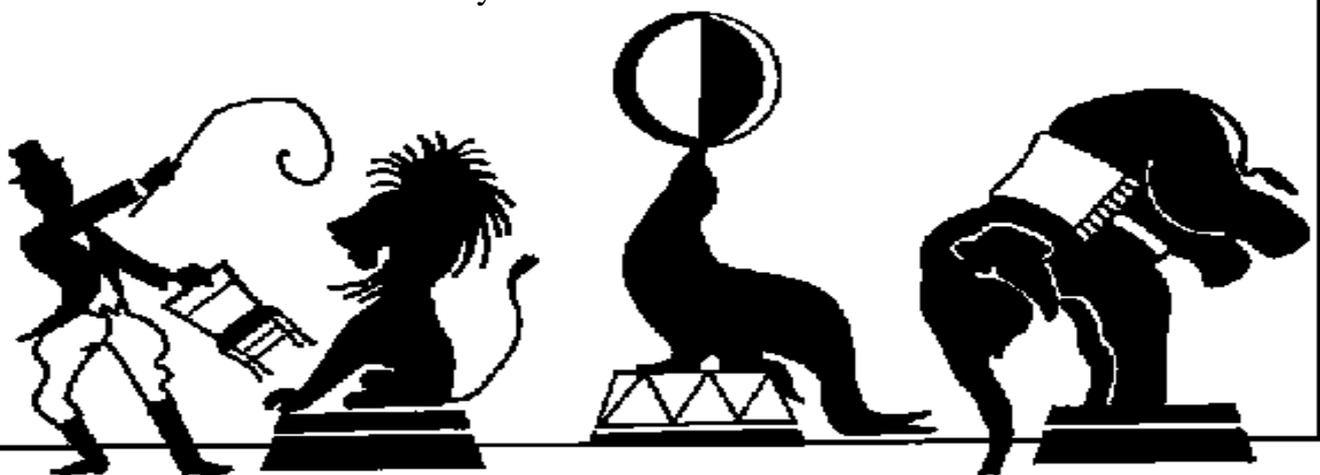
the night her family are in the audience.

No matter how small a character you play it is great fun just to be part of it all even when it gets to the stage of " I don't know why I ever thought that line was funny", usually just before dress rehearsal.

The Saturday afternoon performance is especially for children who, of course, react very differently from the evening audiences. They are nearly as noisy as the panto itself. Early booking is essential for the 2.30 performance as we are always sold out very quickly.

Feb. 22nd	Thursday,	7.45
Feb 23rd	Friday,	7.45
Feb 24th	Saturday	2.30 7.45

Tickets will be available  
**after February 1st** from Pat Tanner,  
"Rivendell", Westerfield Lane, ☎785003.



# Christmas Celebrations

## The Grumpy Shepherd The Chapel Concert Further Afield

St. Martin's had a Christmas Eve morning service with a difference. Normally at this time one expects a straightforward Nativity Play. This presentation told us of the ordinary people's approach to the most momentous event the world has experienced. The story described the reaction of humble shepherds to the arrival on earth of their Messiah, Son of God. The title part was taken by that "young lad" David Woods. David made a very good Grumpy Shepherd albeit in a mute sort of way! The remaining shepherds, somewhat more cheerful, were played by the misses Ellinor, Forsdike and Goodrich. The story, which was mimed, was narrated by Fiona Woods. The posters had advertised that the play was suitable for children from 0-90. It is safe to say that the bulk of the audience were "average aged children". The musical accompaniment was by keyboard and clarinet and the carols were enjoyed by all. The writer also picked up the duty sidesman's deliberate mistake. The altar candles

Tuddenham Chapel was packed for the Christmas Concert which, in addition to the delightful performances of local children and adults, included visiting guests.

How I wished I could have gone particularly when I heard later that two well known harmonica players entertained. Remember I am desperately trying to get a reasonable tune out of my own harmonica. I haven't succeeded yet as Joan, my neighbour, will bear witness. Kevin Wells was 2nd in the British Championships playing his own composition. Together with his friend Dave he was 3rd in the British Pairs' Championships. They both now are part of the up and coming band "Built for Comfort". I managed to find out this information through Harold Green, a regular member of the Chapel whose family has connections with Kevin.

Terry Green organised the evening with last minute solos by Debbie, a timbrel display, poems and songs, (thanks to John the pianist while Ros is away,) and a sermon from Tony regarding fleas that bit his rich man but sin that did not enter Jesus. Hot sausage rolls and mince pies

Christmas is a family time and often one does something which is not in the normal run of one's everyday life.

On Christmas Eve I went with my Son and Daughter-in-Law to the The First Mass Of Christmas at St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church in Woodbridge. The Church was already packed with standing room only when we arrived in what we thought was "good time". I have never been to a service before where the walls were lined with people and every available space used with many sitting on the floor. Every age group was represented there all joining the prayers and responses.

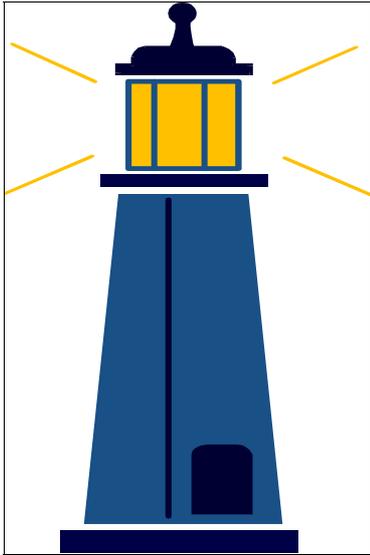
I listened and watched with great interest and as we came out into the very cold night air I was glad that I had been asked to go to the service.

*R. Reporter*

## Co Op Juniors

Well, what a show! It was so good in fact that I went to see it three times, that is *The Little Mermaid*.

Of course I was a little influenced by the fact that my very own Granddaughter,



Gemma, was making her big stage debut at *The Regent*. Her performance as a shrimp was perfect and she was the sweetest little "cup cake" ever seen, in my eyes. I couldn't help noticing also that Grandad and Uncle Paul felt this to be a very proud

moment. To be involved in such a wonderful production, an all round professional display of acting talent, laser lights, amazing dancing and breathtaking costumes was an inspiring experience for Gemma.

Congratulations to all the cast and the backup team for their long hours of hard work and determination.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Greetings to Joe Simpson and George Jennings.** Please tell us if we have not got your birthday date, or any other anniversaries.....

## The Library comes to town.

You can't enjoy your garden at the moment so why not enjoy a book?

When I hear myself saying, "I remember when..." I know I am one of the elderly! But there will be others who remember when *our* library was behind County Hall and the old Fire Station. Next we became members of the Northgate Street library and could park, very conveniently, on the Tower Ramparts. Now we have the splendid refurbished Ipswich Library but no nearby parking! So why not make better use of the mobile library in the village?

There may be some newcomers who do not realise that at 10.00am on alternate Thursdays the



van is on The Fountain's car park. The next visit is on January 25th. There is a selection of books for young children (you will find yourself sitting on the floor to choose them)! A reasonable selection of adult fiction and non-fiction is available and six books can be borrowed for four weeks. However there is no need to be limited to this because books can be requested for a very small charge. There is no initial joining fee.

It would be very sad if this service is not continued but, as has been said before, we must

*Use it or lose it!*

Molly Worswick

# Sainsbury's

## LETTERS

Many organisations and firms now are encouraging comments and opinions from their customers, eg. B.B.C. Viewers' Panel and of course Anglia on which I report. In December Sainsbury's Brook Street branch invited a small randomly selected group of customers to meet and discuss their criticisms and comments with the management. Stock, checkouts, attitudes, new ideas for improvement were all part of the interchange. It will be interesting to see whether the suggestions have been acted on, eg. a small delicatessen counter, more fresh bakery products, a public telephone and tastings of new products. If you have any points to make please let me know or write in the customer suggestion book.

*Reporting Reporter, 785314*

## Recipe from Sainsbury's: Walnut and Coffee Cake



6oz Self Raising Flour  
6oz Caster Sugar  
6oz Soft Margarine  
3 Eggs  
Instant Coffee  
Walnuts

Cream all ingredients together adding walnuts and coffee to taste.

Cook in 8" round cake tin in moderate oven till firm to touch.

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

Our "flyover" round seemed to get lots of publicity this week!! Did you get the answers?

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Avenue   | 6. Agreement  |
| 2. Aboard   | 7. Advantage  |
| 3. Average  | 8. Acquainted |
| 4. Absence  | 9. Appreciate |
| 5. Assembly | 10. Associate |

Dear Editor,

We will soon be moving to the Tuddenham School House and we would be interested in finding out about its history. If anyone has any stories from its time as a school, or any photographs, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Sandy & Peter Burn  
12, High Street,  
☎ 785378.

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Dear Editor,

I would like to thank "The Royal British Legion" and all concerned for the Christmas parcel I received. Please accept my grateful thanks and appreciation. Also sincere thanks to Mr. Jim Kerridge.

A happy and peaceful New Year

Neville Whitman (Sonny).

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# THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to all my customers who very generously gave me tips at Christmas. I look forward to delivering to you in 1996, in rain, in snow and sunshine!

With best wishes from

## Who?

Who must have the patience of a saint,  
 The imagination of an actor,  
 The eye of a watchmaker,  
 The shoulder muscles of a boxer,  
 The wrists of a wrestler,  
 The ankles of a ballet dancer,  
 The stamina of a mountain climber,  
 The initiative of a lone yachtsman,  
 The memory of a computer,  
 The tolerance of an angel,  
 The palate of a gourmet,  
 The discipline of a soldier,  
 And an appetite for life?

*This poem was recently found in a pile of papers. Can you guess who it is about? Tell us if you can.*

### Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is on March 5th at 7.30 in the village hall. Please contact a councillor if you have any suggestions for the agenda - eg. Malcolm Rees, Chr., on 785712, or the clerk on 785588.

### MRS. D.O. READ RGN MSSCh MBChA (Chiropodist)

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### Fancy trying your hand?

#### WORLD MUSIC AND DANCE

are holding a day of workshops in Flamenco, Irish Ceilidh, and Bolivian Dance on **Saturday March 30th, 1996.**

Workshops start at 2.00, 3.30 and 5.00pm - £2.75 each, £7.50 for all three. Or watch a breathtaking performance by Los Compadres at 7.30pm with a Spanish Tapas supper before the performance - tickets £6.00.

**All this at the Northgate Arts Centre.**

**Call Suffolk Dance on 01473 216220 for details.**

### AWAYDAYS

**WE ARE PLANNING THREE TRIPS WHICH YOU MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN;**

#### SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY:

Lakeside - thurrock sales  
 £5 per person.

#### saturday 24th february:

London shopping and "**Fame**"  
 TOP PRICE SEATS - ONLY £32.50  
 DEPART TUDDENHAM 8.15AM

#### FRIDAY 7TH JUNE:

INDIA V. ENGLAND TESTMATCH  
 EDGECASTON, £36.50

**Phone Ed Nicholls on 785819.**

# A Grower's Diary January & February.

The golden rule is "Do not sow too early" - you may be tempted to sow seeds for your annual summer display, particularly if the



sun is shining and the greenhouse is warm and cosy - take my tip, do not sow until early March.

I will be giving you tips in the March Tuddenham Tattler about how to sow, composts to use and the special requirements needed for successful raising of certain seeds.

Continue to decide what seeds you need and order by mail order or buy locally or you may like to buy seedlings already germinated for you - do not purchase in this form until early March.

Here are some jobs that can be done during January and February in preparation for the start of a new growing season and my suggestions are; Check on your heating systems, repair any broken panes of glass



and generally prepare the greenhouse for starting up.

I suggest that you should aim to maintain a minimum night temperature of

35-40°F if you are starting off some Fuchsias, Chrysanthemums, Dahlias and Geraniums etc.

Sterilise propagators, seed trays, opts and covers that you intend to use with a solution of bleach and water (2floc bleach to 2galls of water) after having removed any dirt by washing in hot soapy water.

If you have purchased compost bring the bags into the greenhouse to warm up.

## Dahlia Tubers

Continue to check for any signs of rot - box up the tubers in Spagnum moss peat, or in last year's grow bag compost or in new potting compost. Cover only the tubers - not the crowns at the base of the stem. Place on the bench and

## New Year at Reedings Nursery

**Flower  
Arrangements**  
*hand tied in  
vases,  
posy baskets*

**table  
decorations**  
*Dried and fresh  
flowers*

**Compost, etc.**



commence watering if you intend to take cuttings in March.

## Chrysanthemums

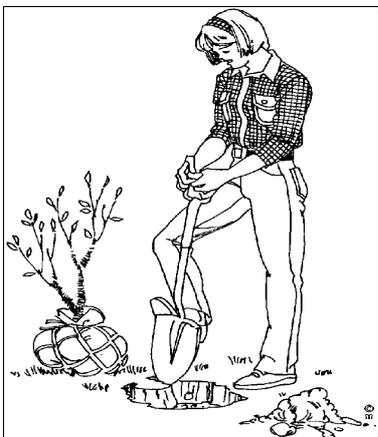
Box up stools, (*Editor: my dictionary says roots*) sprinkle with water and place on bench. Cuttings should be ready to take in early March.

## Fuchsias

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Pot up cuttings taken in the Autumn, repot stock plants - do not overpot - use only the next size, examine the plants for loose stems at their base which is likely to be caused



by the vine weevil, a small white grub found in the top inch of soil which eats the Fuchsia roots, which is best destroyed - throw the plant away if badly eaten. To produce new growth for cuttings start watering with a liquid feed (I use *Phostrogen*).

### Geraniums

These can be potted on and given a liquid feed to encourage new growth for the taking of cuttings in March.

### In The Garden

Tidy borders, continue digging if conditions are suitable, these months are generally too cold to sow.

### Making a Cheap

### Compost Bin

If you have a source for obtaining cheap scrap wooden pallets,

or know a friend who has, get at least four. Nail together to form a square and place in a suitable "out of the way" site in the garden. Line with polystyrene sheeting (old compost

80 litre bags cut open are ideal) - do not cover the bottom.

Save all biodegradable kitchen waste such as tea leaves, potato peelings, cabbage leaves, carrot tops, etc. and together with garden waste layer in the bin, add a layer of soil, grass cuttings, ash from wood fires etc. Continue to build up, occasionally adding a sprinkling of Sulphate of Ammonia or any proprietary compost maker.

Cover with an old blanket or carpet - after a few months you will have produced a good compost for enriching your garden.

You may like to make another in order to continue throughout the year.

*Peter Woods.*

## Hadleigh Hospitality

On 22nd December we braved the heavy rain and headed to Hadleigh for a piano concert. It was in The Old School, hosted by Miranda and Tom McIntosh.

We were in an audience of about sixty people and gathered in the old school hall surrounded by Christmas trimmings, greeted with a welcome drink. As we waited for the concert to start we chatted to other guests and to some of the young ladies who were to perform. They were students from the Kunitachi University in Tokyo, Japan and were travelling with their music professor, Jun Oishi.

The music started with some piano duets and singing. We were then overwhelmed by Chopin



Ballades -hard wood and ivory producing opulent romance (Chopin is one of my favourites). What talent from such young girls! The concert ended with the Professor and finally Tom McIntosh regaling us with their skills. I just closed my eyes and dreamed...

And then a meal for everyone present prepared by Miranda and her band of helpers. Even vegan menus no trouble! What a delightful prelude to Christmas.

# Tuddenham Tattler Football Fantasy League

Congratulations to Fiona Woods, our first Manager of the month, and to Elizabeth Kerry for winning the first division.

*Editor: Does anyone out there understand this? I note that both winners are female - I thought men knew about football! And why is the winning team called "What? Again! United"?!?*

*Ah well, we look forward to more "sports reports" next issue.*

## The Union Flag

The flag of the U.K. consists of three flags; The Old Irish Flag (the Cross of St. Patrick), The English Flag (The Cross of St. George), and last though not least, The Scottish Flag (The Cross of St. Andrew). The Welsh Flag is not on The Union Flag because Wales is a conquered country.

When The Union Flag is shown on the Jack Staff of a ship it is called The Union Jack. When the flag is shown upside down it is a sign of distress.

These are the Saints' days:

St. David (Wales)

March 1st.

St. Patrick (Ireland)

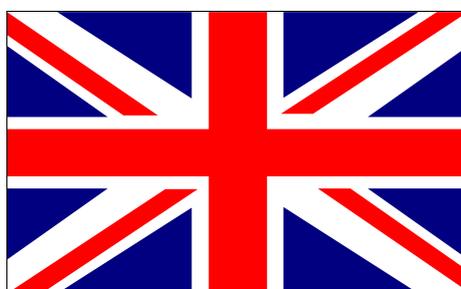
March 17th.

St. George (England)

April 23rd.

St. Andrew (Scotland)

November 30th.



*Jim and Matt Nicholls.*

## Tattler News

This issue is a short one to balance the cost of the bumper Christmas issue. I apologise for all the articles left out -see you next issue in March, after the pantomime.

We continue to benefit from new contributors and ideas for articles. Please contact us if you have any suggestions.

The Tattler's "New Year Resolution" is to try to raise money for Romanian Child Action.

## Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Tuddenham Tattler quiz night such a success, particularly Maggie and Erica, the helpers and participants, and thank you for the cheque for £100 towards the fund to build a new orphanage in Pascani, where we work in Romania. We have worked for more than five years repairing old neglected buildings. It is expensive and really doesn't give the children the standard of living we in this country believe to be the minimum that children need. They still do not have baths, the showers that we put in are inadequate due to lack of space, the underground plumbing leaks, the children sleep 45 to a room; the only long term answer is a new purpose built home. We are only committed to about an eighth of the total money needed, the Romanians are spearheading the effort and have to find the bulk of it, but our help - and that means you - gives them the encouragement they need to carry it through. We have said we will provide £40,000.00.

We are now, thanks to you, just over a quarter of the way towards our goal. We'll carry on with our own fundraising efforts but an unexpected gift of £100 is a great encouragement to us. Thanks again and Happy New Year - La Multi Ani - from the children.

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*Butler.*

*01473 785206.*

*Editor: Seeing the recent television documentary about Chinese orphanages reminds me of the difficulties Barbara and her helpers face. We wish them well with much admiration for their personal bravery. We hope, with your help, to raise more money for them in 1996.*

## **SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 1ST & 2ND, 1996**

Flower festival, concert and garden openings  
with teas and stalls.

This year Tuddenham St. Martin's Church thought it might be nice to have a change from the village fête.

If anyone is prepared to open their garden on June 1st and 2nd we would be very pleased if you could contact us. We want a variety of gardens - small & large - and of course there will have to be a limit to numbers once we know who would like to be involved.

Please could you contact

**GILL CRUIKSHANK, the Old Vicarage,- phone 785415 -  
a.s.a.p. if you are interested .**