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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## RELAX

The Summer holidays are over, beach things put away, the rain very welcome in the garden and life is almost back to normal. The Tattler is back....

We are planning a Village Sale for Saturday, 23rd November, 1996. All our regular helpers please note this date. We can't do it without you.

The Quiz is to be early in the New Year when the Christmas festivities are all over and life is somewhat quieter. Book the date now - Saturday, 18th January, 1997. Remember, you need to ask your friends to make up a table of six well in advance. Details later.

We have Christmas cards available now, or at the Sale - our own special ones, of course!



*Alistair's drawing reminds me of all the long sunny days we have enjoyed this Summer. The coast here supplies so much choice - the buzz of Felixstowe, the unspoilt charm of Wrabness, the artistry of Aldeburgh, the interest of Baudsey, the fun of Clacton, the sophistication of Orford, the swimming pool and boating at Brightlingsea, and the crabbing at Walberswick. Paradise, eh?*

### NEW MOVEMENT

It has been suggested that some of the youngsters in the village might be interested in a **Music, Movement and Drama** morning at the village hall, one Saturday. If you are interested please phone 785588.

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Please contact Maggie Taylor on 785314 - Pear Tree Cottage - or Editor, on 785588 if you have any articles, suggestions, adverts etc. for the next Tattler.

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## Village Hall News

The pond at the villahe hall has recently been cleared by The Greenways Project workers and looks very smart. Thanks to grass cutting by Jane Pitcher the outside of the hall looks almost as good as the inside.... have you seen the new toilets? They were completed in June along with facilities for the disabled and the high standard of work was thanks to Dick Macey; ☎830146.

The A.G.M. for the village hall is to be on Tuesday, 15th October at 7.00pm in the hall - all Tuddenham residents are welcome. After all this good news it seems a shame to report that dogs have been roving in the hall grounds doing their business and generally causing a mess. Please help to keep your hall one to be proud of!

## **AERIAL PHOTO**

*Tuddenham from the air*

Contact **Airpic** on

☎01582 793007

*(please mention Liz Saunders)*

*10x8" - £34.08 inc frame*

*16x11" - print £44.35*

*Xmas cards - 5 for £17.63*

## **Forthcoming Event**

24th November:

Alan Road Church, at 2.45pm,  
Jane Lapotaire reading  
favourite poems. Tickets are  
£5.



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch was started nationally to prevent crime. It needs good co-ordination and for this Tuddenham has been congratulated. We all need good neighbours to keep their eyes and ears alert, and throughout the village reports come in to our co-ordinators. A couple of worrying things, for example - someone loitering in the Westerfield Lane area and cars in Fynn Lane between 10pm and midnight - what were they doing there at that time of night?

If we live in a Neighbourhood Watch area, so we are assured, we are four times less likely to be burgled than in any other area. Good news indeed, but incidents like the above are not pleasant for the people involved and the co-ordinators cannot do it all. So let's report *at once* anything which ought not to be there. If you see something suspicious phone Woodbridge police *at once* on **01473 383460**. It seems odd to phone an Ipswich code for Woodbridge but I assure you that the number is correct. The co-ordinators will still be doing their job too.

Suffolk is considered a safe area but there is still a risk of burglaries, car thefts and other crimes. However, if all the Tuddenham eyes and ears are alert, criminals have far less chance of creeping into our lovely village.

*Janet Wells*

much I loved 29 year old car  
seeks cheap/free (!?) shelter prior  
to restoration  
in nearest possible future  
(6months - 2 years).  
if you could help, please phone  
**785751**

### Canal Clear-up

Bring your wellies and help to clear up Alderman Canal, an important wildlife area in the centre of Ipswich. This clear-up is on Saturday, 21st September, from 1.30-4.00pm. The afternoon is being organised by the Ipswich Borough Park Rangers. Meet at Alderman Road side of recreation ground, beside the canal.

### Community Fair

Also 21st September is a fair in the Town Hall and Corn Exchange run by Ipswich Borough and Suffolk County Council. Entry is free with entertainment, cookery demonstrations, fashion shows, competitions, and children's activities all day.

On Cornhill there will be demonstrations by the Fire Brigade, some Ipswich schools and some sports centres. There will also be councillors present to answer any questions about Council services.

### Parish Council Meeting

This was a well attended meeting with around 30 members of the public, our District Councillor and the Chairman of the District Council, Mr. Burgon, present.

Under matters arising it was noted that the village sign is now completed with its plaque mounted on the post. There was no response to a call for a new Tree Warden at the last meeting however, since this meeting, we have had someone declare interest so I hope to bring you good news next issue...

Suffolk Coastal District have accepted ownership of the fence between the playing field and Mr. Pipe's field and are looking into repairing it.

The RUPPS (numbers 1,2,&15) have now been confirmed as bridleways.

Suffolk Coastal now publish a monthly events list. An event can be added free of charge by attending a local Tourist Information Office or phoning Mrs. Donovan on 01394 444451. It will be displayed in Tourist Offices, and libraries.

There has been an outline planning proposal for a new dwelling to be built between numbers 2 and 14, Keightley Way. This was discussed at the meeting and the clerk is to write and object to the proposal.

The Fountain Inn has applied for a Public Entertainment Licence so that more than two people can perform at once. The Council agreed to seek to restrict the licence to Friday and Saturday evenings, stopping soon after 11.00pm. Rosemary and Peter Bailey (the publicans) were happy to agree to these times with only occasional extensions for special occasions.

Clerk reported that the appeal by Messers Ramsey to permit motorsports on Hill Farm has been refused following the Public Inquiry.

The next meeting will be on December 3rd 1996 at the village hall and all residents are welcome.

### Welcome!

Val Cooke has joined us to live in Mr. Catlin's old house with her children; Kharis, (10), Jordan, (7), and Joshua, (21mnths). Val's baby is due soon and we wish her well. She comes from Ipswich and works as a nurse who we can imagine, doing her work, with her very cheery

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**TO**

**JAMES KERRY, IAN ARCHER,**

**FAY COMPTON, TONY FRENCH (551)**

**AND ANYONE ELSE THAT I**

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# Grower's Diary -September

As this Summer's annuals begin to fade it is time to prepare for next Spring. I hope your displays this year



w e r e successful and gave you lots of pleasure. In the main I found most of the usual half hardy annuals gave an

exceptionally good show of colour despite the lack of rain, feeding and watering was essential and paid dividends. Hopefully we will not get any more damaging gales or early frosts so hanging baskets, tubs and pots should continue to flourish for a few more weeks.

Now is the time to begin planting Daffodils and Narcissi bulbs. It is a good idea to throw groups of bulbs onto the ground and plant each bulb about five inches deep where it has landed to get a natural look. Tulip bulbs should be planted a little later.

Prepare borders, working in some humus such as peat or garden compost. I do not recommend the addition of fertiliser in the Autumn; it usually gets washed away. Wait until early Spring. After clearing the borders plant out Winter flowering Pansies, Polyanthus, Bellis Daisies, Wallflowers, Forget-me-Nots, and Sweet Williams. Don't be in too much of a hurry - October is my favourite month.

## Pot Grown Christmas Hyacinths.

Plant good-sized, prepared bulbs, singly, in three inch pots filled with bulb fibre, marking the pot with the colour of the bulb. Plunge all the pots in a six inch deep trench, in a spare corner of the garden, then water and cover with newspaper and about three inches of soil. Leave until early November, when they can be lifted and potted on into bowls. By this time each bulb should have a shoot about one inch high. It is best not to mix colours in the same bowl as they flower at different times. Cover the bulb fibre with a little moss, bring into full light in a greenhouse or indoors on a window sill. Water sparingly.



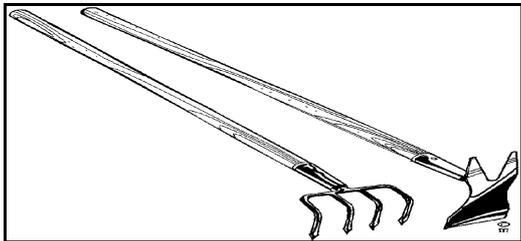
## Cuttings.

Take four inch long stem cuttings of your Geraniums, preferably with no flowers on them. Remove the bottom pair of leaves and make a cut just below the leaf joint. Leave for an hour or two to allow the stem wound to heal and seal itself, do not use hormone rooting powder. Insert the cuttings around the edge of a clay pot filled well with cutting

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compost, to which has been added 25% perlite or vermiculite. Plant cuttings about an inch deep in the compost, 5 to a 5" pot. Temperatures are unimportant but watch out for cold nights if you have put the cuttings on a window sill. Other cuttings that can be taken this month are Fuchsias, Verbenas,



Marguerites, Helichrysum and many shrubs.

**Other Jobs**

Rake and Autumn feed lawns. Lift late crop potatoes,



**Welcome** to Sean who will be moving in to Mary Mason's old house, The Forge, next to Jack and Elaine Lay. Sean comes from Rushmere and is yet another addition to the B.T. complement in the village. Hopefully he will join the panto group, on the practical side. He's been sounded out already...

**Tuddenham Carpet Bowls' Club**

Another very successful Summer League season has just finished with the club finishing as runners up to Belstead C.B.C. - the only team to beat us home and away. At the last A.G.M. a number of committee members did not stand for re-election amongst whom were Pauline and Malcolm Rees. These two have played a leading part in establishing the club and have served on the committee for five years. We wish them well in their "retirement" from committee work.

Over the last few months it has been pleasing to see the membership build up again with a number of new faces enrolling and some old members rejoining. There is, of course, still a welcome for "villagers" who wish to try their hand at a game that is fast growing in popularity round the country. We meet every Monday for a club night at 7.15 in the village hall. there are also occasional Friday night sessions with the Thursday sessions now stopped. We have just started our Winter League programme which seems to be as intense as ever. Most weeks will see the club doing its best to "bowl over" the opposition at some venue or other around the county, from now till March 1997.

*Dave*

**Autumn Fruit Fritters**

6oz plain flour	2 apples
1/2pt milk	1/2lb blackberries
1 egg, pinch salt	caster sugar

Mix batter, peel & chop apples and mix with blackberries. Fry spoonfuls in hot oil and toss in sugar. Serve and enjoy.

*Editor: Sounds great, thanks Denise Read!*

**Where to Eat**  
A guide to the 50 restaurants and tea rooms in Ipswich is available free from Tourist Information Centre in St. Stephen's Church, Ipswich.

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

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Tuddenham St. Martin,  
IP6 9BT**  
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## FROM THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT TO THE TATTLER

Those of us who were around at the start of World War Two will remember and probably still be able to sing, "We're going to hang out the washing on the Siegfried line, Have you any dirty washing mother dear?" - and so on. The song ends, "If the Siegfried line's still there!"

Some of it is still there, as friends and I discovered this Summer while passing through Germany just South of the Rhine.

My sons' eyes glaze over when I start talking about THE WAR. They know I am likely to drone on and on endlessly, and I found the young Germans much the same, which I suppose must be good in some respects. However, there are some things they should know and never forget, for instance the story of the concentration camps, one of which my friends and I visited in July during the same tour.

However, back to 1939/40. We and the French, behind the great chain of fortresses called the Maginot Line were to hold the Germans behind their string of fortresses, the Siegfried Line. Then, when ready, we were going to push forward to Berlin and it would all be over by Christmas. This waiting period was called The Phoney War and we had not even lost a man till December 13th, 1939.

Of course, the German Army struck first, and using new tactics, the *Blitz Krieg* or "lightning war", rolled

the French back well beyond Paris while the British Expeditionary Force withdrew rapidly through Dunkirk. A very narrow squeak indeed.

"Who do you think you are kidding Mr. Hitler, if you think old England's done?" we were now singing, or similar words of defiance.

This Summer, 56 years on, we searched where I thought the old line would be. Lovely rolling wheat fields and forest but no sign of the line.

We came across a group of German campers sitting out in the sun, drinking beer at rough wooden tables. They looked blank, which is not surprising as

none of us speak much German. Fortunately, one of them, Michaela Bleimehl, could speak English quite well. She asked some questions but no, nobody seemed even to have heard of the Siegfried Line. Someone said, "Old Hansie over there, he will know." And

he certainly did

This old soldier, who had been wounded three times in Russia and Hungary, gave us a little lecture and then said that he and another elderly man would take us in their car to the only remaining bunker, number 301.

We travelled about two miles across stony tracks to a small isolated wood. Still nothing could be seen. Hansie gave us another little talk about a Roman road we were standing on and then took us into the wood.

There was this massive, overgrown concrete block house with its gun-ports commanding the whole valley. In the gloomy depths this old man crouched,

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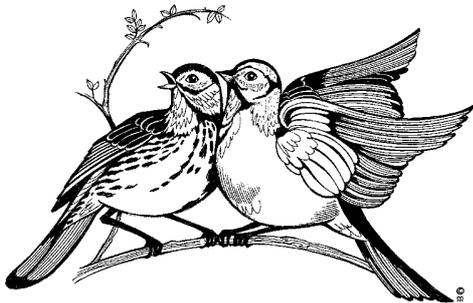
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firing imaginary machine guns at the advancing enemy. Rrrrrrrrr. They really sounded like German Schmeissers, not the slower British Brens or Vickers. "There were thirteen bunkers like this on those hills," he said, re-living his war, "but the Amis blew up the rest."

"Surely that means 'friends' in French," I thought, but he meant the Americans who had come this way in 1945.

I wish I had had a string to hang a few socks out on the old bunker. Hitler's 1000 year Reich only lasted twelve years but the old fortress will probably still be there in 3,000 A.D.

We shook hands, said "Auf Wiedersehn" and set off back to England. We're all Europeans now aren't we?



R. T.



Welcome

Sue and John have recently moved into 19, The Street. John who is Portuguese met Sue, who is a nurse, while working on the cruise ship Meridian, sailing round the Caribbean. Are they yet more Panto prospects....

## A sad tale



Recently a lovely, long haired, Persian-faced kitten was dumped by someone in the yard of Manor Farm. No doubt the person responsible thought that as Manor Farm is home to many cats one more would not matter. Mrs. Janet Welham is very concerned and emphasizes that farm cats and dogs are very territorial and do not welcome others. This dumping, she feels, was a very cruel thing to do. However, Janet has found a good home for this abandoned kitten. So all's well that ends well.

*Roving Reporter.*

## Pantomime

Several people have been asking what is happening about the pantomime. Of course it is a bit early to be expecting developments yet. Monica, our leader, says that we shall probably be meeting in late October. However, more details will be given in the next Tattler. If you haven't already done so, spread the news to new residents that being in the panto is great.

**DANGER**

*WELCOME BACK!*  
RALPH TAYLOR IS  
BACK ON THE ROAD.  
GIVE HIM A WAVE - OR  
A WIDE BERTH....

# Never again!

I can't think what possessed me to carry out the idea of a sponsored week's silence, although I thought it a good idea

at the time. I thought the novelty would appeal to those who knew me. Little did I realise what a

strain it would be. But now it is all over I feel it was worth it. So far a thousand pounds has been raised with still a little more to come.

What was it like? Very wearing particularly when youngsters in Ipswich gyrated around me or followed, trying to make me speak. Particularly when people spoke very loudly to me as though I were deaf. Particularly when I couldn't get people to understand my written, scribbled answers to their questions. Particularly when I was taken out for an Indian meal where everyone was chatting and I couldn't join in. Particularly when people felt they couldn't speak to me. Particularly when the phone rang and I couldn't answer. Particularly when Ralph called out to me and I wasn't in sight. And *particularly* when some people looked right through me.

But...I did feel great when people

gave me the thumbs up sign and said good luck when I went shopping. When I was on The Clopton Road, a car drew up and the driver waved at me. I thought it was Brian Hillman but it was a total stranger who said, "I've read about you. I wish my wife and mother-in-law would do the same," and handed

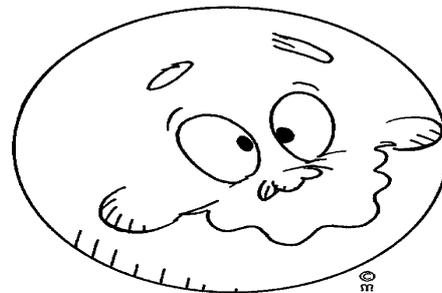
me a donation.

Some of you may have seen the sponsored silence feature on Anglia News. This gave The

Wellington Centre and their Bikeability project a lot of publicity, but no extra sponsors so that all the money I will eventually raise will have come from face to face meetings with very generous people, **that means you.**

**Again, a big thank you to you all, especially to my family for putting up with me.**

*Restricted*



*If you can do small sewing jobs, repairs, etc. please phone 785314.*

# SHHHH!

“Never!”

“What?” (followed by silence.)

“I don’t believe it!”

“You’ll never do it!”

“You mean just during the day, don’t you?”

“What? Seven days! Ninety-eight hours?”

“It’s worth twenty quid to see you trying.”

“I bet Ralph’s looking forward to it.”

These are only a few of the reactions in response to my announcement of :

***I’m going to spend the last week in August in total silence, night and day, will you sponsor me, please? I am asking well in advance to give you time to consider. I hate it when someone springs a sponsor form on me.***

What’s it for? Well, I haven’t quite decided but certainly some will go to The Wellington Centre which helps people with disabilities. We mentioned in previous Tattlers how some were taken out on specially adapted bikes, some even with a wheelchair attached. The rest will go to a specific, very worthy cause, which will be on the sponsor form, and in any advertising I use.

So if you see a grandma, wearing a sandwich board, and carrying a collecting bucketing bucket, yes, in addition to sponsoring, during the last week in August, you’ll know it is me. Wherever I go I shall wear the boards giving detailed information. I won’t be able to say “Hello” to you but a smile and a nod are just as good, don’t you think? Please help me before August by telling your friends.

*Margaret Taylor,  
Pear Tree Cottage,  
785314.*

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