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“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” it certainly is in Tuddenham at the moment. We have had Harvest Festivals in the Church and Chapel, babies have been welcomed, and there have been plenty of mists.

The sense of community in the village remains strong. I sensed it at the well-attended Parish Council meeting, and at a site meeting in Keightley Way about an outline planning proposal. Residents look after their own interests as well as the interests of others. That “love” is surely the true harvest?



VILLAGE HALL Sat. 23rd November Village Hall

Please bring your jumble, plants, books, toys, white elephant, etc. to Pear Tree Cottage, ☎785314.

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Marco drew the cartoon which brings this issue to life. He is very interested in cartoons so watch out if you have a big nose!!

If you would like to have one of your drawings on our front cover, or any copy included, please contact Maggie on 785314.

Dear Editor,

My brother and I would like to thank all our friends in the village for the lovely cards, good wishes, and kind remarks. Thanks to one and all. We are amazed at receiving so many cards and kind thoughts. We have settled into our new home and it feels as if we have been here much longer than thirteen days. Our neighbours are friendly and kind and have called to introduce themselves, making us feel very welcome and feeling free to ask for any help we may need.

We received a lovely Harvest gift from Beacon Hill School which was much appreciated.

Can we send our best wishes to Janet Welham and trust that after all this time her surgery is successful and that all is well.

Martlesham is warm and friendly; one must say a lovely community spirit, and so peaceful and quiet; we are very happy.

Yours sincerely

Dorothy Green and Neville Whitman.

Editor: I understand that the purchaser is having some work done before moving in to Bridge Cottages. We will offer a welcome at that stage....

Please tell us if you have any news for the Tattler - 785588 or 785314.

New date for Jane Lapotaire:

Jane's poetry reading will be on Dec 15th, this change thanks to a run at Stratford. Contact Mrs. Worswick on 785292 for details.

Admission £5 by programme only, phone 723115 or 727236 for programme in advance.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The clocks go back in October. This means greater opportunities for burglars who love to strike under the cover of darkness. So remember;

- * National statistics show that 64% of burglars gain entry through the rear of the property and 28% get in through the front.
- * Whether at the back or the front most burglaries occur through insecure windows or doors.
- * Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves and many of them do not use force. So when you go out shut your windows and lock your doors.
- * The garage, shed or barn need to be secured with a strong padlock because thieves take valuable items from them as well.

Finally, never leave a ladder lying around, either at night or when you go out as that is almost asking the burglar to have a go!

Janet Wells.

Did you know?

If your child suffers from bullying there is a guidance booklet available from:

**Room 448,
Home Office,
50, Queen Anne's Gate,
London,
SW1H 9AT.**

It is called "Preventing School Bullying, things you can do".

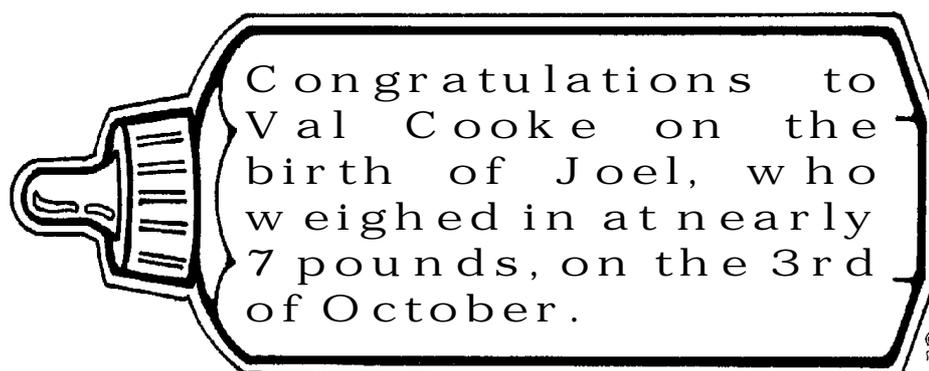
Romanian Child Action

Friends and supporters are invited to the Annual Dance and Supper with music by Swing Machine. This is to be held at the Willis Corroon Sports and Social Centre, The Street, Rushmere on Friday, December 20th at 7.45pm. Tickets are £12.50 each. Please phone 785206 or 210098 to reserve a table.

Fifteen children from the Romanian orphanage will be visiting England from mid-June to mid-July, 1997. Please contact Barbara on 785206 if you can help in any way - financial or otherwise.



Our best wishes to Fay Compton, Howard Weller, Gemma Lugo and her "baby" grandparents, William Jennings and any other birthday



Village Hall Committee

I wrote up this meeting as I was the stand-in Tattler representative.

This was the A.G.M. and we heard that the year had been a good one for improvements with the splendid new toilet facilities though lettings were about average. There had been some donations from The Safari Supper, Parish Council and a grant for the toilets. The hall has had its Public Entertainment Licence renewed.

Malcolm Rees was re-elected as Chair with Fiona Woods as Treasurer and Bob Tanner as Secretary. Nancy Pitcher and Pauline Rees were re-elected as members with Alison Robinette as the Toddler rep, Maggie Taylor for the Tattler, Harold Green for the Chapel, Henry Barfield for the Bowls, Adrian Frost for the T.A.D. P.O.L.E.s, Rene Burnham as the W. I. rep and Gill Cruikshank for the Church. It is hoped that Monica Pipe will agree to be the Over 60s' rep.

Xmas decorations are to go up on 29th Nov. There was much talk about large projects that will improve the hall and its letting potential....time will tell.

Editor.

Ipswich Mobile Library

The van calls at The Fountain car park at 9.40-9.55 on October 29th,

Grower's Diary Autumn

In the garden

Complete the tidying up of borders, removing dead flowers, foliage and weeds to the compost heap. Plant out Spring flowering plants and bulbs as described last month. When frosts have blackened the Dahlias cut them down to leave 6" of stem, lift tubers and store upside down in a frost proof store ensuring they are securely labelled.

Empty hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs and fill with fresh compost if you intend to replant for Spring flowering. Plant out with Pansies, Polyanthus, Dwarf Wallflowers, Daffodil and Tulip bulbs. A good variety of Wallflowers is Fair-lady mixed, not too tall, and excellent colours. Spread the old compost on the borders.



If you have a greenhouse or conservatory you can save your plants (Fuchsia, Geraniums, etc.) - repot with fresh compost, cut back hard to about 6" removing all dead leaves and flowers.

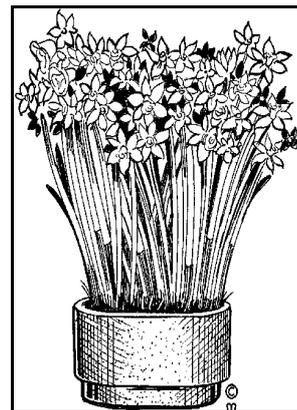
Remember to clean all your containers - wash in Jeyes Fluid - before reuse or storing for next year. Continue to cut lawns, sweep up fallen leaves, rake out moss and apply Autumn lawn food. Commence Autumn digging and in November plant out broad beans - Aquadulce claudia is the best



over Wintering variety.

In the greenhouse

Remove all old Tomato and Cucumber plants and destroy - do not put on the compost heap. If possible remove all plants from the greenhouse and thoroughly clean down glass and staging with Jeyes Fluid (2froz to 1 gall water), shut all doors and windows and leave empty for a few hours for the fumes to kill off insects and diseases.



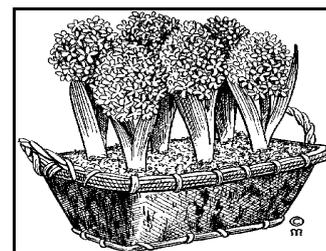
Plants for Christmas

My choice is;

Cyclamen - choose a strong plant with plenty of buds coming, no yellow leaves; look under foliage and reject if you find any aphids - Cyclamen do not like hot conditions.

Poinsetta - choose a nice bushy plant; today Poinsettas come in various colours but I still prefer those with red buds, they generally retain their beauty for many months.

Flowering Hyacinths - usually sold in bowls containing 2-3 bulbs, available in various colours, choose a bowl with buds just beginning to show their colour but not one in full flower. Hyacinths have a wonderful scent and last 2-3 weeks, do not keep in the shade or they will



Suffolk Festival

This year was as breathtaking as ever. Have you ever been to watch? Or even taken part?

The Festival is always at The Corn Exchange, in the month of October, with classes for singers, speech, drama, and music. For a ticket costing £1 you can visit any class during one day so that you might see a nine year old poetry recital class, a grade eight viola class, a jazz and blues solo singing class and a drama class for your money. That's not bad entertainment. eh?

For a bit of preparation, and no little worry, you can take part - there are classes for all age groups and abilities with "taking part" as the only measure of your worth. The adjudicators are always positive and constructive in their comments and marking. Entries have to be in by June.

A last comment is to congratulate all Tuddenham residents who entertained me this year, especially the children in the choral competitions who never fail to impress with their vigour and enthusiasm. See you next year!

CUNNING MESSAGE

I was reading Margaret Taylor's article on her recent week's sponsored silence when I came to the bit when the car on the Clopton Road flagged her down and she thought it was me.

I read on a line or two when, WALLOP! It suddenly struck me. I realised the cunningly disguised message hidden there. Fiendishly clever these teachers, she hadn't yet tracked me down so.....

*Maggie Taylor set sail on her trusty stud,
complete with sticky gag,*

*She saw a carand thought it was me, AHH! the
money is in the bag.*

*To her surprise 'twas an unknown face, but still
a donation came,*

*So Maggie forgive me and please accept this
fiver to hide my shame.*

"Boom Boom"

WELL DONE MARGARET!

Brian Hillman.

Public Entertainment Licence

The Fountain have just been granted a licence by Suffolk Coastal District Council so that they can have more than two live performers in an evening as long as they finish by 11.00pm, on Fridays and Saturdays.

This followed a Sub-Committee meeting at Melton which was attended by several Tuddenham residents.

The publicans - Peter and Rosemary Bailey - were delighted with the result of the meeting and hope that this decision will allow the Fountain to thrive thanks to more staged events. We will try to keep you informed....

MRS. D.O. READ

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Dear Editor,

Ken Minter - some of you might remember him as the milkman in the village some time ago - is a member of the Waldringfield Golf Club.

Ken plays golf with one arm after losing the other through the side effects of cancer. He went to a Christian Faith Healer to be cured and has an amazing story to tell.

Why not come and hear his story at the Tuddenham Chapel at 6.15pm on Sunday, 10th November. I am sure it will give us all food for thought.

The service also includes a time of praise and worship and vocal items.

You will be made very welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Terry Green.

Dear Editor,

On Thursday, 10th October, my car was stolen from the car park in front of the Church.

It was driven along the bridleway leading from Green Lane to Seven Cottage Lane, Rushmere. The car was found early on Friday, crashed. On inspection it was found to be a "right off".

I felt shocked as this has never happened before and being stranded high and dry was a nuisance to say the least.

Unfortunately my medical boxes, which should not, of course, have been left in the car, were damaged.

Well, I now wheels again and I live in hope that when I get up in the morning it will be where I left it"

I would like to thank my neighbours who rallied round and helped with school lifts for the boys. THANK YOU. It is very heartening to be living amongst such kind and considerate neighbours.

Denise Read.

Recent W.I. Meetings

The July meeting was a garden meeting at Mrs. Cable's house, when a member, Mrs. Denise Read, gave us a very interesting talk on Chiropody. For August three local evening walks were arranged in place of a meeting.

At the first meeting following the Summer break we had a very interesting talk on "Gardening for wildlife" by Mr. Harvey from Suffolk Wildlife Trust, who thoroughly enjoys his work.

On 8th October Mrs. Joan Field spoke to us about the wild flowers of Western Australia accompanied by colourful slides of the flowers which range from ground cover to bushes 12ft high.

We are having a birthday meeting on 29th October and our A.G.M. followed by a beetle drive on November 12th. At the final meeting of the year on December 10th there will be a talk by Peter Driver on "The Oddities and Follies of Suffolk".

New members will be very welcome at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the village hall.

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Dear Editor,

Esme and I are now having to say "Goodbye" to our Tuddenham friends. We move in early November to Coddendam where I was given Church ministry responsibilities a year ago. It has been a strange year for us, continuing to live in dear, familiar Tuddenham, but putting our energies into three other villages.

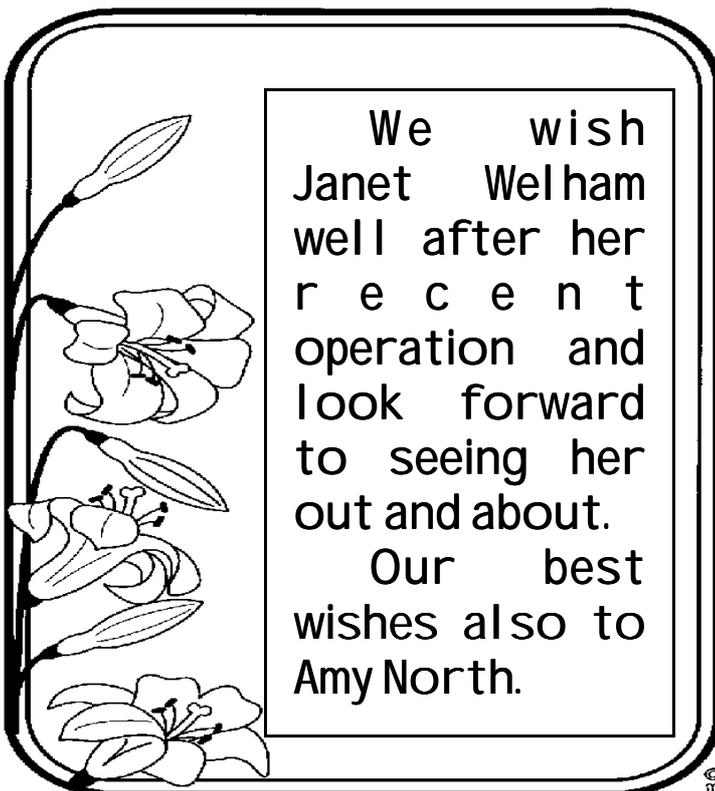
Please let us know the date of the pantomime (Boo, Hiss) and when the Carpet Bowl's Club triumphs again: at

Chanters Mead,
School Road,
Coddendam
IP6 9PA.
Tel. 01449 760631

We know you will give a Tuddenham welcome to our successors, the Trotmans, who are coming from Sproughton.

Michael Stone.

Editor: So, at last the Stones are rolling! They have been troublesome neighbours to us - all that noise,



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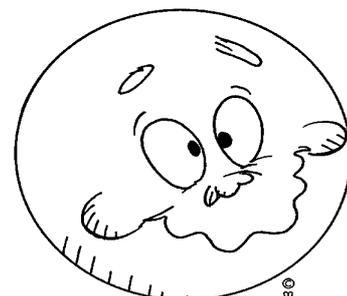
If you plan to go out shooting in the Tuddenham area could you please contact P.C Stirling Yeatman first on 383460 as he needs to know who is shooting to control illegal use of guns in our countryside.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN VILLAGE HALL, TUESDAY, DEC 3RD, 7.30PM. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME - PLEASE PHONE CLERK ON 785588 IF YOU WANT TO PUT ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Another big thank you from Maggie Taylor now that she has a final total for her sponsored silence of

£1419.

This money will be spent on a specially adapted bicycle for The Wellington Centre in Ipswich.



Local History Hallowe'en

Oo-er! Hallowe'en approaches and the youngsters will have fun with candle-lit pumpkins and witches' masks. Some will try on the



American import "Trick or Treat". October 31st was originally the last day of the Celtic year

when witches, warlocks and other bad spirits were supposed to fly around all night.

Later, the Christian Church adapted these beliefs to fit in with All Saints' Day, November 1st. Thus, the night before is All Hallows' Eve or Hallowed.

All a bit of fun these days but in Ancient times it was taken far more seriously.

Recently I attended a very interesting talk by Mr. David Jones of Ipswich Museums about the terrifying



campaign against witchcraft in Ipswich and district during the 1640's. The lecture room was packed and dozens of

people were turned away. We seem to have a folk memory about this sort of thing. Witches appear in stories, films, plays or pantomimes (I know of at least

two terrifying ones from this village); they are usually frightening and nearly always female though in reality some were said to be male.

Mr. Jones reminded us that the period he referred to was during the English Civil War. Ipswich was solidly Roundhead and against King and Cavaliers. The old walls had been strengthened, the gates were locked at night and the streets patrolled by an armed watch.

There was an atmosphere of unrest, suspicion and worry. New cannon had been bought and a great chain was stretched across Stoke Bridge. The enemy was at Colchester and could ride across country to attack without warning.

We were told of several case histories where neighbour informed on neighbour. In this poisonous atmosphere denouncements were made and possibly old scores were settled. A number of these unfortunate people were tried, subjected to "tasks" and although sometimes found not guilty, they all suffered in the process.

The trials were conducted by the equivalent of Town or Parish Councils, although there were travelling Witchfinders like Matthew Hopkins of Manningtree who offered to do the job for a fee.

Suffolk people were quite used to the idea of burning people for their sins. Less than a hundred years previously Mary I (Bloody Mary), a fervent

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Catholic, had ordered a campaign against the Protestants of whom there were many in East Anglia.



At least nine were burned on the Cornhill in Ipswich and their names are recorded on a monument in Christchurch Park. Dr. Taylor of Hadleigh was another who was

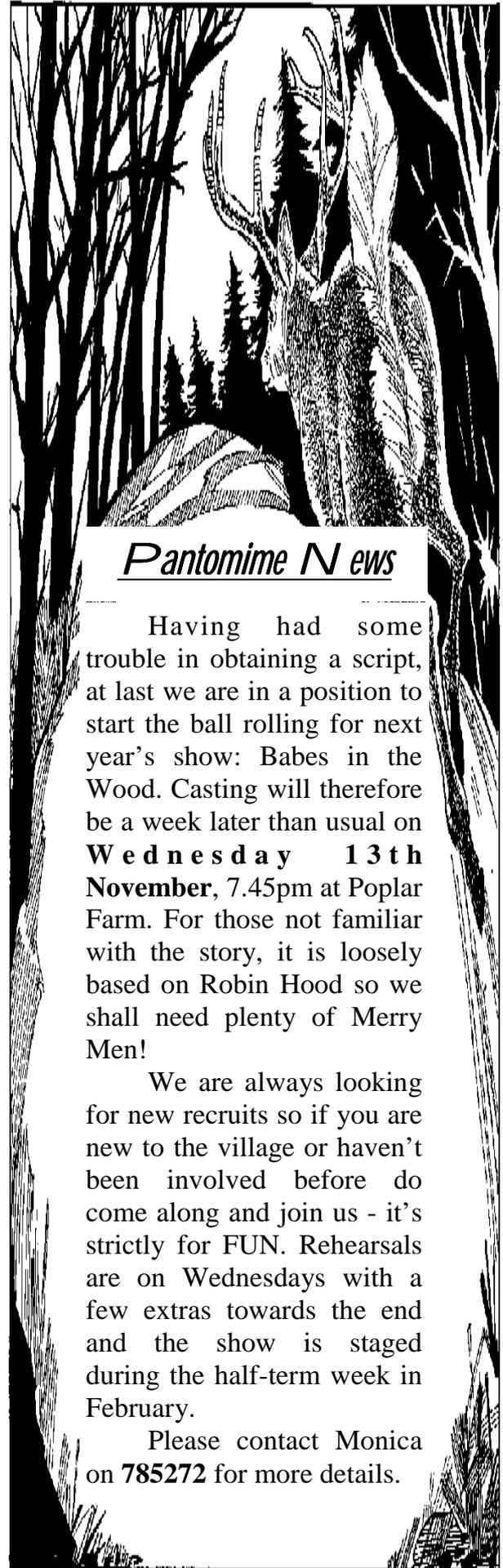
burned alive, defying the authorities until a sympathetic jailer knocked him on the head.

Religious differences would have had some bearing on the attitude to witchcraft, said Mr. Jones. Suffolk was intensely Puritan. Anything to do with Roman Catholicism had to be rooted out and this would have been when Tuddenham Church lost its statues and the wooden saints in the nave roof were beheaded.

These people who fingered their rosaries and muttered strange words to images, were they practising magic? They were suspect and might have to be dealt with. So the women witches were burned and the men hanged. Rushmere Heath was a favourite place. They had become more humane over a hundred years. The women were strangled first before going on the fire. They were not hanged like the men because people might see up their skirts as they hanged. Decency had to be preserved after all.

All this is a ghastly mixture of ignorance and superstition but is also fascinating. How could people have done these things? We would never think of acting like this, would we?

Remember, however, the Nazis who fifty odd years ago were gassing and



Pantomime News

Having had some trouble in obtaining a script, at last we are in a position to start the ball rolling for next year's show: Babes in the Wood. Casting will therefore be a week later than usual on **Wednesday 13th November**, 7.45pm at Poplar Farm. For those not familiar with the story, it is loosely based on Robin Hood so we shall need plenty of Merry Men!

We are always looking for new recruits so if you are new to the village or haven't been involved before do come along and join us - it's strictly for FUN. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays with a few extras towards the end and the show is staged during the half-term week in February.

Please contact Monica on **785272** for more details.

The Fountain Inn has given The Tattler a copy of their bookings and events list. It is full of variety.

Sat. 2. Nov. Car boot sale in the car park which starts at 11.00am. Pitches are only £2.50. This is to be a regular feature on the first Saturday of each month. Hot dogs, burgers, tea and coffee will be available and the pub will open as normal at 11.00.

Sat. 2. Nov. Lagabag and Morris Folk evening with bangers and mash supper. The dancers will perform at 8.00pm in the car park with some log braziers to keep spectators and dancers warm.

Sat. 9. Nov. A local duo "Live and Picking" will be playing 50/60's soft rock and pop music.

Sat. 16. Nov. Karaoke night - come and see the antics!

Sat. 23. Nov. The very popular Justin Case returns with a new formation called "Odds and Ends" - again 50&60's music with some 70's.

Sat. 30. Nov. Dave Cass (soloist) singing 60&70's country and pop music.

I have been trying to put together details of the annual pumpkin growing competition held on the 12th - I have not got much but, - not so many entries this year as it has been a bad year for pumpkins and marrows - winners in the growing competition were;

Pumpkin: 1st Keith Risby (106lbs)
2nd Steve Felgate (64lbs)
3rd Dotsy Offord

Marrows: 1st Dotsy Offord (22lbs)
2nd Brassy Lambert

This year we also held a pumpkin carving competition which attracted some dozen entries. The winner for the best sculpture was Paul Robinson and the runner up was Danielle Bailey. The "best dressed pumpkin" was won by Luvvy Muttitt. It is hoped that the carving competition will continue next year and that we get a lot more entries. Total amount raised was £115 which will be given to the Maclean Trust in Ipswich for their work in wheelchair training.

Woodbridge Sector Policing Forum

To be held on Saturday, November 14th at 7.30pm at the Kesgrave Bowls Pavilion, this forum is to get your views on policing priorities for 1997-8. This is your chance to meet the Commander of the sector.

Phone 01473 613500 for details.

Thank you

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all friends and neighbours for their flowers, cards and get well messages sent to me during my recent illness. Your thoughts and kindness were very much appreciated. I am pleased to say that I am now feeling much better and getting a little stronger every day. Sincere thanks to you all

Violet Lugo.