

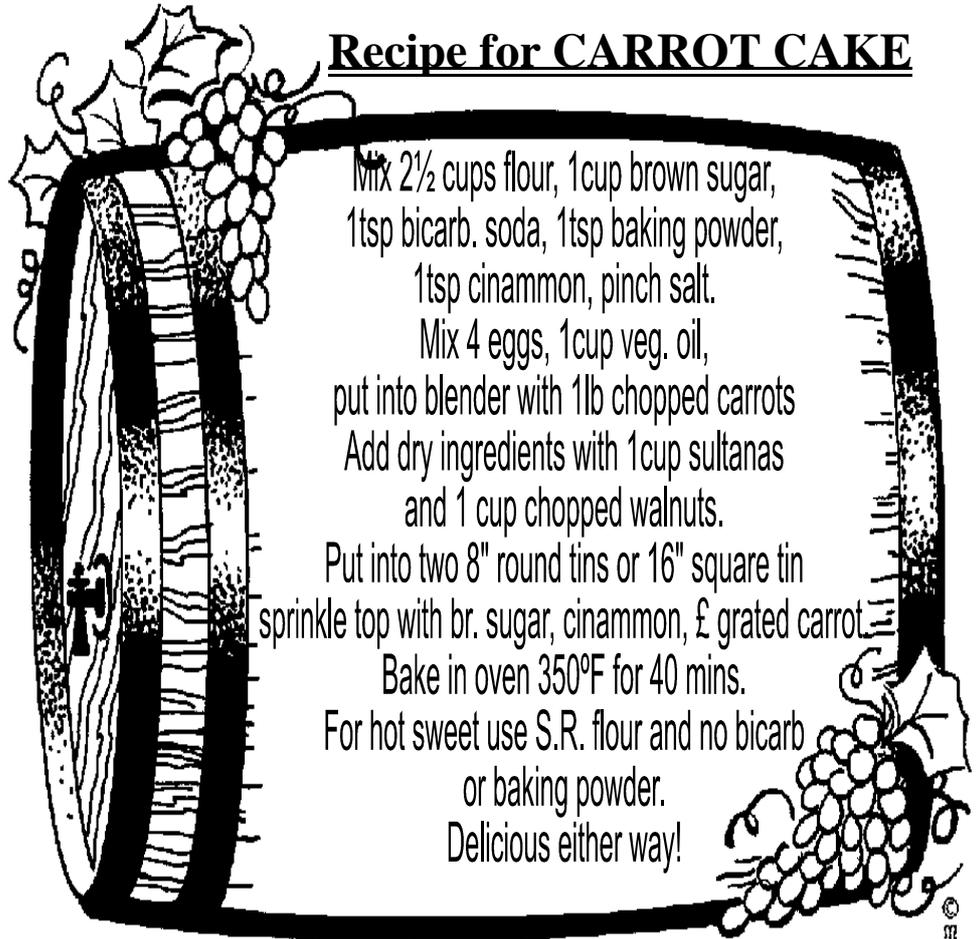
# The Tuddenham Tattler

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O.K. so you have noticed that the February issue of The Tattler is out in March - well you must have heard of March Hares... Actually my excuse is two fold - first my kitchen (and computer room) has been taken over as the flood damage is repaired then the Roving Reporter roamed without permission bringing more delays. Now the team are reunited and we are all rejoicing at the signs of Spring in Tuddenham.

Did you miss the talk by James Baker from the Greenway Project before the Parish Council meeting? See page seven. The village of the year competition is a possibility this year; could you be the person to help run our entry? One last thought - would you like to take part in a yoga class if it could be set up in the village hall?



## Recipe for CARROT CAKE

Mix 2½ cups flour, 1cup brown sugar, 1tsp bicarb. soda, 1tsp baking powder, 1tsp cinammon, pinch salt.  
Mix 4 eggs, 1cup veg. oil, put into blender with 1lb chopped carrots  
Add dry ingredients with 1cup sultanas and 1 cup chopped walnuts.  
Put into two 8" round tins or 16" square tin  
sprinkle top with br. sugar, cinammon, & grated carrot  
Bake in oven 350°F for 40 mins.  
For hot sweet use S.R. flour and no bicarb or baking powder.  
Delicious either way!

*Thanks, Rosemary, for this delicious recipe. I gather all the food served at The Fountain is up to this standard so it seems I will have to pop round some*

We have run out of space in this issue but in the next issue we hope to have a map of the new areas accessible for walking in the Fynn Valley courtesy of Mr. Pipe, Poplar Farm. Perhaps, by then, Josef Timothy will have arrived giving joy to

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## Suffolk Wildlife Trust- Parish Hedgerow Survey.

We are planning to run a pilot project to survey and record hedgerows in Tuddenham, Westerfield and Witnesham. Anyone who is concerned about the conservation of wildlife and landscape is invited to attend a meeting at

**Tuddenham Village Hall,  
7.15pm on April 15th.**

Guest speakers will talk about hedgerows and explain the idea of the survey. The aim is to raise public awareness and appreciation of wildlife locally whilst encouraging active participation at parish level, where so much can be done. We hope to create a Parish Map Record to use as a future conservation effort basis. We want to see more people speaking up on behalf of wildlife. *Tickets are not required, Just come!*

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# THIN BLUE LINE

As the New Year is well established, so are we - the Thin Blue Line is growing!

Not in police power, but area wise. I am beginning to find my feet. Crime reports - so far so good, all major crimes very low with by-pedlars to the area found and dispatched from the area post haste! These people are easily identifiable, being unkempt and scruffy with large bags. If in doubt ask for the pedlar's licence which is their authority to trade. It must be signed, authorised and readable - if not, **call me A.S.A.P.**

Once again "Horsewatch" has no takers; we have the stables and horses but no security! I have the leaflets and advice, please put it to good use.

Do we have scouts/rangers/cubs/brownies? Do you need a visit from the Thin Blue Line? Give me a ring - drop me a line, I will fit you in.

Crime prevention - need some advice? Drop me a line!

Lost dogs - new policy update with the National Strays Bureau - if interested, give me a ring.

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**THANK YOU**

May I say a big thank you for the very generous gift from the Tattler quiz evening. We have decided to put this to our work with the young people at the youth club and will buy a number of indoor games which will supplement our snooker and table tennis etc. For anyone who is interested the club is held fortnightly at the Chapel from 7.00-8.30pm on Friday evenings - best to ring 785804 if you are not sure of the date. The next evening is on 21st March.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Our best wishes to Joe Simpson, Joshua Todd, John and Rob Kerry, Mat Nicholls, Edward and George Jennings, Amy North, Andrew Stockdale, and all the other Tuddenham Residents who are young at heart!

Please tell us if we forget your birthday as you may not be on our "data base"!

Best wishes also to all mums for Mothering Sunday.

**discovering suffolk!**

This group meet every Monday evening through term time and last week I went to one of their meetings with Ralph Taylor at the suggestion of "Twinkle" of whom, more later....

The talk was by Clifford Wrate, an ex defective inspector from Scofland Yard. Humour was the theme of his talk though The Red Barn Murder was his subject. We heard of William Corder's murderous intentions towards Maria Marten and what happened next... Social comment on the status of women and children in the early 1800's was very interesting (did you know that the last woman was sold at Derby Market in 1800's for £7?) as were the displays from the Moyse's Hall Museum, Bury St. Edmunds, shown on postcard - a potential day out some day...

The history group were once an evening class but have now been independent for three years. They have talks for two terms a year and then outings in the Summer term.

Contact Jack Chapman on 01394 380598 or Mike on 01473 214494 if you would like more details.

## A NEW RECRUIT

“Oh! Would you read a part?” The voice came from the person nearest the door as I squeezed into Poplar Farm that fated November evening. Around twenty people were crammed into the room clutching copies of a document. A document that would soon strike dread into my very veins....

I had called to collect my daughter Clare who had signed up for a speaking part in the 11th T.A.D.P.O.L.E.

pantomime in a half hearted way. It is all consuming and very enjoyable it is too. Working with a thoroughly agreeable bunch of Tadpoles, being welcomed in so quickly, and making new friends is just as important as staging the production. If you don't play darts, seldom frequent The Fountain or worship at one of our churches in the village the pantomime is an excellent way to join in and make our village work as a community. Not that I suggest doing so to the disregard of the other activities I mentioned. They too are important village forums (or

# B a b e s i n

pantomime. Despite coming into the village in 1987 I had managed to avoid, thus far, all contact with the epic February productions. My former skills as stage manager and latterly in film production I had kept well hidden 'lest someone dragged me screaming into the next production.

“I'm just a taxi driver,” I protested to no avail. “Never mind,” I thought, “they simply need a voice for the rehearsal, it's safe enough.” How wrong I was!

Now here is a warning for all Tuddenhamites. Never, but never, walk past Poplar Farm in November. Believe me, the Press Gangs are alive and well, they simply masquerade as pantomimers.

The thing is, you can't be in the

rather forai).

Village panto it may be, the stage may well be tiny and portable and the actors amateur but our panto is directed with a professionalism that would not go amiss on many a film set. Monica Pipe is no tyrant but she certainly knows how to chivy the troops up and get results. Among the cast there are some pretty experienced and capable actors - whatever the name T. A.D.P.O.L.E.s means - and they do learn their lines! No autocue here, it's the real McCoy. Erica, Rob, Bob.... effusive from the second week! The new recruits soon learned that a script in hand was not the way to rehearse. Mind you, we got our own back when finally, on performance, Monica joins the adult chorus. At last someone can tell her what to do!

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“Guess what Mum?” my daughter exclaimed with glee as she burst in the door. “Dad’s in the pantomime.”  
“Oh no you’re not!” came the incredulous reply from a wise wife, knowing only too well how ridiculously busy my calendar is.

“Oh yes I am.....”

# the Wood

So now I’m a king. My subjects pay me little homage for next year I might just as easily be a peasant or a fool. Oh dear! Did I say next year? Now where are those ski holiday brochures?

*His regal Majesty King Richard the Lionheart, Alias Allister Compton.*

*Editor: This must be one of the earliest “volunteers” of the year, if not ever.....*



Dear Editor,

The village hall was packed full for each

performance of The Babes in the Wood, the T. A.D.P.O.L.E.s 1997 panto.

It was such fun and went with a swing. The joy and enthusiasm of the cast soon had us joining in and laughing. The large cast made good use of a small stage, so well drilled whether in the dancing, the battles or the chase which was most

squirrels or the birds.

The momentum was kept up by Alan Forsdike’s skill on the keyboard and the production was headed by Monica Pipe.

We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously. I know how much preparation had gone into the show by so many. Congratulations to you all and thank you.

effectively heightened by strobe lighting.

The set design and painting created the atmosphere and character of no less than seven sets. These backed up with the amazing costumes, notably the woodlands scene, were so convincing that three year old Emma Lunney slipped off her Grandpa’s knee saying, “I’m going to join the rabbits” which she did but only after careful examination of tails so as to be sure she had neither joined the

*Elizabeth Gunn.*

*Editor: Was that you we saw pushing her way eagerly up onto the stage, Elizabeth? Not another volunteer for next year.....*



A thoroughly good and enjoyable evening, provided by the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s. For us the main thing that shone through was the enthusiasm and enjoyment that all members portrayed with some good performances, but a very professional one from the sheriff.

## Unicorn Theatre

Have you come across this little gem in Ipswich? It is next to the now empty carpet warehouse in Foundation Street and on the premises you can find dance studios, a theatre, and a cafeteria - with very reasonable prices for a snack . There is limited parking available. At the front there is a shop with all things dramatic and balletic. The costumes for hire look worthy of investigation for next year's panto. They hire out stage sections, smoke machines, flashes, lights, sound systems, set designs and lots more as well as hiring out the theatre which seats 110 and comes with basic lighting, P.A., Front of House, Box Office and ticket production and coffee bar - could this be the venue for that surprise event?!?

Enough of this, go and see for yourself. Let me finish with the forthcoming attractions:

**March 11th** Living Theatre, Last Nocturne by Chris McCullough (Chopin Sand Affair)

**May 1-2nd** Mad Dogs and Englishmen, The Country Wife by William Wycherley

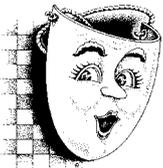
**May 17th** The Ipswich Magical Society - Gala Show

**June 13-15th** Stage Fright Theatre Company - Youth Variety Show

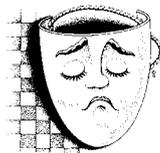
**July 26-27th** Suffolk Academy of Dance and Performing Arts Review Show

**August 28-30th** Ipswich School - Abigail's Party by Mike Leigh.

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18th March,

1st April,

15th April,

29th April,

13th May and so on.

When bank holidays clash you get an extra two weeks for your books. Each user can take out up to six books for up to four weeks at no charge. **Phone 588522.**

This week I noticed that there is a stock of "Talking books" on the shelves. Would this benefit anyone in Tuddenham?

The mobile library van is a marvellous facility in Tuddenham and the motto is;

**"Use it or lose it!"**

### **IPSWICH LIBRARY**

Another marvellous facility for book readers but have you explored all the other options offered by the library? They have videos for children and adults, cassettes, C.D.s, and talking books. Recently they have offered access to the internet, free! You can book hour slots or turn up on the off chance. There are also C.D. Roms for the children in their section of the library or to take out if you order them at the information desk.

Now is your chance to become computer literate for free!

## GREENWAYS

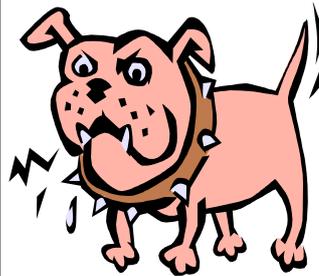
On 4th March, at 7.00pm, James Baker from The Greenways Countryside Project came to give a presentation to the Parish Council and audience regarding the future maintenance of various areas in the village. He had already walked round the village the previous week with Councillor Joan Bloomfield and the clerk and was now kindly giving up his evening.

The first area under discussion was footpath three, known as "Backlane" which goes up behind the church. After consultation with the Rights of Way Officer for the area, Fiona Clark, who had also joined the clerk on a site meeting, he recommended that the path surface be improved to facilitate access for pushchairs and the less able. He suggested digging out the path to about four feet leaving a flat base upon which hoggin (a mixture of sand, gravel and clay) would be laid to a depth of 6-8 inches. This would be flattened using a "whacker plate" to make a hard, durable surface. Hopefully with this improvement tipping of waste would subside. Materials and equipment hire would cost £500 with, hopefully, volunteer labour.

Mr. Baker also discussed the verge at the entrance to Fynn Lane where he suggested two annual cuts, starting in the Summer, to promote wild flowers, with the cuttings removed to reduce the nutrient level of the soil. The dead Elms should be felled and the live ones coppiced to

## Fixed Fines

Noel Peck cut out an interesting article from the Evening Star about a new scheme proposed by Suffolk Coastal District Council which will provide for instant fines of £25 for dog fouling with fines of up to £1000 after court action where there have



been complaints about dog owners. This will mean it will be an offence not to use a poop scoop in all playing fields, parks, and pavements and roads where there

is a speed limit of less than 40 m.p.h.

There is to be extensive public consultation with residents and parish councils allowed to comment in the next six months.

The final decision is in August so why not contact the Parish Council with your

prolong their lives. This tree work would cost around £60.

Areas of grass at the bottom of Church Hill and opposite The Fountain should also be cut in the Summer initially with cuttings removed. Mr. Baker was pleased with progress at the village hall pond and has arranged for the two willow trees to be coppiced in the near future to allow more light into the pond.

The Parish Council were very grateful for the time Mr. Baker had spent on researching his presentation and at the Parish Council Meeting, afterwards, decided to take his advice though aware that not all residents were in favour of these proposals. See Council report on page 8.

# Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting followed on after the Greenways presentation.

Joan Bloomfield offered to be the new Tree Warden.

The Clerk reported that Anglian Water have agreed to replace the dead trees and hedging around the sewage treatment works this Spring. She also reported that Highways are assessing the overhanging trees on the double bend into the village from Ipswich, and up the side of The Hill. They are considering the need for action regarding slippery, wet leaves on the bend near the Chapel as this may have contributed to a recent accident when the Chapel wall was damaged. The clerk had further estimates for grass cutting in the village.

Dr. Wells suggested that Lorry management philosophy should go on the agenda of the next A.G.M. for the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as speeding and heavy lorries do cause a nuisance on narrow country lanes such as

those through Tuddenham.

The Millennium and the Village of the Year were discussed - see on.

It was agreed to follow the advice of Mr. Baker regarding land management in the village so as to promote wildlife whilst keeping footpaths open for public use - a duty of the council.

There was some discussion on procedure initiated by a useful topics book the Council have just acquired. It was suggested that the meetings be more formal with less speaking from the audience though it was agreed that the public have helpful opinions which could aid discussion. Where possible residents should submit their views in writing to the clerk before the meeting, or please phone 785588.

**The next meeting is on Tuesday, 6th May and will start at 7.00pm**

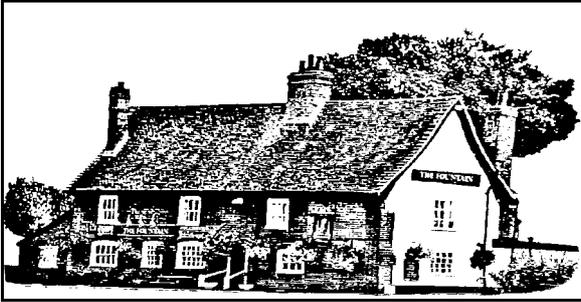
## Village of the Year.

The annual invitation to take part in this event has come to the Parish Council and this year it is for our sized villages. This is a competition where community spirit and village appearance have equal weight. We have done well every time we have entered in the past. Do we want to enter this time???

The Council felt it was best to measure opinion in Tuddenham before deciding. Would you like to be on a committee to run our entry? Ideally we would want five or more people so each could take on different responsibilities and help to shoulder the load. The prizes are much bigger than previous years - £3000 for the winner! Please contact me - the clerk - on 785588 if you are interested.

## The Millennium

Again the Council seek public opinion on this matter. Do villagers wish to mark the anniversary in any way - a fête, some work in the village, for example? Please contact the clerk on 785588 if you have any ideas or views on this subject..... The Council discussed arranging a fête where all village organisations were invited



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**March 29th, 8pm** Live & Picking - 50/60's rock

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The car boot sales are due to restart in April and will be the first Saturday of each month from 10-12am. Pitches can be booked for £2.50

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## tuddenham vil l age hal l committee meeting

This meeting was on February 25th. There has been much discussion at recent meetings with regard to the future development of the village hall partly because maintenance requirements offer the possibility of change, but mainly because it was thought that the Millennium Commission might be a source of funds for radical improvements to the hall for everyone's benefit. In the end it seems that such funding is unlikely to be obtainable for us - the Millennium Commission projects are on a much grander scale than anything we would want to attempt - and, furthermore, there is to be a change in the way that public funds are going to be made available for village halls in particular, though it is not exactly clear how we shall benefit. Consequently, the Village Hall Committee has agreed to go ahead with some refurbishment work that will improve access, continue general maintenance requirements and brighten up the interior. Over the coming months work will take place to provide a non-slip path for pedestrians up the main driveway, repair and repaint the outsides of the windows and doors, and re-decorate the inside of the hall, including new curtains.

*Bob Tanner*

*Secretary.*

# Q u i z Q u e s t i o n s

Following the outing to the "Discovering Suffolk" evening talk I asked the Chairman of the group to set me some teasers for this Tattler. I Hope you enjoy doing them - as ever answers next issue. I also hope to have some history articles from the same source for future issues....

- ◆ What do we now call "The German Ocean"?
- ◆ If the new market is at Newmarket where was the old market? and for a bonus, why?
- ◆ Which villages/hamlets are respectively furthest North, South, East and West in Suffolk?
- ◆ Where in a Church would one find a;
  - ⇒ Piscina
  - ⇒ Sedilia
  - ⇒ Aumbry?

Apparently we would know all the answers if we joined the group!!

National Spring Clean Week

18-27th April

Phone 785588 for details

## A n s w e r s :

The initials from last issue represented the following nursery rhymes;

S.S.M.D.      *See saw Margery Daw*

T.T.L.S.      *Twinkle twinkle little star*

H.D.D.      *Hickory dickory dock*

## Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to all who contributed to the collection for the Poppy Appeal this year. As ever Tuddenham

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The next Tattler is due out in March if all goes well, so please give any articles, adverts, etc. that you may have to our Roving Reporter at Pear Tree Cottage, or phone 785314 as soon as possible. Thank you for