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WATCH OUT!

There are photos from the pantomime set into various pages in this issue. I hope they communicate the joy of the performers - if you are considering joining the "merry men" for their next production let me assure you - it is fun (Monica told me that so it must be true.)

The June issue will celebrate our fifth birthday and we hope to make it a bumper issue, full of colour and interesting articles. Please phone 785314 if you want to contribute.

Watch out for the super competition which is open to all, residents and "outsiders". There will be super prizes - £25 is just one on offer. There are some clues on this page if you want to start practising!

*Bob and Helen,
eh The Friar and Alan a Dale*

With Spring has come good news. Babies have been born - see inside - and we congratulate the parents, but just as important are the other things happening which also bode well for the future.

Special mention must go to the four lads who ran a stall at the Fountain Car Boot Sale. Isn't it great to see young people taking the lead in thoughtfulness *and* acting upon it? I will certainly try to support them on 7th June.

What more promise for the future? Yes, residents of Tuddenham were seen cleaning out all the rubbish from the River Fynn near Rosemary Bridge. We have a lovely parish so it is heartening to hear of people caring for it.

At a recent Suffolk Coastal meeting I talked to clerks who had problems with drugs, crime, vandalism we have our problems but nothing like some places. Is not Tuddenham a part of paradise? How lovely that Spring has brought more good

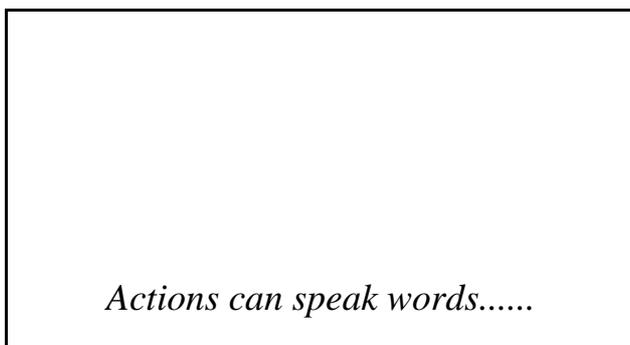
*Nanny with Grantilla and Phil,
A.K.A. Mike, Dave and Rob.*

If you want to make a sign-read on!

When I stopped working full time in September 1995 I decided that I would learn British Sign Language, something I had been interested in for a few years. I tried to join a class in Ipswich but it is so popular that I was too late. So I spent a year going off to Felixstowe on a Tuesday night.

There were ten on my course, all ages and all professions. Funnily enough our tutor, Margaret, was deaf. I hadn't expected this. After all, how does someone who cannot speak teach sign language to a group of hearing novices? Somehow it worked, a mixture of overheads, work sheets, scribbles on the white board and guess work. You may think a sign language class would be very quiet. Not at all. We laughed a lot and, especially to start with, we had to try very hard not to talk while we signed as that is cheating.

Before long we were able to have a



conversation in B.S.L. although you could almost hear the cog wheels grinding as we tried to remember the next sign. It felt very much like my school experiences of learning foreign languages - *slow!* There is a B.S.L. alphabet which is used for finger spelling the names of people, places and unknown words. I realised very quickly why whole word signs developed. I thought I was a

good speller but I often struggle to string the signed letters together to make a recognisable word, especially when I am watching someone else.

There are regional variations in signs for particular words, a bit like dialect and accent in spoken English which can be rather confusing. You also have to forget all the English grammar you were taught which is surprisingly hard to do. B.S.L. misses out most of the connecting words and changes the word order, eg. English - "Yesterday I went to the shops."

B.S.L. - "I go shops yesterday."

Some signs are alarmingly similar like those for "sister" and "pig" which could land you in big trouble! I got myself in a bit of a fix trying to sign that I preferred rugby and rugby players to football and footballers, during a conversation about sport. In fact I signed something far saucier! Suffice it to say that the signs for "play" and "balls" are easily confused.

Ed: Doesn't Dave play football?!!

I passed my stage one exam last July. I am sure it had something to do with the fact that my great grandmother lived to be 101. One part of the exam involved talking and answering questions about your family. Somehow we ended up talking about Great Gran and the examiner spent so long asking questions about her that we ran out of time.

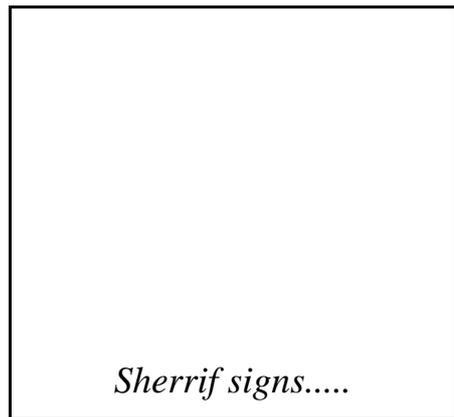
This year I have been studying for stage two which is a two year course. I have been going to Rushmere Hall School on Tuesday mornings to support two deaf boys in Year Six. Actually I am not sure

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who helps the most! I try to sign the teacher's instructions to them and give support with signs during the lesson. If all else fails we "talk" about Ipswich Town Football Club as they are both big fans. I just have to make sure I get all the latest information from David before I go.

Now, as well as new vocabulary we are learning how to use facial expression, placement (to show what is where) and rôle shift, (like using voices for different characters.) Even though I have got better I still cannot follow the B.B.C. 2 signed news, it is just too fast, but I did manage to follow the gist of the signing at



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could do
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someone to

"talk" to. I have tried teaching David, but we have only got as far as "You silly man!" So, if there is anyone out there who can "sign" I would love to meet up for a "chat".

Fiona Woods

FLOORED!

Having just typed Fiona's article I am reminded of an interesting encounter last week. I went to Bond's, in Norwich, with a Tuddenham resident and whilst in the carpet

Choreography excelling.

department we talked to the manager for, perhaps, thirty minutes.

Imagine our surprise then, when on talking of a free concert, to which all account customers are invited every four years, he said that he didn't bother to go for he is stone deaf. We had talked all that time and not known he was lip reading!

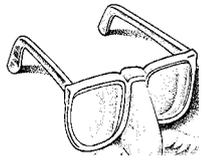
His proficiency was amazing as was his ability to write whilst looking at the customer. He said that people wearing dark glasses made things much harder for him - the eyes tell a great deal about what someone is saying! His other comment was a warning to us all - when someone is lip reading *do not* slow down your speech or exaggerate your lip movements as it makes their job harder.

Encounters like this one and Fiona's story above, remind me how clever and

We were all floored by this feat of energy!

Don't throw old specs away.

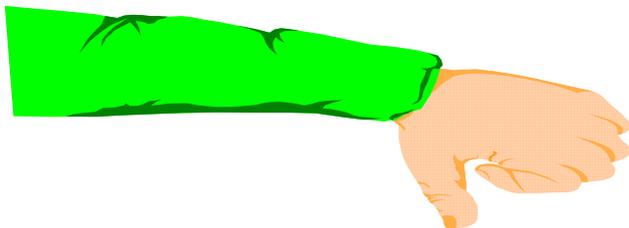
Take them to Boots, the opticians. Pat Tanner wrote to us recently telling us about this scheme. Your old glasses will be checked and distributed to those in the developing world who really need them.



Sight Savers International works hard to bring eyecare to some of the world's poorest communities. They train local staff to run eye clinics, help to establish hospitals which provide sight restoring surgery giving blind children the same educational opportunities as those who can see.

So why not look round now, when you are clearing out drawers, and if you find any old specs take them to Boots.

Tattler Thumbs Down **Award**



How could "The English Patient" have won so many prestigious awards and played to packed houses? I've never looked at my watch so many times during a film. Why didn't I walk out? "Well," I thought, "It has got to get better, in view of the awards." But no, apart from great photography it was an utter bore, a mish mash with

Dear Residents,

I am in urgent need of volunteers to help in the house to house collection in aid of the charity "Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research." The collection is held from Sunday 1st June-Saturday 7th June. If you can help in any way, however small, please ring me, Ian Craig, on 01473 623931. Thank you in advance for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Ian Craig.

FOUR BOYS AND A STALL

At the recent Late Risers' Car Boot Sale there was a stall with a difference. Three boys from the village; James Williamson, James Kerry, Dominic Read and their friend Philip Bradbrook, got together and organised it. Some other pupils from class 9/5 at Northgate School were also very supportive, the reason being their concern about one of their peers, Christopher Olie. Christopher, aged fourteen, had been suffering from suspected M.E. for over a year and is unable to do any activities as his eyes have been affected and is at present unable to walk. He was very keen on rugby and played for a local rugby team. The two James', Dominic and Philip, have visited Christopher in hospital regularly and felt they wanted to help him in some way, hence raising money through this stall. It has not yet been decided what form the help should take. Christopher and his parents will be involved in the final decision. Christopher is very courageous and has kept his sense of humour despite being in constant pain.

*The boys would like to thank all those who came to their stall and also for a very generous donation from someone in the village. They will be there again at the next sale on **Saturday, June 7th**, so if you weren't able to make it last time then try to be there on June 7th.*

Parish Hedgerow Survey

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust invited its members and the local public to a meeting on 15th April to launch this new community project. Representatives of the Trust and the County Council talked on the importance of hedgerows both to wildlife and our much loved rural landscape. It was interesting to hear how their use has changed over the centuries and of their importance, particularly in the past, to the rural economy.

They were once a source of fuel and provided a useful income for farmers. Unfortunately they often, now, represent a maintenance liability for farmers and modern farming practices have led to their

removal. Surprisingly little data currently exists on our hedgerows.

Marya Parkland, community project manager for the Trust, explained how the survey would

proceed. The aim is to involve as many people as possible in surveying small sections of all the hedges in the parish and converting this information to a large scale map. This should provide an interesting archive for the village as well as contributing to a valuable data bank for the whole county. Children are encouraged to help.

If you would like to help, or want further information, please phone John

W.I. NEWS Relax with Reiki

At the April meeting we *should* have been listening to talk and watching slides about the Greek Islands. (All our would-be Shirley Valentines were ready.) Alas, our lady speaker was called into hospital and a replacement had to be quickly found. I was therefore very grateful when a lady agreed to talk to us about Reiki.... What is that? We all arrived asking this question and I suspect, left feeling much the same.... But I must be fair. This was not a demonstration of, say, making a cake, when there is a beginning, middle and proof positive at the end, of success, or abject failure.

Our "guinea pig member" lay on a couch, covered with a blanket, and the speaker laid her hands over her from head to foot with discretion around the "naughty bits" whilst telling the rest of us something about Reiki. I must stress that no miracle cures were claimed or promised and there was no suggestion of replacing accepted medical practices, but after that, even whilst sitting on a less than comfortable village hall chair, I missed the finer points of Reiki! But it struck me that in this stress ridden world we now live in, time spent for ourselves to relax, unwind and rest, is essential, and however we choose to do it, it cannot do any harm and may well do a lot of good.

Our May talk is, quite by chance, called "Preserving the past for the future"!!! Whilst I think this must be more about buildings and the countryside than people there may be lessons to be learned. Maybe I should be using more of my "Anti wrinkle defence cream."

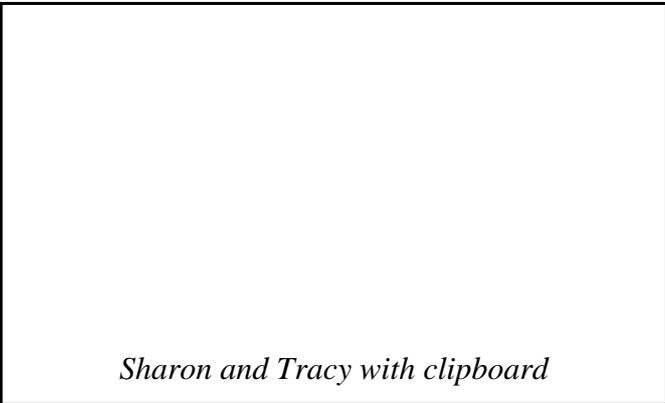
Do come along, if you can, and enjoy an evening with the W.I.

Chirpy Cherrie.

Anchor Staying Put

This team of four people working together with Suffolk Coastal help older and disabled home owners and private tenants to keep a roof over their head. Anchor Staying Put can give you expert advice on the best way to tackle and pay for repairs etc. to enable you to stay in your own home. They can help obtain benefits and grants and will organise and supervise the work until it is complete. Their advice is free and the final decision is yours. For further information please contact;

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Anchor Staying Put,
Suffolk Coastal District Council
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Woodbridge,
IP12 1AU**



Sharon and Tracy with clipboard

Proposed New Cemetery at Tuddenham Road.

The residents of Tuddenham Road and supporting areas would like to thank all residents of Tuddenham St. Martin who gave their much needed support and help in the long campaign and fight against the new

CONGRATULATIONS

We saw the blue balloons waving in the wind outside Michelle and Andrew Offord's house and knew that "IT WAS A BOY!" We didn't know then that he was to be named Miles Leighton and had weighed in at nine pounds nine ounces. His proud grandmother was delighted to make this announcement.

Our last Village Policeman, Steve Warne, was outstanding in the interest he took in our village. Remember, together with a colleague, when he appeared, unannounced, in one of our pantomimes? His latest production is the best.... Together with the help of his wife, Lesley, he has produced twin boys, Ross and Connor. After some weeks in the Special Care Baby Unit, while Lesley was in Special Care herself, they are now at home.

COMMISERATIONS

We couldn't believe that Eileen, the intrepid traveller, who had just returned from India, was now "enjoying" a stay in hospital. But it is true. She has broken her hip. No more bike riding for some time. Hope you are on the mend, Eileen!

The number two break is Elaine French, from the Chapel, who has broken a bone in her elbow, while leaving her boudoir on Saturday night....! Tony says he can't "Keep her away from work," in spite of the sling. Fortunately the last Alpha Course was on healing so we look forward to seeing a speedy recovery.

Fracture number three, Pauline Rees, *was* caused by her husband....when he allowed the motorbike to tip over. Hope you will soon be better, Pauline. Lucky the bike is OK!

We hope there won't be a fracture number four. Funny it's all women.....?

CHAPEL RAMBLE

A ramble arranged for the young people of the Chapel was held in early March, when 8 children, 5 adults and Amber, the dog, rambled around the footpaths of Tuddenham and Playford. Whilst a treasure hunt was contemplated they wandered along talking to each other, helped by a roll in the meadow to work off the excess energy of a few boys. The "oldies" appreciated the countryside assisted by riddles raised by the youngsters such as "Why are peas small and green?" and "Why do women have small feet?" The evening ended with bags of chips and the suggestion of another walk later in the year, when, hopefully, the weather will again be dry.

Roger, The Bouncer.

Ed: 1. 'Cos if they were big and red they would be fire engines!

2. So they can get close to the sink!!! I have learnt a lot at the

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

10.00pm Village Hall
in aid of over 60s.

draw, cake stall, tombola
books, bric-a-brac.

We would be very grateful for donations to any of the stalls, either on the day or before, to Beryl Coates, Monica Pipe or any member.

*Do come and join us for a friendly chat
and a cup of coffee.*

MRS. D.O. READ

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(Chiropodist)**

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SAFARI SUPPER - Sat. 21st June

For those wondering what this is all about, here's how it works. You equip yourself with torch, liquid refreshment, £5 and, dare I suggest, a brolly, and set off on foot (usually) for your first course venue which you will already know (usually delivered on the day). There, you will be relieved of your £5 and after being fed, will receive details of your next stop. The same procedure applies for your pudding destination and then everyone descends on one house for coffee. Those hosting are reimbursed for their expenses and any money raised will go to The Hospice. If you would like to join in please complete the form overleaf and return it to Monica Pipe at Poplar Farm - 785272.



Co op Junior Brass Band
 Garland Dancers
 Falconry

Stalls; cakes, produce, plants,
 china, white elephant, nearly
 new, games, face painting, ices,
 teas, lucky programme
entrance 20p, children free.

Needed for Fete

Cakes -

Beryl Coates on 785365.

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Jackie Lugo on 252315.

Plants & produce -

Rosemary Digby on 785256.

White elephant -

Gill Cruickshank on 785415.

Nearly new -

Sue Punton on 785296.

Books -

Any of us!!

Thanks for your support!

FOR SALE

Small Hoover
 Washing Machine
 £20 o.n.o.
 Ring 785314

SAFARI SUPPER

Name telephone number.....

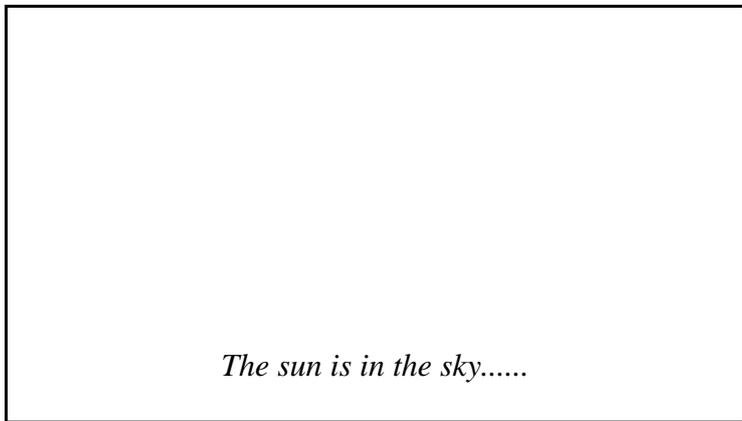
I/We would like to come to the Safari Supper

I/ We would be happy to host one of the courses

Any special dietary needs

Parish Council Meeting

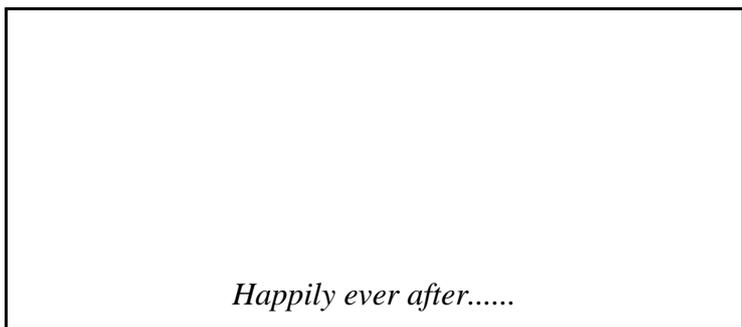
This was a regular meeting along with the A.G.M. At the elections for Chairman Mr. Malcolm Rees stepped down after serving the parish for three



The sun is in the sky.....

years. His contribution to village life was noted in Mr. Pipe's vote of thanks. Mrs. Joan Bloomfield was elected as the new Chairman and Malcolm wished her well in his report later in the evening. In the report he also noted the aim of the Council to improve the appearance of Tuddenham with money precepted to maintain the grass areas as well as to repair Back Lane. This will be a major village project in the Summer. If you would like to be involved on the day with labour and/or contribute any money to this scheme (it will cost around £500) please contact the clerk on 785588.

The Public Entertainment Licence for the Fountain has allowed successful live music in the village. Now Peter

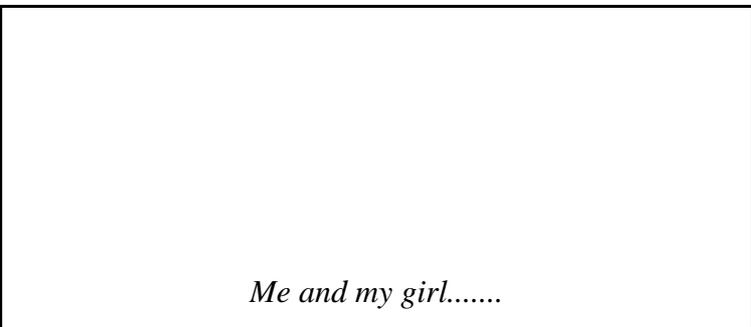


Happily ever after.....

Bailey, the publican, has applied to extend it to include Mondays for unplugged music. The Council has supported this application on the understanding that it is not amplified music and stops at 10.30pm.

A planning application for parking spaces either side of Bridge End Cottages was supported by the Council though it was pointed out that this is a dangerous section of the road to turn into.

The River Fynn is to be cleared from Bealings to Tuddenham Bridge in the Summer. It was noted that at the Council's request Anglian Water have replanted where some new trees have died next to the Water Treatment Works in the Fynn Valley. Mr. Cooper, who already cuts the grass in the Churchyard has offered to cut the grass in the village so you should see him at work in late June/ early July as



Me and my girl.....

recommended by James Baker from the Greenways Project.

The Financial Statement revealed that the Council is in a healthy position with over £3000 reserves. This will allow a donation of £500 for village hall improvements - a new path to the hall as well as new curtains and decoration of the outside is planned this year.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 9th Sept. Please come.

Scones and Tray bakes -

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 * **Chapel Outing** *
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 * The weekend away for the
 * children who go to the Chapel
 * Sunday School was a great
 * success according to all
 * reports. I will feature it in the
 * next issue when we hope to
 * have some photos available. In
 * the meantime can I thank all
 * the adults involved in the
 * weekend for their work and
 * patience. The photos I have
 * seen suggest they enjoyed
 * themselves too!
 * What with bowling,
 * rambling and weekends away,
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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

Bill Pipe has asked The Tattler to print the map above so that walkers know about the new public access in The Fynn Valley. This applies until January 2002 unless terminated earlier and is for pedestrians only. It is not a "Right of way" but permissive only. Whilst using these areas we are urged to respect wildlife, take litter home and be considerate to other visitors - as in all areas of

<p>The Thursday Fish Man, William, has now passed on his round to his daughter. She will continue to come round at 12.50, blowing her horn to catch your attention, in her little white van. Our "R'angling Reporter" recommends the fish so over to you.....</p>
